WATER SUPPLY OF THE FRENCH FORCES

Motor trucks carrying tanks of pure drinking water follow in the wake of the French army.

Stories of War In Battle-Torn Europe Escape The Censor

The Picture of a Little Child Saves the Life of an Austrian Officer—Armistices Unofficially Arranged Between French and German Soldiers.

CORRESPONDENTS at the front or marooned in obscure places while the great European conflict rages manage daily to get through the wary censors some little grimly humorous or tragic side lights of the war. Here are some of the latest and best:

This is the story told of an Austrian "oberlieutenant" in charge of a body of troops that had halted on a point near the Austrian frontier preliminary to going into action against the Russians. The military post had just passed along the lines, distributing bundles of letters, and the oberlieutenant had received a neat package of letters, postcards and photographs from home for distribution among his men.

He untied the string that held the letters together and was running his eyes over the names of the men to whom they were addressed when he heard the bugles call to action a body of men near him. Expecting work for himself and for his own command in a few minutes, he hastily thrust the letters into the pocket of his blouse below his military coat, thinking as he did so that perhaps some of the men to whom letters and cards were addressed would never live through the day to receive them.

All day long the officer was engaged in the fighting, giving commands and leading his men, and it was only toward dusk, when the shrapnels had become infrequent and the big guns of the enemy ceased their thunder one by one, that he remembered the letters that had been given him to distribute.

He put his hand inside his coat and drew them out. Then he took his tiny electric lamp and in its beam scrutinized the addresses. As he surveyed the package he caught his breath in surprise, and the cold chills for a moment ran up and down his back. A Russian bullet had plowed its way into the center of the packet; the tip of the bullet protruded a fraction of an inch beyond the last card. A slight distance farther and it would have reached his heart.

The oberlieutenant removed the bullet carefully and looked at the torn and crumpled letters. The last one that the bullet had penetrated contained the photograph of a child, a smiling little girl. Underneath was written in an unskilled hand. "I bring you good luck."

Photo by American Press Association

JAM OF NAWANAGAR, CRACK CRICKET PLAYER, WHO HAS JOINED ALLIES.

Armistices In Trenches.

A German officer attached to the great general staff in a dispatch, a copy of which has reached London, mentions a curious system of arranging unofficial armistices which has lately grown up between the allies and the Germans facing each other day and night at close quarters in the trenches in northern France. He almost makes one believe that the French and Germans, after weeks of intrenchment within a few yards of each other, have lost their animosities and regard the great siege battle north of the Aisne as a sort of friendly match away from home.

"From noon to 2 o'clock in the afternoon," he says, "both sides in the trenches call an armistice. It is a strict agreement, quite unofficial, between groups of men in the front firing lines, and it has been honorably kept so far by both sides.

"When a soldier has to leave the trench for some reason or other he raises the butt end of his rifle in the air as a signal to the enemy. The enemy answers the signal in the same manner, and there is a mutual agreement to leave the trenches at the same time. The understanding is that the German or the Frenchman shall be allowed to leave the trench without being fired on. If the enemy should break the armistice and fire on our man we would reply instantly and kill the corresponding Frenchman as he was leaving the trenches. This agreement with the Frenchmen works amicably, but with the English we have not attempted it.

"The trenches are so close together that the Frenchmen can hear us singing our songs. They listen, and when we have finished they burst into song and we listen to them. We take it in turns to give these little concerts, which are generally held during the armistice. The Frenchmen seem fascinated by one favorite song. It is a famous old students' air from Heidelberg. The words were composed by an officer in the trenches."

The song, freely translated, describes life in the trenches in the rainy season, the horrid oozy sound when the boot is taken off, and the jet of mud that strikes the ear when a comrade jumps into a trench, the last line of one verse being "The only things which are dry are our throats and our humor."

Traitor Mayor Shot.

A British officer writes home from the front remarking on the curious avoidance by the Germans at first of shelling the town hall at Ypres.

"Some suspicions were aroused by it," he writes, "and the place was searched. In the vaults underneath it, which are of very great extent, was found an enormous quantity of German stores and ammunition sufficient to last them a month and serve as a depot for their attack on Calais.

"It had been put there with the connivance of the mayor at the time the Germans were in occupation. This explains their desperate efforts to capture the town again. The traitor mayor was shot. Immediately afterward the Germans shelled the place and smashed up the building and set it on fire."

Real Luxuries.

The way in which the Russian soldiers will risk their lives for comparatively small luxuries is evidenced by the following story:

During the fighting in East Prussia a corporal asked permission to take a couple of his comrades and try to surprise one of the German scouting patrols. When he returned and reported that his effort had been successful his officer asked him why he volunteered for such risky work. The corporal replied that the previous night a friend had relieved a German officer of a good supply of chocolate and a flask of brandy and he wanted to "try his luck" too.

"And what did you get?" asked the officer.

The corporal grinned and showed two cakes of milk chocolate and five cigars.

The Grateful Prince.

A letter from Prince Joachim, the kaiser's youngest son, who was recently wounded in action against the Russians in the east, to a noncommissioned officer who rendered first aid to him was given out by the German information service as follows:

My Dear Corporal—You surely must have thought me ungrateful for not having thanked you ere this for your kind aid. I would have done so long ago had it not been for my removal to Berlin. Today the empress read me your letter, which was a source of great joy to me and her majesty. At the time when you rushed on with your company I did not find an opportunity to thank you for your faithful aid. I shall always be grateful to you for it. That was true comradeship. I trust you are in good health when this letter reaches you. Did Private Ewe get a new package of bandages? I have reproached myself for having taken his. And now farewell and remember me to all the boys of the Eighty-third, my Cassel friends, and tell them that I shall be back as soon as I am able to get on my feet again. Your thankful comrade.

JOACHIM,
Prince of Prussia.

"Respect Your Bread."

A dispatch from Copenhagen to the London Times says the German government has published instructions for universal distribution enjoining economy in the use of food, especially bread. Some of these read:

"Respect your daily bread; then you will always have it, however long the war lasts. Eat war bread known as Letter K, which is satisfying and as nourishing as other kinds. Cook potatoes in their skins. Give animals no bread or corn, but save them the scraps."

Another Record Smashed.

The London Standard's Berlin correspondent says the Berliner Tageblatt relates that in the Belgian village of Beveren 150 Bavarian soldiers who had taken part in the siege of Antwerp drank 1,485 liters of beer within two hours.

Each Bavarian soldier thus drank in round figures nearly twenty pints within two hours.

The Tageblatt has no other comment than that it was satisfactory to find that Belgian beer was fit for Bavarian consumption.

Young Germany.

Heinz Skrohn, who attends the public school at Prussian Battau, near Neukuhren, sent the following letter of congratulation, which the Berlin Tageblatt publishes, to General von Hindenburg on the occasion of his birthday anniversary:

Dear General von Hindenburg—I read in the paper that Oct. 2 is the anniversary of your birthday. The public school of Battau, Fischhausen county, sends its heartiest congratulations and hopes that you will continue to give the Russians a good thrashing. We very often play soldier, but nobody wants to be the Russians saying that as such they get beaten too much. I am also sending you a picture in this letter showing us drawn up as soldiers. I am the leader and have the iron cross on my chest. On another picture the girls are seen knitting socks for the soldiers. I would also like to have your picture, but a big one, please. We want to hang it up in our classroom alongside of the kaiser's picture. When a few days ago the Russians were coming nearer and nearer to Koenigsberg many people here became alarmed and ran away. We, however, stayed at home and went to school every day. Our teacher here tells us every day what happens in the war. We had a big celebration new year after the battle of Tannenberg. We got all the flags together and marched through the village. We boys would like to go to war, too, but are too small yet. I am only twelve years old. Please write me that you got the letter. If you have no time yourself have somebody else write. The boys here are very anxious to know whether I will get a reply.

Now, good luck once more to you and health from all the boys of the public school of Prussian Battau, especially from the captain. HEINZ SKROHN.

The following reply was received by Heinz in due time:

Dear Heinz—His Excellency Major General von Hindenberg wishes me to thank you very much for your letter and the picture. His excellency will have a picture sent to you and hopes that you will always be industrious boys despite the war. CAEMMERER,
Captain and Adjutant.

Daily Optimistic Thought.

Truth may be smothered but not extinguished.

Rheumatism

Just put a few drops of Sloan's on the painful spot and the pain stops. It is really wonderful how quickly Sloan's acts. No need to rub it in—laid on lightly it penetrates to the bone and brings relief at once. Kills rheumatic pain instantly.

Mr. James E. Alexander, of North Harpswell, Me., writes: "Many strains in my back and hips brought on rheumatism in the sciatic nerve. I had it so bad one night when sitting in my chair, that I had to jump on my feet to get relief. I at once applied your Liniment to the affected part and in less then ten minutes it was perfectly easy. I think it is the best of all Liniments I have ever used."

SLOAN'S LINIMENT
Kills Pain

At all dealers, 25c.

Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Inc.
Dept. B. Philadelphia, Pa.

AWAITING FAMOUS PIRATE

Tampa Prepares For Annual Landing Of Ye Mystic Krewe Of Gasparilla

Tampa, Fla., Jan. —.—Presenting the varied beauties and resources of semi-tropic Southern Florida, and reviving its romance-written past as well, the tenth annual carnival of Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, named for one of the fiercest pirates of American history, will be held in this city from February 12 to 16, inclusive, attracting a host of health and pleasure-seekers from the "frigid zone" above the northern boundary line of the Paradise of Flowers. It is confidently expected that all attendance records for Florida events will be broken during the five-day period of festivity, and among the visitors will be many notables of America and foreign countries. President Wilson is among those being urged to attend.

The twelve counties of Southern Florida, owing to their varied resources, have weathered the period of depression resulting from the sudden outbreak of the European war and financial regulation at Washington in a magnificent manner, as shown by the general demand for the holding of a "prosperity celebration" in Tampa. These counties appear to best advantage during the month of February, at which festivities of the tourist and fruit and vegetable shipping season are at their heights, and the words of greeting to the visiting thousands will be "Depression is an unknown experience here." Therefore, the Gasparilla Carnival will be promoted on a grander scale than ever before. In honor of the annual event the railroads and steamship lines have granted extremely low rates to Tampa and other places in South Florida from all points east of the Mississippi river, and from some points west.

More than a century ago Gasparilla and his crew held forth in a crude but well fortified mansion on Gasparilla Isle, which lies just south of Tampa, from which they sallied forth in search of treasure ships and pretty women, many of whom were taken and held captive. Just once did the crew venture into Tampa's bay—Tampa was nothing more than a fishing hamlet then—but they were forced to beat a quick retreat by the men in the garrison known as Fort Brook. These hardy soldiers, some of whom fought in the War of 1812 and against the Seminole Indians, put the pirates to flight without a battle. The commander of Fort Brook, not being a navigator, followed the pirates into the Gulf and returned by throwing shingles into the waters, being enabled thereby to come back over the course taken in going out. For ten years past the ghostly figures of the pirate crew have fallen upon and taken the city, but in the cause of peace and pleasure, and not in the quest for blood and gold. The landing of Gasparilla has, therefore, become almost as widely known among the children of America as the landing of DeSoto, which is also portrayed during the Carnival. The Carnival is one of the most brilliant social events of the South each year.

Owing to the increased interest in the monster carnival pageants, the number of allegorical and historical parades will necessarily be increased this year, and scores of floats of marvelous beauty will be entered. Maneuvers by warships, aeroplane flights, regattas, day and night fireworks displays in the bay and river, a beautiful exhibition of South Florida products on the court house square and other features are being arranged for the entertainment of the visitors. The carnival will excel the fetes of Southern Europe in uniqueness, if not in splendor, and every visitor will be well cared for by the populace.

The Way Out.

Dad—The kind of wedding you want, my child, would cost $2,000. Daughter—Then what is to be done, papa? Dad—You will have to be married without my consent.—Boston Transcript.

Always Something

I find this life upsetting quite things never seem to come my way. It's hard to get asleep at night and hard to keep awake by day. Kansas City Journal.

Papa's Plan Prevents Proposal.

He (impecunious)—But you say your self that your father is anxious to get you off his hands. She—Yes; that's why I don't think he'll listen to you.—Exchange.

AT 89 HE'LL QUIT TOBACCO.

Vermont's Oldest Living Ex-Governor Also to Give Up Bridge.

Vermont's oldest living ex-governor, John W. Stewart, observed his eighty-ninth birthday quietly. When asked if he had any message for his friends Mr Stewart said:

"Tell them that I practiced law for fifty years, and then I took up bridge whist playing. I am probably the poorest player in the world and may for this reason go back to the practice of law."

He also announced that after having smoked tobacco for seventy years he intends to give up the habit.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

I will be at the following places as named below for the purpose of taking Tax Returns, and as all Assessors have instructions to assess 50 per cent Cash Value it is better that you meet me and make return, as the Law says: "No rebate is allowed where you fail to make return."

Hollister ..... January 22nd
Baldwin ..... January 26th
Johnson ..... January 28th

GEO. F. BULLARD,
Tax Assessor Putnam County.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that C Montgomery, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 394, dated the 1st day of July, A.D. 1912, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 81, Satsuma Hights.

The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of such certificate in the name of John W. Young.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1915.

Witness my official signature and seal this 24th day of December, A. D. 1914.

(SEAL) HENRY HUTCHINSON
Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam Co., Fla.
By H. Hutchinson, Jr., D. C.

In the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Putnam County.

Notice in Condemnation

THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

To Sarah B. Thompson, R. H. Thompson, R. W. Thompson, Martn Griffin, John T. Griffin, Thomas Murray as Administrator of the Estate of Martin Griffin, deceased; Thomas P. Denham as Executor of the last will and testament of Sarah A. Griffin, deceased; Marion Griffin, Robert Griffin and Elizabeth Griffin, Minors; The Putnam National Bank of Palatka; Florida; Pierce Reddick, and Maggie H. Murphy as Administratrix cum testamento annexo of the estate of M. J. Murphy, deceased. And all persons interested in or having liens upon the property herein described:

Notice is hereby given to you, and each of you, that on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1915, the City of Palatka, a Municipal Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, filed in the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Putnam County, its petition in condemnation against Sarah B. Thompson, R. H. Thompson, R. W. Thompson, Martin Griffin, John T. Griffin, Thomas Murray as Administrator, etc., Thomas P. Denham as executor, etc., Marion Griffin, Robert Griffin and Elizabeth Griffin, Minors, The Putnam National Bank of Palatka, Florida, Pierce Reddick, and Maggie H. Murphy as Administratrix etc., wherein and whereby the said City of Palatka seeks to condemn the following described land for the purpose of opening a public way over and across the same:

That certain piece or parcel of land commencing at a point on the East line of Water Street 276.99 feet Southerly from the Southwest corner of Water Lot Five (5) the commencing point herein intended to be described being the Northwest corner of the brick building located and situated on the Northwest corner of Water Lot One (1) and running thence Eastwardly on a line parallel with the North line of said brick building to the channel of the St. Johns River; thence Northerly along the channel of the St. Johns River to a point where a line 24 feet distant in a Northerly direction from and parallel with the said North line of the said brick building located on Water Lot One (1) would intersect the channel of the St. Johns River; thence Westwardly to a point on the East line of Water Street 24 feet distant in a Northerly direction from the commencing point; thence Southerly 24 feet along the East line of Water Street to the point of beginning.

And also the following described piece of land:

Commencing at a point on the East line of Water Street 252.99 feet Southerly from the Southwest corner of Water Lot Five (5); and running thence Eastwardly along the North line of the land hereinabove described 70 feet to the Southeast corner of that certain building known as the Griffin Building on Water Lot 2 in said City; thence Westwardly along the South line of said Griffin Building to the East line of Water Street thence Southerly along the East line of Water Street to the Northwest corner of the land hereinabove described.

Therefore we command you and each of you to be and appear in the said Circuit Court on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1915, the same being the second Rule day after the issuance of the writ of Scire Facias issued herein, at the Court House in Palatka, Florida, and then and there show what interest you have in the property herein described and to show cause why it should not be taken for the uses and purposes set forth in said petition. Otherwise judgment by default will be taken against you. And it is ordered that this notice be published once a week for as many weeks as may be until the return day of this notice, to-wit: March 1st, 1915, in the Palatka News & Advertiser, a newspaper published in said Putnam County, Florida and that said publication of this notice commence on the 15th day of January, 1915, and the said notice be published once a week each week thereafter until the said 1st day of March, A. D. 1915.

WITNESS Henry Hutchinson, Clerk of our said Court and the seal of the said Court this 9th day of January, A. D. 1915.

(SEAL) HENRY HUTCHISSON,
Clerk.
By Henry Hutchinson Jr., D. C.

Messrs. Hilburn & Merryday, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

TAX NOTICE.

I will be at Precincts with tax books on the following days:

Crescent City, Thursday and Friday January 14th and 15th.

Welaka, Monday morning, January 18th

Pomona, Monday afternoon, January 18th.

Interlachen, Friday morning, January 22nd.

Hollister, Friday afternoon, January 22nd.

Florahome, Monday morning, January 25th.

Grandin, Monday afternoon, January 25th.

Baldwin School House, Tuesday, January 26th.

Johnson, Thursday January 28th.

On the above dates my office will be closed.

R. J. HANCOCK,
Tax Collector.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

State of Florida,
County of Putnam.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Florida, for the purchase of two good males, suitable for road work, not over nine years old and weight at least eleven hundred pounds.

Said bids to be opened at a regular meeting of said Board at ten o'clock A .M. on February 2nd, 1915, reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Given under my hand and seal this January 12th, 1915.

(SEAL) HENRY HUTCHINSON,
Clerk.

Notice.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Selden Cypress Door Company will be held, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Company on Friday, February 5th, 1915 at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of the Company in Palatka, Fla.

5t. STEWART WORDEN, Sec.

You may be able to convince yourself that contentment is better than great riches—if you have both.

AN ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance to Prescribe the Method and Manner of Assessment of Pipes, Mains, Wires, Poles, Fixtures, Services, Meters, and Appliances of Persons, Firms or Corporations, for the Purpose of Taxation in the City of Palatka, where Such Persons Firms, or Corporations Have Their Pipes, Mains, Wires, Poles, Fixtures, Services, Meters and Appliances Within the City of Palatka, without Regard as to Whether or Not the Main Plant or Plants, Pumping station or Stations, Power House or Houses, Storage Plant or Plants, Batteries or Offices of Such Person, Firm or Corporation are Located Within the Corporate Limits of the City of Palatka.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Palatka, Florida:

Section 1: That from and after the passage of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of the City Assessor of Taxes of the City of Palatka, to ascertain by diligent search the amount and value of pipes, mains, and wires, and the number and value of poles, fixtures, meters and appliances, belonging to any person, firm or corporation owning any water works, gas manufacturing plant, electric light plant or power house, telephone or telegraph lines, where such pipes mains, wires, poles, fixtures, services, meters, and appliances are actually located within the corporate limits of the City of Palatka without regard as to whether or not such main plant, pumping station, power house, storage plant, batteries or offices of such persons, firm or corporation are located within the corporate limits of the City of Palatka, and to make a uniform, equal and just assessment on all such personal property upon the tax roll of the City of Palatka.

Section 2: That it shall be the duty of the Assessor of the City of Palatka in assessing the personal property described in Section 1 of this Ordinance, to prepare the tax roll and provide a column for the date and number of tax receipt, a column for the name or names of the owner or owners of said personal property, acolumn for the amount and size of mains, a column for the amuont and size of service pipes, a column for the amount and size of wires or cables, a column for the number of poles, a column for the number and kind of fixtures, a column for the number of services, a column for the number of meters, a column for the number and kind of appliances and a column for the total value of such personal property, owned by such person, firm or corporation ,and located within the said City of Palatka; that in all other respects the assessment roll shall be in the same form as is provided by law or adopted and used by said City of Palatka for the assessment of other property, except in the listing of the personrs and property to be taxed.

Section 3. That the city Tax Assessor of the City of Palatka shall set forth and list, in the appropriate columns provided for in Section 2, of this Ordinance, the names of the owners of said property, the amount and size of mains, the amount and size of service pipes, the amount and size of wires or cables, the number of poles, the number and kind of fixtures, the number of services, the number of meters, the number and kind of appliances, and shall assess said personal property at its full cash value in the column provided for the total value thereof, and shall calculate the taxes thereon, on the millage levied by the City of Palatka, and place the amount of said taxes in the columns provided therefor in said assessment roll. That in all other respects the assessment of said personal property shall be made in the manner and by the method provided by law or used and adopted by said City for the assessment of other property. That all ordinances and laws relating to taxes, assessments of taxes, levy or millage, equalization of taxes, governing the City of Palatka, and not inconsistant with this ordinance, shall apply to the assessment of said taxes on the personal property described herein.

Section 4. That all words used in this ordinance importing either the singular or plural number shall be construed to include both the singular and plural number of such word or words.

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed in open Council this 22nd day of December, A. D. 1914.

J. H. YELVERTON, Jr.,
President City Council.

Approved the 23rd day of December, 1914.

S. J. KENNERLY,
Mayor.

Attest:
W. A. WILLIAMS, Jr.
City Clerk.

Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

NOTICE is hereby given that C. Montgomery, purchaser of Tax Certificate No 388, dated the 1st day of July, A.D. 1912, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 65, Satsuma Hights.

The said land being assessed at the date of issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1915.

Witness my official signature and seal this 24th day of December, A. D., 1914.

(SEAL) HENRY HUTCHINSON
Clerk Circuit Court, Putnam Co., Fla.
By H. Hutchinson, Jr., D. C.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Wilson Cypress Company, of Palatka, Fla., for the year 1915, will be held at the office of the company in Palatka, Fla., on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1915, for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting.

F. H. WILSON, Sec'y.

Palatka, Dec. 29th, 1914.