

Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völker-Krieges

Mit dem Einsetzen besserer Witterungsverhältnisse beginnen auch die kriegerischen Operationen sowohl im Westen wie im Osten einen größeren Umfang anzunehmen, und auf beiden Seiten sind gegenwärtig große Entwicklungen in der Schwere, welche zu großen entscheidenden Schlachten führen mögen.

Die Champagne im nördlichen Weichsel- und Karow-Gebiet nähert sich schnell dem kritischen Punkte. Selbst Petrograd gibt zu, daß der deutsche Anmarsch von Norden her unüberwindlich geworden ist und daß die russischen Armeen sich zum Rückzug auf ihre Festungen am Karow gezwungen gesehen haben.

Feldmarschall von Hindenburg hat den Russen eine neue Falle gestellt, und es gewinnt immer mehr den Anschein, als ob die Vorbereitungen zum Schließen der Falke beendet seien. Eine deutsche Armee, die zwischen den Flüssen Dnypr und Dniester nach Süden rückt, und nach russischen Meldungen nicht mehr weit von Pultusk entfernt ist, hat sich auf diese Weise in die Platte der russischen Armee geschoben, die bei und südlich von Przasnysz steht.

Mit der Verichtung der russischen Augustowo-Armee, die vom deutschen Generalstab gemeldet wurde, scheint jede Möglichkeit, Sflomew vom Südoften zu entsetzen, ausgeschlossen. Trotzdem, wie die Russen selbst melden, die Kämpfe dort mit nie geheimer Wut und Erbitterung gekämpft wurden, erreichten die Deutschen ihren Zweck.

Die Russen müssen übrigens selbst zugeben, daß bei den Angriffen auf die Forts von Smyrna ihr Rückgrat nichts „Triumph“ einen Volltreffer erhielt und beschädigt wurde. Ueberhaupt sind die britischen Nachrichten so verlässlich und unwahrscheinlich, daß sie nicht der Wiedergabe wert sind.

Es scheint, daß die gewaltige deutsche Offensive im Norden die Russen nun endlich doch zur Schwächung ihrer Stellungen in den Karpathen und Westgalizien veranlaßt hat. Wenn es bei einigen Tagen in der Lage, beständige Fortschritte zu berichten. Alltäglich werden Hunderte von Gefangenen gemacht, und abgesehen wiederum heftige Schneestürme eingetreten sind, wird die österreichische Offensive nicht unterbrochen.

Aus Amsterdam kam ferner eine Depesche, welche davon berichtet, daß auch im Westen, und zwar südlich von Dünaburg, große Operationen der Deutschen im Gange sind. Dort wurde von den deutschen Truppen ein starker, durch schwere Artillerie unterstützter Angriff eröffnet. Die Konzentrierung deutscher Truppen nach Nord- und Ostpreußen auf dem Meise in Nord-Preußen der baltischen Truppen sind nach den genannten beiden Orten dirigiert worden, und große Nachschübe deutscher Truppen bewegen sich über Brauge und Courai in derselben Richtung,

lediglich auch von dort bald die Nachricht von einer großen Schlacht kommen dürfte. In Flandern ist es den Engländern gelungen, die Deutschen aus Neuve Chapelle oder wenigstens aus einem Teile des Dorfes zu verdrängen. Der deutsche Bericht erklärt zwar, daß die Kämpfe dort noch nicht zum Abschluß gekommen sind, doch kann ein temporärer Erfolg des Feindes an dieser Stelle nicht abgelehnt werden. Daß englische und französische Berichte diesen Ereignis große Wichtigkeit beimessen, ist bei den wenigen Erfolgen, die sie bisher errungen, verständlich und verzeihlich, obgleich ihre Behauptungen den Tatsachen widersprechen.

Das Erwartete ist eingetroffen. Die Franzosen haben die Meldung über den deutschen Sieg in der Champagne in Akrede gestellt und sich den Sieg zugesprochen. Der Pariser Bericht zeichnet sich durch einen außerordentlichen Mangel an überzeugender Beweisführung aus und befolgt sich zumeist mit kleinen Begebenheiten, wie dem Vordringen der Kolonialtruppen und der Einnahme einzelner Stellungen. Die Franzosen sind nicht in der Lage auch nur ein einziges Dorf anzuführen, das sie während dieser angeblich erfolgreichen Kämpfe genommen haben wollen. Heute, wie vor fünf Monaten, melden die Franzosen noch immer Kämpfe nordwestlich von Verthes und bei Les Mesnil wie Suippes. Von einem Fortschritt der Franzosen kann also absolut keine Rede sein.

Entscheidend der Dardanellen hat es für die Feinde der Deutschen, auch in den Vereinigten Staaten, eine böse Überraschung gegeben, denn das französische Marine-Ministerium in Paris, welchem anscheinend die englischen Schwindelberichte selbst zu viel wurden, hat heute einen antizipierten Bericht ausgegeben, der alle die schönen, sich so hübsch auf dem Papiere ausnehmenden britischen Meldungen dorthin fallen läßt, wobei auch die Wehrzahl der Geheißde des Geschwaders der Alliierten vor den Dardanellen zu fallen scheint.

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Advance Styles in Spring Neckwear



ALTHOUGH many of the new spring blouses and dresses are made with high collars, there are many of them that show an open throat. Practically every collar is high at the back and sides, but at least half of them are "V" shaped in front, or may be worn either open or closed.

Two styles appear to be in the running for first place for warm weather. They are the collar of lace or sheer embroidery like that shown in the picture, or the high fitted collar of net or organdie which sets close about the neck, worn with a second collar which finishes the bodice at the back and sides and is wired to stand away from the neck and to turn over.

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Empire Night Dress, Handmade Trimming



THOSE undermuslins in which narrow crocheted edgings or tatting are used with a little sheer embroidery are very effectively made up after the same patterns as those in which hand-made cluny lace is used. All these trimmings are equally durable and will outlast almost any of the sheer fabrics which are favored for the body of these garments. If sewed in by hand they will not be difficult to transfer to a second term of service in new material.

In the night dress shown in the picture very narrow hand-made cluny lace is used with an embroidery insertion about two inches wide. This insertion is a fine Swiss pattern having tiny single blossoms scattered over the sheerest of batiste. Three strips of this embroidery set together with the lace insertion form the small yoke at the front, which is made up of one short piece across the front and one at each side, extending to the shoulder seam. The yoke is outlined with the insertion, which serves to join it to the material of the gown. The neck is finished with a narrow edging of cluny.

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HARD TO CULTIVATE

Orchid Long a Puzzle to Horticulturists.

Beautiful But Strange Flower Requires Expert Handling and a Knowledge of Surroundings in Which it is Grown.

Probably there is no flower in the whole plant world which is admired more and understood less today than the orchid, the development and cultivation of which are discussed by J. Constantin in a paper of the Smithsonian annual report. Upon entering a house filled with orchids one is literally amazed by the bizarre display, the brilliancy of color and the peculiar forms of leaves, petals and roots.

DEATH IN 'THE BUSH'

Ballad of the Dread Australian Desert.

The Looked-For Tank Hard and Dry-- "It's a Terrible Thing to Die of Thirst in the Scrub, Out Back."

The old year went, and the new returned, in the withering weeks of drought. The check was spent that the shearer earned and the sheds were all out.

There are in fact many orchids, and some of these very beautiful, which grow in the neighborhood of snow. The error of associating plants from widely different surroundings was finally recognized and eventually more rational methods of cultivation developed, leading to the usual separation of orchids in three kinds of greenhouses, according to temperatures maintained in them--hot houses, temperate houses and cold houses.

Some artificially produced hybrids are extremely beautiful, as well as peculiar, and the difficulty of their production is such that they command extraordinary prices, as high as \$1,500 having been paid in a single instance. Once created these hybrids may be propagated indefinitely by dividing the root stock as it grows.

Independent Women. Mrs. Havelock Ellis was the first person to come out with the public statement that the happiness of women depends upon their economic independence. She is not so much in favor of suffrage as in work for all women.

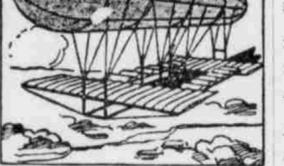
Nothing New. Subbubs (arriving home)--Well, dear, anything new happened today? Mrs. Subbubs--The cook's gone. Subbubs--I asked you if there was anything new happened.

Economical Costume. A blouse of lace with a separate skirt will make a costume appropriate for many occasions.

HAS WINGS LIKE A BIRD

Inventor's New Idea is Machine that is a Combination of Dirigible and Aeroplane.

This airship is a combination of dirigible and aeroplane, and is propelled and partially supported by the movement of the swinging wings at



New Idea in Airships.

the center of the craft. The end planes are fixed rigidly to the frame, which also supports the cockpit. The swinging wings are hinged to the frame of the cockpit and are swung vertically like wings by the engine.

WAR IS PLEASING TO WOMAN

Wife of East End Heavyweight Gentleman Hopes Terrible Struggle Will Last Forever.

Mr. McGovern, a heavyweight gentleman of London's East end, who had never been known to work, but who, nevertheless, has added to the population of the earth in figures up to ten, suddenly became heroic, and enlisted.

But men were many, and sheds were full, for work in the town was slack--The shearer never got hands in wool, though he tramped for a year Out Back.

In stifling noons when his back was wrung by its load, and the air seemed dead. And the water warmed in the bag that hung to his aching arms like lead.

Small-Farming Countries. American farmers will have to yield the palm to the small countries of Europe, such as Holland and Denmark. The results there are almost incredible. People can hardly comprehend what intensive farming amounts to until they visit those countries, or at least read the reports of men like Rider Haggard, who went there in an official way.

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Mrs. McGovern--Good morning, miss. Lady--Good morning, Mrs. McGovern. I hear Mr. McGovern has gone to the war.

Lady--Well, Mrs. McGovern, what do you think of this terrible war? Mrs. McGovern--Lord, lady! I hope it will last forever!--Judge.

He blamed himself in the year "Too Late"

in the heaviest hours of life-- "Twas little he dreamed that a shearer-mate had care of his home and wife; There are times when wrongs from your kindred come and treacherous tongues attack.

When a man is better away from home, and dead to the world, Out Back.

And dirty and careless and old he wore, as his lamp of hope grew dim; He tramped for years till the swag he bore seemed part of himself to him.

It chanced one day, when the north wind blew in his face like a furnace breath, He left the track for a tank--he knew 'twas a short cut to his death-- For the bed of the tank was hard and dry, and crossed with many a crack.

For time means food and tramp they must, where the plains and scrubs are wide. With seldom a track that a man can trust, or a mountain peak to guide; All day long in the dust and heat the men of the outside track.



Seek Native Supply. The adoption of oil fuel by the British admiralty in its fastest battleship, the Queen Elizabeth, may be said to mark a definite epoch in maritime industry, and the problem now arises as to the possibility of the home production of oil in sufficient quantities for naval requirements.

He begged his way on the parched Paroo and the Warrago tracks once more, And lived like a dog, as the swagmen do, till the western stations shore;

He tramped away from the shanty there, when the days were long and hot, With never a soul to know or care if he died on the track or not.

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