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Daily Thought.

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Conversation's Asset.

Were it not for the weather, sagely remarks Jerome, in a philosophic mood, we might get conversation down to a point where the supply would not exceed the demand.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

GUNS CAPTURED FROM THE VILLISTAS

Machine guns and rifles taken by United States troops in a recent encounter with a band of Villa's bandits.

LIKE ONE HUGE VAST CHURCHYARD

Writer Paints Sorrowful Picture of Trip From Lemberg to Przemysl.

SWEPT THREE TIMES BY WAR

Only Cities Were Spared, and They Have Recuperated With a Speed That Would Seem Almost Impossible.

The Hague.—Lemberg and Przemysl—how long it seems since our thoughts were concentrated on those two Galician towns! In reality it is but a few short months. To ride from Lemberg to Przemysl today is to ride through one huge, vast churchyard. Wherever you look you see graves. There they lie in groups in the wilderness!

On some are transfixed a small gray cap or German helmet, already rotting. On others the rough wooden crosses are sinking into the ground, as though they knew the plow would soon be there. Sometimes you see huge graves, from which many-colored regimental flags wave vigorously above the pitiful landscape. It is almost as if someone were laughing in the grave below. The only break in this terrible churchyard is formed by some blackened, tumbled ground, once a village.

Such is the country over which the fury of war has raged three times. Only cities have been spared, and have recuperated with a speed which would seem almost impossible. Lemberg is as gay and busy as ever; Przemysl is once more the peaceful provincial town of peace days. The streets are clean, the hotels are adequate and the shop windows are full.

Then and Now.

I stood gazing into the well-filled windows of a confectioner. And the thought came to me, "What were these windows like a year ago?" A year ago horse-fillet was the best that riches could buy, and only very occasionally a countryman crept into the town to sell a chicken, for which $10 was gladly given. Winter clothes were not to be had then, and rich men did not hesitate to walk the streets wrapped in some woman's cast-off mantle.

In this war forts have fallen like pinepins. To Przemysl alone has fallen the honor of a long siege. To the garrison fell hardships which the siege of Paris did not know. In the dead of winter there was not a window in the town, and no glass could be had. The bombs of Russian aviators had broken them all. Horses were fed on wood pulp soaked in sweetened water, some of the animals thrived on it; others lay down to die.

In the Cafe Stieber you can listen for hours to such details as these. Do not think the house of Stieber is any ordinary cafe. Its history is the history of Przemysl. Long before Przemysl was first threatened this cafe was the great proscenium of the war. The battle of Lemberg, the battle of Grodek, and a hundred other battles, fights and skirmishes took place within hearing. Almost the whole Austro-Hungarian army passed the windows of the cafe on their way east to fight the Russians. And later, during the first and second sieges, Cafe Stieber was the center of this town. No one wanted to stay at home with his own dismal thoughts, guests could not be received, gas there was none, and petroleum must be used sparingly.

Occasionally a Newspaper.

The best thing to do, therefore, was to stick your two lumps of sugar in your pocket and grope through the streets to Cafe Stieber. And then there was always something to read there. In the beginning there was even from time to time a real newspaper brought by an aviator. Later there was only the war bulletin, which was slowly reduced from ordinary white paper to the backs of paper bags, and finally to the backs of menu cards.

Last of all there was only one copy, and that was on view in the Cafe Stieber. In the last weeks of the siege any bit of paper in the street was eagerly picked up and used as a cigarette paper.

Nor was tobacco any too plentiful. In February, 1915, $50 was offered for 100 cigarettes of poor quality. The offer was refused with contempt.

And if you had tobacco and cigarettes you could not smoke them where you would. For that you had to go to Cafe Stieber. There a huge fire burned night and day, for of wood there was plenty, but matches were precious indeed. The soldiers in the trenches got two matches a day for five men.

AMERICAN CARS HARD HIT

English Owners Can't Import Spare Parts to Repair Old Ones.

London.—A correspondent who is thoroughly conversant with the motor car business sends an interesting communication to the Manchester Guardian with reference to the new regulation prohibiting the importation either of motor cars or spare parts.

The regulation affects in practice only American cars and repair parts. Practically no new cars are to be bought at the present time except American cars, and as the standardized self-starting American cars are the simplest for an amateur to work a doctor or a commercial traveler who wants a car naturally prefers in these times to buy an American machine. It seems remarkable that not even a limited import is permitted.

There are thousands of American cars in use in this country by doctors and professional men, commercial travelers, military officers and others with a good reason for having a car. Apparently, under the new regulation, as soon as these cars need repair they will have to be laid up, since spare parts cannot be imported, and it is quite impossible to get spare parts manufactured in this country at the present time.

"SOLDIERS" TO WEAR SKIRTS

California Women Who Will Go to Military Encampment Refuse to Don Trousers for Decision.

San Francisco.—Women here who will go to the military encampment on the Presidio army reservation June 1, will not wear trousers, as the members of the American Woman's League of Self Defense of New York propose, according to Mrs. Frederick H. Colburn, who is in charge of the drill.

Instead each officer and "enlisted" woman will wear a snug little khaki Norfolk jacket, with a wide khaki skirt fully six inches from the ground, and shoes which will stand washing. Topping it all will be a round khaki hat, something like sailors wear, and ribbons on it will designate rank.

Each woman will have two skirts. A plain white shirt waist completes the outfit.

Shoes a Horse at Ninety.

Kansas City.—That he intended shoeing a horse on his ninetieth birthday has been the assertion of Josiah Collins, and when the birthday rolled around Mr. Collins was on the job. Friends of Mr. Collins claim for him the distinction of being the oldest active horseshoer in Missouri if not in the United States.

MEN OF NOTE DIE ON BATTLEFIELD

Heroic Deeds of Picturesque Force Serving in French Foreign Legion.

SON OF GORKY IS KILLED

Poets and Novelists Give Their Lives for Their Adopted Country—Squadron of American Flying Men Being Formed.

London.—Innumerable stories have been written about the doings of the French foreign legion, and the heroic deeds of the picturesque force have employed the pens of many eminent writers in fiction. In an article in the Daily Express H. J. Greenwall pays tribute to these famous soldiers of fortune.

"All sorts of famous men have fallen on the field of honor while fighting with the legion," he says. "Binet Valmer from the Argentine; the Luxemburg writer, Sosthene Kurth; a son of Maxim Gorky; Camillo Ramirez from Venezuela; a Colombian poet, Fernandez de Bengoecha; another from Ecuador, Rodolfo Seminario; the novelist Sanchez Carrero, all fell for France on the battlefields of Artois and Champagne.

"The poet Ismail Urdometa was killed in the Dardanelles while rushing a Turkish trench at the point of the bayonet, and the son of the Russian ambassador at Paris, M. Isvolsky, was severely wounded while fighting beside Lieut. Alexis Comnene, the great-grandson of the emperor of Trebizond. Bob Scanlon, the negro boxer, is with the legion, and Francois Faber, from Luxemburg, the public idol who carried off many prizes as a professional cyclist, fell in action. So also did Alex Carter, the famous steeplechase jockey.

Refused German Money.

"Winnie O'Connor, one of the best jockeys that ever crossed the Atlantic, joined after writing a letter to Walter de Mimm returning all the money he had earned while riding under his colors. O'Connor wrote: 'I hate Boche money; your gold burns my fingers. I want to get rid of it.'

"Fifteen young students from the Beaux Arts in Paris joined the legion in a body. Not only all classes but all races are blended together in the wonderful First Marching regiment. When Italy went to war the Italians were transferred to their own army, but previously they fought brilliantly, and two grandsons of Garibaldi lost their lives in France.

"The nucleus of the Second regiment was formed on the evening of July 31, 1914, in a Parisian cafe. Some young Italians issued an appeal, and as a result about three thousand English, Belgians, Italians and Slavs attended the meeting to consider how they could best aid the country of their adoption.

"In the early hours of the first day of August I was passing along the Boulevard Haussmann and saw thousands of foreigners waiting in a line that extended for the greater part of a mile.

"The British residents in Paris tried to form a regiment of their own, and as a result of the first meeting, held at the Imperial club, about 500 men offered themselves for enrollment. The authorities, however, were unable to accept the offer of a separate regiment, and the same reply was given to the corps of American volunteers, so it was decided that the British and American volunteers should be drafted into the foreign legion.

35,400 in the Legion.

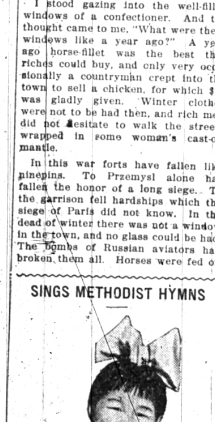
"About four hundred of them began drill at once in the exhibition grounds of the Magic City. Every new recruit of the legion had to pass an extremely severe medical examination, which was held beneath the shadow of Napoleon's tomb, and about 20 per cent were rejected. I believe the actual number accepted was 35,400.

"After the first few months all the British members were transferred to English regiments, but not before they had been in several engagements and suffered losses.

"Most of the American members petitioned to join the Flying corps, and France has so many American flying men now that a squadron of Americans is being formed. Dutchmen, Swedes, Danes and Americans, who could legitimately have remained lookers on, have cheerfully laid down their lives on the battlefields of France.

"The pay of the men of the legion is the same as that of the other soldiers of France—five sous per day and an allowance of tobacco and wine—so there is no question of the mercenary spirit having incited men who have thrown up good positions to fight for France."

SINGS METHODIST HYMNS



Helen Lee, a tiny three-year-old Chinese miss garbed in all the splendor of the brilliant robes of her race, sang Methodist hymns to a vast audience in Carnegie hall, New York, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Methodism and the semicentennial of the New York society of the Methodist Episcopal church.

THEIR "AT HOME" IN JAIL

Michigan Bride and Bridegroom Accused of Not Telling Truth About Ages.

Hart, Mich.—Albert White a-wooing went. Went all the way from Colfax township, Oceana county, to Battle Creek. Now he's back and with him the bride he won, and they are spending their "at home" period in the Oceana county jail.

Their offense against the peace and dignity of the state, as formally alleged, is that they didn't tell the truth about their ages when they got their license to wed.

The banana peel in the path of love was an angry mother. Albert slipped up and dragged down his bride when Miss Mary Decker, who objected to Mamie getting married, heard that the girl sworn she was eighteen, when she was seventeen, as her mother reckons it. White, who gave his age as twenty, is said to be nineteen.

The families lived on adjoining farms in Colfax. Decker and his family moved to Battle Creek last August.

Kills Bird With Golf Ball.

Pinehurst, N. C.—The Pinehurst Country club will have stuffed and placed in the clubhouse the robin killed by Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow with a golf ball drive. Mrs. Barlow, who won the woman's North and South links championship, topped a tee drive in her final match and it went into a clump of robins feeding a few yards away, and killed one of the birds.

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