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THE WIDE WORLD.

happenings Throughout the World Told in Brief.

More than 5,000 Russian troops, including officers of high rank, recently were captured when the Germans carried their positions south of Naroc, the German war office has announced.

During the first 30 months of the war, the United States has sold \$340,000,000 worth of munitions of war to European nations. March was the heaviest month with a total of \$50,000,000 for 31 days.

Through the death of his father a few days ago, Edward J. Collins, formerly a Carneys Point (N. J.) powder maker, has fallen heir to an estate valued at \$80,000, but at last reports could not be located. A detective has been put on his trail.

War risk rates in London and New York have taken a sudden jump because of the report that another German sea raider is loose. She is believed to have slipped through the British patrol during the recent attack on the east coast of England.

Britain's Central Liquor Traffic Control board reports that in areas accounting for \$9,000,000 of the 49,000,000 population over which it has control, public drunkenness has been reduced 58 per cent since the board took the drink problem in hand.

Several merchant vessels building or under contract in private American ship-building yards totaled 230 on Feb. 1. The total tonnage to be added to the American merchant marine is 301,371, according to reports filed with the Department of Commerce.

John H. Brister and Miss Ermine Medford, of Central City, Ky., were recently married by the Rev. J. J. Pague, who is a blacksmith. The preacher was so busy when the couple came to him that he would not leave his work. Accordingly they were wedded in the bonds of matrimony in the blacksmith shop.

The United States Supreme court has affirmed the conviction of David Lassar, known in New York as the "Wolf of Wall Street," on charge of impersonating Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, J. P. Morgan and others with intent to defraud. Lassar is under sentence to serve two years in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Three men were killed, six others were perhaps fatally injured and many were slightly hurt in an explosion in the drying room of the Chandler oil cloth works, near Trenton, N. J. A spark or match is believed to have set off heating which impregnated the air in the building. The property loss will reach \$20,000, including 50 miles of oil cloth.

Unable to detect the odor of illuminating gas because she was suffering from nasal catarrh, Mrs. Gertrude B. Thomson, of Roxbury, Mass., re-

cently sat in a front room at her home, reading to her ten-year-old son, while three younger children were slowly suffocating from gas fumes in a rear chamber. Two of the children are dead and at latest reports the third was fighting for life.

Cupid's inroads on the membership of the Albemarle club, of Lafayette, Ind., a bachelor organization, has resulted in the club's disbanding. Announcement was made recently that because so many members had been married the membership had decreased from 100 to only 30. The club was organized in 1897, and one of the first rules was that a member, on being married, must resign.

The British government has decided upon a policy of immediate and general military conscription in England, according to a statement made by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons this week. This decision is regarded as a victory for Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George and the Northcliffe newspapers. Adoption of compulsory service will add to the British armies a force variously estimated at between 300,000 and 600,000 men.

"He ruined my daughter, even hell is too good for him," said L. B. Holland, member of the biggest wholesale flour and feed store in Mississippi, as he stepped from a cafe in Hattiesburg after shooting to death Selma E. McCrorey, the day manager. Later Holland surrendered to the authorities. When Holland entered the restaurant McCrorey was standing at the cash register. "Defend yourself," Holland shouted and then began firing. The first shot went through McCrorey's heart and he fell to the floor, face downward. Holland then stepped behind the counter and sent four more shots into the prostrate body.

British estimates of the European war's toll of merchant ships, given by the Department of Commerce in Washington, show that a total of 738 boats with a tonnage of more than 2,000,000 have been sent to the bottom by German torpedoes or mines. Of this number the Allies have lost 529 and neutral nations 195. The estimates, made by a British admiral, give British losses as 410 ships; French, 53; Russian, 35; Italian, 27; Belgian, 10 and Japanese, 2. This does not include the loss of 237 trawlers by the British, 7 by the French and 2 by the Belgians. Norway, with 46, is second, and Denmark, with 23, third. Holland has lost 34 and the United States 7.

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HOGWALLOW NEWS.

Duak Betts, Correspondent.

Raz Barlow expects to be present at the footwashing service at Hog Ford the fourth Sunday. Last year he attended and came home with a fine pair of socks.

In the springtime the young men's fancy gently turns to love, and in accordance with that fact, the Galf Ribs Widow has disposed of her biting dogs.

Prof. Sap Spradlen fell from the roof of the Wild Onion school house the other day. He says it was only in obedience to the laws of gravitation that he did so.

Slim Pickens says that he would not mind to get up every morning if it wasn't so much trouble to put on his clothes and wash his face.

An ice cream festival will be given at Thunderdown next Thursday night and Yam Sims is preparing to be present. Yam made quite a favorable impression upon the fair sex of that vicinity last season by the efficient manner in which he turned the ice cream freezer.

The Horse Doctor at Bounding Billows reports health good in his section, with both man and beast. He said if he had his ruthers he would rather practice among animals than people, as the former do not have to have funerals.

Raz Barlow was operated on for stomach trouble, the Horse Doctor performing the ceremony. During the course of the operation a brass cuff button, a 38 calibre hull, two bullets, two bottle necks and a cork screw were taken from Raz's stomach. Several stitches were required to close the wound inflicted by this operation. He was able to spend most of the day at the postoffice today and says he derived great benefit from the operation and feels much better already.

The Mail Carrier has several schedules to run on between here and Bounding Billows. Having once been a school teacher he has them arranged alphabetically. Since the cost of living is so high and there are so many droves of sheep along the road to scare his horse, he is now running on schedule K.

The Tin Peddler cut Hogwallow off his circuit the last trip and the Hogwallow Improvement Association (the same as a Board of Trade in other places) will investigate this and endeavor to induce him to put us back on his circuit.

Poke Easley has been sent to Bounding Billows by his wife after a large wash kettle, which he will have to pack home. Poke is her second husband.

The Editor of the Tickville Tidings was pleasantly surprised last week when one of the merchants brought in an advertisement to run and didn't ask him to take it out in

trade. Slim Pickens has set in to fishing. Unless he fattens up a good deal, he can merely stick his feet in the mud and lean over the water, doing away with a fishing pole.

Tobe Moseley has the distinction of capturing a big 'possum night before last. Tobe, on account of his bravery and fearlessness, together with his natural shrewdness, which was more keenly developed during his term as deputy constable, had but little trouble in making this good capture. Spying the 'possum on the ground with his back to him, he crept up behind him with his gun drawn, and before the 'possum realized it, it was in his possession. Being unable to get the large steel trap off of the animal's foot, Tobe took it along also.

There is some talk of another store being started in the Galf Ribs neighborhood. It seems that the man who is going to open it, has been buying all his goods for some time from the mail order houses in Chicago, but he got mad at them over something the other day, and has decided to put up a store of his own and try to run them out of business.

MAY—YOUTH'S MONTH.

By "Observer."
May is the month that makes men of boys.

Their kites, marbles, balls and tops lead them into health-giving exercises that are not quite so enjoyable when the hot rays of the sun later on suggests less strenuous sports—swimming, fishing, etc.

The boy, or shall we say kid, who has not learned to make his own kites, his own sling-shot, and his own fishing tackle, the boy who doesn't know what it is to suffer a nailless toe, isn't living just right. But the chances are his failings are not his fault. The probabilities are that such a boy is retarded by too much paternal guardianship.

Turn the boy loose this spring—not, of course, wholly without supervision, but let him get all of the benefits of early spring by spending every minute possible out of doors. The chances are his days full of play will make him glad enough to remain in doors of evenings, and when a real boy is willing to stay at home of evenings his parents haven't much cause for worry over him.

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