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London, June 13.—The Germans, at severe cost, continue to push down the Matz valley, where an abundance of small woods afford maximum protection for French machine guns and artillery, says Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, telegraphing Wednesday. Farther west the French have pursued their progress on the Merry plateau and have pushed the enemy off the eastern slope into the valley.

"This position," the correspondent adds, "on which the enemy believed himself firmly established 48 hours ago was of great importance to his advance on the center, as it overlooks the Matz valley and commands the junction of the main roads between Montdidier and Beauvais, through which the enemy's troops and supplies for the front in the river valley must pass. The French thus have all observation posts overlooking the German center, which must already have become a source of grave embarrassment to the enemy."

Plenty of Fight.
Paris, June 13.—There was plenty of fighting yesterday, but it did not affect the general situation. As the Germans are fighting against time, this result is a distinct gain to the defense.

The Germans, it is true, made slight progress on their left toward Compeigne, from which, at Melicocq, they are now only five miles away, but so did the French on the other wing in the region of Mery. As the nature of the ground around Mery provides the French with excellent gun positions behind hills from which they can pound at short range, the road by which all supplies must pass to the German sector in the thrust toward Compeigne, the French can claim an advantage in the day's operations, for they also stopped the German efforts south of the Aisne against the forest east of Villers-Cotterets.

JAPAN AND ENGLAND HAVE NO DIFFERENCES

Balfour Says There Is No Divergence of Aims of Nations

London, Wednesday, June 12 (via Ottawa).—Speaking at a luncheon in the house of commons today before the Japanese ambassador and delegates attending the international parliamentary and commercial congress, A. J. Balfour, secretary of foreign affairs, declared that Great Britain and Japan in the war had no difference of opinion, no divergence of aims and no ulterior designs which either was not willing to confess to the other. This was the basis of true national confidence.

The Anglo-Japanese alliance, which had done so much for peace and the advancement of the world, said the secretary, would bear rich fruit in the future for the higher interests which would be in the end. He was sure that if the exigencies of the conflict required a call upon the allies to make fresh efforts Japan would, as she always had done, live up to her full obligations.

German methods of trade were part of her policy of world domination, said Mr. Balfour, and this made them more dangerous than mere trade rivalry, which Britain had never objected. Germany was trying to use her manufacturing power virtually to enslave the rest of the world. That was the problem which must be met and solved.

ATTACK NEAR SOISSONS BROKEN UP BY FRENCH

Paris, June 13.—The attack southwest of Soissons on the front between the Aisne and the Marne has been broken by the violent resistance of the French, says a Havas correspondent, telegraphing from the front.

The enemy, he says, has made progress which is absolutely insignificant, at a price of heavy losses. In addition, he points out, the German advance has been held up for several days and the morale of the German troops is suffering in consequence.

Members of Guard Commended.
Washington, June 13.—Members of the armed guard of the American steamship Tyler, sunk by a submarine May 1, were commended today by Secretary Daniels for their bravery in standing by their guns until the ship was hopelessly damaged. Five members of the guard, which was commanded by Boatswain's Mate Claude H. Ryan, of Winchester, Va., were killed in the engagement.

DETAIL RECORD OF SUGAR SOLD REQUIRED

Only Two Pounds to City Consumer, 5 to Country, From Now On

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, June 13.—Effective today every retail and wholesale merchant in North Carolina will be required to keep a detailed record of every sale of sugar he makes and maximum quantity of sugar that may be sold to consumers will be two pounds to a town or city consumer and five pounds to a country consumer. The maximum quantities heretofore have been five and ten pounds in town and country customers, respectively. Not more than 5 pounds may hereafter be sold to individual consumers for canning and preserving upon the certificate pledge plan recently inaugurated.

Coincident with the inauguration of the new program, Mr. Page called upon commercial sugar users who manufacture such less essentials as beverages, syrups, soft drinks, etc., to voluntarily join an honor roll of non-users of sugar for the period of the present emergency, which is brought about very largely through the operation of submarines off the Atlantic coast, which is interfering with the Cuban trade.

The food administration wants it clearly understood that no curtailment of preserving or canning is desired. In fact the restrictions surrounding sugar distribution have been made in order to secure ample sugar for these purposes. It is desired, however, that the greatest care and economy be exercised in the use of sugar even for these purposes.

The food administration is already receiving record of all shipments of sugar into the state. The records of North Carolina dealers will be required to tally with these records and with the institution of a system of inspection in the immediate future any violation among either dealers or consumers will be easily detected and Mr. Page doesn't hesitate to say that all violators will be dealt with drastically.

EIGHT AMERICANS ARE BURIED WITH HONORS

French Republic and the City of Paris Were Fully Represented

Paris, June 13.—Eight American soldiers who died of wounds received in the fighting last week at Bourresches, northwest of Chateau-Thierry, were buried yesterday with military honors. The guard of honor consisted of American marines and a detachment of republican guards. Representatives of the French republic and the city of Paris attended the services which were in charge of the Rev. John S. Banks, assisted by Chaplains Flannagan, Wareing and Coakley.

The bodies were interred in Suresnes cemetery which has been dedicated to the American expeditionary forces. The caskets were draped with the American flag and with wreaths presented by the French government and the city of Paris.

WILL VOTE LATE TODAY ON LIMITING DEBATE

Would Hold Down Speech-making by Members During War

Washington, June 13.—Under agreement to vote at 4 o'clock this afternoon the senate today assumed consideration of the resolution offered by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, to incorporate in the senate rules a provision limiting debate during the war.

As the Underwood resolution now stands, debate by any senator on a measure would be restricted to one hour and a half unless extension be permitted by a majority vote. The original resolution provided for but an hour's debate. Senator Underwood yesterday accepted a substitute rule offered by Senator Cummins, of Iowa.

Despite strong opposition to the resolution from the republican side its supporters were confident it would be adopted.

Violation of Line.
London, June 13.—The Germans in the Ukraine began a new movement eastward on June 10, according to a Russian government wireless dispatch. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin has instructed Ambassador Joffe at Berlin to complain about the movement, which is on a width of one hundred versts on the Valuki-Zpukovka station front, south of Moscow. It is charged that the movement is in violation of the line of demarcation agreed upon by the German government. The Germans are asked to retire to their old positions.

Would Extend Time.
Washington, June 13.—The time within which the president may relinquish control of any railroad, or transportation system, would be extended from July 1, next, to January 1, 1919, by joint resolution introduced today by Chairman Sims, of the house interstate commerce committee.

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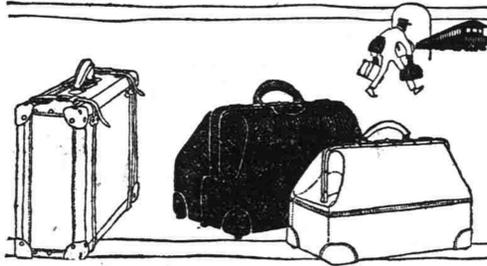
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- \$20.00 Dress Tray Trunks \$15.00

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- 6x9 size, sale price \$7.50
- 54x90 size, sale price \$4.50
- 36x72 size, sale price \$2.35
- 30x60 size, sale price \$1.75
- 27x54 size, sale price \$1.35

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- \$2.00 Brussels Carpet for room, hall and stairs, closing out price, per yard \$1.00
- \$1.25 Crex Hall Runner, 36 inches wide, in green or brown, closing out price \$1.00
- \$1.00 Crex Hall Runner, 27 inches wide, closing out price 75c
- 50c Matting in plain white or fancy China; closing out price 35c
- \$6.50 Straw Art Squares, 9x12, closing out price, each \$5.50
- Straw Rugs 50c and 75c each
- Cretonnes, Scrims and Lace Nets, an excellent showing and we assure you they will not last long at prices they are marked.

CONGOLEUM RUGS in all sizes.

- \$17.00 size 9x12 Congoleum Rug, closing out price \$12.50
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- \$7.50 size 6x9 Congoleum Rug, closing out price \$5.00
- 36x72 Congoleum Rug, today's price \$2.50, closing out price \$1.50

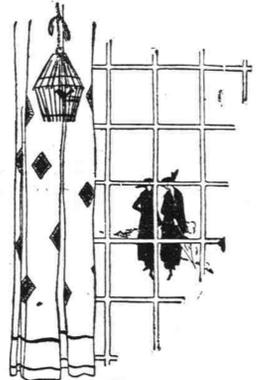
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- 7.6x10.6, sale price \$10.00
- \$12.50 Rag Rugs, 6x9, in all shades, closing price \$8.50
- \$3.00 Rag Rugs, 36x72, sale price \$2.35

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42-inch Cream Opaque Shades, worth today \$2.50; closing up price \$1.50

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- \$2.00 full size sheet, sale price \$1.65
- 50c Pillow Cases, sale price... 40c
- \$2.00 Bed Spreads, sale price \$1.65
- \$2.50 Bed Spreads, sale price \$2.00
- \$2.75 Bed Spreads, sale price \$2.25
- \$4.75 Bed Spreads, sale price \$3.75
- 60c bleached Turkish Towels... 40c
- 35c bleached Turkish Towels... 28c
- 30c bleached Turkish Towels... 22c
- 25c bleached Turkish Towels... 20c

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