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# ALLEGED WILL OF LATE

Honolulu, Dec. 22.-A purported 1917 will of the late Queen Liliuokalani, bequeathing the major part of her estate to "Princess" Theresa Belliveau, was thrown out of court yesterday by

Judge C. W. Ashford, who stated from the bench that all evidence and his own knowledge convinced him it was a forgery

OUEEN HELD FORGERY A 1809 will of the queen, containing a deed of trust in favor of Theresa Belliveau, said to be only a distant relative of Liliuokalani, remains con-tested by Jonah ("Prince Cupid") Kalanianole, congressional delegate from Hawaii, on the grounds that the queen was mentally incompetent at the time of its execution.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH ONE CHICKEN

I WAS ONLY A VOLUNTEER. The mail of Saturday brought The TIMES the verses that rollow and they are printed, as requested. When the years have passed, and the "boy" hocks up to the father's face, there will be no need of regret because that father woll the patriotic heart led that father to the answer to the country's call. The sad thought these days is that so many of the "drafted" fellows are seeking exemption and it the moment when the country needs every able-bodied man.—[Editor.]

I WAS ONLY A VOLUNTEER. Why didn't I wait to be drafted?

And be led to the train by a band. And put in my claim for exemption. Oh, why did I hold up my hand? Why didn't I wait for the banquet? Why didn't I wait to be cheered? For the drafted men get the credit, While I merely volunteered.

And nobody gave me a banquet, And nobody said a kind word. The grind of the wheels of the engine Was all the good-bye that I heard. Then off to the camp I was hustled To be trained for the next half year And then in the shuffle forgotten. I was only a Volunteer.

And maybe some day in the future When my boy sits on my knee.

And asks what I did in the conflict And his little eyes look up to me, have to look back as I'm blushing To the eyes that so trustfully peer And tell him I missed being drafted— I was only a Volunteer.

#### **ENGLAND O.K.'S MOVIES** MILK PRICES CAUSING AFTER AN INVESTIGATION

#### Abolition of Picture Houses Children's Bureau Fears Inin War Time Impossible and Not Desirable

Washington, Dec. 22.—England took day off from the war recently to find out what it's doing to the movies and what the movies are doing to it. The results said quietly into Washington's musty official records recently and went to sleep forever, barring this

The question of abolishing the in-

stitution altogether has been agitated by a lot of professional anti-something-or-others who didn't have any thing else to anti for the time being. From these van leaders, the movie opposition rang all the changes down quarreling with the color of the ckets, the little nickel-plated mechnism spits at you from the boxoffice So they hired the Bishop of Birming-ham and a group of eminent assist-ants to look the camera situation square in the eye. It was discovered that the British isles possess 4.500 picture houses. Judging from the sur-feit of posters and the prevalence of buildings with wedding-cake fronts and galloping electric signs there must be at least that many within a radius of five blocks of this correspondent's

home in Washington.

These 4,500 shows, the bishop reported, are visited by 1,075,000,000 Britishers every year. That takes every one of the king's home flock to the films once every two weeks.

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The bishop's report said lots of the shows were naughty, naughty. But there is a heavy percentage of good little shows too, he said. Perhaps that explains it. Perhaps the naughty ones only get around every three weeks.

But even if the shows should be a little come carefully censored, the commissioners declared, they are worth while because they have broken up street gangs of boys and keep thousands of husbands and fathers with their families who, otherwise would be out at a club, doing a lot of very sincere drinking.

The amount of milk purchased was less than that of last year in more families, with habies have ceased altogether to buy milk.

In Philadelphia social welfare workers report that many of the poorer mothers have practically given up buying milk.

The children's bureau estimates that every child under six years should have at least a pint and a half of milk daily.

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very sincere drinking.

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this view.
"The abolition of the picture house," they say, "is impossible, even if it were desirable, and in our judgment it is not desirable."

It concludes, by advocating a special film service for children, under public or governmental control and financing. It also suggests that the theatres be better lighted and more closely supervised. Spooning at the closely supervised. Spooning at the movies has long been one of Britain's favorable indoor sports.

Correctly Defined.

A Russian applicant for naturalization papers was asked, "What is the Constitution of the United States?" "Rugged and healthy," he answered.

Tot's Version of Death. Mary and Tommy were playing "funeral" in the yard. Mary was overheard explaining. "Tommy, when you're dead, your body's no good, but

Find Out First.

your think goes on."

Study to conserve your steps. When you spend an hour looking for something because you do not know where it is, you have wasted that many steps.

To the Women of North Carolina:

By STATE FOOD ADMINISTRATOR HENRY A. PAGE. Our government officials are doing With victory in the great war de- their utmost to meet the situation pendent upon the food supplies which and every consumer of foodstuffs in we can send to the armies and civilian | America may realize and feel sure that population of our Allies in Europe; every ounce of wheat, every ounce and with several hundred thousand of fats, every ounce of sugar and women and children in the neutral every ounce of heef and pork which countries of Europe appealing piteous- they save from their normal consumply to America to save them from star- tion, either by reduction in consump-

ple in the world's history. part to supply necessary fooodstuffs in dren and men on the other side.

Europe we have exported all our normal surplus of wheat. Every pound of wheat or flour which we export from now on must be saved from our normal consumption. The same thing is approximately true of beef and pork products and fats while the situation with sugar is even worse,

Burn Gas Jet Under Water. In a new European method for pro ducing steam a high-pressure gas jet is burned under the surface of the wa ter in a steel boiler. Tubes in Madrid. Sanction has been given to the construction of underground electric rall ways in Madrid. Removes Paint From Glass. To remove paint from window glass rub it well with hot, sharp vinegar. AN APPEAL TO THE WOMEN OF THE STATE

SUFFERING AMONG POOR

creased Infant Mortality

From Insufficient Diet

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Disas-

ous results of the sudden rise in the

cost of milk, which is causing the poor to drop it from the diet of ba-bies and young children, are reported

by the experts of the National Chil-dren's bureau, who fear widespread sickness and a rapid increase in infant

mortality, unless milk is continued in

the feedings.

That the situation is desperate is

shown in the reports of social work-ers during the past few weeks. In New York City the mayor's com-

mittee on milk, reports that the total supply has been reduced 25 per cent and that the consumption of milk in

certain parts of the city has been reduced by half. In the analysis of the milk consumed by 2,200 families it is shown that among them there were 5,438 children under six years of age, and 2,534 from 6 to 13 years old. The milk consuments to the same than the same tha

milk estimated to be adequate for these families was \$.194 quarts,

whereas the amount actually purchased was 3,193 quarts. Of 120 families who dropped milk entirely 73 substi-

who dropped milk entirely 73 substi-tuted canned condensed milk, and 1.213 of the 1.480 families visited were substituting tea and coffee. Chil-dren under six years old were found in 2.148 cases to be drinking tea and coffee. For babies under one year old the amount of wilk numbered

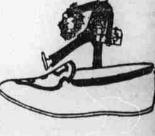
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mothers will procure even at a sacri fice that which is essential for thei babies was shown in the educationa campaign undertaken a few years agby the New York Milk committee to teach mothers the importance of clear

## milk. Once convinced that baby's life might be the price of cheap milk even the very poorest insisted on buy-ing grade A certified milk in spite of ne increased cost. That milk will have to be supplied at public expense for families who cannot afford to buy it while the pres-ent emergency lasts, is the conclusion of the Children's bureau.

You can't make a mistake in giving footwear or house slippers for big folks, little folks and all ages of folks; comfy slippers in colors, and warm Romeo slippers to suit the most particular women, and men's slippers so comfortable they will keep him at home. Try a pair.



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## "Bull" Durham will cheer up Yankee Prisoners

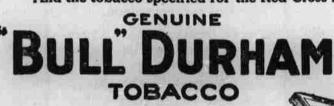
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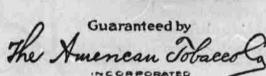
WASHINGTON, Sept. 19th—If Germany takes any Yankee boy prisoners they will not have to exist on German prison rations. The Red Cross has arranged to forward to each prisoner a package containing from nine to ten pounds of food

three times each fortnight. The package will contain a scientifically prepared ration sufficient to sustain inactive men in good health, including rice, sugar, dried beef, pork and beans, evaporated milk, coffee, chocolate, jam, soap and "the

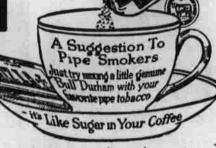
makings"—two packages of tobacco with papers.

And the tobacco specified for the Red Cross Food Kit is









France, England and Italy would threaten a similar collapse in those their obligation to their country and countries which would immeasurably to humanity and are consuming a increase the war burdens of this country and the cost of variety. The neutral peoples of Europe have always imported large quantities of foodstuffs from North America, South America, Asia and Australia. Because horror of the situation.

of war conditions and transportation difficulties practically all supplies are now cut off except those from North America and representatives of those peoples are making the most heartrending appeals to our country for aid. It is an appalling fact that despite the most we can do for those people after supplying our Allies tens of thousands of them must perish from hunger during the next few months.

In the face of those conditions in

vation, we face the greatest and most tion or by the substitution of other insistently pressing demand for food- foodstuffs not suitable for export, will stuffs that has been made upon a peo- reach a soldier in the trenches or a woman, child or man who may starve Russia has collapsed because of dis- to death if it is not provided for them organized and insufficient food sup- by us Every particle of exportable plies for its armies and for its civilian foodstuffs saved in every North Caropopulation in some sections, and more lina home will release just that American blood will be spilled in amount to help win the war and to France because of Russia's failure to help prevent the actual starvation and push the war. Any failure upon our suffering of innocent women and chil-

Most of our people are realizing much smaller proportion of wheat flour, beef and pork products, fats and sugar than they were accustomed to under normal conditions. Many have not realized the seriousness and the

To every woman and every consumer in the State, I appeal to do your utmost in the saving of the food products named. This is an individual problem and must be solved by the individual. The responsibility is individual and no single person can escape the responsibility that is imposed upon them in this matter. We have ample foodstuffs aside from those desired by the government for expert and none of us need suffer.

But, for the sake of humanity, for the sake of liberty, and for the sake of our own brave soldiers, your own sons, brothers and kinsmen, Save

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