

## TWO MILLION BABIES WAR COST TO GERMANY

Old Man Mars Does More to Deplete Hun Man-Power Than Allies

London, June 1 (By Mail).—Old Man Mars, with his Flammenwerfer and other weapons of civilization, has done more to deplete German manpower than the combined armies and navies of the allies. He has, in a negative sense, slaughtered more than two million German babies. That is to say, there were that many fewer births in Germany the first three years of the war than there should have been according to the pre-war birth-rate.

Statistically speaking, there were 40 per cent fewer births in Germany in 1913 than in 1913.

These figures, with a mass of other data regarding the effect of the war on infant mortality and child welfare, have been obtained from official and semi-official German publications. They plainly show the destructive effect of war on coming generations. The death rate among babies and children has not been seriously increased, although for a short time after the outbreak of the war it rose to alarming proportions. This was due, principally, to the partial abandonment of child welfare work. Babies' hospitals and numerous other buildings devoted to the care of children were seized by the military authorities and most of the doctors, nurses and trained workers were called into army service.

In the grand old duchy of Hesse, for example, one-fourth of all the child welfare centers were closed, and an infants' home in Darmstadt was turned into a military hospital. In Cologne five of the 14 centers were closed, one of the buildings being used as an army hospital ever since. The others were reopened after intervals of from two to six months. In Kiel the medical superintendents were mobilized, while the larger of the two infants' homes was closed and was not opened until the end of September. Many of the centers which remained open were obliged to cut down the number of consultations with mothers for want of doctors and nursing staffs.

Another cause for the sharp increase of infant mortality during the opening days of the war was the mental strain of mothers. Fathers, brothers and sons were called up, and there was a general feverish excitement which distracted the mothers' attention from care of children. Visiting workers from welfare centers reported they rarely found mothers at home during the first few weeks of the war generally wandering about, watching and waiting for military events.

For a time mobilization of fighting forces absorbed all the attention of authorities and welfare of mothers at children left behind was almost forgotten. In a letter addressed to the imperial association for the care of infants, August 12, 1914, the Kaiserin stated that it would be fatal to allow infant welfare work to lapse, or its institutions to be crippled, even for military considerations. The alarm caused by increase of infant mortality led to efforts being made to revive and extend welfare work. Leading welfare workers protested against the withdrawal for army service of nurses engaged in infant care, and as a result nurses were granted leave by military authorities. After a time most infant welfare associations were able to resume their principal work of caring for babies, although they had to abandon for some time such activities as traveling courses for instruction, exhibitions and training of nurses.

A controversy has been waged for some time in Germany as to whether it was a product of a new kind of infant. A Charlotteburg doctor first claimed to have observed so-called "war infants," both in welfare centers and private practice. He described them as not actually ill, but small, backward in growth, delicate and thin, with wrinkled skin suggestive of old age rather than of infancy. A constant restlessness, accompanied by automatic grasping movements, is a marked characteristic of this type of baby. The condition of these children is attributed to the anxiety and nervous strain endured by mothers as well as to insufficient and unsuitable food. The majority of doctors conclude that the war has produced an increase in the number of excitable infants, below normal weight, who develop slowly and are reared with difficulty.

A number of measures, both financial and institutional, have been undertaken by the German government, by state and municipal authorities and by private persons for decreasing infant mortality and to make easier the raising of children. In addition to separation allowances, wives of soldiers also now get imperial maternity grants during the first few months after their children's birth. A separation allowance has been granted to unmarried mothers of soldiers' children.

One private relief measure was organized by the German Red Cross and is known as "war sponsorship." Under this scheme persons volunteer to support children, and if necessary their mothers. In some cases both mothers and children have been received into the sponsors' homes and in others their board is paid in suitable institutions.

The scheme started in Berlin and its suburbs but has spread to many other towns. In Dresden three hundred sponsors volunteered almost immediately. In Silesia more than a thousand children were being supported by war sponsors at the end of 1915. In Mannheim, during 1915, 60 persons became war sponsors, caring for 119 families with about 300 children, 50 of whom were infants. Both mothers and children are said to have benefited under this arrangement. In some places the movement has developed into a scheme for looking after the

## LIVE SPORTING NEWS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York 2, Brooklyn 5.  
Boston 3, Philadelphia 4.  
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 2.  
Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 3 (first game).  
Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 7 (second game).

**Jim Vaughn Too Much.**  
Pittsburgh, June 22.—Jim Vaughn beat the Pirates today with the aid of sparkling fielding by his mates.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Chicago ..... 130 100 000—5 9 0  
Pittsburgh ..... 100 000 001—2 8 2  
Batteries: Vaughn and Killifer; Cooper and Schmidt.

**Bradley Hogg Easy.**  
Philadelphia, June 22.—The Braves found Bradley Hogg easy and defeated the Phillies 8 to 4.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Boston ..... 220 040 000—8 8 0  
Philadelphia ..... 001 003 000—4 9 2  
Batteries: Fillingim and Wilson; Hogg, Davis and Burns.

**Dodgers Pound Perritt.**  
Brooklyn, N. Y., June 22.—The Dodgers pounded Perritt, and the Giant relief hurlers, winning 5 to 2.  
Score: R. H. E.  
New York ..... 200 000 000—2 4 1  
Brooklyn ..... 000 410 00x—5 10 3  
Batteries: Perritt, Ogden, Anderson and Rariden; Grimes and Miller.

**Cards and Reds Split.**  
St. Louis, June 23.—Bairst tripled in the eighth with one on, and the Cardinals beat Cincinnati 3 to 2. They lost the second, 9 to 7.  
Score—First game: R. H. E.  
Cincinnati ..... 000 001 000—2 7 2  
St. Louis ..... 100 000 02x—3 8 2  
Batteries: Schneider, Eller and Allen; Ames and Gonzales.  
Score—Second game: R. H. E.  
Cincinnati ..... 330 100 010—9 15 2  
St. Louis ..... 000 310 011—7 12 1  
Batteries: Eller, Regan and Allen; Packard, May, Sherdel and Gonzales, Brock.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	36	17	.679
New York	35	18	.660
Boston	29	28	.508
Cincinnati	25	29	.463
Philadelphia	24	29	.453
Brooklyn	23	31	.425
St. Louis	21	31	.404
Pittsburgh	21	31	.404

**Southern League**  
Little Rock, 6; Birmingham, 8 (first game).  
Little Rock, 3; Birmingham, 5 (second game).  
Atlanta, 0; Memphis, 2 (first game).  
Atlanta, 4; Memphis, 4 (second game).  
Nashville, 0; New Orleans, 2.  
Mobile-Chattanooga, postponed; off day.

### WONDERFUL CUDGEL WAS UNLIKELY COLT

New York, June 22.—When Cadgel, the famous stake horse of Commander J. K. L. Ross' stable, was born his doom as a race horse was sounded throughout the eastern race tracks. That this son of Broomstick would ever reach the heights he has attained was considered impossible.  
The colt was too broad, his barrel was too long, the wise ones believed. In addition he had an affliction of the throat which made it very hard for him to breathe. As a four and a half furlong sprinter he might do in a race of platters, it was admitted, but to start him in a race for any distance was regarded as something of a joke. And so the horse was sold. New hands found and cared for him. His days as a two-year-old were not filled with any joy for his owner, and even his three-year-old performances could have been better. It was only at the flag end of last year's eastern meeting that the big fellow found himself and began to step the pace that has made him the most feared race horse in the country.  
His feat in winning the Kentucky handicap with 132 pounds on his back was nothing less than marvelous, for the distance was long and he was pitted against some of the fastest horses in the world. Always a slow breaker and a slow starter, Cudgel, however, withdrew from the field when the time came and distanced the speedy Pif, Jr., by almost a length at the final stage of the battle.  
It is hard to pick the greatest race horse just as it is hard to pick the greatest anything, but Cudgel's name certainly belongs with the greatest if not at the top.

**LUMBERTON**  
Lumberton, June 22.—Miss Maggie McNair, of Maxton spent two days here this week, visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. D. McMullan. This is Miss McNair's old home.  
Miss L. C. Townsend is in the hospital this week for treatment. Her friends hope she will soon return home restored to health.  
Mrs. W. F. Fuller has received a card telling her of her husband's safe arrival "over there." She will spend the time here and in Bessemer City.  
Mrs. Emma Pope Higley, widow of the late T. N. Higley, register of deeds of Robeson, died Friday at her home on Cedar street. She was about 60 years old, and was the daughter of H. T. and Harriet Pope. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. M. N. Polger, Mrs. M. G. Lee and Miss Ina Higley; also four brothers, Mr. John M. Pope, of Durham; Rev. W. B. of Washington, Oregon; and W. G. and Doctor H. T., of this place. Dr. C. L. Greaves, assisted by Dr. McDaniels, of Richmond, will perform the funeral and the interment will be in Meadow Brook.

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Washington, 3; New York, 5.  
Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 3.  
St. Louis, 1; Detroit, 2 (first game).  
St. Louis, 3; Detroit, 6 (second game).  
Philadelphia at Boston, postponed; wet grounds.

**Nick Altrock Lost**  
New York, June 22.—For the first time in 10 years Nick Altrock pitched a complete ball game today. Although he held the Yanks to seven hits while the Senators accumulated 11, he lost, 5 to 3.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Washington ..... 100 000 002—3 1 1  
New York ..... 110 000 30x—5 7 1  
Batteries: Altrock and Almsmith; Caldwell and Hannah.

**Sox Lost Listless Game**  
Chicago, June 22.—Cleveland defeated the White Sox today in a listless game.  
Score: R. H. E.  
Cleveland ..... 000 400 000—4 8 1  
Chicago ..... 001 000 002—3 8 1  
Batteries: Coveleskie and O'Neill; Shellenbach, Benz, Danforth and Schalk.

**Detroit Wins Both**  
Detroit, June 22.—Taking both games from St. Louis, Detroit made it five straight. A double by Cobb in the ninth and an error by Johnson in the tenth decided the first. Extra bases by Cobb, Vitt and Cunningham won the second.  
Score (first game): R. H. E.  
St. Louis ..... 100 000 000—1 5 2  
Detroit ..... 000 000 001—2 3 0  
Batteries: Shocker and Nunamaker; Daus, Boland and Yelle.  
Score (second game): R. H. E.  
St. Louis ..... 210 000 000—3 7 3  
Detroit ..... 202 010 10x—6 6 0  
Batteries: Loudermilk and Severid; Kallio and Yelle.

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Clubs	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	35	24	.593
New York	32	24	.571
Cleveland	34	27	.557
Chicago	27	26	.509
Washington	30	31	.491
St. Louis	25	31	.448
Detroit	22	30	.423
Philadelphia	21	34	.382

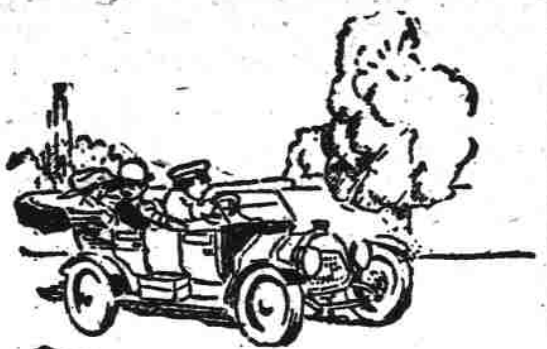
### DOES PLANE TESTER'S JOB LOOK TOO EASY?

London, June 22.—Flying over pleasant fields and hedge-rows with never an "archie" to push them up on a sudden flight of enemy machines to push them down the men who test Britain's fighting planes are doing their hazardous bit in the war without much notice from anyone.  
The tester is noticed usually only when he crashed a new \$15,000 experimental machine against someone's barn. As long as he goes ahead with his job successfully with no crashes he is hardly ever heard of outside his own circle.  
Agree that the pilot in a chaser plane at the front has the excitingest job of all, the strain on his nerves and resourcefulness is hardly greater than the strain on the man who takes up new planes and new types of planes—"anything with an engine and wings."

In an untried craft of new design, differing radically perhaps from anything ever flown before, the aeroplane test pilot never knows but that the next instant may bring out a defect of design or construction and send him plummeting to earth, despite every precaution he can take. The test pilot is always cautious; he never takes the chances that a fighting pilot may take in a machine of proven stability and strength.  
Propeller blades have been known to whirl off in midair and struts to come out of their sockets while testers were flying new designs for the first time. By extremely cautious flying the pilots came safe to land.  
The test pilot is the first man to take the risk. Giant bombers, small fast scouts, seaplanes and landcraft are handed to him for thorough trials before the new types are manufactured in numbers to be turned over to the air forces.

Twilight baseball didn't get anything for some of the Pacific Coast International leagues, so the late afternoon games were given the gate.  
Big league scouts are having their troubles this year. Nearly every promising youngster spotted is found to be subject to Uncle Sam's draft.

Bridgeport must want to wind up the Eastern league in short order by the way it has run up its string of victories since the season opened.



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