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LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

Gastonia, Dec. 20, 1918.
Dear Santa: My name is Jim Workman, (they call me the devil) I work in the Gazet office. I want a stick of candy an apple or two, and a watermelon, if you have any; also an Jews-harp and a cap pistol. Yours, etc Jim Workman.

Dallas, N. C., Dec. 18, 1918.
Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. I want you to bring me a doll and a bed and a trunk and a cart and a little chair, candy, apples, oranges and nuts and nigger toes. So I will close for this year.
DOVE HOLDER.

Dallas, N. C., Dec. 18, 1918.
Dear Santa: I am a little girl nine years old. My name is Sodie Goins. I want you to bring me a little bed and a little doll and a tea set and a little chair and some apples and candy and oranges and nuts. Santa Claus, please excuse me for writing such a long letter this time as I only get to write you once a year, so I will close for this year.
Your little friend,
SODIE GOINS.

Dallas, N. C., Dec. 18, 1918.
My Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 10 years old and my name is Carr Lee Goins. Now, Santa dear, my father is dead. I go to school and I can read and write. Please don't forget me, and I want a cap pistol and some caps too, and some shots. I have an air rifle and I want some apples and figs and oranges and fruit. I will close for this year.
CARR LEE GOINS.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 18, 1918.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy nine years old. My name is Albert. I want two books, "The Lost Prince," and "The Mabel." I have a brother six years old and his name is Rupert. He wants a gun with a stopper and a pile driver. I have a sister four years old. Her name is Dorothy and she wants a doll with brown hair and a sweater and cap. And, Santa, please don't forget the little French and Belgium children.
ALBERT SLOAN FORD.
323 S. Columbia Street.

Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 18, 1918.
Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to bring me a hobby horse, tricycle and a bag full of candy. Please bring my friend, Charles Wilson, a little train on a track. Now, Santa, I don't want you to forget the other little boys.
RAY SMITH.

Richburg, S. C., Dec. 19, 1918.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I want you to bring me a little hammer and a little gun and an ax and don't forget my little brother, Olin. He is four years old. He wants a little train and lots of fruit and candy.
Your little friend,
FRANK CARPENTER.

Richburg, S. C., Dec. 19, 1918.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl

TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs., in two weeks.

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

I sent and bought Theford's Black-Draught. I made him take a big dose, and when it began to act he fainted, he was in such misery, but he got relief and began to mend at once. He got well, and we both feel he owes his life to Theford's Black-Draught."
Theford's Black-Draught will help you to keep fit, ready for the day's work.
Try it!
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COME TO STUDY ENGLISH



Mlle. George Lequimener, above, and Mlle. Jeanne Riou, below, two French girls sent to the Pennsylvania State college for their education. They were members of the party of 62 French girls who recently came to the United States as part of the educational reciprocity program between France and America involving the exchange of students and faculty members. They will eventually return to France to teach English in colleges in their native land.

YANKEES ENJOY CHOW

Pershing's Husky Men Are All Good Eaters.

Variety in Uncle Sam's Menu Makes It Attractive—Doughboys Grow Talkative.

With the American Army in France.—"Chow time" means one of the most picturesque sights along the front, especially with the Americans. It is special to mean more to the Americans than to any other army, perhaps because American "grub" is better.

Happen along through a ruined village or a woods in an American sector fifteen minutes before "chow time" and you would think the place deserted. Probably there wouldn't be more than one or two stray doughboys in sight.

Come along fifteen minutes later and you wonder "where in thunder they all came from." They'll be lined up, and in front of each line there'll be a field kitchen steaming away, with a perspiring army cook dishing out grub that makes you want to "grab some tools and get in line" too.

There's lots of animation at "chow time" among the Americans. A crowd of Frenchmen is quiet while eating, the only time French soldiers are quiet. They munch their bread and meat and vegetables and drink their wine in silence.

Not so with the Americans. It's a big time. First of all, there's speculation on "what's the chow for today." There's variety in Uncle Sam's army menus. Then, as they sit around on the ground, on ruins, or under trees, and that satisfied feeling of having eaten a good meal grows upon them, there's lots of life and joking among the doughboys.

"Doughboy chow" is good. Usually there is soup. Then there are meat and vegetables, usually two kinds. There are always big slices of white bread and coffee. Nine times out of ten there's dessert, probably pudding or fruit.

Each man has a pan with a handle that folds into it, and a cup. Some way they get some of everything in a four-course meal into these two instruments and never mix foods. Only one of these "war experts" could do that.

PLEADS TO REGISTER; 20 YEARS TOO OLD

Kansas City, Mo.—One of the largest manufacturers in the city stood in line at a registration booth on registration day. He had given his name and address, that of a large family hotel here. The man's eagerness dispelled all doubts of his age qualification until the registrar asked him the date of his birth. The fact was then brought out that he was nearly 20 years past the forty-six-year limit. "You don't have to register," said the board member. "But I want to register," replied the man. "I am physically fit. I want to get on the list so that Uncle Sam can call on me for anything he wants." His face clouded with disappointment when told that he could not be registered.

MAIMED BY HUNS



Marie Joseph Coutant of the quaint little village of Louatre, near Soissons, the daughter of Monsieur Coutant, once a comfortably situated mechanic of Louatre, is shown above with her right arm missing because of the fact that the Germans attended the celebration of her eighth birthday. On Marie's birthday her mother and herself, along with several other refugees from the threat of the Hun at Soissons, were swarming into cattle cars that were pressed into use in the emergency, when a German incendiary bomb fell among them, killing her mother and making herself, a non-combatant, go through life a cripple with only one arm. She has been adopted by Maurice, the dancer of America, now a Red Cross worker in France, as his "war baby," and has been sent by him with her father to Limoges, France, to complete her convalescence.

FEAR FRENCH TANKS

Machines Spread Terror in Ranks of Foe.

Armed Car Helps 15 Yanks to Capture 700 Huns in Recent Drive.

With the American Armies.—Greater laurels daily are being won by the French light tanks which are co-operating with the American forces in pushing the Germans back toward the Rhine.

Among the many individual feats of the tanks and their drivers which have come to light, one of the most interesting is that of Brigadier Cellier, who has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor for his work in a light tank which enabled 15 American soldiers to capture 700 Germans.

Several hundred of these tanks led the counter-offensive from the Villers-Cotterets forest in July, which marked what appears to have been the turning point of the war. They broke through the enemy's lines, destroying his machine guns, overcoming strong centers of resistance and spreading panic and demoralization in the German ranks.

Where the infantry was preceded by the "chars d'assaut," as the French call them, the advance was three miles a day.

It was these same French light tanks which preceded the Americans in their advance upon Juvigny and Torny on the Soissons plateau. One of them, manned by a lieutenant, killed more than 200 Germans on the plateau.

Documents that have come into the hands of the French staff show that the Germans are greatly worried by the light tanks and are studiously coaching their men in methods of defense against them.

The light cars have the advantage of greater speed and of being more easily handled than the heavier tanks. They require a crew of only two men, a driver and a gunner, and carry one one-and-a-half-inch gun and a machine gun.

GET MOLARS FIXED FREE

Dental Operations for Soldiers and Sailors Reach 65,000 a Month.

New York.—Free dental operations for soldiers and sailors to the number of 65,000 are being performed in a month's time by members of the Preparedness League of American Dentists in every state in the Union, according to the report just made public at the league's headquarters here. This record is for the month of August, which in normal times is a season of less effort for the average person than any other month in the year. This brings the total of operations rendered since its inception to 550,000.

SHUN FARM OWNERSHIP.

English Farmers Prefer Tenancy—Americans Want Their Own.

A notable difference between the mental attitude of the English farmer and the American farmer has been revealed by the efforts of the British Government to increase that country's food production and preliminary surveys looking to the same ultimate end in this country. In Great Britain laws were enacted providing for farm land tenancy under conditions meant to stimulate the tenant to buy the land. The terms were made easy and the prices attractive. Contrary to expectations, hardly a tenant among the thousands has indicated desire for ownership. It has been found upon investigation that the British small farmer shuns the responsibility of ownership and looks upon the prospect of tying himself down to one spot as a hardship. There is no apparent discontent over the terms and for the most part these farmers seem anxious to go on just as they have been going, paying their rent and taking a living from the land.

On the other hand, the American farmer, almost to the last man, aspires to own his place, even though ownership often entails responsibility, hardship and at least temporary reduction of income and increase of effort. In a recent study of 9,000 farmers in America it was found that more than nine per cent of them were brought up on farms, 31.2 per cent remained on their father's farms until they became owners, and 27 per cent till they became tenants, then owners; that 13.2 per cent passed from wage-earning to ownership, skipping the tenant stage; that 18 per cent were first farm boys, then wage-earners, later tenants, and finally owners. Government statistics show most conclusively the ownership ambition of American farmers. Of all the farmers in the country under 25 years of age, 76 per cent are tenants. This percentage of tenancy steadily decreases as these farmers grow older until, at 55 years, only 20 per cent are tenants.

RICHMOND, Dec. 20.—The wholesale stores of Saunders & Sons, grocers, were burned today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Disclosure of mismanagement and utter chaos in the construction of the Hog Island shipyards, tending to show the waste of millions of dollars of government money, was made in the report of the Department of Justice of its investigation submitted to the President in September and made public today.

Books—For the Lover of Fairy Tales; to the reader of War Stories. Atkins-Baker Book Co.

HELPS HUSBAND IN HIS BUSINESS

Strong and Well Since She Took Tanlac—Suffered For Years She Says.

"Ever since Tanlac put an end to my troubles I feel so well and strong that I not only do all my own house work, but help my husband at the store besides," said Mrs. James Williams, wife of a well known grocer and marketman, who lives at 2077 Metropolitan Ave., Dallas, Tex.

"For several years," she continued, "I was troubled with severe attacks of indigestion, and about three months ago, I had a spell that was so much worse than anything I had ever experienced before that it really alarmed me. My stomach would blow up with gas, that pressed so on my heart I could hardly get my breath, and thought I would smother to death. My head rebelled like it would split, I became so nervous I could hardly sleep, and in the mornings I would feel so weak and fagged out that it was all I could do to get up and dress. I had taken all sorts of medicines and treatments without getting any benefits, but when several of my friends praised Tanlac to me so highly I decided to try it. Well, it proved to be just what I needed, for I began to feel better right off. I improved so fast that I could hardly realize it and I am now eating anything I want and have no trouble at all with gas and indigestion. These headaches are gone. I sleep like a child and get up in the mornings feeling fine. I am picking up right along, and have already gained several pounds. My confidence in Tanlac is so great that I am now telling all my friends about the good it has done me."

Tanlac is now sold exclusively in Gastonia by the Adams Drug Co., in Bessemer City by the Horsley Drug Co., in Greensboro by the Allen Drug Co., in North by the Herbin Mfg. Co., in Mt. Holly by the Holland Drug Co., in Dallas by P. D. Summey & Co., and in Belmont by the Stow-Emulus Drug Co.

SUFFERED YEARS WITH DROPSY

Newton, N. C. Lady Complained of Female Trouble, Kidney, and Dropsy Complaints.

VISITED TWO HOSPITALS HAD NINE DOCTORS

"Nine different doctors said I had dropsy and in two different hospitals I suffered agony with this dropsy, kidney trouble or female complaints and I'm now writing you to let you know how grateful I am for the wonderful good I got from using Genuine Indian Blood Purifier.

"I was under the doctors care for over four years but since using this wonderful Pearson Remedy of the old time Indians, I am able to do all the work around the house such as washing, ironing, cooking, etc., without any trouble, while before I took it my feet and legs were so badly swollen I could not wear my shoes. It seemed like my legs were near to bursting," writes Mrs. W. A. Boland, P. O. Box 161, Newton, N. C.

Thousands of women know such troubles. Thousands suffer untold agony and go from months to months and year to year suffering and complaining when a short treatment with Genuine Indian Blood Purifier would relieve them.

This splendid old Indian preparation used by the Indians has brought relief to thousands of women. Get a bottle at J. H. Kennedy & Co., sole distributors in Gastonia.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson will arrive in England next Thursday, December 26th, and will be the guest of King George at Buckingham palace. The Exchange Telegraph announced today. The Standard says he will arrive on the 27th and will be in London four days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Fixed prices on copper will not be continued after January 1, when they expire by limitation, the war industries board announced this afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Lettish government has appealed to the United States for allied aid in banishing the Bolsheviki hordes from Lettonia, Russia. The Bolsheviki are following behind the Germans as they withdraw from Russia, assuming control as the Germans leave. The Bolsheviki are pillaging, taking hostages, demanding indemnities and indulging in other acts of terrorism. They have now advanced 60 miles east of Riga.

DALGHREN, H.L., Dec. 20.—Robbers early today bound and gagged Cashier Asst. of the Dalghren bank, locked him in the vault and escaped with currency, Liberty bonds and securities amounting to a total of \$15,000. Bloodhounds have been put upon their trail.

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Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant-tasting, purely vegetable remedy, harmless to both children and adults. Take a spoonful at night and wake up feeling fine; no biliousness, sick headache, acid stomach or constipated bowels. It doesn't gripe or cause inconvenience all the next day like violent calomel. Take a dose of calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak, sick and unwell. Don't lose a day's work! Take Dodson's Liver Tone instead and feel fine, full of vigor and animation.

I wish for every one a most

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See me at once

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