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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Fired by the news of the Lusitania, Arthur Guy Empey, an American, finds his office in Jersey City and enlists in the army.

CHAPTER II—After a period of training volunteers for immediate service find themselves in rest billets in France, where he first acquaints himself of the ever-present danger.

CHAPTER III—Empey attends his first duty in the front while a German shell falls over the congregation.

CHAPTER IV—Empey's command goes to the front-line trenches and is under attack for the first time.

CHAPTER V—Back in rest billets, Empey has his first experience as a mess cook.

CHAPTER VI—Empey learns how the Germans are led.

CHAPTER VII—Back in the front-line trenches Empey sees his first friend of the "old West."

CHAPTER VIII—Empey makes his first digout in "Suicide Ditch."

CHAPTER IX—Empey learns what constitutes "day's work" in the front-line trenches.

CHAPTER X—Empey goes "over the top" for the first time in a charge on the trenches and is wounded by a bullet.

CHAPTER XI—Empey joins the "suicide" squad and is called.

CHAPTER XII—Each Tommy gets an order.

CHAPTER XIII—Empey helps dig an trench under German fire.

CHAPTER XIV—On "listening post" in the front-line trenches.

CHAPTER XVII.

Out in Front.

Lieutenant Stores of our platoon went into the dugout and found that I was "for" a reconnoitering party and would carry six Mills bombs.

That night twelve men, our platoon and myself went out on patrol in No Man's Land. We were ordered around in the dark for hours, just knocking about, on the lookout for anything that might lead to a fight. We were to see what was going on.

Two in the morning we were ordered to go out about thirty minutes. We walked into a Boche trench nearly thirty strong. The fiddler, the drummer, and we paid.

In the dark with a bayonet fixed to the rifle, the Germans were running, but our officer was in the game and didn't follow. He gave the order "down and hug it close."

Some, too, because a volley was fired over our heads. Then in low trenches we were told to separate and go to our trenches, each man to see the flashes of their rifles in the darkness, but the bullets were over our heads.

Three men killed and one man wounded. If it hadn't been for the quick thinking of our officer, we would have probably been killed.

Twenty minutes' wait we had and discovered that we had a wiring party working in the trench. We returned unobserved with the trench and our machine guns in the trench.

Sight four men were sent to the trench and examine the German trench and see if they had anything; if so, this was a pre-arranged attack on our trench.

Had to be one of the four men. It was just like a job. It was just like a job to the undertaker's own coffin.

As we started out, armed with a bayonet and getting into No Man's Land. Crawling four or five, ducking star shells, cracking overhead, I was in the trench. I scouted along, scarcely breathing, them talking in their trench. It was pounding against the trench or the least meant discovery and death.

My sector I quietly had gotten about half of it. It was pitch dark. I see if I could find it; away, because about minutes previously I had



A Hidden Gun.

Felt the butt in the holster. I crawled around in circles and at last found it, then started on my way back to our trenches, as I thought.

Pretty soon I reached barbed wire, and was just going to give the password when something told me not to. I put out my hand and touched one of the barbed wire stakes. It was iron. The British are of wood, while the German are iron. My heart stopped beating; by mistake I had crawled back to the German lines.

I turned slowly about and my tunic caught on the wire and made a loud ripping noise.

A sharp challenge rang out. I sprang to my feet, ducking low, and ran madly back toward our lines. The Germans started firing. The bullets were biting all around me, when bang! I ran smash into our wire, and a sharp challenge, "Ak, who comes there?" rang out. I gasped out the password, and, groping my way through the lane in the wire, tearing my hands and uniform, I tumbled into our trench and was safe, but I was a nervous wreck for an hour, until a drink of rum brought me round.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

CHANGE IN OPINION COMES IN GERMANY

After Being Persuaded to Underestimate America People Are Realizing Their Serious Error.

Washington, April 8.—Word that American reinforcements are moving to the support of the allies in Picardy, has revived argument in Germany over the efficacy of the Persius, military critic of the Berliner Tageblatt, the comment that after being persuaded to underestimate America, German opinion is undergoing a change.

An official dispatch from Switzerland today reviewing the latest discussion quotes Captain Persius as follows:

"We were at first a great deal persuaded to underestimate the participation of America in the war. We begin now to note a change of opinion. It is beyond a doubt that it would be well to curb at the present time, these more or less fanatic vagaries of persons discussing the submarine warfare. We can not for the moment estimate when the United States will have ready the millions of men which her population will permit her to raise, but it is certain that America will, in the very near future, succeed in raising an amazing army, which in any case, will constitute a very valuable aid for our enemies."

Captain Persius concludes by saying that America is preparing for war of long duration and expenses without great conviction the hope that the present offensive will obtain a result which will frustrate the plans.

"CASH AND CARRY" PLAN A SAVING

ELIMINATE COST OF DELIVERY SYSTEM AND CUTS OUT CREDIT LOSSES.

Opportunity For Community Workers to Establish Plan Everywhere by Bringing About Understanding Between Storekeepers and Customers.

Fair and even moderate prices of food and food products these days of abnormal conditions are so greatly increased over prices which were standard a year or two years ago that many housekeepers whose family purses have not been fattened in proportion to the advance in prices are experiencing difficulty in providing, even with rigid economy, the necessities of life, and many others are stretching the weekly or monthly allowances over these periods only by taking advantage of every opportunity to save.

The retailers are, as a general rule, selling at prices which give them no more than a reasonable profit above cost and expenses of operation to which they are entitled; but one of the big items figured in cost is the expense of credit and delivery. This expense is of course greater in larger centers, but even in the small communities it is a factor which contributes to making food and foodstuffs, already dear, even dearer to the consumer.

Any plan whereby the retailer may be enabled to sell food products even a fraction cheaper without cutting into the reasonable profit to which he is entitled and which he must necessarily have to maintain himself in business, will, undoubtedly, be welcomed by both the retailer and the consumer everywhere; and the "Cash and Carry" plan, which is being employed in some of the larger cities of the country would appear to commend itself.

The "Cash and Carry" plan—which is simply the doing away with deliveries so far as that is practicable, and paying cash—not only eliminates the one expense of delivering one's goods at his kitchen door, but also the more considerable expense of book-keeping, credit and collections, of which the greatest is that of credit, since that term always implies a certain percentage of losses, which must likewise be figured in by the merchant, else he could not continue in business very long. In other words, the man who does not pay his bill penalizes the man who does pay.

It would appear that in any community the retail merchants would willingly give their customers the benefit of these costs—of delivery and credit—cutting down the prices of food products, if they might have the co-operation of their customers on the "Cash and Carry" plan, which would mean that the customer would either call at or send to the store, pay cash for the goods purchased, and carry the goods home with him. In the handling of heavy goods there must, of course, be deliveries made.

As an example of what saving can be effected through the "Cash and Carry" plan, one of the largest dairies in the United States operates 185 milk stores or depots in New York City. This big dairy corporation recently advertised what is termed "the bigger service," and announced that on April 1st the "Cash and Carry" plan would become operative. To all those who carry their containers to any one of the 185 milk stores, milk is sold at 10 cents a quart, for cash. If the milk is delivered, as the corporation is willing to do if that should be preferred, the price for the same grade of milk is 14 cents a quart. Through the "Cash and Carry" plan the consumer saves four cents a quart.

Another system of food stores in the metropolis, operating on the "Cash and Carry" plan, will, on each one dollar's worth of goods purchased, give the customer 14 cents either in cash or in additional goods, if the customer will carry his purchases with him and have the stores the expense of delivery, fourteen cents on the dollar is certainly worth saving.

PLANT WAR GARDENS, SUPPLY HOME NEEDS.

It is the Patriotic Duty of Every One to Help Provide for Himself in Present Crisis.

Columbia, April 9.—In planting war gardens, the advice of Herbert Hoover, United States Food Administrator, is: "Plant what you will be able to use, not what you think you may be able to sell."

There has probably never been a time since the South was blockaded during the War Between the Sections when it has been so vitally necessary for the people of South Carolina to concern themselves about the question of food supplies, not only that the soldiers fighting in Europe and the Allied soldiers and peoples may be fed, but because of the unsatisfactory food situation, that they may not suffer at home.

Food production during the coming summer and fall calls on people in cities and towns as well as upon the farmer for their very best efforts, and every one who has waste land around the home or space in the back yard should look himself:

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"GIRL OF MY HEART."

"Girl of My Heart," Perry J. Kelly's new musical play will be the attraction at the Opera House on Monday, April 22nd.

The book and lyrics are by Arthur J. Lamb and the music by Jules Chauvenet. It is ultra-modern and typically American in its viewpoint. Joyous youth is the keynote of its construction, and merriment, laughter and love are its chief characteristics. The management has chosen to tell little of the story, deeming it better to leave the surprises to be discovered by the audience when it is seen, but it is related by that the plot is concerned with the adventures of a dashing American girl whose beauty, wit and daring carry her successfully through a maze of entanglements which threaten disaster. It is not serious enough to tax the mind unnecessarily, but just a succession of merry scenes punctuated by moments of intense love interest. Chief among the lilting melodies furnished by Jules Chauvenet are "Mabel," "Girl of My Heart," "Twenty Ways to Kiss a Maid," "Linger by the Fountain," "When Cannon Boom," "You Mustn't Fish in My Fish Pond," "Give Them Hail Columbia," "My Absent One," "Married Life Looks Good to Me."

For the interpretation of the play the producer has secured the services of Eda Ann Luke to fill the role of Mabel Splendid. Other members of the cast include Vertner Saxton, Florence Beresford, William J. McCarthy, Charles W. Meyers, Lois Arnold, Walter Ware, Thomas F. Reynolds, and Frank MacEwan. There is a chorus of melody maids to add to the gaiety of the piece. The action of the play is laid in New York City and Japan and the production is mounted lavishly.

WOULD MELT SILVER DOLLARS INTO BARS

And Use Them in Payment of Foreign Trade Balances—A New Departure.

Washington, April 16.—Idle silver dollars, reposing in Treasury vaults, may soon be put to war work.

At the request of Secretary McAdoo Senator Pitman recently introduced a bill to allow the transfer of bar silver in the settlement of foreign trade balances. To do this bushels of silver dollars would be melted up—something never done before by the Government.

The bill proposes that \$250,000,000 in silver dollars be converted into bar metal. Silver certificates now secured by this sum would be simultaneously withdrawn from circulation.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

A meeting of the stockholders of the McMurray Drug Co., was held April 1st, at their place of business in Abbeville for the purpose of

voting on the liquidation and dissolution of the McMurray Drug Co., a corporation doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. All stockholders take notice.

DR. G. A. NEUFFER,
DR. C. H. McMURRAY,
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Directors.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of Abbeville Savings and Investment Company is called to meet in the office of the National Bank of Abbeville, at Abbeville, South Carolina, at 5:30 P. M., on April 19th, A. D. 1918, for the purpose of considering a resolution that the corporation go into liquidation and wind up its affairs and dissolve in accordance with Sections 2812 and 2813 of Volume I of the Civil Code of South Carolina.

The Stockholders are urged to be present at the said meeting, or to be presented at the said meeting by proxy.

F. E. HARRISON,
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As sufficient silver is brought in to recoup dollars to replace those melted up, and the corresponding certificates are again put out, the substitute federal reserve notes would be automatically withdrawn again.

This system, officials held today, is proof against any derangement of the money market, and provides a ready means by which lump silver may be had at any time for foreign shipment. Also, it is an "hitherto undeveloped means of stabilization." Secretary McAdoo, urging the measure, pointed out that most foreign countries just now would welcome silver altogether as much as gold. The east, he said, uses silver in both major and subsidiary coinage and China and India will be "as well satisfied with silver as gold."

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