

Humorous Department

He was Immune.—A man in one of the infantry regiments in No. Man's Land was taking up a little room in a shell hole as possible during a hot fight, with everything singing overhead. At last a German shell landed right in the hole with him, but did not go off. As soon as he recovered from his fright and could think again, he took a look at the shell and found it was a dud (a shell with a defective fuse which does not explode). Next he noticed the number of the shell and something about it struck him as being peculiar. It was 1,217,413.

He reached inside his shirt and pulled out his identification tag. The number which started him in the face was 1,217,413. He walked out of the shell hole and back to his lines with the bullets singing all about him but was not hit. He reported to his commanding officer with a salute and a smile.

"Captain," he said, "ask me to do anything now. They had one with my number on it, and it was a dud."

Don't Work That Way.—"Robson, do you know why you are a donkey?" the jester queried.

"Like a donkey?" echoed Robson, opening his eyes wide. "I don't."

"Because your better half is stubborn as itself."

The jester placed Robson immensely, for he at once saw the opportunity for a glorious dig at his wife. So when he got home he said: "Dear, do you know why I am like a donkey?"

He waited a moment, expecting his wife to give it up. But she didn't. She looked at him somewhat pittingly as she answered: "I suppose it's because you were born so."

Beyond the Lap Age.—It was probably the smallest "midly" in the navy and one evening he was invited to attend a party in the saloon. He was such a little chap that the ladies had no idea that he was a midshipman at all, but took him for somebody's "dear little boy" in a royal navy all-world. At last one of them, on whose lap he had been sitting and who had just kissed him asked:

"And how old are you, little dear?"

"Twenty-two," he said in a voice like a fog horn. Then the lady swooned.

Leading Up to It.—He called his typist to his office.

"Miss Keytop, your dress neatly and you have a well-modulated voice. I might add that your deportment is also above reproach."

"Thank you very much, sir. But I don't think you should pay me such compliments," answered the blushing girl.

"That's all right," said he. "I was just leading up to the point of telling you that you don't seem to know a comma from a colon, and your spelling is simply rotten."

Cumulative.—A story is told about a citizen whose daughter is about to be married, and who has been trying to get a line on what the expense of the rather elaborate ceremony will be. He approached a friend of his, seeking information.

"Morris," he said, "your oldest daughter was married about five years ago, wasn't she? Would you mind telling me how much the wedding cost you?"

"Not at all, Sam," was the answer. "Altogether, about five thousand dollars a year."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Some Wind.—A telephone "trouble shooter," after being out all day, was called out the same evening to establish communication between a near-by estate and the city. Upon arrival at the estate, the "trouble shooter" soon discovered that a fuse in the lightning arrester had blown out; and he reported to the proprietor: "Just a fuse blew out."

"That so?" said the proprietor. "Well, by George, the wind does blow devilish hard out here at times, but I didn't think it could do that."

HOW IMPERIALISM COLLAPSED

Incidents Described by Man Who Knew and Understood.

REVOLUTION SUCCEEDED ARMY DEFEAT

The Newspapers of Germany Knew What Americans Were Doing; But the Government Was Not Willing to Tell the People the Truth Until Conciliation Was No Longer Possible.

"Nobody liked him," said Hans Lorenz, one of the editors of the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, speaking recently of Wilhelm Hohenzollern, erstwhile Kaiser of Germany, in an interview granted Lowell Thomas, representing the New York Evening World. Mr. Lorenz was once a newspaper man in New York city, and his discussion of the German revolution and the causes that led up to it has the novelty of showing some appreciation of the American point of view. He says the Germans thought the Kaiser lacked backbone, and even his close friends said discreetly that he was a coward. Then it was announced late in the summer by Ludendorff that the army was about through and an early peace would be necessary.

The feeling against the Kaiser became intensified and on all sides rose demands for his immediate abdication, as it was felt he stood in the way of peace. Hohenzollern, however, being on his deathbed, was expected of some party laboring under the delusion that he was holding his job as a result of direct action on the part of the Supreme Being. According to Lorenz, it was this reluctance on the part of the Kaiser to give up his throne that plunged Germany into the revolution and reign of terror which has since prevailed there. Says Mr. Lorenz:

I don't think the Kaiser really favored war. The war was represented to the people as one of defense, and every one believed we had been compelled to fight for our national existence. We are not a political nation. You can tell us anything.

The moment it became apparent that we had lost the war, the revolutionary current became strong. Everything had gone smoothly in the big fighting from March to July. In the middle of July came the first defeat, when we were thrown back. We had got dispatches telling us that 2,000,000 American soldiers were in France, but we were not allowed to publish them. A month later we couldn't keep the truth back any longer. Then the government announced that it was the Americans who were responsible for our reverse.

It was about July 15 when it became generally known that something had gone wrong. Countless rumors were being discussed by the agitated population. To counteract this, the government undertook a propaganda campaign to persuade the people that our retreats on the western front were of no importance. Admitting the presence of a big American force, it declared we could not possibly be driven out of France in less than two years.

The death-blow was the collapse of prestige. From that moment it was impossible to deceive the people any longer. Ludendorff came to Berlin with the statement that the game was up. This soon leaked out and then came the moral break-down of the nation. Although Ludendorff's paralyzing announcement had become common gossip, and certainly every newspaper reporter knew of it, the press never mentioned it until they announced, a week later, that an armistice had to be asked for.

From then on it was understood that the Kaiser must go. Representatives to this effect were made to the government but the emperor took the stand that he was in duty bound to stay. He declared the army would break down instantly if he abdicated.

This was another stupendous blunder. I verily believe that if Wilhelm had stepped down about Oct. 3 there would have been no revolution. With him and the crown prince out of the way, it would have been possible to establish a liberal, democratic government, under the leadership of a prince regent. The few days thus lost were fatal to any such plan.

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CHOCK FULL OF ORDERS.

New England Cloth Mills Have All They Can Do.

Primary markets for cotton cloth and yarn began last week to show a declining in the amount of dealing due to the excess and activity that has characterized them for the last three or four weeks according to a New Bedford special to the Christian Science Monitor. Mills are rapidly coming to the point where they cannot possibly take any more orders, no matter how fancy the prices that they are offered. Already many of them are sold out nearly to "Thanksgiving" for all of their product that can possibly be turned out under the most favorable conditions. They do not feel justified in contracting for deliveries further ahead than this because of the uncertainty as to what situations might arise in the interval.

Buyers apparently have not yet had their arduous work to any great degree despite the difficulty in finding mills that will consider further business. Prices are daily mounting higher and already in some styles of goods the government maximums of last fall have been left far in the rear. A rapidly rising market in raw cotton has served to help along the increase in the price of the manufactured articles, and as the wage increases that have been granted the textile operatives, beginning yesterday, but the advance in prices has already more than offset these factors, and buyers have not yet reached their limit.

To Discourage Speculation. What will happen when the gray goods that are being sold now come to be finished and prepared for retail markets is a matter for some misgiving on the part of many of the mill men. Retail prices are expected to go to levels that have never been reached in the days of the Civil War. It remains to be seen whether the consumers will be able to absorb the normal quantity of goods at such prices. Some curtailment in the amount of consumption is expected, but the producing capacity of the mills has been materially reduced also by the shortening of the regular working schedules, and the more optimistic of the manufacturers maintain that this will be more than offset the shrinkage in the volume of consumption.

Special precautions are being taken to discourage the buying of excessive quantities of cloth and yarn for speculative purposes. Mill men are looking askance at buyers who attempt to place orders in larger volume than usual and will not take them unless a satisfactory assurance is given that they are to be used in legitimate business channels and not resold in the gray. In this way it is hoped to reduce the amount of goods that come on the market for sale in the gray at second hand, and it is from such second-hand sales that manufacturers believe the greatest menace of a reaction comes.

Fine, combed yarn goods were almost at a standstill so far as actual dealing goes, though the demand for all styles was as strong and insistent as ever. New Bedford mills have been shut down for two weeks owing to a strike of the mill engineers and firemen, and they have therefore refused to quote on any goods whatever. Fine goods mills in other places have become sold ahead as far as they care to go and have virtually retired from the market until they got more nearly caught up with the business already on their books. Prices have risen at least two cents a yard on almost all styles of goods, but have not been sufficient to tempt the mills to abandon their position.

Activity in Print Cloth. Print cloth markets have had another week of activity with price advances of as much as a cent a yard on staple constructions. Demand for both wide and narrow goods has been apparently insatiable and nearly all the mills have now taken orders to carry them well into October, which is as far ahead as they will go at present. Sales of prints and twills have been especially in demand, but hardly any were available because of the large amount of this type of goods that was contracted for previously. The capacity of the mills equipped to make them has been sated and further advance in prices, though it has not reached five cents a yard in excess of last fall's maximum, holds no interest for the manufacturers.

Yarn markets are exceedingly stiff and buyers have found great difficulty in getting quotations and more so in getting the deliveries they want. Weaving yarns are especially hard to buy, particularly plied warp yarns. Many of the cloth mills which manufacture their own yarn are finding it impossible for their spinning departments to keep up with their looms and have been forced to go into the market and buy yarn. Some of them have looms stopped despite the high cloth prices, because they cannot get the yarn fast enough to keep them in operation. Practically none of the cloth mills is now in any position to sell yarn and the scarcity of the yarn mills is not equal to the present demand. The shutdown in New Bedford has still further reduced the available sources of supply and many of the southern mills are affected also by labor troubles.

NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE. HAVING filed my final return as Administrator, with will annexed, of E. C. CARROLL, deceased, with J. L. Houston, Probate Judge, notice hereby given that I will appear at the said Probate Judge on June 6th, 1919, at 11 a. m., for my discharge as said Administrator.

J. A. MARION, Administrator. With Will Annexed of Estate of E. C. CARROLL, deceased. 37 t 61

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