

**to Operate Merchant Fleet.**  
 Nov. 28.—Naval operations all American merchant ships in transatlantic service is to be transferred to the government to operate the ships. The proposal has the approval of the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the War. Those who do not wish to enlist would be shifted to the South American and Pacific trades, although officials believe the great majority are ready to enter the navy service.

Five well known prize winning horses were destroyed in a fire at Philadelphia Sunday. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000.  
 Edgar Charles Dickson, Clerk of Court of Clarendon County, died at his home in Manning Friday night. He had held the office less than one year.

## NOT ONE SLACKER

Part Played by One Yankee Woman in Revolution.

Margaret Corbin Took Her Husband's Place at the Guns in Battle of Fort Washington and Fell Wounded.

Margaret Corbin, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1751, was the only daughter of Robert Cockran, who was killed by the Indians in 1756. Margaret's mother, for whom the daughter was named, was taken into captivity at the same time. Margaret was now five years old and escaped her parents' fate because she and her brother were visiting an uncle, who raised Margaret.

In 1772 Margaret married John Corbin of Virginia. Corbin enlisted in the First company, Pennsylvania artillery, and his wife, having no children, followed her husband to war, serving as a nurse and aid in camp life.

When John Corbin was killed at the battle of Fort Mifflin, November 16, 1776, Margaret took his place at the gun, until struck down with three grapeshot, which severed an arm and tore away part of her breast.

Mary Pitcher's husband, Hays, was a gunner in the same regiment, and it is safe to assume that Margaret Corbin's heroism at Fort Mifflin inspired Molly Pitcher's act at Monmouth.

At the surrender Margaret was enrolled as a member of the "Invalid Regiment." Her wounds at Fort Washington were such that they were ultimately the cause of her death in 1800.

On account of her wounds the supreme council of Philadelphia on June 29, 1779, granted her \$30 and recommended her to the board of war for a regular pension. The resolution of congress, July 6, 1779, is on record in which honorable mention is made of the services of Margaret Corbin.

"Resolved, That Margaret Corbin, wounded and disabled at the attack of Fort Mifflin, while she heroically filled the post of her husband who was killed by her side, serving a piece of artillery, do receive during her natural life or continuance of said disability, one-half the monthly pay drawn by a soldier in service of these States; and that she now receive out of the public stores one suit of clothes or the value thereof in money."

Margaret Corbin was the first woman pensioned by our government for heroic deeds.

### Wanted to Clinch His Job.

"I should like a day's shore leave to attend to some personal business, if you please, sir," said a junior lieutenant, saluting, to Capt. James G. Ballinger of the Naval Coast Defense reserve recently.

"Your private worries are of minor importance now, as you are in the navy—however, fill out an application," replied the captain.

"I worked 17 years to get the job I now hold," said the lieutenant. "It means a good deal to me, as I want to get things straightened out before going to sea. I would like to have the job again in case I come back after the war, as it is a fair one. If you say so, sir, I will withdraw the request." He was turning away when Captain Ballinger asked:

"What's your name and job?"  
 "William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., vice president of the New York Central railroad."

In due course of time his one day's shore leave was granted. Lieutenant Vanderbilt having filled out the application.

### Some Queer Monies.

Iron money has been put into circulation recently in Germany. In Mexico cardboard money is in use, owing to the disappearance of metal currency due to the unsettled state of the country.

Porcelain money is used in Burma and Siam, and feather money, manufactured from the short red feathers from beneath the wings of a species of parrot, is the ordinary currency of the Santa Cruz islanders. The Loyalty islands, which lie in the Pacific to the east of Australia, are famous for their fur money. The fur, which is taken from behind the ears of the so-called "flying fox," is really a large, fruit-eating bat, is woven into cords of various lengths, and these constitute the ordinary currency of the islanders.

### As to Proper Behavior.

"Streets and sidewalks are public property. Citizens have the right to walk on them, whether they wear skirts, pantaloons or bathing suits, as long as their behavior is proper. There is no ordinance specifying the amount of clothing a person shall wear in the street," is the wisdom quoted from the lips of Judge Howard Hayes when passing upon the arrest of a young woman who promenaded in her bathing suit. We agree with the judge. The question is one of behavior. But it is fair to ask whether promenading the streets without any clothing would be proper behavior.—Chicago Post.

### The Ump Gets His.

The French have discovered that American baseball fits men for throwing hand grenades with precision and efficiency. It also affords a fine and perfectly legitimate chance to kill the umpire favoring the other side.

## 'TORPEDO MINE' NEW MENACE

Weapons Released by U-Boats Now Float When Power Is Spent and Endanger Passing Ships.

The newest engine of war to be introduced by the Germans is the "torpedo mine," according to the captain of a British merchant vessel who is also a reserve officer in the British navy.

According to this captain, the new idea is just what the name implies and is nothing more than a spent torpedo that has missed its mark.

In the past, when a torpedo was fired at a merchant or war vessel by a submarine and failed to strike the mark, the explosive tube kept on its course until its motive power died out, when it sank. Now, however, the Germans have perfected the torpedoes to such a degree that if one misses its target it will turn over and float when the propeller stops, becoming a high explosive mine. The torpedo nose becomes a detonating cap, as well as one or two more that are distributed over the tube.

"Like the 'periscope mine,' which made its appearance when the British admiral gave the order for all merchantmen to attempt to sink submarines by ramming them and offered a reward for each, the new mine was quickly discovered, and, according to the captain, is now carefully watched for.

The merchant captain also had something to say about the art of camouflage which is now being used on merchant vessels to offset the submarines.

"I have seen vessels painted so many different colors and in such odd ways that to attempt to describe them would be folly," he said. "I don't understand the work myself, but have seen some evidences of it at sea that have fooled me prettily.

"I remember seeing one vessel in the danger zone not long ago that seemed to have a destroyer lying beside it. I thought the captain very fortunate to have such protection, but did not have time to envy him because of the dangers that confronted me. When I got to port the freighter came in and I noticed, much to my surprise, that it had a full-sized and rigged destroyer painted on each side amidships."

### Blasting With Lime.

When water is added to calcium oxide, or quicklime, the lime expands slowly with almost irresistible force. This property of quicklime was utilized recently to break up piers twelve feet wide, twenty feet long and twelve feet high. The piers stood between similar piers that supported engines in constant operation and therefore had to be removed without injury to the machinery. It was impossible to blast the piers, and hand cutting was too slow and expensive. The work was accomplished by drilling three-inch vertical holes, three feet deep and three feet apart in both directions, over the entire area of the piers and filling them within six inches of the top with fresh slaked lime, in pieces one-half inch to one and a half inches wide. As soon as the lime was thoroughly wet the tops of the holes were filled with brick dust, which was well tamped. In about ten minutes cracks started in every direction and the entire top of the foundation pier was broken into three-foot cubes.

### Where Affliction Is Qualification.

An unusual advertisement appeared in a Chicago paper recently, desiring the services of five humpbacked men. The explanation of this strange want is even more interesting than the announcement, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

It seems that a large envelope factory, unable to fill its orders, decided to work nights as well as days. Long experience had demonstrated that in the use of certain machines women were better operators than men by reason of their hands being more delicate and nimble. The owner does not believe in factory work at night for women, and the men proved clumsy and slow. It was then he set about to seek men who were well but physically incapable of heavy work. He decided that humpbacks had the necessary qualifications of more agile and sensitive touch, and an actual test proved such to be the fact. Hence the advertisement.

### A Novelette.

When he came into the room where she sat he was struck at once by her marvelous beauty. At first she did not observe him, but finally she glanced in his direction.

There was something about him that caused her to unbend from her hauteur. She fell quickly into his vein of merry banter, and when at last he left she rolled her eyes at him.

With that innate courtesy for which our hero was celebrated he picked up her glass eye and returned it to her.

### Happy Thought.

"Haven't you forgotten something, sir?" asked a waiter of a customer who was about to depart without giving the customary gratuity.

"Dear me!" exclaimed the diner. "How fortunate it was you spoke! My wife told me not to spend my money foolishly, and I was just about to give you a tip!"

### Domestic Strategy.

"I saw you rush out of your house this morning. Anything wrong?"

"Nothing serious. I had been having some words with my wife and was just executing a 'retreat to victory.'"

"I can understand the retreat, but where did the victory come in?"

"I got away without having to write a check."

Ask Your Grocer For  
**CHEEK-NEAL'S COFFEES**  
 Best By Every Test

**Collins Brothers**  
 Undertakers for Colored People  
 Telephone 41 714 W. DeKalb St.

### TAX NOTICE

Office of Treasurer Kershaw Co.

Camden, S. C., Sept. 24, 1917.  
 Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for the collecting of State County, and School Taxes from October 15th, 1917, to March 15th, 1918. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1918; 2 per cent. February 1st, 1918, and 5 per cent. March 15th, 1918.

The rate per centum for Kershaw County is as follows:

State Taxes	Mills
County taxes	8 1-2
Special Taxes	10 1-2
Road taxes	3
School taxes	3

Total 22

The following School Districts have special levies:

School District No. 1	5
School District No. 2	4
School District No. 3	2
School District No. 4	2
School District No. 5	4
School District No. 6	8
School District No. 7	4
School District No. 8	4
School District No. 9	4
School District No. 10	5
School District No. 11	5
School District No. 12	7
School District No. 13	4
School District No. 14	3
School District No. 15	3
School District No. 16	4
School District No. 17	3
School District No. 18	4
School District No. 19	4
School District No. 20	4
School District No. 21	2
School District No. 22	7
School District No. 23	3
School District No. 24	4
School District No. 25	4
School District No. 26	4
School District No. 27	9
School District No. 28	5
School District No. 29	4
School District No. 30	4
School District No. 31	6
School District No. 32	4
School District No. 33	4
School District No. 34	8
School District No. 35	8
School District No. 36	4
School District No. 37	2
School District No. 38	5
School District No. 39	5
School District No. 40	11
School District No. 41	4
School District No. 42	3
School District No. 46	8
School District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.00.

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.  
 D. M. McCASKILL,  
 County Treasurer.

**HOLSTEIN BULL**  
 Registered  
 Will be for service at  
 Westerham Plantation.  
 Terms \$2.00 cash for season.  
 W. A. RUSH, Manager,  
 Lugoff, S. C.

A CARLOAD OF  
**MULES**  
 RECEIVED  
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH  
**GEO. T. LITTLE**

**We Can Suggest**  
 Nothing better for these cool, crisp mornings than a breakfast of hot Buckwheat Cakes and syrup.  
 We have  
 Buckwheat Flour  
 Maple Syrup  
 Pure Porto Rico Molasses  
 New Orleans Molasses  
 Georgia Cane Syrup.

Telephone 2

**LANG'S**  
 HIGH GRADE GROCERY

**WE WANT YOUR Barber Business**

Shave	10c
Hair Cut	25c
Electrical Massage	25c
Hand Massage	25c
Gloves and all	
Oil Shampoos	50c
Plain Shampoo	25c

**EUREKA BARBER SHOP**  
 I. B. ENGLISH, Prop.

**Your Ammunition**  
 You need ammunition for the battle of life. A good, healthy body is essential for the campaign. There's one sure way to secure this healthy body.  
**PURE GROCERIES**  
 We'd like to sell groceries cheap, but we can't do Nobody can. But we can and will sell the best, and at prices low as some people charge for the other kind. Make your dollar do a dollar's work by bringing us.  
 Don't put inferior ammunition into the body if you could have it do its best work.

**Price's Pure Food Store**  
 PHONE 66

**SANTA CLAUS SHOES**  
 We don't know what they are made of, nor in what style. But we do know our shoes are made of the best materials to be had, and in all the latest modes. As Santa is probably an old-timey fellow, he probably doesn't go much on style, but you can bet he knows all about styles. You, however, want correct style with lasting quality. These you are sure of getting when you step into a pair of our celebrated Queen Quality or Reynolds shoes. Any style, any material, any last, and fit any foot.  
**C. C. WHITAKER**

**The Price OR The Value WHICH!**

In buying dry goods, clothing, shoes, etc., there are two main points to consider—  
**PRICE AND VALUE**  
 Value is not always represented by price.  
 On the contrary, price is frequently out of all proportion to value, being influenced by style or prevailing fads.  
 This store endeavors at all times to give solid values even in lines where fashion governs.  
 If you would be sure of not only right price, but right value, come to us.

**Baruch-Nettles Co.**  
 CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

**THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN**

It doesn't matter how expert he may be, he'll fail unless he has a reliable gun.

**We Sell Reliable Guns.**

We have a line of shot guns second to none—one of the most complete lines ever brought to this market.

We have guns from the boy's toy to the hammerless perfection of the art of gun making.

What is life in the open without your gun? Come to us for the best.

**Pearce-Young Hardware Co.**