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## London, Ont., Friday, Sept. 27.

GERMANY WEAKENING. PEAKING before the Reichstag main commit-

tee the German chancellor complains that his peace proferrings have been persistently gnored by President Wilson and the Entente overnments. What other reception could be exected for such a statement as this: "The first and ost important preliminary condition towards peace is the loyal and energetic desire to interrene for liberty and justice"? 'This from the nation which deliberately broke its word and crushed Belgium, the nation which wiped out Serbia, enslaved Poland, approved the Armenian massacres and which at Brest-Litovsk handed over Russia to Lenine's band of murderers. Hertling insists that mutual chivalry must play a big part at the peace conference. This from the power which sank the Lusitania, murdered Edith Cavell, bombed Red Cross hospitals, torpedoed ambulance ships and stood for an organized beastliness and filthiness unequalled in the records of war. It is not conceivable that Hertling really believes he will be taken seriously outside of Germany. He knows that Germany has advertised her shameless disregard of others too well to gain any support or sympathy from belligerent or neutral with a last-hour repentance. But with the home tolk he hopes it will have some effect. Hertling is trying to stiffen the resistance of the people by holding Germany up as a champion of freedom, justice and liberty. But there are many signs that the German people can no longer be bamboozled by lying platitudes. Daily it is becoming more evident that the widespread and clamorous dissatisfaction of the German people is becoming too strong to be controlled and maneuvered for the selfish ends of the gang at Potsdam. Disappointment, under-nourishment, economic and industrial chaos are sweeping the nation towards the hour when the rulers will have to climb down and consent to a genuine peace offer. They may be able to postpone this for a time by using the old scapegoat dodge, sacrificing the present ministry for another set of puppets, some of them probably carefully selected from the Socialists, but there is little doubt now that Germany is rapidly nearing the "kamerad" stage.

### PHYSICAL FITNESS IN THE ARMY NOT STANDARDIZED.

TINDER the above caption in the Border Cities Star, the name of the new daily paper in Windsor, Ontario, the editor has severely taken the present method of army medical examinations in hand and claims that much injustice lous hues by the hand of Jack Frost. has been done, and is being done, in admitting men to the army that could better serve the country by following their ordinary vocation. We know that similar cases exist elsewhere in Ontario than in Windsor, and it is high time that of crimson, gold, brown, purple, lichen grey, those responsible for the trouble should be called

We are quite certain that the majority of the medical profession are men of good judgment passed with scarcely any appreciable effect, A and conscientious in the performance of their flaming branch or twig perhaps has been left as a duty; but we also believe that there are others visiting card. Jack Frost has hied him on to the who have been appointed by the Government as pleasant river valley, and the most sheltered cove medical examiners who are either incapable of deciding a man's fitness for army work or else are tubes in his kit bag. Later, he will fling his

denly, because of the adverse decision of another medical board, he finds himself without employment and under the necessity of returning again to his private avocation, perhaps with prospects consider-

ably impaired. Cases of another kind of hardship have come to our notice. One young man, with parents practically, if not absolutely, dependent upon himself and brother under the age limit, was placed in medical category E. His younger brother, with the assurance that the other would not be called, immediately enlisted. Later, another medical board on re-examination of the older brother, revised his category to A2. He was immediately called up for service. Cases of

that kind impose quite unnecessary hardship. It is surely possible in medical science to stan-dardize the medical examination of recruits in such a manner as to make the first examination final, except in so far as disqualifying conditions may develop after the recruit is received into the army, and it surely ought to be done.

A correspondent in commending the Star

"Not many months ago a young Englishman who started with little capital managed by strict economy to amass enough to rent a farm on his own account in Essex County, and buy implements and stock; his crop was well advanced and doing nicely, and he saw that, under existing prices, he would this year have some return for his years of hard labor. He was examined—at Leamington, I believe—and pronounced medically unfit, and went back to his farm. He was placed in category

'E.' About two months later he was called up again, and was sent to London after being examined here. He was put in uniform, and permitted to return to his farm for a couple of weeks to sell out. Much of his stock and implements were sacrificed by reason of the fact that in the place where he lived the market was limited, being considerably out of the way. He then returned to London to complete his training for overseas. After about seven or eight weeks he was discharged as medically unfit. Can any greater harship be imagined, much less carried out? An English immigrant boy who came here without a dollar, and after self-denial of years saving enough to begin life then virtually robbed of much that he had accumulated, and this by a paternal government. True, he had the money resulting from the sale of his goods, but he suffered loss that the Government should be compelled to make up to him.

"Another case—A man was rejected also as being medically unfit. This was in Windsor. It was stated that he had symptoms of tuberculosis. He was placed in category 'C.' Later he was called up and placed in 'A2.' Knowing his own condition he protested and went to his physician for another examination. His condition was found to be poor, and in order to have the diag- my son. nosis confirmed his physician took him to a specialist, also in Windsor. As a result he was told that it would be suicidal for him to enter the army. Then he was taken to Detroit by his family doctor to have the X-rays used, and this gave further evidence of the physical unfitness of the man. He has appealed to the Government, and thus the matter stands

"Another case—A young man was operated on for appendicitis in March of 1917. He was only 17 years of age. In January of 1918 he had pneumonia. Afterwards the physician said he gave evidence of weak lungs, and that he would have to be careful. Yet he passed in category 'A2' in London. His physician said that he did not understand how he got through, but averred that he could not possibly pass the physical test in Toronto for the Air Force, but he did. Recently street, Milwaukee. he has been laid up as a result of 'adhesions' from the appendicitis, and the end is not yet.

If this kind of treatment continues it will inevitably reduce the staying-power of our men Mustrush, of Johnstown, Penn., will as a whole, and it certainly is an injustice to the healthy men to be burdened with extra work by reason of having as comrades-in-arms men who fall considerably below that standard. Moreover, false diagnosis, or careless diagnosis, which is just as bad, will weaken public confidence in the medical profession generally. Taking the profession as a whole The Advertiser holds them in the highest respect, but all professions contain some elements of danger to the public, and it is up to those who stand at the top, and value their good name, to see to it that some concerted action is taken to prevent a continuance of the practices alleged by the Star.

These are times when the man-power of the country is of vital importance, and the economic | suckers. loss ensuing on such practice as is alleged must be of very great magnitude. This man's farm neglected, another man's business gone to smash, uniforms discarded after being in use for but a few weeks, time wasted in drilling men known to knowledge be medically unfit, and so on. It is time to call a

street, down in the river valley, is a garden of wondrous beauty, a garden of shrubs, and by Mother Nature and tinted in marvel planted by Mother Nature and tinted in marvel-

Not until the brow of the high river bank is reached is anything unusual suspected. Then it cause one winning session makes a man forget about the nine times he flashes upon the eye, first the silvery winding lost. of crimson, gold, brown, purple, lichen grey, scarlet, heliotrope and green, with here and there are it that way.

Father's idea of a labor-saving device would be to let the screens stay in the windows all winter. But Mother can't see it that way. a patch of royal blue. Other places in the adjoining country and in the city, the frost has of all, to hold high revelry with all the rare color

as the "Macks" are reputed to be he will refuse

And at the grave he often jeers; The Jaws of Death don't worry him, The Jaws of Life are what he fears

Huh! don't you?" asked the Bachelor. "I certainly do," replied the Benedict. "I married her."

Advice. You want to wed a girl, that's true, But our advice is: "Don't!" Until you're sure she won't.

Paw Knows Everything Willie-Paw, why does the world love lover? Paw-Becau

"Is quite an ancient wheeze; But hen's teeth are not half as rare As German victories."

The Honest Milkman.

You can see this inscription painted

on the sides of a whole lot of milk wagons in Chicago: I. Mix Milk 7315 Vincennes Avenue. Chicago.

Firms Is Firms. Better bring us about a dozen, and say, waiter, bring a bottle of good ketchup with them. What are we talking about? Oh, we almost forgot to inform you that the Fried Ostermann Company does business at 617 Reed

Glddap! Girls are taking the places of messenger boys these days, and if Minnie

Hooray! A fellow gets so little beer for a jitney nowadays that it is a relief to know that John Highfill is running a

Sign on a store in Columbus, Ohio: R. Ottin Fruits and Vegetables.

kalf on Banklick street, Covington, Ky.

Names Is Names. Pearl Barley lives at Johnstown

Our Daily Special. Balt Your Hook With Something For Nothing And You'll Catch Plenty of

Where two or three women are gathered together some woman who is present is getting a good panning. Some men keep so busy acquiring knowledge that they never have any time to make any use of it.

a TOUCH OF THE AUTUMN.

WAY UP AT the north end of Maitland street down in the mixer well and the street down in the mixer well as time to make any use of it.

When the man who invented the slide trombone grew old and crippled and could not get away, retribution hounded him in the form of a neighbor who practiced on one of the blamed things repaid with an evil deed.

Funny how many men there are who always say the wrong thing at the Poker will always be popular be-

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THE MEDICAL DIPLOMAT.
By Imes MacDonald.

medical examiners who are either incapable of deciding a man's fitness for army work or else are too busy in other directions to perform their work satisfactorily. It is a very serious thing to permit a man to enlist unless he meets the physical test in every particular, and we thought the lesson taught some physicians who even urged men to understate their age in order to swell the ranks from a certain district prior to the last election, would have made some of them more cautious.

The Star comments:

Canada should do something along the line of fixing an absolute standard of physical fitness for the army to avoid cases of hardship and unfairness of treatment.

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Bulgaria and Turkey backed the wrong horse.
Rumania backed the right horse at the wrong time, but it looks as if she might be able to place a new bet.

General Mackensen has been invited to take charge of the Bulgarian forces. If he is as canny is a carry was somewhat to call him down for not getting up at 4 o'clock to help with if he ought to call him down for not getting up at 4 o'clock to help with the chores before the family breakfast at 5:30.

as the "Macks" are reputed to be he will refuse the honor.

ENGLAND.

[Chicago Evening Post.]

Trust the battle line of England, the Indomitable:

Of all the peoples of history none more than the English have shown the strength that comes in the fight with back to the wall. The last ditch is where England fights best, and there she will fight best today, if forced to it by the most tremendous military pressure the world has ever known.

Thank God our boys are fighting at her side, even if it be but a few of them!

May they carry to her the assurance of our faith and glory in her. May they sweep aside the ancient prejudices that have made us grudge England her fair meed of trust and honor.

Here at home we cannot tole physically in the bettle to

olister.
"And all I've got to do is to enterin this nice man until you think he's to come back to his work?" she

The weather was perfect and work had slackened enough so that Holister felt that he could take a day off with a clear conscience, so he walked through the woods and the fields to the Horton pond some three miles away. There at the grassy foot of a steep bank some ten or twelve feet high he made himself comfortable and set out a couple of lines.

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He was all unaware that Mildred had been stalking him for the past several days. She had seen him several times, but there had been no opportunity to meet him in any other than an ordinary way, and Mildred meant to obey Uncle Doc's orders if it was possible to do so. That afternoon in her wanderings she came to a fence that ran along the top of an unexpected high bank, and peering down, discovered to her surprise the unsuspecting Holister tending his lines. She leaned forward against the fence to get a better look at her victim. The old rotten posts gave way, and Mildred suddenly found herself describing a beautiful somersault that landed her most joltingly on her hands and knees at Holister's side.

He stared in startled surprise.
"I—just dropped in—to see if—if
you were having any luck," she said
dizzily, as soon as she could catch her

"I think," he said, relieved to see that she was not hurt, "I'm not sure, but I think this is going to be the luckiest day of my life." He looked back up at the top of the hill from which she had descended upon him. "What circus were you educated from?" he grinned. Mildred looked up at him out from under her tumbled hair and Hollster looked deep down into the offering of her glance — and from that Instant neither he nor she nor the orders of Dr. Dubbs had anything more to do with it.

"All you've got to do is to interest him and keep him interested. You must meet him in such a way that he can't help noticing you. He needs something to occupy his mind."

"Til feel like a vampire," she mused. But she went.

So a few days later Mildred Morrison was establish as the star boarder on the Jackson farm on the other side of the road and a quarter of a mile below the Allison place. Holister heard of it at breakfast the next morning. Mr. Allison said that a right pretty-looking at oreakiast the next morning. Mr. Allison said that a right pretty-looking city girl had come to board with the Jacksons for a while, but he did not think much about it until some time later in the week—the day he went fishing, to be exact.

with it.

In less than a week the neighbors had noticed it. In ten days Holister had succeeded in kissing Mildred after several false starts—and in three weeks Dr. Dubbs received a letter from Holister that made him snort.

"Dear Doc,—You needn't think you've put anything over on me. You haven't. I put it all over by myself. As a matter of fact I don't care if I never come back to town. You see, there was a wedding in these parts yesterday and your fair ambassadorette has confessed all to yours truly,

"HER HUSBAND."

## Are You Wearing "Tired" Shoes?

OOTWEAR-like people-needs a rest once in a while. Your shoes will wear longer and look better if they are not

worn continuously. It is a real economy to have at least two pairs of shoes in service at the same time, and to change them often. It means that your shoe money will go farther, for in the long run you will buy fewer pairs of shoes. It is a fact that a pair of shoes will wear more than twice as long when worn every other day instead of every day in the week.

Nowadays, when prices are high, and it is necessary to conserve leather for the army, such economy is doubly important. It is important for the individual and for the nation.

Take care of your shoes. Keep them well polished, let them dry slowly and naturally, and do not wear the same pair every day. It will pay you to do this. A.H.M. War-Time Selections offer special Service Value

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WINNIPEG EDMONTON VANCOUVER

MONTREAL



# Will the Stars and Stripes Float Over the City of Metz?

Many American editors are impressed with the significance of the statement of Marshal Foch in a cabled message to the Knights of Columbus: "It was from Metz that Lafayette went to help your ancestors, and we shall one day see your victorious banner floating in Metz." The Richmond Journal is convinced that before the present season for open warfare closes "the Stars and Stripes will float over the city of Metz," despite the fact that it is a "long, hard road," according to Colonel Azan, the distinguished French officer.

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for this week, the leading article gives a glowing description of all the incidents relating to the first great American victory in Europe in which the U.S. army, with the gallant French, wiped out the St. Mihiel salient in twenty-seven hours and shows how this victory affects the future downfall of Metz. Accompanying this article is a splendid full-page colored map, with a complete index, of the terrain now being fought over by the United States forces.

Other news features of great interest in this number of "The Digest" are:

## Germany's Whining Chorus

From the All-Highest to All the Lowest in Germany a Chorus of Whines Is Heard as the Allied Success on the Western Front Grows. Read in This Article the Translations From the German Press.

Austria's Diplomatic Waterloo Proof of Russia's Betrayal A Poor Time to Quit Work To Remake Europe On Peace Lines What Germany Leaves to Rumania The Science of Making Canned Music

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