Doctor Tells How To Strengthen Eyesight 50 per cent In One Week's Time In Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home.

Philadelphia, Pa. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets. Drop one Bon-Opto tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

Note: Another prominent Physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturers guarantee it to strengthen eyesight 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family."

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS ON THE PEACE SITUATION.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

Comments of the German papers on the Entente reply to the German peace proposal, sent by Reuter's correspondent from Amsterdam, indicate a universal conviction that peace is now impossible and that the Central Powers must continue to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor. The Berlin Lokal Anzieger considers that nobody is shocked because of the Entente refusal, but it adds that everyone will be surprised and shocked at the shallowness, levity and mendacity of the reasons given for the refusal. It is difficult to explain how 10 serious men were able to affix their signatures to the document without blushing. Our answer can only be given on the battlefield. The Vossiche Zeitung says: All possibility of further negotiations have disappeared under this scornful reply. There can only be one rejoinder, namely, warfare, until the cold steel of our arms have brought the fever temperature of our enemies down to something near normal. The Berlin Tageblatt says: We would gladly have written "Peace be unto thee" over the gate of the New Year, but it would be childish to seek in the Entente's reply any expressions but those of absolute war. Nowhere in the world can there be any doubt that the Entente's plans, which aim at the dismemberment of Germany, Austria, Hungary and Turkey, will be resolutely repelled by the German people. The Kreuza Zeitung says: The form of the Entente's rejection makes it an insult. Our reply can only be given with the sword. The Vorwaerts says: Since our enemies desire to continue the war no choice remains to the German people. There will be no illusion. Behind the refusal lies the hope of finally being able to lay Germany prostrate. It is of interest to the whole German people to frustrate this design. The Rhenische Westphalische Zeitung says: The German people as one man will now gather around Von Hindenburg. The last plea for indulgence falls to the ground. All our sharp weapons must come into use on land, sea or air. We know the point where Britain is vulnerable. The Cologne Gazette's Berlin correspondent considers no way is left open for further negotiations, and adds, it is not yet decided what the Government will do, but it is not improbable Germany will again precisely define the German view direct to neutrals.

THE PEACE DREAM IS OVER.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.

The peace dream is over for the present, says the Taeglsche Rundschun. Who ever abandoned himself thereto will be sobered by the Entente reply, and will adapt himself to the hard reality. If the German offer is to-day rejected, though peace is not by this refusal suffocated, British, French and Russian people have been deluded in the belief that our offer of peace was a confession of our weakness and an attempt to save ourselves before collapse.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING.

ROME, Jan. 2.

Heavy artillery fighting is in progress all along the Austro-Italian front, it is reported officially.

WIN AND LOSE.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.

The Russian-Roumanian forces have retired at some points on the Moladvian west frontier, and in Dobrudja they have withdrawn to new positions, the war office announced to-day. In Karina river sector, close to the Hungarian frontier, however, the Roumanians regained lost ground and are holding it against continued attacks.

GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED.

On the French front, France, Jan. 2.—During the course of last year, according to authoritative figures, 78,500 Germans were captured on the French front by the French and 40,800 by the British, while in Serbia and Macedonia the Entente allied armies took 11,173 Bulgarians and Turks prisoners. During the same period the Italians took prisoners, 52,250 Austrians, while the Russians captured more than four hundred thousand Germans and Austrians.

REFUGEES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.

Nine hundred and sixty-five refugees from Belgium and Russian Poland arrived to-night from Rotterdam by the steamer New Amsterdam of the Holland-American Line. Most of the refugees are destined for the Middle West.

ITALY'S SUCCESS.

ROME, Jan. 2.

From thirty to forty-three Austrian divisions are kept engaged along the Italian front, says an official communication issued to-day. The statement adds, since Italy entered the war she has conquered 1,200 square miles of territory shortening the war front from 500 to 375 miles with an aggregate of 1875 miles of entrenched lines. War material is being manufactured in 2,179 factiries, employing 469,000 workers, including nearly 73,000 women. Amsterdam prisoners now number 85,000, the statement asserts.

NEUTRAL COMMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

Commenting on the Entente's reply to the German peace proposal, the Telegraaf, according to an Amsterdam despatch, says: Germany's manoeuvre to divide the enemies completely failed. The Entente note bears witness to the unanimity and solidarity only possible on the basis of the holiest belief in the justice of their cause. The entire neutral world, with President Wilson at its head, must now admit it is impossible for the Entente to enter into negotiations with Germany while she refuses to unconditionally repair the injustice of her invasion of Belgium. German calculation that public opinion in neutral states would turn in favor of the Central Powers as a result of German overtures appears likely to prove false owing to the clever tactics of the Allies. The contention of the German press, however, that the Entente does not want peace is incorrect. It is impossible to express an opinion on the German peace conditions which nobody knows. The burden of responsibility has shifted. It is now Germany's duty to disclose her conditions.

WHITE STAR LINER MISSING.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.

Concern is felt in marine insurance and shipping circles to-day for the safety of the White Star steamer Georgic, one of the largest cargo carriers in the world, due to arrive in Liverpool on Dec. 19th, but not reported. The Georgic sailed from Philadelphia on Dec. 3rd for Brest and Liverpool with a cargo insured in New York City for one million dollars. The local official line believe the steamer may have been disabled and that Capt. Summers, her commander, fearing to betray his position to German submarines did not send out wireless calls for aid. The Georgic usually carries from 12,000 to 14,000 tons of cargo on the voyage. After waiting two weeks for news of the Georgic, marine insurance men sent the rates higher to-day.

BUSY IN GERMANY WITH GUNS.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.

Many thousand guns per week is reported to be the measure of the manufacturing effort which Germany is now making for 1917, an effort on which the entire manhood force of the nation which can be spared from the front and from their occupations, is being concentrated under First Quartermaster General Von Ludendorf's Universal Labor Service Law. Counting four months before the probable renewal of the world-war to full vigor on all fronts, these figures mean great supply of cannon of all calibre from field guns up to the gigantic howitzers, to meet the admittedly gigantic effort which the Entente Allies are expected to make in this the third year of Kitchener's prophecy to turn the scale of the war. Along with these guns German factories are turning out correspondingly stupendous quantities of ammunition. The production of machine guns each of which virtually replaces a platoon of men, has been placed on a scale far beyond that of the past year. The campaign of 1917 will, it is already evident, be fought as a wide extension and development of the Somme battle with even a heavier concentration of artillery over a far wider front and with lines literally bristling with machine guns. Confidence that their opponents will be unable to break through this wall of steel and fire is not only expressed by the higher commanders, but also is manifested right down into the ranks of the common people.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

The British official to-night says: Early this morning a strong hostile patrol reached our trench east of Vermelles, but was repulsed with the loss of half its number. Under cover of heavy bambardment a strong enemy patrol of some forty men endeavored to approach our line last night north of Ypres. The few men who succeeded in reaching our trenches were immediately ejected. The enemy's losses were heavy. There was considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day and last night at different points on the front between the Somme and the Ancre. Southeast of Ypres effective counter battery work was carried out at these points. There were also bombardments of enemy positions in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres.

STEAMER ASHORE.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

The British steamer Nestorian, 6,395 tons, from Galveston for Liverpool, is ashore and probably will be a total wreck. All the members of the crew have been saved, according to the statement by Lloyds.

AUSTRIAN COMMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co. from Amsterdam asys the Vienna newspapers comment on the Entente Allies' replies to Germany's peace proposal, describes it as arrogant and declares their presumptuous demands for expiation, reparation, and guarantee must be rejected because the Central powers have nothing to explate and nothing to guarantee. They add that that blood which is still to flow will be on the head of the Entente.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO BE HELD.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Copenhagen says that the Vienna Reichspost says it learns that an important meeting of the Presidents of the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish Parliaments will be held at Berlin on Jan. 18th.

BELGIAN THANKS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.

Gratitude for American assistance to the Belgians was conveyed to President Wilson in a New Year's message from King Albert of Belgium which was received at the White House to-day: "It gives them hope that the United States will always remain a powerful protector of Belgium," concludes the message.

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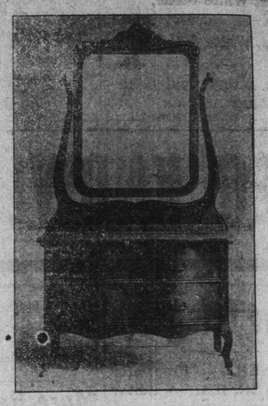

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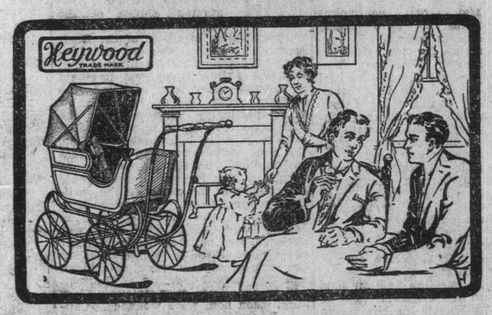

THE FAIR.

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Streets in Dangerous Condition

As a result of last night's rain showers followed by frost, the streets of the city were masses of glitter this morning and it was with the greatest difficulty that people got to their work. It was particularly dangerous going over the inclines. Hardware stores did a brisk business to-day in the way of selling creepers in consequence of the ice-covered ground.

Here and There.

BRITISH SOCIETY.—Another card tournament will be held by the Nfld. British Society in their rooms to-night for poultry prizes.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT. — We understand that until a permanent "Controller" is appointed, the Minister of Customs will dispense the liquor and has started in upon his new duties.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.— The volunteers were at indoor drill all yesterday, as the weather prevented them from having practice at the South Side Range. A batch of men who were to their homes in the outports on leave returned by last evening's train.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE—Infectious disease is on the increase in the city. Yesterday afternoon two boys living at Rocky Lane and Military Road were removed to hospital to be treated for diphtheria. A little girl of the Battery, suffering from typhoid fever, was also taken to hospital yesterday.

A NEW SLOVAN.—Yesterday afternoon the new pair of draft horses belonging to the Imperial Oil Co. were seen on the streets for the first time and were attached to a magnificent slovan of an exceptionally large and strong construction. The slovan is the product of the Lawrence Bros. Factory and compares favourably with any and surpasses most of the imported article.

AGED WOMAN FALLS OVER BANK.—A poor woman named Wheeler, of the West End, while gathering ends of wood west of the Reid Nfld. Co.'s round house yesterday, lost her footing and slid down the bank into the water which fortunately for her happened to be at low tide. The old woman was rescued from her perilous position by two boys who happened to be playing nearby.

CIVIL SERVANTS GET SALARIES INCREASED.—It is the intention of the Government at the next meeting of the Legislature to give a substantial increase in the salaries of the civil servants of the colony. We also learn that the salaries of teachers will be slightly increased. The Government, which in view of the high cost of living, are taking a leaf from the books of some of our local business concerns are to be commended for their action.

Mother! Don't Take Chances If Child's Tongue Is Coated

If cross, feverish, sick, bilious, clean little liver and bowels.

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is oftimes all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

RECOVERED CABLE.—For several days the dredge Priestman was looking for a large cable which was lost by the S. S. Fiona. She recovered it yesterday.

Open Every Night.

STAFFORD'S DRUG STORE (Theatre Hill) will be open every night until 9.30.

3 SPECIALTIES:

Stafford's Liniment for Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all Aches and Pains. Over 30,000 bottles sold last year.

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Here and There.

QUIET TOWN.—With the ushering in of Prohibition, last night was spent in peace and quiet by the police and only one arrest was made, he being a Danish sailor who deserted his ship.

Have your Suit or Overcoat Cleaned or Pressed for New Year. Phone or send to SPURRELL, 365 Water Street. Telephone 574.—dec28,eod,tf

NURSE CAREY. — It is said that Nurse Carey, of the Fever Hospital staff will be leaving there shortly, having received an assignment in a military hospital in the Old Country.

Hockey Matters.

The Hockey League will meet Saturday night next to finalize last year's work and to make arrangements for this season's fixtures. There will be four teams again to enter this year, namely:—Terra Novas, Victorias, Feildians and St. Bon's. Some of the best stick-handlers who played the winter prior to the outbreak of the war will be seen in the ranks of the respective teams this year, so that an interesting series of games may be looked forward to. The Terra Novas, last year's champions, will have practically their same line up and are expecting to retain their laurels.

The Victorias will be strengthened, as they are getting Errol Munn to do their roving.

The Feildians, who were close runners up last winter, are going to make a bold bid for the championship. Charlie Strong is going to "cover" for them. There will be a marked improvement also, we hear, in the ranks of the St. Bon's. Young Kelly, the fast left wing and crack shot, who made a name for himself with the College teams last year, is going to don the armour with the seniors.

Here and There.

Stafford's Drug Store (Theatre Hill) is open every night till 9.30.—jan2,tf

NEW FISH PLANT.—The construction of the big fish plant at Bay Bulls is being rushed to completion.

Phoratone Cough and Cold Cure is manufactured only by Dr. F. Stafford & Son.—jan2,tf

NEW SCHOOL OPENS. —On Sunday next the new school erected by Rev. P. O'Brien, at Bay Bulls, will be opened with a bazaar.

ORGANS.—We offer this Xmas two Mason and Hamlin Organs, slightly used. Secure one for the home. CHESLEY WOODS, 282 Duckworth Street.—dec16,tf

ACKNOWLEDGMENT. — The Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Methodist Orphanage begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of twenty-five dollars from the Hon. George Knowling.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.