

COURIER
COMICS

In the Wrong Branch.
"You've fallen out of line not less than five times; you should not be in this regiment" at all," cried the instructor at the officers' training camp.
"Where should I be?" demanded the recruit.
"In the flying corps, and then you'd only have to fall out once."—From the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Nowadays.
Teacher (to geography class)—How many zones are there? Well, Archibald?
Pupil—Two, wet and dry.—From Life.

Squeezed Dry.
"Si Hubbard told me he got a heap of work out of you when you was workin' ter him," said the farmer.
"Wal, I allow he did," said the hired man.
"Yas. Fact is, I guess he just about got it all."

A Jolly War Victim.
Pat had lost an eye in battle. When he got out of the hospital and went back to the front, he got into an argument with an English soldier. "I'll bet," he said, "that I can see more with my one eye than you can with two."
"Prove it."
"Well, I can see two eyes in your face, and you can only see one in mine."

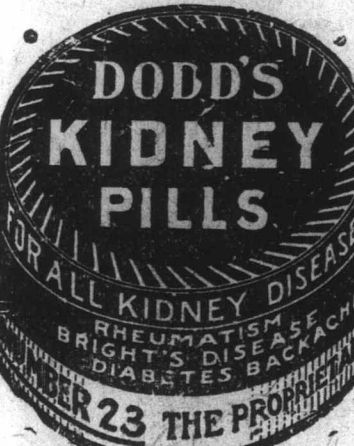
Almost Forgotten.
Mrs. Manager was about to start on an outing with her family.
"Let me see. Here's the lunch basket, here's the field glasses, and here's the bundle of umbrellas. I think we've got everything, and yet—Children, we haven't forgotten anything, have we?"
"Shall I get in now, my dear?" said her husband, pulling on his driving gloves.
"Why, yes, of course!" beamed Mrs. Manager. "Get in! I knew there was something else!"—Rehebeboth Sunday Herald.

"They seem to have a lot of trouble with their car."
"Yes. Her husband is one of those expert accountants who imagines he is a horn mechanic."

Golden Moments.
Caller—Have you a few moments to spare, sir?
Capitalist—Young man, my time is worth \$100 an hour, but I'll give you ten minutes.
Caller—Thanks, but if it's all the same to you, sir, I believe I'd rather take it in cash.

Wait Till the Next Car.
Why it is folks sit this way in the car we miss.
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FIRST PHOTO OF THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES ON THE ACTUAL FIGHTING FRONT.
This is one of the first pictures received in this country showing the cessation of hostilities on the fighting front near the Verdun route at Metz. A German captain and his staff at the right is receiving orders from the French commander of that sector, that hostilities are at an end. The captain and his staff were given two minutes in which to return to their lines. The photo was taken on the morning of the signing of the armistice exactly eleven thirty-five. Photograph copyright, by Underwood and Underwood.

Gas Purified at Last Says Ald. Montgomery

Satisfactory information in connection with purification of the city's gas supply was submitted to the city council last night by Ald. Montgomery, chairman of the gas committee, whereat the following report:

Gentlemen,—Your committee, after reviewing their year's work in reviewing their year's work, hope that their efforts justify their appointment.

Their various activities as crystallized by resolutions interested other municipalities which endorsed our appeal to the Government for the conservation of natural gas for use in domestic purposes and for gas engines only. They also worked for the appointment of a consulting engineer on gas to the Bureau of Municipal Affairs. They assisted in our efforts in obtaining estimates for the installation of artificial gas and local purifying plants. The committee investigated all correspondence by personal interviews where possible, and by visiting the gas districts to confirm information. For these purposes an appropriation of \$600 was granted the committee. We are pleased to inform the council that our expenditures for the investigation did not exceed \$100.

Two objects have practically been kept in view and all efforts centered on these, on purification and on conservation of the supply.

The result is most encouraging. We have succeeded to the extent that the city is receiving gas which is without danger to health, and a continuance of the cheapest fuel in Ontario. The gas company, after great expense, discontinued experimenting on purification during 1915. They believed that gas could be purified, but they failed to do so. The only means of treating the gas successfully in large quantities and yet maintain pressure sufficient to send it through the mains.

The committee persistently pursued the bombardment method endorsed by several municipalities using natural gas, advising the company of the council's money grant to investigate the cost of artificial gas and a purifying plant, and to estimate the value of the Brantford Gas Company plant claiming under the Franchise Act that we could cancel their franchise. We also offered to build a local purifying plant and rent it to the company. As a result of our efforts during last July the company had a meeting at their New York office and decided to again attempt purification.

After further large expense, under the steam and ammonia process they produced improved gas on October 15th. Further changes have resulted in a perfect system of purification. Two members of the committee visited the gas field and the purifying plant last week, and obtained from the records in their chemical department and by spending a day observing the operations, some information which will interest the citizens.

The Southern Ontario Gas Company controls from 120 to 130 wells that produce six to seven and a half million cubic feet in twenty-four hours. This is distributed by the Dominion Natural Gas Company. The sulphur contents varies from 450 to 700 grains in every 100 cubic feet. The pressure in the wells has decreased from 600 to about 160 pounds during the past five years. If permitted some hours' rest the pressure would now reach 250 pounds.

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(By Wellington.)



limits. This can bring home to the people that natural gas is a fuel worthy to economize on. Your committee believe they have largely contributed to produce the present results in conserving the supply, but more especially to the satisfactory purification of the gas, and they appreciate the encouragement from the council as given by several resolutions in support of the committee's work.

The committee have valuable information referring to the manner in which to procure the best results from gas used, and how to avoid sweating pipes, etc., and especially on future preparations for a continuance of cheap fuel, and may make further report before the council resumes. Our work for the year on pure gas and supply is ended. What the committee begat they completed with energy and stability of purpose, and we hope to the satisfaction of the council and public.

Your committee has received the communication and copy of the Galt city council's resolutions, requesting the co-operation of this council in petitioning the Government of Ontario to expropriate the Ontario gas wells and pipe lines, and fixing the price and distribution through a government commission.

Your gas committee are favorable to and advocate public ownership of most utilities, but from observation and present condition of the natural gas situation, it does not appear to be an enterprise which would lend itself to government ownership or operation.

The production of natural gas is a hazardous business. Every well is a speculation. The government can operate utilities successfully where the cost of operation can be predicted. Canadian and American natural gas fields are rapidly diminishing; the supply and estimated at 40 per cent. of production five years ago.

Natural gas producers of Western Ontario are becoming anxious concerning supply, and admit it is only a question of a few years before the supply is exhausted.

The natural gas companies have taken the cream and would not oppose unloading onto the government. We question if the government would be justified in purchasing a worn-out territory and other physical property, consisting largely of old junk pits.

The Government report on purification has passed the experimental stage, and now is an assured fact, and at small expense after equipment cost. The government should appoint a consulting engineer on the bureau of municipal affairs as an authority on gas matters, who would make reports for the municipalities on the best procedure for the future.

That a copy of this report be sent to Mayor and council of Galt, Ontario.

Ald. Montgomery, in speaking to the report, stated that the gas committee was satisfied with their



"DUFFY" LEWIS.
Famous Boston Red Sox outfielder, who has been traded to the New York Americans.

achievement. If they had made any mistakes, the fault lay with them, and neither the Mayor nor the council. Ald. Montgomery gave credit to the Mayor for his co-operation with the committee.

Ald. Chalcraft asked who paid for the purification of the gas.

"The company," replied Ald. Montgomery. He did not expect that the price to the consumer would be raised.

HOW SPARTACIDES GOT THEIR NAME

According to reports coming over from Berlin, Germany, like the true sentimentalist she has always been, she decided to take her defeat in a style worthy of the ancient Romans. Not the least theatrical in the play of events there is the rise of a Bolshevik party under leadership of Karl Liebknecht. Not satisfied with the ultra-modern name of Bolshevik this leader has gone back into the archives of Rome and has emerged with a treasure of a name for his followers, the Spartacides group, or the Spartacides, as they are now commonly called.

In a despatch last week it was stated that Liebknecht, exponent of anti-militarism, addressed the populace of Berlin, calling them to rally to his side, from a truck protected by good military machine guns. So, perhaps, he imagined the Roman slave stood, surrounded by the weapons of warfare of his own time and fashion, for the famous address, beloved of all school-boys, which has been put into his mouth.

"Ye call me chief, and ye do well to call him chief, who, for 12 long years, has met upon the arena every shape of man or beast the broad Empire of Rome could furnish, and who never yet lowered his arm. If there be one among you who can say that ever, in public fight or private brawl, my actions did belie my tongue, let him stand forth and say it. If there be three in all your company, can face me on the bloody sands, let them come on. And yet I was not always thus—a hired butcher, a savage chief of still more savage men."

With equal truth and equal justice might the leader of the Spartacides group in Germany say that he was not always thus. The ancient Spartacus goes on to tell how he had been a peaceful shepherd in the valleys of Thracia when the Romans came to Greece and captured him, making him one of the slave gladiators of the disolute metropolis. As it is known in history, he called the 80 other gladiators of the School of Capua to his side and started one of the most famous revolutions in Rome which lasted from 73 B.C. to 71 B.C.

At that time Rome was in a state of moral disintegration, which allowed of luxurious living and dissipation on the one hand and keen suffering from famine and autocratic oppression on the other. The corn laws providing for the gratuitous feeding of the starving proletariat in Rome had to be continually changed to meet the demands of the people. The armies of the state were absent on foreign service. All these things made the moment ripe for the uprising of Spartacus. Before very long he had gathered a vast army recruited from the ranks of suffering Thracians, Gauls and Germans. The armies of Rome met with defeat after defeat at their hands, and for a time it looked as though the slaves of Rome were being turned in a manner badly distasteful to the ruling classes. But as is true in the most rapidly rising militant movements there was dissension in the ranks of

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the victorious slaves and the army divided in two, some going to the side of one Crisus, a rival leader, the rest standing firm by Spartacus. All the members of the ranks were, however, agreed on one point, that to the victorious army belonged the spoils of their conquests. As a result, much against the wishes of Spartacus, the soldiers, drunk with power, pillaged, raped and plundered the country in a manner vastly superior to that of their aforesaid oppressors. In the end of course, the superior forces of the organized Roman armies defeated them and made a horrible example of them by crucifying 5000 rebel

soldiers on the Appian Way. Spartacus died like a true soldier, with his sword in his hand.

The story marks one of the bloodiest pages in Roman history, and in Berlin they are finding other Roman parallels.

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