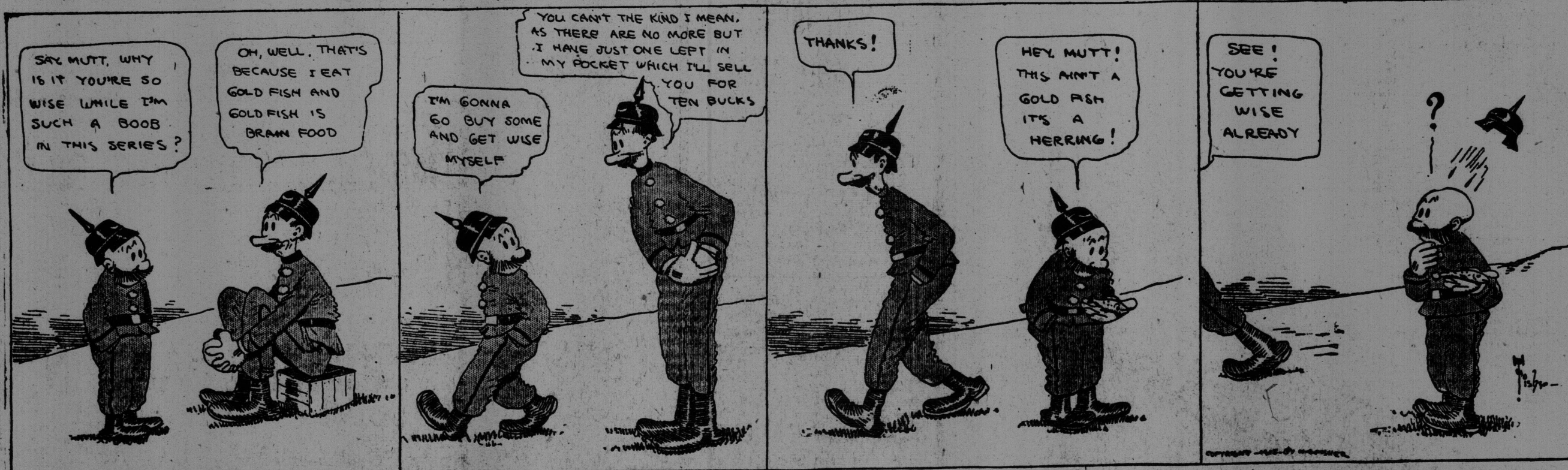


Mutt and Jeff-- Jeff is at Least Wiser Than He Was

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OUTSKIRTS OF BELGRADE
TOTALLY DEMOLISHED

Peopled Who Remained When Tens Entered Only Old Women and Children—Boys of 12 at Firing Line

Belgrade, Nov. 4.—Description of the city of Belgrade is given in an article by Margarete Vessl, a Hungarian correspondent. According to this account the

shops are all guarded by sentries to prevent looting and two sentries are stationed before the king's palace, where a staff of officers is billeted. The small palace of the Crown Prince, the stairs of which have been blown away by a shell, is also occupied by five officers judging from the chalk inscription on the wall. The Russian Legation is in the heart of the ruins. The ministry of foreign affairs, as well as the Austrian and German Legations, are untouched. Only window panes were smashed by the fierce explosions.

An endless row of supply wagons continues. One line is proceeding through

the city eastward and another row is moving in the opposite direction, amidst traffic small groups of Serbian prisoners are being escorted. There are among these numerous soldiers who were cut off from their comrades and were hiding among the ruins and trenches waiting for an opportunity to rejoin them. One of them was discovered on Kalimegdan almost buried in the earth, but supplied with foodstuffs for four days. A minute later two soldiers with fixed bayonets escorted a strange looking prisoner, an old woman at least seventy years old, with hands securely tied. One of the men said she climbed a

telegraph pole as cleverly as a cat and cut wires before they had time to fire at her. She was murmuring as they passed, "I don't mind if they shoot me, I am old enough to die."

The outskirts of the town are totally destroyed. The Jewish district is a heap of ruins, with not a house in it. The people who remained are only old women and children. The younger women have

all left with the men. Not even boys of twelve or thirteen years can be seen. They are also on the firing line.

New Song Hit in England.

Never has a song had such a popular appeal in England as is contained in the words of "Till the Boys Come Home," which is the favorite lyric in this country, and is being sung or whistled by

everybody. Written by Ivor Novello, who is but 23 years of age, it has made his reputation as a composer.

It is not a ballad to fire the martial spirit, but rather a reminder of home, set to a swinging, yet most touching melody. Here are the words of the chorus: Keep the home fires burning; While your hearts are yearning;

Though your lads are far away, They dream of home. There's a silver lining Through the dark clouds shining; Turn the dark cloud inside out, Till the boys come home.

Young Novello, a born "composer," is a brilliant pianist, and was one of the most accomplished choristers in England, but it is "Till the Boys Come Home" which has given him fame.

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