

RETURN THREE TO OBTAIN ONE

Rigid Regulations in Germany to Conserve Supply of Clothing.

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—To conserve the diminishing supply of clothing in Germany, the German Government has imposed regulations requiring that, for all articles of linen or personal wear to be purchased, three similar worn articles must be returned. This increases the scope and rigor of the clothing cards introduced less than a year ago.

The regulation applies to cotton stockings, gloves, collars, table linen and cloth materials for various household purposes. For every suit or overcoat, two well worn, or one in good condition, must be surrendered. The only articles of ordinary wear or use that are exempted from card regulation, are wooden shoes and silk things.

More than a year ago there was much talk in Germany of reducing the consumption of cloth by inducing patriotic minded women to return to the old but fashionable tight skirt. The maximum quantity of material, in meters, which should be used for a dress, was even stipulated. The economy was not successfully accomplished, however, for the German women, though they shortened their skirts appreciably, wore them wide and full.

Now therefore, there is pending a rigid specification limiting the number of yards of cloth which may be devoted to any garment of given proportions—depending upon the size of the prospective wearer. And if the wearer needs linen and other garments than outer clothes, she must turn in three corresponding worn-out pieces of lingerie.

The strict rules and regulations that are growing stricter each month have led naturally to an increased amount of deception and countless attempts by those who possess stocks of clothing to evade the card system by selling at abnormally high prices to those who cannot procure cards. The latest reports from Berlin tell of the arrest of a woman who was found to have concealed a stock of 1500 dozen pairs of stockings. There she was peddling in little cafes and restaurants where there was a minimum danger of her discovery and at utterly disproportionate prices.

Good Night Stories

BOBBY AND THE FLAME
SPIRITS.

A spark popped out of the fireplace and fell near Bobby's chair. He raised his foot to stamp it out when a queer little voice startled him.

"Don't step on me! I'm only a little Flame Sprite. Please put me back with my brothers," cried the squeaky voice.

Bobby leaned over so he could see the spark, for the voice seemed to come from there, and, sure enough there stood a queer little Sprite no taller than the toe of Bobby's shoe.

"Where did you come from?" laughed Bobby.

"From the fire, of course. We were having a dance, and I hopped too far. Please put me back, and I'll let you see our frolic," he begged.

"You'll burn my fingers if I touch you," exclaimed Bobby.

"Not if you throw me back quickly," replied Flame Sprite, and Bobby picked him up and quickly threw him into the fireplace.

Bobby had never seen the little fire fairies before, but now the old fireplace seemed filled with tiny people hopping and dancing in glee as the red and yellow flames leaped up the chimney.

"This is such a lovely summer day that we're celebrating it with a dance," cried Flame Sprite.

"Summer? You mean winter!" exclaimed Bobby.

"Oh, dear! Isn't he a funny little boy!" laughed Flame Sprite. "He says this isn't a summer day," and all his companions laughed and made fun of Bobby.

"Sure it's summer!" they cried in one breath.

"Can't be! Why, the snow's on the ground!" replied Bobby.

But the little flame sprites had never seen snow, and didn't know what it was. Bobby thought this very funny not to know what snow was, so he ran to the window and made a great big snowball which he tossed on the burning log.

"That's a snow ball!" laughed Bobby as the flame sprites scampered away from the sputtering snow ball.

"You don't understand. We're held prisoners in your great big logs until you throw them into the fire. Then we burst into the flames and dance."

"It's freedom, life and summer to us, but of course, to you it's winter. For each time we're lighted, the logs until it blows cold outside. Our summer-day is very short, so don't spoil it with your snowball!"

"Never thought of that!" apologized Bobby. "but if you're summer only lasts while the logs burn, then I'll keep up a good hot fire so you can have a jolly time, and he threw on another log."

As the flames rose around it, the bark opened like great doors, and Bobby saw millions of tiny fire people dance out to join their brothers, and when the wood was all gone Bobby ran to the hearth for more, but when he came back not a Flame Sprite was in sight, for the fire was out and a bed of ashes lay where the Flame Sprites had danced so merrily. And then—

Bobby's mother kissed him awake and led him to his little room, where he slept without dreaming.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Nov. 29.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve, increased, £46,000; circulation, increased, £804,000;

CANADA BANKNOTE.

By Courier Leased Wire

Montreal, Nov. 29.—P. R. Du Tremblay, Liberal candidate in Laurier-Outremont division, at a meeting last night in the Lajoie school hall, declared that Canada under Premier Borden is nearing bankruptcy, with the war debt mounting up so that the interest amounts to about one hundred and fifty million dollars a year. He said the Government and its friends had as their ideal the aim of as many contracts as possible so that more contracts would be forthcoming.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Nov. 29.—"Artillery actions occurred north of the Aisne and in the region of Spaigneul," says to-day's official report. "In the Champagne, north of Carnillet, the enemy last night after a violent bombardment undertook a raid in great strength. Our troops repulsed him, inflicting heavy losses. In the Argonne, west of the Aire, we re-

HAMILTON CLEARINGS.

By Courier Leased Wire

Hamilton, Nov. 29.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day totalled \$5,015,046.

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ed the German lines and brought back ten prisoners.

"Two enemy raids, one on the left bank of the Meuse, in the region of Bathincourt, the other on the right bank, northwest of Vaux-le-Damloup, were completely repulsed. There was active artillery fighting in Upper Alsace."

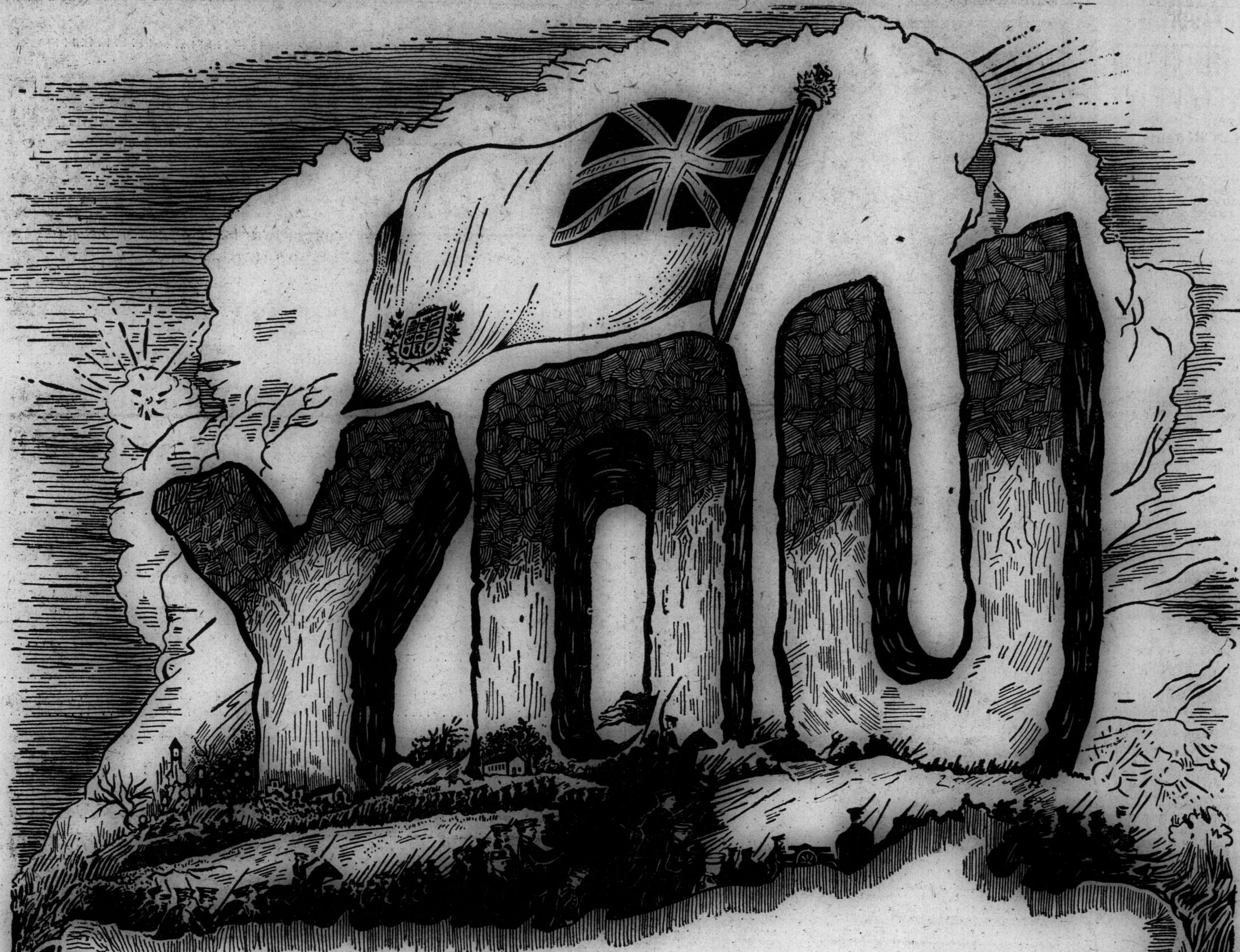
GERMAN WAR LOAN.

(Associated Press).

Copenhagen, Nov. 30.—Tabulation of subscriptions to the seventh German loan show that over a fourth of the total of twelve and a half billions was contributed in subscriptions of over a million marks each, 1,032 subscribers averaging over three millions.

The sixth loan had only 770 subscribers in the super-million class. There was a marked decrease in the number of small subscribers as well as the total number of subscribers.

The only classes showing an increase in number of subscribers or total subscribed are those above half a million which are responsible for over a third of the loan. These figures are indicative of the extent to which the loan was subscribed by war supply interests.



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BATTLE AGAIN RATS IN TR

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Behind British Lines
Nov. 30.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The brave battalion in army which is known to length and the breadth as "The Ferrets." They given them first of all their success in dealing nuisance in their section and the soldier who has in combatting the rats in Dunkirk to St. Quentin Rats—the initials being "officer commanding."

The rats were probably this battalion's section last winter than anywhere in Flanders, and many were tried against the little of all kinds were tried ing dogs were brought vain. A cat with a reputation in the French purchased and did well ing four rats in two and intimidating many upon the battalion made victorious animal, to it the life of a regimental it ate as much as it of men's rations, took the ner available, and quite.

Finally the battalion war council, and dispa its number to London three or four good ferrets.

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