

AN UNEXPECTED SHOOT

(By Major C. J. C. Street, R. G. A. Author of "With the Guns," etc.) The O. P. behind the British lines was cramped in any case. There was only just room in it for the observing officer and his telephonist, the one sitting on the bench, the other crouching at his feet. And on a summer's day like this, with a hot sun beating down upon it, and not a breath of air to stir the sandbag curtain that covered the entrance, it was like a furnace. The observing officer sat in his shirt sleeves, gazing wearily out of the slit at the hot country that lay before him. He had been up in the O. P. since dawn, and absolutely nothing had happened to relieve the monotony of his vigil. For some reason a sudden spell of inactivity had come over this part of the line. Nothing stirred in the whole of his sector of vision. The usual fleets of aeroplanes were cruising about the sky, followed by clusters of grey or white stragglers, but it seemed as if the heat had hushed everything else to sleep. The officer turned away from the slit with a sigh, and looked down at his telephonist, who was diligently reading a year old magazine for at least the tenth time. "Looks as if the war was over," he said. "Any news from the Battery?" "Not a word, sir," replied the telephonist. "They" rings through every half-hour or so to test the line, but that's all.

Lemon Juice For Freckles

Official: Make beauty lotion at home for a few cents. Try it! Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle and sun-burn lotion, and complexion beautifier, at very, very small cost. Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles and blemishes disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless. distributed these rather more widely over the country-side. "Cease firing," said the officer. Then he hid a report on a slip of paper. "Hostile aeroplanes landed at Z 11 C 43 at 3.47 P. M. Enemy rounds fired, aeroplanes destroyed."

What Portugal Has Done To Aid Allies in the War Told by Former Premier

DR. SIDORO PAES, the former Premier of Portugal, recently gave an interesting interview to newspapermen from this continent, in which he set forth the position of Portugal in the war and told what the little republic had done to aid her historic friend, Great Britain, and the other Allies. "Our aims are like those of the other Allies," he said. "We have nothing whatever to gain in the war and are fighting solely for a principle—for the right of a nation to determine its own affairs without dictation from outside. Under these circumstances it is a little discouraging to find that many even of the allied officials do not know we are in the struggle. Our ships are some neutral, but have been asked recently by men who should know better whether it is likely that Portugal will be drawn into the war. "Portugal has nearly 50,000 men in the trenches in France. Her troops held a section of perhaps 10 miles adjoining the British southeast of Arras, before she remembered that though the British, the Portuguese,

U. S. PLANS NEW WAR REVENUE BILL Present Taxes on Many Luxuries to be Doubled

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, July 10.—Preparations for framing the new war revenue bill were under way in the House Ways and Means Committee today with attention centering upon the list of suggestions for new or higher taxes on luxuries and necessities submitted yesterday by the Treasury Department. Members of the committee indicated that the list would form the basis for consumption taxes in their draft of the bill, though some of the proposals would be changed and others disregarded. Besides doubling present taxes on liquors and tobaccos, quadrupling soft drink taxes and increasing general increases in other existing rates, the Treasury suggestions include increased taxes of 50 per cent on retail prices of jewelry, watches and clocks, except those sold to the army or navy men, twenty per cent on automobiles, bicycles, musical instruments, etc., ten cents a gallon on gasoline to be paid to the wholesaler; ten per cent on post office stamps; American plan over 45; ten per cent on all cafe restaurant bills and taxes on unstated amounts on men's suits selling for more than \$20; women's suits over \$30 and men's hats over \$4 and shirts over \$2; pajamas over \$2; hosiery over 35 cents; shoes over 25; gloves over \$2; underwear over \$2; silk neckwear and cases; women's dresses over \$35; skirts over 15; hats over 10; shoes over 36; lingerie over 25; corsets over 45; and all fur, furs, children's clothing, including suits over \$15; purses, toilet articles, etc., over \$2. In addition to all these taxes which would be levied directly upon the consumer, the bill proposes doubling the present motion picture admission tax and imposing a tax of five per cent on moving picture theatre rentals, with the present film tax eliminated.

LABOR CONGRESS MEETS NEXT WEEK Thirty Fourth Annual Convention Will be Held in Quebec City

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, July 10.—The convention call for the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada has been issued. This will be the thirty-fourth annual session and the meetings will be held in the provincial parliament buildings in the city of Quebec, commencing on Monday, September 16. All delegates are required to have at least three bona fide union labels on their meeting apparel. The program sent to the various unions says in part: "The war is about to enter upon a fifth year of general devastation and upheaval, as in the domain legislation practically every question is laid aside to devote every energy to the mighty task which the gigantic struggle has imposed upon the country, so with the congress, very many matters that would under the circumstances command special attention have to be overlooked in order to concentrate all efforts in the study and solution of the exceptional problems that the present state of affairs has necessitated. Like last year we again call attention to one very special subject, namely, the means to be adopted to protect the general labor man after the war, the government will be urged to renew its efforts upon lines objectionable to organized labor to induce immigration to come to Canada from all parts of the world. "There is much in the legislation of the year's federal session that will command attention; and very much also regarding the future legislation that is of vital interest to organized labor that should be considered."

OFFENSIVE IN ALBANIA

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, July 10.—The Italian troops on the offensive in Albania are continuing their operations, the war office announced today. The enemy in yesterday's fighting was beaten back on both sides of the Gornj. "Albania," says the official statement, "our troops, having reached ground west of the lower middle Semini and having extended to the scattered their operations to the heights at the head of the Tomerica Valley, are advancing, repelling the enemy at the centre, astride the Osmi." The U. S. Dry Goods Association is protesting the National Defense Council's suggestion that the usual Christmas trade campaign be abandoned.

LADY'S COMBINATION CORSET COVER.



A very new and practical idea for a woman's undergarment is introduced in No. 8756. It is patterned after the athletic underwear worn by men, and it will prove equally as comfortable. It is a combination of corset cover and open drawers, and it closes at centre front. There is a seam across the waistline at the back to insure a smooth fit. The neck is cut quite low and round and it is shaped so that it does not require any ribbons. Armhole shields are stitched to the inside of the garment. Cambric, long cloth or crossbar muslin may be used. The lady's combination corset cover pattern No. 8756 is cut in seven sizes—36 to 48 inches bust measure. As on the figure, the 36 inch size requires 3 1/2 yards 27 inch, 2 1/2 yards 30 inch or 2 1/4 yards 36 inch, with 1/2 yard of elastic.

To obtain this pattern send 15 cents to The Courier office, or two for 25 cents.

HOW ONE HOUSEWIFE KEEPS SERVANTS

Domestic Problem Becoming a Serious One—Girls Prefer Other Work. "With all the trouble people are having over the domestic problem, how in the world have you managed to keep your servants so long?" was asked of a Toronto housewife the other day. "Why, I just treat them as human beings," she returned. "So many people seem to feel that they are the only home your cook or housemaid has. Then why not try and make it comfortable and happy for her?" In this home a couple of newspapers are ordered daily for the servants, together with magazines, etc., and they are made to feel that they are considered, and the result is that all of them have remained for nearly five years. "A record for any housewife to be proud of."

DR. SIDORO PAES

and the Belgians defend only one-third of the line along the western front, there are opposed to them one-half of the German divisions. The difficulty of the terrain and the number of the opposing troops make it necessary for the German trenches more thickly than at other parts of the line. The little republic has also nearly 20,000 men fighting in East Africa, a campaign of the most arduous kind. Germany is here making her last stand for colonial empire. She has armed the warlike blacks with machine guns and rifles. The German commander has crossed into Portuguese territory, where the joint armies of Great Britain and Portugal are busy wearing down and destroying his forces. The climate is a deadly one to Europeans and the sight of a returning troop ship, filled with fever-stricken victims of the African swamps, is one to fill the heart with pity. Yet the soldiers of the small republic have no complaint to make. They, too, are detesting themselves to the duty that calls them.

ITALIANS RECTIFY LINES.

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, July 10.—Italian troops in the Brenta Valley on the mountain front carried out operations yesterday by means of which the Italian line in this region was rectified, the War Office announced today. "On the Asiago plateau and in the western region of the mountains," says the official statement, "intense artillery action was more frequent and intense. "South of St. Elvito the garrison of one of our advanced posts, at an altitude of 2,841 metres, drove back all enemy detachments. "In the Brenta Valley we carried out rectifying operations, taking 22 prisoners."

POSTER COMPETITION

Montreal, July 10.—Artists who desire to obtain particulars of the victory loan poster competition, for which several thousand dollars worth of prizes have been donated, can secure the rules governing the contest by writing to R. A. Stephenson, 26 King street east, Toronto, or Murray E. Williams, Transportation building, Montreal.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA.

The French Red Cross Appeal to Canada For Help! Brantford Campaign July 13th & 14th, Saturday and Sunday. The French Red Cross has not a double task to perform. In addition to taking care of the thousands and thousands of wounded, the French Red Cross has had charge of the refugees, aged men and women with their children, who have been forced to flee from their homes in the territory now occupied by the horrible Hun. They have asked us for help. Can we refuse? A Monster Garden Party SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Livingston, Brant Ave. Admission 25 Cents. Sunday special collections will be made in all the Churches. GIVE FREELY AND GENEROUSLY.

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