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TAKING NO RISKS.

OFFICER (to man peering over parapet): "Look here, Jenkins, if you want to look over why don't you obey orders? Keep your head down and use the periscope."

JENKINS: "I've used the periscope two or three times, sir; but each time the blighters 'ave nearly 'it it!"—*Weekly Telegraph.*

Supplies Brains for Hindenburg

Introducing a New German Stragetist

First to Enter Liege—Correspondent Tells of the Man Who Has Planned Recent Campaign

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Readers, meet Mr. Ludendorff, Quartermaster-General Ludendorff, a German military hero discovered by Herbert Bayard Swope, the correspondent of the New York World in Germany. According to Mr. Swope, his name is inseparably linked with that of Hindenburg. Informed persons never mention one without the other. Outside of Germany General Ludendorff is not known. Being a junior to Hindenburg, and at other times being junior to other officers, it is natural that his name should not have been advertised when his seniors accomplished anything of note. But in Germany there are those who hold that Hindenburg's success is chiefly due to the fact that he had Ludendorff to advise him. Ludendorff, they say, is the real brains. He plans while Hindenburg applies the driving force. He must be a soldier of marked ability, for as soon as Hindenburg had taken charge in the East he sent for Ludendorff, who went by special train from Liege to East Prussia. When Hindenburg was made chief of the general staff he took Ludendorff to Berlin with him.

Ludendorff has never been interviewed. Mr. Swope tells us. Sometimes he has sat beside Hindenburg when this general was being interrogated by newspaper correspondents. On these occasions Ludendorff throws in a remark now and then. "We do not think of peace," he observed once. "No way but war leads to peace." Again he remarked, "There is no blind fate. Numerical superiority and danger exist only for the weak. A firm will commands fate." Hindenburg, as we know, is much more loquacious, and as he talks he now and then glances at his silent adviser with the idea of noting whether his words please. Sometimes in his fits of talkativeness, especially after having fraternized with what Lloyd George called the most deadly of England's foes, Hindenburg has attributed his success to his subordinates, and those who have followed Ludendorff's career suppose that it is chiefly this subordinate that he has in mind. The mystery of the Battle of Tannenburg, and the defeat of the Russians in the Mazurian marshes have never been explained either by Russia or Germany, and it is said that Ludendorff can alone expound the mystery, since he devised the scheme which won the notable German victories.

First Into Liege.

When the war broke out Ludendorff, then a general major, was transferred to the Belgian front, and commanded troops under Gen. von Emmich. His were the first German soldiers to enter Liege. His general had been killed the day before the city was entered, and he had to take charge. Through the night of August 6 he and his brigade huddled together on the hillside, not knowing what they were to do on the morrow. They had received no orders, and Ludendorff had to make the decision. He supposed other brigades had moved forward and taken the citadel, and so he concluded to advance. When he entered Liege, however, he was astonished to find that his were the only German troops in the city. A day or so later he turned up at Aix-la-Chapelle with despatches, and was hailed as one returned from the dead. In another fortnight as he was preparing to lead his troops into Namur word came to him that he had been appointed to Hindenburg's army, and he departed for East Prussia in a special train.

On his way to headquarters it is said that he sat up planning the campaign that eventualy Hindenburg was to work out. In the course of his training Ludendorff, like Hindenburg, had visited Russian Poland and East Prussia, and he was conning familiar ground as he studied the situation. It was, as he then supposed and as the people of Germany believed, a most critical one. As we know now the Russian army that invaded East Prussia was a mere mob, thousands of fighters being armed with nothing more lethal than pitchforks. The invasion was dictated by political rather than military considerations. Russia wished to divert German strength from Belgium and give France time to prepare. Heroically the Russian soldiers did their part, but no well informed military man was astonished when Hindenburg checked the advance, defeated the Russians at Tannenburg and in the Mazurian swamps and ended the invasion of East Prussia. But successful as these engagements were from a German point of view, they were not decisive. No large Russian army had been destroyed, and even when the Hindenburg steam roller started in the following spring, and Russian fortress after fortress fell, the Russian armies remained and defied Hindenburg and Ludendorff to either destroy or capture them.

What German Generals Believe.

The correspondent of the New York World believes that practically all the leading German generals have the same view of the war at heart, that is to say, that the more terrible it is the more merciful it becomes, since it tends to burn itself out sooner. Hindenburg's stand with regard to submarines, which Ludendorff supports, is supposed to be dictated by diplomatic necessities. At bottom all German generals are one with Mackensen, who is called the "American eater" because of the ferocity of his views concerning the use to which submarines should be put. Both Hindenburg and Ludendorff are merciless in the manner in which they drive their own troops. They do not hoard their soldiers. They believe in a short life and a merry one for the German soldier. If he lives through an engagement he is permitted to enjoy himself when a town is sacked.

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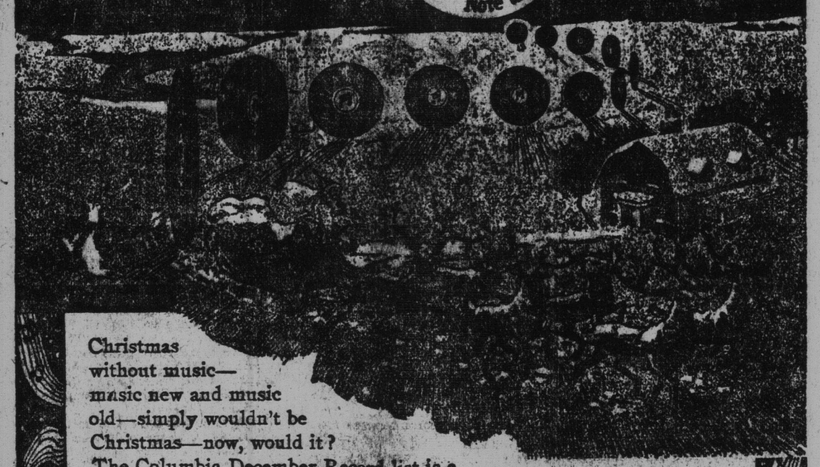

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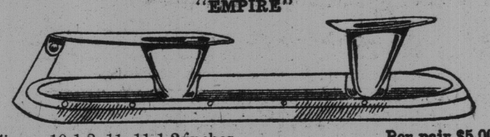

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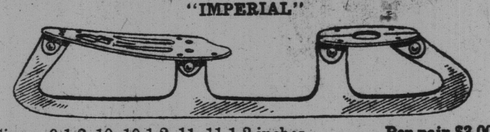

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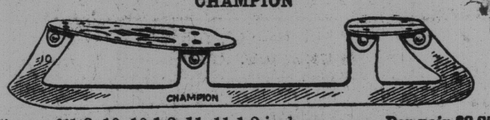

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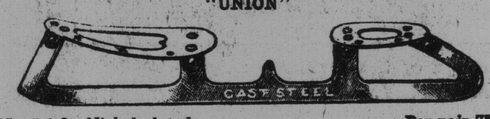

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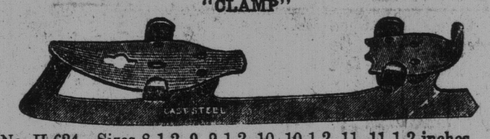

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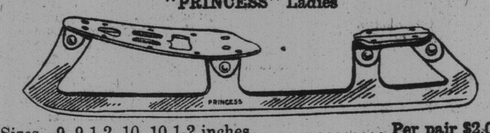

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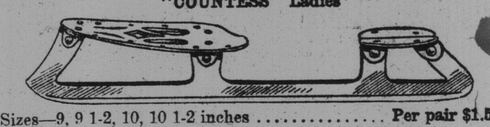

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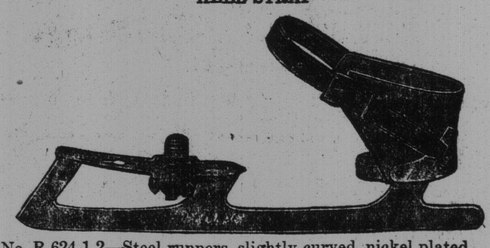

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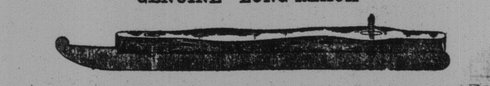

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