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**WOMEN SENTENCED**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Kingston, Ont., March 18.—Mrs. Josie Dripoe, who was arrested at Prescott last week, was sentenced to six months in jail for obtaining patriotic allowances under two names.

**WHEAT WANTED.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Washington, March 18.—Although a continued increase in the movement of corn to primary markets is shown in reports to-day to the railroad administration the quantity of wheat transported remains at about one-third normal despite efforts of the government to induce farmers to release what they have on hand. State food administrators have been instructed by the food administration to appeal to the farmers to market before May 1 all the wheat they hold except that required for seeding purposes.

### MILITARY MACHINE OF FOE IS DOOMED

Great German Offensive On West Front Would Prove Beginning of the End.

On the Belgian front, Feb. 8.—(Correspondence The Associated Press)—General A. de Ceuwick, the distinguished soldier and Minister of War for Belgium, to-day expressed to the correspondent of The Associated Press the firm conviction that a great offensive by the Germans on the Western front, would be the beginning of the end for the Prussian military machine. This is true, said the general, because even if the enemy should put his entire strength into an assault, it was doomed to certain failure in view of Allied preparedness. Having defeated the Germans in their onslaught, the Allies would be in a position, through the balance of power which America had brought them to counter with irresistible force.

The Minister had been asked to discuss the military situation as it appeared in the light of Germany's present position, and the Prussian claim that the Entente Allies would be brought to their knees. The general replied that the correspondent in the chateau which is being used as an executive headquarters for the war department, and talked freely for half an hour or more. General de Ceuwick is a veteran of many battles, and he had brought with him to the ministry the comprehensive grasp of large problems, the quick decision and the discipline which have made his reputation in the Belgian army. One reads assurance and alertness in his every word and move.

At the outset of the conversation the general spoke of the close friendship existing between Belgium and the United States, and referred in the most grateful terms to the assistance which America had rendered her ally through the Red Cross, the Commission for relief in Belgium, and in other ways.

"The morale of the hard pressed Belgians has been sustained and increased by the knowledge that the citizens of the United States were standing with them in the battle for freedom and justice. You have lightened our load and enabled us to continue the struggle," said the general.

"I assure you that the first thing Belgium will do after the conclusion of her good friend."  
The general turned to the outlook for the Allied arms on the battlefield.

"We do not underrate the strength of our opponents," he said. "Germany is a military nation, a powerful nation, and she is not yet defeated. America, however, has brought into the conflict the additional resources necessary to tip the balance in our favor, and an Allied victory is assured. The outcome of the war now hinges on the question of numbers, and the superiority rests with us."

"Germany will fall in any offensive she may be preparing for on the western front. The Allies are ready for any move and will present an unbreakable line. If the enemy is going to stake everything on a big attack and is calling out every resource he can command, he will have reached the beginning of the end when he fails to break through for the counter strokes of the Allies can result in only one thing—defeat for Germany. It may take some time to put the finishing touches on the victory but this will be accomplished."

"So far as the Belgian army is concerned it is prepared for eventualities. The morale of the troops and of the civilian population never has been higher than it is to-day. Our soldiers are eager to fight. At times we have had difficulty in restraining them until the proper moment for action for they chafe under the restraint. But they must be content to await developments. They are only one wheel of the great allied machine and every part of that machine must work in co-operation to make it run smoothly. Whenever the call comes we shall be waiting to respond with every atom of strength which we have."

"The entrance of America into the war has done much to cheer our troops. The fact that the United States is with us, both as a friend and as a fighting Ally, means to the man in the trenches that he is not making a vain sacrifice. He is sure of victory and is more eager than ever to carry the battle to the enemy camp. Our confidence in the outcome of the war has been strengthened greatly by the business-like way in which the United States government has undertaken its task. I recently saw some detachments of

### SIDE TALKS

AFRAID IN THE DARK.

There are two ways of being afraid in the dark. One is the child's way. He is afraid of hobgoblins and bogies in the dark corners. The other less recognized, but just as poignant, kind of night fear is the grown-up unreasoning fear of the future, or to call it by its common name, his worrying.

The grown-up may no longer see hobgoblins in the corners when he wakes up in the night, but he sees all sorts of hobgoblin difficulties and bogie men dangers in his path of life.

It is really uncanny how night can convert the most distant possibility into a gloomy probability, or a molehill difficulty into a mountain of trouble.

I Knew I Was Going to Be Sick. The other night I waked up somewhere in the wee small hours with a pain in my shoulder. In the daytime I should have thought nothing of it. As it was, I felt quite convinced that I was about to make an attack upon me and I fairly eringed before that hobgoblin.

I rehearsed all the horrors of the one attack that has since, to my fear of it. Then the fact that I had two engagements for the morrow popped into my mind.

What Shall I Do About These Engagements?

American soldiers who have come to fight with us. They were fine clean-cut, athletic, intelligent, and intensely energetic. It was an inspiration to see them. There is moral high fighting in sight, but we shall win."

**G. O. S. SENTENCED.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Winnipeg, Man., March 18.—Four conscientious objectors, convicted on Friday at Minto Barracks on a charge of insubordination have been sent to the penitentiary for two years each with hard labor. The men are Robert Clegg, Ralph Naish, Charles Matheson and Cedric Wainwright. Clegg is an International Bible Student, who laid charges of ill treatment against officers in the Minto Barracks recently.

**START GAMES AT FOUR.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Chicago, March 18.—Baseball games in the American League will begin at 4 p.m. this year, one hour later than in former years if B. Johnson, president of the league has his way. Mr. Johnson thinks the later start will enable many persons to leave their offices for the day and that the attendance will be largely increased.

### Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, influenza, heavy breath, acid stomach, lame back, can instead both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or dyspepsia a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation.

Instantly I was wider awake and more nervous than ever. If I kept the engagements I might bring the neuritis on. I might keep one and let the other go. No, if I did that, the other person would be sure to hear of it and be indignant. If I break that second engagement, I will think I'm spleeny because I broke one before an account of a cold. I am one of those fool people who let what I think other people think of me make me uncomfortable even when I am justified in my own mind.

And then by-and-by I woke up with a start of surprise. I must have fallen asleep and it is morning and the sun is shining. I test my shoulder gingerly. Why it isn't so bad after all. Half an hour later I am putting over my cup of coffee and planning a new engagement on top of the other two.

Things Look Utterly Different. My whole life has taken on an entirely different complexion. Truly the hardest things to bear are the things that never come, especially when you think of them at night.

Night seems to loosen the inhibitions of common sense. Moral? Tell yourself the next time you wake up in the night and begin to worry that things will look very different in the morning.

(But I'm awfully afraid you won't believe it.)

### MARDI GRAS QUIET.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Mardi Gras again passed uncelebrated and almost unperceived in Paris. The traditional pancake, victim of M. Borot's flour restrictions, was absent this year, and the high cost of paper made confetti rare. The children and the recruits of the contingent of 1918 celebrating their acceptance by the medical examiners, had the streets to themselves.

The only real celebration was among the Chinese munition workers, whose celestial New Year came with the opening of the carnival. Several thousand of them, divided into groups, were treated to free exhibitions at the circuses and cinemas, while real Chinese celebrations were organized at the residences of the different contingents.

Chinese feasts were served and presents distributed as nearly in accord with custom at home as possible. But the Chinese celebrate too quietly to make their festival at all resemble the Mardi Gras of other days in Paris.

### COMPULSORY VOTING.

New York, March 18.—The Prussian Minister of the Interior, Dr. Drews, stated before the Franchise Committee of the Prussian House of Deputies that the German Government was considering the ques-

### Music and Drama

AT THE GRAND

The famous hero of Jules Verne's great novel "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," Capt. Nemo, has become a man of flesh and blood at last. He will be the chief actor in the remarkable film "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," which opens an engagement at the Grand Opera House, next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with matinee daily.

THE REX  
If you have a slip or any other reason for being afraid to laugh, if you are a conscientious objector to merriment in any form, you are hereby warned to shun the Rex Theatre for the first of this week. Otherwise, you are advised to go, and forget the worries of the world.

A special comedy bill is offered, headed by Charles Chaplin, Marie Dressler, Mabel Normand and Chester Conklin, in "Tillie's Punctured Romance," a six reel scream. It is doubtful whether any other picture ever filmed contains such a cast of fun-makers supreme. The picture from beginning to end, "Caught in the Act," is another Keystone comedy of the usual calibre, and that is saying considerable. The vaudeville offering, in line with the spirit of the entire program, is a genuine comedy skit, "For Sale, the Stand." Helga Holmes appears in the first episode of "The Lost Express," a rousing serial of railroad adventure and of mystery.

THE BRANT  
The second of Sir Gilbert Parker's novels, dramatized for the screen by J. Stuart Blackton, is offered at the Brant Theatre the first of this week in "The World for Sale," a gripping story of the great Canadian Northwest, from the pen of the greatest of Canadian writers. Conway Tearle and Ann Little are at the head of a powerful cast in the production, which is one of exceptional merit throughout. Ruth Roland, a favorite with Brantford audiences, is seen in the second episode of the new series "The Price of Folly." The Canadian Scenic Weekly is an attraction which should be seen by all, educating Canadians to know and appreciate the scenic beauties of their own fair Dominion. The Badder Lavette Trio are comedy cyclists who amuse, entertain and thrill almost in the same moment, their performance being one of particular merit.

tion of making the exercise of the franchise obligatory, according to German newspapers received here. The Cologne Gazette stated that, during the election for the Reichstag in 1912, 15.5 per cent. of the 14,442,000 of the voters refrained from voting. The newspaper added that the principle of obligatory exercise of the franchise introduced in 1894 in Belgium had proved a success.

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