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News of the Week

Canadian Government vessels now in the Arctic regions have been instructed to search for the explorer Stefansson, for whose safety fears are entertained.

The United States has asked \$228,059 from Germany for the destruction of the schooner William P. Frye.

The Netherlands Government has issued a warning against the misuse of the Dutch flag by belligerents on the high seas.

During the past week the British steamer Northlands, with a cargo of iron, was torpedoed and sunk off Beachy Head; no lives lost. Also the British steamer Harpalycy was torpedoed and sunk off the Dutch coast, with the loss of twenty or more of her crew. She was under charter to the Belgian Relief Committee of New York State, and had a permit securing immunity from attack. When sunk she was on her way back to New York for a second cargo of relief supplies.

The warships of the Italian fleet departed suddenly on April 5th from the Mediterranean naval stations at Spezia, Gaeta and Maddalena Islands, and concentrated at Augusta, Sicily and at Taranto. So far the meaning of the maneuver has not been divulged.

It is now stated that German submarines having a cruising radius of 3,000 miles have been sent out from Zeebrugge. In consequence, it is likely that passenger vessels will be permitted to be armed.

Comparatively little, at time of writing, is reported from the battlegrounds of Europe, the most important item being the advance of the Russians along a line of 90 miles into Hungary, over the

mountains and through deep snow. No engagement appears to have taken place in the Dardanelles, probably owing to the fact that the warships are waiting to make a concerted attack in union with the French army which is being landed in the vicinity. . . From Belgium and Northern France nothing is reported save sharp fighting at one or two points in the Argonne, and on the plateau of Les Eparges, which the French claim to have taken, so securing dominance over the Woivre Plain. The Germans, however, deny that any gains of great importance have been made there. . . In the meantime, Kitchener is making all arrangements for the great drive which is to take place when the spring has fairly opened.

"Desmond," said the teacher, "what is the spinal column?"
"The spinal column," said Desmond, "is what my head sits on one end and I sit on the other."

The Ingle Nook.

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Dear Ingle Nook Friends,—For the moment I am sick and tired of writing on serious subjects, and so I am choosing one that may not appeal to some of you in the least,—"dogs"—just dogs.

Not long ago a friend and I were standing at a street corner waiting for a car, when we noticed the "cunningest," winsomest puppy - head, protruding from the front of a soldier's coat, ears alert, eyes bright, little pink tongue ready to lick anything and everything in sight. It was a cold evening, and no more of the small body was visible; the warm soldier-coat was securely buttoned to keep the bit of a doggiekins warm.

Evidently our admiring glances were appreciated, for in a moment over the soldier came. "Would you like to have this dog?" he said.

Like to have it! Shouldn't we!—We were going out to spend the evening, but what matter? So a moment later we were hugging the little concentration of wriggle in turn behind our muffs.

"I didn't know what to do with the little dear up there," said the soldier, indicating the barracks. "I've been looking for someone who would be good to him. I call him "Tricks." He's a pure-bred."

We murmured our admiration.

"And," he went on, "will you be on the Heights to see the review to-morrow?"

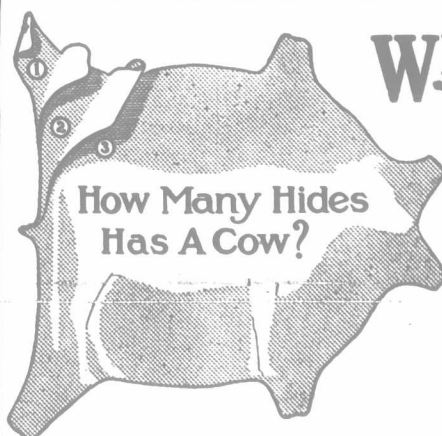
We might.—Next day was "Military Day," and a sham battle and all sorts of manoeuvres were to be in progress.

"Then bring him up," said the soldier. "Put a green ribbon on him so I'll notice him"—and with a parting pat on the little hairy head the kind fellow was gone.

So Tricks spent the evening "out" with us, and won everybody by his winsomeness, and wagged his stump of a Boston-terrier tail nearly off when a big piece of bread spread thickly with butter was placed before him. And when, at eleven o'clock, we reached home, he was just the sleepest, happiest baby-dog imaginable.

Next day, true to our promise, we decorated the doggiekins with a huge bow of green, and with infinite trouble of carrying, whistling and calling—for Tricks insisted on exploring every doorway all the way up—got him to the Heights.

But alas for the poor soldier's chance of seeing his pet! The troops were all there, it is true, but so were 15,000 people. A regiment marched from one end of the field to the other; all the people trailed after, like boys at the tail of a circus procession. The process was repeated over and over, and in the midst of it trailed we, with the infinitesimal



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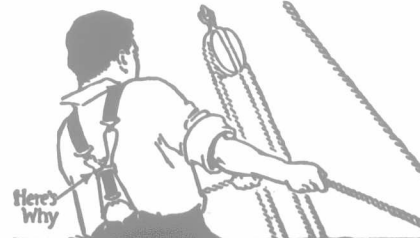
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