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of our Y. M. C. A., and there are Buddhist Sunday Schools in which are Buddhist hymns set to many of our hymn tunes. Buddhism, in short, is being modernized, even reformed.

Helen Tew, of Washington, D. C. won the first prize given by the National Emergency Food Garden Competition in vegetable canning this fall.

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A stairway 2,000 metres long has been built up the mountain side to Tafane, on the Isonzo front, to aid the passage of the Italian troops in their warfare against the Austrians.

* * * * A 100-inch mirror for the greatest

reflecting telescope in the world has arrived at Mount Wilson, Cal., 5,700 feet above sea level. This great ap-paratus will, it is hoped, give many revelations of the heavens previously

The value of dogs at the front may be judged from the fact that they are now supplied with gas masks made purposely * * * *

A "community market" has been established in a "Sunday School building that looks like a Greek temple" in Brook line, Mass. A small rental is charged for tables where producers sell their own produce at fixed prices, and all produce is sold by weight.

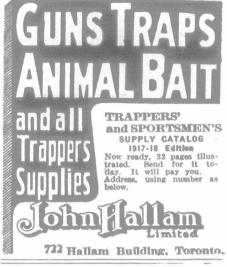
Professor Paribeni, while continuing excavations at the ancient port of Ostia, near Rome, is reported to have discovered the remains of a magnificient Roman house, which he hopes to restore to its former splendor. A frescoed hall in the house contains lifelike portraits of philosophers and poets, one of which, crowned with a laurel wreath, is believed to be an authentic portrait of Virgil. * * * *

The United States is busily building portable war hospitals for use at the front. These will be much more dry and comfortable than tent hospitals, and will be very completely equipped.

* * * * A unique mowing machine for the sea is now in operation in the United States, on the Pacific coast. It goes along the water like a boat, and its duty is to gather up kelp for the manufacture of potash, one of the articles for which the world formerly depended chiefly upon Germany. * * * *

The poets and singers of America are organizing an ambulance service on the Isonzo front. They plan to place 50 ambulances worth \$2,000 each in the Italian lines within a few months.

There is now in the United States one of the most powerful hghting air planes in the world, the Italian Caproni triplane, that can bear besides its own weight an added 3 tons. This permits it to carry 25 passengers at the rate of 90 miles an hour. It came over from Italy in sections, and Italian aviators will demonstrate its value by long flights in America. It is run by 3 engines, and carries 9 machine guns. At a recent meeting of the Humanitarian Association in the United States, the first annual medal was voted to President Wilson, who was complimented on his message to the Pope, declared to be "the greatest humanitarian document ever sent by anyone." An active worker in the Association came second but was not eligible for the medal. Henry Ford received the third highest number of votes, and Dr. Frank Crane (Author of "Footnotes to Life") the fourth.



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which are now finding their way to America from missionaries in the East.

A book "Germany the Next Republic " by Carl W. Ackerman, published by the Geo. H. Doran Co., New York, gives some interesting facts in regard to the spirit of the German people. Mr. Acker-man who was United States press rep-resentative in Germany for two years before the war broke out, states that at that time he was sympathetic with Germany, "But my sympathy changed to disgust," he continues, "as I watched developments in Germany change the German people from world-citizens to narrow-minded, deceitful tools of a ruthless Government." He saw, he says, "the Germany of 1913 disappear", and lawless Germany born in its place. He has no idea that Prussianism will give up the fight soon; "the Kaiser", he states, "believes he can gamble for a long time yet with his people."

For two winters Italy has fought in parts of her front at altitudes of from 9,000 to nearly 11,000 feet. During the campaign of 1916–17 the weather was so severe that in less than four months there were nearly 50 days of snowfall, which reached a depth of from 15 to 33 feet, while in some of the higher mountain positions there were nearly 50 degrees F. of frost, and in on day no less than 105 avalanches were reported. History offers no other example of an army that has fought permanently and successfully in such a position. Over 3,000 miles of roads have been laid to give access to newly conquered positions and carry material for the army. Also over 100 bridges have been constructed.-The Independent.

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"It's settled. No use fighting against

Of the many pre-Revolution parties in Russia none now survives except the Constitutional Democrats, to which the mass of the middle and propertyowning classes adhere, and the socialists, who, however, are subdivided into several groups, of which the "Bolsheviki", or Extremists, are the most radical.

Over 2,000,000 victims of the war are reported to be actually destitute and in need of daily food in Western Asia. These people are chiefly Armenians, Syrians, and deported Greeks. The deserts of Asia Minor, along the caravan routes, are strewn with bones of their friends who fell by the way, a pitiful story, shown by photographs of the bones, in heaps,

the inevitable any more. The Call must be several times enlarged. We have ordered four more linotypes and three trainloads of print and want a hundred printers to further the interests of the brewers and the distillers, the railways, the automobile makers and other manufacturers, to boom the interests of the organization to protect last year's birdnests, for the blue cross and the green ross, for the wime see aye and the a c m y, for the society for thrift and the spend-thrift, to defend the navy league and to lambaste those in league against it, to encourage the society for the prevention of beauty and holler for homeliness, publicity for the waggies and much boosting for the state teacher's college, finally to yell for liberty bonds, all without money and without price! Help, help! Will daylight never come!" Longmont Call.

The O. A. C. Sale.

If there is anything interesting in the advertisement in this issue regarding the sale of pure-bred live stock at the Ontario Agricultural College, on November 1, write at once to A. Leitch, O. A. C., Guelph, for a catalogue and full informa-The Shorthorns to be sold include tion. both beef and dual-purpose strains, and all are aware that high-class sires have been used at the College and many of the cows are imported. This should afford a splendid opportunity of getting some of the best stuff in the country. Holsteins, Jerseys and Ayrshires are included in the list, as are Yorkshire and Berkshire swine. Write at once for a catalogue and full information.