

MEAT DRIPPINGS MAKE FINE SOAP



Making soap from the drippings of meat is the practical war work of Mrs. O. O. Van den Berg of Washington, who is shown at her desk in the uniform of the United States food administration. The drippings are saved until six pounds are accumulated. This, with one can of lye, will make 15 cakes of hard soap, delightful for the bath and excellent for washing fine fabrics or laces.

TELLS EXPLOITS OF THE SEADLER

Navy Department Gets the Story From Captain of an American Schooner.

WRECKED ON CORAL REEF

Seventeen Ships Captured by German Raider in Spectacular Cruises in Two Oceans—Hoodwinks British by Clever Ruse.

Washington.—The full story of the cruise of the German commerce raider Seadler has been obtained by the navy department from Capt. Haldor Smith of the American schooner R. C. Slade and three other mariners, who landed at Tutuila in an open boat September 29 after being marooned on Mopeha island by the master of the Seadler when the raider grounded and was abandoned.

The Seadler, formerly the American ship Pass of Baltimore, was captured by a German submarine and sent to Bremen and fitted out as a raider. A picked crew was placed aboard, some of whom spoke Norwegian, and sent out into the Atlantic under the guise of a Norwegian ship.

The ruse worked so well that after leaving Bremen on December 21, 1916, the Seadler was held up by the British auxiliary cruiser Highland Scout, examined and passed.

Captured Seventeen Ships.

Captain Smith learned that while cruising in the Atlantic 13 ships, valued by the Germans at 60,000,000 marks, were captured and four in the Pacific.

Relating the story of the capture

DANCER TAKES VEIL



Mlle. Eva Lavalliere, who for years was one of the familiar figures of Parisian life and long favorite at the theater des Varieties, has left the stage to take the veil.

The actress has sold all the luxurious furnishings of her apartment, divided her dresses, furs and jewels among her friends, and will soon enter the order of Carmelites.

burning engines. Her captain was Felix Graf von Luckner.

When the men from the Slade arrived aboard the raider they found nine prisoners from the American schooner A. B. Johnson of San Francisco, captured three days before. On July 8, Smith stated, the schooner Manila was captured and dynamited after it was captured and dynamited.

For about three weeks the raider kept beating up and down looking for passing ships. Meeting none, they went south to Mopeha on July 31, anchored on the lee side of the island, and on August 2 the ship was driven hard and fast ashore. After working all afternoon they gave her up as lost and took ashore everything they could move, including the boats, gear and wireless. The wireless plant, a very powerful one, was set up between two coconut trees.

On August 23, Captain Smith related, the German officers fitted up and armed a small boat and started for the Cook Islands or the Fiji Islands, where they hoped to capture an American ship and come back for the crew. Count von Luckner, the master, was in charge. They were never heard of again at Mapeha island.

On September 5 a French trading schooner from Papeete, the Lutece, put in at the island. First Lieutenant Kling took a motor boat and machine gun and captured the ship. She had a large cargo of flour, salmon and beef and a supply of water. Kling and his crew dismantled the wireless plant and left the island in the Lutece that night, leaving 48 souls, including the Americans.

A small boat had been left behind, and the marooned men fitted it up. The captain of the Manila, with a small crew, started out in the boat for Tahiti on September 8. They failed to reach Tahiti and returned exhausted on September 16. Captain Smith, with three men, took the small boat and managed to reach Pago Pago ten days later.

Recent dispatches indicate that the captain of the Seadler and five of his crew were captured on September 21 off the Fiji Islands by Fijian constabulary. What became of the men who left Mopeha island in the Lutece is not known.

British Get Honor Stripes.

London.—British soldiers who have served in the great war will henceforth bear a distinctive mark of their service on their uniform. The war office announces that a chevron stripe will be immediately issued to every soldier who serves overseas in a theater of war. Soldiers whose service dates back to 1914 will be given a red chevron, and those whose service began after that year will get a blue stripe. An additional blue stripe will be awarded for each aggregate of 12 months' service. The new stripes will be worn by officers as well as privates.

Coffee From Velvet Beans.

Quitman, Ga.—The velvet bean, so abundantly grown in the South, is being put to an entirely new use in this section and is no longer classed as a stock food exclusively. A hotel started the movement by the announcement to a large number of traveling salesmen that the coffee served was made from velvet beans, after the dinner had been finished and the guests were profusely complimenting the proprietor for the splendid "Java." One of the guests, claiming to be an expert connoisseur, had taken the third cup.

Typhoid Wiped Out in France

Professor Vincent Conquers the Most Dangerous Enemy of the Republic.

HELPS INCREASE MAN POWER

In Former Wars More Soldiers Perished From This Disease Than by Bullets—Fever Has Vanished From Belfort District.

Paris.—One of France's most dangerous enemies has now been vanquished—typhoid fever, and the victor is Professor Vincent, an officer of one of the French medical schools.

The war has shown that the most deadly of fevers is at the mercy of science. Typhoid fever was always a great enemy of armies in the field. It has been established that in wars previous to the present one more men died of typhoid than by bullets and shells.

Typhoid Epidemic Started.

At the start of the present struggle a typhoid epidemic started in October, 1914, and increased through the winter of 1914-1915.

Professor Vincent set out to stop the epidemic by using a vaccine which he had discovered four or five years previously.

Already, from 1911 to 1914, most of the French soldiers under arms had been vaccinated. But the mobilization men arrived in different depots in hundreds of thousands.

Doctor Landouzy, head of the medical service in the Belfort district, had 100,000 men vaccinated. Three months later typhoid fever had entirely disappeared from his district, and it was proved that only in districts where men had not been vaccinated was typhoid to be feared.

Number of Deaths Smaller.

At present vaccination is obligatory everywhere, and, thanks to this, the number of typhoid cases dropped from seven in January, 1915, to 0.025 in March, 1917.

The number of deaths through typhoid had also dropped to such an extent that now they have to be reckoned on an average of 10,000 men. So far, for the present year, only 0.04 deaths in 100,000 have been recorded.

"It is permissible to affirm," says Professor Vincent, "that preventive vaccination, for which the antityphus laboratory of the Val de Grace furnished the army zones with 5,513,073 doses of vaccine, has saved a considerable number of men for the country."

"If the morbidity and mortality experienced from November, 1914, to January, 1915, had been maintained and on the hypothesis that between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 men had been sent to the front during that period, the number of cases would have been more than a million and the number of deaths 145,000."

MANY WEALTHY MEN AMONG CONSCRIPTS

San Antonio, Tex.—The per capita wealth of the ninety-ninth (90th) division of the National army, in training at Camp Travis is \$650, and the average subscription for Liberty Bonds is \$105 per man of the more than 33,000 men on the rolls. The conscripts composing this division were taken from all walks of life and all classes in the states of Texas and Oklahoma. Five men are worth, in their own name, \$500,000 each, 20 of the recruits can sign checks for \$100,000, 42 are worth, in property, more than \$10,000 each, and one man is said to be the sole heir to an estate estimated at \$3,000,000. There are more than 400 young men in this camp who are doing the first "real work" of their lives, and all of them are over twenty-one years of age, but they are among the happiest in the ranks.

BOB FITZSIMMONS, FORMER PUGILIST, HAD INTENDED TO TURN EVANGELIST



FITZSIMMONS READING BIBLE TO JIM JEFFRIES.

"Bob" Fitzsimmons, the former heavyweight champion pugilist, who died recently in Chicago, was contemplating becoming an evangelist before he was stricken with the illness that resulted in his death.

It was through the efforts of Charles Lee, a former pugilist, who battled in the arena under the name of Charlie Carter, and a physical director in the Camden Y. M. C. A., that Fitzsimmons became a church member. In May, 1916, Fitzsimmons visited Lee in Camden. Lee persuaded the former champion to accompany him to Grace Baptist church, in East Camden. He was introduced to Rev. Mr. Zebley, pastor of the church. "Bob" was induced to make an address from the pulpit. A few months later he joined the church

and was baptized in San Diego, Cal. To Settle in California.

Some time ago Lee received a letter from Fitzsimmons, in which the former pugilist said that he was going to settle down in California. The letter read, in part, as follows:

"I am going to settle down in California and spend the remainder of my days there. Do you know that I was baptized last Sunday, and I suppose that I will be a Christian from now on. My wife is a good Christian. She is an evangelist, and does a lot of good and wonderful work, and I am proud of her. Give my regards to the minister. I am glad I joined his church. I have never felt better in my life than I do now since joining. I will probably become an evangelist, too."

BROOKLYN FANS LIKE MYERS

Manager Robinson May Switch Him to Third Base in 1918—O'Rourke Is Weak Batter.

Hy Myers of the Brooklyn is a versatile player. He also is a most efficient player.

Robinson thinks very highly of him and Hy is pretty sure of a job with the club again next year. But fandom may see Hy at third base in 1918 instead of the outfield, where he has



Hy Myers.

cavorted for many a season. Hy held down third base so capably in the latter part of the season and did so much better, especially with the bat, than O'Rourke, that he will probably get the all-important assignment next season.

O'Rourke is an earnest athlete. He is not a bad fielder. But when it comes to batting he is almost as helpless as Jim Thorpe before a good curve-ball pitcher.

YOUTH IS NATURAL SWIMMER

Seventeen-Year-Old California Boy Is Called America's Coming Champion—Giant in Size.

George Schroth, the seventeen-year-old Sacramento high school lad, is called America's coming swimmer by California.

No youth of the age ever displayed such wonderful all-around ability. In a 40-yard pool Schroth has done 100 yards in 0:56 2-5, the furlong in 2:27 and 500 yards in 6:26, while in open water he has won marathons at three and five miles. A giant in size, possessed of unlimited endurance and a natural swimmer, the young Californian has every qualification for a world-beater. He uses the single trudgion-crawl for racing, giving it a six-beat leg action in sprinting and a four-beat from 220 yards upward.

Reds and Cubs Played Unique Game of Season

Perhaps a more remarkable extra inning game was never played than that between the Reds and the Cubs, at Cincinnati, on August 31. Going into the ninth the score was 4 to 4. The Reds came back with one in their half. In the tenth the Cubs scored another. The Reds came back and tied it.

In the eleventh the Cubs scored two, and then what did the Reds do but score two in their half. The umpires, despairing of the tie ever being broken, called the game on account of darkness.

SUNDAY BALL GAINING FAVOR

"Criminals" Arrested for Arranging Game on Sabbath Day Dismissed by Presiding Justice.

Sunday ball is making progress in New York. Recently a number of men were arrested for arranging a Sunday game between independent teams. It was shown that the spectators paid for score cards. The cards were on a table at the entrance to the park and the fans could take or leave them. When the case came up for a hearing before the court, the justice presiding, whose name was Collins, dismissed the "criminals," saying that if a strict interpretation of the statute were to be given, it would prevent any liberty-loving citizen from indulging in any recreation on Sunday. "It would prevent hunting, golfing, fishing and the indulgence in athletics. If a boy were to play ball on the one day he was off, this law would make him a criminal, as would be a fisherman and those that play golf. I cannot conceive, personally, that there was a time in the history of the state of New York when those inclined to pass blue laws were so blue that they would deny all these pleasures, which are of themselves innocent and harmless."

PROPER TRAINING FOR YOUTH

Athletics Now Indispensable, Says Professor Thomas A. Storey of City College.

The indispensability of physical training and athletics for the youth of the country during war times, as well as in peace, is urged in College Mercury, the student magazine of City college, by Prof. Thomas A. Storey, head of hygienic department and director of physical training education under the state law.

"There has never been a time before when athletic, recreational and physical training activities have been as important to maintain as now," Doctor Storey writes. "The critically serious realities that now confront our country," he continues, "emphasize the obligation of participation in training."

HOPPE "REGULAR GUY"

Champion Billiardist Suits His Game to Surroundings.

Is Not Particular Under What Conditions He Plays—As a Player He Is Absolutely Superior to Any Living Man.

Willie Hoppe, it has been said, is the most highly developed, the most nearly perfect world's champion that ever lived.

Every sport has had its world's champions. We have had John L. Sullivan, Jim Corbett, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Jeffries, Joe Gans, Battling Nelson, Terry McGovern, Abe Attell, Frank Gotch, McLoughlin, Ty Cobb, Mike Kelly, but not one, not a single man Jack of them, has stood as pre-eminently in his particular profession or sport as Hoppe does in his, or as pre-eminently as he probably will continue to stand until his whiskers touch the tops of his \$25 patent leather shoes.

Some there are who think Hoppe abnormal. Nothing is farther from the truth. Hoppe, in the parlance of sport, is a "regular guy." Away from the billiard table he is no different than any other twenty-nine-year-old young man, excepting, perhaps, that he is much better looking than the average.

Hoppe isn't particular under what conditions he plays. He prefers, of course, to have comfortable surroundings. But if the room is a trifle cold he figures that it is no colder for him than it is for the man he is playing. If the cushions are too hard, or the table otherwise defective, he figures the same way—that the other fellow is as much handicapped as he.

In brief, Hoppe will not admit that conditions can be such as to preclude him from playing in good form, or that any situation may be conceived where



Hoppe Demonstrating a Shot.

by he, providing that his hands or feet are not tied, cannot show superiority over the man he plays.

A dozen years ago there was a flock of billiard marvels. Every year almost the title changed hands and the game had a new world's champion. Then came Hoppe. And Hoppe was so good that nobody, from the time he defeated the French marvel, Maurice Vigneaux, in 1906, had ever disputed his championship.

Billiards has been changed time and again to handicap Hoppe, because, argued the manufacturers of billiard room supplies, it hurt the game to have as champion a man so absolutely superior to all others. But every time the game was changed Hoppe took up the new games and played it so much better than anybody else that it was quickly dropped.

White Sox Refuse to Play Braves in Spring

The White Sox, through their boss, Charles A. Comiskey, have declined to play a series of games with the Boston Braves in the South next spring. There was talk of a series between the mundane champions and the Giants, but apparently neither side has been keen about it, and it is off. The White Sox are expected to train in Texas. If war permitted they would go to Panama.

PHILLIES' ROSTER IS SMALL

Quakers Go Through Season With Twenty-Four Players—Pirates Had Greatest Number.

The Philadelphia club, which finished second in the National league race during the past season, had the least number of players on its roster. The Phils used only 24 players during the season, while Pittsburgh, which finished in last place, had the greatest number of players—41. The Giants used 33 players during the season and Brooklyn 31.

St. Louis used the most pitchers, 18 twirlers trying their fortunes with Miller Huggins' Cards. The Phillies used only seven pitchers, while the Giants had ten. Chicago used half a dozen backstops at various times, while Pittsburgh used up 17 infielders during the year. The Pirates also led the list of outfielders with ten. The Phillies used only five.

Columbia to Have Crew.

Columbia will be represented by a varsity crew next spring, Coach Jim Rice has announced. Practice will begin February 10.