

ONLY SEVEN OUT OF 100 KILLED IN BATTLE LINE

Figures Show Eighty Percent of Soldiers Will Return Unharmed.

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War is dangerous. The soldier risks his life daily. But nothing is more certain than that the civilian, stay at home population vastly exaggerates the dangers and the risks of war.

There have been repeatedly printed sets of figures which purported to show the percentage of deaths in the armies of the allies on the western front. According to those tables the average life of an engineer or sapper on the battle front was thirty minutes; aviators could look forward to only thirty days of life after reaching the front; doctors were killed within a week of going into active service; the impression was plainly conveyed that nobody in any branch of the service could expect to survive more than a few months on the western line.

The figures were false. They were wicked. They increased the fear and suffering of millions of people who had sons or other relatives in the uniform of the United States. If not direct German propaganda, they serve at least unnecessarily to discourage and alarm the fathers and mothers of America.

The Truth About Danger

The truth about the dangers and risks of war are told in this article, as accurately as the official figures will permit.

Canada, for example, during the three years of war has lost by death seven out of every hundred she has sent to the battle front. In times of peace a certain percentage of men of military age will die. Deducting that percentage from the total, it appears that the direct war loss among the troops of the dominion has been a little over 6 percent.

It is especially noteworthy that this percentage tends to grow smaller with each year of the war. When in the first winter of fighting Canada sent 33,000 practically untrained troops to the front she lost in that single season 2,837 men. Consider how greatly the losses have been reduced to bring the total percentage for three years of constant fighting down to 7 percent, as against 8 percent for the first few months.

Trench Losses Cut
France, with its vast armies of nearly 3,000,000 men, has had a similar experience. During the first year of war it records casualties of between 5 per cent and 6 per cent. Last year these losses were cut down to 2 1/4 per cent. For the last six months of 1916 the percentage of the whole French army killed, missing, or captured was only 1.23 per cent, about five men out of each 400. These are the official French figures, made public by the high commissioner of the French republic to the United States. They can be depended on as accurate.

Many more men, of course, are wounded. Perhaps one man out of



DECORATING ITALIAN HERO.

British Official Photo.

King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, congratulating an Italian officer, who has just been decorated for heroism in the great drive on Trieste, by the Duke of Connaught, former Governor-General of Canada, a visitor to the Italian front.

four, or 25 per cent. of the total of our armies, will receive a wound of greater or less severity if the war lasts a year longer.

But consider this: Of all the soldiers wounded in battle the British surgeons and hospitals are turning out 90 per cent. in such condition that they can go back to the battle front. About 95 per cent. of the wounded troops finally recover, and only 5 per cent. of them are permanently disabled.

Advances in Surgery
Most startling have been the advances made in the handling and cure of wounds and in the prevention of suffering on the part of the wounded men. New forms and methods of anesthesia have been developed and still other discoveries make more certain and greatly hasten the healing of gunshot and other wounds.

It is remarked that the percentage of death from disease among the troops of the allied armies is actually less than it would be among the same number and kind of men in times of peace. In spite of the hardships of trench life, constant living in the open air, together with the enforced physical exercise and the watchful care of skilled physicians, have reduced the percentage of soldiers dying from disease to little more than half what it would be in normal days.

Truth is Bad Enough
There is no wish to demonstrate that war is as safe as a Sunday school picnic. Its dangers are real and great, its losses by death numerous and terrible. A considerable number of our

GETS TOP PRICE OF 60 CENTS PER BUSHEL FOR HIS OATS

NEW PARIS, O., Sept. 7.—Reid Mikesell of Route 1, received the top price of sixty cents for 500 bushels of oats, and has a fine field of twenty acres in corn that will go 50 bushels to the acre. He is feeding thirty hogs. His orchard of apples is famous for its cider. He has grapes that are full grown.

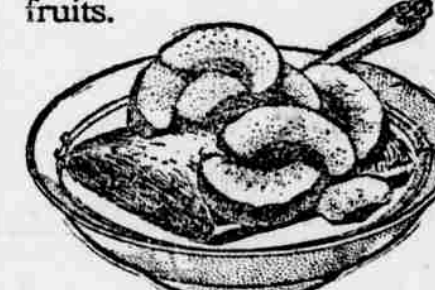
ONLY HALF CROP OF CORN IS SEEN AT NEW MADISON

NEW MADISON, O., Sept. 7.—D. E. Mote is paying \$1.95 for wheat this week and 50 cents for oats. About 10,000 bushels of the former and 15,000 bushels of the latter have been received. The prospects of a good corn crop are negatived because of

the damage by rain storms. There will be only half a crop in this section.

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SPECIAL ENVOY TO AMERICA IS NAMED

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 7.—Hjalmar Lundbohm has been appointed to undertake a special mission to the United States. The appointment is looked upon as significant of a change of Sweden's commercial policy. Before the war, Swedish iron ore was to a considerable extent exported to the United States and Lundbohm's mission, it is said, will undertake to reopen this traffic, which will cause a decrease in the quantity of iron ore sent to Germany. Not only the general situation, the result of the commercial policy of the entente nations toward Sweden, causes her to seek relief, but Germany is no longer able to export sufficient coal for Sweden's demands and forces Sweden to try to compensate her iron ore against American coal. This step, it is believed, will add to her independence of commercial relations with Germany.

SEWER IS EXTENDED

ELDORADO, O., Sept. 7.—The extension of the sewer and drainage ditch by Mill and Main streets to the railway outlet is being completed this week. Two feet piping and twenty inch piping are being used.

Trinidad's sugar crop this year was the largest on record, totaling 70,981 tons.

CONSTIPATION IS A PENALTY OF AGE

Nothing is so essential to health in advancing age as freedom and normal activity of the bowels. It makes one feel younger and fresher, and forestalls colds, piles, fevers, and other dependent ills.

Cathartics and purgatives are violent and drastic in action and should be avoided. A mild, effective laxative, recommended by physicians and thousands who have used it, is far preferable. This is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin sold by druggists under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It costs only fifty cents a bottle; a trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 456 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

MILTON, IND.

Mrs. E. P. Jones returned Wednesday morning from Huntingdon, Pa. Mr. Frank Barton and family, who have been guests of Mrs. Malinda Barton, returned to their home in Chicago Monday. The Priscilla Club will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Will Miller. The Cemetery association will meet Monday evening with Mrs. Alice Gresh. The Milton Grange held a picnic at Roberts park, Connersville, Tuesday. Mr. Wilson of Illinois, and Mr. Wright, head of the Grange in Indiana, were the chief speakers. Misses Maurer and Stella Molique and John Schobin of Connersville, formed an auto party with Mr. and Mrs. William Schobin Monday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beck and sons returned Monday night from a visit to relatives in Indianapolis.

A section of land became detached from the shore at Dexter, Me., during recent severe storms and has become a floating island in Lake Wassoco. The land bears many trees.

Red Cross Chapter Has 184 Members

NEW MADISON, O., Sept. 7.—The Red Cross chapter now numbers 184 members. About \$800 has been raised. The first shipment of goods has been made to national headquarters, according to the report by Secretary P. C. King at Thursday's meeting.

BIRDS MAKE HIM MONEY

ELDORADO, O., Sept. 7.—Frank Beard, north of town, is winning success with his Black Langshan chickens and the eggs of these pedigreed birds are keeping him busy supplying customers.

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If you are one of the many that suffers with foot troubles, here's real foot comfort for you at last. Say good-bye to old corn salves, harsh liquids, plasters and other dope. The modern way—the sure way—to end foot troubles is by the use of Ice-Mint—a creamy, pleasant, snow-white preparation whose medicinal ingredients are imported from Japan, where the people have the finest, healthiest little feet in the world.

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After roasting all coffees are taken to the steel cutting room and ground with fine, sharp knives, removing all chaff and leaving only the best portion of the coffee berry.

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