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change—Main 396.

The Germans attack, but the R.L. repulse—  
according to retrograd.

Even if an embargo is put on wheat, we might  
ship Georgia corn meal abroad.

How can the war interest us, when there is always  
some sort of local war going on in Atlanta?

It is no time for rancor and ill will. Let us all  
get together in time for the opening of the baseball  
season.

## Hanging by a Thread.

Italy so far has remained neutral in the world's  
greatest war, but interestingly enough she has spent  
nearly four hundred million dollars in war preparation.  
Her army is mobilized, her navy is ready,  
her people are tense with expectation. Her neutrality  
is a slender thread from which a heavy sword is  
swaying.

A few days ago it was announced in Berlin that  
the German Chancellor had gone to Austrian head-  
quarters "for the purpose of discussing with officials  
of the Dual Monarchy the most important question  
pending between the Triple Alliance Powers." That  
"most important question" is it generally under-  
stood, had to do with a proposed cession of territory  
by Austria to Italy as the price of Italy's continued  
neutrality. The details and results of the confer-  
ence have not been made public; but recent dis-  
patches from Rome declare: "A sudden change of  
feeling is noticeable in diplomatic quarters here, re-  
garding Italy's attitude which seems to have become  
a matter of much greater concern than hitherto."

The inference is that Austria has not seen fit to  
give up territory as a preventive against Italy joining  
the Allies, and that the sword is pulling more  
violently than ever against its slender thread. Germany  
is said to have urged Austria to restore to Italy  
the provinces of Trent and a part of the Istra  
peninsula; and the German ambassador to Rome is  
reported to have said that Austria must be induced  
to yield to this important demand, or he would re-  
sign. Apparently the situation is approaching a  
crisis, in which Italy's course in the present war will  
be determined.

Of Italy's long standing suspicion and dislike of  
Austria, a recent history has said:

In these circumstances, it is not surprising that  
Germany strains every sinew to defeat the enemy's  
effort to reduce her already dwindling store of food;  
nor is it surprising that the Allies are bent upon  
making the most of the weapon of starvation. This  
may not be humane, but it is war. Destruction of  
merchant ships by mines and submarines, and ef-  
forts to starve a nation into surrender are equally  
deplorable, but they are equally characteristic of the  
spirit of this war.

## Austria's Food Shortage and Germany's Food War.

Following Germany's example, the Austrian gov-  
ernment has determined to take over all stocks of  
barley, maize and flour products, and to distribute  
such supplies on a basis of strict economy. The  
food problem evidently is growing more serious in  
both the Teutonic empires. In parts of Austria the  
price of bread has become well-nigh prohibitive for  
the poorer class of people, and in some instances  
has aroused popular outbreaks.

Such conditions are more ominous in the Dual  
Monarchy than in Germany; for, in the former the  
population is a mixture of races and tribes lacking  
that sense of common origin and interest which  
welds the Kaiser's subjects into a patriotic whole.  
The people of Germany will suffer any privation and  
make any sacrifice which the fortunes of the Father-  
land require, but not all the people of Austria-Hun-  
gary can be relied upon to do so. Many of the latter,  
indeed nearly half of them, are of Slavic lineage,  
and the units of the empire are but loosely joined.  
It has long been predicted that upon the death of  
Francis Joseph, now in his eighty-fifth year, Austria-  
Hungary would burst into revolution. Hungry mu-  
titudes are tider for such fire.

The course of the German government in taking  
charge of food stocks prompted the Allies to tighten  
their restrictions upon import to that country, their  
contention being that when food imports became the  
property of the government rather than of the in-  
dividual merchant or consumer they then became,  
in effect, materials of war and as such were subject  
to seizure by the enemy. From this situation sprang  
the present submarine war and those grave issues  
which are distressing the commerce of the world.

Whether in the long run Germany will gain or  
lose by its policy in this regard, is uncertain; but  
for the moment, its supply of provisions from neu-  
tral countries is more than ever limited, and its need  
of frugality more pronounced. A dispatch from Ber-  
lin quotes a leading publicist as demanding that the  
Government take over the supply of potatoes, as it  
has done in the case of flour and grain. As it  
does in the case of four and grain, it will, it seems,  
than those of city men, the difference presumably  
lies in the fact that the rural people are more or less  
dependent on the city, while the urban are more or less  
dependent on agriculture near hand, and so its powers  
of "accommodation" are weakened. Sailors carry good  
vision further into old age than any other class,  
and of their constant practice at all the degrees of  
visibility.

Next to poor eyesight as a cause for rejecting re-  
cruits stands deficiency of height, and here again  
there is a marked contrast between the two extremes.  
Since it leads to the rejection of many men  
who in modern conditions would not be more efficient  
as fighters if a few inches taller—who are appreciably  
less likely to be hit than they would be if taller.—New  
York Times.

## Shakespeare Says--

Macbeth.—"How does your patient, doctor?"  
Doctor.—"Not so sick, my lord, as she is  
troubled with thick coming fancies that keep  
her from her rest."

Macbeth.—"Cure her of that."

Canster from the physician, a rooted sorrow,  
Rase out the written troubles of the brain,  
And with some sweet oblivious antidote  
Cleane the stuff'd bosom of that pernicious  
staff.

Which weighs upon the heart?"

## Eyesight in Warfare.

Among the causes for which volunteers are rejected  
in England and conscripts in the other European coun-  
tries, defective eyesight stands first as regards num-  
bers, but the New York Medical Journal calls atten-  
tion to the fact that what may be called efficiency  
of vision for such purposes as those of war is largely a  
matter of judgment based on experience.

The man with eyes a good deal below normal, when  
tested at the recruiting station, may in the field be a  
better marksman than he who passes the examination  
successfully, simply because the former, as the result  
of past training, is able to make a better interpretation  
of his visual perception, blurred though they are  
in the man with clearer sight. Savages are  
wronged, creased with battle scars, but civilised  
people. The only basis of the supposed superiority  
is that in his accoutred haunts the savage can make accurate  
deductions from many things which the white  
man sees as well, but sees as without significance.

The Journal also notes that science has done about  
as much for war in the way of extending vision as in  
that of facilitating the use of instruments of armament by  
means of which the soldier drives his gun.

Gunners would be almost of no use against their  
own people if the gunners, who do the firing, had  
to try to ascertain eyesight, a matter hard to do,  
and not having been trained to do it.

It is the skill of the gunner which makes  
the accuracy of his gunner.

The gunner's eyesight is the determining among  
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be made in the near future as a meeting was to be held  
of the men bound by this understanding. He decided  
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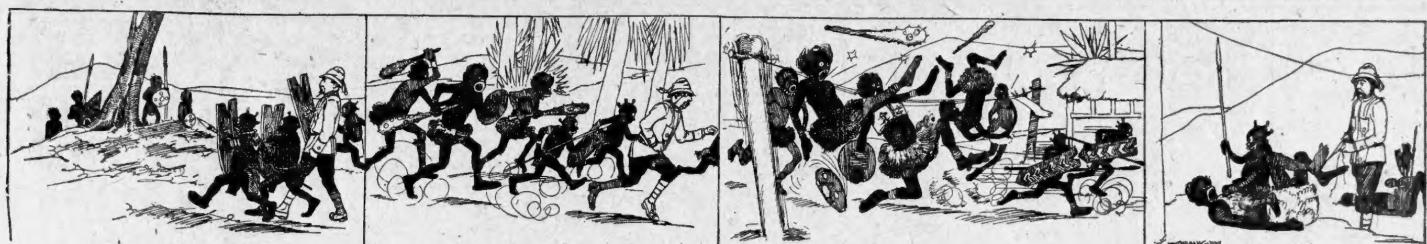
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## LORD LONGBOW--HE ASSISTS PYGMIES TO CONQUER

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"I led a lot of pygmies to victory by conducting a successful retreat. The little fellows were fighting a mammoth."

"I ordered the retreat and the men scampered back to our station with the big biltongs at our heels."

"It was wash day and the big Uzogo all get hung up on clotheslines. Of course our little fellows went under."

"I then assisted me little friends in tying up the blawited boggans, ye know. Their king told me he wished I was a stunted sort of chap, so he could make me a member of their lodge, ye know, old chap."

A CHANCE.

## DICKY DIPPY'S DIARY

---SATURDAY



Tinker--I wonder if Blinder would lend me his Winker--He might! He fell out of a three story window out to his head.

ANYTHING TO PLEASE.



Mrs. Peter--If I don't get a letter from you every day I shall feel so lonely I want to come right home.

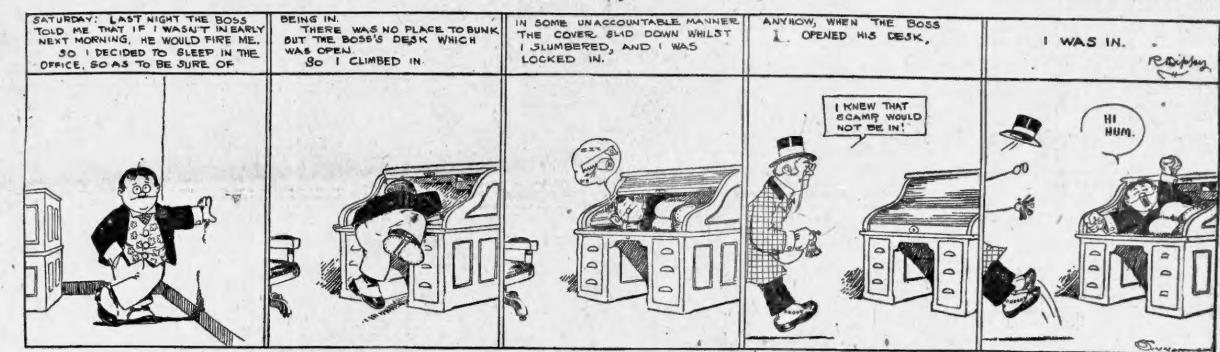
Mr. Peter--Don't fear, I'll write twice a day.

QUITE NOTICEABLE.



The Diner--What's that? The Waiter--Round beef sir. The Diner--I de resistance. The Diner--I observe that he laid the knife.

## DICKY DIPPY'S DIARY



## KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES--AND CLARICE FAINTED, YES'REE

---BY POP



## GUESS IF THEY'RE MARRIED

---BY ALLMAN



Fisherman--Don't you know it's against the law to catch such small trout, you know? You didn't catch 'em! They both didn't catch 'em! They dropped out of your basket! You were crawling under that fence!













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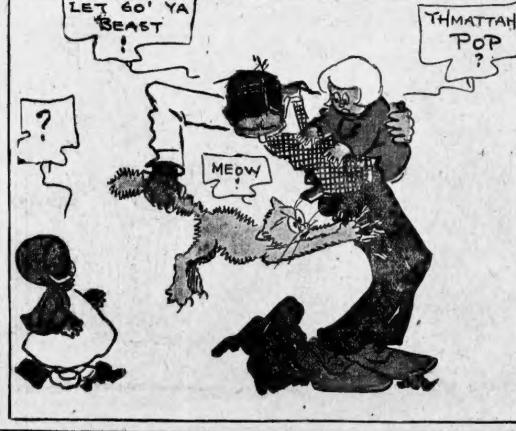
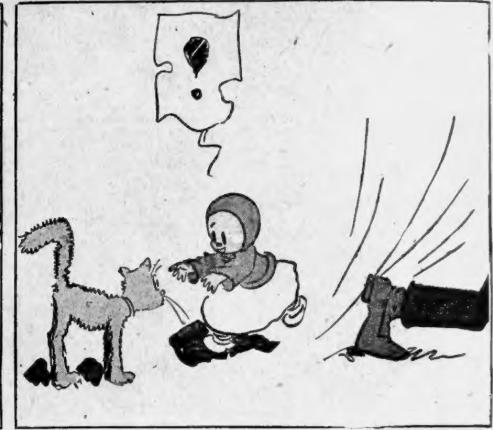
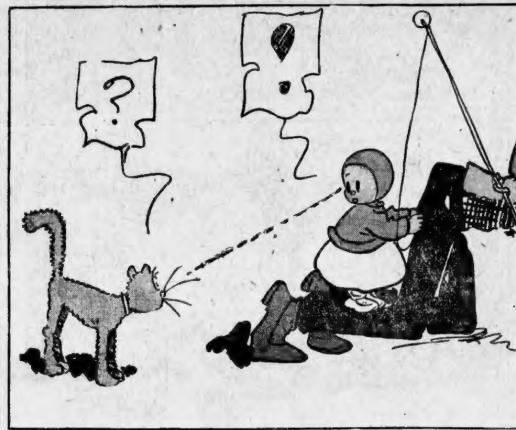
## Masquerades, Dots der Stuff

By R. Dirks

Originator of the  
Katzenjammer Kids



# Nippy's Pop Doesn't Want to Be a Trolley Car Any More



# Hawkshaw the Detective

# He Writes a Prescription





# Lady Bountiful

*Her Little Friends Give Her a Rousing Welcome Home*

By Gene Carr

