NOT DRAMA, BUT THE REAL THING

Mons.—The open warfare which was conducted by the allied forces in Flanders over long stretches of inhabited territory along the northern battlefront produced strange situations which were far remote from the trench fighting, which marked the greater part of the war.

A newspaper correspondent was motoring along the highway leading to the recently evacuated Lille when a French officer beside the road asked for a ride. As soon as the officer had been located out and began to inspect the surroundings eagerly. Occasionally he would wave to civilians and shout greetings.

Asked if he lived in the vicinity, the officer said that his home was in Douai, where four years ago he left his wife to join the colors. Just after his departure his first child, a daughter, was born. Then came the German occupation, and he did his level best. Now he was going back after three long years to his wife and the baby he had never seen.

He was visibly wrought up to the highest pitch, as well he might be. It was quite possible he might find his family dead or gone and his home in ruins.

Entering the city the officer directed the correspondent toward his home, passing streets showing the great marks of the invaders' hatre. Turning into his street, the first house was in ruins. He groaned a curious start, but said nothing. A few doors further on was his home, and the car stopped across the street from it. The officer climbed out slowly and with an effort. His eyes fixed on the place.

Afraid of Her Father.

There were no signs of life. The windows were shuttered and on the door was a sign showing that German officers had been living there. Crossing the street, the officer pulled the bell by a tinkling hand. He was answered. He backed away like a man in a trance and leaned against the car, trembling.

Suddenly the door opened and an aged woman servant appeared on the sill over to the bell. She was holding in the hand a beautiful baby girl with a wealth of golden curls. The officer took one step toward the child and then halted. He was a strange sight to see fresh cud blood.

The child hid behind the skirts of the nurse, peering out in fright. Unknowingly her mother had sold her many times during the Boche occupation, and had been in uniform were hated and that she must avoid them.

The officer was a veteran of 1870 and France meant nothing to this lad. The red blood eyes of the old nurse had recognized.

HOW TO MAKE WET TOWN DRY

Kansas Calls on McAdoo for Help Against Missouri and Gets It.

Pittsburg, Kan.—When in doubt what home to close a home town in a war state and in a dry town turn upon the national administration.

This is the advice of anxious officials here.

Just across the Missouri line for years the Missouri Pacific has had a station at Minden, at which beer and wine in original packages have been landed and which later built its way into the minor towns in the Kansas side. All efforts to stop the practice failed.

Recently County Attorney H. W. Lock of Pittsburg, Kansas, wrote Missouri Attorney General McAdoo's office. An order was issued by Attorney General McAdoo stationed in Minden and all freight is sent via the Frisco.

Now a crowd of Minden men, headed by Henry Hoesch, who is the mining camps fire department, are at Pittsburg, Kan., ready to take up the fight against the government in new fashion authority, and to those who follow the succession of the trade, this is far from a dull season.

The Kansas boundaries have acted quite closely during the last two years. They use the facilities of Missouri Pacific. They do not let any beer into the long line of contraband service from attack, and while they do not know the exact reason, they suspect it is a post they should patrol at the line at frequent intervals.

When the number of shirts season set in, the Kansas officials, who are always alert to the slightest change in the bonnets or the treatment of detail sufficiently to make the public perk up with interest.

When the condition in jackets appears to be well settled in trenches, they decide the society in Kansas City grenadier which brook up the line, and shorten the length.

They do not suffer from troubling. By the Kansas standard, manufacturing for profit, they keep the public from buying the goods they want, and the Kansas Patrols are constantly engaged in

CARING FOR WOUNDED

Mrs. Hammond, an American Red Cross worker, is shown serving water to badly wounded British Tommies who are waiting to be taken to hospitals.

LIKE A THUNDERCLAP OUT OF A CLEAR SKY

Dixon, Ill.—Things happened pretty quickly for Harry I. Mosher, an Amboy farmer, after he was obliged to have sales bill well about anyone who comes on my farm to sell me a bond of the Liberty loan drive." He was called before the local enemption board, given a lecture, compelled to subscribe his quota of bonds, $200, examined by the enemption board physician, passed and ordered to report for service in the next call.

MEETS HIS SON IN TRENCH

Ohio Father Enlists to Be Near His Soldier Boy and Aims Him Overseas.

Toledo, O.—News of the reunion of father and son in a front-line trench in northern France reached Mrs. Omar Smith this week.

Lonnie Smith, seventeen years of age, enlisted more than six months ago and was sent overseas. His father, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, enlisted in the Marine corps and enlisted in the hope that he could be near him.

He asked to be put in the same division with his son. Lonnie Smith had no knowledge of his father's enlistment until they met in front-line trenches.

Mrs. Smith is engaged in Red Cross work in the Toledo chapter and is

Formaldehyde Prevents Robbery.

Kankakee, Ill.—If burglars who entered the Farmers State bank at Buchanan, near here, recently had gas been used they would have made a big haul. When they "cracked" the safe with nitroglycerin they also broke a small bottle of formaldehyde inadvertently placed in the safe. Thinking which resulted were so intense the robbers were unable to get to the safe and secured but little loot. Thousands of dollars were left untouched.

Thirty-Year Search for Brother.

Hartford, Conn.—After trailing her brother through Europe for thirty years, Mrs. Annie Kirtcgrer, who lives in Hartford, has found her long lost brother. Mrs. Kirtcgrer, who has just located the brother, Karl Lindgren, to this city. After a happy reunion Mrs. Kirtcgrer, who is a Salvation Army soldier at Portsmouth, O., where she lives with her husband, returned to her home.

Picturesque frock of black velvet.

Fits tightly over hips and forms graceful folds around feet. Collar and deep cuffs of rucked chiffon.

over in France to get new clothing to bring back in order that a small flock of Postal stock can be opened out with success. They do not permit anyone to fear disappointment, for others because they were well chosen in Kansas.

Details of Charges.

It might make interesting reading to pick over the fashions of last month and compare them with those of the years before. In other days we would have called it a fashion magazine. In December was the month to expect that kind of shopping news from the fashion centers after the turmoil of October. But one does not feel that anything is stabilized today but even in the opposite because, especially under the circumstances, the demand. As the war changes, so fashion.

It might better be explained by saying that this season's crop has been disembodied that was considered first and foremost. Now we have a new crop of fashions, and they are practically alien to those of the last month of September. The public, is, therefore, being given an opportunity to avoid what was

FASHION TIPS

Flush and Satin.

We are eliminating anything perfunctory in the matter of flush. Beadings or elaborate embroideries in flush are not considered. Flush is not considered adapted to the necessary fashion of the present time. Satin is one of the fabrics of that there is an indication that it will be used in the place of flush for evening wraps, a material that is considered more in keeping with the times in point of its durability, and combine more easily with the fur that is used in the lining of the side in satin if it is to be worn with a fur. Satin is also used for the simplicity of Mexico or waistline and round neck.

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Autumn Modes.

A dinner gown made of rose-red lame and silver lace, the lace embroidered in silver and rose-red, and the lame in silver and rose-red, and the lame in silver and rose-red, and the lame