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The food served to Sergt. Hammersley was always poor and insufficient, but the Canadian Red Cross parcels reached the camps and proved to be salvation for the Canadian prisoners.

As the non-commissioned officers always refused to work at drudgery which the Germans subjected their prisoners, Sergt. Hammersley joined the passive resisters, and as a consequence was made to tramp with other men for hours daily.


On being transferred to a new camp lately started at Herslake, Sergt. Hammersley with a Manchester man, managed to get away, and reached the Dutch frontier after a four-days' trip, during which they had many narrow escapes from sentries and watchdogs, but once they were over the Dutch boundary they were treated most kindly and were sent to Rotterdam and thence to London.

Hammersley hints that he could say much more, but he is under restraining influences.

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War Affects Sunsets.

Observations made at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory on Mt. Wilson in California during the past few years have shown that our sun, like many of the other stars, is a variable. In other words, the amount of heat and light it sends out sometimes varies by as much as ten per cent. in the course of a few days. To study this variation, its causes and its possible connection with climatic changes on the earth, a branch station of the Astrophysical Observatory is soon to be established in South America.

"Since the planets shine by reflected sunlight, it would seem as if changes in the sun's radiation should produce changes in the brightness of the planets. Attempts to measure such changes in the case of Uranus have led to the discovery that this planet varies periodically in brightness. Moreover, the period is 10 hours 50 minutes, agreeing with the time of rotation as determined by an entirely different method. Thus the variation in light is probably due to the difference in reflecting power of different portions of the planet's surface and we have a new method for determining the rotation period."

Canada has sent reports to the Smithsonian Observatory of brilliant sunsets with beautiful after-sunset glows. A similar series was observed in 1883 and was attributed at that time to the volcanic eruption of Krakatau in the East Indies. As a result of this explosion, particles of volcanic dust were hurled to tremendous heights and carried by the air currents to great distances. These particles illuminated by the setting sun produced some very beautiful effects. The present display is attributed to the war, which with its terrific bombardments is producing more smoke and dust than any volcanic eruption. The prevailing currents of the upper air in northern latitudes being from east to west, much of this dust is carried over

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THERE are a good many who wish the war to end and be over, and another. But Maggie's second husband, her present home is in the west. But it's no use. The gophers climb up and very nose and she's there!

You see, the Park which is the Supreme Court and the Board of Health decided that in 1914 goats were to be practically more in keeping with traditions. There is a definite number of units around Banff, in the case of Maggie's and the Commission force in one of these. The lodges would give the big trees would scrub last year's discrepancy back at the season's primitive fashion and the men interested would have better means to judge themselves as to whether it worth while to try be-