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Enthusiastic S. O. S. Presentation Meeting

There was standing room only in the Avalon Theatre last Tuesday evening when Mayor Wright called the "S. O. S." meeting to order. He regretted having to announce that Dr. McLean, minister of education, was absent, having been called to Victoria by wire announcing the serious illness of Mrs. McLean.

Rev. A. H. Sovereign, of Vancouver, district superintendent of the S. O. S. was introduced.

The speaker pointed to the fact that this was everybody's war. We cannot shift the responsibility. The men at the front have done nobly. The women of the British Empire have done well. The girls have done well. But this meeting honors the work of the boys, of whom 25,000 in Canada responded to the call for help in the harvest fields.

Dr. Sovereign recited many incidents of the splendid work of the boys on the farms, many employers testifying that these boys were amongst the best help they had. He concluded by congratulating the boys on the work they did during the summer.

Dr. K. C. MacDonald followed. He complimented the people of Armstrong and Enderby on the splended support they gave the boys of the S. O. S. as was evidenced in their attendance at this meeting. He regretted that the Minister of Education could not have been present to see this part of the Okanagan and the splendid work that was being done in every line. He wired the Minister the regrets of himself and the people, and expressed the hope of his wife's speedy recovery.

He felt that it was a great honor to be able to render the splendid service these boys had done during the summer. The badge pinned on the coat was a small thing, but it would serve to show in after years the noble duty performed by the S. O. S. If this work is continued next year, the speaker could promise the hearty support from this district.

Rev. C. M. Wright, organizer of the S. O. S. movement in Alberta and British Columbia, said this was by far the most enthusiastic meeting held in the Okanagan. During the last few days over 2,000 badges had been given out in these two provinces. He had travelled much in the Province; had seen its great timber belts, its mining districts, its fisheries, and the vast wheat fields of the Prairies. He had a great idea of the immense wealth of Canada. But the last year of work among and with the boys had given him a new conception of the possible potentialities of Canada. To realize it one must have a great, well-trained manhood. We must not neglect the training of our manhood.

Germany cannot win because of what is taking place among Canadian boys. Hindenburg states that in Germany, since the war began, crime has increased 100 per cent among the older boys. Why? Because Germany thinks of them only as fodder for the guns. Even in England and Canada this wave of restlessness amongst the boys is evident. This is because the boys are not being trained.

A high school principal once said: "Once you give a boy a worthy aim he is no longer a problem." The aim of this S.O.S. movement amongst the boys is to develop fully and completely our Canadian manhood. Now the boys have done their best in the S. O. S., and that is the spirit in which we go forward in this Canada of ours. The great benefit of this work is the linking up of the boys to the schools and churches and constructive forces of the community. The speaker congratulated the boys of the S. O. S. who have won the badge of honor in the greatest crisis of the world's history.

The presentation of the medals to the boys was made by Dr. MacDonald in the absence of Dr. McLean. The following boys received the badge:

From Armstrong (26): Harry Hayes, Cyril J. Tooley, Gordon Murray, Urban Eckford, Walter Patten, Robert A. Lindsay, Newton Ford, Redvers Fowler, Chas. Bailey, Norman H. King, Thos. W. Davis, Albert L. Buck, Edward Patten, Andrew J. Arland, Arthur Horrex, Wilson Cross, Fred Fuenfgeld, Frank Wright, Tommy Fowler, Hilliard McCallan, Gordon Patten, William Phillips, Arthur Pritchard, John Steward, (Falkland), Harold Sneesby, Elbert Aslin, Glenic Watson, Robert Pato.

From Enderby (14): Ernest Landon, Gordon Landon, Jas. Folkard, Arvid Antilla, James McMahon, Douglas Dow, Roy Strickland, Wm. Baird, E. R. Hassard, Leonard Hassard, Geo. Sparrow, John Harvey, William Krebs.

At the conclusion of the presentation Dr. MacDonald invited all the boys to refreshments at Sawyers.

Interspersing the speeches, musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Harris, Mr. Weight, Mr. Beattie and Mr. Chambers.

Several auto loads of Enderbyites were present to enjoy the presentation and musical program.

GLENEMMA NOTES

Mr. W. Simpson and family are leaving Falkland shortly for Victoria.

The Salmon Valley school has been provided with new government seats.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Douner left for Vernon this week where they will reside.

Miss Mary Bell left on the 29th via Kamloops to attend Normal School at Victoria.

Mr. Hubert Morgan of Vernon was out to his old home on Labor Day, and enjoyed a good day's fishing.

Miss Hall, of Kamloops, is visiting Mrs. C. S. Hall of Glenemma. The former's husband is overseas.

Word was received in Armstrong this week that Pte. Chas. Botting, of Glenemma, had been wounded in action.

Mr. Willett recently purchased the Jas. Grinton house, and moved it on to his own property. It has been remodeled and and addition has been built to it. It now makes a very nice home.

Mr Wm Culling of Glenamme received official notice this week of the death of his son, Pte Fred Culling from wounds received Aug 8th Pte Culling enlisted three years ago. He was the youngest of three sons serving at the front.

Replace the Corduroy

Perhaps it is too much to expect much work to be done on the Mabel Lake wagon road this fall, but the businessmen of Enderby should get together for an early start in 1919, and put the matter up to the Provincial department of works in such a way as will compel a hearing. To continue the old patches of corduroy, which have been the bane of the life of teamsters and motorists using the road for the past several years, is little short of a disgrace, and a remedy of some kind should be found.

For Fall Fair Days

A grand ball will be given in the Avalon Theatre, Armstrong, on the last night of the Fall Fair —Thursday, Sept. 19, at 9.30 sharp. A largely augmented orchestra will be in attendance. On Wednesday night, the 18th, the great vitagraph picture, "The Tenderfoot," will be given, featuring William Duncan and Carol Holloway, and the funny Charlie Chaplin in "His Musical Career," will also be shown, at 8.30. On Thursday, the 19th, these special pictures will be shown from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. The grand ball starts promptly at 9.30.

CALLED TO REST

Mrs. J. L. Ruttan Suddenly Called by Death at Vanderhoof.

It was a great shock to citizens of Enderby when word was received on Monday that Mrs. J. L. Ruttan had suddenly passed away at Vanderhoof, B. C., just as she was preparing to leave for her home in Enderby with her youngest daughter, Joyce, who was to enter high school here.

Death was due to a paralytic stroke. The remains were brought to Enderby by Mr. Ruttan and interred in the Lansdowne cemetery Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. W. A. Russell and the Misses Ruttan came from the coast and from Fort Fraser to atend the funeral. Interment took place from the train, attended by a large number of sorrowing friends, who met the funeral party at the station and buried the casket in flowers in token of their esteem for one of the noblest women ever resident in the Valley.

Several years ago Mr. Ruttan was mayor of Enderby. He was the city's constructive mayor, under whose guidance and progressive hand so much was accomplished of a permanent nature.

Mrs. Ruttan, while of a very reclusive nature, was a woman of the sterling pioneer type, and during the years of her residence here took a sympathetic interest in every good work looking to the betterment of the community and its people. She was her husband's rare helpmate, and the mother of a model home.

Rev. Mr. Dow officiated at the grave, where he spoke eloquently of the good qualities of the deceased.

The deep sorrow of Mr. Ruttan and daughters is shared by the community where all are so well known and esteemed.

Two sons are overseas with the Canadian forces while Percy is assisting his father in handling his lumber business in the vicinity of Vanderhoof.

Fall Fair Notes

Secretary Mat Hassen, of the Armstrong Fall Fair, desires to call attention to the following:

Special prize, presented by the Board of School Trustees of the Municipality of Spallumcheen and City of Armstrong, for any article in woodwork showing best workmanship done by a boy attending Armstrong manual training school; not more than two articles to be shown by one exhibitor. Must be at least six exhibitors or first prize will not be awarded: 1st, $5; 2nd, $3; 3rd, $2.

Special prize for bucking horse contest: first prize winner to be champion of B. C. Riders to provide own horses: 1st, $15; 2nd, $10.

Horse race: (Indians excluded) Rules and entries at time of race: 1st, $5; 2nd, $3.

Please note that where prize list calls for 5 lbs potatoes, it should read "10 potatoes."

Miss Olga Carlson has taken a school at Keremos and left for the south on Saturday.

Lens Falls Into British Hands--Line Broken

London, Sept. 3rd.—The British have captured the city of Lens. The Germans evacuated the place and the British moved in. The town of Queant, at the southern end of the Drocourt-Queant switch line has also been taken, and the British are now in undisputed control of the Drocourt-Queant line.

The break in the Hindenburg line above Queant now extends seven miles, extending beyond Etaing.

The enemy left his positions without resistance and is hurriedly retiring southward in an effort to get behind the Wotan line or such of it as is left. Much of the Wotan line has already been destroyed, but Hindenburg hopes to hold it till he can reform and prepare positions further back, it is believed. Contrary to expectations, the enemy has not reacted heavily with a view to the recapture of the Drocourt-Queant line but has left the British in undisputed possession of it.

London, Sept. 3rd.—The breaking in of the Drocourt-Queant switch line, following a series of important advances with great captures of men and guns and material has made a great impression here. While too great confidence that the success can be maintained is deprecated and while the general expectation is that the enemy will make the most desperate efforts to recover the position, the blow is regarded as one of the worst disasters inflicted on the Germans during the whole war and one which must cause their high command the deepest anxiety. The belief is general that the switch line is the main system of German defense and that there is nothing so strong behind it. Consequently its loss if it becomes final, opens the widest possibilities. Its final loss would involve the evacuation of the French coal fields, perhaps even of the coast of Flanders, and would imperil the German hold of Douai, Valenciennes and Cambrai, which are essential to Hindenburg for moving his army.

The Telegraph noting the danger to the important German centres of communication, says: "If the Germans cannot stand before Douai, Cambrai and St. Quentin, they can stand nowhere this side of the German frontier. If it is possible for them to fight harder and throw in reserves at a swifter rate than they have done in the last few days, they will do so. We doubt the possibility of their accomplishing either."

A transport operating in Russia showing the nature of the country where the Allies are now engaged in stemming the power of enemy propaganda.

Enderby Preparing for Trustees' Convention

A joint meeting of the Enderby City Council and Board of School Trustees was held in the city hall Tuesday night to arrange for the entertainment and accommodation of the school trustees of the Province who will meet in annual convention during the third week in September. As a result of these deliberations arrangements are under way which will amply provide for an attendance at the convention of from 40 to 60 delegates. While it is too early to give any definite program, it was definitely decided that the delegates would be provided for at the King Edward Hotel so far as dining room accommodation is required, and members of the Council and school board undertook to get a listing of the extra sleeping accommodation necessary in the homes of Enderby. Provision will have to be made for possibly 20 more delegates than can be accommodated at the King Edward. This, it was thought, would not be difficult.

All available motor cars will be requisitioned for a half day to take the visiting trustees on a sight-seeing tour of the Enderby district. In the evening of the concluding day of the convention it is intended to give the delegates a war-time banquet in the Opera House or K. of P. Hall where there will be short speeches interspersed with music.

The convention will be held in the assembly hall of Fortune School, where provision will be made for delegates tables, writing material, &c. Fuller details will be given when the final draft of the program is available.

CREDITORS' MEETING

H. W. Bischel Makes Proposition Whereby He Hopes to Clear Off Liabilities

The Grindrod School House was crowded by creditors of the H. W. Bischel estate last Saturday afternoon, when an effort was made to discover the exact condition of affairs and to find some way out of the financial difficulties into which the milling company finds itself.

Mr. Bischel came from Calgary to apepar before the meeting of creditors and to place before them a business proposition whereby he was convinced he could pull out of the hole and clean up the indebtedness of his company and his own good name.

His proposition was that he would find a buyer for the mill at $4,500, which amount, together with what could be realized from the sale of lumber posts and poles would give the creditors something over $6,000 to pay off preferred claims.

To pay off the balance of the indebtedness—some $6,000 or thereabouts—he would go to work for the assignee and inspectors on a salary of $100 per month and traveling expenses and sell the post and pole output of the concern provided the creditors would continue operations.

It was pointed out by Mr. A. Tomkinson that the proposition made was not reasonable, and he showed that while under Mr. Bischel's management, and with market conditions more favorable than now, the concern went behind and became insolvent and he could not see how matters could improve under similar or worse conditions.

It was finally agreed that Messrs. Winters, A. Tomkinson, and R. Blackburn should act as inspectors who would cooperate with the assignee, and that Mr. Bischel should be given every opportunity to make good, but that he should find other employment and at the same time lend assistance in the marketing of the Grindrod output, paying off his indebtedness by the proceeds of such sales and by what he could raise by other means.

ARMSTRONG RED CROSS

July, 1918

Collections—	
Mrs Harry	$ 2.00
Mrs. Allison	1.90
Mrs. C. Becker	1.10
Mrs. T. Ball	3.25
Miss Ball	
Mrs. Bailey	
Mrs. Collis	2.35
Miss Essie Hunter	
Miss G. C. Petar	
Mrs. Frank Becker	2.15
Mrs. Empey	1.75
Mrs. C. Wagget	6.50
Mrs. A. E. Sage	7.25
Mrs. C. Polly	5.50
Mrs. T. J. Phillips	3.85
Mrs. T. Thomas	8.45
Mrs. Whittaker	7.35
Miss Tooley	
Mrs. Buckley	
Mrs. S. E. Thomas	
Miss Edith Teward	1.45
Miss Pritchard	1.40
Mrs. J. Cox	
Mrs. R. Wood	1.60
H. T. Sue Yow	
Long Lung	
Wong Jone	.70
Miss Bella Howard Hullcar	4.25
Miss Pringle	1.60
Miss Wismer	.70
Miss Florence Smith	6.80
Miss Matheson	1.75
Miss Parkinson	2.00
Donations—	
Municipality of Spallumcheen	8.33
Salmon River Institute	5.25
Base Ball Game	6.05
Raffle of rug by Mrs. Mulhrany	15.00
Proceeds—	
Raffle by Mrs. T. J. Phillips	$39.10
Ice cream booth	70.00
One-half proceeds from meals served	65.50
Proceeds from "Kill the Kaiser"	18.25
Total	$182.85
Expenses ice cream booth—	
Ice cream	$21.00
Nails and rent of glasses from McPhaill-Smith Hardware	.50
Sugar and Lemons, Phillips & Whitehouse	3.35
Sugar and lemons, Foreman & Armstrong	3.50
Plates and cones, W. Sawyer	4.99
	$33.34
Total Balance	$159.51
	$192.85
Expenditures—	
A. Munro for flte.	$ 32.79
Foreman & Armstrong for wool & flte.	95.29
Baseball glove	1.50
McIntyre & Co. for wool	188.70
Postage & stationery (3 mo.)	2.00
Summary—	
Cash on hand July 1	$292.42
Collections in July	76.70
Donations in July	232.73
Afternoon teas	30.00
	$631.85
Credit—	
Cash paid out in July	$352.62
Cash on hand July 31	278.23
	$631.85

Edith Freeman, treasurer.

Poultry Association Meeting

The annual meeting of the Northern Okanagan Poultry Association will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10th, in Foreman & Armstrong's store. All members of the association and all those interested in the welfare of the poultry business are invited to attend. The business of the meeting will be the election of officers and other very important matters which must have immediate attention.

H. A. Allison, Secretary.

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PHONE No. 34

A placard over a bridge in Finland, where thirty officers were crowded under water with bayonets and drowned by Germans, reads: "Swimming School for Officers."

ALFALFA SEED INFECTED

Dominion Entomologist Discovers Presence of Alfalfa Seed Chalcid

Mr. R. C. Treherne, Dominion Entomoligical Field Officer, reports that as a result of his study of polinating and seed infesting this summer in the Okanagan he has become aware of the presence of an insect, known as the alfalfa seed chalcid, which apparently is causing considerable loss of seed in some sections.

This insect is known to threaten the production of alfalfa seed in some localities in the United States.

It has been found during the past two weeks at Keremos, Kalcden, Penticton, Vernon, Kamloops and Walhachin, and there is no reason why it should not occur at other points in the dry belt. For the purpose of assisting the department of agriculture in the effort to determine the range and extent of infestation, growers are asked, as a favor, to pick some of the mature seed along their fence rows and place them in a glass tube or bottle with a cotton wool cork. These seeds should be let stand in a dry, shaded place and watch should be kept for some minute black flies about ⅛ of an inch long. It is possible these seeds may have to be kept over winter as emergence does not occur until the spring. Later on if the grower will advise the local representative of the department as to his findings, giving the locality, he will assist very materially in estimating the degree and range of infestation. Injury by this chalcid is confined entirely to clover (Medicago hospida) and alfalfa (Medicago sativa). The winter is passed in the larval stage within the seed. Adult emergence occurs in the spring. Oviposition takes place through the soft green seed-pods when the pods are half grown. The grubs feed on the tender growing seeds, and the adults, when full grown, eat their way out through the shells of the infested seeds and then through the seed-pods. Evidence of attack may be seen at the present time by the presence of a number of minute holes in the dry seed-pod of the uncut first crop of alfalfa seed. Infested seed may be recognized by their abnormal shape, and usually by their dull brown color. The glossy appearance of normal seed may also be interfered with. There are probably two generations of flies in the course of the summer in the Okanagan. According to Urbahns of the United States department of agriculture (1914) this insect causes a loss of from 10-30 per cent of first crop seed and 30-70 per cent of second.

At the present time it is advisable to dispose of the screenings of the alfalfa as it is threshed by placing them in a compost heap for three or four months, so that it may become heated and decayed. If this is not carried out all screenings should be burnt. In the autumn, further, all roadside alfalfa and clover plants should be cut, fed or burnt.

Only clean seed should be planted next spring, as the winter is passed as a larvae in the seed. If necessary, suspected seed could be fumigated with carbon bisulphide, 1 oz to 100lb of seed. The crop should be seeded so as to allow uniform ripening, and the crop should be harvested as soon as the larger number of pods are ripe. The earlier harvesting should be stacked as soon after cutting as possible, thus rendering emergence of the flies more difficult.

Further information on the local life history of the insect is lacking at the present time, but it is hoped that facilities will be offered to make an investigation.

Getting Acquainted

It is truthfully said that Americans and Britishers have never understood each other. It is probably quite as true to say that they never have tried to understand each other. The American has judged the Britisher by the "rotter" who has come to his shores; the Britisher has judged the American by the new rich braggart whom he has frequently seen in London. Both have been wrong, of course. Now in war time, fighting side by side against a common enemy they are finding out that the American and the Britisher as a people are both all right.

In a recent interview in London, Rev. Dr. J. H. Jowett, just returned from seven years' residence in New York, declared that there could be no vital and intelligent understanding between American and British people without a clear recognition of their temperamental differences.

In the following words Dr. Jowett describes and explains the contrasts between the two great English-speaking peoples:

"The two peoples stand in contrast because one is extraordinarily nimble, open, hospitable, throwing every door ajar, while the other is apparently slow, reserved, keeping most of its doors closed. After seven years in the United States I have come to the conculsion that the exhiliration, the vivacity, the brilliant approach of the American, if not created by the climate, is immensely nourished by it. The American skies are marvelously blue, the American air is quickening, in America one's life is full of sunshine. These things get into the blood and make it run in a swift current, for good or bad. The British climate lacks that brilliancy; it has more grey mist in it, it has more chill, if not more cold. I am confident that many of the differences between the peoples go no farther than the dvergences created by such physical results of differences in latitude."

Dr. Jowett asks Englishmen to bear in mind that nimbleness of mind is not necessarily flippancy, and asks Americans to take into consideration that English reserve is not "standoffishness" or flunkeyism. "If we are really to understand each other," continues Dr. Jowett, "and become good, comprehending friends in fair weather as well as foul, Americans must have patience and Britons must have tolerance. There are no differences in the basic honesty of the two peoples."

Chivalry vs Cruelty

In a recent lecture before the Royal Club, Norfolk House, London, Staff Paymaster Collingwood Hughes narrated a story contrasting British chivalry with German cruelty. One of our patrol boats, he said, was out in the Atlantic, when an enemy submarine which had become derelict was discovered. After rescuing the crew, the commander of the patrol boat inquired of the U-boat captain if all were safely aboard, as it was intended to blow up the enemy vessel. "Yes," came the reply, "they are all here. Call the roll." The roll was duly called, and every German answered. The British commander was about to push off before dropping a depth charge, when a noise of tapping was heard. "Are you quite sure there is no one on board on your boat?" repeated the British commander. "Yes," declared the U-boat commander. But the tapping continued, and, becoming suspicious, the British commander ordered a search of the U-boat, when there were found tied up as prisoners four British seamen.—London Daily Telegraph.

Words and Coin

If words would swat the raging foe, and lay a swath of Teutons low, the war would end tonight; we've countless lads who'd elocute the stuffing from the war lord Teut, and put their hosts to flight. We've countless gents who spend their days inventing epigram and phrase, and hard boiled metaphor; the way they roast the Hun is great, and ought to jar that Wilhelm skate—but words won't win the war. The gent who buys some green thrift stamps brings terror to the Prussian camps, far more than windy sharks, who keep their kopecks in their pants, but stand erect at every chance, to make a few remarks. Dig up, dig up, before you speil! Dig up the bone, the buck, the wheel, the kroner and the yen! Go down in your tin savings bank, dig up the shilling and the franc, dig up the iron men! When you have stripped the strong box bare, then you may stand and paw the air until the cows come home; but talk that isn't backed by wealth won't interrupt a Teuton's health, nor cleave his crested dome. September comes—another "Loan" will call for every hard-earned bone that patriots can raise; and he who buys himself a bond does more to help our boys beyond, than all the screeching jays.—Walt Mason.

Words o' Cheer

Lo! Calvin, Knox and Luther cry
I hae the truth and I and I.
Puir sinners, if ye gang agley
The Deil will hae ye
And then the Lord will stand abeigh
And will nae save ye.

But hoolie, hoolie; nae sa fast.
When Gabriel shall blaw his blast
And Heaven and earth awa hae past,
These lang syne saints
Shall find baith Deil and hell at last
Mere pious feints.

The upright, honest-hearted man
Who strives to do the best he can
Need never fear the Church's ban
Or hell's damnation,
For God will need nae special plan
For his salvation.

The ane wha feels our deepest needs,
Reeds little how man counts his beads,
For righteousness is not in creeds
Or solemn faces,
But rather lies in kindly deeds
And Christian graces.

Then never fear, wi' purpose leal,
A head to think, a heart to feel
For human woe, or human weal,
Nae preaching loon
Your sacred birthright e'er can steal
To Heaven aboon.

Tak tent o' truth and head thee well,
The man who sins makes his own hell,
There's nae worse deil than himsel',
But God is strongest,
And when puir human hearts rebel
He haulds out longest.

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Value of Farm and Town Property

After an absence of several years the writer last winter visited a certain community in the southern peninsular of Ontario. He found a once prospering town gone to "rack and ruin," to use a well-worn phrase.

We will not attempt to describe the scene—the tale is really too pitiful. But we will mention the fact that houses and lots were vacant in plenty, and one could buy complete property for from $200 to $450 that cost from $2,000 to $4,000 fifteen or twenty years ago. Many of the houses that were formerly in the town, or, rather, the remnants of a town, had been bought up for much less than the value of the lumber they contained and were moved out onto farm property in the neighborhood. There were a few straggling business places left. Business, however, was dead—and so was any spirit of enterprise among the handful of citizens who were left. In two instances that came under my notice people transferred their property to others for the nominal sum of a dollar bill, in order to be relieved of the burden of paying taxes upon that which was absolutely dead from any practical investment standpoint.

The death of this town had a saddening effect upon the farms of the neighborhood. Instead of increasing in value as one would suppose, with agricultural enterprise constantly spreading, these farm lands were actually lower in price than they were fifteen years ago, when there was still a lively town in the centre, that offered good marketing and the multitude of other essential facilities that every live town does hold for the surrounding territory. **People did not even want to farm in the vicinity of a town that wore a shroud.** It seemed too much like abutting one's residence against a cemetery.

What was the question, please?

Oh, yes, to be sure; the reason for the decadent conditions described was community disloyalty—**absolutely.** Slowly but surely the cankerworm of the big catalogue ate into the heart of that community by scattering the live merchants who conducted its retail trade. And there were live merchants there some few years ago. But when the disease of the catalogue habit began to assume the proportions of an epidemic, they fled to fresher and fairer fields.

Several of the oldest, and once the most promising towns in Manitoba have travelled the same route. Others are on the down grade in other sections of Canada. One does not have to go far to find them, these days.

And one thing you'll find that is invariaby true—**farm property contiguous to a dead town has half the value of similar property near a live town.**

It would seem to be good business, therefore, to keep one's town alive. It is good business both for the resident of the town and for the resident of the adjacent farm property. This question of mail order buying to the detriment of the home dealer resolves itself into this—**It is either right or it's wrong.**

The distant mail order concern is either a good thing for the community or it is a bad thing. Put your local business men out of business and what have you left? Where is the value of your property? If community suicide is a good thing, then the mail order habit is worthy of encouragement. **It's up to YOU and ME to decide.**

Mount Kemmel Retaken

Mount Kemmel, the famous stronghold southwest of Ypres, which was the scene of terrific fighting during the German offensive late in April, has been recaptured by the British, according to advics from the front. The war office report indicates that the British are advancing along practically the whole Flanders front. They have progressed from one mile to two miles on two fronts, one of nine miles and one of three. Thus, the greatest British advance in the northern sector since the German offensive in April has eliminated about one third of the Flanders salient. In the northern sector, Dranoutre, the Bailleul railway station and Mont de Lille Hill have been occupied. The British there are advancing from the vicinity of Kemmel southward to near Neuf-Berquin. Vieille-Chapelle and Lestrem have been occupied in the other sector.

Cook Books on Sale

In order to encourage the use of the set of four books issued by the Canada Food Board the copies will be placed on sale at stores. A special discount of 20 per cent is made to proprietors taking the books in quantities of fifty of each for retail sale. Applications may be made to the office of the provincial committee, 227 Post Office Building, and it is hoped advantage will be taken of this, as the cook books contain many practical and economical recipes dealing with the use of flour substitutes and other war-time cooking.

The Canada Food Board is anxious that as many of these cook books as possible should be in the hands of the householders as they feel sure their use will tend to assist greatly in the conservation of the meat, wheat, fats and sugar, savings in which are so urgently required at the present time.

General Notification

With regard to the matter of dealers being acquainted with the various regulations relative to their various businesses, the British Columbia section of the Canada Food Board has been advised that when an order is issued governing any class of licensees such as bakers, confectioners, etc., they forward from Ottawa to each licensee a copy of such license or order, but the non-receipt of this order or license does not exempt him from the penalties provided for the non-observance of the order of the board and it is the duty of the licensee if he does not receive orders to communicate with either the Canada Food Board, Ottawa, or the Provincial office to secure same.

Japs and Aviation

The Japanese are the greatest masters of human equilibrium in the world. Watching them balance lightly on slack wires on stand on their heads on slender poles, one would assume that aviation has few terrors for them. As a matter of fact, however, their peculiar sense of equilibrium does not seem to aid them in the flying of aeroplanes. An experienced instructor who has drilled many Allied airmen says the Japs make the least satisfactory aviators in the world, Eskimos excepted.

Fast Work

From a tree in the forest to a printed newspaper in 145 minutes, or two hours and twenty five minutes, is the record made in a trial at Vienna, Austria, recently. The trial was made to see in how short a space a living tree could be converted into a newspaper. At 7,35 in the morning three trees were cut down; by 9.34 they had been strippd of their bark, cut up and turned into wood pulp. Then they became papen and the paper was hustled from the factory to the press. There the first copy, printed and folded, was delivered at 10 o'clock.

Big Shipment of Fruit

The Vernon News says that not less than 3,600 express packages of fruit were transferred from the boat to the train at Okanagan Landing on Tuesday of last week, and the Summerland Review adds: "The fact that half of this quantity was shipped from Summerland is proof positive of Summerland's leading position in this line."

A cloth manufacturing firm received a letter from a customer complaining that some material had been received full of moths. By return post went a missive to this effect: "On examining your order we find that you did not order any moths. It was our error, and you will please return same an once at our expense."

NEWSPAPERMEN MEET

Convention at Vancouver Productive of Much Good to the Craft

Conventions, like most other things, are just what those attending them make them. The convention of British Columbia newspapermen, members of the Canadian Press Association, at Vancouver last Friday and Saturday proved most profitable. Many of the newspapers on the Island were not represented on account of the tie-up of the boats by the captains' strike. The Mainland was well represented.

The convention convened on the arrival of the morning train and was in session until 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Friday the visiting editors were entertained at luncheon by the Vancouver publishers in the convention hall, Hotel Vancouver.

In his annual report President Sutherland alluded to the ravages of war in the British Columbia newspaper field in the past four years. Forty-one British Columbia newspapers have gone to the journalistic graveyard since the outbreak of war. His suggestion in this connection was that publishers did not command a sufficiently high price for the commodity they sold. He pointed out the change which has come to the business as a whole in the practical disappearance of the corporation, personal or party newspaper, and from this drew the inference that the periodicals still in existence were making a living through operating as business propositions, insofar as the "front office" was concerned. He reported a gratifying increase in the membership of the Canadian Press Association in this Province. Of the fifty-seven newspapers pubished in British Columbia forty belong to the C. P. A., and this number will shortly be swelled by an additional dozen.

Secretary Burd's report showed a balance on hand in the division's treasury. The minutes and correspondence centered about the question of government advertising, to which it is expected a good deal of attention will be given. It was pointed out that in a great many instances companies with wide powers are granted charters by the Provincial government, with the public in entire ignorance, due to the fact that charter applications are often only printed in the official Gazette, and therefore are not read by the general public. Publishers expressed the opinion today that if the legislation of the province reduced the official Gazette advertising to a minimum of one insertion for each advertisement, and followed the broad policy of advertising as much as possible in the newspapers, public good would be served.

It was comented upon that the forest branch has taken a new step in publishing advertisements cautioning against fire. This was considered to be a wise move, which could well be followed by many other governmental departments. A unanimous feeling against the exercise of political bias in the publication of government adnear Oakville, Ontario, and who vertising was expressed at the convention. It is probable that the newspapers of the Province will appoint a legislative committee to meet the government from time to time, and also to watch legislation in the Provincial House with a view of obtaining advertising publicitv in the papers of all matters where the interests of the public are in any way affected, such as in tax sales, statute changes, and issuance of charters.

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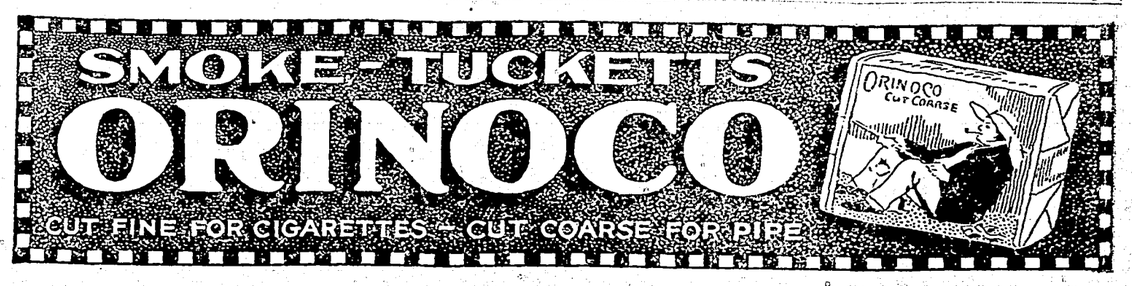
Asbestos: The white-hope of the damned.—Elbert Hubbard.



MILLINERY OPENING

You are cordially invited to attend the Fall Millinery Opening on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6th and 7th, in my millinery parlors in the Foreman & Armstrong Block. I have a complete line of the season's latest styles in ladies' and children's headware.

MRS. B. G. BRAY

Our Store is next to the **Post Office**
So is very convenient for shopping

Stationery
For the needs of particular people

Drugs
Which cannot be excelled for purity

Pipes and Tobacco
Kept just right for smokers comfort.

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Armstrong, B. C.

Send us your subscriptions for daily papers and magazines. Publishers rates.

Newsprint paper made from sawdust is now a fact, and The London Times is using it.

2,500 Guineas for a Ram

At a record Australian merino sheep sale in Sydney 955 lots realized £17,000. One stud ram brought 2,500 guineas—a world's record.

Nothing: A negative which is the reality behind every ghostly affirmative. 2. Something that has density without weight, like a barber's breath.—Elbert Hubbard.

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Auction Sale News

I will hold an Auction Sale for Mr. G. Mills at his ranch on the Armstrong-Enderby back road on Thursday, September 5th, consisting of cattle, horses, impliments and household furniture. See posters later.

I have $1,200.00 to loan on a 1st class farm mortgage. See me at once

C. CREED
Real Estate and Insurance Agent.
Auctioneer and Live Stock Saleman
ARMSTRONG, B. C.

AT THE BATH-HOUSE

Sent to Mrs. Crozier by her brother in the R. F. C.

In a village near here there's a bath-house
Of which I've a sad tale to tell;
They send soldiers there who need washing
And some who need scrubbing as well.

They give you a bath of cold water
With which you wash off the dirt,
And when you've dried yourself on an old towel,
They give you a sterilized shirt.

They have shirts, shirts, all kinds of shirts,
Shirts that are little and tall;
Shirts of all patterns, both thin ones and stout,
And shirts that are not shirts at all.

Shirts made from blouses and seats from old trousers
And shirts that are old women's skirts;
Socks that have roughed it since Wellington snuffed it,
And issued to soldiers as shirts.

They serve you out pants in this bath-house,
Which shrivel when water comes nigh;
I once saw a pair of old trousers
That shrunk to an evening dress tie.

I've seen a man's pants start a-shrinking
Until he was gasping for breath;
Shrink from his knees to his windpipe
And shrink till they choked him to death.

They have pants, pants, all kinds of pants;
Don't judge a man by his pants.
Some have no knees in 'em, all have got fleas in 'em,
June bugs and beetles and ants.

Pants trimmed with fretwork, moth holes and network
Pants that would fit elephants;
Pants used by waiters for straining potatoes
Are issued to soldiers as pants.

For vests they give you shirts without uppers,
The kind you buy by the peck;
Vests you put on with a shoehorn
Or else stick your legs through the neck.

That some vests should have old age pensions
You cannot deny is the truth;
The one I have on is a nightcap
My grandfather wore in his youth.

Vests, vests, all kinds of vests,
Vests cheap at fourpence an ounce;
Vests trimmed with fretwork, moth holes and network
And vests with a tortoise-shell flounce.

Vests from the trenches and vests filled with stenches,
Some have passed bullet-proof tests;
Steel helmet and gas are all lumped in one mass
And issued to soldiers as vests.

WHY YOU DON'T ANSWER

The story of the telephone company who requested its subscribers not to place their spectacles on top of the telephone was true, because any metal laid across the wires or binding posts on top of the telephone will short-circuit the line so "central" can't ring the telephone.

When "Mrs. Smith" filled the telephone bells so they might not ring and wake the baby, it caused "Mrs. Jones" to report angrily to the telephone company that she knew "Mrs. Smith" was home and that "central" would not ring her when she called.

Take care of your Telephone.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 1918.

ARMSTRONG FALL FAIR

Undoubtedly there are many people of very worthy intentions who are not a little opposed to the holding of a Fall Fair at Armstrong as we have been accustomed to do, particularly while the war is on. But we do not believe they are anything like as numerous as the people who are as strongly in favor of holding the fair—while the war continues as well as at any other time—provided enough exhibitors can be found to make the Fall Fair worth while. Undoubtedly there is good cause for many to desire the Fall Fair to be laid over, and the least of these reasons is not owing to the lack of labor and time to prepare exhibits. Indeed, if the truth were known, we believe this is the principle reason. However, it would be poor policy to postpone the Fall Fair for any such reason. These annual events have a wonderfully stimulating effect upon the community as well as the individual. And, even if they do mean a little extra effort on the part of the individual exhibitors, they are well repaid for every hour worked overtime.

The success of the present Fall Fair will depend largely if not wholly upon the collective work of the individual exhibitors. It is therefore the duty of each to do his utmost to make his part of the exhibition the best possible under the circumstances. Let us make this year's exhibition better than that of any previous year. It can be done, for the "finishing" weather this year has been the best possible for fruits and vegetables, seed and live stock. The rest remains with the individual exhibitor.

All arrangements are completed for a banner exhibition.

POTATOES AT LOW-WATER MARK

A few weeks ago it was predicted that there would be a slump in the potato market about this time. The slump has come. There is no market for potatoes in the Northwest nor at the coast. The reason is not far to seek. The home gardens are producing, and very few people are buying. But it was predicted also, that potatoes would reach their lowest price at this time. As soon as the home garden supply is used up—which will be within a month or two, the price will come back to normal. And late fall and winter sales are certain to be at an advanced figure.

In the market commissioner's bulletin Armstrong potatoes are quoted at $6 or $7 a ton less than Okanagan potatoes. Armstrong potatoes are Okanagan potatoes. Then why the distinction, and why the difference in price? Possibly Armstrong growers or shippers are forcing the market. It would seem that now is the time for our growers to hold shipments. Wait. The home garden truck will soon be exhausted. The time to sell is then, not now. There should be no reason for our growers to crowd the markets. When crowding is resorted to, it means the lowering of prices which will not come back easily.

IS CANADA TO BE KEPT WHITE?

It seems to us that the question is its own answer. Canada must be kept white, if Canada is to continue Canada. Canada could never be Canada if these provinces were once given over to the yellow race. If Canada's representatives at the Imperial War Conference did nothing else than secure for Canada the complete control of her own immigration they will have earned the thanks of future generations of Canadians, and especially of those who have their dwelling place in the Province of British Columbia. India was a thorn in the flesh. But it was not the only thorn, nor is it today. Hindoos insisted on their right to settle in any part of the British Empire, And, for "Imperial reasons," Canadian provinces have found it impossible to make laws against the incursion of the yellow man. The argument looked serious at one time, and you will remember, almost resulted in bloodshed. Recently we were informed in the press despatches that Sir Robert Borden and Hon. T. A. Calder were very largely instrumental in bringing about a decision by which India surrenders any rights she may have had entitling her people to the privilege of immigrating to any part of the Empire. It will also settle a long-drawn-out dispute and will go a long way towards insuring a 'White Canada' for the future.

POSSIBILITIES LYING DORMANT

There are hundreds of acres of the most valuable muck land lying between Enderby and Mara which never has produced a dollar's worth of produce, yet is as capable of producing the best high-priced vegetables as any that have made Armstrong famous. It was not so many years ago when what are today the finest celery fields in the vicinity of Armstrong were looked upon as the most unlikely swamp lands out of doors. Today these same acres are renting at $50 an acre per annum, and the renters are coining money off them. If the swamp muck lands lying between Enderby and Mara were drained, even by local drains, and properly cultivated, who could estimate what the output would be?

Potato crops in the United States, including the white and sweet varieties, as estimated by the government, show a loss of 23,000,000 bushels compared with last month, and 54,000,000 bushels as compared with last year.

LIVE STOCK SITUATION

At a meeting, in Winnipeg, of representatives of agricultural, banking, commercial and railway interests called by Mr. J. D. McGregor of the Canada Food Board, a resolution was passed asking the Manitoba Government to take immediate action whereby all the young female stock would be retained in the country, by purchasing such stock and distributing it among the farmers in those sections of Manitoba where feed is available. This action was made desirable in view of the almost entire lack of feed in the southern parts of the Western provinces, and the fact that this condition was causing the forced marketing of young cattle in large numbers, including desirable breeding stock. It is proposed that the Government should buy all the desirable young females that are offered on the Winnipeg market, and sell them to farmers on suitable terms in districts where there is a good crop and large quantities of hay. It is estimated that between 20,000 and 30,000 breeding cattle could be saved in this way.

It is expected that this plan will solve the problem of depletion of livestock in Western Canada. Its full importance can only be realized in connection with the fact that such tremendous inroads have been made into the livestock herds of Europe, due to the need of meat and the shortage of feed. After the war the country that has large numbers of cattle will be in the best condition to take advantage of the conditions that prevail at that time. The plan has been enthusiastically endorsed and approved by the Manitoba government.

In a recent address Mr. McGregor emphasizes the unsurpassed livestock possibilities in the western provinces. "With barley and oats for feed and the roughage which can be grown in such abundance in these provinces," he said, "I venture to state that nowhere on the American continent can better or cheaper beef be procured. Have we not proved that Western Canada can breed and feed on the produce of our own farms animals that can compete successfully with the corn-fed animals that are bred in the South? When the war is over and conditions become normal in Europe, the production of wheat will increase very rapidly, but it will take many years for conditions to become normal as far as livestock is concerned, and Canada should be prepared to take advantage of this position."

PRICE CONTROL

Mr. Herbert Hoover, food administrator of the United States, has expressed his views in regard to prices as follows:

"Prices must be held high enough to maintain production. The cost of production and, therefore, the necesasry price, is not the same in every district, nor in every plant in the same district, nor in the same plant at different seasons. To cut the price to a point that will give no more than a fair return to those in the most favorable position will cut off a great many whose production is needed. To offer prices that will give a profit in every case will permit inordinate profits for some. In settling upon fair prices a level is to be sought which will keep substantially the whole industry going. There is usually a fringe of production which we must try to get along without. It would not do to raise the price to everybody, say, 25 per cent to make it worth while for a few growers on the edge of production to increase the total by a small margin. On the other hand, as in the packing industry, a level price that would be sufficient for the large packers would put many a small packer out of business—and the country needs their production.

"Th remedy suggested to equalize conditions is to establish prices as nearly as may be sufficient to maintain the industry as a whole and to levy a heavy tax on excess profits. The profiteer is abhorrent and his practices cannot be condoned, but prices must be allowed at a level that will insure the production required for war needs."

A HORROR OF ABSTRACT IDEAS

A distinguished Canadaian educationalist, Major W. L. Grant, referred humorously recently at the Canadian Club to people's dislike of abstract ideas. He quoted in illustration an observation made by a Toronto newspaper in praise of a prominent businessman there: It is one of the distinguishing marks of his greatness that he is not "strong on abstract ideas."

It is true that there is a general disposition in that part of the world to flee from abstract discussion of problems that face us. In the slang of the moment it is considered "highbrow" if not positively intellectual to attempt to get to the elemental facts governing a political, social or economic condition. People prefer to skate over the surface of things, and only when the thin ice breaks and they get immediate experince of what is beneath does their attention become fixed on essentials.

Yet as Major Grant —and Carlyle before him—emphasized, it is the Idea which rules the world—the fundamental abstract principle. This war is a war for an abstract principle—a principle which everyone will undertake to explain without in the least understanding it.

The whole world today is in the grip of conflicting Abstractions—is dying in thousands for them. Bolshevisim in Russia has a fundamental abstract principle beneath it. So have the great movements now agitating the economic world. But how many people stop to analyze these principles and see how they work and whither they go?

Yet without this analysis, this understanding of the tendencies of thought and the atmospheres to face, no one can hope to realize even faintly the new era into which we are being born.—Vancouver World.

Butchers in Birmingham, England, have undertaken to buy bones back after the housewife has made full use of them, paying thecustomer half of proceeds of their disposal. They are used for the extraction of glycerine and the manufacture of phosphate for fertilizer and a valuable pig and poultry food.

Early Fall Display of Season's Fabrics

For those who are anxious to commence making their apparel for the coming season should take advantage of our early display. First selections are always best, we admit we are not complete, but many of the best have reached us.

NEW POPLINS

That are really fashioned for Autumn wear soft and lustrous as a pure silk, colors of grey, rose, wine, taupe, saxe, navy, plum, white and black. Speciel 38 in. wide, price $1.95 per yard.

DRESS GOODS FOR CHILDREN'S WEAR

These are all cotton, but, nevertheless, will give you more satisfaction in wear than wool, shades of red, dark green, brown and navy, special 36 inches wide, price 59c yard.

NEW CREPE DE CHENES

A splendid cloth in elegant shades of pink, sky, lemon, mauve, helio, navy, grey saxe coral, nile, ivory and black, special, 40 inch wide, price $2 25 yard.

NEW TAFFETA SILKS

A beautiful soft, untearable silk taffeta in the popular willow weave, newest shades are saxe, ocean blue, natier navy, green, brown, white and black. Special, 36 in. wide, price $2.25 yard

NEW CREPE GEORGETTES

A better selection of colors never shown and the quality is equally remarkable, shades of rose, reseda, royal, emerald, pink, sky, maise, ivory and black. Special, 40 inches wide, $1.95 yard,

WOOL DRESS GOODS AND COATINGS

Extremely difficult are these to procure, many shipments have been lost and cannot be repeated, we shall be pleased to send you samples of the following on request: valour coarings in rose, saxe, green and navy. Heavy cloth serges in wine, navy, saxe and green. Scilian suitings in grey, helio, navy, saxe and brown. Wool coatings in new effects and fancies.

NEW MINON DE SOIE

An excellent wearing material and very reasonably priced, worth at least $1.75 yard, shades of pink, sky, white, navy, saxe, grey, myrtle, brown, white, black, 40 inches wide, price $1.25

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Newspapermen Meet

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New Officers Elected

New officers of the British Columbia and Yukon division were elected at the closing session of the convention. The officers for the year are: past president, Robb Sutherland; president, F. E. Simpson, Kamloops Standard-Sentinel; first vice-president, John Nelson, Vancouver World; second vice-president, Hugh Savage, Cowichan leader; secretary-treasurer, R. J. McDougall, Penticton Herald; executive, L. J. Ball, Vernon News; J. Tait, Victoria Colonist; W. J. Rimes, Vanderhoof Herald; labor committee: F. J. Burd, Vancouver Province, W. B. Wilcox, Trail News; R. B. Hindmarsh, Nanaimo Herald; H. M. Walker, Okanagan Commoner; J. C. Quinn, Prince George Citizen; legislative committee: John Nelson, Vancouver World; Griffith Hughes, Victoria Times; Hugh Savage, Cowichan Leader.

The convention received an invitation from the city of Kamloops to hold its 1919 convention in the interior city. The question of date and place of meeting was left with the executive committee.

A most important resolution adopted was to the effect that in future all "free publicity," whether for patriotic, religious, charitable or other purposes would be treated strictly as advertising. Another resolution discouraged the use by country newspapers of "ready print." A third called for the appointment of a committe of three to draft cost system charges for smaller papers. An increase in the subscription price of weeklies was favored. A motion expressed the feeling of loyalty felt by the delegates. Other resolutions expressed thanks to the Hotel Vancouver and the transportation companies. Appreciation was expressed of the new policy adopted by the federal and several provincial governments of replacing "free publicity" by regular advertising copy.

"Dad" Simpson's Opinion

Perhaps no man in British Columbia knows the newspapermen of the Province better than "Old Man" Simpson, now editor of the Kamloops Standard-Sentinel, who for twenty years or more has been "on the job" at various points in the Province. Speaking of his fellow-craftsmen he said in a recent issue: "They are, as a rule, during war time, just making a living, and some of them hardly that, yet if you ask anyone of them how their section of Britsh Columbia is getting along, you will see his face brighten up, and in a confidential tone he will tell you, 'We are lucky this year; our section of the country is the best in British Columbia, and business in every line is flourishing.' Not a knock, not pessimism, everything optimistic, and although he may be wearing the same suit he wore at the convention last year, and his wife wearing a dress that has been made over, with the same hat she has had for three years, yet his text and his slogan will be first the success of the war, and then for the progress and prosperity of the Empire and British Columbia. Those who were young enough, and were fit, went overseas, and some are buried there. Those who were compelled to remain at home have written and preached patriotism from the day the war began till the present. They have not quarreled about wages they might earn; they have not complained as the business slackened up; they have freely given for the cause in time and money, and what is more, they have the utmost faith in British Columbia and are doing all in their power to make this Province better and greater than ever after the war closes. That is the stuff the newspapermen of British Columbia are made of, and each one is leaving behind him the trail of labor and of love for his country and for those who are sacrificing so much in Flanders and France. And to each it matters not whether the trail is covered in the course of years with the dead leaves of forgetfulness. What they have done has been done for the present and posterity. They ask no praise while they are working and expect no eulogies when they are dead. They never strike except for the good of the people and humanity. And, poor as they are, as a rule, they go on in the same manner. If it became necessary for one meal less a day or a smaller house to live in, they would meet the conditions cheerfully. That's what we think of the editors of British Columbia, and, since we have have been in the business in this Province for twenty-one years, we should know what we are talking about."

He Pleased Everybody!!

I read not long ago that down in Brown County, Indiana, the front room of the county poorhouse—a large, cheerful appartment with southern exposure and plants in the windows—is occupied by a man who for a number of years conducted a newspaper that pleased everybody.—George Ade.

Boys and Girls

Come here to buy your school supplies. Scribblers, exercise books pens, pencils, etc., all placed where you can pick and choose just what you want.

And *do not forget* that we have the largest variety of Choice Candies in town.

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BANK OF HAMILTON

The Dominion Government is doing everything possible to stimulate greater production of both agricultural and manufactured products. It is the only way in which an adverse trade balance can be avoided. The Bank of Hamilton as a purely Canadian institution will further the aim of the Government by its favorable treatment of productive enterprise.

ARMSTRONG BRANCH

H. L. Paynter.

ARMSTRONG NEWS

F. J. Murray shipped a carload of pigs Wednesday.

Miss H. Fraser left last Saturday on a visit to Vancouver.

Mrs. A. Strudwick came in on Wednesday on a visit to Armstrong.

The Armstrong Grocery has installed a new up-to-date candy cale.

Miss Fay Pringle returned on Monday from Standard, Alberta, to attend school here.

Miss O. Funstall came in from Vancouver on Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. Solly.

Mrs. F. J. Muray and daughter returned last Sunday from a month's visit at the coast.

Miss W. Wright returned on Saturday from Nanaimo where she spent the last month visiting friends.

Mrs. W. S. Fisher and son Steele left Tuesday for Soap Lake, Wash., on account of Mrs. Fisher's health.

Mr. Chas. Hawkins is finishing the woodwork on a two-story brick building erected by Mr. Kellet at Mara.

Mrs. W. Carson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Noble, returned to her home in Vancouver Saturday.

Mr. I. Dawson has accepted a position as salesman with the Foreman & Armstrong store, taking the place vacated by Mr. Wagget.

All Mabel Lake campers returned home Monday evening. Some fine catches of fish were made the last two days, ranging in weight from a pound to twelve pounds.

Mr. Jack McLeod of Armstrong, has purchased a new blower for filling silos, which with the gasoline engine he already owns, he now has a good outfit for filling his large silo.

The union services which have ben in vogue betwen the Methodist and Presbyterian churches during the holiday season are now ended and each congregation will worship in its own church next Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. C. E. W. Creed returned on Wednesday from an extendid holiday at Victoria.

Mrs. Fisher and Steele left on Tuesday for Soap Lake, Wash. Mrs. Fisher will spend the winter there.

Mrs. J. Crozier is again home after a pleasant seven weeks' holiday at the coast and in Kamloops.

Mrs. Burnstill and daughter, Ada, have returned from an exceedingly pleasant holiday spent in Victoria and vicinity.

There will be a tea for the Prisoners of War Fund on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. J. White. Everybody come and help this good cause along.

Lee Morris will tender a free matinee to all school children of Armstrong and the municipality on Saturday afternoon at 2.30. All school children are welcome. Come one, come all.

Armstrong's high school this year opens with an unusually large freshman's class, numbering 22; with eight in the advanced junior class and eleven in matriculation. Miss Brockwell, of Vancouver, is assistant.

A congregational reunion social evening will be held in the Presbyterian church Friday, Sept. 13th, commencing at 8 p. m. A hearty invitation is extended to all the members and adherents of the church. A short program will be given, after which refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagget and Mrs. Varty left on Friday for their New Westminster home. We wish them "good luck" in their new undertaking and may "prosperity" follow them all the way. Mrs. Wagget received a pleasant surprise of a lovely brooch as a souvenir from Mrs H. J. King before her departure. Calvert and Dorothy Wagget are remaining with their aunt and uncle till their parents settle in their new sphere.

On Saturday, Sept. 7th, tea will be served at the Tennis Court instead of Thursday and every Saturday thereafter as long as play is possible.

ENDERBY NOTES

Miss Beattie and Miss P. D. Faulkner came in Monday.

Mrs. W. A. Russell is visiting Enderby, from Vancouver.

Miss Allan of Vancouver arrived on Monday to take charge of one of the rooms in Fortune School.

Mrs. O. J. Ruttan and son, of New Westminster, are visiting Mrs. Ruttan's mother, Mrs. S. McPherson.

Miss D. Dunwoodie, Miss Almeda Oakes and Miss Louise Paradis left Saturday for Victoria to attend Normal School.

Monthly business meeting of the Enderby Red Cross will be held in the City Hall, Friday, Sept. 6th, at 4.30 p.m., instead of Tuesday.

The City is about to take legal action for the recovery of all delinquent taxes. The taxes which are now delinquent are those levied in or before the year 1916.

Mrs. S. H. Speers returned to her home from Vancouver, on Monday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Jean Polson, who is recuperating after a serious operation on throat and ears. Miss Polson will spend some weeks at Enderby. Mrs. Speers, who also underwent an operation while in Vancouver, is rapidly recovering her normal good health.

RED CROSS NOTES

A good business meeting and pleasant afternoon tea was held on Mrs. D. S. MacLaughlin's lawn on Wednesday, Aug. 28th Mrs. King president was in the chair. Mrs Black and Mrs. Bartlie were the hostesses at the tea.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th will be packing day again. The supplies committee, Vancouver, writes Armstrong's energetic workers have every reason to be proud of their shipments. We have a reputation to sustain. Bring in your finished garments in time for the pack.

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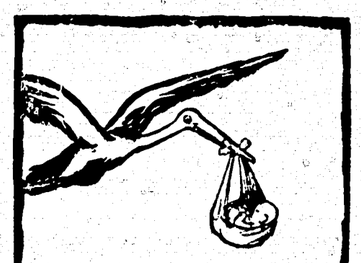

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Our paper goes to the home and is read and welcomed there. If you wish to reach the housewife, the real arbiter of domestic destinies, you can do so through our paper and our Classified Want Ads. form an interesting and well-read portion of it.

TRY COMMONER WANT ADS

FORESTERS PICNIC

This will be the event of the season. All Foresters and their friends are cordially invited to attend the Foresters outing to Long Lake on Thursday, Sept. 12th. Cars will line up at the Post Office at one o'clock sharp.

Don't forget your lunch baskets. Foresters will report to any one of the following committee D. Leary, W. Hope, F. Murray, not later than Tuesday evening as to the number of friends they wish to take.

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How sweet the bell rings from the old church tower!
A peal of joy for the bridal hour:
Heart joined to heart, let whatever betide,
They'll face life together, side by side.

The cruel war took him, she was alone;
Life was before her, work to be done;
No time for idling, these dreadful times,
The dog of sorrow at every door whines.

The evening shadows were falling nigh,
A young mother sang sweet lullaby
To the baby boy she clasped to her breast,
Cuddled so close in his soft, warm nest.

A woman sat listening, as loud and clear
The sweet midnight chimes fell on her ear.
"Oh, where is my boy, she sob'd in despair;
Then stumbling footsteps went up the stair.

With a bitter sigh, she after him went,
Her lonely night's vigil was nearly spent.
In a drunken sleep he lay on his bed,
"Oh, my only son," was all she said

Far away on Flanders' blood-stain'd fields
Where every sod a bitter tale yields,
where the gates of Hell are opened up wide,
And death and woe sweep through like a tide;

Just around a rock on a patch of green,
A soldier lay with his face unseen.
He began to mutter in feeble tones:
"I'm only a wreck whom nobody owns.

To help my old Country I've done my part—
But, God, I broke my dear mother's heart.
My hope of Heaven, I'd give just to hear
Her sweet voice say: 'All's forgiven, dear.

And what will my brave soldier father say
When we meet on the great Resurrection Day?"
A nurse knelt quietly down by his side;
She stroked his hair, and he feebly sigh'd.

She said, "My boy, will you tell me her name,
I'll give her you message; it willease her pain."
He turned his face to the fast waning light;
Then, with a wild gasp, he sat upright!

"Oh, can it be *you, my mother?*"—he sighed;
His lips met hers, as he sighed and died.
A narrow grave with a cross at its head;
The resting place of her darling dead;
His life's work ended, his short race run,
In his last sleep lies her only son.

CAMPING DAYS

Many a man will relish what "P. O'D." says in Toronto Saturday Night about camping days with the wife away and the home vacant.

"There is no question about it," he says, "you have to have an Eve or Paradise isn't fit to live in. That was the trouble with poor old Adam, pottering around in the Garden all alone, frying his own eggs and trying to make up his mind whether he ought to eat the salad or wear it. He had a devil of a time till Eve came along. He also had a devil of a time afterwards, but at least he didn't have to get his own meals or do his own housework, in spite of the apple. 'Hand me that Northern Spy,' we can hear him say, 'I'll do anything but batch.' ...Also there would be someone to make our bed. That is another thing that no man can reduce to comfort and order. Personally, our system is simple and entirely inefficient. We kick the clothes over the foot of the bed in the morning, and drag them back again on top of us at night. It is an easy method, but it results in a very uneasy bed. After the second night the place resembles a relief map of the Himilayas. You would wonder how the mischief bed-clothes could roll themselves into so many ridges, and how anything so soft as cotton and wool could give such an excellent imitation of Portland cement. By the time our landlady gets back we will probably have taken to the parlor rug."

"If there is anything that will open a man's eyes to the social necessity of women it is an attempt to make his own breakfast. We have tried, and we know whereof we speak. You can't find anything. You open every tin in the house before you get to the coffee. Then you don't know where the pot is, or how much to put in it, or how long to boil it. You don't know anything. You step on the eggs while trying to locate them. The breadbox has mysteriously disappeared—probably carried off by the mice to loot it at their leisure. At the last moment you realize you forgot to put out the bottle and ticket for the cream, and you chase milkmen in your pyjamas all over the street. The chances are that when you get back the kitchen is on fire. It's a great life, all right, full of incident. Perhaps it wouldn't be so bad if women didn't carefully hide everything in the house before they go away. At least, that is the effect produced. If you want to find anything in a kitchen, figure out the most unlikely place for it to be, and go right to it. If it isn't there, it is sure to be in the second or third most unlikely place."

Child's Logic

"Daddy," said little George, "I want to get married."

"Do you, my son?" And then the proud parent asked: "And may I inquire to whom?"

"I want to marry granny."

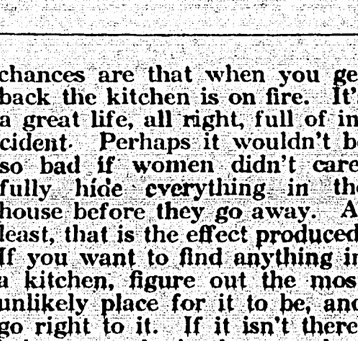
"Do you indeed! And do you think I would allow you to marry my mother?"

"Well, why shouldn't I?" retorted the tender logician. "You married mine, didn't you?"

Real Dumbness

Two colored waiters were recently discussing various phases of dumbness. Finally, after a number of illustrations had been cited one capped the climax by observing with great seriousness, "Yas, suh, dat niggah was dat dumb dat when he died and dey opened his haid at de morgu e dey found his brain hadn"t nevah been used.

An ancient cemetery at Zurich, Switzerland, has been turned into a potato field.



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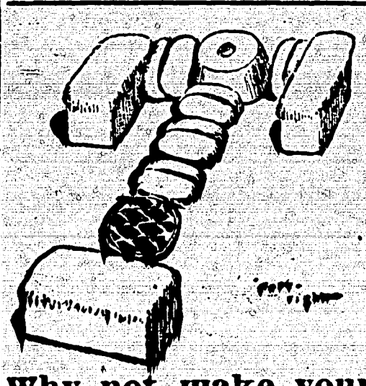

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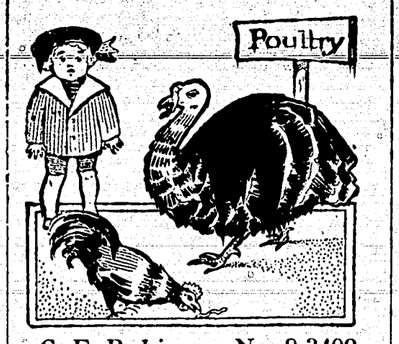

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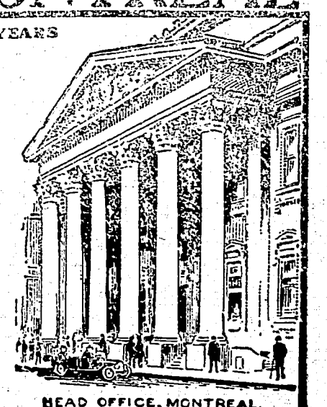

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It is the duty of every butter maker to comply with the law in this matter. Some butter makers have only a cow or two, and make so little butter that it does not appear to them that they can afford to have their butter wraps printed. They do not like the idea of having 500 or 1000 butter wraps on hand. To accommodate this class of buttermakers, we have printed up a quantity of "Custom" Butter Wraps. They are printed with the words "Fresh Dairy Butter" but do not bear the name of the maker. However, these wrappers fill the requirements of the law governing this point, and can be bought in small quantities at the rate of 65c a hundred in 100 or 50 lots. If you do not require butterwraps in larger lots, take these wraps in lesser quantities.

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HERALDS OF THE NEW AGE

A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

(A letter written in 1912about the "times and seasons" to a friend who believes thatthe old order should be upheld with his thought and word andvote.)

Jesus and the Old Testament prophets foretold the establishment of his kingdom of righteous and peace, making very plain that the time of its ushering in should be preceded and accompanied by a great time of trouble, "such as was not since the beginning of the world." Whatever may be the application of these prophecies to the individual, the same conditions that are working in the individuals are working in the nations. The people must undergo the same purifying process that is necessary in the individual. All about us are the signs of the coming change from political governments to the spiritual rulership of Jesus Christ. The question before everyone in understanding of the present conditions in the light of prophecy is, What shall be my attitude toward affairs, political and social? Everywhere are the reformers, each with his own remedy for healing the hurt of the people. Every reformer has a following, and unless you ally yourself with some of the various organizations and parties, and work with them in carrying out their methods of reform, you are liable to be considered either indifferent to the welfare of mankind, or narrow-minded. The danger of these reformers is that most of them are sincere, and their sincerity and earnestness and enthusiasm carry one away when his better judgment would save him if he would listen to it. Sincerity is not always an accompaniment and sign of right.

If you read the newspapers and enter into the mental trap of plausible theories laid for you you live in an atmosphere of mortal ideas and plans and become carried away from your spiritual centre, thus giving up spiritual understanding for the ideas of men. If part of the time spent in reading the newspapers was spent in reading the Bible record of these events, written centuries before this, the time of their occurrence you would have the true outlook, and so would not become entangled in the mental turmoil. It is the people who have the true understanding and hold themselves steady in Spirit who are to take up the kingdoms and rule and reign with Jesus Christ when experience has educated men to the fact that they, in mortal consciousness, are a complete failure at government.

Everybody should be interested in bringing about the time of peace and plenty to all the people of the earth. If one sees nothing better than the plans and methods of some political party, he should support that party with his word and thought and vote. If he knows that the Spirit is the only remedy for all ills, he should give to Spirit and the spread of spiritual understanding his undivided wisdom and power and strength. Those who know that Spirit is the only healing power do not give pills to cleanse the system of impurities, and by the same logic, those in spiritual understanding do not expect to purify the body politic by administering the doses prescribed by various political parties. If a great plan is being worked out, it would seem the part of wisdom to study it and fall in line with it, and be ready to be partakers in the work of carrying it out, when the time is ripe.

One of the many remedies advocated for social and political disorders is Woman Suffrage, and great is the clamor to get the people to try what it will do in setting things to rights. Spacious arguments, satisfying to the man who sees things from a mortal point of view, are used; but the man of God prefers to depend upon his spiritual understanding, and to reason from principle. He is aware that women, as well as men, are in the fallen Adam consciousness, and neither Eve nor Adam in that consciousness can uplift the race. There is little doubt but that an opportunity will be given women to display what they can do through their political ambitions, for every scheme of the mortal must be put to the test to convince the natural man that he has not the power of salvation even for himself, not to mention the salvation of the country and the world.

The most that can be said for any political measure is that it aims to regulate the selfishness of man. But the Spirit reveals that selfishness cannot be regulated. It must be entirely eliminated. This is the work of the Spirit, and only the Spirit can eliminate it. Then why waste time with anything less than spiritual overcoming? If there seems to profit in the plans of men it is because your mind dwells on their ideas instead of upon God's ideas. If your whole mind and being were filled with understanding of the present situation from study of it as Jesus has foretold it you would not be caught in the swirl of political and social ideas.

Jesus gave careful warning of all this we see about us, and said "watch." Who is most trustworthy, He or the men who have projected of their own that which they wish you to help carry out? Close your ears to all of the outside clamor and listen to what God has to say about it all. Read what Jesus and the other prophets have spoken concerning these days, and give yourself to prayer and meditation, asking God to prepare you for a place and work in the new kingdom, when the kingdoms of the earth become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

You cannot limit the saving power of God to the individual, because of the unity of men in Christ. There is an individual work to do; there is work as rulers of the nations. But no one in mortal consciousness is capable of ruling with Jesus Christ. Everyone who aspires to such a high position must devote himself to preparation and not become entangled with the world which is passing away.

The Psalmist, in describing some of the scenes attending the coming in of the New Order, says, "He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh" as he sees the resistance of men to the Christ rule. All the mortal efforts to save the nations are as child's play. Why take them so seriously when God does not?

Praise God that every delusion of the natural man, all his pride and exalted ideas of what he knows and can do, shall be swept away in the great tide of Christ light and power now becoming manifest on the earth.
—Mrs. L. Carter, in Unity Magazine.

A Smile and a Helping Hand

'Tis the honest grip
Of comradeship
Makes a fellow take heart again;
It's the word of cheer
From a friend sincere
Makes him feel life's not in vain.

When the way is dark
And the luckless barque
Is drifting from safety's strand,
Why, God bless the men
And the women who then
Hold to us a helping hand.

When you're out of luck
And you're out of pluck
And the fight doesn't seem
worth while,
What will give you heart
To do your part?

Why, a handclasp and a smile;
So, when all is black
And we've lost the track
In a world we can't understand,
Then God bless the friend
Who is there to lend
A smile and a helping hand.
—Exchange.

TO THE GRUMBLERS

Whistle away your troubles,
Whistle away your fears;
Just do your best,
Then leave the rest
To the harvest of the years.

Dismiss all thought of anger,
Dismiss all thought of hate;
And all the while
Just wear a smile
Whatever your lot or fate.

There's nothing gained by worry,
There's nothing gained by fret;
Just do your part
With cheerful heart,
And you'll win the victory yet.
—Augustus Treadwell

Putting It Over Farmerettes

When city and town girls volunteered at the behest of the government to aid the farmer garner his crops, it was not presumed that he would take advantage of the situation to make a handsome profit on the very labor that was being supplied. Such, however, is the case. Farmers, in place of responding in a patriotic spirit, grabbed the opportunity of making some easy board money out of their volunteer helpers. Here is a case in point. One tightwad farmer, who resides deserves a hiding more than he does help, paid his women laborers $1.50 per day, and then turned round and charged them board at the rate of $6 per week. After a vigorous protest on the part of the girls, this Shylock finally consented to cut the rate to $5.50, which gave the girls exactly $3.50 per week out of which to pay railway fares to and from, in many cases, distant points. Further than this, the girls supplied their own bedding, their own sleeping quarters, and many other necessities, which, with ordinary labor, the farmer would be called upon to furnish. It is good betting that the three meals per day provided by the farmer did not cost him upward of $2 per week per head, if that, so in all probability he made as much out of boarding his vounteer helpers as he did out of the berries they picked. And this also reminds one of the fact that while this farmer was skinning his helpers, he was also skinning the consuming public by charging more, double or three tims over, than was obtained for this fruit in the old days. The instance quoted above is by no means an isolated case. Go to nearly any farmerette and you will hear the same or similar stories. Another instance of a slightly different character has also come to my notice, it having to do with a girl who volunteered for general work at a farmhouse. In this case the volunteer reported for duty on a Monday, and was immediately told by the farmer's wife to get busy on the week's wash. Then madam put on her best clothes, packed her grip, and went to town on a holiday. The laugh is on the volunteer, who, when last heard from, was still sticking to the job.

The one class of the community that has failed to rise to the occasion in this war has been the Ontario farmer. Pages could be taken up with instances of his niggardly, grasping conduct and his lack of common decency not to speak of fairness in responding to the needs of the hour. His one and only thought seems to be to make all the money possible out of the war and never part with a cent if it can possibly be avoided. The farming community as a whole has not been even decently represented in any of the great movements such as the Patriotic fund, the Red Cross, the Belgium Relief and other works of this character. Possibly this is owing to his partial isolation —his lack of intercourse with the source of these great movements. But none the less it is unfortunately true; and at the same time he is the shining example of a class that pays less taxes in proportion to his wealth than any other part of the community.—Toronto Saturday Night.

Boast, But Softly

Let us boast, if we must, but softly. Representative Charles Pope Caldwell, in a moment of rhetorical excitement, said: "America has raised and outfitted a bigger army in a shorter time and now holds a bigger section of the fighting front, transporting her troops 3,000 miles across an infested sea in ten months, than England was capable of doing in twelve months across the English channell of less than thirty miles." Even if literally true, it would be nothing on which to base disparaging comparisons. The population of Britain is 45,000,000; ours is more than 100,000,000. Half of our army is still going in British ships. It was England who made the channel safe for us to cross.—N. Y. Tribune.

Canada has agreed to follow the ruling of the United States on the prohibition of exports, with a view to conserving ocean tonnage.

The Happy Man

I do not toil that I may hoard
The tithe my labor brings to me—
The sweetest draught comes from a gourd,
And happiness from poverty;
I toil because I've hands to do,
And love of men within my heart,
And, when the sands have all run through,
I want it said I did my part.

The scanty tithe that men can give
Is but a puny prize at best—
It is enough that I should live
In happiness and peace and rest;
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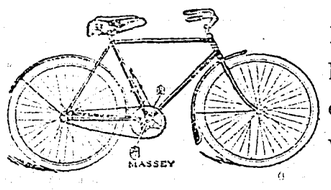

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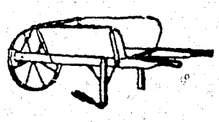

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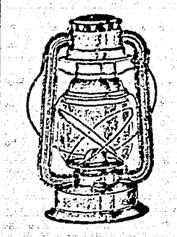

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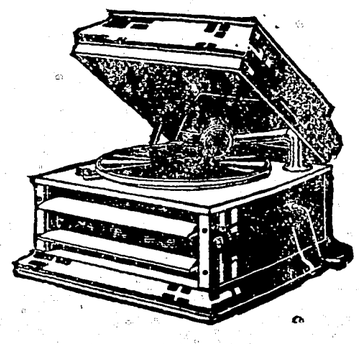

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THE WAR SITUATION

Henry Farrand Griffin Has Displayed Great Power of Deduction in His Weekly Summary of the War Situation, in Leslie's Weekly. Of the Situation as it now stands he says:

"The fact of the matter is that the Germans now find themselves in a situation very similar to that occupied by the Allies during the spring and early summer. They have lost the initiative, temporarily at least, and are already under vigorous attack on two separate sections of front. They are probably now outnumbered in both men and guns, while Germany's depleted reserves are being matched against America's almost inexhaustible man power. It is unquestionably our aid which has turned the tide of battle so rapidly in the Allies' favor—and this is said with all due respect to Foch's strategic genius. It now looks as if he would be able to accomplish much this fall that most observers thought would have to wait till next spring. This is not meant to imply that the war is nearly over. Far from it. And we must be on our guard against over-confidence. Germany is a dangerous and resourceful enemy, and we may be sure that her leaders will make the most desperate efforts before winter to win back the initiative and gain a measure of success for political purposes at home and abroad. Yet it is hard to see how, in the face of the present Allied offensive, the Germans can return to the attack with much promise of success. They are being pressed back at the two points most essential for the development of their great strategic aims of the spring and summer. Meanwhile every day that passes brings fresh thousands of American troops to France and from the French training camps to the firing line. Certainly one reason that Foch has been able to develop during this summer plans hitherto contemplated for next spring is the really splendid showing of the American troops in battle. Not only in quantity but also in quality they have surpassed the greatest expectations of the Allied leaders, and Lloyd George paid them a well-earned compliment when he said in his recent speech before Parliament:

"'It is not merely that they fought with courage; everyone expected that of the American army; but they have fought with a trained skill that no one ever expected or had a right to expect. The men are brave, but the officers, who after all are not trained officers in the ordinary sense of the term, have displayed skill and experience and management of their men under trying conditions which you could hardly expect from men who have not had a great deal of the experience of war.'

"The Allies, including Japan and the United States, have at last agreed upon a plan of action in Russia and Siberia. It amounts to a declaration of war on the Bolsheviki. Indeed, it is not unlikely that when the Allies' policy is put into practical effect it will draw a formal declaration of war from the Bolshevist government. The plan in Siberia is to dispatch an Allied expeditionary army to Vladivostock to cooperate with the Czecho-Slovak forces which have been recently contending for supremacy in Siberia with the Bolsheviki and the armed Austro-German prisoners aiding them. For the present this Allied expeditionary force will be small, comprising about 7,000 American and 7,000 Japanese troops together with a few hundreds of British and French. It will occupy Vladivostock and all the railways leading out of that port so as to guard the Czecho-Slovak forces' lines of communication and supply as they move westward. It is expected that with this Allied support the Czecho-Slovaks will be able to rally in Siberia all elements opposed to the Soviet government and oust the Bolsheviki from control.

"In Euporean Russia Allied troops for some time past have occupied the Murman coast, where local governments opposed to the Bolsheviki have been formed. This has now been followed by the occupation of Archangel by Allied forces likewise supporting an anti-Bolshevist government. These Allied forces, according to newspaper reports, have been in armed conflict with Bolshevist Red Guards withdrawing from Archangel. It has been announced that American troops will participate in allied operations in Northern Russia as well as in Siberia. Thus the possibility of the Germans establishing submarine bases on the Artic coast will be eliminated, and pressure will be brought to bear upon the Bolsheviki from two directions. It is also reported that Kerensky, former premier of the provisional government, is going to Archangel to organize the Russian forces opposed to the Bolsheviki. Under the circumstances it is hard to see how the Bolsheviki, already in serious difficulties as a result of internal chaos and German encroachments, can much longer remain in control of Russia. Even assuming, however, that the Bolsheviki are ousted from control we shall be unwise to count upon much aid from Russia in the way of active participation in the war. There has been a great deal of loose and foolish talk about re-establishing the eastern front. Few people realize how completely Russia has broken down, not only in a military sense, but also in an economic and industrial sense. Her people are on the verge of starvation. Her railroads are mostly scrap iron. Her army has melted away into nothing and most of her materials of war have been seized by the Germans. Now, granting the restoration of a government friendly to the Allies and anxious to fight Germany, it would be a tremendous task to rehabilate Russia's military resources and re-establish even a defensive front in the East. About the most the Allies can hope of Russia is to keep her economic resources from falling into German hands and her man-power from being organized for German use in defensive warfare on the western front."

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