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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

America's Christmas is ready. Uncle Sam's postmen are groaning under the weight of gifts and cards of greeting for the great day. In millions of homes presents of a staggering total value are hidden from the prying eyes of children a-tremble with anticipation. On Christmas morn the presents will set the children dancing with delight.

That is part of Christmas on our side. But on the other:

"A temporarily irreducible minimum of three and one-half million children in central and eastern Europe are face to face with disaster and death. Already they are in the grip of winter half clothed and unsheltered. Famine and pestilence have added their menace to already existing horror. Unless aid is rendered at once there will follow a tragedy so vast as to be unspeakable."

Such is the plain, blunt statement of the case by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Council comprising eight organizations banded together to save a whole generation of children from impending doom. The organizations are: The American Red Cross, the American Relief Administration, the American Friends' Service Committee, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

An American Christmas gift of three cents to the starving children will give one child one meal. A gift of $1 will keep a child for one month. A gift of $10 will carry a child until next harvest and will extend the necessary medical aid. Ten dollars will literally give a child a Christmas present of its own life. Ten thousand dollars will give life to 1000 children.

"The Relief Council," says Mr. Hoover, "asks that America receive the children as invisible guests at its Christmas table, to give us money that we may buy on their behalf food, clothing and medical help."

America's response is the answer to the query:

Shall it be life or death?

STARTING RIGHT.

"Don't waste time on criminals; see that the child is started right," said Dr. A. A. Brill, of New York, in a recent address. At two years, said Dr. Brill, a child has generally been given the emotional bias which determines his character and future conduct. There is a certain exaggeration in these statements. Somebody must, perforce, spend time on criminals, because they are an ever-present fact which has to be dealt with. And a child can be re-trained after the age of two, though it is infinitely more difficult than to start him right in the first place. However, if every child were started right today, and kept right for ten years, there wouldn't be any more criminals. The old ones would die off and there wouldn't be any new ones. There is one big fact which is too often lost sight of, said Dr. Brill. "Criminals are morally imbecile, unable to assume the inhibitions society imposes." This is so because most criminals are in some way physically or mentally subnormal. The mentally deficient, because lacking the restraint of the mentally whole, breed more rapidly than the normal people who must support them and suffer the result of their being at large. If sterilization of the feeble-minded seems still too strong a doctrine for the average citizen to accept, segregation at least should be insisted on. No amount of proper food, environment and education can give the child of feeble-minded parents his rightful inheritance of mental ability. Starting a child right includes seeing that no child shall be born under such conditions.

GOUGING THE FARMER.

The farmer's complaint that he loses coming and going—selling and buying—is sustained by the report of the federal trade commission dealing with implement manufacturers. The commission says that 200 concerns producing and distributing farm machinery are in illegal combination to maintain exorbitant prices.

If the charges are true, here is a "combination in restraint of trade," which the Sherman law, however obsolescent it may be, is surely competent to dissolve. The commission recommends that the department of justice bring suit against the International Harvester company, the largest of these concerns, which was lately pronounced a "good trust" and absolved from punishment for past sins. If there is such a lack of competition as the commission indicates, the little fellows are just as guilty as the big ones. Though not strong or bold enough to establish profiteering prices on their own account, theses self-styled "independents" snuggle up to the big "trusts" and take advantage of their profiteering instead of providing honest and wholesale competition.

Punishment of whatever guilt exists in this field would not only be an act of justice in itself, but would be one of the most effective means of relieving the farmer's present hardships. Machinery is always a large item in his expense budget. It is especially burdensome now, when he is obliged still to pay war prices for machinery while he gets the lowest peace prices for what he himself has to sell.

INCREASED PRODUCTION.

A conspicuous example of increased efficiency on the part of labor is reported by the National Cash Register company. Its production is greater than it was 10 months ago, though its working force is 10 per cent less. A similar statement was made recently by the Ford Motor company. Manufacturers in nearly every line say that some increase of efficiency is noticeable among their employes, including both wage workers and salary workers. This is the most hopeful feature of the present business situation. There is no dodging the fact that most Americans have been loafing on the job since the armistice. Manual workers may have been loafing more than brain workers, though that is not at all certain. Nearly everybody slackened his pace a little. Relaxation was in the air. People let their minds turn from work to play. After the strain of war, they were interested in having a good time. Perhaps the good time and the ease and dissipation were coming to them. At any rate, they have had their fling. The playtime is over, and people are taking up their work seriously again, as unemployment appears and there is competition for jobs once more, and wages and salaries threaten to fall. Pay will shrink inevitably where production is not increased. Workmen who will not or cannot accomplish more must see their wages fall with falling prices. But no fair-minded employer wants to cut wages if he can help it. Workmen who can, and will, speed up their work may make it possible to maintain war-time wages after war-time prices have fallen, and thus win for themselves unparalleled prosperity. This is not only the best way for them, but the best way for the nation as a whole. In increased production per man lies the possibility of better times than this country has ever known.

The courts will not be able to act efficaciously to check crime until the public forswears the habit of soft-hearted intervention in behalf of the guilty, declares an exchange. In support of its belief the paper cites the case of a woman held to the grand jury on a charge of murder in the first degree. The judge was approached by certain well-meaning but misguided citizens and asked to reduce the charge to manslaughter and release the woman on bail. This sort of thing is no uncommon occurrence in the history of crime. Flowers are sent to murderers. Thugs and their women associates are treated as heroes and heroines. A public opinion is started into action with which the most cold-blooded adherent of the law would find it difficult to compete, and more frequently than not, punishment that is well deserved in all the severity which the sentence coulu impose is set aside for a lesser penalty or evaded altogether. Newspapers are often scored for trying cases in advance of the appearance of the guilty parties in court, and this should be avoided as prejudicial to the interests of dispassionate justice. But far more pernicious are the operations of the "sob squad," who inject unreasoning sentimentality into regions where law and justice should obtain.

"Though three-fourths of the population die of hunger and cold," says Trotsky, "the remainder will survive to carry through to victory the world revolution." There's true greatness for you! Trotzky's going to save Russia if it takes the last Russian.

The only persons who seem to take seriously the demand for increased production are those that don't produce anything.

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Roseburg Boy Takes Advance Work

CORVALLIS, Dec. 23.—Raymond E. McCormack, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCormack, of Roseburg, registered for advance work in the farm management department of the school of agriculture at the opening of the college in September. Mr. McCormack completed the two years of preparatory work required for a major by the school last June. He is a member of the farm management club, junior class, and agricultural club.

Mr. McCormack is the only student from Douglas county taking advance work in farm management. The courses given in the department deal with the organization, equipment, and operation of the farm as a business enterprise. Upon completion of the course of study as outlined by the department the student should have a practical and scientific knowledge of the problems that a farmer is likely to meet with and have to solve in the operation of a farm. The student that completes the course should be able to take charge of a farm and organize it into a smooth running, efficient, organized unit from which maximum returns may be obtained. The other fields that are open to the farm management student are county agent work, extension specialists, farm appraisers, instructional and investigational work.

Mr. McCormack is the only junior and Sam W. Armstrong is the only senior student of the twelve enrolled in the school from Douglas county. Two out of the twelve are taking vocational work, and eight are registered for a four years course in agriculture. One special and one vocational student from the county are being sent here for training by the federal rehabilitation board. The total number of ex-soldiers that are taking agriculture number 154. Of this number 16 are taking a regular four years courses of study, 33 are taking special work, and 105 are taking a one year vocational course in agriculture.

Fishermen Come To United States

ST. JOHNS, N. F. Dec. 23—Several thousand fishermen have left Newfoundland owing to the comparitive failure of the colony's fisheries this year and the low prices received for the product. They have gone chiefly to Canada and the United States.

The total catch of herring on the season which ended in the middle of last winter was only about half the average of previous years, because of the renewed competition of the Scotch, Dutch and other foreign markets due to the return of peace conditions, the value was greatly reduced. The early spring fishing for cod off the south coast and the seal fishery off the east coast were failures.

The main cod fishery around the coast of the Island of Labrador, resulted in an estimated catch of 1,300,000 quintals (112 lbs. each) as against 1,700,000 for last year. The price dropped from $12 to $10 per quintal for Newfoundland fish and from $10 to $8 for Labrador Cod. The decline in the price of cod oil losters, salmon and other subsidiary products has been so great that the fishermen will not receive more than half the amount which they received last year.

Another factor tending to emigration, is the iron mines, the forces of which have been reduced by half. Although the pulp and paper mills are making an exceptionally large cut of wood, they cannot absorb al' the men seeking work from them this winter.

"Unknown Warrior" Is Honored

LONDON, Dec. 23—Scores of very touching instances have been witnessed at the tomb of Britain's "Unknown warrior," in Westminster Abbey, as long lines of men, women and children have passed the black marble slab covering the grave, for several days since the burial there of the unidentified soldier.

The fact that no one knows the name of the man who lies beneath the slab leads many to offer tributes in the hope that perhaps the body is that of a missing son. The mother of one of the thousand of unknown warriors, any one of which might be reposing in Westmoinster Abbey, laid three war medals, the Mons Star, the Vivtory Medal, and the British War Medal on the grave as she passed in the line. They had been awarded to her only son who was wounded three times and was later reported missing.

A soldier's modest offering of flowers, bore, bearing the inscription "In loving memory of my two pals, and all other pals."

The Epitaph placed on the slab reads: "For King and Country:—Greater Love Hath No Man than This."

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Don't Forget Them!
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Child Welfare Work Important

How far the states have officially recognized the importance of child welfare work is brought out by the annual report of the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. At the present time 35 states have created child hygiene or child welfare organizations. Before organized effort for such divisions was carried on as a part of the Children's year campaign, only 8 states had such divisions.

The state of New Jersey has appropriated $150,000 a year for its Child Hygiene Division. This is the largest budget so far adopted by any state, but some bureaus with only meagre appropriations, through the cooperation of medical, public health have been able to carry out far reaching plans of health work.

The Federal Children's bureau works in an advisory way to these state organizations,, and has rendered direct assistance in the development and administration of their work. Having contact with all the state divisions, it has been in a position to pass along new and effective methods adopted by any of the bureaus.

To assist private organizations engaged in child welfare work, the Children's Bureau has begun a series of practical bulletins on office and other problems of private organizations. A large part of the field of child hygiene is covered by these

Although Yellow Newtowns and ed efficiency will mean greater service to the children of the country, as well as a saving of effort and of money on the part of the public, which supports the field of work.

SUCCESSIVE BEARING POSSIBLE

Although Yellow Newtons and the Spitzenbergs seem to bear on alternate years, proper fertilization with tillage, irrigation and pruning, produced three successive crops in the orchards used in farmer—O. A. C. co-operative trials. Continuation of these favorable conditions may bring these varieties into the annual bearing class, the college horticulturists hope.

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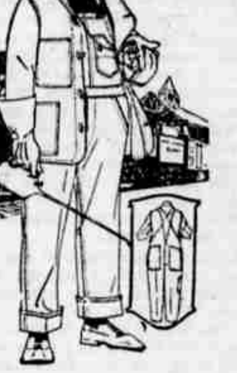

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AROUND THE TOWN

Leave for Portland—
Adam Beyers and wife went to Portland this morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

Leaves for Albany—
G. C. Jacobson left this morning for Albany to visit with relatives over the Christmas season.

Silverton for Christmas—
S. E. Enloe and family left this morning for Silverton, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

From Myrtle Creek—
I. S. Weaver and wife of Myrtle creek spent the day in Roseburg visiting and attending to business matters.

On Vacation—
Misses Lois Laughlin and Cristie Meek, teachers employed in the local schools, left this morning, the former for Eugene and the latter for Corvallis.

Portland for Holidays—
Mrs. B. H. Laird and children left this morning for Portland to spend the holidays.

Teachers Leave—
Ruth Corey, Bessie Manning and Helen Moore, teachers in the local schools, left this morning for Eugene to remain over Christmas.

Will Visit Brothers—
Mrs. L. S. Taylor and children left this morning for Corvallis, where she has two brothers with whom she will visit over the holidays.

Here For Christmas—
Jay Carter and wife, of Marshfield are spending the Christmas season here with relatives. They were former residents of this city.

School Teachers Leave—
A large number of the teachers of the local schools left last night and this morning for their respective homes to spend the Christmas holidays.

Tiller Party Here—
Mrs. E. M. Renfro, Vera Howandobler, George Norman and R. J. Norman, all of Tiller, spent the day in Roseburg shopping and visiting with friends.

Is Employed Here—
Fred Hruby, formerly employed as telegraph operator at the local train dispatchers' office, is working here again for a few days. He has been employed in the Portland office but was transferred to Roseburg during the great rush of traffic during the holiday season. He will return to Portland for Christmas.

From Glendale—
Attorney O. S. Brown, of Glendale spent the day in Roseburg looking after business affairs.

College Man in City—
H. C. Seymour, of the Oregon Agricultural college spent the day in Roseburg conferring with club leader, A. E. Street in regard to the plans of the Industrial club farmer's week.

The International Sunshine society with a membership of about a quarter of a million women, will celebrate its silver jubilee the coming year. It was in 1896 that the society was organized by Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden.

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