

Metropolis Makes Effort Towards City Beautiful

New York, April 30.—(Special)—Not all public efforts in the Metropolis these days are war measures, nor are all her street parades military. Post-luncheon strollers in Sixth avenue one day last week over-stayed their hour in thousands to watch a flamboyant procession 1,200 strong, with three bands. Placards exhorted the public to "Brighten Up the Avenue," "Do It For Sixth Avenue," and otherwise appealed to local street pride. It was the flowering of the "Sixth Avenue Week" celebration. That much abused and long dingy thoroughfare, jealously aroused by the revivals going on in Fifth Avenue and Broadway, decided not to be pocketed. The merchants of the Avenue have banded together as the Sixth Avenue association. From Herald Square to Central Park they are refurbishing. The city has been asked for more lights. A model block has been selected as a demonstration, in which store decoration and illumination are to rival Longacre Square. Even the Elevated Road there is to be fresh painted.

The Fifth Avenue association started movements of this sort here some years ago and is now reaping the benefit. The Broadway association followed, but its results are as yet hampered by the ragged mess made of it by subway construction, that has long since accustomed New Yorkers to the horrors of possible trench warfare on American soil.

In the platform of the Great White Way boosters there is a wholesome recognition of the fact that great as Broadway is, it is not the whole of New York. The planks advocating a modern pavement, the speedy completion of subway construction, an adequate and ornamental lighting system, the elimination of fraudulent and misleading advertising, the reduction of fire risks and insurance rates, a campaign to prevent littering of

Some Good Advice.

Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.—Adv.

streets, are proposals that all good citizens can and should support, whether their business interests happen to focus in Broadway or another thoroughfare, or even in another city.

It is thus by localized unofficial activities that city beautifying must be carried on at present in America, a condition unthinkable in some paternalistic European countries, where comprehensive city planning is the business of government. Compared with them American results are scrappy and unsatisfactory. Is it not time we swallowed our fear of paternalism sufficiently to copy France and Germany in this respect?

New York's penchant for midnight brilliance is temporarily discouraged by the war. True, fear of Zeppelin raids has not yet dimmed the Great White Way. The shore resorts, however, will for a season at least cease to serve as a beacon to the mariner and a sighting point for 16-inch shells.

Imagine, if you can, Coney Island brooding in darkness in the midst of its marshes! Yet such is its plan for the summer. Distracted resort proprietors, anticipating orders from the War Department, are devising ways and means of inhaling their light effects. How to shed a cheerful glare internally on their attractions and let none of it escape skyward or seaward is the problem. This solved, the big playground will do business as usual.

Resorts further down the shore and usually reached by boat will suffer more. The boats making Asbury park and other points near Sandy Hook may be ordered by the War Department not to run this season. This is a blow to many New York business men who have summer homes in that region and enjoyed their cool, restful trip back and forth by water.

To the young woman, war nursing has the same romantic appeal of danger and self-sacrifice that soldiering has to the young man. Of great interest to all American young women who are contemplating war nursing is the program of the annual meeting of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, just announced at Organization headquarters here. Nursing preparedness will be the

keynote of the meeting which will be held in Philadelphia from April 26 to May 2. One entire session will be devoted to Red Cross nursing. Miss Jane A. Delano, chairman of the Committee on Nursing Service of the American Red Cross will take up in detail the work of that organization in the field. This meeting will tend to stimulate nation-wide enlistment in this humane service.

Less romantic than the Red Cross service but equally valuable as a war nursing arm of the government is the work in connection with the campaign against tuberculosis in the Army and Navy being planned at the request of the Council of National Defense by the National association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Five thousand nurses doing tuberculosis work, either exclusively or on part time, will be made available for this work of prevention among the enlisted men and for home treatment on an organized basis. The association is submitting to the Council of National Defense a report prepared by a commission composed of Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, New York State Commissioner of Health, chairman; Dr. George W. Kober and Dr. Charles J. Hatfield. This report, which will be made public when military expediency permits, embraces the suggestions growing out of the work Dr. Biggs did in France when he was called by the French Government to consider the problem of tuberculosis in the French Army. The various state and local organizations are being enlisted to co-operate in their own sections. Of these the New Jersey Anti-Tuberculosis League has already under way a comprehensive plan for organizing the workers in its state and responses are expected from the various other states soon. This means that should compulsory military service be adopted in this country there will be coupled with it compulsory anti-tuberculosis education for the young men of the land that will put the fight against the Great White Plague on a basis of effectiveness never before realized.

A railroad official propounded this parable the other way to illustrate the need for a more enlightened national railroad policy.

"There is a little village not far from New York that lies at the intersection of four townships. Right at the four-corners, projecting into each township, is the general store. A

while ago the town board of one township after another decided to regulate business within its borders. Each went at it regardless of the other. They decided what kind of scales their common store should use, but no two agreed. So the store-keeper had to buy four sets. They ruled on the minimum number of clerks to be employed, minimum wages and maximum hours of work and the number of hours the store should remain open and the kind, amount and quality of goods to be sold, the size of store he should maintain and the number of counters. In all these matters they disagreed. Furthermore each town board demanded a separate annual report, each according to a different system, making necessary four sets of books and an additional bookkeeper.

"When it came to setting prices the store-keeper should charge, the four townships quarrelled so violently that they finally agreed to set up a common village government, which took over the question of charges and wages, but let the town boards continue their conflicting regulations in other directions.

"The village board promptly raised the clerks' wages and lowered the store's selling-prices all along the line. Then they raised his village taxes, and, thus encouraged, each town board boosted the town taxes a notch.

"The store-keeper's other expenses began to mount. The farmers charged more for provisions and the wholesalers from which he bought his other supplies followed suit, till he not only could not make a living but ran in debt. The local bank seeing how precarious his business had become, refused to lend him any money.

"The store-keeper humbly went to the village board and asked it to do two things—first to take over entire control itself and stop the expensive muddling of the four townships; and second, to allow the store to raise its charges enough to meet its increased expenses. Otherwise, he said, he'd have to go out of business.

"You can't go out of business," they decided after due deliberation. "The people have got to have a store. We can't let you raise your prices because the people who elected us would not like it. Besides, your clerks are getting uneasy and we're thinking of raising their wages again. If you don't stop complaining and give us better service we'll take your store away from you and run it ourselves." And that is almost exactly the situation with the railroads today.

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Fixing Food Prices.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—(Special)—The secretary of agriculture, in response to a telegram regarding the fixing of prices of food products, today, April 24, made the following reply:

"Your telegram received. No agency now has power to fix prices of food products. Have suggested that Congress confer power on the Government to fix minimum and maximum prices if the emergency requires them. The object of a minimum price to producers would be to stimulate production of certain staple products by assuring farmers that these products would not be disposed of below a certain level which would give them a reasonable return and would not cause them to suffer loss in any event. This would have to be done under proper regulation. The shortage of important crops in this Nation, the greatly depleted resources abroad, and the waste and destruction in Europe should cause a continuance of remunerative prices, but as an additional assurance to farmers the power indicated ought to be vested in the Government. It is not suggested that maximum prices be fixed to producers, but that power to fix such prices governing the distribution of products be given to the Government to be used if necessary to control uneconomic speculation and manipulation in the handling of food products. It is of the first importance that no step be omitted greatly to increase the supply especially of the great staple food products of the United States in every direction."

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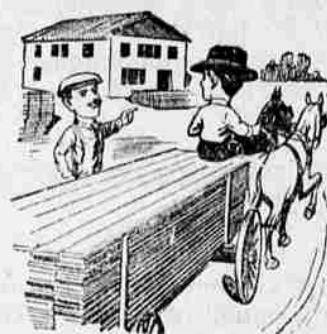
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