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**SAVING HUMAN CAPITAL**

The struggle of nine of the warring countries to strengthen their human resources by making labor conditions tolerable for children who must work, and by providing schools to teach them how to do better work, are recounted in Child Labor in Warring Countries, a brief review of foreign reports just issued by the National Children's bureau.

The prospect for better industrial education for England has lately been strengthened by the bill introduced in the British parliament by Mr. Herbert Fisher, president of the board of education. The bill fixes the compulsory school attendance age at 14 without the present exemptions and requires that all working children under 18 spend at least 320 hours a year in continuation schools.

In Italy, as well as in France and England, standards of labor protection were relaxed at the beginning of the war, only to be restored and strengthened as experience

showed that long hours, night and Sunday work, with their evil effects on health and efficiency, did not pay.

And Russia, according to information received since the bulletin went to press, has found it necessary to withdraw the power given her minister of labor and industry early in the war to grant exemptions to concerns doing war work from the laws regulating hours and the employment of women, and children under 177.

Canada, New Zealand and Australia have maintained practically unenforced through three years of war-strain their high standards of protection for working children.

**NEWS OF LA GRANDE**

Visiting in Corvallis—Miss Ethel Wright is spending the week-end in Corvallis. She will remain for the U. O. O. A. C. football game.

Brings Patient to Hospital—Dr. Kirby of Elgin brought a patient to the hospital last night.

On Way to Oklahoma—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Berry passed through La Grande last night on their way from Portland to Oklahoma.

Returns to Portland—Mrs. John Donald returned to her home in Portland last night after a week's visit here with Miss Moran and Miss Anderson.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Passes Through—Harry Stone, secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A., passed through La Grande last night on his way to New York to visit the Third Oregon regiment there. The Portland board gave Mr. Stone a check for \$1,000 to spend on the boys. Three hundred members of the regiment are members of the Portland Association. While in La Grande Mr. Stone visited with J. G. King, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A.

Returns From Enterprise—George Noble returned last night from a week's stay in Enterprise.

Delayed By Accident—Dr. and Mrs. Lamb were returning to Union last night and had an accident with their car and were obliged to return to La Grande.

Denver People Here—Mr. and Mrs. Mills of Denver are in La Grande today.

Spokane Man Here—Robert M. Gray of Spokane arrived in La Grande today. He will remain here a short time on business.

Wonderful Day—Reporters are not supposed to deal in superlatives out

the weather today demands them. The warm sunshine is certainly entitled to a good write-up. It might be called a 24-carat article, 100 per cent life, radiant and golden. This fall has been the best ever. It has even been endorsed by some who will not endorse President Wilson or the New Testament.

It Pays to Advertise—"It certainly does pay to advertise in the Observer," said Mrs. George Mair today. "I put in a small advertisement in the Observer to sell sweet elder and I sold it quickly. It certainly saved me a lot of trouble and work. Whenever I have anything I want to sell, I put in an ad. in the Observer."

Leaves for Portland—Eleanor Williamson left last night for Portland where she will enter business college. Miss Williamson has been employed in Krause's meat market for several months.

Will Attend Portland Business College—Alice Spencer left last night for Portland. She will attend the Behlke-Walker Business College. Miss Spencer has been employed at the La Grande National Bank for some time.

Goes to Union—Millard Stearns went to Union last night where he will make his future home.

Spends Week-end Here—L. Bickford spent the week-end with his family and returned this morning to Pleasant Valley where he is working.

Leave on Visit—Mrs. J. B. McKennon and family left today for Stanfield and Portland where they will visit. In Portland they will visit Mrs. Edgar Smythe.

Returns to Walla Walla—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bradshaw returned to their home in Walla Walla after a

two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wade.

Visiting Here—Slim Staith of Corvallis, Idaho, arrived in La Grande yesterday to visit with friends and relatives. Mr. Staith is a graduate of O. A. C.

Will Address Elks—Bruce Dennis, director of work of the State Council of Defense, has accepted an invitation to deliver the Memorial Day address before the Elks of Baker December 2.

Prepare for Conference—Extensive preparations are being made to make the coming Eastern Oregon Older Boys' conference, that will be held in La Grande on December 7, 8 and 9, one that will be remembered by all the boys who attend. The arrangement committee with Lynn Wright as chairman solicits the opening of the homes to the boys for two nights. It is no easy task to arrange to take care of nearly two hundred boys and it is hoped by the general committee that there will be a generous response to this absolutely necessary request. This conference will bring to La Grande one of the largest gatherings of Older Boys ever held here and cooperation is needed to make the conference a decided success, so that the young men will leave La Grande boasting for the city and the people.

The Domestic Science department will have charge of the Saturday night banquet and will serve a real "Hooverized" banquet. Mr. Howard Stoddard, chairman of the entertainment committee reports that his committee is making good progress and that the entertainment committee will be there when the bell rings. A trio consisting of Mary Newell, Gladys Black and Jennette Stoddard has been secured to sing at several of the meetings.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.

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**PLAN TO RESTORE MONARCHY**

Grand Duke Nicholas Assumes Command of Cossacks

PARIS, Nov. 21.—A Vienna dispatch announced that Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch has assumed command of General Kaledine's Cossacks as a part of Kaledine's plan to restore Russia to a monarchy. Nicholas was proclaimed Grand Duke Regent.

See Dorothy Dalton as a cabaret girl in "Ten of Diamonds," Thursday and Friday at the Star. 11-20-14.

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By WALT MASON

Changing Times



When I was young, long, long ago, I labored on a Kansas farm; I drove the dun mules to and fro, and whaled them with my strong right arm. I left my couch at early morn, before the darkness passed away, and husked the yellow ears of corn throughout the sunny autumn day. I sold some corn, not once or twice, but many times, in those past years; twelve cents a bushel was the price—oh, think of that and shed some tears? It took about a ton of corn to get a haircut and a shave; the farmer's spirit was so torn he longed to fill an early grave.

And now the farmer drives to town with load of corn on creaking wain; the purchaser must pony down two bones a bushel for that grain! To one who's sold his loads of maize, his harvest, at twelve cents a throw, these seem the golden, happy days for farmers—but they still have woe. Today I talked with David Dale, who bought the farm of Hiram Horn, and he was loaded down with hale, for he had sold a load of corn. "The way they soak a man in town," he said, "just makes a fellow reel; our faces still are trampled down by rank oppression's iron heel. Today I bought a pair of shoes from that old pirate, Godfrey Gough; the price has given me the blues—where does the husbandman get off?"

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