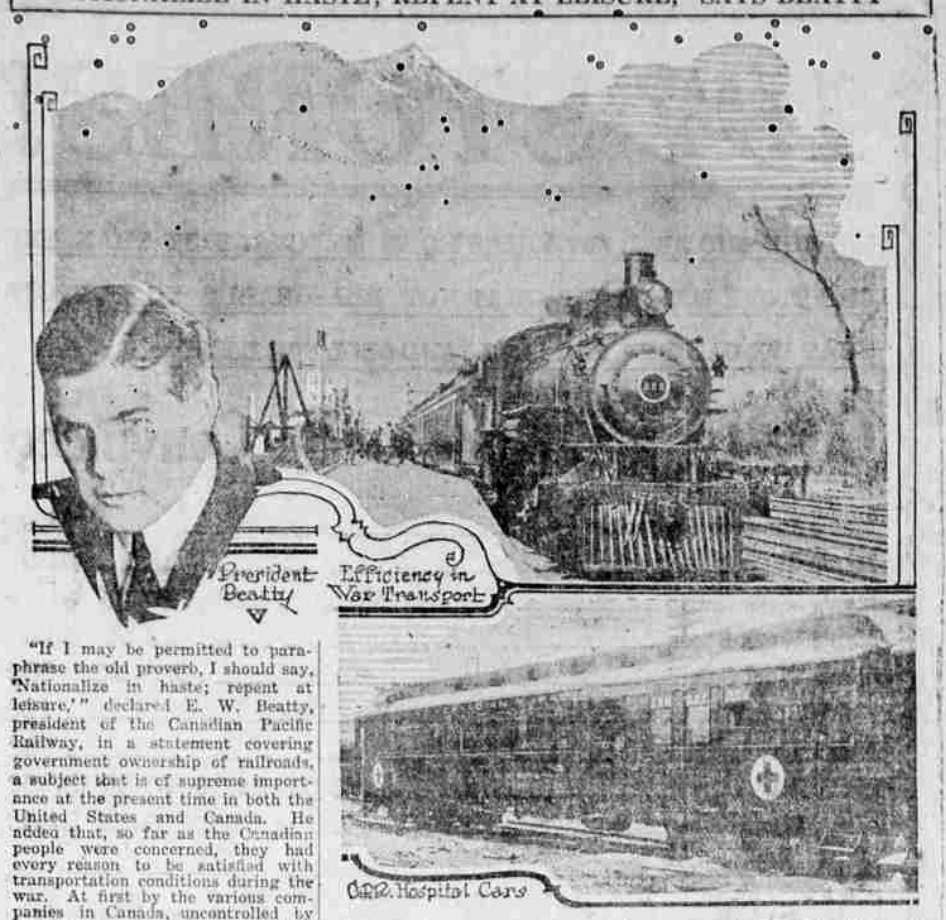
"NATIONALIZE IN HASTE; REPENT AT LEISURE," SAYS BEATTY



"If I may be permitted to paraphrase the old proverb, I should say, 'Nationalize in haste; repent at leisure,'" declared E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in a statement covering government ownership of railroads, a subject that is of supreme importance at the present time in both the United States and Canada. He added that, so far as the Canadian people were concerned, they had every reason to be satisfied with transportation conditions during the war. At first by the various companies in Canada, uncontrolled by government and otherwise, and later under the aegis of the Canadian Railway War Board, a continuous effort was maintained. At no time was any disposition shown by any company to refuse assistance to any other company, temporarily or locally embarrassed as to equipment of facilities.

"The desire of everyone," President Beatty added, "is that Canada should have today a railway system or systems so administered, that the best service to the public will be obtained at the lowest rate consistent with fair wages, both for labor and capital. Theoretically much may be said in favor of government ownership. Will those theories stand the test of practice? If these theories prove a failure initially, but correct themselves, as their exponents may urge, in due course of time—how long a time can Canadian people afford to pay the losses on demoralized railway service? Do they wish to launch out on the experiment now? Or wait until their near neighbors, the United States, have worked out their experiment a little more satisfactorily? I have my own views on public ownership of railways, but they are not unalterable. It has taken more than thirty-odd years to make the C. P. R. as efficient as it is today. Even when accomplished this degree of efficiency can be quickly lost.

"We do not know enough that is encouraging about government operation of large railway systems to justify any further excursion into that field at this time. We can well afford to wait, to study dispassionately our own situation, and the expediency of the United States, before committing our country to serious changes in policy. The solution finally adopted in the United States will be of inestimable value to Canada."

CHUMS

(By L. E. Eslanks)

Here is an article for fathers from the Juvenile Court Record for February that is especially timely when considered in connection with the Father and Son week, which commences Tuesday next. Everyone should read it.

"To be a father is just as sacred and important as to be a mother; that fathers hold their responsibility lightly, or comparatively so, is the result of custom, not a logical deduction. He owes just as much to their children as she does; and if he expects her to be particularly attentive to the girls, he should not deny the justice of giving his boys that counsel and companionship to which they have every right.

"Fathers, let us put excuses aside, quit saying we have no time, and undergo an honest self-examination. Do I really want to find time for the children? Do I excuse myself too easily? The man who wilfully avoids his children is culprit; but he is as self-deluded as he is sinful, for he is cheating himself. The father who has not known the joys of close association with his little ones has missed a supreme blessing. Few men, indeed, deny themselves all recreation. Many of us claim to, but literally we do not. Assuredly, any employment that affords no opportunity for relaxation had better be abandoned—for the sake of one's family, were there no other reason. Granting, then, that there must be some time 'off duty', why not devote it to the youngsters?

"I am dwelling a bit on the selfish side. No father should require the stimulus of self-interest to do his duty, but the mutuality of benefit is not to be ignored. This recreation is real—it re-creates. It takes a man back to the happiest periods of his life. To play with children is to renew our ideals, to regain the unperverted perspective of life.

"And what does your attention to the children mean to your wife? It means that you appreciate woman's greatest gift to wive, that you are happy and satisfied with her and the family. It means that you are thoughtful of her, that you know she, too, requires a little time to herself, a little change. Further, it means a corroboration of her teaching; for you and she have arranged to agree in your treatment of your children. This confirmation of each other is a point too often overlooked. A father has no right ruthlessly to destroy in an evening what the mother has spent months in building. Such an indiscretion not only is unfair to her, but it weakens the child's confidence for the future. Better far to confer with the mother privately, and let her correct her own statements, if correction is necessary. Exact the same consideration from her, and the children will never hear heated argument between their parents, causing them to doubt both. Take seriously at his fathers; a man who is everlastingly correcting his wife's statements before their children is sowing seeds of trouble. Soon the youngsters will have no faith in what she tells them, even if they refrain from open criticism on their own account. Such humiliation of a woman is bad enough in itself, but it is ruinous to those attentive little listeners. Have no battles—but if you do, fight them in private.

"The question that a father devote his recreation period to his children is thoroughly practicable. Every year multiplies the possible points of contact between a man and a boy; men are getting younger, as boys are getting older—in receptivity. Baseball, tennis, golf, swimming, boxing, wrestling and fencing are sports that appeal to most men whose sons are yet boys. There is nothing like sport to win a boy to you, and there are few better character builders. A man whom you have taught to be a good loser and a chivalrous winner with the gloves the folks or the racket has gained a something in robust virility that no school can give him. No, even his mother can instill this desirable ruggedness of character; it is up to you as his father. Make yourself his best pal by joining him wholeheartedly in what he likes to do best. Do not merely simulate interest; develop it. He will be quick to detect pretense. Of course you must not monopolize the child; he craves playmates of his own age. Be a big brother to them as well as to him; it will enable you always to know something of your boy's associates. If some of the kiddies need a home adopt one; you could scarcely do a better deed.

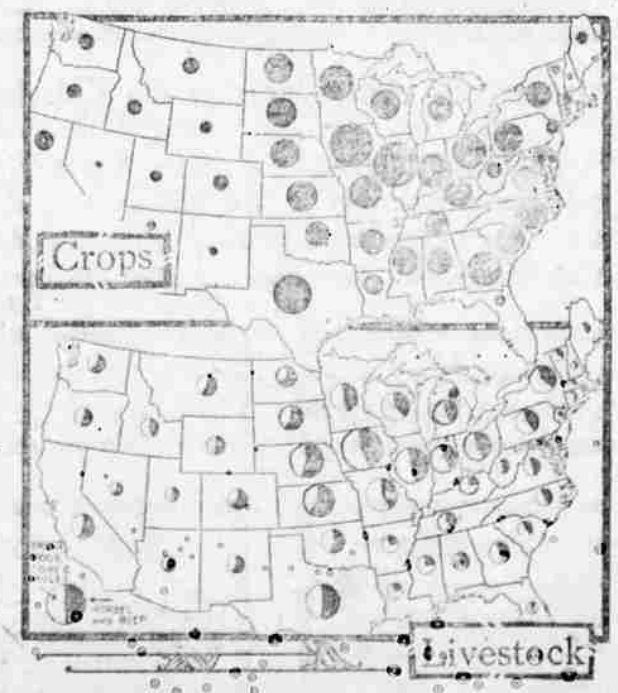
"Certainly, proficiency in sport is not the primary aim, but it is your shortest road to your object—chummy relations. You cannot begin too early. Sometimes the first discovery of a tendency to dishonesty is made on the athletic field. One father was told that his son habitually cheated in scorekeeping. He began playing with the boy, and learned of proclivities to evil that otherwise might have grown into fixed principles under his very eyes. Watch for those unsuspected traits; don't be one of those fathers who wait too long to begin.

"Lack of understanding is the rankest barrier between father and son, a barrier that has no more justification than a like one between mother and daughter. The boy is of less loving than his sister; all he needs is a chance. The father who says that his children do not understand him confesses that he has not sought to be understood. Understanding is a prerequisite for trusting love and confidence; and fathers, it is so easy! Begin early, be patient and perseverine, and your son will come to you with his problems just as readily as his sister goes to her mother.

"It is safe to say that in most cases the boy comes as near to understanding the man as the man does the boy, but it is up to the father to take the initiative. What adds irksomely to the difficulty is that the father often does not understand himself as a father, does not appreciate his power, the uniqueness of his position, relation to his offspring. Children are hero-worshippers, and daddy is the greatest of heroes. Day after day he goes forth into the big world and sees things and does things! His judgment is infallible and his example unquestionable!

"Example! What a world of power! Example is always self-assertive! Your boy learns from your conduct every day, whether you will or not. Children are first of all imitators, do not all systems of education place example above precept? No pleading of a mother for clean speech, for manners, will long avail against as-

How U. S. Farms Produced in 1918



America's farms produced crops and livestock in 1918 which totaled about twenty-one billion dollars. Corn was the principal grain with wheat second. The crops totaled value of $12,472,412,000. The livestock beef steers and cows were in the majority. The total livestock value totaled $7,552,000,000. Here are maps made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture which show the amount of production in each state in the Union.

sociations with a profane father. Since a father is bound to set some kind of example, it seems that even the most indifferent would prefer that his be a constructive one.

"In the education of your boy, leave nothing to chance. Chance has no legitimate role in character building. Tell your boy the secrets of life, the things he will need to know in his personal battles with mystery and temptation. Do not laugh it all away, and rely on his "coming through as you did." He may not be so fortunate. And are you quite the man you could have been with a little cleaner life? Give the lad the same chance his sister has under the ever-watchful eye of her mother; do not betray that mother's confidence that you will tell the boy the things he needs to know. This is a sacred duty, and no father can shirk it without jeopardizing his son's future health—moral, mental and physical. I conclude with a few lines by Edgar A. Guest:

"Be more than his dad,
Be a chum to the lad.
Be a part of his life
Every hour of the day:
Find time to talk with him;
Take time to walk with him,
Share in his studies
And share in his play.
Take him to places
To ball games and races,
Teach him the things
You want him to know;
Don't live apart from him,
Don't keep your heart from him,
Be his best comrade,
He's needing you so!"

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Dr. Brougher can sometimes be coaxed to tell of the puzzled parishioner who came to him with her troubles.

"I taught Johnny to say his prayers every night," she wailed, "but I have just come home from a trip and I learn that in my absence he hasn't said them."

"Did he not have a reason," asked Brougher.

"Yes," said the tearful mother. "He said that the first night he forgot them, and the next night he forgot them again and nothing happened, so he decided that since nothing happened, he wouldn't say them any more."

"Well," chuckled the doctor, "my logic is that it's about time that something did happen to Johnny."

WHITE HOUSE SHEEP CLIPPED

Shearers from the bureau of animal industry a few days ago sheared the sheep President Wilson has kept grazing on the White House lawn. They had fed industriously, and the wool clip was large. Would-be purchasers quickly offered $5 a pound for the clip, but it was retained for the present.

FAIR PLAY FOR Y. M. C. A.

(Leslie's)

Some of the attacks on the war record of the Y. M. C. A. are simply unpardonable. They indicate a sinister, deliberate and systematic purpose to discredit one of the finest philanthropic organizations the world has ever seen.

It would be amazing, indeed, if there were not some failures, some mistakes, registered in a work of such magnitude as that undertaken by the Y. M. C. A. The government has been attacked time and again for its mistakes, but no one thinks that the management of our training camps was altogether bad or denies that the government made good in the war in spite of blunders. So the assailants of the Y. M. C. A. must admit, if they are fair, that its activities are worthy of highest praise.

The Y. M. C. A. is paying the penalty of the nation's unpreparedness. It agreed to take over for the government a great task which the government itself was not equipped to perform. This called for quick and tremendous expansion of its forces, the expenditure of vast sums for equipment and supplies and the organization of its work on broader lines than had been dreamed of. The mistakes made were largely the result of lack of tact, experience or efficiency among a very small number of its thousands of workers.

The Y. M. C. A. is a Christian, but wholly non-sectarian institution, which has served Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jew without distinction. It heartily joined in the appeal of the seven war organizations for a common fund, when, if there had been anything selfish or sectarian about it, it would have gone before the country alone. The Y. M. C. A. furnished the large background for the great popular response then made.

The Y. M. C. A. is not a mushroom organization sprung up for the duration of the war. It had so proven its usefulness that when the war broke out the government naturally turned to it to perform a great mission that has had much to do with keeping up the morale of our fighting forces. Compared with the large results the blunders are insignificant. The Y. M. C. A. is here to stay. It faces a period of increasing usefulness in time of peace.

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Egg yolk is about 50 per cent fat. When you eat eggs you are eating something that will stay in your stomach longer than milk, so you do not get hungry so quickly. There are growth promoting properties in egg fat that are absolutely essential. They are not in vegetable fats or oils, nor are beef or pork fats a substitute.

Growth and health are of prime importance to the people of this country. During this period of the war and for some time after, every citizen of the country should do his or her best. The protective foods of growth and health are found in eggs.

Great nations eat eggs, milk and leafy vegetables. The price of these foods is of minor consideration. They promote growth, and increase your ability to withstand disease. They are the basis of nutrition.

Shall we fail to do our duty to our country? If we shall our children and ourselves of these protective foods we cannot expect to do our best, nor can we expect to avoid serious diseases.

WARNS LONDON NEWSPAPERS

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Electrical Trades union has addressed a letter to the Newspapers Publishers' association, informing that organization that unless the newspapers controlled by the members of the association are more sympathetic toward the strikers in published articles, the trade unionists employed in newspaper offices will be called upon to act as censors and to deal with articles which give offense to the strikers.

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