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mands from nations mechanically being provided an even greater outlet for all that American factories could produce.

The terrific speed with which articles were manufactured must at last supply the want. Our own rate of increase in population has fallen off until some statisticians claim that we will reach our peak within a few years.

It seemed a simple thing to meet the smaller demand with less production, but those unemployed and those working for lower wages cut down the demand even more.

Kitty Frew and her husband David would rather live with his parents than in a home of their own. She tells his half-brother David that David will come for her.

Chapter 1: TWO KITTYS DAVID shook his head. He did not look at her.

"Oh, David—why doesn't he send me some word? I—I can't bear it!"

"Oh, yes, you can, Kitty." He spoke gruffly. She said that before, to David, and he'd answered her like that.

"I'm eating with you girls tonight. Oysters—" he indicated a carton he was carrying carefully.

And just as David wanted her to, Kitty thought of Max and his music. The fun of sitting around the old table, in what Dorcas called her "night-club," eating the oysters.

Dorcas was there before them, a big gingham apron tied around her. The lamps were lit, a little fire kindled on the hearth. Coffee was boiling.

Dorcas usually envied such times with a vivid recollection of her day. Her assignments ranged from accused criminals to socialites.

Today she had had a particularly delightful experience. The Times though its publicity had been uncovering rare old editions for a local bookstore.

"I wish you could have seen him, David—you'd use him for a character. He had a shawl around him, actually. White hair, like a fine little mist around his head and pink cheeks, and blue eyes like a child's."

But Dorcas' enthusiasm was for the little old man rather than for the rare old book. He didn't know anyone in Winton; he lived here because his grandson had put him here in the back room of a boarding house.

A mischievous look had leaped to her eyes. "I'm going to take him with me to Aunt Lydia's, Sunday. She says there aren't any real gentlemen left in the world. I'm going to show her she's wrong. Won't they look sweet talking together?"

Frequently Dorcas spoke with affectionate amusement of her Aunt Lydia, who was, she had explained to Kitty, her own root. Kitty had gathered that to a certain extent his relative had directed Dorcas' life.

Dorcas to the girls' school near Poughkeepsie, at which Dorcas spoke often, scornfully. Dorcas had left it to "go on her own." But her precious independence hadn't quite barred Aunt Lydia. Every Sunday she dressed with great care and to a degree of elegance in marked contrast to the carelessness of her appearance during the week and went to her aunt's for dinner.

Max Adler appeared with his violin before they had cleared the meal away. And after him Mark Quinn, bursting in noisily. He'd been promoted at the garage. Now he could afford an extra evening with the life class.

But, as the writer in the above-mentioned magazine points out: "Too small a proportion of the earnings of 1919-1929 went into consumption. Too large a proportion went to swell the expendable incomes of a minority of machine owners."

Now, however, we must look ahead to future opportunities, not back to ones that were missed. What are we going to do to narrow the gap? The man who presents a sane and logical program will do his country a tremendous service.

Industrial and economic leaders are now being a softening through shorter hours. Some advance the idea that a six-hour day would provide work for all of the unemployed and would bring about a more equal distribution of wealth.

The proportion of everybody working shorter hours at a living wage presents an appealing field for ideal speculation. The worker would have more time at home which he might use in making his home more attractive and in reading and in music and in the pursuit of hobbies.

Kitty let their voices tide over and around her, while her thoughts went out on a much-traveled course of their own. Another day without Gar. That it had come and gone and that she had lived through it gave her a dull amazement, as if she saw before her a girl who was neither Kitty Brandon, for whom life had been so joyously simple, or Kitty Frew, a girl who could go on eating, sleeping, talking, laughing, taking down tweed ensembles and hanging them back again, unfolding and folding sweaters and blouses, saying briskly over and over: "Can I help you, Madam?"

And he had gained in self-respect! Tonight she shrank from that other girl who could so go on; all that was tired and disheartened and lonely in her elied out against that self-respect, she didn't want it! She wanted Gar, Gar! The sudden unbearable longing for him brought hot prickling tears to her eyes so that she had to shut them tight and hold them so.

But after a little she opened them to meet David's kind, concerned glance. He gave her a quick smile and she felt steadied, as if a hand had been put on her.

When they were all gone, when Dorcas had put out the lamps and spread the fire and said good-night, Kitty went on to the little room that was hers. It was not much of a room for it was bare and furnished only with a pine bureau and small iron bed and a table and a chair and its wall-paper was faded and a little dingy but it was hers, for the total of three dollars a week.

Before she undressed she sat down at the table and entered the day's expenses in a small memorandum book. Breakfast, twenty-five cents, lunch, thirty cents, stockings, a dollar and a quarter. She contemplated the figures she entered. Unless some unexpected expense came up she could save eight dollars this week. She'd saved ten the week before. When the amount reached fifty dollars she would put it in the bank.

She put the book in her bureau drawer. She laid out a fresh blouse for the next morning, hung away her suit. Undressed, she wound her alarm clock, switched off her light and opened her window wide to the cool darkness of the night.

She turned her back on the darkness as it filled her room. She closed her eyes resolutely. Sleep she must have for the strain of the next day. She picked a safe thread of thought and followed it. Those two things simply must be sold—another week or so and no one would want them!

Mrs. Frew's day began early with a prescribed system of exercises. After this she ate her breakfast which Cora brought to her room. She ate leisurely, heartily. When Cora carried her tray away she lay on her chaise-longue and read for an hour, the morning paper, a magazine, perhaps a book of new fiction. After that, for another hour, she submitted herself to Cora's clever fingers and Cora's cleverly directed fattery, finding both stimulating. At eleven o'clock she received Pound to go over with him the orders for the day.

But on the morning following Kitty's flight from the house, Pound came to her door a full half-hour before she expected to see him. Pound was so obviously disturbed that Mrs. Frew dismissed Cora at once.

"Well, Pound?" "It's Mrs. Gar, madam. She's gone."

Mrs. Frew's expression did not alter though Pound, if he had not been so completely held in his disrepute, might have heard a quick indrawing of her breath.

"What do you mean, Pound?" "She went last night. She went alone. Mr. Garfield had gone out—I think he went out to dinner, likely. And she went out just after him. She took her bag, madam. I called a taxi for her. She seemed—well, she seemed upset, madam. If I may be so bold, I'd say Mrs. Gar didn't seem happy all the time. She acted like she had something on her mind. I worried about her going like that. I thought maybe I ought to tell some one. But Mr. Gar isn't in his room."

Gar's excited plans for recovering Kitty came in conflict with his mother's entreats tomorrow.

WAR DEBTS AND THE DEFICIT

The terrific deficit in the federal budget this year is due to many causes, including increased expenditures, but there is one factor that should not be overlooked—failure of European powers to make scheduled payments on their war debts.

Unless Uncle Sam cares to go to war in effort to collect them, there is no reason to think that Europe still has huge sums available for armaments. This will mean that the billions lent Europe which already have been funded on a basis of ability to pay, must come from the pockets of American taxpayers.

European nations are employing high-pressure propaganda reminiscent of war days, in an effort to build up debt cancellation sentiment in the United States. Uncle Sam is pictured as a Shylock demanding his pound of flesh from the nations.

As a matter of fact, the United States already has written off most of the money lent the allies for war purposes. The debts now involved are billions advanced from the federal treasury for post-war reconstruction in France, England, Italy and other recipients spent this money as they wished. Now they are trying to escape paying back.

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SEVEN SHOT TO DEATH BY BANDIT TRIO

visited them inside while he went for the papers. He returned to the front room two of the men had drawn pistols. The intruders said they did not care for his papers, but wanted them for post-war reconstruction.

"Well, I believe I'll shoot you," one of the men remarked. Espinosa felt as if he were being shot.

The trio proceeded towards the rear of the house, herding the mother and all six sons and daughters in a corner in the kitchen.

"We want to know where that \$5000 is and we want to know quick," one of the band said. Members of the group replied they had no money.

Found no Money Believing that the household dresser drawers and mattress. Finding no money, they fled in their car.

Although the bandits drove towards Las Cruces, N. M., they could have turned south towards the border. Mexican authorities were notified. Neighbors supplied a description of the car.

The Espinosa family was respected in the neighborhood and was known as an honest, hard-working group. Many friends of the grief-stricken father gathered around him today and helped him build wooden coffins for his wife and six children.

NOTHING NEW IN KIDNAPING CASE

The American police in connection with the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

Reports from the United States yesterday said Major Charles H. Schoeffel of the New Jersey state police was on his way to England in connection with the crime.

BONUS BILL HEARINGS TO BEGIN APR. 11

Not affect the treasury because they propose new money should be issued to get the certificates.

Tax hearings expected WASHINGTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—After a conference with President Hoover, Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, said today he had expressed the opinion that he would take nearly two weeks of hearings before the house tax bill could be placed before the senate.

Snook, chairman of the senate finance committee, said he intended to "accommodate everybody" who wished to testify upon the bill, but would not allow "any men to testify on the same point."

"Honest John" Morrill Dies BOSTON, Apr. 2 (AP)—John Morrill, 77, manager and first baseman of the Boston Nationals, when they won the pennant in 1883, died today.

Your little old friend, Winky Tikymite, is one of the most happy-go-lucky lads you'll ever get acquainted with. And he's happiest when he's "up in the air."

SCOUTS, PARENTS ATTEND BANQUET

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and commended him for carrying on the scout work with expense to none but himself. Mr. Stevenson was given a rising vote of thanks by the parents and scouts.

The need of parental co-operation in the movement was discussed by A. W. Nelson. The speaker pointed out that boys on farms have 4-H and Smith-Hughes work and the direction of a paid representative of the state and county, a plan everybody approves of, and the farm boy has few idle hours, whereas there is nothing for the boy in the city to do between school hours.

The troop leaders were introduced by Mr. Stevenson, after which the court of honor was held under the chairmanship of H. E. Coolidge. Harvey Carter, N. W. Fries, Louis Evans and Mr. Nelson presented the merit badges to the boys. Mr. Stevenson, assisted by R. P. Tyler, presented the badge of the eagle scout to Frank Tyler who has earned the necessary 20 merit badges; Dr. Murphy presented the gold palm award to Bob Long for merits beyond an eagle scout; and also presented a star badge to Delbert Grout, who has earned 10 merit badges above the rank of first class scout.

Receiving the tenderfoot rank were Bob Johnson, Robert Tomberg, Eugene Rochester, Bill Hough, Bob McClay, Billy Sullivan, Harold Lockwood. Vance Johnson passed his second class test, while Walter Dahl and Thomas Cook received their first class ranking.

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D. A. R. PLANTING TREES AT E. O. N.

Vernon's original Washington elms. The Milne nursery will take care of the young tree until it is strong enough to be planted in some permanent place.

The history of the elm tree has been related by Mrs. H. E. Warren, of Ocean Lake, Ore. Under an elm tree in Cambridge, Mass., George Washington took the oath which gave him command of the patriots for liberty or death, and henceforth the tree has been known as the Washington elm.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence, presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of La Grande" in the City of La Grande in the County of Union and State of Oregon has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be completed with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now therefore I, J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of La Grande" in the City of La Grande in the County of Union and State of Oregon is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this seventh day of March, 1932.

J. W. POLE, Comptroller of the Currency. 3-24-60 t

Remstitching, peating, button holes, etc. Norton's Kiddy Shop. -Adv

PRISON WARDEN STABBED IN BACK

children. In 1919 he was sent to the insane hospital but was returned to the prison in 1928. In 1902 he was acquitted of a murder charge in Portland.

Van Houten, though 66 years old, is a powerful man. A guard, William Luckenbill, who rushed to the aid of the officers was wounded in the hand by the convict. Four men were required to subdue Van Houten and take him to a correction cell. A search revealed that he was armed, not only with the knife, but with a heavy "sap."

SUGAR AND FLOUR PORTLAND, Apr. 2 (AP)—Sugar—Cane, granulated \$4.25 100 lbs. beet \$4.15. Domestic flour—Selling price delivered: patents \$4.75; do \$38 \$4.50; bakers' bluestem \$3.90; \$4.10; soft white flour \$4.20; \$4.40; rye \$4.20; \$4.40.

BOLD WINDY!

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MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

Table with market news: CHICAGO WHEAT, PORTLAND WHEAT, CHICAGO CORN. Columns for Open, High, Low, Close.

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Copy for this Column must be in by 9 a. m. VIGORO To make your garden grow—buy it now at Clarke's Florists. 4-2-1 t.

Old time dance Eagles hall Saturday night. Admission 50c. 3-31-3 t.

Spring house cleaning made easy with our paints, enamel and wallpaper. Noah's Paint Shop. 4-2-1 t.

FOR LADIES ONLY Now is the time to have your old hat refinished like new, in any color or shade, and with lacquer which will not fade or stiffen the straw or braid. Take your last year's hat to Richardson's Art and Gift Shop and save the expense of a new one. 3-22-1 t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has appointed the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Freeman A. Fortier, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, in writing, duly verified, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Cochran & Eberhard in La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated and first published this 2nd day of April, 1932. GLADYS M. FORTIER, Administratrix of the estate of Freeman A. Fortier, deceased. COCHRAN & EBERHARD, Attorneys for Administratrix. Apr. 2-9-16-23-30.

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For generations the American people have been hard workers and thinkers of the common sense variety. Many pioneers emigrated from European nations and struggled and worked and fought their way across a continent, leaving in their path a civilization which has been the marvel of the world. Frontier conditions forced them to work long hours for the bare necessities of life.

The forest and plain country well settled, the children of the pioneers with the coming of machinery, turned the same untiring labor and thought to the production of all kinds of manufactured articles. The people of this nation made a ready market for the products. The rapid increase in population and the de-