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Congress has made Herbert C. Hoover food dictator, and we may soon look for restrictions on our food supply and eating. Not having the price several of us are already restricted and we sincerely hope that Herb will fix it so we can have ham and eggs once a month.

Russia is having a terrible time establishing a republican form of government and adjusting itself to new conditions. Many of the Russian people have little notion what the war is about. They see it simply as an inheritance from the old government, an evil to be discarded along with the czar, and so favor peace.

Those of our farmers who at one time lived in the corn belt no doubt wish they were back there just long enough to haul a few loads of ear corn to market. The price is now \$2.10 per bushel. It was less than fifteen years ago that a farmer thought he was lucky to get fifty cents and it was twenty two years ago that he only received eight cents.

Altho it is rather difficult to find out what is going on in Germany and Austria, there are many signs which indicate that the peace party is growing stronger day by day. There is always a limit to human endurance and a place where humans can no longer be driven. The time is soon coming when there will be a "break" in Germany and Austria that will put a stop to the war.

It seems to be difficult to resist raising prices "because of the war." A story is told by the Saturday Evening Post of an Oregon Indian who annually peddled huckleberries, selling them a dollar per gallon. This year he raised the price and on being asked the reason for it replied: "Huckleberries up; damn big war in Europe." There is no more excuse for an advance in price of many commodities because of the war than that of the Indian's huckleberries.

War or no war, the I. W. W. has never ceased to foment differences between labor and capital and with fanatics among its members, certain depredations have been committed for which the guilty should be severely punished, but this organization has neither the influence or numbers to create the state of anarchy that one was led to believe existed after reading certain daily newspapers a few days ago. From the beginning, the I. W. W. scare had all the ear marks of being fifty per cent fake.

Back East, what is called a "sing song" is being held in many towns. The people gather in the evening and make the dusk ring with old time melodies such as "Annie Laurie," "The Red, White and Blue," "America," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Dixie," "The Old Oaken Bucket," "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," etc., which everybody knows or it is presumed they know. In the small towns, the "sing song" is generally held on Saturday nights so that the country people may all be present. With thousands of voices joined in singing the old songs, persons who come feeling blue or grouchy go home smiling and pleased, and the democratic gathering brings the community closer together and promotes harmony and a closer acquaintance.

WARNING AUTOISTS

New York State Is Reducing Number of Accidents.

APPEAL FOR "SAFETY FIRST."

Circular Impresses Upon Reader That It Is Far Better to "Stop, Look and Listen" When Approaching Grade Crossings Than to Take a Chance Which May Cost a Life.

Albany, N. Y.—There isn't a better "safety first" device in the entire world than the careful automobile driver, according to Francis M. Hugo, secretary of state, whose office is co-operating with the steam and electric lines of this state in a campaign to lessen the number of grade crossing accidents, which reached appalling numbers last year. By means of a small folder enclosed with every registration card Mr. Hugo has succeeded in reaching close to 250,000 automobilists since last January. The folder is of a type that impresses upon the reader that it is far better to "stop, look and listen"



Photo by American Press Association. FRANCIS M. HUGO.

when approaching some grade crossing than to take a chance which may gain a moment or two, but which may cost a life. The observance of the three words of caution now rests almost entirely with the motorists, who are traveling the highways of this state in greater numbers than ever before.

"You can keep on drumming 'safety first' stuff into the ears of some persons for the term of their natural lives," said Secretary Hugo, "but I believe that the campaigns of education are having their effect today, and even should the number of grade crossing accidents leap up to as great proportions as last year headway will nevertheless have been made when it is remembered that there has been a 36 per cent increase in the number of motor vehicles in this state so far this year."

In 1916 there were no less than 125 persons killed and 231 injured on grade crossing accidents in this state alone. Yet the number was greater in Ohio, where 155 were killed in the twelve months, and in Pennsylvania the toll amounted to 159. In the United States last year 1,396 persons were killed and 3,207 were injured in grade crossing accidents, and of the number fully 95 per cent were automobilists.

TABERNACLE DISAPPEARING.

Building Sold For Its Timber to the Bronx Exposition.

New York.—Billy Sunday's tabernacle at One Hundred and Sixty-eighth street and Broadway is disappearing. It took 150 carpenters and 100 laborers nine weeks to build it and cost the William A. Sunday evangelistic committee \$28,000. Nearly 1,000,000 feet of lumber were used.

Thomas C. Wallace, who built the tabernacle, bought it and the adjoining building and in turn sold them to the Bronx International exposition. The sum paid was not announced. The plans for the Bronx exposition require seventy-two exhibition buildings, in the construction of which the million feet of tabernacle timber will be used.

POISON BEANS IN MINNESOTA.

Burma Product Mysteriously Appears in United States.

St. Paul.—The Minnesota public safety commission is discussing the appearance of poison beans in Minnesota. It has requested the state dairy and food commission to ascertain the source of their shipment to this state and to assist in their seizure.

The poison beans, which closely resemble navy beans, originally were imported from Burma. Whether they were sent to the United States to cause illness or by mistake the commission is unable to determine.

Puzzled by Old Coin.

Philadelphia.—A peculiar gold coin dated 1804 and about the size of a five dollar gold piece, has been received by Receiver Teller Kaffer at the sub-treasury. The gold in the coin is nearly red. It bears the head of the God of the Jews, it is not the product of any government mine and must have been coined by a private concern. The gold is of a higher grade and weighs more than that of the five dollar gold pieces now in circulation.

I WONDER WHY THEY ARE TELLING MEN WHAT EVERYBODY HAS KNOWN FOR 85 YEARS

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EVERYBODY IS FALLING INTO STEP—BILL POSTERS' BILLBOARDS ARE BEING READ

SEARCH FOR A STOLEN GREEK MARBLE HEAD

Supposed to Be Hidden in Railroad Laborers' Camp.

Lincoln, Neb.—In a box car camp of Greek railroad laborers somewhere along the line of the Union Pacific railroad there is a priceless marble head of the Greek goddess of health, carved by a Greek sculptor of the fourth century B. C., and stolen from the museum at Tegea, Greece, where the goddess still stands. The statue of the goddess still stands.

The governors of Nebraska and Wyoming have been asked to investigate and see if they cannot locate the missing head. The request comes from Secretary of State Lansing and is made at the request of the Greek government at Athens.

There are thousands of Greek laborers on western railroads, and some one of these is thought to have stolen the head of the goddess before he left Greece. The request from the state department does not give the details of the theft. The head is thirty centimeters in height, according to the description inclosed in the request that a search of the railroad camps be made.

WILL PROTECT TENANTS.

Way Found to Keep Tradesmen Away From Apartment Dwellers.

Milwaukee.—Tradesmen, including the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, will not swarm about apartment houses to the annoyance of tenants if the recommendations devised by the management of one of Milwaukee's most modern establishments are generally adopted.

In brief, patrons are urged to do their trading with but one grocer, one milkman, one ice man, one laundryman and the like. The quality of service rendered is expected to determine the selection of favorites. By this means the leaseholder, it is expected, will not be awakened at an unseemly hour by the merry rattle of cans or clink of bottles as squad after squad of milkmen go trooping over the premises.



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