

PLANTING FORESTS IS RELIEF PROJECT

Sir Henry Luce Sees in Old Commission Report Solution of British Problem.

CHARITY NOT DESIRABLE

Features Cited Are That Work Could Be Done in Winter by Unskilled Labor and State Would Be Well Recompensed.

BY SIR HENRY LUCE.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—While reliant on the protection of her far-flung battle-ships and proud of the army now in France, the country is conscious of a battle that must be fought at home, its prolongation coincidental with that into which the German Emperor, to his own dire peril, has wondrously plunged Europe. So deeply rooted are the faith and hope of England fighting in a just cause, that after momentary tendency towards panic, confidence is restored and trade begins to approach the normal level of its activity.

What is to be done for them? Doubtless when the pinch comes the British public, ever generous, will put its hands in its other pocket and raise a relief fund as was done 60 years ago when, as a consequence of another war, a cotton famine closed the mills of Lancashire. That will be kind, and as an employment agency will be of appreciable assistance, but what the working man wants is not charity, but employment, not alms, but the opportunity of earning them.

Relief Plan Recommended.

Happily there is ready to hand a scheme at once practical, financially sound, and in its operation presenting opening for healthy remunerative work not handicapped by the essential condition of skilled labor. Some years ago there was appointed a royal commission to inquire into the condition of the unemployed. A special instruction directed them to consider the expediency of making an experiment in afforestation as a means of increasing employment during periods of depression in the labor market. Personally the commission was of the opinion that strong, being composed of men of various shades of political opinion and of diverse experience in public affairs, they unanimously arrived at the conclusion that afforestation is not only desirable from more than one point of view, but is practicable.

Practicability Is Demonstrated. Regarding the project from a business point of view, the commissioners have presented a soundness. The annual cost of carrying it out to the extent would be \$10,000,000. They recommend that the investment should be financed by a loan, the interest defrayed out of taxation. On the first year the net deficit would be \$450,000 rising progressively till in the 40th year it would reach the sum of \$15,654,250. After that period the forest would become not only self-supporting but revenue-producing. After 50 years the net annual revenue of a forest of 3,000,000 acres, at present value of timber, would be \$7,500,000. In brief, at the expiration of 50 years the state would be in possession of a property worth \$2,300,000,000, or about 10 per cent in excess of the total cost involved in its creation, calculated at a 3 per cent compound interest.

Regarded simply as a financial deal, an enterprising Chancellor of the Exchequer has not had such opportunity as here presented of earning an honest penny for the nation. The deal brought the Khedive's shares in the Suez Canal. That is, however, more especially in view of the circumstances of the hour, the least attractive feature of the undertaking. Like the quality of money, a well-devised scheme of national afforestation is twice blessed. It blesses him who gives and him who takes. Apart from the immediately pressing question of providing work for the unemployed, it conduces to the natural wealth of the country and will do much to stem the tide of rural depopulation, attracting back to the country men who, in despair of finding labor for willing hands, have migrated to the towns.

Forest Area Proportion Low. Times were—Robin Hood lived through them—when England was mainly forest land. Through the centuries it has been effectively cleared. Today the percentage of forest land in our little island is 22 per cent in France, 17.3 in Belgium and 22 in Austria. Producing so little at home, we are among the largest consumers of the world. Our imports approach the annual value of \$10,000,000. The royal commission report that the vast bulk of this importation is the produce of trees for which British soil and climate are extremely favorable.

GIRLS TO STUDY SELLING

Philadelphia High School to Prepare Pupils for Store Jobs. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25.—Preparations for the inauguration of a course in practical salesmanship for girls at the William Penn High School are under way. In making this announcement, Associate Superintendent of Schools George Wheeler said that more than 100 girls had expressed their desire to enroll in the new course, but that the difficulty of engaging a capable teacher to conduct it was the problem still confronting the Department of Superintendence. He added: "This is a new branch with us, and it requires a person to direct it who is not only thoroughly acquainted with the subject of salesmanship, but who possesses teaching ability as well."

Two of our greatest department stores, Wanamakers and Gimbel's, have offered their co-operation in the enterprise, and I understand that others will follow. The new course will not detract from the general academic training given each pupil at the William Penn. As the girls in the commercial course devote their afternoons to practical work at taking dictation, so the salesmanship classes will take up regular work in the department stores. This work, for which the stores will pay them, will be done under the supervision of the instructor, and the theoretic side of the subject will be taught at the school.

Merchants are most enthusiastic in procuring girls in the new course, Dr. Wheeler said, as there is always a need of well-trained, competent saleswomen. In time, he added, the course would probably be extended to the benefit of several teachers would be required. Two years will be devoted to the salesmanship course; all girls eligible for the commercial course are also free to take up salesmanship. "We expect a rapid increase in the number of girls desirous of taking up salesmanship," said Dr. Wheeler, "and cause there are really wider and better opportunities in this field than in the past. The study of stenography and general office work."

FINANCIER NOW INSANE

SOAPMAKER WHO ROSE TO POST OF POWER LOSTS MIND.

Adolph Segal, Bankrupt in Purse and Brain, to Go to Asylum After Meteoric Career. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—Adolph Segal, bereft of the keen mind that enabled him to rise from the obscurity of a soapmaker in a cellar factory to an influential position in the world of finance, probably will spend the remainder of his life in a \$7-a-week room in the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown.

Literally a mental and financial bankrupt, he will be taken to the asylum on the 28th next, where he was last March, when Segal had a hearing before a referee in bankruptcy. His physicians at that time said he was suffering from softening of the brain, and that he was incompetent to testify.

It was not expected that he would be placed in a public asylum, but the reason for the selection of the Norristown institution was explained on the ground of lack of finances in the Segal family. According to friends, the resources of Mrs. Segal and her son, Adolph, are such that Segal could not be sent to a private sanatorium.

Segal, who was declared insane by Dr. William H. Burn, 28 North Twenty-second street, who has been the family physician many years, and Dr. Pierre N. Bergeron, chief of staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, where Segal has been under treatment several months. After he had certified to Segal's mental condition, Magistrate Call made out the commitment papers, which required only that records of work for six months back be kept available for investigation at any time.

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GERMAN SHIPS CAPTURED

GUNBOAT, LINER AND 3 STEAMERS TAKEN OFF AFRICA.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The Admiralty announces that the British cruiser Cumberland has captured off the Cameroons coast in West Africa the Hamburg-American liner Arnfried and the following merchant steamers: The Max Brock, Kenapa, Amisack, Paul Woermann, Erna Woermann, Henrietta Woermann, Aline Woermann, Hans Woermann and the Janette Woermann. All were in good order and the Arnfried contained general cargoes and considerable quantities of coal. The German crews have been removed as prisoners, but the native inhabitants are being retained. The gunboat Edden has also been captured and has been placed in commission, while it is expected that the floating dock and the Herzogin Elizabeth, which have been sunk, cannot be raised. The Cameroons is a German colony of Western Equatorial Africa. It has heretofore been administered as a part of the colony of the Cameroons, but the British would not disturb this colony. The announcement of the Admiralty, however, indicates that the British naval forces have visited the place and captured the German shipping assembled there.

TAB NOT WORK ASKED

Welfare Body Wants Employers to Check Hours and Pay.

MINIMUM LAW EXTENDS

Recommendation Is to Put 75 Per Cent of Cannery Piece Help Under Lowest-Wage Act—Over-time Work Considered.

Time and piece-work checks showing the number of hours worked and the money earned every day must be given all employees, and 75 per cent of the piece-rate workers will come under the minimum wage law, in all industries in the state, if the recommendations adopted Wednesday night by a conference called by the Industrial Welfare Commission are accepted. Commissioner A. M. Smith will be out of the state and the public hearing will not be held for several weeks after the four weeks limit has expired, announced Father E. V. O'Hara, chairman, last night.

For the first time since the Commission was appointed, recommendations were made without a vote. W. S. Allen of Salem, one of the representatives of the employers, voted "No" on the two recommendations mentioned. More Overtime Approved. The conference also made the recommendation that, if found necessary after investigation, fruit- and vegetable-canning plants might be allowed, in certain instances, to employ women at night, in exception to the law prohibiting the employment of women after 8:30 P. M., and would increase overtime allowance to 40 hours a week.

The minimum wage law was made effective for experienced time-workers by fixing the term of experience necessary as one year, and the rule that night would make the same law effective on piece-workers by classing 75 per cent of the adult women workers as experienced. This rule was machinery by which the minimum law may be made operative with regard to piece-workers.

The conference was that called by the commission to investigate the fruit and vegetable canning industry in Oregon, and it was at last night that reports of the members were heard. The first report was from Mrs. L. E. Daniels, Mrs. William J. Allen, Miss Rose Harrington, of the employees represented, upon the proper height of tables and stools used. This was considered already covered by other state laws and no action was urged.

Standardization Is Ordered. The employers represented reported that uniformity of rates was impracticable and recommended that a schedule of only that records of work for six months back be kept available for investigation at any time. A meeting of the commission had been held yesterday afternoon at which this report, which already had been submitted, was discussed, and Father O'Hara said the commission would consider the adoption of this recommendation "for a minute."

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CZAR TO KEEP DRINK OUT

EDICT AGAINST VODKA IS CONTINUED INDEFINITELY.

Order Declared Based on Improved Condition of Country During Period of Prohibition. PETROGRAD, via London, Oct. 1.—Minister of Finance Bark received today an order to the effect that the prohibition of the sale of vodka shall be continued indefinitely during the war. This order is based principally on the tremendous improvement of condition of the country since the Emperor issued the edict prohibiting traffic in this liquor.

Visitors arriving from Southern Russia say there is such a change in that region that the country is hardly recognizable. Peasants who before the war had fallen into hopeless indolence and depravity already have emerged into self-respecting citizens. The effect on character is already visible in neatly brushed clothes instead of the former ragged and shabby attire. Huts which formerly were dilapidated and allowed to go without repairs are now kept in first-class condition. The towns have become more orderly and the peasants indulge in wholesome amusements. These people now save 50 per cent of their earnings which formerly they spent for drink, and they have increased their earning capacity through sobriety. This extra money is now devoted to the necessities and comforts of life. This startling regeneration of the peasantry, in the opinion of the Russian authorities, is likely to have an important effect on the social and economic conditions of all Russia. A change in the large cities is also noticeable. Liquor still is sold in first-class cafes, but these are practically empty. The Nevsky Prospect, once famous for its gay midnight life, is now quiet and without sign of revelry.

AUSTRIA HEARS OF VICTORY

Peasants Believe Germans Have Already Taken Paris.

VIENNA, via Paris, Oct. 1.—The Vienna papers daily are publishing reports of German and Austrian successes in the western and eastern theaters of war. The Neues Wiener Journal declares that the German troops are going on from victory to victory and that the great French army soon will be forced to retreat before the relentless German man advance. In the Austrian provinces the press is even more optimistic, especially in East Austria, where the Siebenbrunn papers print extraordinarily glowing reports that the peasants believe the Germans already are in Paris. The educated classes in Austria are beginning to show signs of dissatisfaction at the lack of reliable, definite news. The women especially are demanding to know what has happened to their men folk. The newspaper authorities are trying to pacify them with the explanation that it is difficult to obtain exact news from the battlefields and urge them to have patience. Some public demonstrations were reported to have occurred in Vienna of the Graz. Financial conditions in Austria



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Hungary show some improvement. The banks are paying out more money and trade accounts are being settled more promptly. At Trieste, coal importers who are desirous of obtaining supplies from America have asked the Austrian government to give definite assurance that coal imported from America in American bottoms will not be confiscated for military purposes. Their inquiries have not yet been answered.

INVASION CAUSES GRAVE FEAR

Austria-Hungary Not Calmed by Official Assurances. VIENNA, via Paris, Oct. 1.—News of the beginning of the Russian invasion of Hungary is exciting the greatest apprehension throughout the monarchy. Official assurances that the action is without importance and should give no occasion for anxiety. Work on the fortifications in Vienna has been hastened and an official warning the public against entering certain areas on penalty of arrest and death has been shot by the sentries. The Asiatic cholera is spreading rapidly, cases being reported daily in Vienna and in various districts of Hungary. Reports of cholera already have been found in Galicia, whence the disease has spread to other sections.

LATIN STATES WANT TRADE

Branch Banks in South America Would Help, Says Letter. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—There is an unusual opportunity for American enterprise to reap a rich harvest in South America. This is the belief of Stephen P. Smith, a business man of Cochabamba, Bolivia, as expressed in a letter to Keays, Parvin & Co., 105 South Front street.

The war in Europe has ended all business done there by England, Germany and France, according to Mr. Smith. The custom houses are collecting nothing, and the governments are great engineering projects are stopped, because the constructing companies can obtain no money from their home offices. As a result, thousands of men are out of work. Mr. Smith suggests that the business men of Philadelphia, through the Chamber of Commerce, take steps immediately to open markets with South America. He says that the banks there cannot now give proper facilities for doing business with the states. If those who wish to sell will at the same time buy, the American flag and American products, he declares, beneficial results will soon follow. Mr. Smith thinks there should be more direct trade between the American flag and the English and German merchant marines, as far as South America is concerned, are out of business. An opportunity to acquire cheaper meat is also pointed out by the writer, who declares that Argentina can sell its cattle products in Europe.

FLOTILLA EYES RUSSIANS

German Transports Reported With Fleet Off Baltic Coast. LONDON, Oct. 1.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post has sent the following dispatch: "The Germans are hardly likely to attempt any descent on the Baltic coast between Memel and Windau, which is the only stretch of Russian coast line that offers a chance for such operations. German ships showed considerable activity at this point last week. On two occasions flotillas of small gunboats, torpedo boats and cruisers approached the coast. It is possible that these moves were intended merely for theatrical effect. It is not known whether they were really any more than the transports which, after taking soundings, departed peacefully home again."

CRUSH ENGLISH! KAISER

Imperial Order Is to Walk Over "Contemptible Little Army." LONDON, Oct. 1.—The Times today says that it is able to give from a thoroughly trustworthy source the text of an order issued by Emperor William to his army on August 19. It follows: "It is my royal and imperial command that you concentrate your energies for the immediate present upon the single purpose and that is that you address all your skill and all the valor of my soldiers to exterminate first the treacherous English and walk over General French's contemptible little army."

MAN SWALLOWS \$20 PIECE

Jail Visitor Complains, but Refuses to Go to Hospital. A man, apparently in agony, appeared at the police station Wednesday night and announced that he had swallowed a \$20 gold piece. Acting City Physician Rice was called to extract the coin, but the man refused to go to the hospital. He said he was playing with the coin when he swallowed it. His name was not learned.

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Advertisement for French Daring Wins. Dogged Courage in Face of Fire Thrills Correspondent. MEN WAIT, DASH AT WORD General Setting Example Under Fall of Shells, Troops Hold On and at First Opportunity Take foe's Position. LONDON, Oct. 1, 3:37 A. M.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Amiens, under date of Sunday, in describing the heavy fighting around Peronne, which has been taken and retaken at various times, says it is impossible to hear of the dogged courage of the French troops without a thrill of warm admiration. "At 11 o'clock one morning," says he, "the French advance was subjected to a terrible concentrated fire and it seemed impossible for the troops to hold their ground. The French artillery had abandoned position after position. At 3 o'clock the shells began to fall around the crossroads where the staff was located and the General in command was urged to quit. 'No,' he said, 'so long as I stay here we cannot retreat and we have simply got to hold on.' "He said the same thing when three farms close by were in flames. He said it and meant it, and he saved the day. At 3 o'clock he was there still and his men held their own. At 4 o'clock the German fire slackened a little and an infantry attack was pushed forward. "That evening the French guns were occupying the positions which the German guns had held all day. The General had held on."

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