AMERICA IN GRASP OF WAR PROSPERITY

Colonel Hofer Impressed by Unusual Conditions Existing Throughout East.

ALL CROPS ARE PROMISING

Salem Man Says East Vies With West in Determination to Wage World War to Successful Finish.

Colonel E. Hofer has just returned from two months spent in New York and Eastern cities. He is enthusiastic about the outlook for the largest crops, with the exception of potatoes and some kinds of fruit, that have ever been produced in the history of our country.

"Leaving New York for the West one rides through continuous expanse of grain fields, and New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio present the same appearance that one finds ordinarily in the unbroken grain fields of the Western wheat states," said Mr. Hofer. "Wheat and corn acreage are enormous, while in every city and village are signs of the war garden, vegetables being grown even on the cinder heaps in the back yards of the Chicago stockyards district.

"Potato patches are small, and I did not see a single field of potatoes except market gardens near some large cities. In Colorado's great spud sector about Greeley were fields planted to potatoes not up yet but not near the usual acreage. There were such tremendous losses on potatoes last year from freezing and lack of cars and bad marketing conditions that farmers sowed wheat on which they have no great outlay for manual labor, the crop being made with machinery. The same causes worked to cut down sugar beet acreage, and of the 100 sugar beet factories west of Lake Michigan possibly five or ten per cent will not operate, due to labor shortage on the farms.

Farmers Well Satisfied.

"I talked with at least a hundred farmers in various parts of the East and West and all admitted that as a class the farmers had no cause for complaint, economic or political, and were not attracted to the new farmer political movement originating in North Dakota. They admitted that they were getting about as much for a steer as they used to get for a good draft horse; a fat hog brings more than a steer used to bring, and a sheep sells for as much as a fat hog formerly; while corn sells for nearly double the price they used to get for wheat.

"One Nebraska rancher who has two boys in the Army and wants to go himself, said many of the grain growers in his state and Colorado last year paid for their farms, bought at $15 to $25 per acre, out of a single grain crop. Contrast that, he said, with the conditions 20 years ago, when we got from 10 to 15 cents a bushel for ear corn and 2½ to 3 cents a pound for hogs. He recalled hauling corn and hogs to market nearly all one Winter to pay for a sewing machine the family had bought. They have five times the money now with less labor off the same land.

"Manufacturing and shipbuilding, munition plants and making of arms and equipment have given many industrial centers abnormal development. Thousands of new homes are building for workers, and the South is sharing in a wonderful prosperity. As a matter of fact, about two-thirds of the Army and aviation camps are in the South. Great tracts of cheap, barren lands, some of them mere swamps, have been cleared and drained. Communities are throbbing with new business conditions never before dreamed of. The South is not happy over the cotton mill situation, raw cotton being very high and the selling prices of staples being limited.

South Leads in Prosperity.

"I talked with one manager of three cotton mills who said he had found a pretext for shutting down one of them and would try before Fall to close another. He said if the Government would allow them the pleasure of making money they would cheerfully pay it over the counter in war taxes.

"Shipyards I visited at Hoboken and other New Jersey towns are working day and night. All kinds of wages are paid to the demoralization and efficiency of labor. From $5 to $20 a day for eight hours, and double pay for overtime, results in some funny things. I found hundreds of shipyard workers shooting craps along the boulevards leading to the plants on Saturday who regularly laid off on that day, and worked on Sunday to get the double time.

"The same was true in the great steel mills at Gary and South Chicago.

"These high wage conditions are producing new trade conditions, for thousands are enabled to buy furniture, rugs and luxuries of which they have only dreamed in the past. Their day has come and social uplift has enabled the colored workers to buy up whole sections of large cities heretofore closed to them. Some of the older parts of Chicago are being taken over solidly, including residences, churches and apartment-houses.

Hotel Rates Reasonable.

"I did not find the high cost of living such a terrible obstacle to the enjoyment of life in the East. In New York hotel rates, in the best commercial hotels, are from $2 up. A fine, large, front room on Broadway without a bath is $2.50, with bath $3, for one person. Good inside rooms are to be had with bath for $2. In Chicago the best commercial hotels are $2 and $2.50, hotels with floor clerk service, music and convention halls.

"Meals can be got outside from 25 cents up. Coffee and rolls with two eggs for 25 cents. In towns like Denver the cheaper places serve four-course meals three times a day for that. Better places do it for 50 cents. Of course, if you want to waste money and waste food, you can spend any amount.

"I went into one of the fashionable places on Broadway and was bowed into a seat by a cringing obsequious human being in a tuxedo and white apron. He had a hungry look in his eyes and fairly glared at me when I ordered pig's hock and liberty cabbage. The rules required him to bring to me a boiled potato and bread and butter with the order for 35 cents. The bill of fare was two feet long and four pages of a wine list and etceteras, all at fancy prices, with a few ready-to-serve entrees, such as the one I ordered. But woe unto your pocketbook if you ventured away from that little list of entrees.

Tipping System Deplored.

Then you jump 25 cents at a leap for all you order. I did not jump, and the waiter was ready to call me an ungrateful barbarian. I had enough to eat and was thinking of my boys over in France, living on Army and Navy rations. The fellow tried to run up my bill in a dozen ways, but I got off with 35 cents and no tip. The waiter glared at me and I could not get out of there too quickly to suit him.

"Tipping has become a national evil. It is highly organized, from the girl who takes your hat at the dining-room to the colored porter who hands your baggage to Redcap at the railroad station. He expects another. I always feel humiliated in giving a white man a tip. It jars all my ideas of democracy and degrades him into a menial, establishing a servant class of citizens which should be prohibited by law in a country of free and equal rights. I do not mind tipping a colored man or a girl if she tries to be pleasant. But it seems a white man brands himself with the badge of servitude and inferiority when he accepts a tip. The evil is growing, until it is quite the thing to tip the barber who shaves you, the man at the department store who opens your car door and the boy or girl in the foyer of the modern church or theater who takes your hat or coat.

Theaters Are Prosperous.

"I attended several magnificent movies and three of the legitimate drama in New York. The Rivoli is famous for the marriage of the symphony orchestra with the films and the effect is wonderful. A talented New York director named Holzapfel conceived the idea of a musical programme in perfect harmony with the screen. The result is a double appeal to the esthetic sense of pleasure and the films are required to be artistic and are elevated above the ordinary eye-shattering, rattlebang mechanical film world, and many of them become impossible of production under the higher environment. I saw 'Sinbad, the Sailor,' at the Winter Garden and was reminded of what the little girl said to her mother on seeing the aggregation of angels on the ceiling of one of the old cathedrals in Italy: 'Mama, I had no idea there were so many legs in heaven.'

"Al Jolson, the comedian, put over jests that would not be allwed off Broadway on account of their breadth more than their depth. Saw Billie Burke in the Moliere French comedy, "A Marriage of Convenience," and the New York success, "Sick A-bed." The former was wonderful for scenery and costumes and the latter for continuity of laughter. But the legitimate suffers for failure of elocution, as not only I but younger people could not hear more than half of the lines from two-dollar seats. In the movie you miss nothing. The legitimate must restore clearer rendition of spoken parts or become a dead duck.

New York Streets Dark.

"I was in New York during the excitement on account of the submarine raids off the Jersey coast and was awakened one night by what many believed the sounds of cannonading not far at sea. For ten days the city and resort places were dark. We rode up Riverside drive on top of two-story busses, all dark and on darkened streets. Central Park and the boulevards were thronged with millions of people, including thousands of Sammies and Jackies with their best girls and sweethearts saying heart-rending but apparently enjoyable farewells on the benches provided everywhere, with no illumination but a faint young moon and the feeble searchlight Don Cupid flashes on such occasions since the world began. The moral conduct and sobriety of our soldiers and sailors in this big wide-open city is a high tribute to the character of the American people under free conditions.

"Some of our young women readers may be asking what I saw in the way of dress and styles in the big cities of the East. In one way you see less and less and in another way you see more and more. In fact, you see so little dress and so much of those who wear that little that it ceases to be interesting. Using more steel for warships and less steel for stays is possible by reducing heavy trains and abolishing petticoats. There is a growing tendency to match the tints of shoes and stockings, reducing the depression of feelings in wartimes by adding to the gaiety of the American Nation.

Eastern Women Patriotic.

"The women are patriotically doing their part. This is an intricate subject for an elderly chonicler to handle and all I have said has been from the higher view of actual service to our country and making one yard of cloth try to go as far as three went formerly.

"When you come to climate there is no comparison between Western Oregon and Washington with anything in the East. At both New York and Chicago we had 90 to 100-degree weather with humidity that made perspiration easy day and night. Neither the Atlantic Ocean nor Lake Michigan has a deterrent effect on the heat. The sun beats both of these bodies of water into placid pools more or less reeking with bad odors from the broiling sun. At night rich and poor put mattresses on the floor near the open window and with electric fans try to extract the maximum of comfort.

"I saw stout middle-aged men walking on Broadway with palm-leaf fans, wearing palm beach suits, and begin to totter and stagger, only to be grabbed by the ever-ready policeman and hustled into an ambulance and packed off to a hospital—200 prostrations in two days. St. Louis and Kansas City seem to suffer less from more heat. Denver gives you back the mountain ozone.

Railroad Charges Soar.

"Railroad travel is not what some might imagine under Government operation. The new rates in effect since June 10 from New York to Chicago are $34.32 as compared before of $22.79, war tax added in both cases, and sleeper $5.50 is additional. The increase is about 40 per cent. For the privilege of riding in a Pullman from Denver to San Francisco you formerly paid $6.50; now you pay $15.10. For the first time in years the Pennsylvania sleepers on a fast train came out of New York half empty on June 10.

"Western railroads have not been affected as much in one way as Eastern for they were on a 3-cent mileage basis. But the West will suffer from abolishing excursion and tourist rates and no mere stopover privileges. Six relatives who were coming out this year to visit one family, of my personal knowledge, have cut the trip. On the theory of reducing travel to a minimum along with all other unnecessary expenditures, the new Government system may possess merits.

"Closing all ticket and information offices in cities except the offices of railroads entering the city, and trying to force them all to have one joint or union ticket office in all cities, is going to reduce travel to a minimum. Every railroad in the country had ticket and information offices in New York. All are closed—hundreds of them on Broadway alone, to say nothing of special offices in hotels.

Tourist Travel Affected.

"The printing and circulation of folders and timetables and all kinds of advertising is being done away with. Millions of people who went on short week-end trips to Summer homes on lakes and rivers, at the ocean and in the mountains, will do so no more.

"Of course the Government wishes to commandeer the service of the thousands of men formerly engaged in stimulating travel and freight business, for war service and other industries. The effect of minimizing travel has already been felt by the hotel and restaurant trade, by the retailers and theaters, and a thousand and one other lines.

"War sentiment the Nation over is growing stronger and more determined to make all sacrifices to win. The East vies with the West in patriotic support of every move made by the Administration and its auxiliary forces conducting the great departments placed in action at home and overseas. Few men will be elected to office from the Atlantic to the Pacific who are not hearty supporters of the Wilson war policies. The commonest expression is 'I did not vote for Wilson but for God's sake let there be no swapping of horses while cross ing the stream.' Indications are all discordant, unpatriotic or trouble-making elements will be swept aside and the country will go the limit in fighting Germany and her allies to a standstill.

"There is no sentiment in favor of dragging our country into a war with Mexico or sending an Army to rehabilitate Russia. The home issue of mobilization of the manpower of the Nation, including the womanpower and childpower of the Nation, for the highest possible industrial production, will drive labor obstructionists to cover as public enemies, while financially and commercially the Nation gains in strength every day."

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CAMP LIFE SERMON TOPIC

Dr. Edward Pence to Preach at Westminster Presbyterian.

Dr. Edward H. Pence, who is now in charge of the religious work of the Army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Lewis, has prepared a special address on "The Rookie and the Seasoned Soldier" for this evening at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, East Seventeenth street North and Schuyler street, at 7:45 o'clock. Dr. Pence is one of the ablest pulpit orators of the West, and his work among the boys at Camp Lewis has fitted him to discuss the subject selected for his Sunday evening discourse.

Mrs. Pence has been with him at American Lake the past few days, but both have returned for the Sunday services in this city.

Hood River Berry Season Closes.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 29.—(Special.)—After having furnished the strawberry growers of the Valley with more than 1350 pickers and packers, the employment office of the Portland office of the United States Immigration Bureau, in charge of C. B. Greene, will be closed tomorrow. Mr. Greene expects to be back for the apple harvest.

LOOK AT THESE BARGAINS

Shanahan's—The Foe of High Prices

Today we announce the sale of lines of merchandise, seasonable and up to the minute in style, quality and design, at prices that are the despair of all would-be competitors. Week after week we have announced bargains that the people have found genuine, so that the public knows from experience that our ads tell only the absolute truth. This week the bargains are extraordinary and you can save a snug sum on every item enumerated. Cash sales, small profits and small overhead expenses explain **why** we are able to continue selling goods at prices that our competitors are unable to meet. Join the crowd.

Hosiery and Underwear

75c to $1.00 Women's Union Suits Specially Priced, Each

Ladies' Fine Ribbed Cotton Union Suits, low neck, sleeveless, knee length with wide lace trimming, mercerized taped; broken lots of 75c and $1.00 values. Special at 63¢.

63c

50c Fiber Silk Boot Hose Specially Underpriced, Each

Women's Fiber Silk Boot Hose, double sole and high spliced heel, lisle top; all sizes. Regular 50c grade, at 43¢.

43c

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Four Wonderful Specials

that thrifty women will eagerly respond to

Bleached Huck Towels, Amazingly Underpriced, Dozen

$1.00

Below wholesale cost of raw material. White with red border; good size, splendid wearing. Hotels, rooming-houses and housekeepers will find it to their advantage to supply their wants in this line during this sale. Limit 2 dozen to a customer.

$1.98 Mercerized Round Scallop Table-Cloths, Special, Each

$1.59

Every woman will certainly profit by attending this sale. These Table Cloths are without a doubt a genuine bargain. Shown in several beautiful designs. Don't overlook these charming covers.

35c Huck Towels, Extra Special, Each

25c

Size 20x38-inch Bleached Huck Towels—heavy quality with fancy raised borders, hemmed ready for use. Mrs. Careful Shopper, this is your opportunity—supply your needs in this line at this exceptionally low price. Limit 6 to a customer.

$2.50 Mercerized Hemstitched Table-Cloths, Special at

$1.98

Another sensational offering of Table Cloths. A remarkably good quality—**handsome designs**, hemstitched all around—a Table Cover that will give eminent satisfaction. During this sale only at **$1.98** each.

Sale of Travelers' Samples of

High Grade Corsets

A Sweeping Slaughter, Each

Monday will be "Red-Letter Day" in our Corset Department. This lot consists of fancy brocades, plain coutils, medium or low bust styles. Top trimmed with silk embroidery. Not all sizes in every style, but practically all sizes in the lot. These are regular $1.50 to $3.00 values. Don't fail to see them—you will surely find one suited to you among them.

98c

Ladies' 75c Hand Purses Specially Underpriced, Each

These are made of Leatherette in black only with hand-strap—a neat, serviceable Purse, for the small sum of, each 50¢.

50c

75c to $1.00 Women's Dainty Neckwear In a Wonderful Disposal, Each

This lot consists of Vestees, Collar and Cuff Sets, in round, sailor and many other styles too numerous to mention. All lovely fresh new stock. Here is a splendid opportunity to provide fresh lingerie for your suit or dress.

50c

Wash Goods Department Offers 2 Sensational Specials

Beautiful Dress Voiles, Sensationally Underpriced, Yard

10c

2500 yards of these Dress Voiles go on sale Monday, Main Floor, far below the present wholesale cost of raw material. Ladies will find among these lovely goods something for wear during these warm days. Shown in handsome stripes and flowered effects, in beautiful colors. **Opportunity is calling you again.**

35c Dress Voiles in a Wonderful Disposal, Yard

19c

40-Inch—A stunning line of lovely Dress Voiles in the beautiful plaid and floral designs now so popular. Economical women who appreciate a good material at a substantial saving should not miss this grand opportunity. Actually our 35c Dress Voiles at only 19¢ a yard.

A Surprise Awaits You at the Silk and Dress-Goods Counter

A Sale of Charming

Georgette Crepes

Specially Priced

$1.39

40 inches wide. Never in the history of merchandising has this beautiful Crepe been offered at so low a price. Exquisite colors in white, pink, flesh, ivory, black, old rose, sky blue, apple-green, purple, wistaria, Nile, Navy, Alice, Copenhagen, dark peacock, midnight blue, silver gray and peach. This is a grand opportunity to purchase this lovely material for your evening dresses, afternoon frocks, waists or trimmings to use in combination with other material. The most popular goods in vogue today. Come!

$1.50 to $2.00

Men's Dress Shirts

In a Wonderful Disposal, Each

58c

The grandest opportunity to purchase Dress Shirts at a staggering price. Made of excellent materials with laundered cuffs; some pleated bosoms, others plain. Among these you will find such well-known makes as Wilson Bros., Ferguson-McKinney, and David N. Pallay. These Shirts come in 16½ and 17 size only. Men who wear this size collar should take advantage of this extraordinary low price.

Men's $1.25 Ribbed Union Suits Special, Each

Men's Ribbed Union Suits, short sleeves, ankle length, closed crotch, white only; well made; medium weight, good fitting. A fine all around suit for good service. Sizes 34 to 46.

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Public Library Notes.

The Public Library is in need of many 1917 directories. Anyone wishing to present such directories to the Library may send them to the office or order department of the Central Library.

The recent report of the Mayor's committee on milk, for New York City, is on file at the municipal reference library. Also a copy of the new edition of the Portland building code may be seen there.

"Poetry of the War—God Still Lives," is the theme of a lecture by Dr. William Bradley Otis, professor of English in the College of the City of New York, to be given in Library Hall, Wednesday, July 3, at 3:30 P. M. Dr. Otis is a special lecturer on "The Issues of the War," a literary critic of note, and author of a history of American literature. As a professor in the largest free collegiate institution in the world, with 12,000 students, and for several years a speaker in the famous lecture system of New York City, Dr. Otis has had unusual opportunity to study and estimate the alien and Bolshevik elements in our foreign population and he has some interesting things to say, by way of warning, of the danger from our enemies at home—the anti-war Socialist, the pro-German, the pacifist, the I. W. W., and the Non-Partisan League.

It is a matter of personal interest to know that Dr. Otis is a direct descendant of James Otis, orator and statesman of the American Revolution.

Dr. Waldo's list of vacation books follows: Grayson, "Adventures in Contentment"; Maeterlinck, "Life of the Bee"; Roberts, "Secret Trails"; Sharp, "Face of the Fields"; Sharp, "Where Rolls the Oregon"; Stevenson, "Travels With a Donkey"; Thompson, "Wild Animals I Have Known"; Warner, "Being a Boy."