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IDIOTIC PROPAGANDA

"Flax is not a natural crop in the Willamette valley. Consequently few farmers know little if anything about it. The question of supply of raw material is a factor that tends to make the new Salem venture speculative.

"It can properly be asked what assurance is there of a \$600,000 investment in a linen mill being profitable under present conditions, if capital has not been attracted to the coarser step in manufacturing, retting and scutching."

The above are quotations from a long article in the Oregon Voter of April 18, under the heading, "Investment Information," written ostensibly to put people right who might think of buying stock in the proposed second linen mill company in Salem—

But evidently done at the behest of some interest desirous of preventing or delaying development of the linen industry here—

In other words, it is propaganda.

It is the kind of stuff that has been given out for years by the Irish linen interests; or at least certain of them. These interests formerly discouraged even fiber production here, and lately, since the failure of the cheap Russian peasant produced fiber supply, have sought to have our industry stop at fiber production—

And why?

Because the heads of these Irish linen industry interests know, better than any one else in the world, that the development of the linen industry here will give them serious competition; for they know that we can both produce fiber finer than they can produce and as fine as they can buy, and that we also have all the natural advantages they possess for manufacturing—and they shudder at the thought of American ingenuity and enterprise and genius for mass production.

Take the three quoted statements:

First, that flax is not a natural crop in the Willamette valley. Neither is wheat or oats or rutabagas. The statement is silly. And many of our farmers know as much about it as any farmers on earth, not excepting those in districts where flax has been grown for many generations.

Second, the question of supply of raw materials is merely one of buying and paying for them. The proposed mill will use flax from 6000 acres. Our farmers are ready to grow 6000 or 60,000 or 100,000 acres, or more. Absolutely. Ravin' to go. Want the chance.

Third, what assurance is there of a \$600,000 linen mill being profitable? This: That it is to be conducted under the auspices of men who are successful in the same line in Canada, with almost no protection, with no local fine fiber supply (their fine fibers being imported from Europe), and with manufacturing conditions much inferior to those found here, where the fine fibers can be produced in sight of the mill, and where there is ample protection all up the line, going as high as 55 per cent for the higher grades of linens.

These men know they can make a \$600,000 plant pay here; and later a \$5,000,000 plant. And the Miles linen mill, too, will grow towards a \$5,000,000 plant from the day it begins to operate.

NATIONAL MUSIC WEEK

National Music Week is here and its observance should be general. Give more thought to music is the slogan.

The great central thought of this week of observance is to emphasize the beneficence of music in the individual, home and community life. The desire of the sponsors of this week's music observance is that everyone shall participate whether it be to attend grand opera; to listen to the great singers over the radio or phonograph; to enjoy community singing or to take part in song and instrumental music at the home fireside. The pleasure of the week's observance should be increased by the consciousness that everywhere over the land the same privilege is being enjoyed by the nation's millions as the great music wave soothes and thrills.

The observance of this week which means so much in the culture and the real pleasures of life, is urged for the small communities with the same enthusiasm as for the cities. And through the extension activities of various musical organizations and individuals who will willingly give of their time for this purpose few communities have reasonable excuse for non observance of this event. Community clubs can put on special programs. The homes possessing musical talent or musical instruments can invite in their neighbors. The schools will put on special entertainments for parents and children. Few persons will be denied, with the general abundance of opportunity offered, the enjoyment of music this week.

It is the duty as well as the privilege of those who can contribute in music to the happiness of others to do so. All those who understand music should emphasize its importance and should impress upon others what music can do as a comfort, a stimulant, a nerve-steadying force and a companion to the members of the home in their work and play, and in the larger social units, of which they are a part.

In support of the observance of this music week are the heads of the great metropolitan musical organizations of the country, leaders of rural life associations including the national farm bureau and grange.

A music hour in every home is suggested for the family. City and rural schools are participating. Churches and theatres are offering attractive programs. Unions of musi-

cal organizations in many places offer community concerts as a part of the contributions to the events and pleasures of the week.

Salem musical organizations will give a concert in keeping with the spirit of the week at the Armory on Tuesday this evening. It will be an event which should be appreciated and honored by the presence of our citizens. This is real service—a valuable contribution to the city and community life.

SHIP SUBSIDIES

Recent sales of Shipping Board vessels at ridiculously low prices are really subsidies. They were sold for but a very small portion of their construction costs. They were sold at prices lower than the cost of ships owned privately.

American capitalists are willing to buy these ships and guarantee to run them for a time without any protection against foreign competition. The annual overhead thus saved is equal to a generous subsidy.

It is suggested that the outgrowth of these sales may be attempts to commit the government to the policy of thus assuming a large part of the initial cost of the merchant ships. This procedure it is said may be looked for at the next session of Congress. The opposition of the nation's lawmaking body to ship subsidy has been keen. Change of attitude on this matter now would be watched with interest.

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. Prepare for it, cherish and sacredly observe it.

The garden spot of the great Northwest—the Willamette Valley.

The booze bunch just convicted operated on a large scale. They should be made to continue operating on a rockpile.

And the toll of human life from auto accidents still mounts up. Caution is the most efficient guardian.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE
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CHAPTER 450

THE FRANK ANSWER LILLIAN GAVE MADGE'S QUESTION

I could find no reply to Lillian's argument that either she or my father must stay at the farmhouse for the two days which must pass before Dicky's return, even though the news that I had brought called for the conference of both my father and Lillian with Allen Drake as soon as one could be arranged. I knew that she spoke but the truth when she depicted the actual peril which was mine from either Grace Draper or the man who called himself Smith, but whom we had discovered to be an exiled member of a formerly powerful European royal house.

It chafed my spirit to feel that because of me the progress of Lillian's work was being even slightly delayed but the prompt quietus she had just put upon my first protest made me chary of attempting further expostulations. I saw however from Lillian's quick appraising glance at me that she comprehended my feeling, an understanding that she quickly put into tactful words.

"Don't worry your brain about the watch over you being the cause of any delay on the five-fifteen," she said flippantly. "I fancy you are sufficiently acquainted with me to know that if the success or failure of this thing was a matter of hours or even days, I would go at once and trust that heaven would defend the working girl." She quoted the famous old quip with a whimsical moue. "But their big scheme won't be launched in such a hurry. It is their private grudge, such as those against you, which they are likely to try to satisfy first."

"Poor Tom Chester."

She hesitated for a second, as if wondering how best to frame her next words.

"If only it were feasible for you

to go away for a while, we wouldn't have to worry about the place here, for with you and your father gone, there would be no interest here for either their private schemes of vengeance or their big plot. The farmhouse would be as safe as a church for Junior and the rest. However, it is better for you to stay here, but I shall expect you to be mighty careful not to go gallivanting around lonely places by yourself. I'll put a flea in the Dicky-bird's ear to look after you, and under the plea of 'government work'—which is without any falsehood—those Legion boys, whose leader is poor Tom Chester is, will take turns watching out for suspicious characters around the farmhouse. So you're as safe as we can make you."

"And as useless as a doll wrapped in cotton wool!" I said bitterly, but regretted it as I saw the expression in Lillian's eyes.

"Don't forget your Milton," she admonished with apparent lightness, but zeal annoyance, "even if your serving means sitting down and waiting instead of standing. Remember, you've done your share in this thing two or three times over. That little matter of the code, and the time when you turned over the gifted Mr. Smith to Allen's care, were no trifles. You've earned the right to rest—but—forgive me—not the privilege of rebelling against necessary restrictions."

Grave Danger.

"It is for me to ask your forgiveness," I returned contritely. "And I won't offend again. But isn't my father in even more danger than I?"

A shadow passed over her face. "I shan't tell you an untruth," she said. "He is in the gravest danger of us all. That's one reason why I shall be glad to have him join Allen. Neither man will take any precautions for himself, but each will look out sharply for the other. And I shall see to it that he is protected upon his journey to Allen. After that—the knees of the gods."

"You see," she went on, "part of the success of their scheme—or so I figure it—is predicated upon their getting hold of this device of your father's which Joe tried to get from Katie. They won't go on with their devilish plans until they've made an awful stab for that."

"They're keen enough to know now that it isn't here," she eyed me keenly, "and that your father does not carry it on his person, but—you must be brave—we have to face these possibilities—if they

Did You Ever Stop to Think?

By E. R. Waite, Secretary
Shawnee, Okla., Board of Commerce

That successful business concerns are the greatest asset any community can have.

That business concerns who are successful are progressive, and render good service to the communities they serve.

That to be a success, business concerns must have the good will of the home community.

That the managing heads of many concerns fail to realize the importance of gaining good will.

That they move along in ignorance of the tremendous good will that truthful advertising would give their business.

That good will is the basis for any business.

That every business concern must use every effort to get the public to increase the measure of their good will.

That modern business concerns secure good will by offering quality and service persistently through the printed page.

That the public remembers gratefully those concerns who serve them quality reasonably priced and buy from them time and time again.

That this class of business concerns are the ones who people like to buy from, talk about and recommend to their friends.

Quality and advertising builds good will, and good will builds better business.

get hold of your father or you, or Allen, or me, they're very apt to try to find out from us the riding place of his device. And their methods of doing so won't be any girls' boarding-school, freshman-hazing exercises, either. You can wager your last playtime on that.

(To be continued)

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by Americans. It has recently been reiterated authoritatively that the president and his administration opposed any American foreign loans which might be used for direct military purposes. Such loans as are to be employed in stimulating and upbuilding eco-

nomie productive process on the other hand, will be welcomed by the president and his advisors. In view of this attitude on the part of Washington authorities there is little doubt that European governments are already fully advised

that the Washington government's influence would be thrown against any financial arrangements with American bankers not falling squarely within the class of loans needed for peaceful economic development.

Whenever your liver's out of whack
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