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## "Passed by Censor?"

If the government expects to have soldiers to fight in another war in this generation it ought to suppress the picture "All Quiet on the Western Front" and the book too. No more cynical sermon against the appalling futility of war as well as its tremendous wastage in life could be preached than this film story. At the outbreak of the war martial music, and "field of honor" stuff in the classroom. During the war mechanized slaughter, hunger, mud and rain, broken nerves, broken bodies, broken lives. And what for?

Well, the German buddies talk it over in a rest period after a bang-up spell in the front-line trenches. One country hates the other country," said one. "What, does a German mountain hate a French field?" queried the other. "No, one people hates another people." "Well, I didn't hate the English. I never saw an Englishman till I came up here," was the reply. And the old hard-boiled veteran says what they ought to do is to get the kaiser and the generals and the cabinets in a field with their pants off and give them clubs and tell them to go at it.

Now how are you going to get boys to leave home and fight for God and home and native land when they see and hear and read this sort of stuff, and think dying for country a useless sacrifice? With pictures such as "All Quiet" how can a country keep up the morale of its people behind the lines? When fathers and mothers have seen machine guns perforating flesh and blood into sieves how are they going to encourage recruiting? When they have seen the picture of "heroism" which is half brutality and half insanity, like when the coward sergeant Himmelstoss goes wild and charges with crazy gallantry to his death, how are they going to buy "liberty bonds," eat corn flour, and "give till it hurts"?

How are they going to? Well, just after this big film the Fox Elinore showed a newsreel of Mussolini giving one of his inflammatory speeches. The Italian dictator struts his part like a modern Caesar (Kaiser comes from the old Latin word "Caesar") and exhorts the masses of his people and they go wild with enthusiasm. Banners waving, people shouting. But that is Italy and the Latins are more emotional. A few whiffs of French grape shot and this Italian bubble would burst.

In America a picture like "All Quiet on the Western Front" will sap the fighting spirit. We state this simply as a matter of fact that if this government is planning on any early wars, it better cancel this film, the book, and a lot of other books with their realistic pictures of life in the trenches and death in the barbed wires.

## Vacate the Street

IS the council going to let a few mosebasks and croakers block the expansion plans of the paper mill? The mill is asking for the vacation of a section of the end of Trade street on which it will erect an annex. This portion of the street will not shut off traffic. There will still be ample room for movement of trucks. The property owners in the area are, we understand, agreed to the vacation of the portion asked for.

Why then should there be any objection? The city isn't giving away anything because it never cost the city anything. This end of the street is now used by the company trucks almost exclusively. It is the common rule for land in streets or alleys or country roads that are vacated to revert to owners of the abutting property. This city has previously vacated streets for the benefit of industries.

The objection that it sets a precedent is a poor one, because a precedent like that is a good precedent. Anytime we can anchor industries with million dollar payrolls in Salem by vacating segments of scantily used streets, we ought to do it. Here is a chance to give immediate employment to men in the building trades and permanent jobs to a considerable number in the paper mill annex.

We want to repeat our urging on the council not to be small-minded. Let's not apply village parsimony to city problems. We can't afford to be penny-wise and pound foolish. If necessary Vandevort's sheep-dealers' ethics ought to be invoked when the city can make as good a deal as this for an addition to an important industry.

## Morrow Wins in New Jersey

IN spite of his attitude on the prohibition question Dwight Morrow will make a strong member of the senate from New Jersey. As far as his views go on the repeal of the 18th amendment, he stands no differently than Senator Edge, and is certainly less obnoxiously wet than former Senator Edwards of that state.

Morrow stands out as one of the most capable of the newer group of men in politics. Leaving a highly successful business career, he became ambassador to Mexico and rendered conspicuous service there, healing over admirably the breach between this country and Mexico. He was a member of the delegation at the London conference on naval disarmament, and is credited with being the man who worked out the three-power agreement at the time when the conference seemed destined to go on the rocks.

Prohibition is not the only issue in this country; and Morrow won many votes because of his distinct superiority in personality and achievement. He ought to make a very capable senator. Some have professed to see in him the "white hope" of the eastern republican wet for 1932 and charge Hoover with bringing out Franklin Fort in an effort to defeat Morrow for the senate. We are too far off out here to know all about that; but we are sure that Morrow will give his state and the country service of a high character.

A sociologist credits autos with increasing the sales of trousers. Perhaps the sale of two pairs of pants per suit are more responsible. King Carol, a week in office, is suffering from overwork so is out of the capital for a rest. That will give Queen Helena a little more time to decide whether to take back the prodigal lover or not.

PLANE BRINGS AID  
EDMONTON, Alta., June 19.—(AP)—Marooned near Smith, Alta., by flood which devastated the Peace river district, 120 home seekers were saved from starvation today by a commercial airways plane which carried foot-stuffs to them.

BENEFIT DANCE PLANNED  
SILVERTON, June 19.—The Knights of Pythias lodge is giving a benefit dance at their hall Saturday evening for local charity. The dance was announced at the Wednesday evening dinner of the chamber of commerce and it voted to support the affair.

# HEALTH

Today's Talk  
By R. S. Copeland, M. D.

If a baby could talk, I am sure it would ask for its comfort many things that we never think of giving.

It might say, "Sometimes, that's the way to do it, but how to treat an infant."

Most babies have a way of protesting when things get too hot or too cold for them. Often they have to kick off the blankets and a drape to gain freedom and a comfort on a hot day. And for a pin sticking into his little body or colicky pains, he can protest at those, too.

It is a very great responsibility to have the care of an infant, but it is perhaps the most pleasurable and the noblest work one can have to do. It needs so many things to keep good the health, but it really doesn't take much to make the infant happy when it is well.

A baby's skin tells very much about its physical welfare. Good health depends upon the activity of the skin, for unless the sweat glands and pores of the skin function properly the wastes of the body, which escape through the pores of the skin in perspiration, cannot be thrown off properly.

The activity of the skin depends much on its cleanliness. Every baby should have its regular daily bath. Activity of the skin depends too upon the condition of the blood and the circulation. If the baby has good, rich blood, the skin will have a pinkish glow the cheeks will be red and the eyes sparkle.

A baby, especially on the warm days, should not be too warmly clothed. Strike a happy medium and clothe it lightly. And yet it is quite necessary that a baby have sufficient coverings so that any sudden change in temperature will not chill the delicate body.

Indigestion soon brings blotches and roughness to a baby's skin. The wind will chap and redden it. Too long a time in the sun will burn the skin, to say nothing of making the baby most uncomfortable with pain. Care should be taken not to leave the baby exposed to the sun's rays for too long a time, and the eyes should always be protected from the sun.

Baby needs the good effects of sunshine on the skin. In the warmest part of the day, from eleven to two o'clock, is a very good time to put the child in the bright sunshine. Open the windows wide, and have a couch under the open window for baby to lie on. Strip off all the garments and let the youngster kick and squirm to its heart's content. Its smiles and contentment will be good to see.

This is the way the infant gets his exercise and it is of great importance that it does its "daily dose" every day. This is the way that Nature intended us to strengthen our muscles and improve the circulation and the skin.

It is well-known that ordinary window glass does not enable the rays of the sun to get through. Special glass can be installed in any window at a nominal cost, and your baby can have the life-giving rays of the sun whenever the sun shines. Experiments with this glass show that it is a valuable health agent, and hundreds of people are having these windows installed in their homes. Schools, hospitals and hotels are using it to good advantage.

A daily sun-bath helps to coax a sun-invaluable health. Everyone needs the sunlight and the open long winter months, with their lack of sunshine, this is the time of the year to make the most of the warm, summer days outdoors. Make up your mind to get some sunshine every day, and build for health and resistance to disease.

God has made nothing more beautiful than the human body, whether it be man's or woman's. Faith thought, in the instant that she watched, that this bronzed beauty of the woods had ever seen. She had no sense of shame in watching him; she had only joy in the sheer beauty of him, golden-brown against the green.

And when, even as she first saw him, he heard and swung, the air, and turned with arms like arrows to pierce the bosom of the pool, she gasped a little, as one gasps on coming suddenly out upon a mountain-top with the world outspread below.

Then he was gone, with scarce a sound. She saw for an instant the golden flash of him in the pool's depths.

His brown head broke the water, far across the way. He shook back his hair and passed his hands across his face to clear his eyes.

His eyes opened and he saw her standing there.

"There were seconds on end that they remained thus, each held by the other's gaze. Faith could not, for her life, have stirred. The spell of the place was upon her.

The man, for all his astonishment, was the first to find his tongue. He called softly across the water.

"Good morning, woman!"

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"It's afternoon," she said. "Good afternoon—man."

When Faith answered him the man's face broke into smiles.

"If you're so familiar with the habits of the sun, you must be a real woman and not a dream at all," he told her laughingly. "I'm awake, am I not?"

"I should think you would be," said Faith. "That water must be cold enough to wake anyone."

He shook his head.

"No, indeed. Just pleasantly cool. Dip your hand in it."

Something led her to obey him.

Yours very truly,  
C. H. GRAM.

# A POSSIBLE BASIS FOR THE RUMOR



# "The SEA BRIDE"

By BEN AMES WILLIAMS

CHAPTER XI

The path she was following was a well beaten trail. People must use it. They might "come this way at any time. She wished wistfully, that she might be sure no one would come; and so wishing, she pressed on, each new pool among the rocks wooing her afresh and urging her to its cool embrace.

She heard, in the wood ahead of her, an increasing clamor of falling water, and guessed there might be a cascade there of larger proportions than she had yet seen. The path left the stream for a little, winding to round a tangle of thicker underbrush, and she hurried around this tangle, her eyes hungry to see the tumbling water she could hear.

Suddenly upon the lip of the pool, it was broad and dark and deep; its upper end walled by a sheet of plunging water that fell in a mirrorlike veil and churned the pool to misty foam. Her eyes drank eagerly; they swung around the banks, and then she caught her breath and shrank back a little and pressed her hand to her throat.

Upon a rock, not fifty feet from her, his back half turned as he poised to dive, there stood a man of the woods, for as the skin of his whole body glowed golden brown from long exposure to the open air. He poised there like some winged-god. Faith had a strange feeling that she had blundered into a secret temple of the woods; that this was the temple's deity. She smiled faintly at her own fancy.

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# BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Ralph C. Geer's address: Concluding the account of the trip across the plains in 1847 of the wagon train of that famous immigration of which he was a member:

"This emigration brought everything nearly, from a paper of pins to a four-foot burr. Mr. Haun of Haun's mill notoriety in Missouri brought a pair of mill burrstones. I do not know, but suppose they were French burr stones.

"Uncle Thomas Cox and William, his son, brought a respectable store across the plains and opened out at Salem, the first store south of Champeo. William also brought some peach pits and planted them, and originated the celebrated Cox cling peach, the best peach of California, or at least was in 1870.

"Uncle A. R. Dimick, the originator of the Dimick potato, brought the seeds of the Early or Shaker Blue potato from Michigan with him in 1847, and planted them on his farm in the north part of Marion county, and from these seeds sprang the famous Dimick potato.

"But the greatest undertaking, and one that was crowned with success, and the one that contributed most to the name and fame of Oregon, was the 'traveling nursery,' brought across the plains by the late Mr. Joseph L. Palmer in 1847. If a man is a benefactor to his race who makes two spears of grass grow where only one grew before, what is he to his state—what makes luscious pears, cherries, plums and apples grow where only wild fruiting trees grew before? Mr. Henderson Lueling by bringing that splendid assortment of apples, pears, plums, cherries, quinces, grapes, berries and flowers in his 'traveling nursery' to Oregon in 1847 gave to Oregon the seeds of the future.

"The first territorial legislature of 1847, for the purpose of bringing out his family, So he was naturally chosen as captain. As Ralph C. Geer has told, many families afterwards prominent in Oregon were in the Palmer covered wagon train. (The Bits man would be the first to answer in this column any pertinent questions about any of them.)

They included such people as the Taylors, the Grims, the Collards, the Taylors, the Bakers, etc., and those mentioned especially in the first territorial legislature. Ralph C. Geer was one of the earliest school teachers in the Oregon country, and in many ways was a prominent and useful citizen. Former Governor T. T. Geer's father, the late Joseph Carey Geer, Sr., who lived and died in Clackamas county across the river, and not far from Butteville. Judge Grim married Emmeline Geer, daughter of Joseph Carey Geer, Sr. He was a member of the first territorial legislature ('849); was county commissioner and acted as probate judge for two terms, beginning in 1852, and was twice elected state senator, in 1853 and 1873. Judge Grim was a leader of early Oregon activities. His home was near Aurora.

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