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Rockefeller is not going to let the Allies have any of his millions with which to carry on the European war. He probably had war enough in the Colorado coal fields to satisfy him for a while. However the devil is at the foundation of the trouble and he will see that the fight goes on till one side or the other, or both get enough of it. There were those who fattened on the trouble at home in '61 to '65 and there will be plenty persons who will take in large gains while Europe struggles in this death grapple.

The European struggle is a tough problem. The warring nations have taken hold and they cannot let go. They must fight on until both sides are equally ready to quit or else the conquerors will exact the territory already won and a huge indemnity to pay the expense of the war. Probably if the fore sight of the inaugurators had been as good as their insight now is they would not have rushed into trouble. What will the summing up be?

Eagerly we scan the daily papers to note the progress of the European war, some because their affections lie with the German-Austrian side and others because they favor the allies, while still others believe that prophecy is being fulfilled and they wish to keep posted. We are far from the scenes of strife and perhaps think but little of the sorrow and suffering of the millions affected by it. There are the dead and no matter to which nation they belong, they have left mourners; there are the wounded and the sick, there are the parents, the widows and the orphans and brothers and sisters left desolate because of the horrid hell wrought by the nations. This is man's way of doing business.

Caught Sleeping

We can easily believe the things which for years have been written about the secret service of the nations of continental Europe. There was every motive for organizing them well. The profession of spying was made worth while to attract the adventurous and the ingenious. Where spies vied with spies, or plotters with plotters, there was plenty of exercise to keep wits awake and resourcefulness in the best of training.

What it was which caused the secret services of Germany and Austria to break down when transplanted to this country we cannot be certain. Possibly the best members of these services were needed at home, and only the mediocre were exported to America. Again, the fact that spying has been practiced in this country in only its crudest forms betrayed the visitors into

luxury. It is hard to believe, for instance, that the offices of secret services in Europe could be invaded and their letter files stripped, or that the head of the service would be so lacking in vigilance that a stranger at his side in the street car could walk away with his portfolio of correspondence. Nor would a "suspect" be entrusted as a messenger.

The failures in the United States tend to make the stories of the achievements of spies look like a melodrama whose climax has gone wrong. But probably the tales are bona fide. Their heroes were on their mettle. But over here, spying, the promotion of trouble for the enemy and the dissemination of propaganda seemed a snap. The inevitable happened. The imported secret service let itself be caught asleep.—Toledo Blade.

Points In Dairy Ration

In determining whether the dairy cows are being fed satisfactory rations for the production of butter, other things than their effect upon the quality of butter should be considered, says the O. A. C. dairy department. Among these may be mentioned the cost of the feeds, their effect upon the health of the cows, the amount of butter fat produced, and the degree of completeness with which the butter fat is recovered from the milk. It is only when all these conditions are met in the best way available that rations are entirely satisfactory.

Gypsum Shows Greater Value In 1914

The production of gypsum in 1914 was marked by an increase in value due to a considerable advance in the price of calcined gypsum, the total value breaking all previous records. Large quantities of gypsum plaster, or "staff," were used in the buildings of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Diego.

Real Estate Transfers

In Polk County.

The following is a list of realty transfers recorded during the week ending Sept. 16, 1915, and reported to the Herald by Sibley & Eakin, Abstracters, 515 Court street, Dallas, Oregon:

Edwin Jacobsen and wife to Harry H Belt, lot in Dallas, \$10.

Barney Phillips and wife to Fred E Perin, 1 1-2 acres, Falls City, \$400.

C T West and wife to W C McKown, 1 acre, t 8 s r 6 w, \$5000.

W H Stallings and wife to Winegar & Lorence, lot in Independence, \$800.

Henry Byerley and wife to Anna Crider and Mary V Kirkpatrick, 141.26 acres, t 5-7, \$1.

John W Simmons et al to Harry A Sibler, 5 acres, t 7-4, \$750.

America M Bidwell to Edward B Bidwell, 3 acres in Monmouth, \$10.

T W Buffum and wife to L Currier, lot in Independence, \$1.

Commerce Trust & Savings bank to Ella E Graff, 16.53 acres in Broadmead, \$10.

Lillian E Bowen Glen to Harry B Bancus, 120 acres, t 9-5, \$50.

John W Orr, sheriff, to John R Fouch, 24 acres, t 7-4, \$1487.88.

Charles A Pratt and wife to F C Pratt, 11 acres, t 6-5, \$770.

Matilda J Ridgeway et al to William Ridgeway, Jr., 12 acres, t 6-6, \$10.

A Martial Overturning

By MARTHA V. MONROE

Edward Caldwell was graduated at the United States Naval academy and commissioned as midshipman. During the graduating exercises a number of young girls flocked to Annapolis, and there was a love affair between the young midshipman and one of them.

Ethel Mansfield was barely eighteen, and at that age few girls are worldly wise. But it is a question whether any man or woman in love can possess wisdom. Her father was well to do, and money was no object to her. To tell the truth, she had no idea of its value. What she wanted was the midshipman.

Caldwell confessed his infatuation to one of the professors of the academy who had taken an interest in him, and the latter said to him:

"If you intend to make the navy your profession you should not marry, certainly not till you have attained to one of the higher grades. Until then you will be continually cut off from your wife and children. You will be tempted to resign, and it will be too late for you to adopt another profession. If you give up your commission you will likely sink into poverty unless your wife has a fortune, in which case you will occupy a position that will soon pall on you."

But Caldwell was in love, and love is the strongest of the passions. He married Ethel Mansfield, and when the first child came the separation from his wife and the little stranger was not to be endured, and he resigned from the navy.

Two years from the date of his resignation, one day after his wife had upbraided him for living on an income produced by property left her by her father he disappeared from his home. The day after his departure his wife received a note from him saying that he had found his position of unproductiveness unbearable.

Mrs. Caldwell was tempted to write her husband that if he would return to her and their child she would place her fortune in his hands, as if it were his instead of hers. But the sense of possession deterred her. She could not bear to give up, even to her husband, what was hers. She failed to write the letter; and in time he drifted from her whereabouts and became an unknown quantity. In this she made a mistake. Caldwell was possessed of ability. That ability should have been utilized by his wife. Since she considered it preferable to get on without it, in time it was purchased by others. His knowledge of naval construction was bought by a manufacturing corporation, and he soon became indispensable to his employers. When a new corporation was formed and he was offered an enormous salary, with shares of the stock, if he would superintend its constructive work he accepted the proposition and from that time was in receipt of an income much larger than his wife had.

Whether this husband and wife kept track of each other does not appear.

So long as there were "good times" and Mrs. Caldwell's securities paid dividends she congratulated herself upon being an excellent business manager, but when a commercial panic came round and her income was cut in half she found that she should have reinvested certain of her holdings. Then for the first time she discovered that business affairs troubled her. She needed some one to confide in, some one to consult. But no one seemed inclined to take the responsibility of advising her, much less to act for her. She finally agreed to give a relative of hers a salary for managing her affairs. The result was that the balance of her property passed into his possession.

One day Edward Caldwell received a note from the president of the trust whose manufacturing department Caldwell was managing asking if he could use another stenographer. If so, he would like to secure a position for a woman whom he could recommend. Caldwell replied that he needed one to take his personal dictation. The result was that the next morning the person referred to walked into Mr. Caldwell's private office. She stopped on the threshold. Caldwell was figuring at his desk and did not see her. She stood with her eyes fixed upon him for a few moments; then was about to withdraw when he looked up. She was his wife.

"For heaven's sake, Ethel," he exclaimed, "what brings you here?"

She said not a word, but held out a card on which was written, "The lady whom I have recommended for a stenographer."

"Your fortune! Surely you do not need to work?"

"All gone."

"And you have had the nerve to begin to support yourself as I began to wrestle with the business world after I had—"

"I was wrong. I should have turned

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Caldwell pondered for a moment before replying.

"Perhaps and perhaps not. Unfortunately the world, or, rather, Providence, does not permit us to run to ordain our affairs out as we have planned. However, if you have lost a fortune I am gaining one. When I was a midshipman on a few hundred a year and you an heiress the boot was on the wrong foot. Now it is on the right one. Let us finish the race together."

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