

GOLD MINING HIT BY WAR

Many Properties That Were Profitable Have Been Forced to Close Down Temporarily.

Gold is one of the war victims. The war has forced down, in market value, measured by human labor, many kinds of property and most of the staple commodities, until some gold mines which yielded a fair profit before the war have become temporarily useless to their owners. It costs so much to operate them that they cannot be worked without a loss.

There has been change in the value of gold itself, in the money of great nations which have maintained their monetary systems on the specie basis, while almost everything else has gone up. The result is that any given number of ounces of gold mined will buy much less material used in mining, such as explosives, drills, pumps and other machinery, and will pay for fewer days' work. This change is still going on and the position of the gold-mining companies grows less and less secure and sound.

Effect of Poison Gases on Troops.

Certain gases have for their more immediate object, the irritation of the eyes (the lachrymatory gases, one part in a million of air being effective), temporarily blinding the victim; others are designed for the irritation of the nose (the "sneeze-gases"), making it almost impossible for the fighter to overcome the tendency to throw off his mask; and others again, for the production of burns when in contact with the flesh, which are of a most distressing character, and, even if they do not cause death, incapacitate the victim for service for a period of months. The last-named gases are likewise toxic and lachrymatory to a high degree. The so-called "mustard gas," a compound somewhat similar in character to mustard oil, but far more of an irritant, has proved particularly destructive, and doubtless accounts for many of the casualties in recent attacks.—Henry P. Talbot, in Atlantic.

The Slacker's Lead.

"De biggest' load some folks has got ter carry," observed Brother Williams, "is a grip full of excuses for gettin' out o' dein' de right thing at de right time. For instance, if it's wood-cuttin' day, dey ain't got no ax; an' ef dey got a ax, dey ain't no grindstone ter sharpen it; an' ef de grindstone's dar, de well's gone dry an' dey's no water ter wet it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Benefits of War.

That the benefits of war overshadow its damages is the firm conviction of Uncle John of Excelsior Springs Standard, who writes:

"It shows the world, for instance, how to loosen up its band an' to deal a sort of justice that the brute can understand. It reminds the unwashed heathen, which they mighty nigh forgot, that there's hell inside a Yankee when his blood is bilin' hot!"

"Then—we know the joys of savin', which we maybe hadn't saw till the roarin' beast of Berlin got too handy with his paw; so, we've somehow, hitched our waggin on an everlastin' star, that will keep right on a-shinin' when we've clean fergot the war."

No Better Security on Earth.

The credit of the United States was so high and unquestionable that in 1900, two years after the Spanish war, 2 per cent bonds were offered at par and oversubscribed. This is a financial performance no other nation has ever equaled. United States 4 per cent bonds in 1888 sold as high as 120, and in 1901 brought 130 3/4 on the stock market. The United States has never defaulted on any of its bonds. Not one of its bondholders has ever lost a cent of principal or interest, except those who voluntarily have taken losses by selling their bonds in a period of temporary price depression.—International Confectioner.

Away With the Ax.

The day of the woodsman with the big ax may soon be over, if a new tree-felling machine comes into general use.

The new machine is run by a small motor. It will cut through a trunk 30 inches in diameter in a few minutes. Its saw is a chain affair with links of six teeth each, which are readily exchanged. It runs in a frame over four rollers with ball bearings. It has a hollow handle designed as a reservoir for oil.

Fighting Doors.

All the doors should swing high enough from the floor to clear any rugs placed near them. And they should be placed so that they will not jam against one another. I know of two doors in a house that persist in locking knobs just as two angry bulls lock horns in mortal combat—or is it deer that do this? And when these doors are in that position, you can't get out but have to back out, go around another way, and separate them. We don't intend having any doors like that in this house.—Harry L. Shumway, in the House Beautiful.

LITTLE PLEASURE IN TRAVEL

German Trains Creep Along in Darkness for Fear of Bombs of Allied Aviators.

Special precautions against air raids are now being taken on the German railways in those districts especially liable to aerial bombardments by the allies. Railway Age states. The Palatinat railways, in particular, are adopting precautionary measures, and a writer in the Lokai Anzeiger who recently traveled on this system describes the darkening methods adopted at night.

"For hours," he writes, "the train traveled as though in a dark cave, without any station names being called out when the train stopped. When every lamp is extinguished throughout the countryside, and the towns and villages, as though constrained by agony, have closed their shops, the journey oppresses one's mind and is nowise reassuring. One goes on in uncertainty, facing danger."

"Everywhere placards indicating how to behave during air raids," show that one is in the aviator's territory. Slowly, very slowly, the train proceeds on its journey; in a river alongside the line one still sees the locomotive which, together with its train, plunged into the water on the occasion of a recent accident. A train with broken windows—nor a pane has remained intact—passes near us; another train passes. It blackened and half consumed by fire. And on arriving at the end of this dismal journey the first question heard by the traveler is, "Will they come tonight?"

Plea for Architectural Harmony.

"Architecture is frozen music," but we would have to keep cotton in our ears if some of our rural architecture should thaw out. Why does the harmony we appreciate in music and painting not appear in our buildings, particularly in their relation to each other.—Frank A. Bourne, in the House Beautiful.

Human Brain Still Mystery.

Science hopes that in time it may discover the method whereby the billions of brain cells operate in making us the thinking creatures we are. It would know why the large mind is not always the large brain; why we reach our everyday conclusions in the diversified affairs; why we act, plot, scheme; why, as has been asserted, the brain can stand the strain of persistent work better than the muscles of the body.

KAISER PLANNED TO RULE WORLD AFTER 6 MONTHS WARFARE

Thought Theft of Iron and Coal From France, Land From Russia, Would Pay Bill

Planning world trade domination, if not actual world rule, as the outcome of a short six-months' campaign in Europe, Germany now finds herself outcast from among civilized nations, her people impoverished, her honor irrevocably stained by the blood of fathomless ignominy and disgrace.

"I will make room for my growing people by taking some more of France and a few thousand square miles of Russia," said the Kaiser. "We will get the iron and coal in Northern France for manufacturers which we will sell the conquered population of Russia, and this, besides indemnities, will more than pay for the war. England will not dare come in, and our merchant fleets will soon crowd her from the world trade routes."

"If the United States does not acquiesce, her manufacturers will get no more of our dyes and chemicals, her farmers no more of our fertilizers. And we will also take away from her all South American commerce."

GERMAN GRAVES GRIM ANSWER

Now, across the graves of a million of his young men, the Kaiser is beginning to see the sun set on the smallest of his ambitions. "Foch will never cross the Rhine," is now the German watchword. German cities, shrieking beneath the visitation of allied and American airplane bombers cry out: "No more of this barbaric! Such cries are echoed in the ghastly laughters of thousands of Gotha and Zeppelin victims in London and Paris. The Rhine will be crossed, and Cologne and Berlin will wince beneath the shells of Allied guns.

"Five million men in France," cries America. "Remember Belgium and end the war in 1918."

To America and her five million fighting men in France will come the greater glory of the world war. But that end will not be achieved without the sacrifice of thousands of those men, nor without the most earnest and united support of those of us at home. Where we have given valiant efforts to war work heretofore, we must thrust our shoulders desperately against the wheel of war preparations from now on. To no one person or class is it given to do a greater share in this war than any other person or class. Each must do his utmost.

WEIGHT RESTS ON AMERICAN FARMER

Upon no one class rests a greater responsibility than upon the American farmer, who with his wives and sons and daughters constitutes one-third of our population. He has the first and great responsibility of providing food for the nation at home, food for the fighting men abroad, and food for our allies in the battle line and their civilian population.

England, with millions of acres of parks and hunting grounds converted into farms can only raise crops to feed her people half the year. France, with every man in uniform, and nearly half her fields overrun by armies, does even less.

With her grain fields extended by millions of acres of new land, America is responding to the call and allied hunger will never be an ally to Germany. Billions of dollars of America's huge war loans are coming back to the farmer in payment for his grain and stock.

The farmer, for his future honor and standing in the nation, must see that every penny of this sum he can spare is reinvested in war loans. The Fourth Liberty Loan, now upon us, calls for but a portion of what America must spend in war efforts in the next few months. It must be subscribed promptly and overwhelmingly. That "the man who is not for us is against us" is as true now as when it was written centuries ago.

If YOU buy a fifty dollar bond when you COULD BUY a five hundred dollar bond, you are not doing your full duty as an American.

Use Old Printing Methods.

Some of the monks of Tibet are still printing books in the manner followed a hundred years ago.

Source of Loyalty.

There is a loyalty which springs from affection that we bear to our native soil. This we have as strong as any people.

But it is not the soil alone, nor yet the soil beneath our feet and the skies over our heads, that constitute our country.

"It is its freedom, equality, justice, greatness and glory. Who among us is so low as to be insensible of an interest in them? Four hundred thousand natives of other lands every year voluntarily renounce their own sovereigns and swear fealty to our own. Who has ever known an American to transfer his allegiance permanently to a foreign power?—William Henry Seward.

Classified Advertising

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FOR SALE CHEAP for cash—80 acre near Wimer. Good place to start with little money. Address H. M. Knudsen, Pasco, Wash. 94

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A BARGAIN—80 acres first class walnut land, no frost, good road four miles from the Pass, \$4 an acre. War bonds or stamps. No. 1600 care Courier. 79

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GRAPES FOR SALE on the vine—Mission 2 cents; Tokay 3 1/2 cents. Afternoons at Mrs. Meier's, 1301 East A street. 80

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FOR SALE—Light, gentle team and harness, good peddling wagon with roller bearings. Good reason for selling. C. W. Revell, P. O. Box 660, Grants Pass, Ore. 81

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WANTED—On an alfalfa ranch, an experienced farmer who understands irrigation, one with a small family who can assist in taking care of cows preferred. Write to Frederick Pelouze, Eagle Point, Ore. 82

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Strange Request.

A strange request was made by a retired soap manufacturer recently. He left the sum of a little more than eleven hundred dollars, to found a home for "homeless cats and dogs," but stipulated that the money is not to be touched until the year 2168, by when the donor estimates it will have increased to two hundred million dollars.

Envelopes at the Courier Office.

BRING YOUR JUNK to the Grants Pass Junk Co., 403 South Sixth street. Phone 21. We buy rags, metal, rubber, scrap iron, hides and wool, old automobiles for wrecking. 511f

ON CASH BASIS—The Music and Photo house will remove to the new location, next door west, on October 1, and everything will be on a cash basis except pianos and talking machines sold on lease. Cash basis is necessary in order to maintain low prices. Stanton Rowell, 597 G street. 87

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