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OREGON WEATHER
 Fair, gentle northwesterly winds.

THE FIVE DAY WEEK
 Officers of the United Mine Workers of America say that at the national convention of that body, to be held early in September, there is going to be a demand made for a 36-hour week, the working time to be divided into five days of six hours each. Along with this short day and short week combination there is to be a demand for a wage increase of 40 to 60 per cent over the present scale.
 Along with this remarkable proposal must be placed the demand of 12,000 union painters and decorators in New York City who, though not demanding such short hours as the miners, have actually gone on strike to obtain a five day week, thus precipitating the five-day movement in the United States.

These demands are naturally regarded with keen interest by the majority of Americans, who would rejoice just as much as the miners and painters in the prospect of a six-hour day or a five-day week, but who do not see any immediate possibility of either.

Where is the farmer who puts in so short a day or week? Where is the newspaper man, or doctor, or merchant, or banker, who can attain that desirable goal of ease? Where is the housewife who hopes to get her work done in 30 hours a week? It is well to aspire to such ease as this, and work constructively for the creation of conditions making it possible, not for any single class, but for all classes. But it is necessary for people who realize the actual plight of the nation and the world today to keep repeating that this is no time for such extravagant ventures.

There has been, it is claimed, \$260,000,000,000 worth of wealth, aside from foodstuffs and clothing, destroyed by the war. The need of the time is the production of more wealth to make up that loss. Until more is produced, more cannot be distributed. To work fewer days and fewer hours is to limit production, retard the replacement of the lost wealth, keep up prices and make everybody poor indefinitely.

It is right that every occupation should be enabled to make a proper living and have its share of the products of industry. But the American people will never get anywhere, under present economic conditions, if they work productively but six hours out of 24, or only five days out of seven. Any man or craft that seeks to obtain full compensation for such part-time effort in advance of the time when it will be possible generally, is demanding more than he has any right to, and trying to obtain his extra leisure at the expense of the rest of society.

OPEN DIPLOMACY AT LAST
 The session of the foreign relations committee of the senate at the White House on Tuesday, August 19,



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 Best of all, the public is let into the game. The most unprecedented phase of this conference is the full publicity provided for. Every question, every answer, every explanation and comment, goes over the wires to the whole nation.
 This is genuine "open diplomacy," and with such diplomacy there can be intelligent progress made with the peace settlement and the league of nations covenant.

The head of the national grange says the farmer is being robbed. The consumer certainly is. It must be a case not of playing both ends against the middle, but playing the middleman against both ends.
 Somebody complains because the retail meat business isn't "on a scientific basis." It may be just as well. The packing business is on a scientific basis, and see what the packers do to the rest of us.
 Foreign residents are still buying thrift stamps. A good many natives are selling those they collected last year and year before, and buying gasoline with the proceeds.
 Now somebody is talking about the possibility of 25-cent milk. The babies will have something to say about that.
 Congress is said to be opposed to the nationalizing of the railroads. And the general public seems to agree with congress.
Gate for Stairs.
 Procure a piece of heavy canvas and hem to fit the required space; sew a snap hook to each corner. Place two screw eyes on each side of the hall, one as near the floor as possible, the other in the width of the canvas from lower one. The canvas is readily snapped in place on the screw eyes, forming an effective gate. With a screw in the banister the gate can be snapped out of the way when the kiddies are in bed.

SOME GOOD SWIMMING RECORDED BY WOMEN

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Miss Fanny Durack, of Australia, who is soon to swim here, has held all women's swimming records from 50 yards to the mile. Her record for the 50 yards has been tied by Olga Dorfner at 29 seconds. She has a record of 49.8 seconds, a half second better than the best American record, for 75 yards. Her other records are: 100 yards, 1:06; 220 yards, 2:57; quarter mile, 6:17; half mile, 12:52; mile, 26:08.
 The record for the 100 yard breast stroke, 1:28, is held by Miss Wyle. She is a former holder of the records for the 50, 100, 220 and 440 yards, free style, and now finishes only a whisper behind Miss Durack.

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Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 22.—Thirsty travellers coming here from the dry United States find themselves able to push open a swinging door, walk into a regular saloon, put their foot on the rail and order beer, which, although of the two and three quarter per cent variety, still, according to some, tastes much like it did down in "the states" before July 1.

And, often to the surprise of the stranger customers, the bartender or barmaid serves the beer for the old price of five cents a glass, without war taxes.

"Hard" liquors, under the British Columbia prohibition act, are handled in the larger cities at government "liquor dispensaries" where they are sold on doctor's prescriptions.

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EARTHS IN SOLAR SYSTEM
 Thousands of Asteroids, Mostly Small, Known to Be Swinging Around the Sun.

Swinging around the sun between the planets Mars and Jupiter there are more than a thousand little earths, ranging in diameter from three to 485 miles. These are known as the asteroids, and although they pursue their individual ways in the solar system much like our own globe they are too small to support any sort of life, being unable to hold an atmosphere.

From time to time new asteroids are discovered, not by astronomers patiently peering at the heavens through a telescope, but by means of the photographic plate. A thousand have already been found, but it is likely that thousands of smaller asteroids remain to be discovered.

The four largest asteroids, Ceres, Pallas, Vesta and Juno, are respectively 485, 304, 243 and 118 miles in diameter. A few more asteroids may exceed 100 miles in diameter, but the great majority are simply huge rocks five miles or less in diameter. Unlike the major planets, the asteroids are not spheres, but simply jagged rocks, huge mountains hurdling through space, whirling round and round on their axis as they journey about the sun.

Possibly, as some have suggested, they may be the larger fragments of periodic comets of unusual size that have in the course of ages been shorn of their appendages.

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