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ONE-EIGHTH MORE WORK

There is only one way in which the war can be paid for. There is only one way in which the world, or any part of it, can be "reconstructed." It is with hard work.

This fact has been preached much, but with little effect, because heretofore the big majority that is most concerned has not taken it very seriously. That majority may be inclined to give more heed when the same truth is voiced by James Henry Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen in Great Britain. He declares that unless the people as a whole get down to work pretty soon, there will be a big crash, "in which nobody will suffer more than the workers." He not only calls for more work, but tells how much more work must be done.

The British workmen, he says, must work one-fourth harder than before the war.

The French must work twice as hard as before the war. The Germans must work eighteen times as hard.

He does not indicate the extra work required from the American workman. No doubt it is less than that required of the British. Suppose it is only half as much. That would mean an extra one-eighth—an additional hour a day or else additional speed during the working day. So much is necessary on the part of every worker in the United States, for a long time to come, in order to make up for all the destruction and loss entailed by the war.

There is no disposition in this country to ask workmen to labor for longer hours. Since the war hours have been shortened in many cases. There is not much demand even that they work any harder, during their established working period, than they used to, despite the economic need of harder work from everybody. But what we actually find in this country and in England is that the average worker is actually doing less work now than he did before the war, thereby decreasing production instead of increasing it. We will never get out of the woods that way.

THE LAND THEY LOVE

The Post Office Department recently sent out a questionnaire to some 200,000 farmers on problems having to do with the high cost of living and inviting suggestions for its reduction. About 40,000 answers were received, and these showed a marked similarity in their statement of grievances and difficulties.

One reviewer of the answers estimated that at least 50 per cent of the farmers replying indicated their intention of giving up farming or cutting down production, and he expresses alarm lest the country be going to the dogs agriculturally. Undoubtedly farm problems are serious, but none of them are really new, and set over against them is one element so hopeful that it must not be overlooked. This is that the true farmer loves his farm.

A questionnaire reaching him in the dreary stretches of winter when he has done little for weeks but talk politics with his disgruntled neighbors may find him ready to give up farming in despair. But when the first robin whistles in the spring, it will find him looking over the seed catalogues. The love of his land, the joy of planting, the "substance of things hoped for" will be more potent than all the adverse elements combined.

When planting time comes it will find the vast majority of farmers doing just as they have always done and probably a little bit more, and for the same old reason—there is so strong a bond between them and the land which has come to them by inheritance or painful purchase and which they have maintained in the sweat of their brows.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Today is the 125th anniversary of the birth of Santa Anna, the famous Mexican patriot and president.

The Massachusetts Lumber Dealer's Association will hold its annual convention today at Worcester.

Many aviators from the United States are expected to take part in the Pan-American Aviation Congress and Exhibition which is to open today at Havana.

A state convention of the Progressive Republican party of Georgia is to assemble in Atlanta today to select the delegates to the national convention.

A War Memorial Hall is to be dedicated at Princeton University today as a tribute to the 145 Princeton men who died in the nation's service in the world war.

Rear Admiral William S. Sims, who commanded the American fleet in European waters during the late war, is to be the orator at the Washington's Birthday celebration at the University of Pennsylvania today.

Sunday, February 22

One hundred and eighty-eighth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

Today begins national enlistment week—a nation-wide recruiting drive for the United States Army.

Throughout the United States the week beginning today will be observed as a National Week of Song, especially to promote community singing.

SPORT GOSSIP

Frank Klaus, ex-middleweight champion, will return to the ring and has picked Belgium as the scene for his attempted "comeback."

Eddie Casey, the Harvard football star, has finished his college course and is now in the banking business in Boston.

Hub Perdue, veteran pitcher and formerly well-known in the National league, won 17 games and lost 12 for the New Orleans team last season.

Canada is certainly entitled to be called the home of hockey. The Toronto Hockey league alone includes one hundred teams.

Pitcher Ed Preffer, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been spending a few days at the University of Illinois coaching the pitchers of the baseball squad.

The world's champion roller skating races are to be staged at Columbus, O. As roller skating is again popular in many cities a large entry list is expected.

"Pug" Cavet, the Indianapolis pitcher, took part in 60 American association games last season, winning 28 and losing 16 games.

The New Bedford (Mass.) Manufacturers' league, comprising 24 soccer teams, comes pretty close to holding a record for the number of teams in one league.

Toledo promoters say \$100,000 was made on the Dempsey-Willard fight and the stories to the effect that Tex Rickard lost money on the battle are bunk.

Gunboat Smith, the heavyweight boxer, easily defeated Slapper Meehan the other night. A short time ago Meehan was being boosted as a formidable opponent of Jack Dempsey.

Tommy Burns, former heavyweight champion, is the latest veteran of the ring to plan a trip to Europe in search of bouts. The big money over there is a strong attraction for the old-timers.

Comments of the State Press

Hughes On Hoover—

In resenting Herbert Hoover the civic forum medal for services performed during the war, Charles Evans Hughes paid tribute to the former food administrator, as the "great civilian hero of the world war."

Mr. Hughes reviewed Mr. Hoover's relief work in Belgium, declaring that "it was conducted not only without reproach but with such efficiency that it challenged the admiration of the world.—Capitol Journal.

Waisting Paper—

The newspapers of the country are experiencing a near-famine in print paper. Many of them are living merely from hand to mouth, but others, with favorable long-time contracts, like the Los Angeles Times and Portland Oregonian, are wasting tons upon tons in padded Sunday editions.

News only natural in free and prosperous America to waste as long as one's own supply seems abundant.—Eugene Guard.

War Work All O. K.—

Congress has expended two millions on investigations made almost totally for political effect. The work has consisted for most part in insinuations or statements inclined to appeal to the uninformed or prejudiced. The investigations have been of value however in showing that taken by and large the war work was very efficiently handled by the government.—East Oregonian.

Credit To His Country—

The Medford Mail Tribune puts it about right when it says: "With the possible exception of Johnson,—and impartial history now tells us Johnson was not half as bad as he was painted,—America has had no president who has not been a credit to his country and worthy the respect and gratitude of his countrymen. And yet contemplate if you will the portraits painted by their political opponents,—Washington the traitor, Adams the wooden head, Jefferson the atheist, Jackson the wife beater, Lincoln the gorilla, Roosevelt, the demagogue and barbarian. Who can read history and take the official partisan seriously?"—Eugene Guard.

Native Poetry

MYSTERY

By Guy Fitch Phelps

I know when wild things mate
By wood and cliff and stream;
When wild geese seek their southern home,

And moths are in the beam;
I know when stags go forth
And bugle from the hill;
When lean gray packs assail
The caribou to kill.

I know when heavers build
Their hidden huts and breed;
When flowers fade and fill
Their coffin cells with seed,
But O, I know not why it is
That human hearts must bleed!

TRI-WEEKLY AIR SERVICE PLANNED

BUENOS AIRES—Tri-weekly airplane passenger service has been inaugurated between this city and Montevideo, Uruguay, by the French aviation mission. No charge is made for the trip, the passengers being selected by invitation, but early in February, it is expected that the service will be operated by the Franco-Argentine Aerial Transportation Company which will charge a fare. The mission will dispose of its equipment to the company which, by establishing this service, will be the pioneer commercial aviation company in South America.

The airplanes make in about an hour and a half, the trip across the mouth of the River Plate to Montevideo that takes a four river boat 10 hours. Machines carrying 25 passengers or more are expected from France for use in the regular commercial service.

Play at Tangent

"The Old New Hampshire Home" will be presented by local talent at the I. O. O. F. hall at Tangent, Saturday, February 21. Music by O. A. C. Orchestra.



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