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### OVER THE PLATE.

Bill Jones had the speed of a cannon ball;  
He could loosen a brick from a three-foot wall.  
When he shot one across, it would hurtle by  
Too swift for even the surest eye.  
As no eye could follow the ball's quick flight,  
Bill should have started in a big league role,  
But he stuck to the "minors"—he lacked control.

Jack Smith had a curve like a loop the loop;  
It would start for your head with a sudden swoop,  
And break to your knee with a zigzag wave;  
And the league's best batters would roar and rave  
At the jump it took and the sudden swerve.  
Shade of the boomerang! What a curve!  
But Jack's still doomed to a "bush league" fate—  
He could not "get it across" the plate.

Tom Brown had both the speed and curves,  
A combination which jarred the nerves.  
He would steam 'em in by till they looked like peas,  
And they'd take a jump from your neck to your knees.  
From the best to the worst in the league, by jink!  
He had them all in the phantom swing.  
But he missed the mark of the truly great,  
Poor Tom—he couldn't locate the plate.

How is it with you, if I may ask?  
Have you "got control" of your daily task?  
Have you got control of your appetite?  
Of your temper and tongue in the bitter fight?  
Have you "got control" of your brawn and brain?  
Or are you laboring all in vain?  
It matters not what your daily role,  
Have you got control? Have you got control?  
It counts not what you may "have", my friend,  
When the story is told at the game's far end.  
The greatest brawn and the greatest brain  
The world has known may be yours in vain.

The man "with control" is the one who mounts,  
And it's "how you use what you've got" that counts.  
Have you got "the head"? Are you aiming straight?  
How much of your efforts "goes over the plate"?  
A. S.

Russia enjoys the distinction of being the only European nation which has never been humbled on her own soil by a conqueror. This is a unique honor and considering the antiquity of the state it is no mean distinction. The Russians are descendants of different Tartar tribes which made their way west from central Asia. They are mentioned in Greek history, long before the birth of Christ. The first important mention made of them in Roman history occurred in the year 376 when the Western Goths appeared on the banks of the Lower Danube and beseeched the Emperor of the East, Valens, to allow them to cross the river and settle in Thrace, saying that a terrible race, whom they were powerless to withstand, had invaded their territories and spared neither their homes or their lives. Seventy-five years later under the terrible Attila they defeated the armies of the Eastern Emperor and turning west appearing in Gaul with seven hundred thousand men met the combined armies of Western Europe on the famous battlefield of Chalons. Attila was defeated but escaped with his scattered hosts across the Rhine. One year later he appeared before Rome again. All important cities in northern Italy had been laid waste, the Veneti escaping to the morasses at the head of the Adriatic formed the present city of Venice. Leo the Great, bishop of Rome, saved the city from pillage after pleading with Attila who withdrew his forces and when across the Danube he suddenly took sick and died.

**Russia, the State Which Has Never Been Humbled On Its Own Soil**

The next great landmark in Russian history occurred in the reign of Vladimir the Great. After an investigation of the different religions of the world, Christianity was made the state religion. This was copied after the form in use at Constantinople and its adoption has had far reaching consequences in Russian history. It cut off Russia from sympathy with Catholic West and shut her out from all civilizing influences that accompanied Latin Christianity. For this reason, coupled with the fact that they are an Asiatic people even today, Russia has stood alone and has had little intercourse with European nations.

The first severe reverses the Russian nation experienced were in the last part of the Thirteenth Century when the Mongols ravaged their lands. Kubla Khan was one of them and they inflicted the most terrible scourge that ever befell the human race, traversing Asia and Europe with torch and sword. The inhabitants of Russia found safety in the woods where they remained until able to drive back the invaders.

Through all the wars that followed which engaged nearly every nation of Europe, Russia remained secluded in her ice and snows and forests. Ivan the Terrible (1533-1584) and Peter the Great (1682-1736) were the two most important rulers with which intercourse with the other nations of Europe first began. In his wars with Sweden, Peter wrested from them the Baltic provinces which gave him an outlet to the sea on the west. The next important military event in the country's history is the invasion by Napoleon. As with the triumphal march of the Swedes in 1709 under King Charles XII, Napoleon found himself in possession of a

country with no inhabitants but when he started to return, from behind every tree, cliff and hollow, the Russians harrassed the retreating French until they crossed their borders, depleted in numbers and worn out by the rough travel. It is the universal verdict of critics that Napoleon never recovered from his invasion of Russia and was the real cause of his defeat at Waterloo.

In the late war with Japan, Russia was humiliated but her armies displayed the courage and valor that characterize true soldiers. She was out-generaled and fighting a losing game. Thousands of miles from home, victories purchased even with small costs, eventually means defeat.

Even if Germany should invade the Empire she would be greeted with the same reception as has been given every other foe. When Napoleon entered Moscow the citizens fired the town and destroyed the provisions to make his way impossible. When the Germans reached Moscow or St. Petersburg they will find no combatants but they will on the way to Berlin.

The Heppner Light Company has an advertisement in this paper in which they offer for rent vacuum cleaners. If you wish to buy one of these, most likely the company might sell you one. A vacuum cleaner is a new thing. Formerly brooms were in vogue but they passed out when the germ theory of disease came in.

**The Modern Way To Clean Is With a Vacuum Cleaner**

Emerson said, "Nothing is less perfect for being small." Bacteria are so small that you can't see them with the eye, unless aided with a powerful microscope. Sweeping with a broom populates the air with these organisms which grow and multiply rapidly when they enter the system. Ninety percent of our diseases are dust diseases, therefore, the problem is to eliminate dust. It was discovered some time back that oil would kill bacteria. One man applied it to cloths and now we see dust cloths advertised in every magazine and paper in the realm. Oil is used in the swamps of the Southern states to do away with the breeding places of mosquitos and other disease spreading insects. A few years ago a man was hauling a barrel of crude oil home and the bottom came out and it went on the road. It was noted that it mixed with the soil and the road was always hard and free from dust. That was the beginning of the road oiling industry.

We wish to call attention to the articles on Socialism which are appearing in the Herald. Socialism is a "live" topic at the present time if what we hear from Germany is true.

**Socialism and What it Means**

It is reported that the Kaiser ordered one hundred Socialist members of the Reichstag shot for their conduct in opposing the war. Socialism is no new thing but it is new to many people. There is much about Socialism which many people do not know and it is the purpose of these articles to tell what Socialism means. All that is asked by the writers is an open mind and the willingness to learn. As one Socialist said, "To agree with us you will have to think, to disagree you will have to think much harder."

Taking Russia for an example, probably the greatest good that will result from this war will be the general enlightenment of the people. Rome was a great conqueror because she was tutored by those whom she conquered. She assimilated the good virtues of all those who she subdued. The only trouble with the people of Russia is that they have not mingled with others of their kind. Staying at home cramps the brain and everyone who excludes others closes himself in. The reason that China occupies the place she does in the rank of nations is because she has stayed at home. No one ever heard of a Columbus among the Yellow race.

**What Russia Will Gain By The War**

The rulers of Russia, with few exceptions, have ruled by fear; ignorance, superstition, and poverty stalking openly in the empire. Free schools, libraries, and newspapers are an unknown quantity to the common people. An ignorant person is of no account anywhere. We pay some men ten thousand dollars a year to direct the rest of us. Russia will need less ten thousand-dollar men after the present war. Let us add that this is about the only benefit that wars confer.

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**SUMMONS.**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MORROW COUNTY.

S. B. Holder,  
Plaintiff.)  
vs.  
Frances M. Holder,  
Defendant.)

To Frances M. Holder, the above named defendant:  
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby commanded to appear in the above entitled cause on or before Friday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1914, to make answer to the Complaint of plaintiff filed herein against you, and in case you fail so to appear the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the Complaint to-wit: For a decree of said Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the custody of the minor child of plaintiff and defendant, Oma Ethel Holder, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem equitable and just.

The time prescribed for the publication of this Summons is six weeks, and the date of the appearance of the defendant is August 21, 1914.  
This summons is published by order of the Honorable C. C. Patterson, Judge of the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, which order was made on the 2th day of July, A. D. 1914.

The date of the first publication of this Summons is the 9th day of July, 1914.  
Sam E. Van Vactor  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

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