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SO MANY good things have come to the people of these United States since the first Thanksgiving—more than three hundred years ago—that it would be impossible to enumerate all of them. And yet, a great part of these many good things have been made possible through the thrift and prudence not only of the early settlers of our country, but of the succeeding generations.

The banks have had an important part in fostering this thrift and to them is due much credit for the advancement of our country and the accumulation of the many blessings we enjoy.

The Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank therefore feels some little pride in wishing you all a true Thanksgiving.



Are Morris and Armour Forerunning a Great Packing Merge?

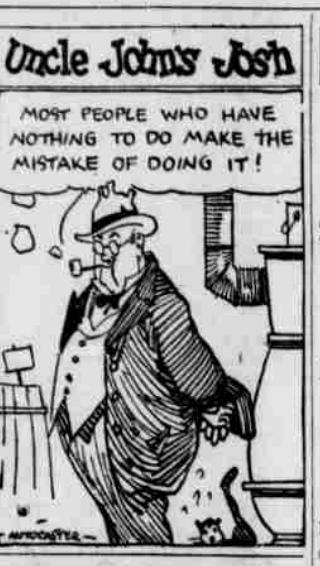
By EDWARD PERCY HOWARD
 Washington, D. C. Nov. 26.—Persons who have listened to the words of the poor meat packers nearly broke their jaws laughing when J. Odgen Armour swooped down on the capital accompanied by counsel and experts, loaded with books and papers to lay siege to the Department of Justice with a view to getting a ruling in favor of a great meat merger representing assets valued at more than \$500,000,000.

Just how the meat barons propose to square the application with the persistent insistence that the more business they do the less profit they make, has not been disclosed. It is known, however, that the first stage of the battle for supremacy is a proposed merger of Armour Co. and Morris & Co. Indeed, report has it that even a closer combine is projected with Attorney General Daugherty.

Daugherty passed upon the Lackawanna and Midvale steel consolidations, declaring they would not violate the anti-trust laws, but unceremoniously for the steel group, the Federal Trade Commission kicked over the basket and spilled the beans. Seemingly so far as the Armour outfit is concerned, the closer control of meat and prices is none of the public's business. Indeed, the only persons in Washington who "knew" nothing at all about the deal were Mr. Armour and his Vice-President, Arthur Meeker, who came to the national capital "to see his daughter."

Counsel and experts evidently were brought along by Mr. Armour to see that the great food purveyor is served nothing but chuck steak so persistently urged for consumption as the most desirable of cuts when the public dares to protest against rising meat prices.

A line up of Armour and Morris would give them a dominant position over Swift, Wilson and Cudahy. While the capitalization of Armour and Morris foots up to only \$190-



Uncle John's Ash
 MOST PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO MAKE THE MISTAKE OF DOING IT!
 703,400 and Swift, Wilson and Cudahy combination has capital of \$204,128,000, the assets of the former are given as \$571,241,513, whereas the assets of Swift, Wilson and Cudahy are only \$625,765,244, scarcely enough to struggle along with.

It must be a great hardship to be in the packing industry. Poor Swift, it will be recalled in 1919, told the world there was a loss of 70 cents on every head of cattle he handled. If the farmers had produced more animals, no one knows what would have happened.

In 1921, however, live cattle cost \$97.53, proceeds from beef were \$76.32, the returns from by products were \$8.51, but even then there was only a profit of \$1.13 on each animal. Just by what system of hoous pocus meat profits continuously increase and most supply invariably is adequate, and yet meat prices are perpetually tilted skyward do not appear.

RED CROSS HEALS WOUNDS OF WAR
 25,000 Disabled Ex-Service Men in Hospitals After Four Years.
 Every Veteran Needing Help Gets Individual Attention.

When on November 11 the world halted to observe the fourth anniversary of Armistice Day, and the American Red Cross inaugurated its Annual Roll Call for the enrollment of the 1923 membership, the people of the United States could well pause to think of the unparalleled contribution to the cause of peace made by our Army and Navy in the war. The glory of it is a common tradition; but the wounds of war remain. They are not healed in a day, in a year, nor in four years. And on Armistice Day there were under treatment in Government hospitals over 25,000 ex-service men, broken physically by wounds, exposure, nervous strain and exhaustion incident to their service in the war.

The Government without stint is undertaking to furnish these disabled men with the compensation and medical care to which they are entitled by their special care is a duty of the Red Cross. Why? Because the Government cannot handle the cases of ex-service men individually; it must handle these men in bulk under a standardized policy. The Government has neither the authority, the funds or the equipment for working out the problem of the individual man. There is where the American Red Cross finds its greatest field for service, aiding through its very active Chapters in reaching the disabled man with immediate practical help, assisting his family while his claim is emerging from the process of adjustment, furnishing articles of comfort, cash to tide over the difficult periods, the friendly touch of personal encouragement, helpful recreation and worry-dispelling amusement. It is the warm hand of sympathy and understanding which the American Red Cross extends to the majority of these disabled ex-service men, some of them friendless in the whirl of life, thousands of them with wives and children dependent upon them, and hundreds of them frequently helpless in the face of grim necessity.

2,679 Chapters Aiding Veterans
 In this work, upon whose accomplishment the American Red Cross is urging a record-breaking enrollment in the Roll Call which opened Armistice Day and closes with Thanksgiving Day 2,679 Chapters in all parts of the country are engaged. This is 350 more than were working for ex-service men last year when approximately \$10,000,000 was expended by the National Organization and the Chapters working together in harmonious unity.

Hospital and District Office Work
 During the fiscal year a total of over 1,000 persons, paid and volunteer, has been engaged in Red Cross duty in hospitals or district offices of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau. An average of 8,000 new cases requires definite and particular attention each month. The demand for Chapter-made articles for hospital patients is constant.

During last year Service Claims and Information Service at National Headquarters handled 37,200 compensation and insurance claims, 24,560 allotment and allowance cases, and 9,706 miscellaneous claims. Since February, 1919, it has disposed of 64,174 allotment checks payable to veterans which the Post Office Department reported undeliverable.

The Chapter is the unit of the Red Cross organization which is accessible to every disabled veteran or his family. Between July 1, 1921, and June 30, 1922, the Chapters had reported 1,665,079 instances of service to ex-service men and their dependents, at a cost estimated from reports now at hand of more than \$5,340,000.

The basis of this far-reaching work of the Red Cross is the individual needs of the disabled veteran to the end that he may obtain his rights under the law, that his special wants may be immediately supplied, that his own family's situation may be rendered happy and cheerful, and that their outlook for the future may visualize incentives for independent and fruitful effort.

Poem by Uncle John

THANKSGIVING
 It seems to me, Thank-givin' Day is good for people every way—I wouldn't want to doubt it. . . I'm certain that our blessed Lord forgives our sins an' keeps His word—we couldn't live without it! I've noticed that the thankful man, who does the very best he can do to show the Lord he's grateful—is happier a thousand-fold, than one whose gratitude is cold, an' thrives by bein' grateful. I'd rather bless a crust of bread with benedictions sweetly said, than gloat o'er ingrate's splendor. . . I'd thank the Hand that allers feeds, an' suits the blessin' to our needs—an' keeps our conscience tender. . . If I must dine on rabbit roast, because I can't dig up the cost of goblets stuffed with dross—I'll down my hare-bop with a smile—in firm belief that, after while, we'll reap a richer blessin'. . . I ain't ashamed to kiss the rod that chastens by the hand of God, yet spares my daily livin'. . . and maybe that is why I'm here, to celebrate another year—in praise an' Thanksgivin'!

From Uncle John



Honoring Our Yankee Heroes
 President Harding and former President Woodrow Wilson were the principals in impressive Armistice Day activities at Washington, D. C. In simple ceremony Pres. Harding visited the grave of America's Unknown Soldier, to place a huge floral wreath, as shown in the upper picture.
 Former President Wilson broke his long silence when more than 3,000 admirers marched to his home in Washington to pay tribute. His tribute was to our soldier boys who made the supreme sacrifice.

Oregon Eleven Primed For Fight With W. U.
 University of Oregon Eugene Nov. 28.—Oregon will be primed for the hardest fight of the season when the Webfooters go into battle array against the University of Washington Eleven in Seattle, Thanksgiving Day, according to Coach Sig Huntington who during the past week put the Oregon men through long, hard nights of practice in preparation for the contest.

Turkey Red Production Greater Than Last Year
 Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Nov. 25.—An increase of 10 per cent in Morrow county's production of turkey red wheat, above last year's production, is expected this year, according to F. L. Ballard, assistant state county agent leader.
 In 1919 five per cent of the wheat planted in Morrow county was turkey red, forty-four being the predominating variety. Two years later the percentage was raised to 55. This increase resulted from demonstration work carried on by C. C. Calkins, county agent. The advantages of the variety are a larger yield, particularly in the northern part of Morrow county's wheat area, and superior quality.

Only Woman Elected in U. S.

Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck, daughter of late Congressman Mason of Illinois, was the only woman candidate elected to national office in the recent election. She goes to Congress to fill out her father's term. Photo is of Mrs. Huck and her family.

NOTICE
 Change of Terms
 Commencing on November 1st, our terms for all merchandise will be cash on delivery, or Strictly Thirty Days. So don't put us in an embarrassing position by asking us for further time, which it would be impossible for us to allow.
 We appreciate the trade accorded us in the past and respectfully solicit the same for the future as indicated above.
 Yours very truly,
 GILLIAM & BISBEE.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Volle of Ione were in the city on Friday. They were returning home after a stay of a couple of weeks at the ranch of Johnnie McEntire on Skinner creek.

HOME SWEET HOME
 Oscar Loses Another Argument.
 by Terry Gilkison

HOME SWEET HOME
 YOU GIVE IN TOO EASY OLLIE! ARGUE THE POINT OUT WITH HIM!
 THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU MEN - YOU WIN BY FORCE NOT BY SOUND LOGIC - YOU -
 GOODNESS GRACIOUS AUNT HATTIE - I ADMITTED IN THE ARGUMENT THAT I WAS WRONG!
 YES - BUT YOU NEVER ADMITTED THAT I WAS RIGHT!
 HOME HABITS. HAVE YOU SEEN US A HOME HABITS. R.F.F. SAYS HIS WIFE ALWAYS HIDES THE MONEY ROUND THE HOUSE WHERE SHE OR NOBODY ELSE CAN FIND IT - YOU SEND US ONE - WE WILL PRINT IT.

Punchettes
 by Rev. M.A. MATTHEWS D.D. LL.D.

THE NEAR EAST PROBLEM
 Civilization has waited patiently for an indefinite period for the Turk to come to some realization of what civilization means.
 The Christian and civilized nations of the world have turned the other cheek, they have gone the extra mile, they have been tolerant, peaceful, and conciliatory to a wild, unmentionable, untamable beast.
 The time has come, or it is approaching when the inevitable clash must be felt.
 Let it come.
 Civilization is ready for it.
 Civilization's souls will be lost if it compromises, kow-tows, and placates this unmentionable beast any longer.
 Grant for the sake of argument that three hundred million of people follow the Turk, God and one are a majority against such forces and foes.
 Let the Christian civilization say to the unmentionable beast, "You have slaughtered your last Christian, and you have danced at your last massacre."
 Let the guns of England, America France and every other civilized nation be ready for action. Let the blow be delivered and the unmentionable beast be brought to his knees and made to respect the person of our women, his sovereignty of our laws, the sacredness of our institutions, and the divinity of Christian civilization. The Turk must go.
 Let the blow fall and end the Eastern problem. menace, danger, and disaster.