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INDUSTRIAL UNPREPAREDNESS

AMERICA'S lack of industrial preparedness is appallingly shown by the events of the last few weeks. With famine prices for foodstuffs, facing the necessity of closing schools and public buildings for lack of coal, and with thousands of men unemployed in one part of the country, while other parts are crippled for lack of workers, the United States presents a picture of abject helplessness that should awaken every citizen.

The key to industrial preparedness and control over just such situations as now exist is control of all transportation and terminal facilities. At present coal cars are being used to haul munitions and other war goods to seaboard, while the people suffer for lack of coal.

Thousands of harvest hands are slowly drifting back east on the "bumpers" and in "side-door Pullmans," when they should be hurried back to the mines and factories in special passenger trains.

This same situation occurs every year in more or less aggravated form. And this artificial shortage fixes the nation's prices for its winter supplies. Whether or not this shortage is intentional, it has the effect of creating an annual monopoly of food and coal in the hands of a few speculators.

It cannot be prevented by prosecutions, price fixing, or political palaver. The evil must be prevented at its source. The government must provide for uninterrupted transportation of crops and coal, for their adequate storage at terminals, and for the quick mobilization of its industrial force at the end of the harvest season.

Can this be accomplished unless the nation has absolute control of its transportation and terminals?

ACHIEVEMENTS OF GREATER MEDFORD CLUB REHEARSED

With the beginning of this year's work and ambitions, the Greater Medford club realizes, more than it ever has before, the good fortune which came to Medford when its women, through a great inspiration born from the conditions which surrounded them, organized themselves for the purpose of developing and rearing their child city to become a home of beauty and comfort for its citizens.

A glance at the pages of the club's history impresses one with a sense of the debt of gratitude which those who are active in the organization today owe to the women who so faithfully and effectively devoted themselves to the task of cultivating civic esthetics in the first years of its existence.

Organized in 1903. The club was first organized in 1903 as "The Lewis and Clark Club of Medford," and, as the name implies, was formed to help promote the Lewis and Clark exposition. It was soon found, however, that the many pressing needs of a pioneer town were clamoring for attention, and under the club's first president, Mrs. L. P. Hubbs, the work which it has since then followed, of improving and beautifying the city, was begun.

The first work to which the club turned its attention was our city park, and it is due to the unselfish and efficient labors of Mrs. E. B. Pickett, Mrs. W. I. Vawter, Mrs. C. I. Hutchison, Mrs. M. L. Alford, and other faithful ones who worked with them, that we now enjoy the comfort and beauties of our beloved park.

obstacles which of necessity had to be overcome at every step.

Fountain Installed.

Under Mrs. W. I. Vawter, the second president, the work for the placing of the fountain in the park was begun and completed. Mrs. E. W. Warner, Mrs. F. W. Hollis and Mrs. Pickett were closely identified with and largely responsible for this valuable addition to the park.

It was at this time, in 1907, that the name of the club was changed to that of "The Greater Medford Club," Mrs. Vawter continuing as president.

With its new name, pregnant with greater ambitions, the club took up its work with fresh ardor. Under Mrs. H. C. Lamsden, successor to Mrs. Vawter in the presidency, steps were taken for the establishment of our public library. The first home of the library was in the city hall.

Early Workers.

In these early days of determined purpose and great ambitions, each member was an earnest worker, and we find identified with every undertaking Mrs. W. T. York, whose name constantly appears on the various committees; Mrs. M. L. Alford, who served as secretary during six uninterrupted years, in addition to her generous response to the demands on her time as a member; Mrs. F. W. Hollis and Mrs. Louis Bundy, who served faithfully as treasurers for a number of years, aside from doing their full share as club workers.

Expecting the Stork? Every mother-to-be should be in the midst of pleasant and comfortable surroundings, and a constant user of "Mother's Friend" - the true friend of expectant mothers.



GERMANS CLAIM SOMME DRIVE IS NOW HALTED

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—Berlin newspapers publish a statement from "competent military authorities" saying the Anglo-French drive on the Somme has been halted by the offensive troops, owing to their heavy losses and unfavorable weather.

"After the tremendous losses sustained by the British and French on November 5, when they employed six British and four and a half French divisions without success in an attempt to break our front between Le Sars and Bouchevignes, they have been unable to drive forward for large attacks their exhausted and decimated troops over ground made impracticable by rain.

"Attacks launched repeatedly on Wednesday in St. Pierre Vaast wood, although continued until late in the night, were crushed. With the clearing of the weather the artillery became more active, but the British and French were unable to make a general attack.

"Fighting on Thursday resulted in isolated violent encounters near Eaucourt l'Abbaye, Comedecourt, Les Boeufs and Pressoire, the entente attacks being stifled by the German fire. In the vicinity of Sully-Saulieu fierce fighting was renewed. French storming columns were repulsed in sanguinary hand-to-hand fighting. About Pressoire the fighting continued until evening, when it resulted without success for the French.

"Among seventeen hostile airplanes shot down on the western front was one large battle plane provided with two motors and three machine guns. The airplane carried three men."

BULGARIAN BLACK SEA PORT IS BOMBARDED

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The Russian bombardment of the Bulgarian Black sea port of Constantza is said by Reuter's Petrograd correspondent to have inflicted great damage. Reservoirs of benzine and naphtha were exploded and the flames spread rapidly and burned for two days. The dispatch says Bulgarian shore batteries were silenced and that heavy losses were inflicted on the garrison.

MEDFORD BOYS AND GIRLS ARE THRIFTY

According to signed statements of parents, which will be exhibited at the Junior Thrift exhibit, which opens today, school children of the city have earned and saved in the neighborhood of \$5000. Some of the boys earned their money raising car-log stuff, and selling it from house to house. Others saved money by selling papers.

ACADEMY FAIR OPENS MONDAY IN DAVIS BUILDING

The culmination of long months of preparation will be reached in the opening of the big academy fair on Monday, the 13th, at the Davis building. Generous friends and pupils of St. Mary's have devoted themselves since early summer planning and preparing for the coming week, which promises to be such a success and such a credit to their ability and interested activity. Under the able management of Miss Alice Hanley and Mrs. O. J. Patton, a great deal of enthusiasm has been aroused, not only among the active workers on the committees, but also among the generous patrons who are to make this fair a success. The Wednesday afternoon gatherings at the academy and the busy hours of many kind friends have made possible a display of articles which will delight those who are seeking pretty things and satisfy the most fastidious. Nor has the demand for the useful been overlooked by the ladies, as may be judged by an inspection of the booths of useful articles. There are booths containing hand-painted china, a variety of funny and useful articles. Two beautiful Crown dolls, donated by Mrs. J. F. Reddy, one magnificent dress by Mrs. E. M. Gerdes, others by Mrs. J. M. Sooy-Smith, are to add to the attractiveness of the China booth. Miss Lounsbury's doll for the baby booth is attracting much attention. Another attractive feature of this booth is the rose tree, one of whose blossoms contains a \$5 gold piece. The proverbial fish pond, country store, and nigger babies will provide amusement for all.

Bridge Party Arranged.

A delightful bridge party has been arranged for Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4:30, with Mrs. George T. Collins and Mrs. John Wald as hostsesses. This is one of the social attractions of the week, and all the Medford bridge players are invited to take tables for pivot bridge and have a pleasant afternoon while assisting to make the academy fair a financial success.

Lunch will be served every day, beginning at 11 a. m. All are invited to patronize the chicken dinner served on Wednesday and the turkey dinner on Saturday. Judging by the generous donations for the dining room, and the able committee in charge, even the most epicurean tastes will be satisfied. The candy and ice cream booths will also be simply provided.

A special feature of this fair will be the parcel post, for which packages are arriving daily from near and far. Great interest will be centered in this, since the packages will be simply provided.

opened only by the purchasers, whose curiosity will be well repaid, as the senders were requested to give articles of value.

The fair will be formally opened Monday evening, St. Mary's choral class will be heard in a beautiful chorus, followed by the introductory remarks of Rev. John Powers. C. E. Gates will deliver the address of the evening and Miss Geraldine Theiss, accompanied by Mrs. Guy Childers, will delight those present with "Vat Lad-Fignor," by Meyerbeer. Those lending their musical talent Tuesday evening are: Miss Lucile Messner, who will render Novens' "A Day in Venice"; Misses Lucile Koonitz and Grace Brier in a vocal duet, "Joys of Spring," by Veazie; Miss Lucile Koonitz will also be heard in a piano selection, "Thekla," by Brahms. The remainder of the musical program will be announced later.

Committees Aiding.

The committees are as follows: China booth—Colony club; Mrs. W. B. Taylor, chairman; Mrs. W. P. Hamill, Mrs. V. J. Beckwith, Mrs. A. B. Scudder, Mrs. J. Sooy-Smith. Candy booth—Mrs. Louis Ulrich, chairman; Mrs. John Wilkinson, Miss Gladys Peart, Miss Helen Dahl, Mrs. A. L. Douglas, Mrs. James Cronmiller, Miss Patricia Miksehe.

Ice cream and cake—Mrs. Ed Evanson, chairman; Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. John Orth, Mrs. Pelty, Mrs. M. von der Hellen, Miss Helen Reddy, Miss Grace Brier, Miss Jean Steel.

Fancy work—Mrs. Ernest McKee, chairman; Mrs. Charles Delin, Mrs. A. Duff, Miss Reilly.

Baby and doll booth—Miss June Earhart, chairman; Mrs. O. E. Osbourne, Mrs. H. W. Poellnitz.

Useful articles—Mrs. W. G. Steel, chairman; Mrs. H. Herbert, Mrs. Ray Coles, Mrs. J. Turner, Mrs. C. W. Ashpole, Mrs. Tom Collins.

Apron booth—Miss Anna Kehlhor, chairman; Mrs. C. L. Scheffelin, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. J. Murphy.

Fancy aprons—Mrs. Golden chairman, Mrs. B. Miller, Miss Anna Ulrich, Miss Catherine Emig, Miss Sadie Whitman.

Fish pond—Mrs. H. Nordholm, Miss Elizabeth Meyer, Miss Rose Meyer, Miss Clara Brass.

Parcel post—Mrs. O. J. Patton, Mrs. E. B. Hanley.

Nigger babies—Mrs. Willard Campbell.

Lunch room—Miss Catherine Mes. Andrews, chairman; Mrs. Miles Control, Mrs. W. C. Dabily, Mrs. G. C. Garrett, Mrs. M. A. Howells, Mrs. G. Burroughs, Miss Rose Bookley, Miss Mollie Ray, Mrs. R. E. Williams, Mrs. Bostwick, Misses Neva Samuels, Lucille Koonitz, Harriet Harris, Fay Rumberger.

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F. C. Page, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. J. E. Watt and many others, some of whom are no longer residents of the city. In the light of these achievements, and in the enjoyment of their efforts and beauties, in the realization of the anticipations of earlier days, we, as followers, must bear the torch high in our civic endeavors; that the flame kindled by the ardor of our former leaders be not less bright or steady. Their courage will be our strength, their ideals will be our goal, their works our inspiration—our debt of gratitude only repaid when our attainments will have reached the high mark set by their.

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