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THE NEW RECLAMATION PROGRAM

REORGANIZATION is under way in the reclamation service, according to news that drifts out from Washington, and in the situation appears hope at last for the project settlers in the far west. The lot of the settler has not been an enviable one, and his present condition cries loud for relief.

That the new organization in charge of the service has taken cognizance of conditions, past and present, is indicated in the special news letter from Washington published below:

The construction period of our reclamation system having largely passed, the government is now centering its attention upon the effort to make irrigation farming on government projects satisfactory to the settlers from the standpoint of operating costs and operating income. While there are yet some existing projects to be completed and others will be undertaken, yet the great problem remaining is not so much one of construction as of operation.

It is common knowledge in the western states that construction costs on government reclamation projects were higher than anticipated. In fact, it would be difficult to find a project which was constructed within the limit of cost estimated by government officials before the work was undertaken. Many settlers, who are called upon to pay the cost of construction as they pay for the land, have felt that they were not treated quite fairly by the government. It was known, of course, that estimates were not finally binding. Nevertheless, settlers feel injured when called upon to pay more than they expected to pay when they went upon the land.

Since most of the settlers on the reclaimed land are still making their deferred installment payments, and will be making them for many years to come, the government feels a special obligation to do what it can to help them produce crops at as low a cost as possible and to market those crops at the best price obtainable. In the hope of better accomplishing this the department of the interior has put a practical business man in charge of the reclamation bureau with an understanding that he will direct his attention particularly to the accomplishment of several important reforms. First of these is the reduction of overhead costs—costs of supervision and administration. In this respect the government has a large measure of power. In other respects the government's part in agricultural activities on reclamation projects must be largely advisory and through voluntary co-operation. It is planned to aid in securing the establishment of creameries, sugar factories, packing plants and other industries which will serve the needs of the settlers on reclamation projects and extend their dependable markets for their products. The reclamation bureau will also co-operate in finding markets and in shipping commodities so that there shall be a minimum of marketing expense and a maximum of return to the producer.

In addition to this work that has been undertaken for the special benefit of settlers on projects already constructed, the department of the interior, under the management of Secretary Work, has given instructions that where future projects are undertaken great care shall be exercised to see that the cost of construction is accurately calculated so that when the work is completed an unexpected and unestimated burden shall not rest upon the water users by reason of underestimation of the construction cost. The effective adoption of that policy will mean a more general satisfaction among settlers in their relationships with the government.

It is intended that in the future no project will be undertaken unless it is clear that the probable cost of operation and maintenance will not be too heavy a burden for the water users to carry with the annual crops which they can reasonably expect to produce.

Much is said about the busy hum of men, but nowadays many of them do more bumming than humming.

THE PONY EXPRESS—"AND THEY THOUGHT I WAS FAST"



IMPROPER DISTRIBUTION IS BLAMED FOR PRESENT GRAVE FOOD CRISIS IN GERMANY

HAMBURG, Aug. 30.—Germany's collapsing currency and the resultant food shortages are producing a situation wholly unlike that in Russia two years ago when the ruble first descended to the point where one dollar purchased a million rubles.

Russians were in the throes of a famine caused by drought in the wheat raising districts. And their railway system was in need of repair and utterly disorganized by labor troubles and sabotage.

Millions of persons were actually starving. Many of them were in flight from the burned out districts, most of these without the means of buying food even where it was available.

In Germany today the dislocated population is not large, and the families which have been deported from the Ruhr are for the most part provided with some paper money by the government.

The Russian government, just previous to the decline of the ruble to the million point, had changed its economic policy and discontinued the plan whereby it had sought to prove money utterly worthless and useless by promising workmen actual food and clothing and rent and light and heat in exchange for their work. Consequently Russians suddenly found themselves without food rations and without money as well, as unemployment was widespread.

The food troubles in Germany are largely the result of imperfect distribution. There is food in Germany, but the economic crisis and the unwillingness of dealers to sell for paper money which descends in value by leaps and bounds are holding the food out of the market. Food riots in cities and threats of confiscation by communists have discouraged the farmers and market gardeners from carrying their products to centers liable

to disorder.

It is the old problem of the city against the country, the peasant against the industrial laborer. The farmers are in better condition in Germany than any other class, and they are holding their products for payment in something more stable than paper marks. They are engaging in barter and exchange, as is common now in Russia. Dealers are particularly unwilling to let go of any products which are imported, as they cannot raise sufficient gold to replace them. Unless they are paid in gold or its equivalent wholesalers and retailers alike prefer to hold their rice and coffee and other staple food products which are imported.

But Germany is accustomed to going without real coffee. Even the small vegetable gardens about Berlin nearly all raise a small patch of rye, which is roasted and made into a coffee substitute for the family which must save every possible mark. It is potatoes which, after bread, are the most important article of diet with the average German family. The lateness of the season and the excessive rainfall have contributed to the potato shortage which is becoming very acute and raising much disturbance.

Women who cannot buy potatoes in the markets are in despair. That represents a loss of the foundation of the average German family's meal. Meat prices have long been prohibitive for families in modest circumstances. But until recently potatoes were within reach. But, butter substitutes and all sorts of fats are also extremely scarce in the public markets and are held at a price beyond most purses. But practically all sorts of foodstuffs are available in Germany if the purchaser is willing to meet the terms of the dealer, and there is adequate transportation to handle them. Distribution is unsatisfactory because of the crash in the currency and threatened political troubles.

Beer Drinkers Nervous As Price Increase Looms

WURZBURG, Germany, Aug. 30.—Beer drinkers are watching the German hop crop anxiously. If the production this year is not great the price of beer probably will sail even higher than has been predicted by the brewers. An increase of 350 per cent in paper mark prices is scheduled for the near future, and still more may be expected, as the efforts of the government to peg the exchange rate of the mark do not seem to be meeting with any permanent success.

Prospects are excellent now for a good hop crop in the Franconian district, but rain during the harvesting season may injure the hops this year as it did last, when the output was discolored and impaired in quality.

Three new styles of Cutter Paces at K. K. K. store.

RUSSIAN PILGRIMS JOURNEY FAR TO SHOW RESPECT

SOVIA, Aug. 30.—The anniversary of the death of Bolshevik violence of Czar Nicholas II and the Russian Imperial family was marked recently by an impressive memorial service in the church attached to the Russian embassy in this city.

Russian pilgrims of all classes of society, from nobles to laborers, filled the beautiful structure, which is a gift from Nicholas II. Each member of the late Imperial family was mentioned by name, the priest referring to "thy servant Nikolai," "thy servant Alexandra Feodorovna," "thy servant Alexei," and so with the princesses, Olga, Tatiana, Maria and Anastasia.

It was a devout audience, to which the act of half a dozen years ago was an event of today.

Pains were taken by the police to exclude all Bolsheviks, for fear they might disturb the service.

More work would be done for posterity if it wasn't such slow pay.



The Office Cat

They Were All Loaded.
The fainting man asked for a drink.

Four men drew pocket flasks containing Scotch, three others said "Take this, it is good old rye," but one little woman who had heard the call had the presence of mind to run into the house for a glass of water, which was what the man wanted.—Detroit Free Press.

The women can do almost anything a man can do—except marry a nice girl.

"Paris has fallen," bashfully hinted the Klamath Falls maiden as she saw her escort's garter over his shoe-top.

If undecided as whether to marry for love or money, remember that love is blind, but money talks.

In New York a banker who intended putting it back in time has been given twenty years' time.

The burning question: "Why do all Ford coupes have curtains on their rear windows?"

"Being made love to by a brunette is no light matter."

A woman will forgive vindictiveness, brutality, and contempt. But she will never forgive the man who shows that he has no designs on her.

The country is said to be threatened with a labor shortage, and it certainly looks so around the house when mother wants father and the boys to beat the carpets, says M. Lavenik.

A Vermont newspaper prints an obituary in which after a fitting eulogy of the deceased it adds: "She was the last of her own family to survive."

Fishermen were not always liars. Take the case of the Apostles, for instance.

Jim Driscoll says the K. P. youth who worked his way through college is now working his son's way through college.

"What's your time," asked the old farmer of the brisk salesman. "Twenty minutes after five. What can I do for you?" "I want them pants," said the old farmer, leading the way to the window and pointing to a ticket marked "Given away at 5:20."

The Screen

AT THE LIBERTY

It is generally conceded that the motion picture has not reached, to any degree of permanency, by quite a number of persons in America. Just why it has not is more or less of a mystery. Those few which the screen has not yet reached are numbered among the older folks who still portray a story in an interesting manner.

However, these doubting Thomases will have a new joy in witnessing the remarkable drama adapted from the famous story, "Monte Cristo," written by the immortal Alexandre Dumas. It is to have its local premiere at the Liberty today.

This story, which has been read by millions and which will ever remain as a classic of adventure, love, and romance, provides an excellent theme for a screen drama. It is possible through the scope of the motion picture camera to carry the audience to France, the locale of the story, and there depict in a faithful way the stirring adventures of the youth first known as Edmond Dantes.

The management of the Liberty states that "Monte Cristo" is without an equal as a screen drama.

AT THE PINE TREE

For the second time within a short period, Jack Holt, Paramount star, appears in an adaptation of a popular Peter B. Kynd story, "Making a Man," which will be on view at the Pine Tree theatre Thursday and Friday. Recently he was the star of "While Satan Sleeps," in which he scored a knock-out success.

"Making a Man" is the story of a wealthy youth snob, a tyrant among his employees and neighbors alike, who puts one straw too many on the camel's back, so to speak. His life threatened, he escapes to New York. There he loses the little money and clothing he took in his hurried flight, and finds himself unable to draw on his credit. Broke, hungry and tired, he meets on a park bench, "Shorty" McCabe, a down-and-outer. From Shorty the man Winsky, played by Holt, learns the definition of a real man. Of course, there is a girl in the story, this role being done by Eva Novak. Others in the cast include Bert Woodruff, Frank Nelson, Robert Dudley, J. P. Lockney, and Kalla Pasha.



Take the guard off an electric fan. Bend blades out. Now, you have a fine egg beater.

Anything may be kept cool forever by trying to boil quickly when the gas is dead.

All you need for opening cans is a small can opener and a big bottle of iodine.

Keep a cat in the kitchen. When you spill something kicking the cat helps wonderfully.

Place an asbestos guard over your thumb and you can stick it in the gravy with comfort.

Soda helps burns if they are on you. Nothing helps them if they are on the meat.

Difference between lunch and luncheon is lunch may be food while luncheon may be a salad.

Keep your elbows off the table. This is so comfortable you are liable to eat too much.

Never sing at the table. Food is too high to sing about. You can't get it for a song.

Pick the bones out of the fish. It is bad table manners to pick them out of your neck.

A new army rifle, the Garand, is a sort of a one-man portable machine gun. It can pump sixty shots a minute, as against the twenty-five a minute of the Springfield, and has nearly twenty-five per cent less recoil than the older type of rifle. It weighs a trifle over a pound more than the old gun and is about four inches longer.

Smart men can learn many things from fools.

PINE TREE

TONIGHT



Jack Holt
"Making a Man"

The fighting story of a man who discovered, through misfortune, that he had a heart. Pretty Eva Novak is the girl.

PINE TREE

Saturday Night Is
PAY NIGHT

AT THE LIBERTY

Orchestra Every Evening—Mr. Harry Horst, Director

"THE WORLD IS MINE"

Thus spoke the sailor lad when he gained his freedom after twenty years in prison.

"THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO"

From the pen of Alexandre Dumas, will hold you spellbound from its very beginning, and the revenge of Monte Cristo, as One—Two—Three he met and vanquished his enemies—is one of the most absorbing stories ever written.

Sunday

WILLIAM FARNUM in

"BRASS COMMANDMENTS"

A superb story of the west.

Coming Soon

"PEG O' MY HEART"

With LAURETTE TAYLOR

Song Of A Mean Man

Somehow I don't miss your loving, The softness of your hand in mine, That used to fill me with dreaming, As a drinker sits over his wine.

I don't miss the light of your features, Your line—all mean nothing to me; The only thing that I'm missing Is going on dates that were free.

If the woman on the golf course

does not heed the warning, "Fore!" one might yell \$3.98. G. A. Krause says that at least will attract attention.

C. R. DeLap says it takes a car to run you ragged.

Bangs Goes The Bangs Enterprise (From The Fourth Estate)

The Bangs (Tex.) Enterprise has suspended publication.

See the new Kuppenheimer fall suits at K. K. K. store.