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"British manufacturers of automobiles are all engaged on war work and can at present make only a few cars to special license of the ministry of munitions," says Charles G. Harger in Motor, in the course of a very significant discussion of post bellum conditions in the automobile industries of England and France. "But there is nothing to prevent designers thinking out and planning new cars, and most of the reputable British firms are in fact advertising that they have long 'waiting lists' for their post bellum automobiles. They are not, however, so keen to divulge exactly where those cars of the future will differ from the old. That is understandable. But received opinions almost to an accord agree that British manufacturers are to make a bid for the custom of the small man. I indicate the man of moderate means. They think the after-war period will be one in which the luxury car will be an article in comparatively little demand; and thus they are going to concentrate on the light car."

Control of the cotton boll weevil seems to be in a fair way of accomplishment by the work of an entomologist of the United States department of agriculture. When that insidious pest, which has been taking heavy toll of the cotton crop and annually extending his feeding grounds, stops his work of puncturing cotton squares and bolls, and ambles forth to quench his thirst from a dewdrop or raindrop on the cotton plant, he is likely in the future to imbibe a poisoned draught which will be as effective as a knock-out drop. What this means to the cotton growers of the South and the industry as a whole can hardly be estimated in dollars and cents, but the curtailment of the weevil's activities, even in small part, is so important as to make the discovery by the department of agriculture of the fact that arsenicals may be used as a powder spray in controlling this pest one of its most striking and valuable contributions to the agricultural industry.

The French government has started a movement to fix individual responsibility for all violations of recognized international law, especially cases of atrocity, and to punish them after the war, as other crimes are punished. There seems to be crystallizing everywhere a sentiment that those guilty of these atrocities shall not be allowed to escape punishment by pleading the excuse of war. To this end the evidence available is being carefully gathered.

Notwithstanding all the disadvantages under which the army in active warfare is suffering abroad, the industrial workers at home might have their attention called to the fact that the soldiers are not striking, and that it is little less than treason not to support them in the splendid work they are doing with all the effort and self-sacrifice necessary.

STORING SUNBEAMS.

Among all the dreams of achievement, perhaps none offers such possibilities of reward as that of artificially storing sunbeams for use as needed for heat and power. Thus far man has been dependent upon nature's storage, and until a few decades ago was content with the contemporaneous supply furnished by the wood of the forests. With the tapping of energy deposits of coal in the nineteenth century began a drawing upon nature's accumulations of past ages that has continued with ever increasing recklessness and extravagance. In the United States, now the largest producer of coal, furnishing 38 per cent of the world's total in 1914, the aggregate quantity mined up to 1915 was 10,889,304,501 tons, as shown by the geological survey records, but of this only 15,000 tons had been produced up to 1820. An output of 10,000,000 tons a year had not been reached until 1853, while in 1861, at the beginning of the Civil war, the production was only 10,488,012 tons. The annual yield passed 100,000,000 tons in 1882, reached 200,000,000 in 1907, rose to 500,000,000 in 1912, and was 531,619,487 in 1915. At this rate, the coming of the fuelless age cannot be postponed many generations. Peat is a low-grade fuel existing in large quantities, and already used to some extent in Europe, but its importance seems to have been greatly exaggerated. Even the enormous energy of the waterpowers cannot indefinitely avert disaster, unless the accelerating demand sinks, or some new way of utilizing energy aids the fuel supply.

Shipbuilding data just at hand add another nail to the Kaiser's coffin, driven home and clinched. For the first six months of this year the sinkings of allied and neutral shipping by German submarines equaled 2,089,233 tons. The ship production for this same period was 2,111,591 tons. This definitely puts the submarine out of the war as a decisive factor. Moreover, the nefarious work of the submarine is steadily declining, owing to improved convoying, while the production of ships is increasing. The August production of American yards, say shipping board officials, was a world record, being 66 ships, aggregating 340,145 deadweight tons. The previous monthly record, held by Great Britain for June, was 295,911 deadweight tons.

The Berlin press tells the public that the Germans are seeking to weaken the enemy by retreating to the rear. The people are also assured that the German command is master of the situation since, after heavy battles, unobserved withdrawal has been possible. The Germans are adopting the tactics of the man who boasted of holding the enemy by firmly inserting his nose between the latter's teeth.

The plan to free the schools from all alien enemy influences is one which will meet the full approbation of the public. The schools constitute the most dangerous ground for alien propaganda, and it is there that the seeds of mischief fall upon the most fertile soil. It is in the schools that patriotism must be firmly planted, for it is in the growing generation that the safety of the nation depends.

German prisoners are enjoying a rare compensation in a chance which war has brought them for revenge. They are indulging in insolence to their officers captured with them, knowing that the latter are as powerless to resent or punish these insults as the men themselves were powerless to protect themselves from their former superiors' abuse.

German war correspondents must be well disciplined, too, when they can keep their faces straight while Hindenburg and Ludendorff loftily explain that the second defeat at the Marne was nothing but what they had anticipated and fully prepared for—after losing almost 500,000 men to reach the river.

Spain is stirred into nervous but impressive awe by the stories of a Spanish war correspondent describing the size of the American army in France. Alfonso may not be high in the brow, but he knows enough not to slip on the same banana skin twice.

Borrowing cheap dollars that must be paid back in dear dollars is what the profiteers have forced upon this country, but if the profiteers escape the job of paying we are no judge of mince meat. Watch the revenue bill.

WHAT BOYS SAY ABOUT RED CROSS

Since the soldiers overseas have been informed by their officers that the American Red Cross will play Santa Claus this Christmas for all the boys in khaki who have no relatives in the United States, Red Cross Headquarters at Washington has been receiving hundreds of appeals. Incidentally the men at the front have taken this time to express their appreciation for the work done by the Red Cross "Over There."

Following are a few excerpts taken at random from letters inclosing Christmas Package Coupons:

"Dear Mr. Miss or Mrs. Red Cross—I would appreciate it tremendously if you would send me a Xmas package. I have no relatives, and a little something from the good old U. S. A. would be appreciated beyond words. The Red Cross has done so much for us over here, and you don't know just how we appreciate it beyond expressing it."

An Italian thus addresses his Christmas appeal:

"To Whom It May Concern—I am in service in France and, having no people in the United States, would like to receive a little package from the Red Cross on Xmas. I am in No Man's Land in a big woods, and it is raining."

"I have been informed the Red Cross will send Xmas packages to any soldier who sends them his Xmas package coupon. I have received so much tobacco and other things from the Red Cross in my fourteen months in France I scarcely like to write again. I am in the hospital recovering from wounds, and the Red Cross furnishes us with daily papers, writing material, tobacco, fruits and recreation."

"I have no one else to send my Xmas coupon to, so am sending it to you, as you send them his Xmas package coupon. I would gladly pay it if I don't want to impose on you. The Red Cross is the best friend we have."

One Red Cross nurse writes:

"Am inclosing the coupon, but please be sure all the boys at the front get their packages first, then if one is left I will appreciate it. I suspect all the boys will have something from home which will make me a little homesome. Words cannot express our appreciation for the Red Cross."

"The Red Cross is a great help and blessing to the soldiers and every where."

"We of the A. E. F. are constantly being shown evidences of the wonderful work the Red Cross is doing and are extremely thankful."

"Dear Red Cross Workers—After we left dear old America we thought we were traveling away from your kindness, but we did not. I cannot praise you too highly for your work. I have no folks at home to send me a Christmas package."

"Words cannot express the obligation we are under for the work you are doing to help us along."

"I know they would greatly appreciate a little remembrance. I wish to most sincerely thank the Red Cross for all the kindnesses and benefits they have bestowed upon our boys."

MISUNDERSTANDING CLEARED UP

A misunderstanding relative to the canteen work of the Y. M. C. A. has been cleared up by the War Department, which issued the following:

"Matter of prices asked by Young Men's Christian Association for its articles sold in canteens overseas already investigated by war department and condition is being remedied. The Young Men's Christian Association was originally asked by General Pershing to run the canteens for the army on a cost basis. In order to do this it had to reckon in price fixing such overhead charges as transportation charges and marine insurance so that prices were much higher than in this country."

"The Young Men's Christian Association made no profits, but lost thousands of dollars. Arrangements now made will enable them to obtain supplies from sources that will reduce overhead charges and keep prices down."

UNITED WAR WORK OFFICERS

State committee officers for the United War Work Campaign are: W. M. Ladd, chairman; O. W. Davidson, director; John W. Kelley, and Mrs. William H. Marshall, associates; director publicity, Ira F. Powers; speakers' and entertainers' bureau, J. W. Day; students, John H. Rudd; victory boys' and girls' feature, Walter A. Goss.

Chairmen of the seven allied organizations: Y. M. C. A., Mr. Ladd; Y. W. C. A., Mrs. William MacMaster; War Camp Community Service, Emory Olmstead; American Library Association, W. L. Brewster; Knights of Columbus, Frank J. Lonergan; Salvation Army, O. C. Bortzmeier; Jewish Welfare Board, Ben Selling.

John R. Mott, of New York, is director-in-chief and Lyman L. Pierce, of San Francisco, is director of the Western Department, embracing eight states, including Oregon.

If you like skunk skins, you're in hard luck, because they have gone up to nine dollars apiece.

Don't fear influenza, but take every precaution to avoid it.

WALLABY QUICKLY WIPED OUT

Australian Pest Didn't Last Long When Its Pelt Became of Value in the Market.

Before the advent of the rabbit and the fox in Australia the rock-wallaby made its home among the cliffs bordering the Snowy river, where it passes through southern Monaro (N. S. W.), literally in thousands. The little red-brown quadruped was then becoming a grass pest, and as his skin was then worth only 4 cents the pelt hunter didn't bother much about him. But an interested mutton merchant some years ago put a premium on the skins, and the writer and a mate started out one winter morning, with about two inches of frost on the ground and every tree powdered with hoar-frost, for the wallaby ground. The artillery consisted of two guns, one a single muzzle-loader. (The breech-loader was then a rarity on Monaro.) By noon the hunters had downed over sixty wallabies. The beasts were so numerous in some quarters that two wallabies occasionally fell to a single shot. Soon after that the pelt trader scented profit, and the work of demolition began. Now these cliffs are silent and deserted, save for Reynard and the eternal rabbit, which crops the wallaby pastures close and from this rough country will never be exterminated.

DULL AND CHRONIC HEADACHE

Affliction, Physician Asserts, May Invariably Be Traced to the Presence of Rheumatism.

Rheumatic headache may be acute, but in most cases it is dull and chronic, lasting for weeks, months or years. It is slightly more common in women than in men, and it occurs very rarely below the age of 20, and most commonly above 40 years of age. The pain is real and may be constant, or fairly steady with intermissions, writes Dr. Hugh T. Patrick in the Journal of American Medical Association. It does not occur in instantaneous shoots or brief excruciating paroxysms. Nausea and vomiting are not present with it. There are good days, bad days, but with more or less pain or soreness always present. The headache is worse after exposure to cold or dampness.

This form of headache is really a rheumatic affection, and evidences of past rheumatism are almost always found. Its exact nature is obscure; bacterial infection of the tissues of the aching region is probable. Treatment consists of prolonged, repeated application of heat and the employment of persistent massage of the area of pain, which is most usually at the back of the head on both sides, and may extend down to neck, shoulders and back. It is tender to deep pressure, but not to surface pressure.

KILLED BY GERMAN HELMET

American Soldier Hunting Souvenir Picked Up Charged Headpiece.

Shamokin, Pa.—Writing from a dugout in No Man's Land, France, Leo Comer, a corporal in the Twenty-third United States Infantry, forwarded to his sister here, Miss Cecelia Comer, a bunch of strange flowers he had gathered while on patrol duty.

Comer had promised a younger brother a German steel helmet as a war relic, but in writing informed the brother that he was doomed to disappointment until the Americans reach Berlin. He had seen a fellow soldier pick up a steel helmet and then fall dead.

The helmet had been electrically charged by the Germans.

It is a question whether Belgians or Serbians are getting most enjoyment out of the recent turn of events.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN FORECLOSURE.

By virtue of an execution in foreclosure duty issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Malheur County, dated the 19th day of December, 1918, in a certain action in the said Circuit Court for the said State and County, wherein Lee Charles Miller as plaintiff recovers judgment against R. M. Heard and Lena F. Beard, his wife; Miriam D. Raymond; Fred G. Caldwell and Vabelle Caldwell, his wife; Charles S. Stafford and Victoria M. Stafford, his wife; Henry L. Bunk and Thelma J. Bunk, his wife; the Northern Bank and Trust Company of Seattle; and Martin D. Kahan, as defendants, for the sum of Five Hundred Fifty-eight and 59/100 Dollars (\$558.59), with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 25th day of November, 1918.

Therefore, NOTICE IS HEREBY given that on the 27th day of December, 1918, at the main entrance door of the Malheur County Court House, at Vale, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises, to-wit:

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Taken and levied upon as the property of the said above named defendants, or as much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment in favor of the plaintiff, Lee Charles Miller, and against the said above named defendants, with interest thereon together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

Dated at Vale, Oregon, December 24, 1918.

BEN J. BROWN, Sheriff.
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J. Tidwell,
Executor of the Estate of A. Looper, Deceased.
Attorney

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Oregon, for Malheur County, in the Matter of the E. Ward, Deceased. The undersigned, appointed by the County State of Oregon, for executor of the estate of E. Ward, deceased, and notice is hereby given of, and to all persons against said deceased, verified as required by law, after the first of this notice to Jay Tidwell at Nyssa, Oregon, hereof is made, 1918, and last published 1919.

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