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AN EXAMPLE WE MUST FOLLOW

Canada is setting an example with regard to getting her people onto her vast farming sections, that sooner or later will have to be adopted in this country, or some similar plan will, in order to get the lands now idle under cultivation. As we increase in population the surplus which we now send abroad, will grow steadily smaller, and finally cease. By reclamation of swamp lands and the bringing water to dry areas, coupled with intensified farming, the production of the United States can be perhaps doubled. That would mean that when we have reached a population of 250,000,000 we will consume all we raise on our farms. This does not take into consideration Alaska which in the not very remote future will turn the tables on us, and be sending food stuffs out instead of having them shipped in. Long before this condition is reached we will have to do something like what Canada is doing, and that is help those who want to cultivate the lands by providing the means by which they can do so. Canada is perfecting a thousand farms, fencing them, building houses and barns, and arranging to provide seed and animals necessary for conducting them. These farms will be turned over not as a gift, but with the provision they must be paid for in a given length of time, the purchaser paying in addition a low rate of interest. Our rural credit laws is a step in this direction, but it does not go far enough to help those who have nothing but stout hearts and willing hands. When some arrangement of this kind is made there will be no longer a cry of back to the land, for there will be a rush to get there. However it may be a long time until conditions in this country cause such a movement. When the war is over, the great rush of immigration expected, may be diverted to Canada, or at least a larger portion of it; and if the plan of furnishing farms ready for cultivation, and the means for so cultivating is continued, it is a dead certainty the bulk of those seeking a home on the farm will be attracted to Canada. While this element is drawn away from us a really less desirable element, that which finds a congenial home in the congested manufacturing districts of the cities will come to us.

Argentina is angry over the intimation conveyed to her that there may be a scarcity of coal discovered in this country which will prevent any being sent her. She says she will use her fleet of warships to bring her coal from Colombia and Chile, but as these could not carry half enough to supply her it is plain she is bluffing. At the same time the American minister to that country points out that there may be such a scarcity of wheat as to justify her in placing an embargo on it. If this is the case there can be no blame attach to her. At the same time she has always shown a disposition to smile at Germany, and the suspicion that her wheat shortage is a manufactured one has considerable to justify it.

London expresses the belief there will be a great battle soon, and this on the western front. It is claimed the kaiser has gathered his forces for a great smash within a few days. In the meanwhile the British continue to advance their lines until they have placed the German flank in danger. The French who have been taking it easy for a day or two yesterday began a drive along their front and if the kaiser has assembled an extra force to overwhelm his enemies it would seem the time had arrived to use it, and the big battle is due.

The rumor of a submarine being in the Pacific somewhere off the coast of Mexico may be only a rumor, but the government is taking no chances and has ordered all ships to keep a watch for it. If true it is certain she must have a base somewhere on the Mexican coast, and if this is so she has it most likely with the consent of Mexican officials.

A Mexican sniper yesterday just to keep his hand in, took a shot at one of the American soldiers across the border. His aim was poor, but that of the American was better and the sniper will not try the same thing again.

While it is right and eminently proper to do all things that can be done to strengthen the hands of the government, and this by every citizen, at the same time there is no use getting hysterical and letting our imaginations get the better of us. Most of the Germans in this country who are citizens, are as loyal as any, and of the Germans who are not citizens, most of them are sensible enough to understand the situation and refrain from overt acts, or criticism that can only cause trouble for themselves and do their country no good. They are not molested, and can pursue their usual occupations, and do so, while most Americans dealing with them do not even take the trouble to inquire whether they are citizens or not. So long as they continue this course there is no occasion for breaking the pleasant relations and friendships that existed in times past. It is not a quarrel of individuals but of nations, and that over a great principle on which the rulers of the Teuton countries cannot accept our interpretation of it.

An unconfirmed rumor from Copenhagen says Germany will soon offer peace terms to the United States. This will not avail anything now unless she stops her submarine warfare, not even should she consent to allowing this country to retain Texas and the Pacific coast. The United States has pointed out to her several times the terms on which peace could have been maintained, and as the terms were not accepted but openly flouted, it is too late to begin negotiations for peace on any basis short of those former demands.

Wheat soared yesterday in the Chicago markets going up about nine cents a bushel. There was no apparent cause for it as the weather reports were favorable showing rains had added considerably to the prospective yield. It is probable Argentine's determination to enforce her embargo, coupled with the report from the American minister that it was probably true that country had no wheat to export, was the cause of the sudden spectacular jump.

It speaks well for Salem that the money needed for the Young Women's Christian Association here, and which it was expected it would take a week or more of solicitation to raise, was secured in less than three days. Not only was it secured but the amount asked was considerably over-subscribed. This speaks well not only for Salem but also for the management, for it shows the citizens realize that it has done a real and substantial service.

It is asserted Austria is pressing Pope Benedict to move for peace among the European nations, but for diplomatic reasons he refuses to do so at this time. At the same time comes a story from Switzerland to the effect that Bulgaria would be willing to make a separate peace. There may be little or no foundation to these rumors, but conditions make such moves at least possible, and perhaps probable.

Spain has told the English ambassador to go home and did not use any red tape in doing so. He was just handed his hat with the polite inquiry: "What's your hurry?" and invited to scan the time table so as to catch the first train. The dispatches say he caught it. The cause of his sudden leaving was said to be a suspicion that he was stirring up sentiment against the monarchy.

Lloyd George for once agrees with the kaiser. In a speech yesterday before the American Luncheon Club in London he said the kaiser had promised the German people that "after the war Prussia would be a democracy." Then he added: "It will."

State News In Brief

The Marconi wireless station at Marshfield was dismantled yesterday, and will be sealed under instructions from Washington.

Miss Agnes Maciver, of Roseburg, has been ordered to the Bremerton navy yard, where she will begin active duty as a yeoman. She is among the first if not the first of the Oregon girls to actually enter the service.

Determined to reduce his weight so that he can enlist, Eugene Hornback, an Albany boy, has gone to work on a railroad section and eats only a sandwich for lunch.

Astoria is to have a chapter of the American Red Cross society. That was decided at the meeting today when the secretary reported that 523 members were enrolled and this number will probably be increased by at least 200. Formal application for a charter has been made to the Coast headquarters.

The Oregon City woolen mills has announced to its employees that a five per cent bonus on their earnings will be paid to them until further notice. The giving of the bonus dates from April 1.

The plan of turning the 1917 Rose Festival into a tremendous patriotic celebration met with hearty enthusiasm when discussed by the Festival Board of Governors at a meeting at the Portland hotel Wednesday night.

Portland is to have another ship yard, for building steel ships.



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SPRING ARRIVED

I know that spring is here, for at my door appear some seven times a day, fair maids who won't go 'way until I've had a look at some immortal book, some great and gorgeous tomb to ornament my home. "Gee whiz, fair dames," I cry, "no volumes will I buy. Just look around, yourselves, upon my loaded shelves, and you will see, gad-zooks, how little I need books." "You need not to invest," exclaim these females blest; but you cannot refuse the titles to peruse, pictures to admire--those pictures which inspire! We ask you not to buy, but just to cast your eye adown the shining page prepared by bard and sage." In winter I don't fall for this old graft at all; in summer I can shoo the agents from my view, and bid them seek no more my vine-encumbered door. In autumn I can chase the agents from my place. But when the winter's flown my heart has mellow grown and I'm an easy mark for every smiling shark. I look around my cot upon the junk I've bought, the books I'll never read, by authors gone to seed, and say (and shed a tear), "I know that spring is here!"

The boy scouts are coming to the front in an unexpected way. New York reports an army of 210,000 of them has been signed up to raise gardens and distribute garden information in an effort to help feed the nation.

The war has some compensations. The most exclusive golf clubs in and around Chicago are contemplating planting vegetable gardens on the links or letting sheep graze on them.

My Husband and I

By Jane Phelps

AN EXCITING DAY

CHAPTER XVII.

Tom scarcely had hung up before I ran across the hall to see if Helen Thurston could go to the tailor's with me. She was willing, and in half an hour we started.

I was anxious to talk to her before we reached the tailor's but she gave me little encouragement that I could get a suit cheaper than fifty dollars.

"He usually charges more," she remarked when I suggested a less expensive suit, but I have taken him so many good customers he works very reasonably for me. I intended to make it a point that you were an intimate friend of mine and so get him to do the same by you."

"How much will I have to pay down if I order a suit?" I asked.

"I wouldn't offer him less than a ten dollar deposit if I were you. After he sees you are good pay he will render your bills monthly as he does mine."

Darkness

Just then all the lights in the subway went out, and Helen finished her sentence with a little shriek. I had always been timid, and had not yet become accustomed to traveling underground. A man near us cursed; a woman screamed. There was a wild dash for the doors, but they

were locked. When the passengers realized this; the men seemed to lose control of themselves even worse than did the women. They cursed and pushed their way to the front of the car. Someone near us--we had sat still holding on to each other--broke a window. That was the last I knew. I fainted.

The next thing I remembered I was lying on a bench on the subway platform at 110th street. Helen was bending over me, and I was drenched with water which some zealous person had thrown upon me.

"Are you all right, now?" Helen asked, she was as white as a ghost herself. "You gave me an awful scare. I thought you'd die before we got out."

I struggled to a sitting posture, and then I remembered.

"The subway--" I shuddered as I remembered the darkness; the curses of the men; the screaming women. "I fainted didn't I?"

"I should say you did!" her voice trembled. "Two men carried you out. The lights came on just a moment after you tumbled over me, searing me almost to death. There comes a taxi. We'll go home in that. I wouldn't get into that subway again today if someone made me a present of it."

"I felt too weak and shaken to offer any objections, yet there flashed through my mind a thought of the expense of a taxi for the long ride we would have to reach home. But as soon as we were seated I fell back in

the corner, and closed my eyes.

Lost or Stolen.
When we reached home Helen opened her pocketbook to pay for the taxi, and gave a gasp of consternation as she fumbled wildly through its contents.

"What is it?" I asked. "I could hardly stand! I trembled so from weakness."

"I've either lost my change purse which had all my money in it, or it was stolen in the excitement. You'll have to pay the driver, Sue. I had every cent I had in the house with me."

"How much?" I asked.

"Three dollars and forty cents, Miss," the cabbie replied, touching his cap.

"You'll have to tip him," Helen whispered, as I took out a five dollar bill Tom had given me to pay the installment man when he came that afternoon.

"How much?" I inquired wearily.

"Oh, give him a quarter anyway!" she replied.

I did as she told me, and put the change back in my purse then crawled up stairs into the apartment and on to the couch. Helen came in with me, and helped me get my things off and then she said she was going to lie down also.

I heard the bell ring two or three times, but I never moved until Tom came in and switched on the lights.

(Tomorrow--Tom tells the result of his trip.)

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