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SAVING WHEAT SUBSIDY.

The artificial stimulation of wheat production for the present year may turn after all to have been a wise policy. The nation has been reconciled to losing about a billion dollars as a result of the wheat guarantee to American farmers. This has been accepted philosophically as a war expense which could not be foreseen. But according to the statements made by Herbert Hoover, international food administrator, the government may not lose anything on the wheat crop. For instead of a great world surplus of wheat this year he foresees a possible deficit again.

The close of the war has not immediately increased production. Several countries which naturally export wheat, among them Russia, Bulgaria, India, Roumania and Serbia, will have to import grain this year. Thus, if there is freedom in the world market the price will rise. American wheat, therefore, may actually be worth \$2.26 a bushel, or even more than that, in the open market.

It is too early yet to make more than a rough guess. But from the present outlook, even if the planting of spring wheat is as heavy as has been expected, and the American crop beats all records, it will still be needed and readily absorbed.

The net results to the farmers and consumers in this country may be pretty nearly the same as if the price were kept up by a big subsidy to farmers. Even so, the public will find considerable satisfaction in the outlook, because it will have a billion dollars less taxes to pay, and will have the comfortable feeling that it is getting the worth of its bread money.

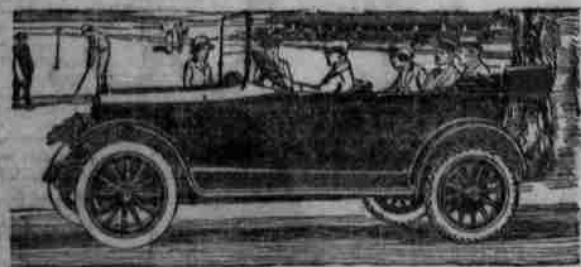
Speaking in defense of the filibuster which marked the closing days of congress, Senator Sherman remarked that speech is not free in this country. In this case he was emphatically correct, for speech which accomplishes nothing but to postpone legislation immediately necessary to the welfare of a great country is not free. It is the most costly thing we have, says the La Grande Observer.

If the principle of self-determination were applied to Ireland, it would be a safe prediction that Gabriel's horn will blow before the question is finally settled.

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SPREADING POISON.

The U. S. senate committee appointed to investigate Bolshevik propaganda in this country has had placed before it a great mass of "literature" gathered by agents of the department of justice. It ranges from well-bound volumes purporting to be legitimate works of history, or economics or politics down to cheap and crude pamphlets and leaflets whose objectionable nature is apparent at a glance.

The collection is described as "documentary evidence of the indisputable spread of Bolshevik propaganda in the United States by well-paid emissaries of Lenin and Trotsky.

Most of this reading matter is obtainable at so-called socialist book stores in New York, Chicago and other large cities. "It is evident that it is being scattered broadcast over the country," says the government representative. "Through it the seeds of Bolshevism are being sown among the credulous, the uninformed and the discontented."

Certainly the United States cannot afford to permit this sort of thing.

Censorship is always dangerous and difficult business. The United States has always prided itself on its "free press"—by that term meaning freedom of publication for pamphlets and books as well as newspapers and magazines. Any attempt to limit this freedom must be made cautiously and wisely, lest stupid or over-zealous officials do more harm than good. But some limitation there must be.

In normal times we might properly permit the free circulation of any sort of reading matter, except the morally indecent, as we did before the war. But in view of the present world-wide danger from Bolshevism, this sort of poison becomes intolerable, especially when it is circulated with deliberate purpose by alien interests.

Prompt steps should be taken against it by congress and the department of justice. A certain amount of control can be exercised through the postoffice. Beyond that it may be necessary to place bookstores under supervision, until such time as the peril shall have passed.

Joseph W. Bailey, who quit the United States senate by request because his connection with the Standard Oil payroll was exposed, has just renounced the democratic party. His reasons are that the modern followers of Thomas Jefferson are too prone to flirt with woman suffrage and prohibition. Just where Joseph will land now he does not state, but it is safe to say that none of the existing political parties is preparing a warm welcome into its ranks for him. His reputation is anything but an asset.

Senator Jim Reed, ex-criminal lawyer of shady notoriety and a gift of gab, refuses to resign from the high national legislative body at the request of large numbers of his Missouri constituents. Of course, Reed, Borah, Lodge, Chamberlain and all the rest of these peanut politicians will hold on until the people have an opportunity to kick them out at a general election. Such men never resign.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

THE CALLING VOICE.

"Somewhere a voice is calling," I hear the plaintive lay, when evening shades are falling, and dusk is dim and gray; it's sung by youth and maiden, who lightly bear their years, who are not heavy laden, and worn by toil and tears. I see my daughter dolling herself in costly frills; somewhere a voice is calling on me to pay the bills; somewhere a voice is saying, "Your stand-off's gone to seed; come hither and be paying the money that we need." My folks are always falling for rugs and drug-gets nice; somewhere a voice is calling on me to raise the price. I sit and brood and ponder beneath my fig and vine, and long to be up yonder where all the planets shine. For life is sad and bitter, a long and weary road, and one who's not a quitter must always bear a load. There is no time for stalling, no pause for rest or fun; somewhere a voice is calling for mon and still more mon. The good sport bears his burden, and hopes that when he dies he will receive as guerdon a free pass to the skies. Where silver streams are brawling by Eden's verdant hills, he'll hear no voices calling on him to pay the bills.

THE PROMOTER'S WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS

BARBARA KNOWS NO PEACE OF MIND.

CHAPTER XXXVII.
For the first time in my life I was almost physically afraid, so keen was a sense of danger about me. Something in Nell had struck hard upon my imagination. I could scarcely control the trembling that seized upon me as I heard the door close.
Then I began to sob. I felt shaken and frightened—like a child. Presently I ceased sobbing. I was, however, inundated with self-pity, because I loved my husband so dearly, he persisted in being almost a stranger to me. What could there be between him and

Blanche Orton, that the death of her invalid husband should affect him as it had? What was the secret between them? I was burning with excitement, yet there was something almost icy in me that tried relentlessly to probe into the heart of things that were causing me such anguish.
At midnight I went to my room. The dawn came and found me still at the window. I had not slept at all. Tonko came to my door about eight o'clock.
"Mr. Forbes will not breakfast at home. Shall madame be served?"
Eight o'clock was our breakfast hour. "I haven't slept well. Bring me some

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coffee and toast." I told him thru the closed door, then quickly disarranged the bed, and slipped into a negligee. All night long I had sat in my dinner gown, never thinking it uncomfortable because of the other thoughts which so filled my mind.

But less conveniences must be observed. Servants must not be given cause for gossip; though my heart ached and more than anything in the world did I want to shut myself away from their prying eyes.

But when the maid brought the tray I received her as usual. And detained her a moment upon some trivial matter. So do we women hide our emotions—so must we hide them.

To my surprise, about an hour later Mr. Frederick's card was brought to me.

"Tell him I will be down in a few moments," I said, then hurried into a suitable gown.

"This is a surprise after the way you talked yesterday," I said to him after we had exchanged greetings. "I really never expected to see you again."

"As bad as that?" his gray eyes held a twinkle.

"Just as bad as that!"

"I had a few spare moments this morning and I could think of nothing better to do with them, nothing I so longed to do, as to spend them with you. So I took my courage in both

hands and made a call at this unearthly hour—for New York."

"Oh, but I am so glad you did! I was just wondering what I should do to pass the time. I woke with a headache—I was afraid he would notice how tired I looked—and was just thinking I would order the car and take a ride. I am so glad you came before I did so."

"I have my car outside. Won't you let me take you for a ride? We can talk just as well, and the air may do you good."

The idea appealed to me and I hurried to put on my wraps. For a moment, in the car, we did not speak. The air was delightfully fresh and it blew so refreshingly upon my aching head and tired eyes that I was glad to just lean back and enjoy the ease it gave me.

"Feeling better?" Mr. Frederick asked after a bit.

"Very much better, thank you."

"It is sad about Orton."

"Very. But he has been an invalid so long I suppose Mrs. Orton was in a way, prepared for it—if we ever can be prepared for death."

"But—he did not die of his old trouble. Haven't you heard anything about it?"

"No. That he died last night, is all I know."

"Oh, yes, he died very suddenly. The morning papers were full of it. Pneumonia, I believe."

"I haven't seen a paper this morning." I replied, wondering why Nell had thought it necessary to remain out all night to comfort Mrs. Orton, when her husband's death could be nothing save a relief to her.

That he had been with her, I never doubted.

(Tomorrow—Mr. Frederick's Words Worry Barbara.)

DON'T LET SOAP SPOIL YOUR HAIR *****

When you wash your hair, be careful what you use. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain mulsified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap and beats the most expensive soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is all that is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, bright, and fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

NO PRE-WAR RELATIONSHIP *****

Paris, March 21.—Boreaux University today sent the following reply to a letter from Leipzig and Heidelberg Universities, addressed to all French universities, asking that pre-war relationship be resumed.

Please make a trip through the devastated regions of northern France and ask the people there how long they would wait to resume relations with the Germans. The entire present generation in your country is guilty of these atrocities and abominations and does not deserve any leniency with mankind. Perhaps we may change our mind regarding the next generation."

Crockett, Cal., March 21.—Walter McCredie will get along without Paddy Siglin and George Maisel, if they hold out much longer for more money, he announced today.

"If Siglin and Maisel do not report to me they can stay out of baseball. I do not propose to trade them and I do not propose to be caught napping if they don't report," McCredie said.

That Trip

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