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A BAD IMPRESSION.

Some idea of the conditions existing in Georgia today is to be gained from the statement of Mayor Woodward of Atlanta in a speech made in San Francisco when he declares that the lynching of Frank was a "just penalty for an unspeakable crime" and concluding with the advice to ex-Governor Slaton not to return to that state for a year—if ever.

Such a public declaration from the chief executive of the leading city in Georgia doesn't make a very favorable impression upon the people of a country who are disposed to respect law and order, and it cannot be believed that it was viewed with any degree of satisfaction by his Californian hearers.

That Mayor Woodward voiced the feeling of many Georgians is to be believed even to the danger which would be encountered by the ex-governor in a return to his home. This was manifested by the outburst of feeling which was made against Governor Slaton following his action in commuting the sentence of Frank which required the calling out of the militia to insure proper protection, but when he declares, as his San Francisco speech indicates, that the people of that state are ready to offer violence to him on his return, it discloses a lawless condition which no state should be willing to tolerate, to say nothing about boasting over. No credit is reflected upon the mayor of Atlanta or his fellow citizens by their endorsement of the Frank lynching, but rather does it show the need for a thorough housecleaning down there. Georgia has no respect for its own laws or itself. It is a menace to the whole country.

COTTON AS CONTRABAND.

The determination of Great Britain in cooperation with the other allies to place cotton on the contraband list has not come without long consideration. It was for the purpose of avoiding this step out of consideration to this line of business in this country that there was passed the order in council. Conditions which have followed, however, have failed to accomplish the desired ends. The methods pursued have not resulted in the desired restrictions, but rather have they resulted in complications and an unsatisfactory handling of the commerce in that commodity both from the standpoint of the shippers and from the military viewpoint of Great Britain and its allies.

What is desired is to shut off the enemy from its supply of cotton and measures adopted up to this time have not been successful, inasmuch as millions of bales have reached the opposing belligerents through the neutral trade. The necessity of excluding cotton is greater in this war than in those of the past, because of the important part it plays in the manufacture of explosives, and with neutral countries importing far beyond their normal requirements it can be readily appreciated that Great Britain is not far wrong when it recognizes that this surplus is finding its way into the hands of the enemy.

The idea of making cotton contraband is naturally disconcerting to the raisers who have undergone a long period of uncertainty, but with the establishment of fixed rules for its treatment and obtaining a greater control over the commodity it strikes a blow at the enemy while the shippers will know just what they have to contend with.

GUARDING THE CATTLE.

It will be recognized by all those who understand the important part which the cattle show plays in every rural fair that the action of the Massachusetts authorities in establishing a quarantine which will prevent these exhibits being held this year is going to operate to the detriment of the agricultural gatherings wherever held, but when the reason for their action is considered it will be realized that they have acted on the side of safety and for the general good of cattle raising.

In that state, as well as the rest of New England there has been a terrific drain upon the herds of all classes by the hoof and mouth disease epidemic. The losses have run well up into the thousands and represent a substantial money loss as well as the depleting of blooded stock throughout this section. Conditions are greatly improved until there is at present no evidence of the disease, but there is need for precaution. There is no better place for the spreading of such disease than at a cattle show and it would require only the presence of one sick animal to expose the whole entry list and they in turn distribute it over a wide territory.

In recognition thereof and with a view to protecting the cattle of New England at a time when they need it the Massachusetts officials have acted and it appears that they have acted wisely and as an offset to the lost attraction it is a valuable suggestion that is made that horse shows be arranged to take their place.

A TEST AT GALVESTON.

The details are coming in slowly concerning the havoc which was wrought by the tropical storm at Galveston and along the gulf coast. It is to a certain extent a repetition of the great losses that were suffered in the previous inundation of the city.

Though everyone would have been satisfied to have gotten along without it, it has furnished a test for the contrivances of man which were built for the purposes of furnishing protection against loss of life and property from just such a cause. And to a certain extent the seawall which was built along the water front of the city has demonstrated its effectiveness. It has not entirely eliminated loss, but it has unquestionably minimized it and indicates that Galveston has done good work in the right direction. The forces of nature seldom work twice alike. They are difficult to combat and while the seawall was battered down for a short distance and the four million dollar causeway damaged in spots the concrete construction for the greater part has stood the test well. It is unquestionably in that direction that Galveston must continue to look for protection.

The conditions of that locality have not been overcome, but the test has shown the weak spots and furnished the evidence upon which future protective work must be based. Galveston has reason to feel that its safety from storms like that which has just visited it lies in the same form of construction as that which has been found so effective where earthquakes are prevalent.

SUFFERING FROM HANDICAPS.

By the capture of Kovno the German forces continue to make progress in their campaign in the east. While not a decisive victory for the invaders inasmuch as the Russians have retreated without serious loss it is nevertheless a forward movement of much importance in the evident plan of cutting the Russian forces off from their line of communication with Petrograd. And even though the armies of the czar continue to withdraw in good form it makes it evident that that country does not consider itself in a position to offer successful resistance to the onward rush of the Teutons. It is to be believed that the Russians are not as yet sufficiently equipped with the necessary means of stopping the enemy and that they are still suffering from the shortage of arms and ammunition which was so clearly displayed during the early days of the Galician retreat.

It was on this line of defense which the kaiser's forces have started in to capture that the Russian generals indicated that they were prepared to offer successful opposition, but the rapidity of the movement by the Germans evidently finds them still improperly prepared.

No better lesson could be given to Russia of the importance of adequate railroad communication than that which has been furnished by the advancing foe. It has experienced a handicap in this respect which the enemy recognized and prepared against and when the time comes that Russia can turn its attention thereto it is bound to make up for past neglect.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It can hardly be expected that Georgia is making a successful bid for an increased population.

The man on the corner says: Crafty is the agitator who starts a strike when the fishing is good.

Georgia is in need of a practical lesson in showing respect for the law. It is a dangerous school at present.

Not much attention is being given to the business of making war munitions unless the orders run up into the millions.

Perfection in the weather is impossible. Even during the past two days there have been complaints that it was too cold.

It is about time for someone to discover the fact that Germany is back of the trouble that is being stirred up in Hayti.

As a reply to the appeal, Carranza is going to ask for recognition and he probably thinks he will receive it by return mail.

The La Follette seamen's law appears to be ready to do for the shipping of this country what the British navy has accomplished for Germany.

Russians may be expert lace workers, but they probably realize that it would have been better to have devoted their time to a network of railroads.

The value of the camp at Plattsburg is being indicated by the demand which is coming for similar camps another year at different sections of the country.

Villa is agreeable to the suggestion for a peace conference, and he bobs up first just as if he realized such action was bound to be an aggravation for Carranza.

Only one progressive candidate received enough signatures to get his name on the ticket in Massachusetts. And yet there are some who think that party isn't dead.

Boston is to have a conference of the governors of the country. If it amounts to no more than the assembly of New England chief executives it might as well not convene.

A PLEASANT OUTING

(The family has arrived to open up the summer cottage for the season. As usual, the rain is pouring down and every leaf and bush is dripping. Six suit cases, a basket of groceries and a crate of live chickens are standing, perforce, in the rain.)

The Man—"Now where in thunder did I put that key? I was sure I stuck it on my keyring before we left Chicago."

His Wife (with a little shriek)—"Oh, Appleby! Don't you remember when we left last fall that you took it over to the caretaker's cottage in case the house burned down or anything?"

The Man (striding off through the rain) "—! !"

His Wife—"Gordon, when papa talks like that you're not to listen! Stop sticking your new shoes into the puddles! You're wet enough, goodness knows, and my hat is a perfect ruin! I don't see why rain seems so much wetter in the country. Edith, don't do that!"

Edith—"I can poke my finger in the holes in the house just as easy! What made the holes? Did snakes make 'em? Will they come out and bite us in our sleep?"

Gordon—"Yow-w-w-w! I'm 'fraid o' snakes! Yow-w-w!"

The Man (ruthlessly smashing the kitchen window)—"No, I'm not crazy! But there isn't a soul at home at the caretaker's! All locked up! And so we can't get the water turned on, either! We'll have to carry it from McEwert's pump; oh, joy!"

His Wife (as he opens a door and the family drips in)—"Me-ow! How damp it smells! Gordon, don't you touch a thing! I left rat poison everywhere, simply everywhere, last fall! Put up the curtains, Edith! Don't lay your white hat anywhere! Can't you see it's all dust? I—"

Gordon—"One of the chickens is drowned. He's lying down all flat. Can we have him for supper?"

The Man—"Good heavens! Drag the crate upon the back porch! I should have brought ducks!"

His Wife (wailing)—"Oh, the roof has leaked all over the new enamel dresser and the rug! They're just ruined! And a chipmunk or a mouse has eaten pounds out of these books!"

Edith—"Oh, mother! Something shot up the chimney! Was it a squirrel? I want to catch it!"

The Wife (dragging her child down from the blackened chimney)—"You sit right down there and don't move till I get straightened around here!"

Edith (yelling)—"I don't want-a sit there! I won't sit here. I don't wanta—"

The Man (sternly)—"Stop that noise! Why don't you want to?"

Gordon—"Cause I put a dead mouse on that chair just now. She's a fraid cat! One of the chickens has choked to death! It stuck its head through the bars!"

The Man—"I'm so glad I paid a fancy price for blooded stock! Who wanted live chickens this summer, anyhow? Where's the matches so that I can light this fire?"

His Wife—"The matches are with the groceries. Oh, Appleby! The box of matches is soaked! It just drips! Not one will light! How can I get us anything to eat?"

The Man (through his teeth)—"We'll have to wait till the caretaker gets home to-night and freeze to death meanwhile! I can't do a thing outdoors. And here's the wheelbarrow in the living room and all the screens I was counting on getting outside! Confound the rain! The wood pile is all soaked and—"

His Wife—"I told you last fall you'd better put a pile inside because it always rains the day we get here, Appleby! Why, there isn't a thing to do, without a fire or anything! I suppose I'd better unpack the suit cases and you can get into those old clothes you left in the closet! Oh, I forgot to bring any aprons! Now how can I ever housecleaning without aprons?"

The Man (wild war whoop)—"What the dickens—wo-o-ow! Ugh-h-h!"

His Wife—"Mercy, Appleby! Are you killed?"

The Man (shuddering)—"O-h-h! There was a ch-chipmunk in this coat pocket! It was alive! I don't know where it went!"

His Wife—"Don't be silly over a poor little chipmunk. Aop—e-e-e-eh! O-o-oh! Oh, help-p! Oh—it was that chipmunk! It ran up my ankle! O-oh! Isn't the rain ever going to stop?"

The Man—"Thank heaven! Here's a box of patent matches left in these old clothes! Now we can have a fire and something to eat!"

Edith (from the kitchen)—"Mamma, the man sent all the meat you bought, but there isn't any groceries in the box except salt, and it's wet! Whatever'll we do? And I'm hungry!"

The Wife (tragically)—"Do? Why, I think that dying on the spot seems easiest just this minute!"

The Man—"Oh, never mind! All I've got to do is bust in a window at the caretaker's, which will bring him hopping, and telephone to town and get a special boat for $2 which the grocer won't think of paying for and have the eats sent out!"

Gordon (from the back porch)—"There's another chicken died! It choked to death!"—Chicago News.

Stories of the War

Sowed Grain Too Thickly.

Eight German farmers have just been tried before the Potsdam criminal court for an offense created by order of the Federal Council some months ago—that of sowing grain too thickly. It was charged that they had sowed more than 110 pounds of oats per "morgen" (about 3-5 acre), whereas the limit is 37 1-2 pounds. The defendants joined in declaring that their swampy moorland required more seed, partly because of the character of the soil and partly because a considerable part of the seed was eaten by the pheasants from the adjoining hunting preserves of a prince. The minimum fine of three marks was imposed.

Recruiting Street.

Trafalgar street, in the southeastern part of London, boasts the highest proportion of recruits of any street in England. Although there are only 150 houses on the street, there are 175 members of Trafalgar street families serving or fallen in the war.

It is not an opulent residential thoroughfare, but is part of the estate of Lord Llangattack, and consists of neat little houses built to the same pattern and rented for about $4.50 a week. The residents are practically all workingmen's families.

Reminder of Lexington and Concord.

The infrequent American visitor traveling along the Paris-Geneva state highway, passing near the forest of Fontainbleau at Barbizon, is, if he is familiar with his colonial history, reminded of Lexington and Concord. He sees in the grain fields on either side of the road, old men, women and children, trying to replace their fathers, husbands and brothers who have been mobilized, and along the dusty road squads of soldiers, shouldering pitchforks, and scythes, with sickles in their belts; they wear the blue greatcoat with points buttoned back, similar to the soldiers of 1776, but their mission for the moment is peaceful.

They are a part of the new agricultural mobilization; reservists whose aid the Ministry of War has accorded the farmers to aid in the harvest. Some of them belonging to Territorial classes who followed agricultural pursuits in civil life, have been formed into squads, under the command of a non-commissioned officer, and are sent to all farmers in turn, who make application for their assistance through local communal authorities. In some instances the farmer agrees to give them food and lodging, but no pay.

Arrived at their destination, off come the heavy coats, bandana handkerchiefs are placed under their small caps, and singing a harvesting chantey, the work of reaping and binding begins. Military discipline still prevails; the farmer transmits his wishes through the officer, who issues orders in precisely the same voice as at parade.

In the larger fields American harvesting machines may be seen drawn by slowly moving oxen; horses as well as masters are fighting. Speaking of the help given by the soldiers, one farmer said: "Yes, it has been very kind of the Ministry of War to give us this assistance, as without it part of our crop would have gone to waste. My wife calls the men "Blue birds," not alone because of the color of their tunics, but because of the good cheer they bring."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidewalks and Trees.

Mr. Editor: Will you give me the opportunity through your valuable paper to voice the alarm with which residents of Norwich view the proposition of laying new sidewalks in the city. What does the special city meeting called for Monday to vote on the issuance of bonds mean? Is it another step in the destruction of the beauty of our city, a work which has already been well started. Our splendid trees are scattered all over the city forming arches over many streets. These trees are a heritage to us from the past and a priceless possession entrusted to us to hand down to the next generation. We have only to view the magnificent old elms of over a hundred years old in Norwich Town to know that our trees in the city have years before them if they are properly cared for. If destroyed, money will not replace them.

If it is a question of trees or sidewalks it is far better to let the sidewalks go. If these granolithic walks mean the destruction of our trees, let us lay a harmless kind.

The present method of cutting off the roots and laying the cement close to the trees, thus keeping out all moisture and making them victims of high wind storms, is totally different from that pursued in other cities where the destruction of trees is not practiced. It is not necessary to travel far to see thriving trees and good sidewalks, spaces left around the trees and roots allowed to remain. There is a good sample in Westerly in front of the United States post office.

In Boston on Warren street, one of the main streets of Roxbury, there are trees in the middle of the sidewalk, also on Warren avenue there is a large elm in the middle of the walk around which pedestrians are glad to walk. There are street cars on both these streets. These are only two of many instances in Boston.

If every resident will visit Chelsea parade and look from that vantage point down Lincoln avenue and Sachem street he will have an object lesson better than any words can teach of what the destruction of our trees would mean—a beautiful arch on Lincoln avenue and Sachem street denuded of many of its trees.

When so many cities near us and for away are doing all they can to save their trees, why are we pursuing the policy of destruction?

NANCY E. LUCAS.

Norwich, August 19, 1915.

"A Mother" Neglects Name.

The writer of a letter signed "A Mother" neglects to attach her name. It is necessary that the name of every writer should accompany the article even though it is desired to have a pename used.

OTHER VIEW POINTS

Connecticut has a law requiring all vehicles to light up at night, but no penalty for ignoring the law. Was that the idea?—New Haven Journal-Courier.

They are already looking ahead to winter over in the countries afflicted by war. It looks very near to the poor and needy. France is troubled by the scarcity and high price of coal. We get a new idea of the value of preparedness for war with the information that Germany is in possession of all but 9 of the 86 coal mines in France.—Waterbury American.

The new street signs and numbers cannot be put up too quickly. Thoroughness in erecting the street signs would be commendable. Persons who plan street signs sometimes seem to go on the theory that all pedestrians approach a street corner from one certain direction and are curious about the identity of but one of the intersecting streets. Constant attention to the maintenance of the signs and numbers should follow the completion of the work now being pushed.—Providence Bulletin.

It is predicted that such camps as that at Plattsburg will be in great demand next year and it is a safe prediction. It is possible that the army will be asked to establish one, at least, in every state and it is to be hoped that such a program will be possible. Not only the business men, employers and professional men of the country, but also the workers of the country, the men of the rank and file of all industries ought to have opportunity to participate in such camps.—Waterbury Republican.

There have been many differences of opinion over the spelling of a familiar word, "center" or "centre," but nothing heretofore recorded reveals the grim earnestness of a Kansas newspaperman which is committed to the second spelling. It does job work as well as newspaper and here is its position in its own words: "Even in job work, no other way of spelling the name is tolerated, and if a customer insists on having it 'er' he is coldly cited to the other printery." But perhaps this publisher finds in some strange way that his plan papys. It may be good free advertising, for which reason and in the name of even-handed justice the name of the paper and its exact location are here omitted.—Hartford Times.

THE WAR PRIMER

By National Geographic Society

"Nieuport-Bains was as sleepy and cozy, as trim and as indifferent to what went on in the world as a seaside vacation resort well might be," begins a war primer issued by the National Geographic society today, which tells of the modest little North Sea bath that shell-fire has utterly swept away. "Ostend, up the coast to the north, strove for the correct cosmopolitan air, the high tension vivacity proper for the modern, go-ahead summer resort, and left to little Nieuport-Bains, 12 miles down the strand, the business of being a rest-cure and an abode of peace. For nearly a year now shells have been screaming through this still retreat.

"Nieuport, where the great battle lines through France and Flanders rest their flanks upon the North Sea sands, lies two miles southwest of the bathing resort. Here is the terminus for the railway from Dixmude, a brisk morning's walk distant. The beach shelves out very slowly, and at low tide the waters slip back for a great stretch, while the prevalent west wind drives the uncovered sands into dunes, or whirls them into the little cottages back from the shore. The Yser, that most contested of tiny streams, runs just to the north of the resort, and its waters provided excellent fishing for the reflective summer guests who passed by Ostend, to the south.

"Nieuport-Bains was quite a modern resort, its foundation going back only to 1869. It possessed a fine pier, extending from the mouth of the Yser 1500 yards out to sea, and from a cafe that stood nearby fine views could be obtained of Dunkirk and Ostend, those two towns that now might just as well be in separate planets for all the communication that is possible between them."

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