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PROTECT THE CONSUMER.

The federal trade commission has been spending much time in conducting an investigation of the coal situation. It has been ascertaining and cut the reason for the exorbitant price of coal when it is claimed that more coal than ever is being mined, that there is plenty of it and that the producers have not advanced rates, and yet at the time of year when the prices should be the lowest and the demand in the consumer's hands the largest just the opposite prevails, the coal situation being, as one dealer declared, decidedly up in the air.

Following its search for facts the federal commission finds that the lack of transportation has had much to do with the trouble. The railroads have been driven as never before and among other things which have had to suffer is the work of the coal mines, but that is not the only thing which has made coal almost a luxury and caused great anxiety for industries as well as individuals. The commission finds that the producers and brokers are sharing exorbitant prices for the commodity and they are attributing it to the transportation trouble, but the fact of the matter is, as some have admitted, that they are taking this opportunity to cover up some of the lean years in the past and the consumer is being made to fork over at a time when everything else is at the highest point and when he can least afford it.

In view of this situation it must be recognized that the federal commission has taken the proper course in recommending in its report to congress that there should be a government regulation of the coal industry, including the fixing of prices. It is time that the people received the protection they ought to get. If they cannot be properly protected by those who have the say now in regard to the step cannot be taken any too soon to see that fair treatment is assured, for no one is responsible for such a recommendation except those who are taking an unfair advantage because they happen to be in a position to do so. This cannot come to an end any too quick.

SHIRKING THE BLAME.

Spain has presented sharp protests to the imperial German government because of the sinking of several of its ships. Its indignation has risen to a higher pitch even than in the case of Sweden, where three vessels carrying supplies to Swedish ports were sunk after they had been promised safe passage. In reply Germany has sent its excuses to Spain because of the loss of its ships and it has, in saying that it was sorry, expressed the hope that there would be an understanding on that part of that country that the responsibility lies as much with Great Britain as it does with Germany.

This is along the same line that Germany argued when the British protested the sinking of its ships, for we were told that the ruthless submarine policy was put into effect because of the blockading of German ports and that the promises to respect our rights as neutrals was dependent upon the ability of this country to avenge the allies from the course which they were following. It was because England held its ships in port that they were sunk. As a matter of fact if England did hold the Spanish ships safe harbors it means that they were setting protection which they would not have received on the high seas at the hands of the German U-boaters, for as soon as they did set sail for home they were followed and sunk. Germany had no regard for the rights of the Spanish ships, no respect for the freedom of the seas, which all neutral nations are entitled to and it cares not whether it sinks the vessels of nations which are friendly to Germany and symbolize

thize therewith, as was especially shown in the case of Sweden. It is possible that Spain and Sweden will accept such explanations but they must realize before long that they are simply for the purpose of gaining time. Germany is determined that ships of belligerent or neutral will be sunk on sight and the quicker the neutrals realize this and take steps to protect themselves the better. The acceptance of such excuses simply aids and abets Germany's course.

SAVING DAYLIGHT.
Long ago in the nations which have been engaged in the war from the start, or from the early days at least, the wisdom of saving daylight made its appeal. The setting forth of the advantages to be obtained resulted in legislation being enacted which caused the setting back of the hands of the clock and the utilization of the extra hour's time in the morning when artificial light was not required and permitting the people an equal amount of time for tilling the soil or engaging in other work which results to the benefit of the country and to the individual.

It is but natural therefore that the movement should find much support in this country, that it should be urged as an emergency war measure and that a daylight saving bill should be introduced to congress for approval. The need of eliminating waste in other respects is receiving thoughtful attention and there is no good reason why this matter should not also get consideration. There is, of course, nothing to hinder anyone from getting up in the morning and doing just such work at that time which they would do after the day's work was completed. Many just do that thing but there are others who follow the customary method of rising at the blowing of a whistle or the ringing of a bell and have only sufficient time to get to work and by that time several hours of daylight have been lost. If everyone went to work earlier by an hour the idea would work out with a hitch and the same uniformity as to working hours would prevail as does at the present time.

The daylight saving plan will aid materially in the increase of food production, as has been demonstrated in eleven European countries. It will mean a saving in coal, electricity and gas by using daylight in the home and when it is estimated that such a plan will result in the saving of \$40,000,000 during the five months it would be in effect, it is certainly worth at least a trial.

NO SEPARATE PEACE.

In connection with the naming of the new coalition cabinet in Russia which promises so much in the establishment of a stable government for that country under the new conditions, significant statements have been made by three of the leaders which show the attitude of the new government both in regard to its policies concerning its own part in the war and the manner in which it intends to support its allies.

Premier Lvoff in speaking of Russia being deeply opposed to a peace without annexations or indemnities declared "It is not a question of passive defense. Free Russia will not consent to leave under the yoke of German militarism territories which were abandoned owing to the criminal negligence of the old regime. Neither can Russia remain indifferent to the fate of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania nor forget its duties towards them." He further declared that Russia has no interest in such a separate peace as Germany has been striving for.

It was the same position which was taken by M. Tereschenko, minister of the war in the new government, in the declaration of the new government he said: "It understands that an international war can only be concluded by an international peace. New Russia must look forward to no separate peace." The same determination to stick to the end, to fight for the success of the allied cause and to remain loyal to the nations with which it is allied was also manifested in the address of M. Kerensky, minister of war, when he declared "So long as I am minister of war no attempt at a counter-revolution is possible. Our new regime has for its soul complete union with its allies."

These speakers indicate what sort of a reception the recent address of the German chancellor to the Reichstag has had upon this new government, which has for some time past been in the case of many unbusiness on the part of the senate. The idea of possibility of a separate peace, if these leaders speak as they appear to for the nation, is entirely banished.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The many vacant lots which have been turned over, ought not to be allowed to go to sleep again. Raising two billion is a different thing than putting it down on paper, but the country not only can but will do it.

The man on the corner says: The average man is a giant who can do big things without talking about his strength.

The U-boats continue to sink Spanish vessels, and yet Spain clings tenaciously to the method which proved unavailing in the case of this country, that of protesting.

Rintelen, Lemar and Martin should consider themselves fortunate that they escaped with the sentence which they did. The stiffer the sentence in such cases the greater the lesson.

BENEFICENCE OF EXITS

"Whatever you do," begged the Hyde Park man, addressing his friend from Woodlawn, "whatever crimes and mistakes there may be in your young life, don't, I beg of you, don't move into a house without any back stairs!"

"Huh!" retorted the Woodlawn man. "It may be different with you—but as for myself I've never been able to go up more than one flight at a time, so what's the use of having 'em front and back?"

The Hyde Park man groaned. "How blithesome is ignorance," he remarked in the face of the boy who was selling him a newspaper, to the great indignation of the boy, "couldn't begin to tell you of the havoc our one staircase house has wrought!"

"I tell you, I never got out into the kitchen until this morning, when I shaved and unshorn, clad in a torn bathrobe, to fix the gas heater which had broken down. Every time a girl arrived, desiring to know whether we didn't want to buy a new car and go to church, Likkleton is so fond of his car that I believe he takes it up stairs with him at night, along with a sleeping bag and a trunk of clothing on the way when their offer is declined, Likkleton always shouts: 'What's the matter? I didn't get out! I've retreated to a terrace behind the house and I'm glad to see you! You've simply got to come in! she hisses.

"You won't go till you do," she protests. "I don't suppose so, you simply couldn't climb up the outside use force under any circumstances, but the magnificent example of Quaker ambulance men and mine sweepers in England proves that a non-resistant can be here in a cause that he feels to be just.

A man must follow his conscience, but in such a case as this, he must be sure it is his conscience he follows, not any meager guide. Let him wear his hat and hear in prayer to whatever God he serves, and let him be the days that expose the false gods and the false forms which men worship. Upon a person of this kind, sympathy and sympathies there lies a particular responsibility for distinguishing between right and wrong, and mere sentiment. In my own winnowing, there have been moments when I have trembled, but a very little left but the bare moral floor. But faithful striving after the good, and the right, and the true, I guess he had a sensitive nature.

"Enough!" declared the Woodlawn man. "What you have said strengthens my resolve always to live in a flat!" Exchange.

Views of the Vigilantes

TESTIMONY OF AN EX-PACIFIST. By Amelia Josephine Burr of the Vigilantes.

In July of 1914 I was an extreme pacifist, believing it unchristian under any circumstances to oppose aggression with physical force. (Like many others I did not scruple to avail myself of the services of the military and the inconsistency of this did not occur to me then.) When the Great War broke out, I cling to my sentiments, though admitting that in the event of my mother being attacked I would not hesitate to defend her with any weapon that was convenient. It is so much easier to be a martyr in person than by deputy! I still maintain that such action would be a reversion from Christianity to high-class paganism of the Old Testament type, and beyond in disapproval a preventive against the nation being over taken by such backsliding as I expected in my own case. A nation yielding meekly to martyrdom might be the salvation of the world, true. We have yet to see the result of America's policy. But time and thought have made me realize that such exalted harmony of action would be possible in a country of this size and build, even if it were desirable. While some of the units might say down their hands and take up the sword, others would inevitably fight to the death. Are these wrong? They are. An inspired man has interpreted that as meaning, "Better face the winds of the world naked than have your clothes torn by the oppressor." That is the belief which I hold today.

I do not believe there are left in the world any thinking people who believe that war in itself is a good thing. It is undeniably the contrary, and I am sure that you will agree with the editor of a New York magazine that, "any peace is better than a continuance of this idiotic butchery." Another point of view, however, from a man who has seen at close quarters on the Eastern and Western fronts that very "idiotic butchery," and still can say, "These can be nobody in this country who have not seen peace as earnestly as those men do. Remember they are living day by day the things which you are reading about. But they feel that the only possibility of enduring peace for the future is to fight this through to a decision now, and if that fight is costly, their lives give them freely to establish a better order for those who shall come after them. They are fighting the last great war against war." Or read again—if you have already done so, read again—if it is worth remembering—Lord Dunsany's preface to his last book. "Just now the civilization of Europe seems almost to have ceased, and nothing seems to grow in her torn fields but death, yet this is only for a while, and dreams will come back again and bloom for old, all the more radiantly for this terrible ploughing, as the flowers will bloom again where the trenches are and the prisoners shelter in shell-holes for many seasons when weeping Liberty shall come home to planters. To some of you in America this may seem an unnecessary and wasteful quarrel, as after peace is declared their lives are it comes to this, that though we are all killed there will be songs again, there will be poems and to survive, there could be neither songs nor dreams nor any joyous free things any more." This Frenchman and this Irishman whom I have quoted are not theorists who have formed their opinions at a safe distance. They are men who have leaped their lives for their faith in the high places of the field. Dunsany wrote his brave words in a barbed hospital. There are many among us to whom the conviction has come that we must bear our part in this great conflict, and that the war is, with hope that war may never be again. Some feel, like a friend of mine who has leaped their lives twenty times that set out to kill another man, but if I believe the cause is just, and that the cause is just, someone to fight for it, why should I put the dirty work on the other fellow?" For others, it is impossible to

Doctor Says Nuxated Iron Will Increase Strength of Delicate People 100% in Ten Days

In many instances—Persons have suffered untold agony for years doctoring for nervous weakness, stomach, illness or blood disease or some other ailment when their real trouble was lack of iron in the blood—How to tell. New York, N. Y.—In a recent discourse Dr. E. Bauer, a Boston physician who has studied widely both in this country and in great European medical institutions, said: "If you were to make an actual blood test on all people who are ill you would probably be greatly astonished at the exceedingly large number who lack iron and who are suffering for no other reason than the lack of iron. The moment iron is supplied all their multitude of dangerous symptoms disappear. Without iron the blood at once loses its power to change food into living tissue and therefore nothing you eat does you any good. Your food merely passes through your system and is excreted. The iron in the blood is so wide apart that the mill can't grind it, the power to change food into living tissue and nerve starvation, people become generally weakened, nervous and all run down and frequently develop all sorts of conditions. This is the case with all people who have dyspepsia, kidney or liver trouble; some can't sleep at night, others are sleepy and tired all day, some are irritable; some skinnier and bloodless than others, some have no energy and endurance. In such cases it is worse than foolishness to take stimulating medicine or nervous drugs which only whip up your flagging vital powers for the moment, maybe at the expense of your life later on. No matter what any doctor tells you, if you are ill, and well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron from the time per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, rundown people who were all the time double and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of their symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form, and this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. You can talk as you please about all the wonders wrought by new remedies, but when you come down to hard facts there is nothing like good old iron to put color in your cheeks and good sound, healthy flesh on your bones. It is the great nerve and stomach strengthener and the best blood builder in the world. The only trouble was that the old form of inorganic iron like tincture of iron, iron pills, upset their stomachs and were not assimilated. For these reasons they frequently did more harm than good. But with the discovery of the newer form of nuxated iron all this has been overcome. Nuxated Iron, for example is pleasant to take, does not injure the teeth and is almost immediately beneficial.

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One of the interesting developments of the last few years in Europe has been the changed economic position of women. In all the belligerent countries women have been taking men's jobs. In food factories, in munitions, in driving street cars, as chauffeurs and mechanics, women have been substituted for men gone to the front. A similar substitution has begun in this country. A number of railroads have announced their intention of employing women in all departments possible where men leave to join the army or navy. The public employment bureau in New York city has received calls for women to operate elevators. Some machine shop work has been opened to women. There has been talk in Cleveland of employing women on the street railways of that city. One large hotel system has decided to put women and girls in as bellhops. So far there is an attempt to confine this

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Betrayal of Ireland. Mr. Editor: The attempt of the emissary from Great Britain to beget the Irish question will fall upon deaf ears. Their confidence in thought is the sincere confidence of the American people and gallantry of the press of the world informs the public that the Irish question is now up to the Irish themselves, if they can agree upon any basis of settlement. A clever piece of propaganda, anyone versed on Ireland knows that the close friendship between the English and the English political parties is the corrupt base wherein is founded the real cause of Ireland's misrelations. The English liberals are hand in glove with the English Tories, and each of the English parties manage their Irish allies to better their own ends. Break this alliance and the Irish people will run on strict Irish lines. The Irish party has betrayed Ireland by consenting to partition, and the English party has been entitled to override the majority, that the people of one section are superior persons and that people of another section are inferior. These are the political views of one individual in the Western region of our country, and he weighs the vote of four or five hundred men. This is the panacea we are told will right Ireland's wrong. The price of the weekly paper, "The Irishman" is the control of the patronage. Redmond and his colleagues will have in that section controlled by the sham government in Dublin; and Carson will be the dictator in the Eastern section. And the fate of Ireland (so they tell us) will be decided by the result of a wrangle as to how many English government jobs Redmond and his fellows can get, and his clique will be able to hold. To the people of Ireland, it will not matter who wins. Both sections are loyalists and will do the work for which their masters pay them well. Instead of the golden rule for the people of Ireland the wedge of discord will be driven deeper, it will fan the fires of existing animosities, and the result will be a wrangle distasteful to every decent man in Ireland. It has produced a remarkable result. The Protestants, who have joined with the Catholics in a public declaration against partition. It is the voice of clear-sighted men, who are not to be bought or betrayed by the plots of political traitors. What Ireland needs today is more control of her own affairs. The Emmets, Parnell, who died true to the cause of Ireland. With them departed the mightiest leader of her sons were gathered to the silent tomb, and with the anthem of a single heart, Ireland's cry was heard in a hushed hospital. There are many darkness of the grave closed over them, Ireland's star of brilliancy had its great coronation. A frenzied hour of strife has passed away, and the minds of men are calm, Ireland may then recall the long areas of gratitude she owes to the men who have lived her people ever had. Alas, today we find Ireland ruled by those who, to all intents, are but bred and educated in all their political ideas in the swirl of English radicalism. The influence

HOME GARDENS

Onions from Seed. "Let me suggest that every one of Ireland's Irish citizens should help, and help greatly to solve the problem of the feeding of the nations."—President Wilson. Because of the advantages there will be this year in producing vegetables in home gardens for winter storage, the National Emergency Food Garden Commission, which is cooperating with this newspaper to increase the food supply, advises gardeners to grow storage onions from seed where soil conditions are favorable. The onion is high in nutritive value, and is a vegetable which on a given space will manufacture plant food, air, water, and sunshine into so much gold. When the plants are ready, it responds especially well to the intensive cultivation which a home gardener can give. If the plants are grown from seed and transplanted, they will allow another crop to occupy its garden bed early in the season, if the other crop is a quick maturer. But on the other hand no plant needs soil so finely pulverized, so free from weeds, or any richer than does the onion. It will not do well in cloudy clay, and it does its best when land has been planted to onions for three or four seasons. Therefore it is particularly recommended to those who cultivate the same garden place year after year. New gardens are not apt to produce good onions unless the soil is naturally soft and rich. Seed should be sown at once in special beds, planting good seed thickly in rows 3 or 4 inches apart. If fertilizer is used it should be placed on top of the soil, as the onion roots feed at the surface. The seed is covered about 1/2 inch. When the plants are 3 to 4 inches high it is time to transplant them. The seed bed for the plants should be carefully prepared. The tops should be trimmed off one-third. Holes for transplanting are made with a pointed stick, the plants being set out 3 inches apart, in rows 1 foot apart.

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