

The Ward County
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A NEW WAR HORROR.

The national Red Cross headquarters would not sound so terrible a warning as that which it has just issued if the peril which it points out were not real. The Red Cross sees the possibility of such a plague in Europe as the world has never witnessed before. Its warning is one to make humanity shudder, to bring pallor to the cheek, to create a new and keener realization of the horror of this unspeakable nightmare of war.

There is the eloquence of deep earnestness in its description of the menace: "With much of continental Europe in a highly unsettled state; with fields and trenches drenched with blood; with shallow graves of thousands of dead scattered throughout the war zone; with vermin and filth on every hand; with hundreds of thousands of wounded being cared for in a pitifully inadequate way, a vast number of them having infectious wounds, and with the approach of warm weather and attending flies and mosquitoes, Europe may well be gravely apprehensive—fearful that an unprecedented plague will sweep the old world."

That is not mere hysteria—a ghastly phantom which can have no reality. The Red Cross experts are well qualified to estimate the peril of which they speak; and when they say that it is real and imminent, there can be no discrediting their judgment. It is gravely doubtful whether even the most admirably scientific sanitation methods can hold disease in check when summer comes to the vast charnel house into which Europe is being converted. Serbia is an example of what may presently be witnessed on a much larger scale.

Serbia is in the grip of typhus and of typhoid. Already the deaths from typhus have reached a total of 50,000 and the disease is spreading rapidly in spite of the heroic efforts of surgeons and nurses, many of whom are Americans who have volunteered for this perilous service.

BEATS MAIL ORDER HOUSE.

Carrington Independent: About the liveliest and most result getting advertising now appearing in the Independent is that from three live lumber firms—T. N. Putnam at Carrington, the Powers company at Barlow and the Salzer company at Bordulac. These advertisements are splendidly written, fresh each issue, and are doing the business. To find out from a farmer Saturday, that the lumber prices and service these firms are giving are fully worthy of the snappy advertising they are doing, was a real pleasure and source of gratification to the Independent man. In a talk with one of our most substantial and closest figuring farmers, he stated that he was about ready to give a house and barn bill to a local dealer. He had figured with the firms who yip in black type that the local dealer is a highway man through the columns of farm journals, and had found out that they could not compete with the local lumber merchant. He found such things as this, for instance: The mail order lumber house sent four inch cheap lumber to be put four inches apart for the barn roof, whereas the local dealer figured good ship-lap laid tight together; the mail order people gave him only one studding around a door, the local dealer reinforced it with another 2x4. And so on throughout the building. The mail order bill was figured skimpy throughout, the local dealer gave first class stock and plenty of it—and then put in the best price as a matter of good measure.

Years ago, Sunday was the day for visiting. Father, mother and the youngsters would be up bright and early, do the chores and the housework, the kiddies would be scrubbed within an inch of their lives, and off they would drive to church behind Doll and Nell. After church, as a matter of course, they'd accompany some other family home from church to spend the day. The women folks would roll up their sleeves and prepare one of those sumptuous country dinners that the city folks used to read about, while the men would sit about and swap yarns and inspect the crops and stock. These conditions have been somewhat changed. The city cousins now own automobiles and they usually make tracks for the country before the country folks can get away. The city lady sits around in her late styled dress while the poor tired country woman prepares the meal. These automobiles have changed conditions. About the only way for the country folks to get even with their city cousins is to invest in a car themselves and turn the tables on them.

Leo Frank, convicted of murdering the factory girl, Mary Phagan, at Atlanta, Ga., must die unless the state pardoning board of Georgia save him. The Supreme Court of the United States refused to release him on a writ of habeas corpus, deciding that Frank has received due consideration from the courts of Georgia. Two of the Justices, Holmes and Hughes, dissented. The general opinion thruout the United States is that a negro and not Frank is guilty of the crime, and that it would be a grave miscarriage of justice to send the young man to the gallows.

The Independent is thirteen years old and this week we begin Volume 14. We cannot say that thirteen is such an unlucky number, for the year just closed, has been the best one in the history of our plant. We gain a little

each year and we are striving hard to make the Independent a little better with each succeeding year. We know that we must either progress or go backward and we are determined to keep pace with our developing city and state. Looking back over the years since the Independent came into existence, we see where we have made some mistakes, but we have tried to profit by them. We realize, however, that we have been headed in the right direction during all of these years and there is satisfaction in that. It has ever been the policy of the Independent to build up—never tear down—and we hope that we may be given some of the credit for the upbuilding of this section of the best state in the Union. We have explicit faith in the future of Minot. We have seen this city grow from a village of a thousand souls to a fine city of more than 10,000 population. We have seen her develop from a very mediocre town to the third largest city in North Dakota. We like the spirit of her businessmen, who deserve to succeed. We have watched businessmen and farmers prosper alike and we have taken pleasure in prospering to a degree along with you. We thank one and all for the support you have given the Independent and we only hope that we deserve a continuance of your patronage.

When Henry J. Linde of Stanley was elected attorney general of North Dakota, those who opposed his election declared that they believed if elected, he would play in with the liquor element. It appears that they did not know what they were talking about. Mr. Linde started an action against the Northern Pacific last week which may prevent that road from accepting shipments of intoxicating liquor into the state of North Dakota. A temporary injunction was issued in Fargo Saturday out of Judge Pollock's court. The attorney general and his assistant, Francis J. Murphy, appeared before Judge Pollock, under provisions of the Webb law. The Northern Pacific is continuing to receive shipments and the matter will be carried to the Supreme court of the United States before it is definitely settled. If successful, other roads will be restrained. The Webb law withdraws the protection heretofore afforded by the laws of the United States to certain specific articles of commerce and permits the state laws to become operative in all respects as to those articles.

The journeyman barbers of Minot are asking that their day be shortened one hour. Several of the shops have granted the request and it appears to the Independent that all of them should, at best. He begins work at 8 o'clock in the morning, and if business is good, he works out on his various patrons all day long, rushing home to eat a hurried lunch, and then there's the steady grind until six o'clock, when he hurries home again, to be back at his chair again at seven. At eight the shon closes, but perhaps he has to work until nine and his evening is spoiled. On Saturday nights the shon remains open until eleven and he seldom gets away until midnight. Sunday morning he is too tired to go to church and it's noon before he feels like leaving his virtuous couch. All they want is to quit work at seven o'clock and at ten o'clock on Saturday nights. The public can all be served nicely during those working hours. What's the use of their slaving their lives away?

There appears to be no question but what a sufficient number of names will be secured to the petitions providing for the referendum on twelve bills passed by the legislature. Only 9,000 names are required and nearly this many have already been secured. This means, of course, that the governor will call a special session of the legislature and if that is the case, very likely two or three of the bills in question may be killed, but the others will be re-enacted. It seems a shame that we must be put to this additional expense. One of the bills in question is the immigration law, providing for a \$60,000 appropriation to be expended in bringing new settlers into the state. Some farmers are against the bill because they fear that if land seekers are brot here, they may be compelled to give up their homes, which are quite heavily mortgaged. Should they look at the question from a broader sense of view, they should realize that the more people we get into the state, the more valuable will be their holdings.

Prof. Bolley is urging the farmers to sow flax early so that it will be in blossom and in boll before the hot dry weather of mid-summer. May, he says, sow the seed between May 10 and May 20, after other seed is in the ground. This may be all right some years, providing the flax gets a good start, but in his opinion, flax ought to be sown just as early as the ground can be prepared. The young plants are able to stand quite severe weather, while in the fall, a frost will often cut down the yield a great deal. Flax is receiving considerable attention by the western farmers, who find the crop a paying one. Experiments have proved that it can even be sown on corn ground with almost as good results as when seeded on the virgin soil.

What has become of the old fashioned mother who used to send her son out to the straw stack each spring and fall to fill the big old straw tick? Ah, it was worth while living in those days. How that old tick would swell out as the sweet smelling straw filled it, and that night no monarch ever lay himself down to sweeter dreams than did the urchin on his couch of straw. Today we have brass beds, sagless springs and the costliest felt mattresses, but many a man would give half what he's worth to be able again to go back to that little modest home of his boyhood days and make another journey to the wonderful Land of Nod on mother's old-fashioned straw tick.

When the federal "dope" law went into effect March 1, it was predicted that there would be terrible suffering among the snow fiends of Minot and elsewhere, but it appears that they have some source for getting this deadly stuff. At one time, there were

no less than forty dope fiends in Minot, but after one or two were sent to the insane asylum, others took notice and left the city. Still there are plenty of users left here. It is believed that these forbidden drugs are shipped in from Canada by express. Undoubtedly there was a considerable supply on hand when the law became effective, too.

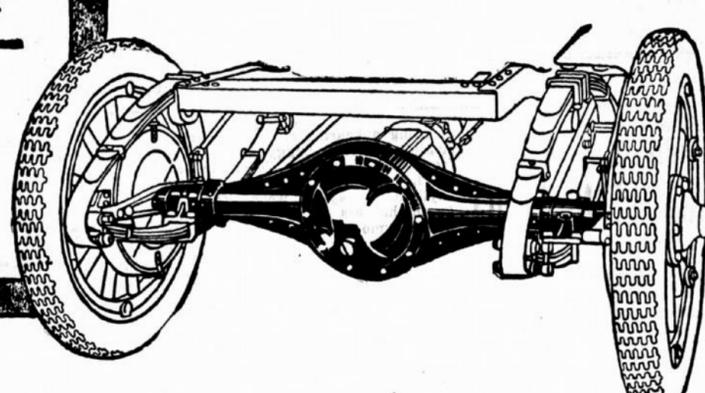
During the last five years, some 65,000 laws have been enacted by the federal and various state governments, enough to fill 630 large volumes, and still we are blamed if we happen to fracture any of those measures. Too much legislation.

MOHALL OFFICIALS IN CHARGE. Mohall, N. D., April 19.—At a meeting held at the city hall the newly elected city officers took oath of offices and were handed the reins of city government by the retiring mayor and aldermen. S. C. Madsen won out on the vote for fourth place on the alderman board over H. B. Campbell. The new city officials now are Mayor, J. E. Bryans; Councilmen, J. W. Larimore, N. W. Nicholson, Gilbert Johnson and S. C. Madsen. The tie between Madsen and Campbell was decided by flipping a coin.

The other city officers are: Treasurer, H. P. Weber; City Justice, W. D. Keenan; Police Magistrate, Ed Paris. The new officials are all competent men.

Death of Mrs. Louis Torson. Mrs. Louis Torson, living 28 miles southwest of Minot, died Saturday at St. Joseph's hospital after a lingering illness. She leaves a husband, a farmer. The funeral was held from the Hauge church Monday afternoon and the remains interred in the Lutheran cemetery.

How Studebaker cars are built — axles



— not a halfway type but a REAL Full-floating axle

Maybe you already know what they mean when they talk about an "ordinary live" axle, or a "semi-floating" type. If you don't, you will readily appreciate the difference when you glance at the little illustrations at the side.

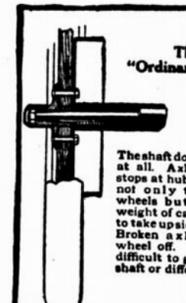
But the BIG thing that we'd like to fix in your mind now is that every Studebaker Car is built with a FULL-floating Rear Axle. Not a "type"—but a SAFETY-insuring rear axle that is designed and built in Studebaker plants for Studebaker Cars only.

With this axle, the entire weight of the car rests NOT on the axle shaft, but on the axle housing—a steel stamping that is light but EXTRA strong. And the side-thrusts that come when your car turns a corner fast or skids or drops into a rut are taken up by the TWO Timken bearings on the housing—and not by the shaft.

So that all the axle shaft has to do is to turn the wheel—to transform power into mileage. For one thing, this means SAFETY—safety such as you'd expect in a Studebaker. For it means that there's no danger of the wheel falling off even if the axle shaft by any mischance happens to break. You're SAFE on any roads at any speed

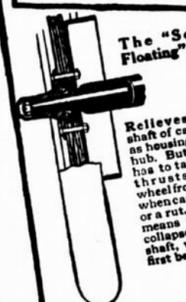
—Because it's a
Studebaker

The "Ordinary Axle"



The shaft does not float at all. Axle housing stops at hub, and shaft not only turns the wheels but carries weight of car and has to take up side-thrusts. Broken axle means wheel off. It is also difficult to get at axle shaft or differential.

The "Semi-Floating" Axle



Relieves the axle shaft of car's weight as housing goes into hub. But shaft still has to take up side-thrusts and keep wheels from wobbling when car hits a stone or a rut. Broken axle means that wheel collapses. To remove shaft, wheel must first be taken off.

Studebaker Full-Floating Axle



Safest, simplest and most accessible. Axle housing runs three hub-and with TWO Timken bearings in hub not only carries weight of car but takes side-thrusts of the shaft as well. Shaft is free to turn wheels. Shaft can be readily removed without disturbing wheel or differential.

Studebaker Features
Electric Lighting and Starting—FULL Floating Rear Axle—Timken Bearings—Safety Tread Rear Tires—One-man Type Top
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Studebaker FOUR, 995
Studebaker LIGHT SIX, 1385
Studebaker SIX, 7-passenger, 1450
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And, of course, it means SILENCE. But, even more important, it means ACCESSIBILITY. For without disturbing the axle assembly at all, you can take the shaft out in two minutes, simply by unscrewing the bolts in the driving flange. But why not come in and study this axle? Like you to ride in the car and drive it, too. For that's the only way to KNOW the silence and the smooth-running that's built into a Studebaker. When will be convenient for a test? Write us for the Studebaker Rear Axle Book if you can't get in today.

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

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