

PAYS FOR 160 ACRES OF LAND

From the Crop of Wheat on 53 Acres in Western Canada.

This story of paying for your land out of one year's crop is fully authenticated by a great many farmers in Western Canada.

And now, all that the farmer makes is velvet and you find him going more extensively into stock raising, for all authorities agree that in a short time there will be a demand for live stock, such as even will tax the vast resources of Western Canada. They will go into stock raising because of the adaptability of the country to provide food and fodder without feeding grain if necessary. They will go into stock and improve their places. They will install steam and heating plants—in fact, many are now doing it. They will have automobiles, in fact in many districts there is not a farmer but has one. They will beautify their homes and erect fine barns until the whole country will be as attractive as many of the counties in the best states in the Union. But we started out to tell you of the farmer who paid for 160 acres of land from the crop of wheat off of 53 acres. The Holden district on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific does not appear to the ordinary observer to be any better than many other districts along that line, and probably isn't. It was in this district that John Larcome, a settler, purchased in 1915 160 acres of raw prairie land. He broke and seeded 53 acres. His crop turned out well, and he sold the greater portion of it for \$2,970. His land cost him \$16.50 per acre, or \$2,640. So that the crop from the 53 acres paid for the land and left a balance of over \$300, which with part of the crop left over would just pay for the cost of operation. This is not really an unusual case, hundreds of other farmers in Alberta and Saskatchewan having been able to do the same.

Sales of land are being reported from many districts in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta at good prices. And values are yet low, but with the flow of any value that will take place after the war, no doubt they will be considerably increased. The homesteads in the Park sections which are to be had actually free are having the attention of a good class of settlers, who want to go into mixed farming.—Advertisement.

Paints King by Proxy.

King Alfonso of Spain, absorbed by his occupation, has been unable to give the necessary number of sittings to Carlo Vasquez, who is engaged in painting the monarch's portrait. Senor Vasquez, however, has solved the difficulty. No matter at what time one visits his studio the king can be seen there sitting in a familiar pose in the uniform of a colonel of infantry.

If one examines the sovereign attentively it can be seen that he retains his immovability—it is a wax figure which represents him. The figure and attitude of Alfonso have been exactly copied and he will have to pose only for the face and hands.

"CASCARETS" ACT ON LIVER; BOWELS

No sick headache, biliousness, bad taste or constipation by morning.

Get a 10-cent box.

Are you keeping your bowels, liver, and stomach clean, pure and fresh with Cascarets, or merely forcing a passageway every few days with Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oil or Purgative Waters?

Stop having a bowel wash-day. Let Cascarets thoroughly cleanse and regulate the stomach, remove the sour and fermenting food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the bowels.

A Cascaret to-night will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe, sicken or cause any inconvenience, and cost only 10 cents a box from your store. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never have Headache, Biliousness, Coated Tongue, Indigestion, Sour Stomach or Constipation. Adv.

A Monument to Pioneer Cowboy.
The memory of James (Kid) Willoughby, pioneer Wyoming cowboy, who died in Los Angeles recently, will be perpetuated by the frontier days committee, which will erect a monument in Pioneer park to commemorate his early deeds. The memorial will be paid for by popular subscription. Already subscriptions are pouring in from pioneer plainsmen, former associates of the noted cowboy.—Cheyenne State Leader.

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

A baby makes the home a happy place at all times and more so when it's asleep.

WILSON MAY CALL CONGRESS AT ONCE IS OFFICIAL BELIEF

MOVE IS NOT DISCLOSED BUT ACTION BY EXECUTIVE IS EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION.

EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT STATE OF WAR EXISTS

Preparations for Aggressive Action Begun When Navy Department Is Ordered to Speed Up Construction and 60 U-Boat Chasers Are Ordered.

Washington, March 21.—President Wilson is expected, within 48 hours, to indicate definitely that he believes a virtual state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

News received from Plymouth that 15 men, some of them Americans, had been drowned when the American merchantman Vigilancia was sunk without warning by a German submarine, added, if possible, to the already grave view of the situation held here as a result of the destruction of the Vigilancia, the Illinois and the City of Memphis.

Whether the President will hasten the extra session of Congress, already called for April 16, or will take additional steps to protect American commerce without this move is not disclosed. No official pretended to know his plans and the general view was that he was still considering the question in his usual deliberate way.

Cabinet to Confer.
A cabinet meeting probably will be held at once when the new situation arising from the aggression on the part of Germany is expected to be thoroughly canvassed.

Preparation for aggressive action to protect American rights began when the President visited the Navy department personally and directed Secretary Daniels to utilize the \$115,000,000 made available by Congress to hasten naval building plans.

More Chasers to Be Ordered.
The New York Navy yard was directed to begin the construction of 60 submarine chasers and the announcement was made that bids for 200 more would be opened immediately.

Through the early graduation of two classes at Annapolis and the mobilization of reserves it is proposed to make it possible to man quickly all ships of the navy.

The question was also taken up of getting into communication informally with Great Britain and France to discuss co-operation in the protection of commerce lanes in the Atlantic.

Making Comprehensive Plans.
In addition to his conference with Secretary Daniels the President saw Secretaries Lansing and McAdoo and William Denman, chairman of the Federal Shipping board and there was every indication that he was mapping out comprehensive plans for the protection of American interests in any eventuality.

May Call Congress Soon.
It is generally conceded that already a virtual state of war exists with Germany in spite of the technical armed neutrality status of the United States. A suggestion advanced was that the President might issue a call for Congress to meet within 10 days and in his proclamation point out the new situation facing the nation since he asked for authority to establish a state of armed neutrality. No one professed, however, to be in the President's confidence.

MUSTERING OUT TO PROCEED

Order Halting Work Is Rescinded By Department.

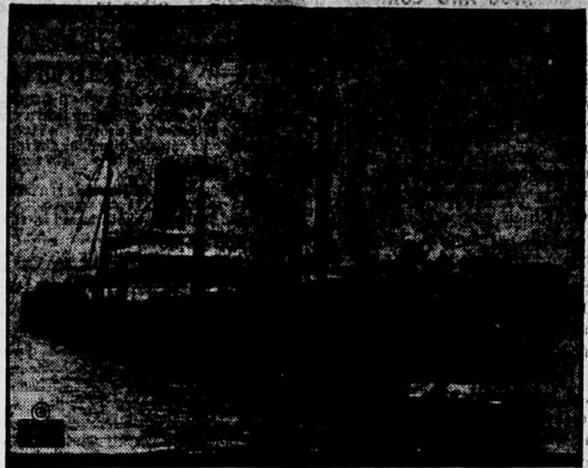
Washington, March 21.—War department officials have rescinded an order under which demobilization of many national guard units home from the border had been interrupted with the apparent purpose of holding the troops in readiness for any necessary duty in case of a nation-wide railway strike.

Secretary Baker said the order to halt mustering out had nothing to do with the international situation. It was learned later that it was sent out when the administration is known to have had under consideration the use of state troops to guard food and mail trains.

To Train Convicts for War.
Salem, Ore., March 20.—Military training will be adopted for convicts in the Oregon state penitentiary, Warden Charles A. Murphy announces. The training will consist chiefly of marching and settling-up exercises.

Orders Big Sum Used.
Washington, March 20.—President Wilson has authorized the Navy department to spend \$115,000,000 to speed up naval construction and to buy small auxiliary craft. Congress at its last session authorized the President to sanction the expenditure and authorized an issue of bonds to raise the money. The President's decision is one of the steps considered to meet the submarine menace. The President's act was the first official recognition of a "national emergency."

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP TORPEDOED



The Norwegian steamer Storstad, which rammed the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence river in May, 1914, with a loss of almost 1,000 lives, has met her doom at the hands of a German submarine. The Storstad was flying the American flag in the Belgian relief service, and displayed the regulation relief signals when sunk, according to dispatches from London. All members of the crew were landed, but one died of exposure. The photograph shows the Storstad as she appeared with her bow crushed in, after ramming the Empress of Ireland.

GRAND DUKE NOT TO COMMAND

GRAND DUKE WILL NOT LEAD RUSSIAN ARMIES.

Commander Not Connected With Romanoff Family Considered Necessary Under Present Conditions.

London, March 21.—Grand Duke Nicholas will not after all be commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Times, the new government having found it necessary, in order to checkmate the mischievous propaganda, to appoint a generalissimo not connected with the Romanoff family.

The correspondent does not state who the new appointee will be nor does it indicate whether Grand Duke Nicholas is likely to continue to hold any subordinate command.

Extremists Cause Trouble.
In a long dispatch the Times dwells on the difficulties the government is meeting because of the aims of the extremists, and says that rumors have been circulated designed to discourage enthusiasm on the part of the soldiers and munition workers by alleging that Germany has ceased to fight, but these have failed to create any impression.

"Some other legend had to be sought," continues the Times, "and the inventive brains of the demagogues found a convenient bogey in the alleged danger of a counter rebellion."

Signs of Trouble.
Among the other signs of trouble, according to the correspondent, is dissatisfaction in some quarters that the former emperor was allowed to go to Livadia. This he attributed to rumors of a counter revolution. The writer does not, however, represent the situation as necessarily dangerous for the government and quotes the papers that reappeared Sunday as taking a hopeful view in the belief that prudence and moderation will triumph.

SOURCE OF BIG GERMAN WAR LOANS IS MYSTERY

Issue Raises Question Among Financial Experts—Foreign Trade Ceases—Few Workmen Left.

Berne, March 20.—The issue of Germany's sixth war loan again has raised the question as to the sources of the empire's sinews of war. Financial experts point out the German people are living more economically than before, while earnings have greatly increased and capital formerly used in carrying on the foreign trade of the country has been invested in war bonds.

Two facts which cannot be dodged are that nearly the entire able-bodied male population has been withdrawn from production and has become a burden and that foreign trade practically has ceased.

"ALL FREE EXCEPT GERMANY"

Berlin Editor Compares Situation in Russia with Fatherland.
Amsterdam, March 20.—The Berlin Vorwarts, comparing the situation in Russia with that in Germany, asks: "Shall the world say that all the nations on earth are free except Germany?"

The newspaper compares the declaration of the Russian provisional government with the declaration of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the Prussian diet to the discredit of the latter.

Oregon National Forest Enlarged.
Washington, D. C., March 20.—Acting under the authority of a special act of Congress, approved September 3, 1916, the President has, on recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, signed a proclamation adding approximately 50,000 acres to the Whitman National forest, Oregon. The lands involved are situated on the divide between the John Day, Powder and Burnt rivers. Over 4,000 acres consist of timber lands. As the result of suits by the United States, the patents had been canceled.

3 U. S. SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANS MAY MEAN ACTUAL WAR

WITH THIRTY AMERICANS MISSING UNOFFICIAL OPINION IS THAT STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY EXISTS.

PRESIDENT MAY CALL CONGRESS IMMEDIATELY

Sending Warships to Clear Sea Lanes of Submarines Is Regarded as the Next Move—President Has Power to Treat Attacks as Act of War.

London, March 20.—Three ships flying the American flag are the victims of Germany's campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

Thirty-eight members of the crews are missing and a number may have perished. Of the 38, more than 30 are known to be American citizens.

The freighter Vigilancia was sunk without warning. Fourteen of her crew are missing. The freighter City of Memphis and the tanker Illinois, returning to America light, are believed to have been warned before sinking, but of 57 Americans aboard the former, 24 are missing and 33 saved. The crew of the Illinois was rescued.

The submarine which sank the Vigilancia did not appear. The captain, first and second mates, first, second and third engineers and 23 members of the crew have been landed at the Solly Islands. The fourth engineer and 13 seamen are missing.

Virtually State of War.
Washington, March 20.—With the announcement of the ruthless destruction of three unarmed American merchant ships by submarines, it was unofficially admitted here that virtually a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Technically the United States remains in a position of armed neutrality. Whether this shall be changed between April 16, the date fixed for a special session of Congress, the war-making branch of the government, President Wilson has not decided.

May Call Congress at Once.
One step the President is contemplating is a call for an immediate session of Congress to hear an address asking for authority to adopt aggressive measures against the submarine menace. Already American ships are being armed to defend themselves; the next move must be to send warships with orders to seek out submarines and clear the trans-Atlantic lanes.

President's Course Unknown.
Some of the highest officials of the government hold that the executive has the power to declare that a state of war exists and to proceed with aggressive protective steps pending the assembling of Congress. There is no indication, however, that the President will follow that course.

Of the three ships destroyed two of them were unloaded and homeward bound, and all were American built, American-owned and officered and manned largely by American citizens.

These latest developments have brought the government face to face with the problem of formulating a definite policy for the nation in case the United States actually enters the war. This possibility was mentioned by the President in his inaugural address March 5.

Overt Act Has Come.
All of the conditions outlined by the President in his message announcing the diplomatic break with Germany as leading to a state of armed neutrality have now been fulfilled. The "overt act" described by him then has actually come; if in fact it had not been committed when the President went before Congress again. Since then he has established a state of armed neutrality without the specific authority of Congress.

President Wilson was out automobiling when the first dispatches telling of the three disasters came in quick succession. Through Secretary Tumulty he was given all available facts immediately on his return. In the meantime Secretary Lansing and other State department officials as well as cabinet members were given the news.

News Is Confirmed.
Several hours later official reports came from Consul Frost at Queens-town and Consul General Skinner at London telling of the sinking of the City of Memphis, the Vigilancia and the Illinois. These dispatches confirmed press reports, but added few details.

Consul Frost, reporting the sinking of the American steamer City of Memphis, said 49 survivors had been picked up and that an admiralty vessel was searching for eight missing.

Says Kaiser Breaching with "Junkers."
London, March 20.—The recent speeches of socialist members in the Prussian diet in which sensational attacks were made on the government here as to the possibility of a revolutionary outbreak in Germany. In reference to this H. M. Hyndman, leader of the British socialists, said: "While the situation grows more hopeful, we cannot see much prospect of a revolution. The recent pronouncements promising suffrage reform indicated that the Hohenzollerns are breaking with the junkers who caused the war."

GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make it Thick, Glossy, Wavy, Lustrous and Remove Dandruff—Real Surprise for You.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp; forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it, surely get a 25 cent bottle of Knowiton's Danderine from any store and just try it. Adv.

A Day's Wage.
It is interesting to note the definition of a living wage as formulated by the court of industrial arbitration of New South Wales in 1914:

"The living wage is standardized as the wage which will do neither more nor less than enable a worker of the class to which the lowest wage would be awarded to maintain himself, his wife and two children—the average dependent family—in a house of three rooms and a kitchen, with food, plain and inexpensive, but quite sufficient in quantity and quality to maintain health and efficiency, and with an allowance for the following other expenses: Fuel, clothes, boots, furniture, utensils, rates, life insurance, savings, accident or benefit societies, loss of employment, union pay, books and newspapers, train and tram fares, sewing machine, mangle, school requisites, amusements and holiday intoxicating liquors, tobacco, sickness and death, domestic help, unusual contingencies, religion, or charity."—National Geographic Magazine.

THE 3 D'S IN DODD'S

Mr. Robert W. Ferguson, Hingham, Mass., writes: "I suffered from kidney disorder for years. Had incessant backache and trouble. Nearly died from it at one time while in Vancouver, but overcame it by a persistent use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Finally I was completely cured. I occasionally use the remedy now in order to keep the kidneys regulated. I have the highest praise for Dodd's. Be sure to get 'DODD'S,' the name with the three D's for deranged, disordered, diseased kidneys, just as Mr. Ferguson did. No similar named article will do.—Adv.



Airship Losses in Europe.
An official recapitulation in Berlin of the statistics of airship losses during the year 1916 indicates that the Germans lost 221 machines and their opponents sacrificed 784. The bulk of the losses on both sides was in the West, where the Germans lost 181 airships and the English and French 739, it is declared.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.
There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.—Adv.
An Exchange of Courtesies.
"Six cents a loaf for bread? How's that?"
"You'll pay ten before the winter's over," snapped the baker.
"Maybe so, but I won't pay it here." And Mr. Dumdam walked out.

CLEAR YOUR COMPLEXION

While You Sleep With Cuticura Soap and Ointment—Trial Free.

On retiring, gently smear the face with Cuticura Ointment, wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water, and continue bathing a few minutes with the Soap. The influence of this treatment on the pores extends through the night.

Free sample each by mail with Book, Address Postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

When a man hears the first spring robin he gives himself all the credit that belongs to the robin.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong, sick women well, no alcohol. Sold in tablets or liquid.—Adv.

Nothing jolts a woman's sweet and trusting disposition like marriage.

Ancient Rome was built on seven hills.