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FORTUNES OF PEACE.

Twenty millions of men are under arms in Europe. All of them have been withdrawn from productive industry. Most of them are engaged in the destruction of life and property. No matter how great the supplies of the nations they represent, stocks are decreasing, and soon in many lines there must be exhaustion.

We have considerably more than 20,000,000 men engaged in gainful pursuits. We have health, energy, peace. We have a government that is responsive to the public will. We are the only great producing Nation on earth that is not at war.

Although the sudden appearance of hostilities disarranged our finances and interrupted our commerce, it was plain from the first that the trouble need be only temporary. Our own ingenuity, no less than the necessities of the whole world, made that much certain. The pressing needs of the belligerents were not alone to be considered. Rich markets in every clime had been abandoned to us.

Toward the solution of the problems rising out of this situation the Administration at Washington has contributed sagacity and confidence. It has refused to be stampeded. It has co-operated powerfully with men of courage and patriotism. It has been patient under the clamor of those who hope to thrive in business and politics on calamity and panic.

Time has been needed to clear up the cotton situation, but how well it has been done is now seen in Great Britain's agreement that this staple in neutral ships, whether consigned to belligerents or not, shall not be contraband. An undertaking so formidable as the establishment of a new banking and currency system cannot be carried to success in a day, but already, in all parts of the country, confidence and credit are responding to the promise of strong financial leadership.

Meantime, while a chorus of detraction and despair proceeds from croakers and partisans, there are record exports at New York; there are sales of food-stuffs at Chicago amounting into the tens of millions; there are orders in various places running into like sums for clothing, blankets and shoes; there are prodigious demands for motors and other vehicles; there are day and night shifts at many factories, and there is not a mine or an oil well in the country that is not preparing to respond to the world in need.

Practically everything that we grow or make or possess is wanted abroad. Every month that devastation is prolonged will increase the urgency of purchasers. A protracted war

in Europe will mean occupation for every American worker and every American dollar. We must feed and clothe and perhaps in time supply with munitions most of the peoples now in conflict. The markets they have deserted look to us with the same eagerness.

These are the fortunes of war. The United States has suffered greatly from a conflict in which it has no part. Like all the rest of the civilized world, it is yet to feel keenly, no doubt, the consequences of this colossal struggle. But there are fortunes of peace as well as of war, and nothing but timidity and folly can prevent us from making the best of a bad situation.—Ex.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Ollie Britton returned from Roswell today after several days illness there.

J. T. Teague and family returned from Roswell today after attending to matters in court there.

Mrs. F. P. Genell left this week for Chicago and other points in the east to be gone four or five weeks.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Savage on the 5th, which died about an hour later.

A. C. White and wife returned from Roswell today, after having attended District court this week.

P. J. Williamson and family, are again with us, and this time to stay. He is rebuilding on his place here and we hope he will like the country.

Lost on October 29th, between Elida and Kenna, or somewhere on the Roswell road about 15 miles south of Kenna, one pocket book containing \$23.50.

Finder please return same to E. J. Cameron at Mann, N. M., and receive a reward.

Trading day was a success, even though only a few trades were made. It always takes a little time to wear off the embarrassment and make the necessary banter.

The boys got over with most of the preliminaries so necessary in a trade on the 3rd, and are now right in line for trading proper.

They will all be here on the first Tuesday in December (which comes on the first day), and some lively trading will be done.

Don't forget the date, and be sure to bring something along to trade.

White Chapel School.

The White Chapel school began September the 7th, with fairly good enrollment. The school is doing nicely so far and is expected to continue so.

Examinations were held last week for the close of the second month. All grades were satisfactory, the highest averages were given to Claude McDowell, Ellen Abbott and Jewel Jones,

Jeff D. White, President,

Frank Good, Vice President.

THE KENNA BANK & TRUST CO.

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Very respectfully,

W. B. Scott,

Cashier.

We have been drilling quite a lot in spelling and find it very beneficial to all.

By one of the pupil's.

OLIVE ITEMS.

The Olive postoffice is now open to the public. Mr. Fletcher Graham, of Elida, postmaster.

C. G. Stroud is improving his ranch by adding some new buildings to it.

A man by the name of Sturman and family from Texas, have located in our neighborhood and have a nice bunch of stock. Mr. Sturman is heartily welcomed in this vicinity.

C. G. Stroud received a nice load of fruit from Roswell a few days ago.

J. F. Sturman and J. W. Jennings made a trip to Roswell last week after a load of fruit and vegetables.

Clyde B. Peters is still working on the Walker tank, with one of Mr. Sturman's boys as assistant.

C. C. Cloppert and others are very busy harvesting their crops.

Clarence Long returned last week from Roswell with a load of fruit.

Frank Bechler attended the election and Trade day at Kenna last Tuesday.

GERMAN PRISONERS TELL OF DISCORD.

Breach Between Kaiser's Soldiers and Austrians Widens, They are Quoted as Saying.

The Petrograd correspondent of the London Standard quotes a Petrograd paper as saying:

"The discord between the Germans and Austrians, if we can credit the reports of the prisoners, is increasing after each defeat. The Germans blame the Austrians for their misfortune, while the latter blamed their allies.

"On asking a German Major his opinion of the Austrian army, he replied: 'They are not soldiers, but a flock of sheep. All they can do is to retreat.'

"On the other hand, the captured Austrians complain bitterly against the Germans. 'We

always occupy the most dangerous positions,' they say. 'During the fighting, the Germans endeavor to remain in the second line. They do not treat us as comrades. We frequently observe that the first line of intrenchments is occupied exclusively by Austrians and the second line by Germans. Even the German artillery is often placed in the deepest places and consequently occupies the less dangerous positions.'

DAD AND THE RECORD.

An' then when dad goes 'way and stays a day or two, I tell you he gets riled up and says what awful things he'll do; if the paper fails to mention him as being out of town—well he almost has a notion to knock some printer down. He never does, however, when he sees one he is mum, but you'd oughter hear him holler when the Record fails to come.

Suggests the Inspection of Chimneys and Flues.

BY "OBSERVER"

With the approach of winter, a suggestion to look after our chimneys and flues should not come a miss. As is very natural, the great majority of fires, and especially those destroying private homes, come in the winter time. And again, the majority of these fires are caused from defective chimneys or flues. Because it is no easy task to examine them, we let them go with the assumption that they are alright—then a fire of "unknown" origin comes.

Only this week we had a little fire in Kenna and but for the timely assistance of the teachers and the school children who were near, it would have been serious. Oh, how easy it is for us to pass up a little defect, a small leak in the pipe through

which sparks pass, a loose brick, or a rich board too near the pipe; pass them up from day to day until the house is on fire and our home or business is gone in a few minutes, when possibly we could have saved it by ten or fifteen minutes work correcting the defect.

It is easy to extinguish a little fire if we get to it when just started, but it is much easier and by far the safer and more sensible plan to use every precaution to prevent the fire.

The fire loss in the United States is appalling. An official statement recently issued said: Imagine one long and continuous street reaching from New York to Chicago; imagine this lined on both sides with fine business houses—and then imagine a fire starting at one end and sweeping everything in its path to the other. The loss would not equal that occasioned by accidental fires in the United States every year.

It is really our duty to take such precautions as we can, and examining our chimneys at this time of year is a big precaution.

If you haven't already made the necessary examination, do so at once and see that your flues and chimneys are absolutely safe. If you live up to the requirements of the insurance companies there will be but very few fires.

The Eggman in Philadelphia.

A young farmer from Clementon, N. J., was selling eggs at the corner of Fourth and South streets when a bartender walked up to him and asked him the price of a dozen eggs. The farmer answered: "Forty cents a dozen," and as there was an extra egg in the dozen he wanted three cents extra, but the bartender wanted it "thrown in with the bargain."

"Well," said the one who sells the liquor, "I will take the egg and treat you to a drink."

"All right," said the farmer. When they came to the tavern he was asked what he would drink, to which he replied:

"Well, I sllus drink sherry with an egg in it."

And they say farmers buy gold bricks.—Philadelphia Times.