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ECONOMY

A sour readers know the Dominion Government has, through various boards and commissions, made an estimate of the available resources of Canada in men and material, in food, in cash, in natural and artificial products, present and prospective. From these data they are in a position to gauge with approximate accuracy the immediate future and they have accordingly issued a solemn warning to the people of Canada; that warning is Economise.

It is not necessary to point out to our readers the fact that money is flowing more freely today than ever before, nor is it necessary to discuss the reason for this. Briefly, there is more money flowing because money is more abundant than ever before, because of higher prices for products, whether agricultural, industrial, professional or commercial. Wages are higher than ever before; and although the necessities and the luxuries are higher there is more money to buy them with. This abundance has produced in too many cases a reckless extravagance, a slap-dash expenditure and, with it, little or no thought for the future.

Those who are gauging the future by present conditions are solemnly warning us that the proverbial rainy days are ahead and not so far ahead that we should not begin immediate preparation for them. The good times for the present are abnormal; property is being destroyed daily by millions in value; the stress of war makes it imperative that this destruction be made good at whatever cost; we cannot wait to haggle over prices; we must have the goods—munitions, clothing, fuel, food, steel and iron, transportation at a feverish rate must be kept going day and night no matter what the cost is. From these the money is flowing freely and it is being spent as freely as it comes.

This recklessness is a sowing of the wind and if persisted in, will bring the proverbial harvest, a whirlwind. We have no desire to raise spectres or to paint pessimistic pictures but a common sense view of the situation should convince the most reckless that the present abundance is abnormal and therefore cannot last, indeed the probability is that it will not only not last but that it will be followed by a period in which the opposite extreme will be the rule. Ever since the days of the famine in Egypt, and probably long before, the invariable rule has been that fat years were followed by lean years.

It will be the part of wisdom to provide for the lean years that must in ordinary course be expected; the part of ordinary prudence to at least practise as much economy during war time as when the world was at peace and conditions normal.

THE HINDENBURG LINE

What is and where is the Hindenburg Line? Perhaps in the victorious rush of the past week or two we may have forgotten that we were "breaking the Hindenburg Line" away back in April 1917. In the last week in April 1917 the so called Hindenburg Line was pierced in several places, north of St. Quentin, between Bullecourt and Hindcourt and also in the neighborhood of Craonne farther south. The ground over which the battle is swaying today was bloodily contested in those days; in fact the Allied main position was farther east in 1917 than it is today. It will be remembered that in 1916 the Germans abandoned their line west of the Somme and withdrew to a straighter and more defensible line extending roughly from Arras to the Aisne just east of Soissons. We hailed this as a great victory then but we know now that the German withdrawal was voluntary and that it was an advantage to them. We were unable to drive them out of the position they had chosen. This new defensive line was named after Hindenburg who had recently assumed command.

To protect their positions from Lille through Douai and Cambrai to St. Quentin which is the key to the whole of north eastern France they instituted what they

called the Siegfried line and what we now know as the Drocourt Queant switch. This was a quintuple system of trenches, barbed wire entanglements and gun emplacements in a straight line from Drocourt to Queant and was meant to be an impassable bastion for Douai and Cambrai. Continuing this line they had what they called the Wotan Line similarly constructed running south from Queant. What is commonly known as the Hindenburg line should include not only these special bastions but the general defensive position running southward to Laon and the Aisne. This line, to the south of Bullecourt was, as already stated, crossed at several points in the spring of 1917.

This line stopped us in 1917. On what do we base our hopes of breaking through it now? There are several reasons. First, our unity of command which enables us to attack the line on any part of the whole front, thus confusing the German command and destroying the German army as is at present being done; second in 1917 the Germans withdrew voluntarily saving their army and guns, this time they are being driven back, broken, losing heavily in men and material; third, our continually increasing reserves in men and material while those of the Germans are steadily decreasing. It is known that when the Germans launched their great offensive in March they had less material of all sorts than they needed; they have much less now as they lost very heavily in the recoil to the Vesle and Canal du Nord. In addition to these things the confussing nature of the Allied attacks, and the demoralizing effects of the hammer blows now being inflicted upon them prevents them from pulling themselves together and preparing for an effective counter attack. They have already been tactically beaten; they have lost the initiative before a general, who has out-generalled them.

PROBLEM OF PRICE CONTROL

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Food Administrator of the United States, has expressed his views in regard to prices as follows:

"Prices must be held high enough to maintain production. The cost of production and, therefore, the necessary price is not the same in every district, nor in every plant in the same district, nor in the same plant at different seasons. To cut the price to the point which will give no more than a fair return to those in the most favourable situation will cut off a great many whose production is needed. To offer prices that will give a profit in every case will permit inordinate profits for some.

"In settling upon fair prices a level is to be sought which will keep substantially the whole industry going. There is usually a fringe of production that we must get along without. It would not do to raise the price to everybody, say, 25 per cent to make it worth while for a few growers on the edge of production to increase the total by a small fraction.

"On the other hand, as in the packing industry, a price level that would be sufficient for the large packers would put many of the small packers out of business—and the country needs their production.

"The remedy suggested to equalize conditions is to establish prices as nearly as may be sufficient to maintain the industry as a whole and to levy a heavy tax on excess profits.

"The profiteer is abhorrent and his practices can not be condoned, but prices must be allowed at a level that will insure the production required for war needs."

NO PRE-WAR PRICES

Gone, never to return, are the cheap pre-war prices of clothes. That is the view of an expert writing in a British trade publication, and he predicts another rise soon. Every shot fired from a 12 inch gun he says, uses up half a bale of cotton, and in three minutes a machine gun will squander a full bale. The price of woolen cloth today is from two and three-quarters to three times greater than it was in July, 1914. Linen prices this year, it is stated, probably will keep at least 33 1-3 per cent above those of 1917.

NOTES

Nothing has been heard from General Hell, the German leader, for some time, but the Allies keep right on raising him all along the line.

The Kaiser, after reviewing the Brandenburg chasseurs the other day, urged them to take the enemy "firmly in hand" everywhere they found him. A glance at the shifted lines on the battle map shows what kind of a job the Brandenburgers have been making of this "firmly in hand" business.

WAR CANNING BULLETIN

Issued by Canada Food Board

You might as well not eat at all, as have old and ill-fitting rubbers with which to seal your preserves. More fruit goes bad through being poorly sealed than from any other cause.

In getting out your equipment the first thing to do is to test your rubbers and if there is anything the matter with them to get new ones. Rubbers from last year's jars may sometimes be used but you are taking chances and it is usually more economical in the end to get new ones each season.

If you fall in this simple matter of detail, don't blame the method, but yourself. You were warned often enough about those rubbers! This is just to remind you once again.

FOOD BOARD FLASHES FOR FEMINE FOLK

A great deal of our indiscriminate eating on this continent is due to lack of imagination. How many of us really study the food question, apart from the matter of cost? Could we, like Maupassant, lend wings to our fancy, we could see a great army of men toiling that we might eat. If we were to con over the various food supplies in common use, we would vision argosies coming from all quarters of the globe. We would see food coming to us on the heads of Indians, on the backs of donkeys, drawn in carts by huge water buffalo, aboard the "ship of the desert," on wheelbarrows or propelled by Chinese coolies, and in addition, steamships, railroad trains, auto trucks and delivery trucks are all playing their part in the work of catering to discriminate appetites.

It is only now that we have war, when transportation facilities are curtailed and many countries are shut off from commerce, that we fully realize how much we depend upon our import trade.

It is one of our war-time responsibilities to increase the production of all foodstuffs and particularly those of which there is a world-wide shortage.

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DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Lousier

TRIBUTE TO A DOG

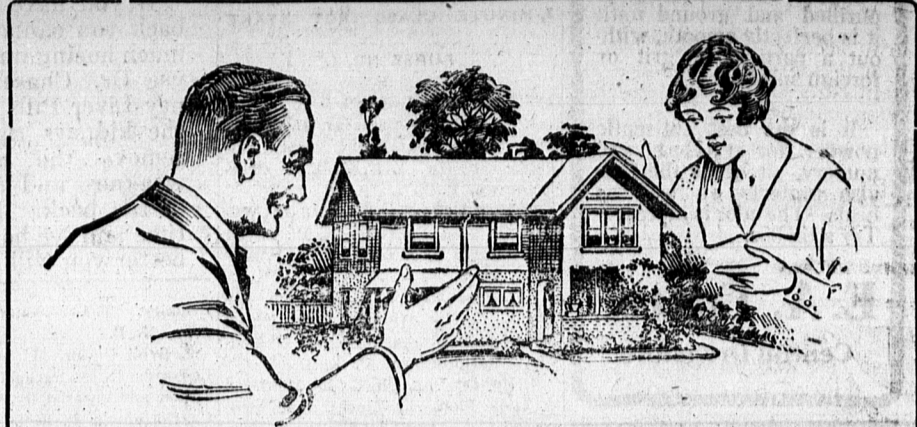
(By Senator Vest of Missouri)

The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his worst enemy. His son or daughter, whom he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money that a man has he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps, when he needs it the most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor, when success is with us, may be the first to throw the stones of malice, when failure settles its cloud upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground when the winter winds blow, and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his master's side. He will lick the hand that has no food to offer; He will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

"If fortune drives the master forth an outcast in the world friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him, to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes and death takes the master in its embrace and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the grave-

side will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true, even unto death."

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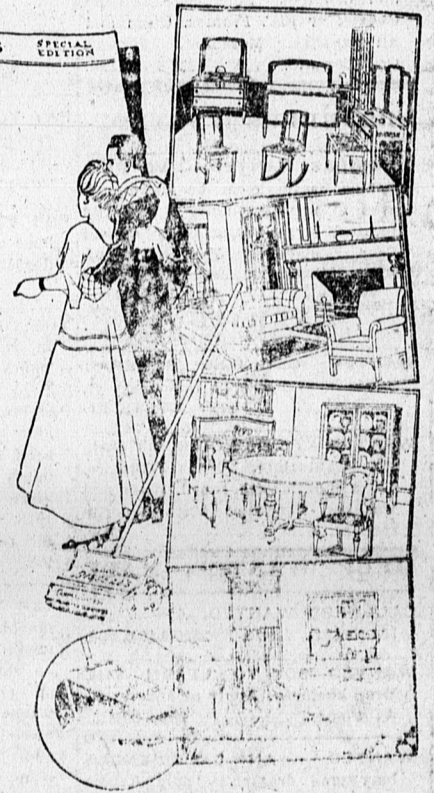
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YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

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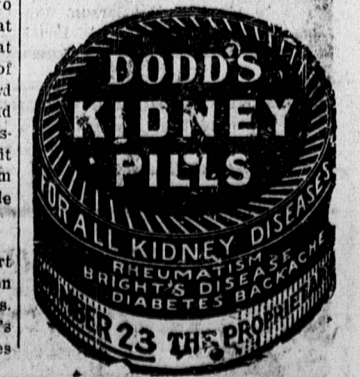
Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you

prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

CHARACTER AND REPUTATION—"Is our reputation in the community generally a true indication of our character?" Robert B. asks. As a rule a man is estimated in the community in which he lives at his true worth, but there are a great many exceptions to this rule. A man's character is what he really is, and his reputation what the community thinks of him. Some of the best men are the worst abused men. When a man is aggressive and reproves the sins of the people, especially when those sins are profitable, he is never popular. Our aim should be to do right and to care little what people say of us.

MONEY AND MORALS—"What part does money play in making women better of worse?" "A Traveller asks. Money very rarely improves a man's character, but it frequently degrades

him. It is hard to be very good and very rich, although some succeed in being both. The power of money is so great that the majority of men who have it, put more dependence upon it than they do upon God. Jesus said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the Kingdom of God."



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