

AND LET US SLEEP.

By Virna Sheard.

Turn Thou the key upon our thoughts, dear Lord, And let us sleep; Give us our portion of forgetfulness, Silent and deep.

AGRICULTURE MUST BE SAVED TO AVERT NATIONAL DISASTER.

The greatest menace to the national prosperity and general welfare of the United States is not bolshevism. It is not socialism. It is not capitalism. It is not imperialism.

Official figures of the Department of Agriculture disclose the fact that two million persons moved from American farms to American cities during the year 1922.

It is twice as great as the flood of immigration which used to pour into the United States annually from Europe before the bars were put up.

It is probably the greatest movement of population in the history of the world.

SMALL COMFORT IN FIGURES. The Department of Agriculture says that it was in part offset by a movement of 880,000 from the cities to the farms, so that the net loss to agriculture was only 1,200,000.

AIRPLANE STORY EXPLODED. A fair sample of this lying propaganda appeared in the newspapers recently. Big headlines announced: "Coke Workers Use Airplanes to Go to Work."

Think of it! Men and women past middle age, thrifty and industrious, who counted themselves worth ten, twenty, thirty thousand dollars in 1919, sold out for taxes in 1922 and evicted from their old homes.

SELECTION OF SEED CORN SOON UNDER WAY IN COUNTY.

Selecting seed corn will soon be in full swing in Centre county. "A good crop of corn in 1924 will depend in no small measure upon the selection and curing of the seed this fall," declares E. J. Walters, corn specialist.

Farmers are realizing that the field selection of corn is far superior to the old method of picking ears out of the wagon box at husking time.

Look for these things in field selection of seed corn: "See that the stalk is growing in regular competition with other plants and that it is producing a good ear of corn."

It can be checked in only one way. That is by restoring agricultural prosperity, by stabilizing prices at a decent level, by making the farm a place where a man can settle down to a life of industry with the assurance that if he produces the crops which the nation needs, he will receive enough for them to enable him to buy enough of the city's products to support his family in health and reasonable comfort.

Only radical measures will be effective. We must go down to the roots of the trouble. That is what "radical" means.

What are the roots of this trouble? They lie in the monstrous system of distribution, which we have allowed to grow up in America, where the farmer gets only 37 cents out of every dollar that the city worker pays for farm products.

Thus the farmer and the city worker have one common enemy. That enemy is the monopolistic group which owns, controls and operates this monstrous system of distribution.

PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED. This system must be destroyed and a new system of co-operative distribution, for service and not for profit, must be built in its place.

The farmers alone cannot accomplish it. They do not have the power either politically or economically. They must have the help of the industrial workers.

State Professor Asks Retirement. Professor J. M. Willard, who has taught mathematics to thousands of students at Pennsylvania State College in his thirty years of service, has been forced through prolonged illness to retire as head of the mathematics department.

Seek Student Playwright. In order to secure a play which they may present at the college and on the road in Pennsylvania towns, the Pennsylvania State College Thespian club has offered a \$150 prize to the student who writes the best acceptable script for a musical comedy.

AMAZED AT YANKEE TEETH

French Farmers Marvelled at the Sight of Doughboys Seemingly Enjoying Cow Fodder.

The French lockkeeper is sometimes an old soldier, but oftener is some black-clad woman who took up her husband's duties when he was called to the front, and who (for he never came back) will continue them until her little Francois is grown up—or, as she sometimes sadly puts it, "Until he comes back safe, as I hope, from the next war, m'sieu."

For five more days we paddled along the 100-kilometer stretch of stream that unfurls itself ribbonlike among rolling, windmill-topped slopes between Redon and Nantes, writes Melville Chater in the National Geographic Magazine.

We found that the countryside still fondly recalled the passage of American troops in 1918—how they had swum in the canal and had given the children little packets of chewing gum and had strangely delighted in consuming cow fodder.

This last detail was related to us by a farmer, who added: "Most vigorous young men those, m'sieu. Wonderful teeth, wonderful stomachs. How they could even digest that stuff was the wonder of the countryside."

Why, that's easy, we confided; all Americans eat that. And we described the manner of preparing and dispatching an ear of corn. Suddenly a light broke on the listener's face: "Ah," he exclaimed, "I understand. Then one doesn't eat it, cob and all, like the cow; one just picks at it as if it were an artichoke, n'est-ce pas?"

FREEZE OUT INSECT PESTS

Method is More Economical Than Gas, Says an Expert on the Subject.

The usual procedure, when flour mills become infested with the Mediterranean moth, the larvae of which get into the flour, is to close the mill tightly and "gas" the insects.

Friday, September 21st, 10 a. m., at the T. J. Bechdel farm near Blanchard.

Saturday, September 22nd, at 10 a. m., at H. B. Waite's, near Stormstown.

FARM RECORDS SHOW COST OF OPERATING TRACTOR.

What does it cost to run a tractor? The 5,000 or more Pennsylvania farmers owning tractors and those contemplating the purchase of an "iron horse" will be interested in the cost records of operating a tractor kept by a Lancaster county farmer during the past year under the supervision of the extension farm accountant of the Pennsylvania State College.

The total expense, including repairs, fuel, interest on investment and depreciation, amounted to \$340.70 for the twelve months.

The tractor, which was the usual type of small machine found on many farms, performed 346 hours of work at the draw-bar and 56 hours of work in the belt.

Confirmed Bachelor Shad. The shad in the Farmington river in Connecticut are all bachelors, in the opinion of the fish and game commission of that state.

Club Members May Win Scholarship Awards.

Two scholarships for the short course in agriculture held at the Pennsylvania State College next winter will be awarded to club members who best meet the requirements stipulated by the donors of the scholarships.

The American Agriculturist, a farm paper published in New York, offers a \$150 scholarship for dairy calf or junior cow club work.

Deer Destroy the Crops.

Upon petition of 200 registered hunters in Quincy and Washington townships, Franklin county, an order will be issued by the State Game Department, permitting the killing of 100 does in those townships this season.

TRANSFUSE OWN BLOOD TO 2

Eastern Physicians Save the Lives of Two Patients by Novel Operations.

Lives of two patients who would otherwise have succumbed from internal hemorrhage were saved by draining off their own blood and reinjecting it, in a rare operation, made at the New Haven hospital, according to a dispatch to the New York World.

The woman, according to the announcement, suffered from a severe abdominal hemorrhage from which patients rarely recover. Quick work was required by the obstetrical staff.

An hour afterward the male victim of the automobile accident was brought to the hospital in an ambulance with a punctured liver, resulting in abdominal hemorrhage.

The blood was then drawn from the abdominal cavity and re injected to the man's veins after filtration. In both cases the citrate method was used, that is, citrate was added to the blood to prevent coagulation.

DISEASE TERRORS PASSING

Theory Advanced That Germ Species May Die Out as Did Mammoths and Dinosaurs.

Is it not likely, speaking as a layman and without medical erudition, that germ species originate, grow to maturity, then pass on to senility and die out, like so many families of creatures have done on this earth?

Why Worry. "Serenity of mind is the most valuable asset of the present age," declared Senator Lodge of Massachusetts recently.

Radio Wave Fourteen Miles Long. Long wave lengths are used to cover great distance, such as transatlantic communication, chiefly because absorption of energy is much less on long wave lengths than on short ones.

Save His Money. An Irishman boarded a car the other day, but after a word with the conductor made for the door again.

One More Look. On our return to the locker room a young woman with one shoe and stockings on was distractedly going from locker to locker and finally appealed to us.

Through Air Mail. It is asserted that a through air mail service between New York and San Francisco will soon be started.

MADE TRACK-LAYING RECORD

Perfectly Ballasted Road Built in Eighty-Seven Days for the Late President Harding.

At Cedar City, Utah, on July 8, 1922, President Carl H. Gray of the Union Pacific Railroad company, with a broad vision and sturdy courage, decided to construct a 35-mile branch line from Lund to Cedar City as the first important step in opening a new scenic wonderland to the world.

April 2 the first earth was moved in making grade; 70 days after, the first locomotive rolled into Cedar City over a new, uneven, unballasted almost temporary track, says the Salt Lake City Tribune.

Seventeen days later, there came to Cedar City upon a well trimmed, neatly aligned, full rock-ballasted railroad of main line type the greatest train in all America—the special carrying the President of the United States and his Alaskan party.

It was the completion of this railway branch in 87 days, to the very top limit of a safe, smooth, solidly ballasted track, prior to the President's arrival in the West, that made his visit to Zion National park possible.

Importance of the Peanut as Article of Commercial Value is Now Very Generally Recognized.

Peanuts are becoming more popular in this country. They mostly come from the East. Some very good Chinese, in shell, or kernels, are now on the market.

Early United States Currency. Latvi, proposes to replace the old ruble by a metallic coin called the lat.

Sterling Pioneers. Nova Scotia has just celebrated the arrival 150 years ago of its pilgrim "Mayflower" in the form of the ship Hector, the pilgrims voyaging to what are now known as the maritime provinces from the islands of Scotland.

Anchor Cable Nearly Century Old. An interesting find has been made in the bay at Port Elizabeth by the tug Talana.

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