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Civil War Song Now Battle Cry of Macedonians.

Out of the past comes the old song, famous in the days when America was in the grip of the Civil war; a song may again be heard as the battle cry of a nation.

"John Brown's body lies a-moulding in the grave," war-song of the American Civil war, it became the battle-cry of 100,000 grim hardy Macedonian 'comitadijs,' who are fighting for the freedom of their country, Macedonia; the majority of which has been divided between the bordering states of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

Details of this strange story have been brought to light in dispatches reaching London from Bulgaria, giving the history of an organization, known as the "Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization."

Resting, eternally, on top of the highest mountain in Southwestern Bulgaria, with a guard of honor standing watch over his grave day and night, lies the body of Todor Alexandroff, famous Macedonian comitadi chief assassinated three years ago by one of his chiefs allegedly paid to do the job by a nation that resolved to gain control of the comitadi.

Alexandroff's dying wish was that his aid-de-camp, a young, 26-year-old Comitadij, Ivan Mihailoff, his successor, and with the aid of a General Protogeroff, his adviser, this youth has become a dominant force in the troubled Balkans.

When Alexandroff had been laid to rest Mihailoff immediately summoned the highest court of the organization, announced that he was to become their leader, urging that they follow him as they would have followed their former chief, in his fight for the emancipation of those parts of their country which were under foreign domination. And they have followed him.

Having acclaimed this youth their leader, the first move of this most powerful organization of its kind, was to sentence Peter Chaleff, the man allegedly responsible for the assassination of Alexandroff, and forty other conspirators to death in their absence.

Dimitcho Stefanoff, a 25-year-old member of the "avengers" ran Chau-leff down in Milan several months later, pumped six bullets into him and was acquitted by an Italian jury.

Dimtri Panitze, has also fled and he was sought as an alleged assassin. A girl agent, aged 26, met him in Vienna on May 9, 1925, trailed him to a box in the Opera, and emptied a six cylinder revolver into his heart. After being given the best of everything in an Austrian nursing home

for eight months, she was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a ticket back to Sofia, where she is today. All the others alleged were picked-off from time to time in the Balkan towns, except one or two who have reached the United States.

It was during the same meeting in which the death sentence upon the heads of the alleged murderers of their late chief, that these grim, fierce-looking mountaineers, grieved by the death of the man they owed so much too, decided to take "John Brown's Body" as the war song of their own organization, in memory of Alexandroff.

And today, rewritten in Bulgarian, the names of Alexandroff substituted for John Brown, this song is doing more than anything else to stir up the war-like spirit of these people, even as it was a war chant years ago in America's Civil war.

Premature Spring May Bring Loss.

"Spring has come" was one of the familiar salutations last week. Everywhere there were signs of awakening nature, and plantlife is answering the call of springtime to such an extent that some concern is being felt among orchardists and farmers.

From various parts of this and adjoining counties come reports of dandelion being gathered, arbutus in bloom, and snakes being seen.

Even tulips, where exposed to the sun, are pushing from the ground, some to the height of several inches. Some stalks of dandelion even have blossoms.

Those who maintain large orchards are somewhat concerned about their trees. T. H. Stauffer, a fruit grower, who has an orchard southeast of Kissel Hill, reports that some buds are advanced real far, and if there is "below zero" weather later in the winter many buds may be frozen, and the fruit crop directly affected, although no damage has been done to them as yet.

Several years ago when frost killed the buds and blossoms brought on by premature mild weather, some of the trees developed a second growth but nevertheless produced a short crop. It is claimed by some orchardists that temperature, rather than the condition of the soil, in regards to frost, has much to do with the advance of buds and blossoms. This was forcefully demonstrated by a man who had a peach tree planted close to a green house. One winter a branch of this tree was placed through a window into the green-house, and while the other part of the tree which was exposed to the weather had buds still in the velvety stage, the branch in the greenhouse was covered with blossoms. From this it seems apparent that there is enough moisture in the wood of the tree to advance buds to the blossoming stage, providing the temperature is warm enough.—Lititz Record.

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INDUSTRY HELPS AGRICULTURE BUILD UP THE SMALL TOWN

Decentralization of Manufacturing Brings Markets for Products Closer to the Farm—Gives Employment and Better Standards of Living to Rural Communities.

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NO class of people has been more diligent in trying to understand the agricultural problem than the bankers of this country. The agricultural problem is a real problem and demands the best thought of everyone. This country cannot continue along happy lines with only sections of the country prosperous. Prosperity must be passed around if anybody is long to enjoy it. This question cannot be solved by the farmers alone, but the majority opinion is that there is no legislative remedy for agriculture. It is an economic question pure and simple and must be worked out accordingly.

A few years ago it was contended that agriculture did not have sufficient credit facilities. That proposition was often made a political question. I do not presume there are many who will question the fact that agriculture now has ample credit facilities.

Mixing Farms and Factories

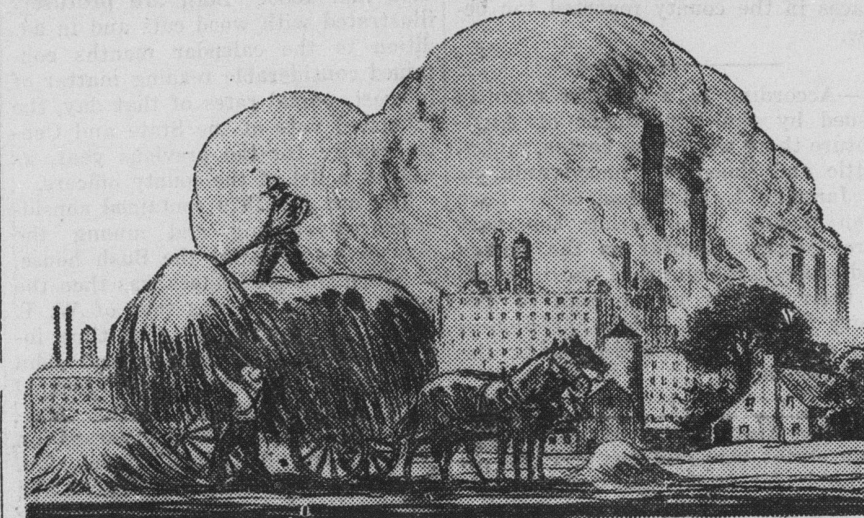
It is a fact that no community and no state has ever become great purely from agriculture. It is not to the interest of New York and other great centers to see the small communities and the agricultural sections losing their wealth and importance. In the end it will react upon them to their disadvantage.

There seems to me a real remedy for these small communities and also for agriculture. This remedy, which is the mixing of industry with agriculture, is now being applied in many localities with satisfactory results.

Industry and agriculture are better balanced in Ohio, North Carolina and Pennsylvania than in any other states of the Union, and in these states there is no serious agricultural problem and we hear little complaint from the farmers. This mixing of industry

ling examples from my own state to prove this proposition, and I mention these because I am more familiar with conditions there than elsewhere.

Twelve years ago Kingsport, Tennessee, had a population of about one thousand. Great industries like a large camera company, a big cement plant and a number of other industries were located there partly through the influence of an outstanding New York business man. In a little more



Mixing Industry With Agriculture Means Prosperity for Rural Districts

and agriculture is called by some decentralization of industry.

I would not suggest that manufacturing institutions move from the cities to the small villages, but I do think it would be better for this country for future industries to be placed in these small villages rather than to be further congested in the great centers. This would in part also be a solution of our labor problem. The bringing of industries to small villages increases the market for agricultural products, gives employment to surplus labor, elevates the standards of living, increases public revenue, reduces taxes and vastly increases educational facilities.

Two Striking Examples
I believe I can give you two striking

than twelve years these have brought the population of that city up to seventeen thousand. Just a few miles away, at Elizabethton, they are building a great rayon plant, the first unit to cost \$5,000,000. The population of that town is now two thousand, but it is estimated that this will be multiplied by five in less than two years. It is stated that the total investment in manufacturing industry in that community within a period of five years will probably reach \$50,000,000.

The balancing of industry and agriculture will solve most of our so-called agricultural problems and we will not need such political measures as will in my opinion, do harm if enacted to the very class they pretend to benefit.

THE BANKER-FARMER MOVEMENT GROWING

There are several reasons for the growth of the banker-farmer movement in Pennsylvania. William S. McKay, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, Pennsylvania Bankers Association, has reported to the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association. The cooperation and leadership of the county agents in the several counties of the state; the appointment and functioning of county chairmen of agriculture known as Key Bankers, one of whom there is in each county of the state; and the organization of county bankers associations, whereby agriculture is given consideration by all the banks, are responsible for this interest. The following table shows the activities for the year:

Project	Number of Counties
Sent young farmers to state college for special course	5
Encouraged farm shows	16
Held agricultural tours	6
Sponsored various club activities	38
Gave illustrated lectures on poultry, cow testing, and improved farm methods	1
Distributed purebred livestock, chicks, and disease-free potatoes	13

"There is probably no class of business men that has a greater opportunity for helpfulness than the bankers in this movement," declares Mr. McKay. "It builds up a substantial community which makes for better

banking institutions; it adds to the material prosperity of our state, but above all, it is the expression of a service which will react favorably upon the character of those interested."

BANKERS HELP OUT

The Oklahoma Bankers Association for the past twelve years has financed through its five groups ten scholarships in the A. & M. College at Stillwater. The winners are chosen by the Extension Department of the college on the merits of the club work done by the boys and girls over a certain period of time. The groups of the association finance the first year of the winner's college work.

The president of a national bank in Fayetteville, Arkansas, has been credited with doing more for the farmers of his section than any other one man. His work has consisted of introducing pure bred Holstein cattle into his county, helping employ a county agent, donating prizes to boys and girls in club work, and distributing better seed.

Here are some of the things accomplished in Randolph County, Ark., with the help of bankers last year: forty-three purebred gilts were bought at a reasonable price and placed with boys and girls, on notes; three thousand eggs from high producing hens were distributed with the idea of developing flocks of at least one hundred hens on every farm; four purebred Jersey bulls whose dams had a record of over 700 pounds butterfat, have been purchased by the banks and will be paid for out of service fees.

Investment Trusts.

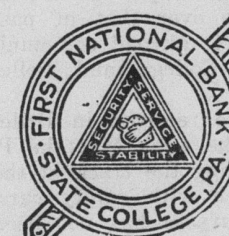
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Interesting Notes from District Forester's Annual Reports.

During the year 1927 there were 36 forest fires reported in the Sproul Forest District, which comprises over 400,000 acres of forest land in Clinton, Centre, Cameron and Clearfield counties. These fires burned over 1,600 acres of timberland, and cost the Commonwealth nearly \$1,000.00 to extinguish.

Twenty-nine miles of new roads and trails were constructed, costing \$1,941.71. This mileage is in addition to the Snow Shoe-Renovo road being constructed by the Highway Department for the Department of Forests and Waters. Two hundred miles of road and trails were repaired and re-brushed at a cost of \$5,690.28. Fifty-seven miles of State-owned telephone lines, and more than 200 miles of State forest boundary, were maintained. Three new buildings, costing \$921.71, were erected, and 12 buildings on the Sproul State forest, as of January 1st, was \$13,100.00 and of tools and equipment \$17,621.85.

The permanent force was increased by two rangers, and an emergency force employed during fire season at a cost of \$3,406.83. A number of private timberland owners were supplied with free forest tree seedlings, and examinations and recommendations made to private owners for handling over 1,000 acres of timberland. Several tracts of land offered for sale to the Department of Forests and Waters were examined. Receipts for minor timber products amounted to almost \$1,000.00. Eighteen new camp sites were leased. The annual revenue from leased camping sites now amount to \$776.00. On January 1st buildings erected on leased sites were valued at approximately \$40,000.00. It is estimated campers on the Sproul State Forest numbered 4,000. Eleven bears and 350 deer were reported killed on State forest. Eighty cans of brook trout were put in streams by the Department as well as many by fishermen.

The 96,778 acres of Sproul State forest were purchased at an average price of \$1.96 per acre, and are now valued at nearly one million dollars.

Orange Replaces Lime.

London.—The British seaman has lost his traditional name. Jack is no longer a "limey."

The admiralty has changed the ration of lime juice—given to sailors since time immemorial to prevent scurvy—and is now giving a daily portion of orange juice. The lime juice was always dealt out with a rum ration, but now the sailor must take his orange straight, and the change is not over popular.

"Oranges possess more vitamins C—the 'bottled sunshine,'" said an admiralty spokesman. "It is also less bulky and cheaper. The navy spends about \$9,000 sterling a year for lime juice. It is also heavily fortified with rum. But orange juice will be given plain."

Jack wants to know what becomes of the rum.

Do You Want to Study Bird Life? Here's Your Chance.

Beautiful colored pictures of birds, leaflets, bird pins and outline drawings on paper suitable for crayon or water-color work are now available in large quantities for teachers and children of Pennsylvania.

This offer made by the National Association of Audubon Societies renders it possible for young people to secure authentic literature and pictures of some of our best known wild birds, by the method of forming simple Junior Audubon clubs in the schools, boy and girl scout groups or young people societies of similar character.

In speaking of this phase of the Audubon Associations educational program, Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, president, said today, "We are able to do this splendid work for the young people because of the generosity of a number of our members. Thirty-five thousand dollars has been made available for this work."

"The undertaking has proven wonderfully successful. Since it was begun 9,725 Junior Bird clubs have been formed in Pennsylvania with a total membership of 363,396. The object of this campaign is to cultivate in the mind of the youth of the land a better appreciation of the value of wild bird life to mankind."

Samples of the pictures drawn by America's leading bird artists, together with full explanations and plans for teaching bird study will be sent to any teacher or other leader of children's groups upon receipt of request sent to National Association of Audubon Societies, 1974 Broadway, New York City.

"Vital Egg" Important Factor in Growth of Human Organism.

Stockholm.—A formula for the growth of the human organism is the sensational discovery just announced here by Dr. Gaston Backman, Swedish physician, whose announcement has caused a furore in scientific as well as lay circles.

The size of the human being as well as their physical characteristics which now distinguish the various races are all determined by what he calls the vital egg and are not dependent to any great extent upon external influences. Thus, he dispels the belief that the offspring of the wealthy, due to better nourishment, are inclined to be taller than the offspring of the poor.

Simultaneously with the sudden appearance of Dr. Gaston in the limelight, his brother, Dr. Louis Backman has stepped to the fore with the announcement that he is leaving for the United States for the purpose of studying pedagogic methods as well as the co-operation between medicine manufacturers and public hospitals for the purpose of eliminating excessive private profit.

Doctor Backman's American visit is expected to be the first step in a widespread reform among Swedish medical schools. His visit will be in the nature of an official mission.

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