

PROBLEMS FACING STRICKEN WORLD

Shall Chaos or Reconstruction in Europe Follow the Great World War?

DANGER IN GERMAN AMBITION

Teuton Idea is to Exploit Allies While the People Fear the Allies Seek Return of the Old Regime.

Article XXXI.

By FRANK COMERFORD.

By their policy of intermeddling, the Allies have lost the confidence and good will of the Russian people; I do not mean the bolshevik government, I mean the great mass of the Russians. They have resented strangers in their land; outside interference has been unwelcome. It has strengthened the bolshevik power and created distrust of the Allies in the minds of the people of Russia. Our soldiers in Siberia were constantly being asked "Why are you here?" It was the one question they could not answer.

The Russians look upon Germany as their only friend. German penetration is going on. Before Czar Nicholas' regime ended it was estimated that over half the industries of Russia were owned or managed by Germans.

Since the war the Germans have doubled their efforts to Prussianize Russia. They have assiduously cultivated the good will of the people. German commercial agents speak the Russian language. They are in touch with Russian needs. They are not interfering with the Russian problem. They are selling to Russia and giving long-time credit. The Russians look upon them as friends and on the Allies with suspicion. The consensus of opinion in Russia is that the Allies are bent upon exploiting Russia and delivering her to the old regime.

Economic Exhaustion in Russia.

Notwithstanding the successes of the "Red" army, successes easily accounted for, partly due to the reorganization of the army by German "under officers" partly due to the fact that the majority of the people, although opposed to soviet rule, are more opposed to the Yudenich, Petlura, Denikine and Kolchak armies, movements suspected of seeking to re-establish the old order in Russia. Russia is fast succumbing to economic exhaustion. The world faces two great dangers if something is not done. One is the conquest of Siberia by the "yellow peril"; the other, the complete Prussianizing of Russia. Japan's greed, boldness and ambition is known. The Allies gave courage to her effrontery when they turned Shantung and 40,000,000 Chinese over to Japan. Shantung is the heart of China; it is, as well, its soul. It is the cradle of her great prophet Confucius. Ex-Emperor William, through a fraudulent compact with Czar Nicholas, seized rights in Shantung. When the war came on Japan sat on the fence. France and England urged her to come in with the Allies. She did, but only after she got her price. By private engagements with France and England, German "rights" (truth would have written them German "wrongs") in Shantung were to be turned over to Japan if she joined the Allies. America was kept in the dark as to this secret arrangement. Vivanti and Balfour came to America and told us many things, but nothing about this secret compact. We were induced to urge China to cast her lot with the Allies. She did. All China asked was that, when Germany was conquered, she be given her own Shantung. After the war was over President Wilson in Paris sought to restore Shantung to China. Japan objected and presented her claim. She based it on the secret agreement with England and France. For the first time we learned of this secret agreement. Finally we consented to give Japan the determination of Shantung. We struck the word "self" out of the phrase self-determination. I am not a prophet, but if I would look for the next outbreak of bolshevism in Asia, it will be in China. Shantung will be the reason, the course of the Allies the cause.

Germany Still Powerful.

Let there be no doubt in any one's mind that Germany is coming back. In fact she has come back. Germany has never felt that she was defeated. The will to win, to conquer, still lives. She is preparing for the crisis, and when it comes the Allies will find her as economically prepared as she was ready in a military sense in 1914. Germany was not devastated by the war. None of the fighting was done on German soil. Germany looted and pillaged Russia, Belgium and France, taking raw materials, timber, coal and machinery. The trains bringing food and soldiers to the fronts did not return empty. They carried back to Germany household goods, live stock, minerals, timber, machinery. This went on for four years. Germany took millions of men and women from Russia, Belgium and France, prisoners and civilians. She used their labor power to keep up her economic life.

For the benefit of those who doubt Germany's present economic preparedness I gathered at the Polish-German front in Upper Silesia. I talked to the commander of the Polish military police in charge of this frontier. He had

been a vice consul of the Austrian government in Chicago. In October, 1919, he had charge of the 69 military stations of the Polish-German front. Poland alone of all the countries in Europe, refuses to deal with Germany. You cannot bring German goods into Poland. German commerce is shut out by law. The frontiers are closed against her goods. This is the substance of what the commander of the Polish-German frontier said to me: "Germany is offering to sell goods to Poland at prices from 20 to 25 per cent cheaper than England and France. We intercept daily these proposals on the frontier. Germany offers to give longer time to pay for the goods. I should say on the average she offers to give credit for twice the period offered by France or England." Could one wish better evidence that Germany is coming back? What two tests more clearly show the commercial strength of an individual or a people than the ability to undersell one's competitors and give longer time credit?

Japan is penetrating Siberia. Siberia is rich in gold, platinum, timber, furs, bristles, coal and salt. Generals Rozonoff, Semionoff and Kalimoff, the leaders of the Kolchak government, have been betraying and peddling their country to the yellow masters of the Far East. The Japanese are today working concessions in the Ural mountains. They are overrunning Siberia. The Paris conference decreed that 8,000 American soldiers and an equal number of Japanese soldiers should enter Siberia for the purpose of saving the trans-Siberian railway. These armies were not given a license to loot. When Major General Graves, led the American expeditionary force into Siberia it numbered less than the quota authorized by Paris. General Graves found the Japanese army there in great numbers. Instead of the 8,000 soldiers authorized by the Paris conference Japan has almost 70,000 soldiers in Siberia. It was understood that the use of the railroads by the American and Japanese military should be for military purposes only. The truth is that the Japanese government has used the railroads to carry out rich spoils.

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

by Nellie Maxwell

"There are sweet surprises awaiting many an humble soul fighting against great odds in the battle of seemingly commonplace life."

What to Do With Bits of Leftovers.
Most housewives have dozens of ways of re-cooking or serving leftover meats, but too many throw away left-over vegetables or serve them again warmed up in the same sauce. Vegetables of most kinds admit of so many ways of cooking that even a spoonful should never be wasted.

We have any number of recipes which tell us how to serve the vegetable in any quantity, but we have to do in this article with small amounts which are beneath the notice of the average cook.

A spoonful of cooked beans washed from the sauce in which they were served added to a potato salad will make that quite another dish; the same is true of peas, corn or other vegetables.

One cupful of stewed corn will make an excellent dish sufficient for a small family. Butter a baking dish, put in the corn with alternate layers of buttered crumbs; dot each layer with bits of butter if dry crumbs are used, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour over enough milk with a beaten egg added to cover the corn, and bake until firm.

A cupful of corn will provide corn fritters for four people. Add egg, a tablespoonful of milk and flour, to make a drop batter; add half a teaspoonful of baking powder in a well-greased frying pan or in deep fat.

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Cold string beans make an excellent salad. Cook two strips of bacon, cut in dice until brown; add a bit of minced onion, salt and pepper; add a little vinegar and the beans and serve hot.

Add a generous half-cupful or more of grated cheese to a small dish of creamed string beans.

A green pea omelet makes a delicious luncheon dish. Drain a cupful of cooked peas, mash with the back of a spoon and season with salt and pep-

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST

DADDIES.

I would rather be the daddy
Of a romping, roughish crew,
Of a bright-eyed chubby laddie
And a little girl or two
Than the monarch of a nation
In his high and lofty seat
Taking empty adoration
From the subjects at his feet.

I would rather own their kisses
As at night to me they run
Than to be the king who misses
All the simpler forms of fun.
When the dreary day is ending
He is dismally alone,
But when my sun is descending
There are joys for me to own.

He may ride to horns and drumming,
I must walk a quiet street,
But when once they see me coming
Then on joyous flying feet
They come racing to me madly
And I catch them with a swing
And I say it proudly, gladly,
That I'm happier than a king.

You may talk of lofty places,
You may boast of pomp and power,
Men may turn their eager faces
To the glory of an hour,
But give me the humble station
With its joys that long survive,
For the daddies of the nation
Are the happiest men alive.

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BOY IS BRANDED WITH HOT FORK

Cruel and Unusual Punishment Meted Out to Child by San Francisco Teacher.

FOR CHILDISH PRANK

Tot Alleged to Have Been Dragged to Stove and Held While Instrument of Torture Was Heated—Woman is Arrested.

San Francisco.—An improvised branding iron, pressed white hot into the tender flesh of his right forearm, was the cruel and unusual punishment meted out to four-year-old Carroll Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cooper of the Chancery hotel, by the woman principal of an exclusive San Francisco kindergarten. According to the woman's own admission, the branding was punishment for a childish prank.

Mrs. Louise Q. Lyle, principal of the Charing Cross kindergarten, is alleged to have dragged the terrified boy into the kitchen and held him near a stove while she heated the instrument of torture, an old-fashioned fork. With the flesh seared deep the boy ran screaming to the grounds of the kindergarten, where he was found by his seven-year-old brother, Marion.

Woman is Arrested.
Charges against Mrs. Lyle have been preferred by the California Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, on the strength of the child's story and a letter of admission written by the principal to Mrs. Cooper. Mrs. Lyle is under arrest.

Scarcely less terrified than the injured child, when she saw the livid burn on his arm, Mrs. Cooper immediately complained to M. J. White, secretary of the society. White conferred with Attorney Ramsey Moran and it was decided to cause Mrs. Lyle's arrest.

The case is the most outrageous ever called to the attention of the society," White said. "It warrants immediate prosecution of the most vigorous character. If such a thing may happen to one child with impunity, what may not happen to the next child to arouse this woman's wrath?"

Teacher Writes Mether.
The only explanation so far offered by the accused woman is the letter



Pressed White Hot into the Tender Flesh.

written to the outraged mother while the little victim was running screaming about the grounds. The note follows:

"Dear Mrs. Cooper—I am ever so sorry to have punished Carroll so severely, but I just felt in desperation that I had to.

"For the third time today he slipped into the kitchen, vanished with the matches, distributed them to some other laddies and set fire to the papers and straws under the house.

"It has happened so often and I am so afraid of the disastrous results it might have, that I just felt I had to make a deep impression upon him for his own sake as well as the school's, and I wanted you to know how it happened. Best wishes always."

STRANGE DEATHBED ROMANCE

Dying Woman is Tenderly Cared For by Husband and Divorced Husband.

Fairmont, W. Va.—Two husbands, one of them divorced, mourn the death of Mrs. Joseph Kuehn Powell, dead of tuberculosis. During her sickness, which covered a period of three months, she was waited on and cared for by both the men like brothers during the hours when they were fighting to save the woman's life. When Mrs. Powell became so ill that her condition was alarming, Powell sent for the divorced husband, Fred W. Kuehn. He arrived early in April. Two children of Kuehn, were given over to their rightful father.

Robbers Took Everything Movable.
Kiefer, Okla.—The entire stock, valued at \$2,000, was stolen by robbers who entered a store here and took everything that was movable. The robbers blew the safe and took the money and jewelry it contained.

MILITANT MARY

I met a cranky countryman who always makes me SMILE. I spoke of Happiness—he snapped: THERES NO SUCH ANIMILE!

SCHOOL DAYS



A sporting event

Rann-dom Reels

By HOWARD L. RANN.

CURIOSITY

CURIOSITY is an effort to secure information which belongs to somebody else.

There is a great deal of information lying around loose which would not look well if printed on the front page, and if it were not for curiosity it could kick around on the four corners for weeks at a time without being picked up and woven into a lawsuit. There is considerable complaint about the activities of curiosity, but it probably keeps more people from helping build good roads for the state than the prickings of conscience.

Curiosity is caused by the nose becoming elongated and prying into other people's business. Many a man



An Effort to Secure Information Which Belongs to Someone Else.

has begun life with a nose of normal dimensions, and after becoming addicted to the curiosity habit has protruded a proboscis longer than the ant-eater. There have been instances where this roving tendency has been resented by its victim, who pushes the nose back to its proper location with an irate fist.

Curiosity should be guarded against especially in the case of husbands who were formerly in the prize ring. It is a dangerous matter to pry into the personal transactions of a citizen who carries a left-epaulet and enough ready money to pay

Rewards

By GEORGE MATTHEW ADAM

IT IS an Economic truth that most work is undertaken for Reward, would not be done without Reward, and is strenuous and well directed in proportion to the Reward. So Thausing states in his "Principles of Economics."

"This condition will undoubtedly always remain true, but if you want to be among those who are this world's Leaders in Thought and Action—Do a little more than that for which you are Rewarded.

Fortune does more than favor the Brave. It favors the Alert and Industrious—the Thinkers whose Thoughts reach several miles beyond their pay envelopes. Gustavus F. Swift, loyal and enthusiastic in his job as a poor butcher boy in an insignificant New England town, and Gustavus F. Swift, founder and builder of Swift & Company furnishing the meats and provision for millions, is a case in point. He saw Reward BEYOND his pay envelope.

Do a little more than that for which you are Rewarded. But remember that Money and Material Achievement is not always Success. Lincoln left next to nothing in Money, but his life was an Evidence in itself of what he felt embodied infinitely more than all Material Reward. No one nor anything is able to give you in Happiness and Contentment what your own Character and Peace of Mind can.

Do a little MORE than that for which you are Rewarded. be fortunate; though for a generally, all-round good luck dream there should be many of them. To dream of a single child means, if you are married, that one is soon to be born to you. If the child is pretty, great pleasure and considerable good fortune await you. If the child is ugly the omen is not so favorable.

The old grouch on the other hand, say that to dream of talking with a child means losses, and to see a child at its mother's breast, illness, if you are not more careful of your health. However, the lovers of the dream-child are in a great majority.

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Last Night's Dreams

—What They Mean

DID YOU DREAM OF CHILDREN?

NEARLY all those who claim to be versed in the affairs of Dreamland declare the dreamchild to be a blessing. There are others—a few old cynics—who seem to look upon dream-children from the viewpoint of a modern landlord of the actual world. According to the majority it is a good omen to hear or see many children laughing and playing about the house-dreams. The little ones will bring you success and if you join in their play there is much happiness in store for you; especially if you have no children of your own. To the childless married and to the unmarried the dreamchild brings all the happiness and good fortune which actual children ought to, and, frequently do not, bring their parents. Girls are thought to be a luckier omen than boys; but both mean good fortune—and be sure to play with them if possible.

It is not necessary, however, to dream of seeing children in order to