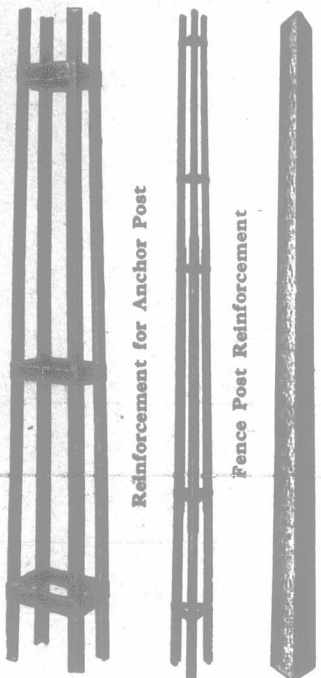


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the United States has the biggest wheat crop in the history of the country.

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Scientists are endeavoring to invent a scheme for getting practical power from the sun's heat. Sun-power plants have, indeed, been constructed, and one at Cairo, Egypt, produces an average of 1,100 pounds per hour of 15-pound steam for a 10-hour day, but the trouble as yet is to perfect a machine which will be at once powerful enough and cheap enough to be available for general use.

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Loud-speaking telephones are now used for train-despatching on the Lackawanna Railroad. An early development of the telephone in general may be a loud-speaking attachment to be used at will.

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Mr. H. J. Gaisman was recently paid \$300,000 by the Eastman Kodak Company, for an invention for writing things on a camera film while it is still in the camera.

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There are now ten thousand ostriches in the United States, says The Independent. Most of the ostrich farms are in Arizona, although there are several in California, and a few in Texas, Arkansas and Florida. Ostriches are very profitable if properly cared for. One acre of alfalfa will support four for one year, with hardly any other food but gravel and ground bone. The same acre of alfalfa will support a cow, but a cow at the end of five years may only be worth fifty dollars, whereas the four ostriches at five years of age will be worth \$1,000. The birds will yield one hundred dollars' worth of feathers a year, besides the increase through the eggs, while even the shells of infertile eggs are sold as curios. Ostriches mature at the age of five years, and are supposed to live to some three score and ten.

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Slowly photographs are filtering back from the scene of war. An interesting one, by Paul Thompson, published recently in The Independent, shows a party of Germans crossing the Meuse in improvised boats hastily constructed from canvas, with the lances of the German lancers for cross-bars.

## News of the Week

Parliament will probably meet in Ottawa about the end of October.

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Thanksgiving Day has been set for Monday, October 12.

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Saskatchewan is donating 1,500 horses to the Imperial Government for use in the war.

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Lieut. John Cyril Porte, who had arranged to fly over the Atlantic, but was prevented from the attempt by the outbreak of the war, has been placed in charge of the training school of the aviator corps of the Royal Navy of Britain. His first assistant is the aviator, Claude Graham White.

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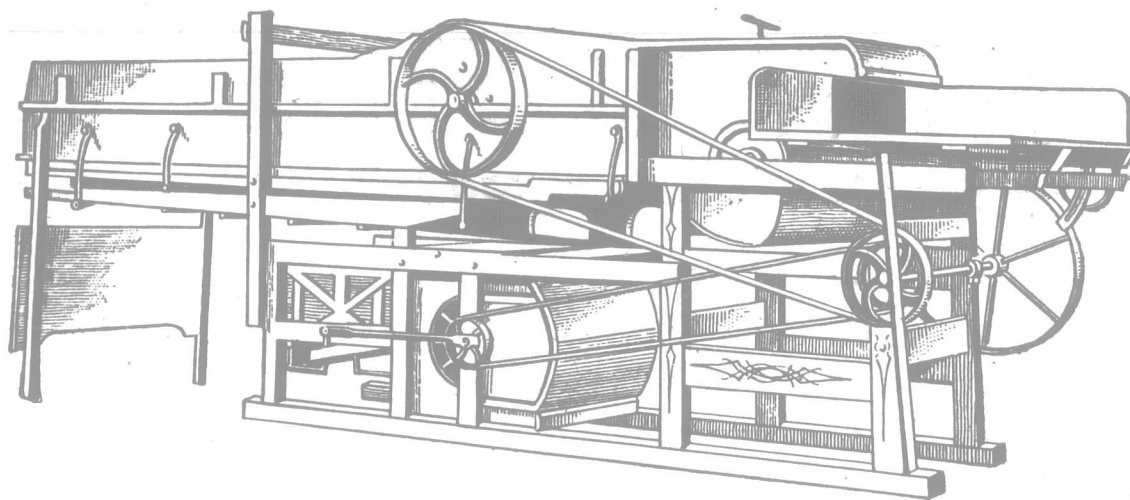
In a speech to the Assembly of the Union of South Africa, Premier Botha promised the whole-hearted support of the Union in behalf of England. He declared that the racial hatchet has been forever buried. The Boers are already fighting to check the advance of German forces in Southwest Africa.

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Field Marshal Sir John French has reported that at Mons 90,000 British held off for four days an attacking force of 200,000.

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At time of going to press, it is said that the Germans are in retreat all along the line between Paris and Verdun. The great battle, which has raged almost continuously for six days up to the time of this writing, will be known as The Battle of the Marne. In the meantime a new German army is advancing against the Russians in East Prussia, forcing them back from some of the positions which they have gained, while



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## The Windrow.

A movement is afoot among the Jews of the United States to combine "to frame a policy for the international welfare of the race, and to assure it justice when the world-peace is made."

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The cotton mills of England closed down three weeks ago because it was found impossible to get the usual supply of dyes from Germany. Germany's exports in drugs, dyes and perfumes, before the outbreak of the war, amounted to \$300,000,000 a year.

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At the beginning of the war Germany's population was 69,000,000, that of England 46,000,000, and of France 39,000,000. Germany had been increasing in numbers at the rate of 11 per cent. each decade, and Great Britain at the rate of 9 per cent., while in France, during some years, the deaths outnumbered the births.

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The tendency of many firms and combinations to increase prices of foodstuffs, taking the war as an excuse, has been severely attacked by President Wilson of the United States, who declares such an action quite "unwarranted." This year

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