

## Christmas and the New Year

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Owing to the war the stock of Greeting Cards is very limited but we have managed to secure a nice selection. If you desire to be sure of securing these—ORDER YOUR CARDS NOW

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## Sidney Review Office

### KEEP YOUR POTATOES DRY

See that your potatoes are dry before you put them away this fall. If you store in a pit look to the trenches, and make sure of good drainage. If you store in a cellar have a false floor to allow air to circulate, and leave a few inches of air space next the wall.

### GREAT LIVE STOCK DEMAND

Peace talk emphasizes the world shortage of cattle, sheep and hogs—in fact all live stock. Canada will be called upon to help restore the herds and flocks of Europe, and the after-war demand will be greater than the war demand, in the view of those in touch with conditions.

### 200 POUNDS FLOUR THE LIMIT

A bona fide farmer who has grown wheat may have 200 pounds of wheat flour in his possession, or enough for ordinary household requirements of 200 days, and so may any consumer who lives at a greater distance than five miles from his regular licensed miller or dealer. All others are limited to 100 pounds or 60 days' supply at any one time, except those householders cut off from civilization by the close of navigation. These people may also have the limit of 200 days ordinary supply of flour and of sugar likewise.

### ARE YOUR WINTER POTATOES IN?

The Canada Food Board is urging that people get in their potatoes and root vegetables for the winter before the cold weather makes their transportation difficult and expensive.

### FIVE MILLION DIED OF STARVATION

It is estimated that nearly five million people have died of starvation or malnutrition during the war. This total is more than half the population of Canada.

### FOOD SHORTAGE IN ITALY

Dr. James W. Robertson, who recently toured Britain, France and Italy, on behalf of the Canadian Government and the Canada Food Board, reports conditions in Italy as extremely severe, although improved by good crops of fruit and vegetables during the past summer. There has been a diminution of over fifty per cent in the production of milk, butter and cheese, and the total ration in Germany, according to the Italian Food Controller, was better at the time of Dr. Robertson's visit than that of Italy.

### ROBERT STEAD'S NEW NOVEL

Robert J. C. Stead, in his new novel, "The Cow Puncher" (Toronto, the Musson Book Co., Ltd., cloth, \$1.50), has written a notable book with a Western Canada setting. David Elden, the cow puncher of the story, grows to young manhood on a ranch in the foothills, outside the influence of church or school. At eighteen he is accidentally thrown into the company of a young eastern girl, who enkindles in him the ambition to be somebody in the world.

With this purpose in view, young Elden leaves the ranch and goes to make his fortune in a young Western city. The first night he is swindled out of all his ready cash by a gang of card-sharpers, and he takes a job next morning as a coal heaver. For a time it looks as though Dave's course would be downward instead of up, but he fortunately comes under influences which revive his ambition for self-betterment.

About this time the big Western real estate boom breaks out, and Dave's course is meteoric. His wealth comes quickly collapse of the boom a tragedy in his love affairs sends him as an enlisted man to France. In the closing chapters is found one of the highest patriotic notes struck by any author during the war.

"The Cow Puncher" is decidedly worth while. It is interesting and refreshing and at times inspiring, written with all Mr. Stead's intimate knowledge of the West and skill of delineation. Through the book runs a happy vein of humor and philosophy which is not the least of its charms. It is illustrated by Arthur Heming, ex-lumberman and North-West Mounted policeman, and is announced by the publishers as an all Canadian book written by a Canadian, illustrated by a Canadian, and printed and bound in Canada. It should receive a warm welcome from the Canadian reading public. The United States edition is issued by Harpers.

### VOLUNTARY RATIONS PLAN

New Brunswick has adopted a voluntary rationing scheme for the homes of her people. This plan was prepared in conference of representatives of local food committees, women's institutes and domestic science teachers. It was revised and approved by the Canada Food Board. Similar plans are being formulated in the other Provinces, revised in certain minor details to fit local conditions.

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## Restoration of France Will Occupy Years

Industrial Disaster in Ravaged Districts Complete

Appeal Made to America

An appeal to America to assist France in her reconstruction—with men, money, materials and ships—was made by Andre Tardieu, general commissioner for Franco-American war affairs.

Declaring that the war has reduced by one fifteenth the effective population of the republic, that 350,000 homes have been destroyed, that agriculture, commerce, and industry in the invaded regions virtually have been wiped out, that French shipping and foreign trade have been reduced almost to non-existence. Mr. Tardieu said that approximately 50,000,000,000 francs (\$10,000,000,000) will be required to finance the process of restoration. While France, "for many months the main battlefield of liberty and right," will draw upon her every resource and those of her colonies to mobilize this vast sum, the commissioner stated, she confidently looks for assistance from the Allies.

Consulted Government

From America, Mr. Tardieu continued, making public as he said, representations which he presented to the administration at Washington, France asks for contribution of labor by American troops now on her soil, for credits to the extent of 50 per cent of her reconstruction purchases in this country for raw materials, railroad rolling stock and agricultural and industrial tools, and for diversion of part of the emergency fleet to the uses of French commerce. In explaining these needs to the American government, the commissioner said he was given a "welcome by which I was deeply moved."

Disaster Complete

"France has lost 2,500,000 men," he continued. "Some are dead, some are maimed, some have returned sick and incapacitated from German prisons. Whether they be lost altogether, or whether their working capacity be permanently reduced, they will not participate in this reconstruction."

"The industrial disaster is complete. The districts occupied by the Germans and whose machinery has been methodically destroyed or taken away by the enemy, were industrially speaking, the very heart of France. They were the very backbone of our production."

"Plants, machinery, mines—nothing is left. Everything has been carried away or destroyed by the enemy. So complete is the destruction that, in the case of our great coal mines in the north two years of work will be needed before a single ton of coal can be extracted, and ten years before the output is brought back to the figures of 1913."

## Fought Sixty Hun Planes

Thrilling Story of Gallant Major of Air Force

Was Many Times Shot, But Escaped From Wrecked Machine

An extraordinary story of gallantry against odds has come to light of a major in the Royal Air Force. The Major, out alone, saw an enemy machine, went up 21,000 feet, attacked it, and saw the enemy machine break into bits. He then found himself attacked and was wounded in the right thigh. He was stunned and lost control of his machine, but when it righted he discovered he was surrounded by fifteen Fokkers. He whirled first against one, then another, and two Germans went down out of control. A third burst into flames before the major was again wounded, this time shattering the other thigh. He fainted and his machine began to spin down out of control. He came to himself before he reached the ground, only to find himself surrounded by a new pack of a dozen enemies.

One Hand Left

Faint and dizzy with two legs useless and only his hands to use, he made up his mind to die gloriously and charged straight against the nearest enemy in an attempt to ram him. Almost touching the other machine and firing as he went, the latter burst into flames and fell just in time to clear the nose of the major's aeroplane. He prepared to attack again and was struck by a third bullet, breaking his left elbow. He had only one hand now, but charged once more in an effort to ram another German which burst into flames and crashed down. Then he tried to escape to our lines, but between him and safety were still eight enemy machines. The machines were now all low and people on the ground saw one of the most wonderful air fights ever seen. Experts say it was the finest exhibition of brilliant stunting and manoeuvring ever witnessed. Two of the enemy were sent down.

Fought Sixty Huns

Helpless before, but seeing his chance, the major broke through the circle of enemies and dived to the ground. With only one hand and dizzy, with one arm shattered and two useless legs, he could not properly control his machine and landed at great speed, crashing into a hedge and ripping the under carriage off the machine and then he fainted. He had fought sixty enemy machines, eight or ten he had sent down, four in flames, or crashing others down out of control. The major today is in a hospital and will recover.

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