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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Christmas Day is only about a month distant and there is of course going to be the usual amount of shopping for who among us would forego the usual tokens which make of this such a blessed period of affection and good will.

All the more should that spirit be manifested in view of the end of the war and such without any doubt will prove to be the case.

It is an excellent plan to make up the list of gifts as early as possible with a view to present buying. Such method not only contributes to better choice, but also gives store attendants more time in which to suit your needs. Rush buying is neither fair to yourself nor to them.

Courier advertisements tell you where to go and the goods offered by firms using these columns can be relied upon.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

For the first year after the war, business was apprehensive and we all know now without any valid cause.

In like manner there is in some instances a tendency to show timidity now that hostilities have ceased, but there is every reason to believe that this also is a mistake.

In yesterday's Courier there were some very reassuring interviews with manufacturers in this regard. The tone of each one of them was optimistic in the matter of employment prospects. A very little consideration will show such a feeling to be warranted. Countries devastated by the terrible struggle will have to be built up again and the Dominion east and west take a very large part in contributing towards that rehabilitation. The demand for agricultural implements and other necessities will undoubtedly prove enormous and the industrial wheels cannot under such circumstances fail to be kept busily turning.

Moreover, without any question there is going to be a very large increase of immigrants to these shores. Canada, through the heroic deeds of her boys overseas, has achieved a place in the sun such as she never held before and there will be an influx of many thousands, a large number going on the land with all their needs to be supplied.

As far as the farmers are concerned remunerative prices for their produce cannot fail to be of long continuance.

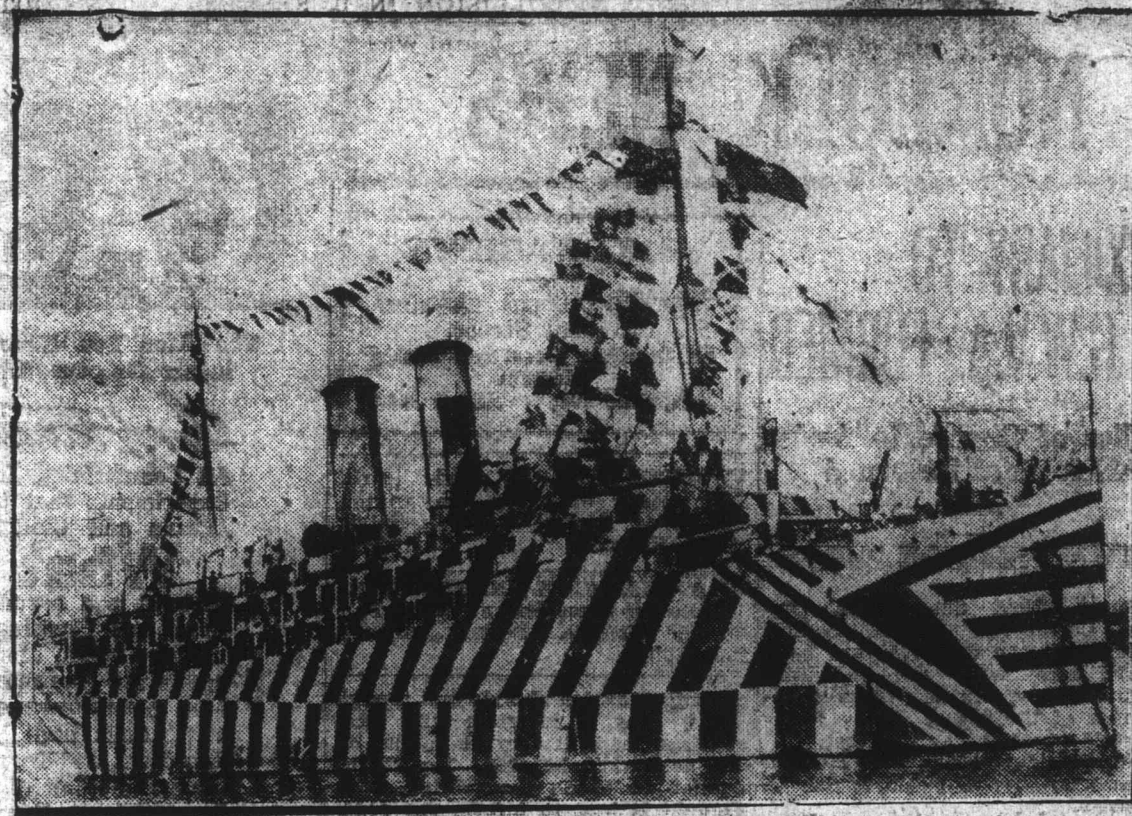
Looked at from every angle therefore this is most decidedly not a time for pessimism, but for boundless hope and enterprise. Those who hang back will see others reap what they might just as easily have achieved if possessed of equal faith. Confidence is one of the greatest assets of a country as well as of an individual, and it is at this time most fully warranted as far as this highly favored portion of the American continent is concerned.

THEY ARE WHINING

The unspeakable Hun has commenced to whine and plead. The claim is advanced that Great Britain has accomplished all the ends for which she entered the war—the protection of Belgium and France and the conversion of Germany into a democratic state—and that a "cruel exploitation" of the Fatherland is neither justified nor fair play. Some of the leading members of the National Council of Women in Germany have also appealed to the wife of President Wilson to use her good offices to help prevent the "unspeakable disaster" of the Allied terms.

"Cruel exploitation" and "unspeakable disaster" eh? Those are nice phrases to come from a nation which wantonly and without the shadow of an excuse, visited such things upon Belgium and Northern France and Roumania and Serbia and all the rest of the peoples of the war devastated area. Not only did they exploit and devastate material things, but also the bodies and the honor of myriads of men, women and children, murdering and innocents by under sea methods and from the air.

Who in the Fatherland then protested? As a matter of fact, they were all in the British business either as perpetrators or approvers. They smacked their lips over the assassinations of Nurse Cavell and Capt. Fry, while a medal was struck and proudly displayed by the populace in commemoration of the sinking of the unarmed passenger ship the Lusitania, with a holiday in addition to impress upon the school children the



SHIPS IN NEW YORK HARBOR DRESS UP WHEN PEACE NEWS COMES.
 When the news of the signing of the armistice reached the ships in the surrounding waters of New York, the crews immediately dressed the ships in varied colored bunting and flags of the allies for the first time since the commencement of the war. The photo, taken the same day, shows a British ship decorated in the Hudson River.

glory of that deed.
 Does any one doubt what would have happened had the Hohenzollern-Hapsburg outfit succeeded? Does any one question what would have been done to King Albert of Belgium, or King George of Great Britain, or that if the soldiers of the ex-All Highest had ever set foot on British soil, that the wholesale massacre of the people there would have made the darkest days of the French Revolution seem like child's play?

The brutes are smelting now, but in reality the Allied program is letting them off a thousandfold more easily than what they have done to others and would have still further wreaked, had they come out on top. Moreover, there will be deep resentment unless the Kaiser and other chief offenders are not in addition brought to trial.

WON'T STAND FOR IT

Indications are not wanting that any reorganization of the Liberal party as such, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will not be acceptable as leader to a great many of his former adherents. During the course of his recent speech at London, he made the remark with reference to the stand he took against Conscription:—"I would not be worthy of the name of Liberal, if I had taken any other attitude than I did."

The Toronto Globe and other papers of that stripe, resent this implication, and the former asks those of that side who honorably and sincerely endorsed compulsory service if they are going to accept "Sir Wilfrid's dictum that they were unworthy of the name of Liberal!" in so doing.

The truth of the matter is that the veteran statesman was out of joint with public feeling when he took the stand he did, and that he is perpetrating another huge mistake in attempting now to question the standing of those who differed from him.

As a leader, his influence passed at that time, and it can never again be restored.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Turkey, it is said, will ask for expert advisers. Probably wants to know how much is left of it.

A correspondent of the London Times, who visited Germany, states that from pauper to millionaire there is nothing but the most bitter hatred of England. They evidently know full well to who they owe their downfall.

King Albert made a triumphant re-entry into his capital, and no man more than he deserved the magnificent enthusiasm which marked the occasion.
 Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain, has resigned, and also Mr. Clynes, Food Controller. The former has always had the resigning habit, and the last named is probably following the decision of Labor to withdraw from office because of the approaching elections.

ENDORSE LYCEUM COURSE

The programs for the Lyceum Course, under the auspices of the Brant Chapter of I.O.O.F., have first been submitted to Judge Hardy, Mr. R. H. Reville, and Mr. W. G. Raymond, who are fully satisfied the course is on its merits well worthy of public patronage and have given permission to use their names as endorsing the entertainments.

Copenhagen, Nov. 22.—The Soviet authorities of Russia have ordered that a cruiser be ready at the shortest notice, to sail from the mouth of the Neva River in the Gulf of Finland, and it is announced that in case of danger fourteen members of the government will embark for a neutral port, according to Petro-

Your Problems Solved

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.
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Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

Business Insolvency—In answer to "One Who Feels Bankruptcy." The commercial agencies record an astonishing number of business men that bankrupt. There are various causes for this, one of the most prolific being a lack of enterprise, which is manifested by not advertising. It is a rare occurrence that a man fails who is a persistent advertiser. Prosperity is at once a cause and an effect of advertising. Advertising in "The Courier" brings prosperity and prosperity increases advertising. The most prosperous houses are the extensive advertisers.

Moral Power—Rev. J. M. J. asks me, "What is the limit to our moral influence?" There is no limit, the possibilities are infinite. The faith of the mother of Moses which saved her babe from death gave to the world the greatest scholar, statesman, warrior, and leader of a great nation that the world has ever known. His influence has moulded the legislation of all civilized nations, has inspired to hundreds of millions and will go on with its ever widening power until time shall be no more. You can supply the balance of my answer.

Pineapples and War.
 The pineapple growers and packers of the Hawaiian Islands are also doing their part in producing food for the world. The 1918 crop is estimated at about 3,400,000 cases valued at about \$11,000,000. The canneries are now working almost night and day to get the delicious fruit into cans in perfect condition. The rapid growth of this industry is shown by what the Hawaiian Pineapple Co. is doing. Every fifty-four minutes' packing now equals the total packed the first year the cannery was operated. Every morning's and every afternoon's packing equal a total for entire second year. A day's packing has equalled the total for the entire third year. In three consecutive days more pineapple was packed than the first complete four years of their operations.

They are now running at the rate of about 2,000 cases per hour, and on a record day, running thirteen hours, packed 26,125 cases, or 530,202 cans, which they believe is a record output in any kind of a cannery. Figured in pineapples, they have been running about 550 pineapples per minute. Other canneries in the islands have also shown enormous increases in production.

Erasing Food Rules.
 That there are loopholes in the best laid schemes of the Food Ministry is illustrated by the following stories from London.

A few days ago a hostess had a surprise visit from three hungry subalterns. Neither she nor they had any meat coupons. A friendly butcher put one and one-half pounds of rump steak through a sausage machine, instructing the customer how to make what before the war were called "Vienna sausages" out of what his conscience allowed him to call "sausage meat." (Sausage meat containing less than 40 per cent of meat may be sold without coupons.)

No holiday party is complete without an empty jug. It is against the food regulations to serve customers with a glass of milk, but you can buy as much milk as is available in your own jug. A "jugs lent" department as an annex to milk shops may come into fashion. (Milk as a beverage is forbidden to all persons over ten years of age.)

CHILDREN'S CASTOR OIL

Vladivostok Has Become One of the Great Centres of the Plans of the Allies

THE great Russian port of Vladivostok is now one of the great centres for the Allied armies. At the end of March commanders of the British and Japanese ships in the port found it necessary to land armed forces to protect the interests of their nationals and to preserve order because the Bolshevik element had made a raid on a Japanese business establishment and attacked other foreign nationals in the streets. The landing force was requested to protect certain thoroughfares and wharves by the consular body, which was afraid that an attempt might be made to blow up or burn the vast quantity of stores which had been sent by the Allied Governments to Russia. Before the downfall of the Czar, however, the Siberian railway was not able to handle the vast quantity of military supplies which ship after ship was dumping on the wharves. The stores were worth many millions of dollars and it was principally to save these from destruction that the British and Japanese landed marines.

Before the landing of these forces robbery and holdups in broad daylight were of common occurrence, and in February of this year the largest hotel in the town was raided by a band of ruffians, who systematically went through the occupant of each room and took from him all his valuables. It is estimated that the amount of money secured in this haul was \$125,000. I was in Vladivostok in the revolution in 1905 and for some time after, when robbery, often with violence, was a daily occurrence. The advent of the foreign forces proclaimed the death knell of acts of this kind and other disorders and in the areas where foreign patrols operated safety of life and property were immediately obtained.

Although Vladivostok is young it is a town of wonderful architecture. The shops, clubs, churches, barracks and residential houses are of solid structure, and these in conjunction with the imposing business establishments give Vladivostok a very imposing appearance. Although the streets are broad and mapped out on a broad and comprehensive plan, many of the streets of the main thoroughfare have wooden sidewalks and gutters are full of filth and garbage. Great numbers of beggars are constantly met with.

Like most other Russian far eastern cities, Vladivostok what can be termed a "free city," that is to say every one does pretty well as he likes. The town does not appear to wake up until midnight. Then the cafe chatars and the restaurants, the houses devoted to this form of entertainment being very numerous, with their string bands, seldom closing before daylight. The safety, freedom and lack of care are typically Russian, even in these hard times. There may be an uprising or a riot at 8 p.m., but at midnight the town will be full of life; champagne will be tossed off with a reckless astounding to the foreigner, who knows the high prices ruling for this beverage.

Despite all this glare and glitter of night life there is much poverty in Vladivostok. A large portion of the male population of the city was called to the colors in 1914. The separation allowance was of the smallest. Most of the Vladivostok contingent were killed in the early stages of the war; those returning being mostly crippled and men unfit for hard manual labor. The pensions which the wounded men were to receive, and the allowances to the wives and families of the men killed have been stopped since the Bolsheviks took over the government, thus throwing a large portion of the population on the charity of their more wealthy brethren.

The cost of commodities in Vladivostok has gone up many times over since the outbreak of war and many things are unobtainable. The value of the rouble is at the present time about 13 cents Mexican (5 1/2 cents) at the outbreak of war it stood at 1.05 Mexican (52 cents). Many imports have to be paid for on a gold basis.

As in Russia proper, the Bolsheviks demanded an unheard of wage

for the workers and as the owners of factories could not make any profit under such circumstances they preferred that their factories should idle. The stoppage of imports into Russia over the Siberian line killed the port's shipping business and the thousands of stevedores and dock hands were thrown out of employment.

Despite all this, Vladivostok is an interesting place. It is probably the nearest blending of east and west in the world. The community is a cosmopolitan one to a degree, including a large population of Koreans, thousands of Japanese and Chinese. Gilyaks from Primamorskaya, Orochis, from the maritime provinces, representatives of the Galdi, Mangun and Semager tribes, with a sprinkling of Orochons, Manyags, Blars and Bauras. The strange thing is every one seems to get on with the other and to overlook each other's peculiarities. The Russians appear to have a peculiar gift for getting on with Asiatics. On the other side of the shield one can point to the excellent attendance at the Vladivostok opera houses, where music of the highest class is produced. European stars have appeared on the stage both in vocal and instrumental numbers. This love of the artistic is another startling phase of the Russian, but even in his art the Russian has a barbaric and reckless touch.

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The said form shall be completed in duplicate, and both copies shall be delivered to the said Fuel Commissioner as soon as possible, but not later than the 10th day of December, 1918.

Dated at Toronto, this 20th day of November, 1918.

R. HOME SMITH,
 Fuel Administrator for Ontario.
E. L. COUSINS,
 Assistant Fuel Administrator for Ontario.