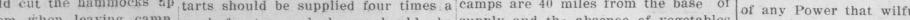
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Mr. Coaker Visits Badger Camps Describes Logging Conditions and Makes Recommendations

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The A. N. D. Co.'s camps at Badger the men through continual sameness, and regarded by the President of the are supplied with a canvas sack and The bill of fare can be arranged so F.P.U., the rough logger esteemed him it is the men's own fault if they do that each meal will be looked forward above the ordinary horse, and not no fill those sacks with hay or birch to with pleasure. A man cannot eager-only treated him kindly but fed him rind. ly look forward to beans for break- well.

Shredded birch-rind makes a very fast for six mornings out of every If all is well I will visit Millertown fair mattress, and is better than hay week and those weeks extending into camps next season. The A. N. D. Co to lie upon. I have slept on a birch- five months. Beans make the most were good enough to send Mr. Gillard rind mattress and found it just as nutritious meal procurable and a a logging boss, from Red Indian Lake comfortable as a factory-made mat- meal that can supply energy and en- to meet me at Grand Falls and supply tress stuffed with shavings. Some men durance that no other meal can pro-me with any information I desired, just spread the empty sack on the duce at the same cost. Some men pre- and I am obliged to Mr. Gillard for a boughs and consequently have a hard fer such a meal every morning, while lot of information about the life and bed, especially if the longers beneath others will turn from it in disgust. living of the logger on Red Indian the boughs are uneven—as they usu- A variety must be available or the end Lake. From what I gathered I am sought will not be accomplished. convinced that the loggers on Red ally are. I have strong objections to the In time ham or bacon will find its Indian Lake are even better treated They are often unseparated way into the breakfast fare of the log- I conversed with a number of loggers and they collect dust and dirt and gers. A hot dinner should be sup-who worked for the Albert Reid C become incubators of vermin. plied every day. Beef, potatoes, peas, and from what I was told th At the meeting of loggers I held in turnips and pudding with tea and and paid than those at Badger section. the Badger section, the men unanim- bread should compose one meal daily, food was not as varied as in the ously voted for hammocks and the Soup could be supplied as an evening A. N. D. Co. camps. Vegetables were abolition of bunks. If hammocks meal two or three times a week. Fish almost unknown most of the winter could be supplied and properly fitted and potatoes should be available for and no fresh beef was supplied. The the men would soon grow accustomed breakfast at least twice a week and wages was not as good as paid at to them as the tars do on board of for dinner (optional) twice a week- Millertown, most of the men being warships. Some assert that some of Wednesdays and Fridays. Apple rated at \$23. Some of the Albert Reid the men would cut the hammocks ap tarts should be supplied four times a camps are 40 miles from the base of any Power that wilfully broke the it covered the whole area of the own, but the sphere of that value is should want at once to and steal them when leaving camp, week for tea, and cheese should be supply and the absence of vegetab That evil could be cured by charging supplied for tea during three even- may be accounted for by that fact each man with his hammack and ings of a week. Many camps now The cooks' wages are not as good as giving him credit for it when he serve a hash for tea, which is very those paid by the A. N. D. Co. This leaves the camp, if in good condition. desirable and should be continued, is a mistake. Good cooks are worth a Personally I believe in hammocks for Some camps supply sweet bread for good wage. Bad cooks are useless. the logging camps. It would be an tea and cold beef for breakfast and Cheap cooks are the most costly. The item of expense to the companies at lunch, which is much appreciated and sleeping camps are equipped much the the start, but they would not cost should be uniform for all camps. same as the Badger camps. more than a mattress, and would be There is no disputing the fact that should like to see Mr. Harris improv good for ten years, while the mattres- the food rations have improved very the sleeping accommodation as sug ses would be useless after one season. much during the last two or three gested above, and have the bunks fit-Some assert that the hammock would years. Where rabbits and caribou ted with canvas bottoms. Some fresh be cold quarters in a frosty night in are available the camp boss should beef should be supplied, and above all ber statement of fact. The disaster a camp. That I will admit, but if be permitted to secure a supply for potatoes and turnips. I feel sure Mr. the War has brought upon us are the men are desirous to be comfort- the use of his camp. There should be Harris, the manager will do his utbut trifles by the side of the catasable they can keep turns in feeding no restriction upon the supply of rab- most to keep his camps up to the trophe from which it has saved us wood to the fire once or twice on bits or caribou for the supply of the standard of the A. N. D. Co., as other-The Ententes with France and frosty nights. A couple of large logging camps. At present the game wise men will shy clear of his camps Russian covered originally two lim birch junks will maintain a fire in a laws often turn out a hardship for the when labor demands become normal. ited and well-defined areas. They I will try to visit some of the Albert giant stove for three or four hours. loggers. This must be remedied. vere intended to remove particular At present the fire goes out about ten The camps were all free from sick- Reid camps next year and inspect concauses of possible quarrel-the one o'clock and the camp soon cools, and ness this season. Not one man has ditions personally. They may be much n the Indian frontier, the other in in two hours on a cold night a sleep- died from sickness contracted while better than the men reported them to Northern Africa. Englishmen have ing camp is almost as cold as the air logging. The doctors have had some be to me. The Horwood Lumber Co.'s short memories, and the alarms once outside. Those camps are draughty. slight cases of cutting by the axe, but camps are away behind those of the excited by Russian progress in Cen-The men find warmth when the fire no serious cases even of cutting have A. N. D. Co.'s. If the men's reports tral Asia, or by the appearance of a goes out by huddling close together. occurred. The winter was, of course, are reliable, some of the camps are o French exploring expedition making It is thought the men would sleep cold an ideal one for logging, as January the old style, with bunks along one its way to the Valley of the Nile, are fi hammocks were used, but I contend and February were unusually favor- side, with heads resting towards the low forgotten. Yet, on more than a pair of camp blankets wound round able for logging. side and feet pointing towards th one occasion, the conflict between them and a fire kept going through opposite side, which contain a tabl English and Russian, policy in Afthe night would provide warmth. The horses I saw were well cared where the men eat. It is time such ghanistan very nearly involved us in cleanliness and comfort that cannot for and abundantly fed. They work camps were replaced. Men should not war, and, had the interview between be secured by sleeping in berths. as no other horses are expected to be permitted to eat, drink, sleep, I discussed this matter with Mr. work, and this winter was a hard one Marchand and Kitchener at Fashoda smoke, chew, dance, play cards, etc., been marked by less courtesy an Cole, at Badger and Mr. Scott. the upon horses, for as the weather was in the one camp. There must be self-restraint, our good relation general manager of the A. N. D. Co. clean, there was no lost time, and con-separate eating and sleeping camp. with France might have been fatally at Grand Falls, and Mr. Scott agreed sequently no resting days for horses. The food is not as varied as that disturbed. The good sense of th to fit their camps next year with a At William Evans camp a horse supplied by the A. N. D. Co.'s camps. two Government, a dawning apprec canvas bottom, doing away with the that I used at Coakerville is at work. Every logging camp should be laid iation of the change that was com longers and boughs. Each man would I sold him to the A. N. D. Co. last fall out the same and fitted the same. The ing over Europe, and the disappear be provided with a sort of stretcher for \$200, and they would not sell him same bill of fare should be found in ance of Salisbury and Gladstone canvas mattress. The canvas would for \$300 to-day. He was a pet horse all. The same rate of wages should be from the political stage, made new be tacked to a wooden frame. Upon of ours and splendidly trained and paid by all employing loggers. That combinations possible, and invested this the men would place what they without a single fault. They call him was the object of the Loggers' Bill, them with new attractions. No pre wished. This will be a big improve- "Coaker" in the camp and woe betide which passed the House of Assembly cise date can be assigned to the dement on the round sticks that now the man who would attempt to ill-last year without one dissenting voice, velopment of the Triple Entente from use that horse. He is a cheap horse but which was thrown out without a form the bottom of the bunks. two separate arrangements, each di-I hope every logger will appreciate to keep, as he is a small eater and second reading by the so-called Legis- rected to the removal of particular feb.41m.3id.4iw this action on the part of the A. N. D. digests his food well and I was sur- lative Council. I spent two days visitgrounds of disagreement, into an Co. and abstain from destroying the prised to find him in excellent order. ing the camps at Badger and enjoyed understanding between - the three canvas bottom provided him. Some Bryant, who worked him and cared the visit very much, and I thank the Powers having for its real object the daredevil may be tempted to use his for him at the farm had something camp bosses and loggers for restraint of German ambition. But knife and cut the canvas. I implore good in his pocket for poor "Jim" and kindness showered on me during my in all three countries the popular all the men to safeguard their inter- he was glad to take it and seemed visit. I also express my thanks to entiment outstripped Diplomacy, and ests by preventing such villainy, and pleased to recognise old friends. Poor Mr. Huge Cole and Mr. Andrew Poran agreement which hardly existed if the men will endeavour to appreci- brutes, faithful and true to man, and ter for their many acts of kindness in black and white came by degrees ate those efforts to improve the log- man's greatest helper, they should be shown me during my fist visit to be regarded as the chief safegers' conditions, they will be but the well cared for and treated humanely Badger. I would like to see guard against a European conflagforerunners of other improvements in for their devotion and willingness to gramophone supplied each camp for ration. If it has not justified this the camps. It must be remembered their masters often surpasses that of use at nights and Sundays. If th anticipation, it has at least saved that the A. N. D. Co. is here to stay, man himself. I would much sooner companies were to arrange to have Great Britain from having to fight and while there is a stick of pulp wood possess this noble animal that serv-package of records Germany single-handed. Had the on their extensive areas, loggers will ed me so well and to which I was so once agreements in question never been be required. Therefore, every year attracted than the \$200 I received as would be a little brighter and more concluded, France and Germany pleasant. A system of changing rethis logging business must go on and his value. might at any moment have come to unless improvements are made in I have reason to be kind to a horse. cords is easily attainable, and I feel erms, and a section of our country camp life it will be hard to secure While living at Coakerville I was re- sure it won't be many seasons before men would at once have set to work the requisite number of loggers. It turning from Friday's Bay one Feb- the men will be able to enjoy hearing to paint the advantages to be derived is, therefore, desirable on behalf of all ruary afternoon when a blizzard over- songs, speeches, marchs, etc., renderfrom the reverent acceptance of Gerinterests that the loggers' life be made took us. Bryant was with me, and ed by the gramophone, and when that man ideas of government, religion, as comfortable and satisfactory as we had two catamarans loaded with day comes, camp life will be envied and culture. In its extremest form hay. We had no compass. The wind instead of dreaded, as it was a few this singular delusion went the length possible. The Colony cannot permit the log- changed when we were about a mile years ago. of preaching absolute neutrality. Eng I must now close my rambling notes and, taught wisdom by centuries of ging camps to become incubators of from our own island. Night came on on the logging camps with the hope warfare, must at last learn to mind disease of any sort. The health of and Dildo Run contained many open the men must be the first considera- water tickles. Our faithful old horse that the boys who were present at the her own business and grow rich on tion of the company and of our legisla- acted nobly although the drift piles loggers' meeting in William Evan's the folly of her neighbors. The two camp will be able to read my notes and Services would then be brought down tors, for if the Company's undertak- were often up to his belly. We exbe guided by the suggestions therein to the modest proportions required ings are to be a success and the pected him to give out every minute. contained. by the new order of things, and the Colony is to derive benefits instead of We travelled miles and miles that evils, the health of our men engaged night, bringing up here and there by tens of milions thus saved would go to supply the constantly growing in logging must be of the first im-open water in runs and tickles. We needs of a Social Regeneration carportance. The men must aid the could not look to the windward for We Aim To Please rid out by an army of officials. In F.P.U. in securing improvements that drift and sleet. Eventually we allowed the end, no doubt, these well-meanwill eventually make logging life a the horse to proceed and reached a ing missionaries would have discovpleasure, rather than a curse; make it place we recognised and reached And we hit the mark ed the opinion the Germans really a work that once tried will again be Coakerville at two in the morning. We every time with good had of England, and the position they taken up-a work that will be suffi- were well tired, but the horse did not work at honest 2 intended to assign her when they had ciently attractive and satisfactory to seem to be much the worse for the crushed out her belated resistance. cause a young man to remain at it drilling. That night's experience prices. I do not think that even the most from the start in November until the caused me to regard the horse at its C. M. HALL, moderate pacificist would have quiettrue value and I do not like to see a finish in April. ly accepted the German plan of Eu-To accomplish this the food must be house illused. What's in a name. If Genuine Tailor and Renovator. opean reconstruction. On the congood and well cooked and cleanly poor "Jim" could speak he would reply 248 THEATRE HILL trary, I believe that his first instinct served. It must be varied. The food that in his case it meant much for beserved must not become obnoxious to ing called "Coaker" and once owned would have been to cry out for in-





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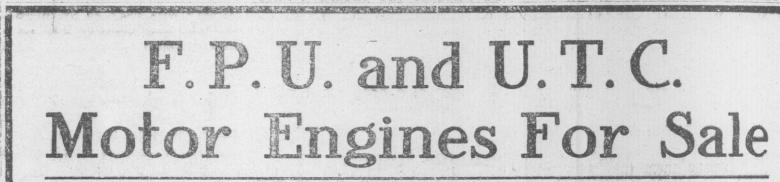
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The Triple Entente has to all ap-|stant war. But with what prospects and white when they are ignoran fort as they could derive from the pearance ended in failure. It had its would such a war have been entered the circumstances in which their knowledge that the policy they die upon? By that time the isolation of words will have to be made good. We origin in an honest desire for peace. liked had never been reduced to England would have been complete, have helped France with our soldiers and it has landed Europe in the great She would not have had a single ally because the attack on her was made writing. When the question had been asked and answered, Minister and est war in history. We had imagin- or a single well-wisher left in Europe by soldiers. We might have disfollowers parted-the one d that the understandings entered Her command of the sea would have tributed our ships along the whole that his freedom of action was in po into with France and Russia had been lost, and her shores, her food length of the French seaboard withwise affected by what he had said. made the three Powers strong enough supply, and her trade would have out in any way affecting the result of the others pleasing themselves with to defy attack. Between the mem- been at the mercy of every enemy. the conflicts on the Marne and the the reflection that they had at least bers of the Entente peace was as- More dangerous, perhaps, because Aisne. Help of this kind would have conveyed to their leader their dissured; there was nothing that they less seemingly selfish, was the as- been worthless to France, and equal-

like of any positive action against wanted to fight for. Was it likely that sumption not infrequently met with ly worthless to ourselves. Conseany enemy or group of enemies would that the obligations of Great Britain quently, it would not have fulfilled Germany. A second thing from which the feel so certain of victory as to try to her partners in the Entente would the real purpose of the understandcountry has been delivered is the igconclusions with the world's strong- be fully discharged when she had ing of 1907. That purpose-or, more norance in which it was content to est fleet and two of its strongest arm- given them the aid of her Fleet. Ev- accurately, the purpose which had live so long as Europe remained at ies? Yet what seemed altogether en in the first days of the War cer- grown out of that understandingoutside the range of prabability has tain newspapers were arguing against was the defence of France against peace. I say this with no desire to happened. An arrangement intend- the despatch of an Expeditionary unprovoked invasion by a Power charge the Government with want of ed to secure one object has brought Force, and seeking comfort in an ear- which had twice shown unmistakably patriolism No doubt they were exabout its exact opposite. This is lier declaration of the Prime Minis- that she contemplated action of this traordinarily indifferent to the num. the reading of the situation which ter that the understanding with sort. When the invaders had cross- bers and equipment of the Regular Army and to the proper training of at one time appealed to some English France committed us to no overt ac- ed the frontier, the occasion for helpmen-to more, perhaps, than now tion on land. The Liberals whom ing France to meet it had plainly care to remember that they ever en this statement was probably meant arisen. The British Government had Allied Army today would have here tertained it. But there is another to reassure saw in it an importance no choice but to give the necessary view of the facts which suggests a to which it had no real title. So far assistance in the form which could very different conclusion. No doubt as the Ententes existed on paper alone be of any value. If France had the primary object of the Triple En- they probably contained no refer- been defeated for want of that as- recruit had tente was the maintenance of Euro- ence to either military or naval op- sistance it would have been no ans- months' training on pean peace. But there was a remot- erations. The help the Powers were wer to her or to our own people that Mr. Asquith had warned us a year er object which was all along associ- expected to give one another was we had offered it in quite another or two back that as soon as we were ated with this one-the punishment not limited by specific declarations; shape. Ships have a value of their engaged in an European war we

eace. This second purpose was the needs which the Ententes were de-seldom the land, and it was on the necessary complement of the first, signed to meet. The considerations land that the German attack on that this would be only an instaland the essential identity between which would in the end govern the France had to be met. The Prime ment, we should have been very them must never be lost sight of, kind and amount of support which Minister's answers in Parliament had much better prepared. I am not I Bearing this in mind, the War will England was to give to France would no bearing on any question but that repeat, going to blame the Governapear to us as an unlooked-for disas- be such as would naturally arise out actually put to him. Nor had they ment on this account, partly because ter, but as a piece of good fortune on of the situations which the future any on the object with which that they have since labored to the very which we had no right to count. To would bring with it. The Expedition-particular question had been asked, utmost of their power to make up for some of my readers this may seem a ary Force which is now fighting in What certain dissatisfied members of past omissions, and wild exaggeration. I believe that France was not sent there to fulfil- the Liberal Party really wanted to the responsibility must, in a greater when the events of the last few ment of any promise, verbal or know was whether in the event of measure, be shared by the Opposition years are properly considered it written. Statesmen are not usually Germany declaring war against and by the country at large. If I ought rather to be regarded as a so- in a hurry to give promises in black France, the Liberal



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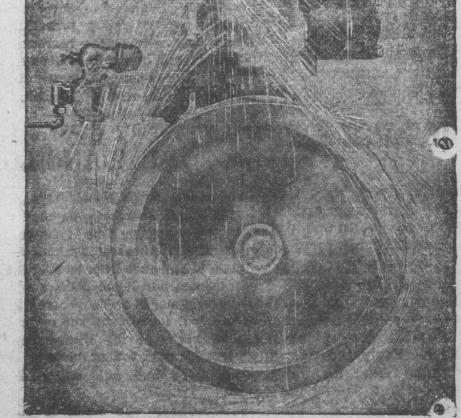
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