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WHAT A SNAP FOR THE FARMERS

According to an article by J. D. Welpley, in McClure's Magazine for August, the Russian government on Nov. 4, 1896, proposed to the Washington government to combine as governments to corner the entire surplus wheat of the world. The object was to raise the price of wheat 100 per cent. for the benefit of Russian and American farmers, at the expense of the rest of the world. Of course the American government had to decline

Together, the United States and Russia produce about 90 per cent, of the entire surplus wheat of the world. Assuming that the two governments should, as Russia proposed, enter every market as buyers of wheat at maintain for a while the price of parliament. wheat at that level.

The world's wheat crop in 1898 was 2879,000,000 bushels. The farmers who raised it sold it for about 50 cents per bushel. The Russian scheme carried out would add nearly \$1,500,000,000 to the selling value of the entire crop. The farmers of the United States, who produce nearly 700,000,000 bushels a year, would thus gain about \$350,000,-The Russian farmers, who raise about 400,000,000 bushels a year, would add about \$200,000,000 to their income. Meantime the English people, who buy 125,060,000 bushels of wheat a year would find their food bill increased by over 860,000,000 a year. British farmers, per contra, would get \$30,000,000 a year more for their small crop of

It is plain enough that a Russo-American wheat trust would, in the present conditions, press most hardly upon England. But the inevitable final outcome of such a combination, successful though it might be for a year or two, would be to stimulate wheat production in every country in the world where wheat can be grown. It is a testimony to the great strength of the agrarian interest that the Russian government gave no consideration to the consumers of wheat in its scheme to double the price.

THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

The Boer war seems to have result ed in a test of the efficacy of prayer, which goes to show that English prayers are more effective than ones. In Germany, for various rear sons, the feeling among all classes has been in favor of the Boers and against Britain throughout the war. The reli gious periodicals have been among the strongest sympathizers with the Boer cause, and at the beginning of the war some of them proposed that prayers for the success of the Boers be daily offered by every praying German. The proposal proved popular, and for several months thousands of prayers, couched in the German language, have been wafted to the throne of grace, all pleading for victory for the burghers and defeat and confusion to the British troops. In the early stages of the war, it looked as if the German prayers were exerting considerable influence; but after the relief of Kimberley the evidence of their efficacy grew weaker and weaker until now they don't seem to do any good at all. And the German theologians who write for the press are trying to account for this comparative failure of prayer to influence the course of events. The discussion is profound, scholarly and impressive, but no solution of the problem seems to be in The strange thing is that the most

simple and obvious solution has been overlooked. If the German theologians had inquired they would have discovered that the pro-Boer prayers uttered in German were not the only prayers daily made in reference to the war. They would probably have learned that many more prayers, and more earnest ones, were framed in English speech and asked for the success of the British forces. If there is anything at all in a prayer-test, the one proposed by the Germans partook of the character of an international prayer competition, with the result that the British prayer has proved to be of better quality than the German sort. And further, as the sacred writer assures us that "the prayer of the righteous availeth much," the results indicate that the British people are more righteous than the Germans.

However, in the midst of their profound discussion the German theologians should not fail to give some of the blame to "Bobs" and his generals and Tommy Atkins for the fact that the German prayers have not been as successful as might have been ex-

Where does the influence of the Kent Law Association come in with the Gov

Robert Ferguson seems to have downed our own T. Ledson Pardo on that county court clerkship business. Mr. Pardo will some day realize that he is not independent enough to have any influence. The Government know they have him solid.

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> The Provincial Government of Manitoba has issued a grasshopper paniphlet, pointing out the habits of the grasshoppers and stating the means to be used for their destruction:-On top of the poster in place of Manitoba's coat of arms is an illustration or caricature of a grasshopper sitting on a fence playing the concertina to the refrain "In this wheat bye and bye." The object of this curious illustration is to draw the attention of the farmers to the matter below, and certainly is effective enough to do it. A review of the work during the year, the success that has attended the efforts already made and the steps that should be taken to fight hem in the coming year are also men tioned. These posters will be distributed in districts where the grasshop pers have been troublesome.

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It is said that Arch. Campbell, M. P., now realizes the hopelessness of opposing Hon. N. Clarke Wallace in West York, and is again anxious for the nomination in West Kent:

Editor Pacaua, or Windsor, gave ome interesting figures to the Detroit News Thursday morning, which throw some light on his reasons for beginning a campaign against William Me-Gregor, the present member of Parliament. He said:-"In the north riding of Essex county, for which McGregor stands, there are as many French as English. Outside of Windsor itself the French have a big majority. In view of this we ought to have as many offices as the English, but such is not the case. There are 20 men in the post office, two of whom are French; 18 in the inland revenue, one being a Frenchman, and in the customs service there are 19, of whom three are of my nationality. That makes a total of six out of 57. I don't think that such a condition of things should continue. I am in a way the mouthpiece of the French, being the editor of the French paper, and I intend to see that they get fair play, if I can."

WAR COMES IN WAVES.

Kansas City Star. From Waterloo, in 1815, to the Mexican war, in 1845, there were 30 years of peace. Between 1845 to 1870 one war quickly folowed another. There was conflict almost all the time, then came 27 years of compara. tive peace. Now, again, wars are treading upon each other's heels. Is the world enter ing upon another succession of wars?

HOW INDIANS SECURED VALUABLE WILLOW-WARE.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Chinese porcelain was common in Europe or 400 years before a German potter suceded in finding out the process of making t. This Chinese pottery is scattered all ver the world, and everywhere valued; but no where was the distribution more curious than in Western Canada. Early in the century a Chinese junk was cast away on the pacific coast of America just south of Vancouver Island, and its cargo of willow pattern plates fell in the hands of the Hudson Bay Company's officers. Still in the remotest trading posts of the fur traders a

Dr. Ryerson Tells of Boer Inhumanity on the Fleid

Canadian Commissioner Had a Nar row Escape of Being Taken Prisoner With Lord Kitchener,

In a letter to Dr. Chas. Hodgetts, Hon. ecretary Red Cross Society, Dr. Ryerson, the Canadian commissioner, who is now on his way back to Canada, mentions some startling instances of Boer inhumanity and disregard of the Red Cross flag. Writing rom Kroonstau on June 14th he says :-"We have about 600 sick and 306 wounded here and in the neighborhood. The wound ed are the product of the fighting at Lindley, Holburn and Rendival, also of some outpost affairs and sniping. One Red Cross man was killed yesterday. The Boers express contrition and say that it was an accident. In the meantime the poor fellow is dead. They have not distinguished themead. dead. They have not distinguished them-selves for their strict observance of the Red Cross. They have been known to carry a machine gun in an ambulance, and at Korn Spruit deliberately shot Lieutenant Palmer, Royal Army Medical Corps, while binding a man's arm. I talked with an eyewitness man's arm. I talked with an eyewitness who told me the Boer came within ten yards of poor Palmer and shot him through the head. It is particularly shabby in view of the kind and considerate way our people treat their wounded. You may recollect that last fall I anticipated we would have at least 15,000 sick. This anticipation has been more than realized. There are that number in Cape Colony and the western column now, exclusive of Natal. At Bloem tontein there are now 4,200 sick. Since we entered Bloemfontein, March 13th, rather more than a thousand officers and men have been buried there."

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Writing from Bloemfontein, June 28, Dr. Ryerson says:—"After three unsuccessful attempts to reach Johannesbug I have returned to Bloemfontein. Each time that I have gone north the Boers have blown up the railway line. On one occasion I was shut up in Kroonstad, being unable to go either north or south for this reason. I came nearly being taken prisoner, also, when coming south on the train with Lord Kitchener and staff. The Boers were actually at the railway station, but appear to have been afraid to attack, or were too weak. I have established a depot at Kroonstad, and have put Corporal Brown, H. Company, R. C. R., in charge. We have several sick and wounded in hospital at Kroonstad. They are in No. 3 General Hospital, and are being well looked after by our agent there and by Lady Maud Rolleston, who is well known by many Canadians."

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