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Guide's readers on December 3. I have read some of the criticizing already published and wonder if you would be prepared to recast some of your questions. It seems to me that questions 3 and 4 should be put in a different form. I would add at the end of question 3, "except the duties on luxuries;" at the end of question 4 add the words "and luxuries." Question 7, I should answer "No" myself, as I believe putting the government of the day in possession of such a vast monopoly would land us out of the frying pan into the fire. As regards question 11, I should leave it out altogether. I am not the least anxious to murder or despoil any country or individual, but neither do I wish to suffer in these ways myself; but I can't conceive it possible that any man living in the world today, having the use of his senses, can possibly wish to place his country in such a position that she can neither help herself or her friends, and only exist at all on the sufferance of other nations. Let the man who believes in disarmament try it himself in a small way and bind himself for, say, five years not to assist any aggression, no matter where it may come from, and also not to call in the help of the police.

P. H. SPENCER.

Millwood P.O., Man.

A HARD CASE

Editor, Guide:—Re your editorial on holding the wheat for a while and letting the various loan companies and implement concerns wait. Will you please advise as to the following: As the interest on my loan is overdue, the loan company is pressing for payment and I have not got my crop threshed yet. I have informed them that my crop is stacked and only awaits the threshers, but they inform me they will take proceedings if it is not paid by Oct. 31. I can see I shall not get threshed until early November, as the machines have another week or more stood threshing. The name of the company will be given if required. However, would you publish the law regarding mortgages, as it would help many of the farmers in like circumstances. It is time the co-operative movement was started for farmers. Yours truly,

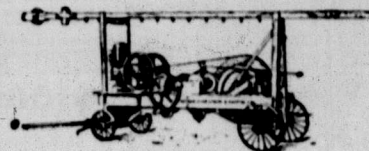
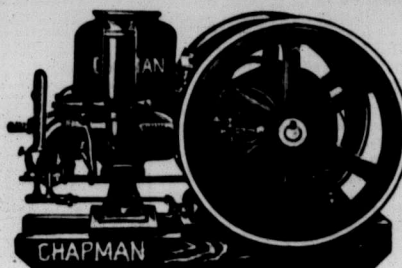
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THE WORLD'S BEEF SHORTAGE

At a packers' convention, recently held at Chicago, there were heard some of the most significant statements yet made relative to the world's beef situation.

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