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THE RAILWAY REPORTS.

THE GOVERNMENT has the re-
port of the royal commission,
appointed to inquire into the railway
situation in Canada. The commission
is unanimous in recommending that
the Canadian Pacific, being a success-
ful corporation, should continue to op-
erate as it has been doing. Two of
the members favor acquisition of the
other roads by the Government, be-
cause they are not successful. The
third member of the commission con-
sidered it better to railroad and better
business to look about for a scheme to
place the unsuccessful roads on a se-
cure footing, and he has presented a
minority report on his conclusions.

There is no doubt that all the com-
missioners gave their best efforts to a
solution of the problem, but there is a
great and important difference in their
conclusions. The majority report in
favor of taking over the unsuccessful
roads was made by Sir Henry Drayton,
chairman of the Dominion railway
board, a Government official, and W.
M. Acworth, an English student of
and writer upon railway questions.
Both are lawyers by profession and
have obtained their knowledge of rail-
way matters in the capacity of critical
observers. The minority report, recom-
mending a reorganization that would
make the railways self-sustaining and
no longer a burden on the country,
was made by A. H. Smith, whose busi-
ness has always been railroading. He
began at the bottom of the ladder and
became president of the New York
Central Railway system because of his
ability. Presumably, because he was
the best-qualified practical man for
the place he was asked to serve on the
commission.

Sir Henry Drayton and Mr. Acworth
would have the Government take over
the Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific
and Canadian Northern, operating
them with the Transcontinental and
Intercolonial, believing that if political
interference were eliminated, they
could be placed upon a profitable basis.
Mr. Smith points out that the Cana-
dian Northern is successful in the
west, while the Grand Trunk is not,
while in the east the situation is re-
versed. He reaches the seemingly
very logical conclusion that the Cana-
dian Northern should take over the
Grand Trunk in the west and confine
its operations to that territory, while
in the east the Grand Trunk should
take over the Canadian Northern and
limit its operations to this territory.
Provision should be made to take care
of the unprofitable gap between east
and west by the elimination of com-
peting lines. Mr. Smith states that
Government ownership as proposed by
his colleagues on the commission would
add \$10,000,000 to the debt of the
country and involve an annual expendi-
ture of \$40,000,000.

Mr. Smith does not believe the rail-
ways of Canada can be run by the
Government without political interfer-
ence; neither does anybody else who is
willing to look at the question from an
unbiased viewpoint. Canada has
had considerable experience in this
line. It has cropped up in every regu-
lar session of parliament. Even at
the present session complaints have
been made that railway "jobs" were
not being distributed fairly. Nothing
but an interminable political mud-
dle would result if there were more such
"jobs" to distribute.

The only railway expert on the com-
mission has offered the only solution
of Canada's railway problems worth
considering.

THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND.

EVERY man was provided with a
well-filled lunch-box, contain-
ing sandwiches, cakes, cigars, etc., these
being the gift of the Overseas Chapter,
O. D. E. This sentence, or some-
thing to the same effect, has become
so usual in every story printed of troops
departing from the city that it has
ceased to create comment, but the boys
in khaki leaving now are just as grate-
ful for the kindly thought and gener-
ous gift as were those who received them
a year ago, when the chapter
just began the practice.

Few, if any, organizations in London
have done more for the soldiers in the
city than has the Overseas Chapter.
Formed of women who all have either
husbands, sons, brothers or fathers at
the front, it is essentially military, and
since early in the war its energies have
been directed towards supplying com-
forts to the soldiers, providing entertain-
ment for them, and assisting in re-
cruiting.

Over a year ago the idea was con-
ceived of giving lunches to the de-
parting for overseas, and since early
last fall it has been the rule to see
that every man of every draft received
one of the welcome boxes of good
things to take with him on the train,
the only exceptions being when no
foreword of a departure was received.

In addition to this, the Overseas
Chapter, months ago, invited every
soldier in the city to be a guest at a
concert, supper and dance in the
Masonic Hall. This was a most popu-
lar and successful entertainment. Dur-

ing the winter the same chapter gave
a series of "khaki dances," the only
condition of attendance being that each
man wore the King's uniform. These
were among the most appreciated of
all the military entertainments. Almost
every Sunday night the chapter has
arranged a big recruiting meeting in a
local theatre, and many times has put
on benefit concerts for one or other
of the units stationed here.

During the year last past, over \$2,500
was raised by the ladies, and expended
in comforts for the boys overseas or in
training, including prisoners of war,
some hospital work also being done. It
is expected that double this amount
will be raised this year for similar pur-
poses. Last Christmas over one hundred
individual presents were sent to Lon-
don boys in France and England, as
well as boxes of socks, etc., for the
common benefit.

This is a record of which any organ-
ization might be proud. The condition
of membership in the chapter—the
possession of husband or near relative
overseas—makes it certain that every
sympathizer will be shown the soldiers,
and the energy of the members makes
this sympathy practical and valuable.
It is little wonder that so many of the
boys writing home speak with deep
gratitude of the kindness of the Over-
seas Chapter.

ADMIRALTY'S PROBLEM.

THE DESIRABILITY of the British
admiralty reconsidering its de-
cision not to give out full particulars
as to the victims of submarines, their
numbers and tonnage, was evidenced in
Wednesday's dispatches. While Paris
quoted the French secretary for war
as saying that there was no need to be
penalistic over the losses, whose en-
d was now in sight, Washington re-
ports Secretary Lansing as declaring
the seriousness of the situation could
not be exaggerated, and as giving
enormous figures as representing the
mercantile losses.

These statements are disquieting,
since they are so contradictory. As
the friends of a soldier suffer more
anxiety and anguish when he is re-
ported missing for a long time than
they do having the certain knowledge
of his death, so the nation would pre-
fer to know the worst rather than be
left to imagine it.

The admiralty should consider
whether there is not more harm
wrought the cause by the uncertainty
and suspense experienced by the nation
than there would be by Germany's
acquiring some knowledge from the
facts.

GENERAL SMUTS' SPEECH.

THERE is a feeling of surprise when
reading Gen. Jan Smuts' speech,
delivered after receiving the freedom of
London, that he should have been able
to make such an eloquent, powerful
address in a language which is foreign
to him, and that he showed such an
intimate knowledge of world history.
His words and sentiments alike are
worthy of any orator or statesman in
the British Empire.

Of course, there is no reason for the
surprise, since we have come to know
the Afrikaners better, but the excuse
for the feeling lies in the foolish opinion
held of the Boers during the war with
them. At that time Britons generally
looked upon the enemy, officers, sol-
diers and citizens alike, as uncouth,
ignorant and quite uncivilized; a people
hardly civilized, and altogether rough.
By such ideas, Britons stamped them-
selves as ignorant.

Later Gen. Louis Botha and others
visited Britain, and the false impres-
sions were swept away. They were all
highly intelligent, polished gentlemen,
unassuming, but at home in any society.
Of the same type is Gen. Smuts, a sol-
dier, a man and a patriot. But with
all this late-acquired knowledge of
the Boer people, it is surprising to read
Gen. Smuts' speech, and one wonders
how many British or Canadian soldiers
or statesmen could equal it in a
foreign tongue.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Prices go up like rockets nowadays,
but they don't come down nearly so
quickly.

Labor men think a monster parade
may wake up the city council. They
are optimists.

The simple life forever. St. Thomas
pupils may return to the good old
states and their nerve-torturing
squawks.

The minister of militia announces that
criminals do not make dependable sol-
diers. This may be true of our army,
but with the Huns, on the contrary,
soldiers of any class make fine crim-
inals.

Sir Charles Davidson considers the
purchase of a doubly-spavined horse
at \$200 for the Government, and of the
notorious "duck and drakes" quadruped
"unbusinesslike." Is he not unduly
conscientious?

Harden is a sort of German Harnis-
worth. His ear is to the ground. He
would not be saying these things about
autocracy and its mistakes if he did
not hear a million other Germans say-
ing them in a whisper.

Turkey only wants an honorable
peace now. This is beyond the power
of the Allies to give her, honor being
a thing that cannot be given to those
who lack it. The Turks will soon
only ask peace of any kind.

A CHANCE FOR THOSE GOING
WEST—HOMESEEKERS' EXCUR-
SIONS VIA C. P. R.

Home-seekers Excursion to Western
Canada at attractive fares each Tues-
day until October 21, via Canadian Pa-
cific, the Pioneer Route to the West.
Particulars from any Canadian Pa-
cific agent or W. B. Howard, district pas-
senger agent, Toronto, Ont. May 17

The Advertiser's Hint for City Gardeners.

Information As to Preparation, Planting and Care of Plants That May Be Grown in Backyards.

CURRENTS.

Currents are usually started from
cuttings, the best cuttings being from
six to eight inches long. The base of
these cuttings should be cut straight
across, just below a bud, while the
top is made about half an inch
above the top bud. If the cuttings are
started in the nursery row directly after
the top bud, if the cuttings are
covered with a strong mulch dur-
ing the winter. They are set from six
to eight inches apart in furrows three
feet apart. Merely the top bud or two
is permitted above ground, so that a
number of strong roots may be sent
out. However, the next spring growth
begins in earnest, and by the end of the
season sturdy one-year-old plants are
to be had. Another way, and perhaps
the best way of treating the cuttings, is
to procure them in the late winter or
store them in a cellar, covering them
with damp sawdust. A great number of
rootlets will then start before they are
set out in the nursery row, early in the
spring.

After the plants have been growing
in the nursery row for one season they
are ready to be planted in the garden.
This setting out is done preferably in
the fall, sometimes as early as Sep-
tember. It may also be done in the
spring. Before setting out the young
plants, prune the roots. Then set
the plants in the garden, deeper than
they were in the nursery row. They are placed four
feet apart in rows six feet apart, or
better still, six feet by six feet. Black
currants may be given even more room.
Dig the hole big enough so that the
plant may be spread out. Then firm the
soil closely about them, but leave a thin
layer of loose soil on top to preserve
the moisture.

Pruning is very essential in the case
of currants, but the pruning differs
slightly between the red and black cur-
rants, on account of the difference in

their manner of bearing fruit. Red cur-
rants bear fruit on spurs from wood
two or three years old, hence in prun-
ing them we must aim at preserving a
plentiful supply of two and three year
old wood. Older wood is not so good,
and must also be born in mind that
there must be a constant renewal of
this wood, and so there must always be
young wood coming on to take the place
of the old and unproductive branches.
There should be from four to eight main
spurs to bear a good crop, and the ob-
ject in pruning should always be to pre-
serve this number of two or three year
old branches, and a few other younger
ones, which will eventually take their
place. All wood over three years of age
should be cut out, as well as all broken
branches and unnecessary growth. The
young shoots should be well cut back
to force the development of fruit spurs
all along their length, instead of just
at the ends.

Black currants bear their best fruit on
wood of one year's growth, and the
bushes should be pruned accordingly,
that is an abundance of one-year wood
should be preserved, while the older
branches are cut away severely.

It is best to start the pruning in the
growth begins in the spring, but it may
be done at any time when the wood is
dead.

Most of the common pests of the cur-
rant can be controlled by spraying with
the following wash three times, as in
the case of the currant. The first and
second of these sprays are of the same
nature, while the third is a different
one. The first and second are made
as follows: Dissolve one pound of soft
soap in one gallon of water, and add
just after the fruit is set. It is also
wise to give a fourth application im-
mediately after the second has been
applied. If aphids are detected after the
leaves burst, use kerosene emulsion or
leaves burst.

THE GIRL WITH THE ROSE.

AN APPEAL TO ALL CANADIANS

It's Time to Wake Up! If You Can't Fight, Help to Feed!

BY WILLIAM T. GREGORY.
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Halifax, N. S., May 3.—Famine and world hunger are on our
threshold. Are we satisfied to slumber on? The people of Canada do not
realize the seriousness of the shortage of necessities of life. Tomorrow
published an appeal from King George asking the people of Great Britain
to economize 25 per cent in the consumption of food, and Admiral Beres-
ford says that the losses of food-laden ships are appalling, and until the
people are informed of the startling shortage they will not realize the
importance of economy.

If this country does not raise a big crop this year, not only will the
people of Canada suffer, but the motherland and her Allies will suffer,
and their military power will be weakened.

Therefore, the right solution of the present problem comes back to the
farm as to a foundation upon which our whole nation and international
structure must be built and maintained.

The farmer knows that they are the last reserve, and that the soil
on which crops are grown is the strategic ground on which wars are
decided, to their care is intrusted the base of supplies.

Owing to destruction by submarine, ocean ships are scarce. It is
much easier to protect shipping between Canada and England than it is
the longer voyages from India and Australia. One vessel can make twice
as many trips from Canada to Britain as from India, and four times from
Canada to Australia. Therefore, every ton of foodstuffs grown in
Canada is worth to the motherland two tons grown in India or four tons
grown in Australia.

Forty ships of over 1,000 tons were sunk week ending April 22.
Flour cost in Halifax today at \$15 per barrel. Potatoes \$7 per bag. Beans
\$10 per bushel. It's time to wake up! If you can't fight, help to feed!
Show your patriotism! Grow something!

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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POOR DEAR EMILY.

By Izola Forrester.

Emily Greeley had been a special
case on the entire family's mind ever
since she had passed thirty without
appreciating the privileges and honors
of wedlock. Brothers and sisters felt
it was a mystery, and they were all
homeostated with customary regularity
through Emily's girlhood and young
womanhood. And Emily being the
start of in life with tact and cheer-
fulness. Though she had "chances," she
just could not seem to get on with any
way in a state of solitary enjoyment
and freedom that left the family satis-
fied with helplessness.

"I don't see why I should marry,"
she would say buoyantly. "I've never
seen any woman whom I would want
to spend my life with. I am perfectly
contented and happy. Why are you all
in such a hurry to get rid of me?"

Therefore it came as a shock when
Emily announced that she had drawn
a prize in a puzzle contest, and a
homestead grant out in Idaho.

"I am sure it must be a very charm-
ing place to live in," said Emily, hap-
pily. "I think I shall put in coats,
suits and gowns. The government says
they are decidedly picturesque. If you
don't like them you can use them for
dormers. I shall go in for all kinds
of intensive farming and do every-
thing that a woman can do there alone."

"But you can't live out there alone,"
said Mr. Greeley, bluntly. "Be reason-
able, dear Emily."

"With a big dog and a revolver I
can live anywhere," replied Emily,
calmly. "You will remember, father,
dear, that on mother's side of the
family I have pioneer blood in my
veins, even if you do come from an
F.F.V. I firmly believe in Providence,
and if Providence has seen fit to drop
three hundred acres of virgin woodland
and otherwise at my feet, I shall pick
them up and say 'thank you.'"

Just three weeks later Emily took
her departure, accompanied only by
her big dog, and a brand new
automatic. Four days later she
stepped off the train at Arapahoe, Idaho,
and sized up the aggregate of local
talent visible to the naked eye. There
were three cattlemen, one blackboard
and four ranches. Her two trunks
and baggage trunk. Five individuals sat
around the blackboard, and she
noticed that many of them were
chewing and eating. She was a bit
of a feline, and she was a bit of a
feline, and she was a bit of a feline.

There was a man of interest among the
five. Spike MacDougal rose and came
toward the lady settler. He explained
that the gulch was a matter of six-
teen miles northwest, but that, if she
wanted to, she could probably put up at
the Kanton place, four miles out of
town. Spike said modestly that he'd
take her over in the carryall, and they
could manage the two trunks on top of
the carryall. The packing cases would
have to come later.

Emily heard him. Her atten-
tion was fixed on a man who came at a
dead gallop down the wide, dusty
road. He was tall, broad-shouldered
and heavy-set. Even the pinto was
short at the hitching post. The newcomer
caught his deep baritone voice before he
launched into the telegraph office. She
caught his deep baritone voice perfectly
as he gave his message.

You can write back east to those sons
of guns that that land transfer up at
the gulch has been declared illegal by
the court here and it don't hold good. I
am prepared to protect my rights on it
in any and all ways. Sign it Scott
King."

Emily's hazel eyes narrowed and she
pursed her lips. As she climbed into the
carryall beside Spike, she asked
casually who the young man was on
the strawberry pinto.

"That's King, former owner of the

WHY "ANURIC" IS AN INSURANCE AGAINST SUDDEN DEATH.

Before an insurance company will
take a risk on your life, it is examining
your kidneys. If your kidneys are
weak, whether you are a good risk.
Your kidneys get sluggish and clog,
you suffer from backache, sick-head-
ache, dizziness, and all the other signs
of lumbago, rheumatism, and
gout. The urine is often cloudy, full
of sediment; channels often get sore
and sleep is disturbed two or three
times a night. This is the time you
should consult some physician of wide
experience—such as Dr. Pierce of the
Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute,
Buffalo, N. Y. Send him 10 cents for
sample package of his new discovery,
"Anuric." Write him your symptoms
and send a sample of urine for test.
Expert has found Dr. Pierce that
"Anuric" is the most powerful agent
in dissolving uric acid, as hot water
melts sugar; besides being absolutely
harmless with other medicines, and
other properties, for it preserves the
kidneys in a healthy condition by thoroughly
cleansing them. Being so many times
more active than other kidney treat-
ments, it clears the system of all
acidic matter, and it is a regular insur-
ance against all the diseases of the
kidneys, which may clog them and check
the degeneration of the blood-vessels, as
well as regulating the blood pressure.
Anuric is a regular insurance and
life-saver for all big meat eaters and
those who deposit lime-salts in their
joints. Ask the druggist for "Anuric,"
put up by Dr. Pierce, in 50-cent pack-
ages.

STRENGTH AND BEAUTY
Come with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical
Discovery. This is a blood purifier and
alterative that starts the liver and stom-
ach into vigorous action. It thus assu-
ages the body to manufacture rich, red blood,
which feeds the heart, nerves, brain and
organs of the body. The organs work
smoothly like machinery running in oil.
You feel clean, strong and strenuous in-
stead of tired, weak and faint.

den vista of the mountainside opened
up. Scott caught sight of a lifting wing
in the distance.

"They've started it," he cried. "You
ride back and round everybody on the
road of Arapahoe. I'll get the Benson
boys and fight this."

"But I want to come, too," said
Emily.

"You do as I tell you," he retorted,
shortly, and for the first time in her
life Emily Greeley obeyed a man. In
fact, she realized as she rode along
what a relief it was to find a man she
could obey.

It was a week later that the family
received the announcement of Emily's
marriage to one Scott King.

"The ranch was his in the first
place," she wrote. "He lost it and I
won it. Now he's won me, so we're
partners in a fair deal, and I'm not
removing East this year."

The Luxe Eradicator, an
unexcelled glove cleaner
..... 25c

Chapman's
Saturday--Buy Where You Can Buy
the Cheapest**May SPECIAL SALE**
OF WAISTS 98c

We feature Waists, made in the newest styles and the best materials procur-
able, at the lowest possible price. Choice of Plain White Voiles, lace or em-
broidery trimmed, with or without small tucks; the new large collar; long
sleeves; also Colored Pin Stripe Voiles, red or green, with plain hemstitched
collar, tie to match. Seed Voiles, in self colors. Candy Stripe Voiles, in pink,
sky and green; hemstitched collar and deep cuffs. Any of which are big
value at \$1.25 to \$1.50. All at one price..... 98c

Dress Goods --- See Window

Special Saturday display of Fine Lightweight French Dress Goods, all pure
wool silk and wool crepes and taffeta cloths, in new vivid shades so much
worn this season; 40 and 42 inches wide. See these fashionable shades in the
window display—apple green, oyster grey, dove grey, mustard, rose, Joffe
blue, navy, light tan, lime, champagne, Russian green, tomato and melon.
Worth today \$1.50 and \$2.00. Old values at\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 per yard

WHITE CHEVRON STRIPE SUITING, for suits or sport coats, high-grade
quality. Its value today is \$5.50. Our price, per yard \$3.50

MEN, Provide For a Rainy Day

22 only Men's Raincoats, made of the best British Waterproof Cloth, strap
cuffs, set-in or raglan sleeves, covered pockets, air vent under arms, chain
hanger. These were bought some time ago and could not be bought today at
wholesale at the price we are selling them at. Regular values worth up to \$15.
Sizes 32, 38, 40, 42 and 44—sizes for small and large men. On sale Saturday
..... \$6.59

Corsets

Fine French Coutil Corsets, medium
bust, filled with rustproof steels. All
sizes 19 to 30. Price \$1.00

SPECIAL—Strong Reducing Corset,
heavy rustproof double steels, with
reducing straps and elastic strapping
in the back. Six hose supporters. Per
pair \$3.50

Underwear

A table of Women's Vests and Draw-
ers, short sleeves and sleeveless, lace
trimmed. Good value at 50c. On
sale Saturday, per garment 29c

Women's Fine Cambric Drawers,
frilled. On sale Saturday, per pair 25c

Millinery

Women's Stylish Sailor Hats, un-
trimmed. Special values at \$1.50, \$2,
\$2.50, \$3.50 and \$3.75.

Women's Panama Hats, new in, at ..
\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00

Matrons' Black Hats, at \$1.50 to
\$3.00. (Untrimmed.)

Boys' and Girls' Knockabout and
School Hats at 50c, 59c, 65c to \$1.75

Girls' Tagel Hats, in rose, navy,
green, saxe and black, with white
edge. Untrimmed at\$1.00

J. H. Chapman & Co.

239-241-243 Dundas Street

"THE OLD MAN"

[A. T. Robinson, in the Gulfport
(Chenango County, N. Y.) Mail.]
He may wear a last year's straw
hat; his finger nails may need man-
icuring, his vest may hang a little

loose, and his trousers bag at the
knees, his face may show the signs of
a second day's growth, and the din-
ner bucket he carries may be full of
herbs and doughnuts, but he will call
him "the old man." He's your father.

For years and years he has been
rustling around to get things to-
gether. Never once has he failed to
do the right thing by you. He
thinks you are the greatest boy on
earth, but none, even though you
do plaster your hair back, wear
smart clothes, smoke cigarettes, and
fall to bring home a cent. He is
the man who won the love and a life

partnership of the greatest woman
on earth, and he is the man who
He is some man, and not "the old
man." If you win as good a wife as
he did, you will have to go some,
my boy--go some.

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