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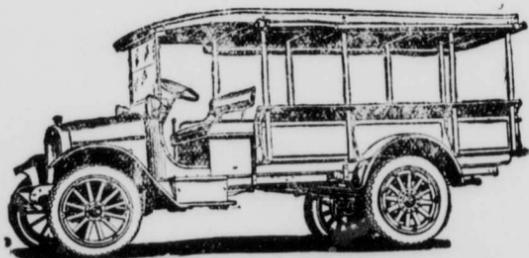
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A MARRIAGE SLUMP.

One of the Effects of the Return of Peace.

A certain recklessness was, generally speaking, the characteristic of those undertaking matrimony in war time; a tendency to look two or three times before leaping has taken its place since the fighting ended. A variety of causes combine to account for such a change.

In the first place, life in the army being free from those expenses which weigh most heavily on the civilian, the soldier had little chance to realize the alarming cost of living. Demobilization has, however, given him personal experience of the real difficulty of making both ends meet. The absence of any prospects of an early drop in prices, combined with the problem of house accommodation, is quite enough to account for the shyness which he feels with regard to marriage.

Though practical difficulties are doubtless largely responsible for reducing the number of hasty marriages, the elimination of certain purely war-time incentives to marry has also much to do with it.

Though life is, at best, an uncertain thing, a man's chances of being alive in six months' time are distinctly brighter now than in recent years. As a natural consequence couples are more willing to wait for better days. Again, the man's argument that if he has to be killed the girl he loves may as well get a pension no longer enters into the weighing of pros and cons.

A man home on leave, after months of misery in the fighting line, had some excuse for acting against his better judgment. Especially was this the case when the expressed wishes of the girl he had not seen for so long allied themselves with his natural inclinations.

If the soldier did not always give sufficient thought to his after-the-war prospects—well, those prospects were so vague that adding a little to their uncertainty did not seem to make so much difference. Accustomed as he was to the taking of chances, he was somewhat apt to include the risks of a reckless marriage in the gamble of life.

Now that the crowded experiences and feverish excitement of war are over, an inevitable reaction has set in. Many a man whose nerves stood the strain, finds himself incapable of undertaking new anxieties and responsibilities now that the tension is relaxed. What he seeks is a respite, during which he may recuperate his nervous system and take a few bearings in his new environment.

February Has Five Sundays.

For the first time in forty years there is five Sundays in February. Ordinarily the sequence of five Sundays in February occurs once in each twenty-eight years, but owing to the fact that 1900 was not a leap year the calendar "slipped a cog," and Sunday, being shunted out of place in numerical order, it did not get back into position to become the first and last day of the month from 1880 until this year.

Lived on a "Pharm."

"I want some intelligent men as hospital orderlies," announced Lieut. Worley. "Any pharmacists in the company?" A flaxen-haired individual shuffled forward. "Ye gods," said the lieutenant, "are you a pharmacist?" "Shure ay bane pharmacist," was the indignant reply. "Vy ay bane work on pharm all my life."

Rockies Surpass the Alps

FEW people who have never been to the scenic regions of the Canadian Rockies and the Selkirk have the slightest idea of its wonders.

Perhaps this fact will help a bit: The Swiss Alps are traversed in five hours, but the magnificent scenery between Calgary and Vancouver lasts for twenty-three hours of rapid rail-roading!

Edward Whymper of Matterhorn fame once stated that the Canadian Rockies were "fifty Switzerlands thrown into one." Snowy peaks, vast glaciers hanging from them, rugged precipices, waterfalls, foaming torrents, great canons, lakes like vast sapphires and emeralds set in pine clad mountains, have been flung together in unparalleled profusion.

Banff, Lake Louise, Field and Glacier all have ample accommodations for tourists, but last year the hotels were more than full owing to the heavy tourist traffic across Canada. Banff, but a short ride west of Calgary, has an altitude of 4,521 feet and is surrounded by majestic snow capped peaks that rise a mile above the Bow Valley. This valley is a vast amphitheatre, walled in by mountains, and through it winds the Bow river, which some wag once called the "Baby Blue Bow." The Bow Valley as viewed from the Banff Springs Hotel is so beautiful that even the strongest adjectives seem weak and futile.

Banff is the capital of Rocky Mountains Park and is the tourist's own town. There are fine automobile roads, a busy business section, boating and fishing on the Bow and interesting side trips to Lake Minnewanka, the Stony Indian's name for "Spirit Water," and Johnson's Canon, Tunnel Mountain and the great open air zoo, where buffalo and the big game of the Rockies may be seen in their natural haunts.

Mule deer from the mountains wandered through the streets unmolested, because Banff is a safe refuge for them, and elk, bear and Rocky Mountain sheep are frequently seen by automobile parties and tourists who "hit the trail" up the mountains to various points of interest. Banff, too, is headquarters for the Canadian Alpine Club, whose members go into camp each year and climb some "heaven kissing hill." Their clubhouse, more than a mile above the sea, clings to the wooden slopes of Sulphur Mountain, one of the most remarkable peaks in the Canadian Rockies.

Sulphur Mountain is one of Mother Nature's great tea kettles, except that the brew is hot sulphur water and not tea. There are excellent bathing facilities at the Hot Sulphur Springs, high up on the peak, the Cave and Basin, the Government's handsome \$150,000 pool and the Banff Springs Hotel's pool, all of which get a bountiful supply of hot water at about 90 degrees from Sulphur Mountain.

The Government also owns and maintains a first-class golf course along the Bow river, where the golfer may enjoy his favorite sport amid the most inspiring surroundings. Mountains rise from the edges of the fair green, and the scenery is so attractive that the golfer finds trouble in "keeping his eye on the ball."

Glacier, in the heart of the mighty Selkirk, is a great resort for Alpinists. Here Mount Sir Donald, 10,808 feet in altitude, rises to the height of a mile and a quarter above the valley. It was named after Sir Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona), one of the far-seeing geniuses who bound eastern and western Canada together with the rails of the Canadian Pacific and made Canada a nation. Near Glacier is Illecillewaet Glacier, which covers ten square miles and is nearly a mile high. Its foot is almost in Glacier's backyard. Nearby, too, is Assinikan Valley, with its big glacier and the mysterious Nakimu Caves on the lower slopes of Mount Cheops.

There are many scenic wonders in the Canadian Rockies and the Selkirks, but only a few can be described within the limits of an ordinary newspaper article.

A Patriotic Indian.

Chief Joseph Davies of the Brunswick House Band of Ojibway Indians, and several of his tribe, who enlisted in 1916 with the 227th (Men of the North) Battalion, were among the returned soldiers who arrived home from France by the Olympic.

Chief Davies was granted by the military authorities the unique privilege of wearing upon his uniform throughout active service his official Indian chief's insignia.

On his arrival at Chapleau a welcome was extended by Indian Agent T. J. Godfrey and a large deputation of members of the tribe. A pathetic feature of the chief's homecoming is that two of his children have recently died of the "flu."

The chief's wife, traveling more than thirty miles by canoe, having to break the ice in many places to get through, bringing with her one dead child and one seriously ill with the epidemic, arrived in Chapleau too late to save the life of the second child, who died shortly after admission to the hospital.

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