

Sunny Sand Creek

On the sunny banks of Sand Creek,
Where the birdies sing,
Where the robin redbreast
Is herald of the Spring.
On its banks the beaver,
There they have their home;
Through Sand Creek's shady wood-
lands
Graceful deer do roam.
In its sparkling waters
Speckled beauties glide
Where the river rushes
By the mountain side.
In the dark deep canyon
Towering cedars grow,
Nourished by the streamlets
From the winter snow.
Money in the mineral
There is quite a store,
Hidden in the mountains
By Sand's Creek's sunny shore.
Far off in foreign countries
The cannon loudly roar;
There is peace and plenty
On Sand Creek's sunny shore.
There I have my cabin
And flowers at my door,
Living with a faithful friend
On Sand Creek's sunny shore.
—L.G.R., Calamity Gulch, B.C.

GLORIED IN HER ESPIONAGE WORK

Sydney, N.S.W.—It is known on the authority of certain of the federal ministers that a Prussian lady, the Countess von Schamburg, who caused quite a flutter in Australian society not very long before the war, was a spy of the very first water, and that she was instrumental in placing in German hands the monopoly of Australian metal products which was so vigorously smashed, not so long ago, by Mr. W. M. Hughes. This countess came to Australia with a bag-full of credentials, put up at the hotel Australia, and was worshipped in a somewhat adulatory fashion by a section of our nouveau riche.

The countess had written out, apparently for her personal enjoyment, the story of her wanderings in this part of the world. She had hidden nothing. She gloried in the good work she was doing for her Kaiser, and her espionage triumphs in Australia. Some time since the outbreak of the war she was passing through Switzerland, and these interesting writings were taken from her bag, and found their way into British hands. Extracts from them have been published recently in American papers. Australian ministers, thereupon interrogated, admitted that the countess had been a very successful spy in Australia; but they have not yet allowed the newspapers to publish the true story of her Australian activities. Some of the papers have published the extracts from the American journals.

The countess says that she was selected by the Kaiser to proceed to Australia and get the metals concessions; that she met on the steamer a Sir Percy Plumer, who was going out, on behalf of English interests, to get the concessions; that she was beautiful, and got into Sir Percy's good graces; that he told her that he was going to inquire into a new smelting process which would greatly cheapen the handling of the ores and enable the English easily to outbid the Germans for the metal concessions. The countess says that when she arrived in Australia she consulted with certain German experts, who were in despair; they knew that the new process was a success and that they could not hope to bid against the English interests. So they concocted a plot. The countess used her friends and her influence to be admitted to the demonstration and she contrived to introduce a chemical which made the official test a failure. "Sir Percy berated the crestfallen inventor as a humbug, and the inventor left in high temper. Soon German interests had signed up for the output of the entire mines. I had not failed my Kaiser.

There are those who are not inclined to believe this account of the manner in which the Germans obtained their amazing hold on the Australian metal industry. But the fact remains that the Germans did get this monopoly; and that the German countess, on the admission of federal ministers, was one of the most successful and dangerous German spies who visited Australia in pre-war days.

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AUSTRALIA AND COMPULSION

If the final count in the Australian referendum results in a defeat for conscription it must be remembered that the Commonwealth, with a population smaller than Canada's, has sent a larger army to the war, and that its remoteness has prevented it from reaping the financial harvest which has come to this Dominion through war orders. If the soldier vote fails to overcome the civilian majority against consulsion the reverse must be largely attributable to the Socialists, the I.W.W.'s, and Pacifists and the Mannixites or Sinn Feiners. According to the Melbourne Argus, the Socialists and the I.W.W.'s may be classed together, because they have one common idea. They acknowledge allegiance to no country.

"The world is their country, and apparently to do evil is their religion. They are not scrupulous in their methods; they are impractical in their objectives. They would own the world and to attain ownership they would set the world on fire. Of the two parties, the I.W.W. is the less dangerous, inasmuch as its methods are more obviously menacing and terrifying. While the International Socialist is an intellectual snob, the I.W.W. is an avowed criminal. But neither the Socialist nor the I.W.W. would care if the British Empire were destroyed by this war. The one would fraternize with the German conquerors and the other would continue his policy of murder and arson against the Germans and the subjugated Australians indiscriminately."

The Mannixites take their name from their leader, Dr. Mannix, who is a Little Australian and a Sinn Feiner. The I.W.W.'s, or Industrial Workers of the World, are at work everywhere outside of the Kaiser's realms. It is probable that they are financed with German money. They are governed by similar ideas to those which rule the Russian Bolsheviks, the Irish Sinn Feiners and other anarchists. The arrest of the Russian steamer Shilka at an American Pacific port with stores of guns and munitions on board suggests that the Russian extremists are working in co-operation with certain undesirable organizations in the United States. German emissaries are employing every unruly and discordant element at their command in persistent efforts to break down the morale of the people in all Ally countries, and to prevent all such countries from making their maximum efforts in the war.

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Dated at Cranbrook, B.C., this 2nd day of January, 1918.

N. A. Wallinger,
Deputy Assessor and Collector,
Port Steele Assessment District.
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Germany Laughs No More

Germany affected to laugh as one by one the neutral States which are not great military powers fell off from her in horror of her crimes. She laughs no more. It is not, indeed the moral condemnation of so many peoples which disturbs her seared and hardened conscience. At that she can still scoff. But she is finding that the raw materials for her industries in war and in peace together with no small share of her food supplies are under the control of those who are her declared enemies, or who refuse to continue diplomatic relations with her. She is beginning to perceive what this may mean for her.

—London Times.

"THE LONESOME CHAP"

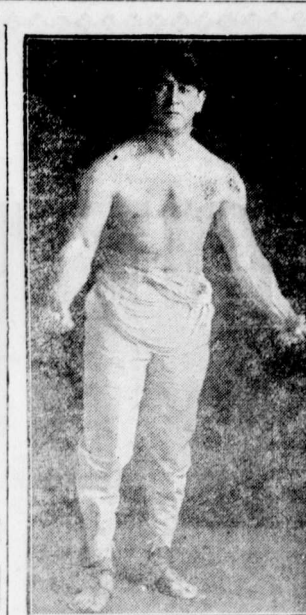
The thrilling scenes in the interior of the mine in the Pallas-Paramount production of "The Lonesome Chap," in which Louise Huff and House Peters will be seen at the Isis theatre on Friday and Saturday, were taken 700 feet below the surface of the ground in one of the largest mines in California. The regular miners were having the time of their lives by being motion picture actors.

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