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German Fliers Had One of Greatest Surprises of Their Lives When Squadrons Coming Out to "Stretch Their Wings" Were Pounced Upon by British Machines and a Dozen Driven to Earth.
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# Famine and World-Hunger Are On Our Threshold <br> People are starving to-day in Belgium, in Serbia, in Poland, 

## in the nation's honor, heed $t$ Acquit yourselves like men. As workers on the land, do your duty with all your strength !"

## THE CRISIS

France, England and Italy in peace times did not depend up merica, but on Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria for most o their breadstuffs. With' these sources closed, the crisis of th hour dema
are fed.

Everyone in Great Britain has been put on limited rations is prohibited one day a week, and the making of cakes and pastry has been stopped. Further restrictions are antici pated.

Bread has gone to 28c per four-pound loaf in England, for frrst time' since the Crimean War.
Lord Devonport, British Food Comptroller, proposes taking authority to search the houses Forty
Forty million men, less the casualties, are now on active service. Twenty million men and women are supporting them by vice in other war activities.
In the last analysis the land is bearing this burden.
One million tons of food-carrying ships have been torpedoed since February 1st, 1917.
Germany's hope for victory is in the starvation of Britain through the submarine.
Canada's sons will have died in vain if hunger compels the cherland's surrender.
The land is waiting-the plough is ready-will we make
Will we help the acres to save the flag ?

## World-Hunger Stares Us in the Face

 David Lubin, representative of the United States to the In-termational Institute of Agriculture -maintained by forty $o$ -ernments-reports officially to. Washington that the food grains of the world on March 31st, 1917, showed a shortage of $0150,000,000$ bushels belowx the amount necessary to feed the
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unless a greater acreage is put to crop in 1917 there will be unless a greater acreage is put to crop in 1917 there
WORLD-HUNGER before the 1918 crop is harvested.
The failure of the grain crop, in the Apgentine Republic, which is ordinarily a great grain-exporting nation, resulted in an embargo beins from that country io avert local famine
The United States Department of Agriculture, in its official report, announces the condition of the fall wheat crop (which is two-thirds of their total wheat crop), on April 1st,
1917, to be the poorest ever recorded, and predicts a yield of 1917, to be the poorest ever recorded, and predicts a yield of
$244,000,000$ bushels below the crop of 1915 . The 1916 crop was poor. Even with favorable weather, the wheat crop of the
United States is ikely to be the smallest in thirty-five years, not United States is ikely to be the sma
Under date of April 10th, Ogden Armour, executive head of Armour \& Company, one of the world's largest dealers in food products, stated that unless the uited States wishes to walk deunder Government supervision, must immediately devise means
und of increasing and conserving food supplies. Armour urged the cultivation of every available acre. The food shortage, he said is world-wide. European production is cut in half, the Argen
tine Republic has suffered droughts. Canada and the United States must wake up!


Armenia, in many quarters of the globe.
Famine conditions are becoming more widespread every day. On these alarming food conditions becoming known, Presi dent Wilson immediately appointed a Food Comptroller for the United states. He selecter is indebted, as Chairman of the International Belgium Reworld is indebted, as Chairman of the Internationa Belgium Re-
lief Commission, for his personal direction of the distribution of food among the starving Belgians.

Mr. Hoover is already urging sacrifice and food restrictions, r, as he states, "The war will probably last another year, and we shall have all we can do to supply the necessary food to carry our Allies through with their full fighting stamina.

## The Problem for Ontario

The land under cultivation in Ontario in 1916 was 365,000 cres less than in 1915. Consider how much LESS Ontario produced in 1916 than she
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1916 DECREASE

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 31,401 799,070 $51,441 \quad 9,043,424$ $34,411 \quad 5,858,594$ $\begin{array}{ll}8,006 & 15,600,308\end{array}$ Other crops show as critical decline.
Reports from Ontario on the condition of fall wheat for 191 are decidedly discouraging.

As there is an average of not more than one man on eacb hundred acres of farm land in Ontario, the prospects indicate


## A 15-year-old Girl at Work


Food Production is the Greatest Problem the World Faces To-day

Owing to destruction by submarines, ocean ships are scarce. It is much easier to protect shipping between Canada and England than on thessel can make twice as many trips from Canada to Britain as from India, and four times as many as from Australia. Therefore, every ton of food stuffs grown in Canada is worth the Motherland two tons grown in India or four tons grown in ustralia

## Why the Call to Canada is So Urgent

If this country does not raise a big crop this year, not only will the people of Canada suffer, but the Motherand and her Allies will suffer, and their military power wil be weakened war
not paralyzed. Therefore, the right solution of the present wis not paralyzed. Therefore, the right solution of the
problem comes back to the farm, as to a foundation upon which probem whole national and international structure must be built and naintained.
The farmers know that they are the last reserve, and that the soll on which crops are grown is the strategic ground on supplies.

The Second-Line Trenches

To enable the farm to do the work two factors are essential. The first is Time. Whatever we are to do must be done at once. Nature waits for no man. The second is Labor. Many farmers cannot plant the acres they would because they cannot get the necessary heip.
Many are afraid to increase their acreage because they fear they would not be able to cultivate and harvest an unusual crop after they had raised it. If they are to do the work that is essential for them to do, the last man in each city, town and village must be mobilized at

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5very man not on Active Service can help. In every city town and vilage are men who, by their training on the farm, or farm work. These can render no steater service to the Empire at the able men and boys willing to learn should not allow their lack of farm experience to stand in the way

Can the employer render a more signal service in this crisis than by encouraging these men to help the farmer to cultivate every available acre, and by making it easy for them to go? Ontario's farm lands are waiting-the implements are ready -the equipment is complete-the farmer is willing-all he needs labor.

So short is the world's food supply that without increased production many in Canada must go hungry, and even with enorworld is waiting for our harvest.
If peace should be declared within a year, the food conditions will be no better, for the accumulated hunger of the Central Empires must be met. This will absorb a large part of the world's supply.

We do not know when this war shall cease. It is endless-its lengthening out has paralyzed the thought and conception of all men who thought about it and its possible time of conclusion.
Three months-six months, we said; uine months, a year, we said; and yet two years and eight months have passed their long, dreary and sanguinary length, and there is no man who can tell how long this gigantic struggle may yet last.
Lloyd George, in a letter addressed to farmers throughout the Empire, said :
"The line which the British Empire holds against
Germans is held by those who WORK ON THE "LAND as well as by those who fight on land and sea. It "it breaks at any point it breaks everywhere. In the face "of the enemy the seamen of our Royal naval and mer"cantile marine and the soldiers gathered from every payi "of. our Empire hold our line firstly. You workers on land "must hold your part of our line as strongly. Every full "day's labor you do helps to shorten the struggle and "lengthens the struggle a ad makes defeat more possible. "Therefore, in the nation's honor, heed! Acquit your. "selves like men, and as workers on land do your duty "with all your strength!"
So, for the honor of Canada's soldiers in France-and for the glory of our New-born Nationhood-let it be said of Ontario's worthy of their sons.

We owe a great debt to those who are fighting for us.

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