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SIR WILFRID LAURIER

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paralyzed, which if unlocked would result to the standards of the empire, thousands of fighting men who would have the consciousness that they were truly fighting for freedom under the banner of democracy.

BUT TO DISTRESS
That the Irish problem is not settled, is due to distrust, the distrust of a small section of Irishmen who will not listen or learn, but say they would sooner have civil war than obey the laws of parliament.

ON THE BATTLE LINE

A NEW FRENCH OFFENSIVE is foreshadowed by the opening of a fierce artillery bombardment. The British guns also are shelling with increasing intensity. The total guns captured since the storming of Vimy is 300, and the prisoners taken now approximate to thirty-eight thousand.

Mr. Lloyd George struck a cheering note at the Guildhall yesterday, when he was presented with the freedom of the city of London. "The tide has now turned. Victory is coming increasingly nearer."

THE DESPAIR OF THE GERMANS, which has resulted in black piracy, led Mr. Lloyd George to lift the curtain on the past. Since June, 1915, when the British lost eighty-four guns, not a single gun has been lost by the British troops.

TEN MILLION TONS OF IMPORTS will be cut off ultimately by Britain without interfering with any essential industry. This will go far to ease the shipping situation. Had this step been taken a year ago there would have been a year's supply of wheat in the stores of Great Britain.

IN MESOPOTAMIA the Thirteenth Turkish Army Corps has retreated up both banks of the Shatt-el-Adhim in the direction of the Jebel Hamrin hills. The British troops are keeping in touch with this force, which on two occasions made unsuccessful attempts to come to the aid of the Eighteenth Turkish Army Corps on the Tigris.

THE UNITED STATES is responding magnificently to the needs of the Allied countries. Half a billion dollars a month loans will be made in the following proportions: Britain, \$250,000,000; France, \$100,000,000; and Russia and Italy, \$150,000,000.

GERMAN INTERNAL CONDITIONS, according to a despatch from the Danish capital are far from rosy. The Socialists proposed Parliamentary control of the conduct of the war, but the Reichstag Committee voted it down.

Although Gladstone had been deserted in his espousal of the Irish cause by the financial and landed interests, he had gained a victory, for he had brought to the cause of Ireland the forces of British democracy, and it was under the impulses of this democracy that the way was made for the Home Rule bill which was passed by parliament in 1914.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

MOTHER'S DAY

Let every mother's son not forget to wear on Mother's Day the white flower betokening love for her to whom, after God, he owes devotion.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

DON'T BE MAD AT MOTHER

Don't be mad at mother When her patience seems to break 'Neatly the thousand little duties

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THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY

A wise traveller, about to cross an ocean, will not risk the voyage in a leaky or a worm-eaten vessel.

THE LITTLE LADY

"Pick out a nice Catholic girl. It will take you a couple of years to get her. Give her a good time. Don't be a tightwad, but spend a little money on her."

Thus Father O'Malley, S. J., exhorted young men at the close of a mission, a fortnight ago, at St. Aloysius Church, Kansas City, Mo.

Father O'Malley knew that marriage is directly the young man's business, and that it is the latter whose future happiness, both temporal and eternal, is at stake.

"Of course," he explained, "I know with the high cost of living it is kind of rash for me to talk about matrimony for young men, but the older I become, the more convinced I am that there is only one thing for a young man to do and that is to seek a life partner."

When you get into manhood's estate," he then continued, "go pick out some nice girl—one of our Catholic girls. We have a fine lot of Catholic girls, and they are not all going to the convent, either. A great many of them want to marry, but you don't expect them to marry a man unless he is a real man.

"Women don't abandon their husbands on account of poverty. You might occasionally find one, but she is rare. A Catholic woman will stand by a man as long as he isn't selfish or spending his money at a bar or running around with other women. She will stand up and go down with him in battle."

"You shouldn't expect to get a millionaire's daughter. Pick out some girl of your own kind. Find a woman of piety and devotion; a woman who puts her trust in Jesus Christ; who, while you are working, is praying. It isn't the energy of man that makes the home successful, but the man must use all of his ability.

We have to use every natural talent that God gave us, but at the same time we must put all our confidence in God. A man that undertakes something for the love of God, and the man that marries to lead a good, pure, virtuous life, God will make him a happy home.

"You want to marry a Catholic girl. I am not prejudiced against non-Catholics. I have a great many non-Catholic friends, but my first duty is to my own. It is the duty of a Catholic to stand by his own. It is the duty of Catholics to look out for Catholic people first and tell the men to pick out some girl that they can entrust their salvation to. You know a woman can damn a man as well as a man can damn a woman. It is the biggest contract you make in life. There isn't anything that entails so much in this life and the next as the choosing of a partner for life. It means happiness, solace,

comfort and salvation and heaven when you die, and it means the same for those who may be born of your wedlock."—The Echo.

church I saw Clementina's carriage empty except for umbrella. Oh, I was a very frightened mother, but hoping against hope that Marie was in the church and had not been taken, I ran inside."

"Yes, dear, and then?" asked her husband.

"Then I saw her fast asleep on the altar step—safe with her other Mother."—Rae Dickerson.

honor her in many special ways. They have recourse to her more frequently, invoke her more confidently, and therefore have a better right than others to trust to her good offices in their behalf.

In the beginning the activities of the Sodality were restricted to certain categories of youth in houses of education, its object being the personal perfection of its members in virtue, by study, works of charity and zeal for souls.

The Sodality of Our Lady is now spread throughout the world and counts its members by millions. During the past sixty years many thousand branches have been affiliated to the Primary Sodality in Rome and share in its indulgences and privileges.

It is a consoling fact that membership in the Sodality became for multitudes the stepping-stone to higher things. How many thousand young men found their first attraction to the priesthood or the religious life; how many thousand young women went from their Sodality to the cloister, there to give a more intense service to the Queen of Heaven.

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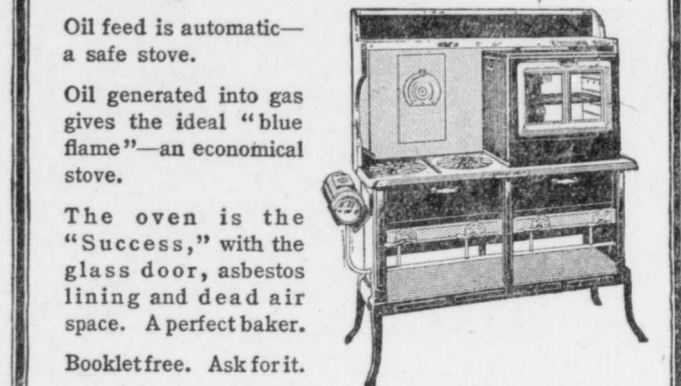
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# Famine and World-Hunger Are On Our Threshold



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in the nation's honor, heed!  
Acquit yourselves like men.  
As workers on the land, do your  
duty with all your strength!"

—Lloyd George

## THE CRISIS

France, England and Italy in peace times did not depend upon America, but on Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria for most of their breadstuffs. With these sources closed, the crisis of the hour demands that we see that our soldiers and the Motherland are fed.

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

Bread has gone to 28c per four-pound loaf in England, for the first time since the Crimean War.

Lord Devonport, British Food Comptroller, proposes taking authority to search the houses of Great Britain to prevent food hoarding.

Forty million men, less the casualties, are now on active service.

Twenty million men and women are supporting them by service 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 Motherland's surrender.

The land is waiting—the plough is ready—will we make the plough mightier than the sword?

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 International Institute of Agriculture—maintained by forty Governments—reports officially to Washington that the food grains of the world on March 31st, 1917, showed a shortage of 150,000,000 bushels below the amount necessary to feed the world until August, 1917. He declares it is beyond question that unless a greater acreage is put to crop in 1917 there will be WORLD-HUNGER before the 1918 crop is harvested.

The failure of the grain crop, in the Argentine Republic, which is ordinarily a great grain-exporting nation, resulted in an embargo being placed, in March, 1917, upon the export of grain from that country to 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 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 likely to be the smallest in thirty-five years, not more than 64% of the normal crop.

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 United States wishes to walk deliberately into a catastrophe, the best brains of the country, under Government supervision, must immediately devise means 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 Argentine Republic has suffered droughts. Canada and the United States must wake up!



Hunger  
Tightening  
His Grip

—New York Evening Mail.

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People are starving to-day in Belgium, in Serbia, in Poland, in Armenia, in many quarters of the globe.

Famine conditions are becoming more widespread every day. On these alarming food conditions becoming known, President Wilson immediately appointed a Food Comptroller for the United States. He selected Herbert C. Hoover, to whom the world is indebted, as Chairman of the International Belgium Relief Commission, for his personal direction of the distribution of food among the starving Belgians.

Mr. Hoover is already urging sacrifice and food restrictions, for, 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 acres less than in 1915.

Consider how much LESS Ontario produced in 1916 than she raised in 1915.

	Year	Acres	Bushels	1916 DECREASE	
				Acres	Bushels
Fall Wheat	1916	704,867	14,942,050	105,315	9,794,961
"	1915	811,185	24,737,011		
Barley and Oats	1916	529,886	12,388,969	24,432	7,504,160
"	1915	552,318	19,893,129		
Peas and Beans	1916	95,542	1,243,979	31,401	799,070
"	1915	126,943	2,043,049		
Corn	1916	258,332	12,717,072	51,441	9,043,424
"	1915	309,773	21,760,496		
Potatoes and Carrots	1916	139,523	7,408,429	34,411	5,858,594
"	1915	173,934	13,267,023		
Mangel-Wurzels and Turnips	1916	42,793	9,756,015	8,006	15,600,308
"	1915	50,799	25,356,323		

Other crops show as critical decline. Reports from Ontario on the condition of fall wheat for 1917 are decidedly discouraging.

As there is an average of not more than one man on each hundred acres of farm land in Ontario, the prospects indicate even a still smaller acreage under cultivation in 1917 unless extra labor is supplied.



—Photo from London, Eng., By-stander.

## A 15-year-old Girl at Work

Miss Alexandra Smith, one of the thousands of British women workers on the land. She recently won an All-Comers' Champion prize for plowing.

## 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 the longer voyages from India or Australia.

One vessel 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 to the Motherland two tons grown in India or four tons grown in Australia.

## 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 Motherland and her Allies will suffer, and their military power will be weakened if not paralyzed. Therefore, the right solution of the present war problem comes back to the farm, as to a foundation upon which our whole national and international structure must be built and maintained.

The farmers know 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 entrusted the base of supplies.

## The Second-Line Trenches

—McClay, in  
The New York American.



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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 help. 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 once.

Every man not on Active Service can help. In every city, town and village are men who, by their training on the farm, or by their present occupation, can readily adapt themselves to farm work. These can render no greater service to the Empire at the present time than by answering the call of the farm. Capable 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 is labor.

So short is the world's food supply that without increased production many in Canada must go hungry, and even with enormously increased production we cannot expect cheap food. The world 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; nine 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 the Germans is held by those who WORK ON THE LAND as well as by those who fight on land and sea. If it breaks at any point it breaks everywhere. In the face of the enemy the seamen of our Royal naval and mercantile marine and the soldiers gathered from every part 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 brings us nearer victory. Every idle day, all loitering, lengthens the struggle and makes defeat more possible. Therefore, in the nation's honor, heed! Acquit yourselves 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 citizens that, in the hour of our greatest need, their response was worthy of their sons.

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

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