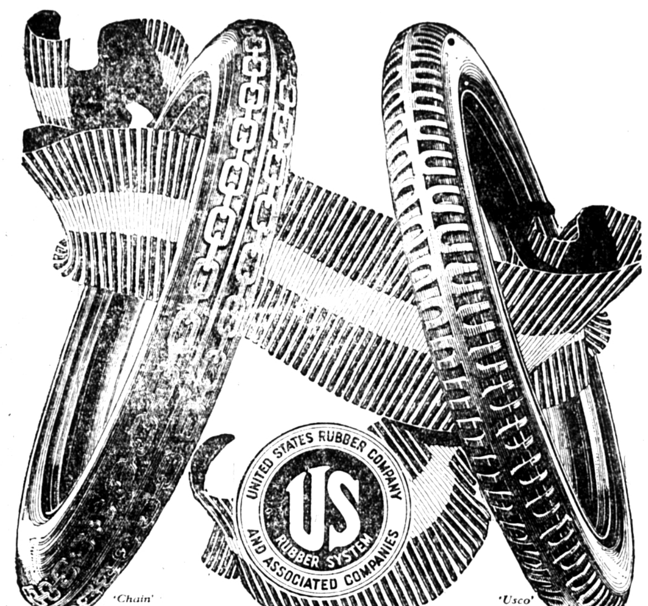

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An eminent pianist was about to give a recital in a large hall. As the audience was filing in a man staggered up to the door and presented a ticket. "You cannot go in," said the official in charge; "you are not in a fit condition." "Didn't I pay for my ticket?" asked the man. "Isn't it in order?" "It's all right," was the reply, "but you—you are all wrong; you are intoxicated!" "Intoxicated? Of course I'm intoxicated! If I wasn't do you think I would come to a piano recital?"

Roads Must Be Kept in Repair.

Investment of money in new roads does not become real economy until provision is made for keeping these new roads in condition after they are built. If a new road is built and then allowed to fall into disrepair, much of the original investment is simply wasted.

Well-Preserved Stakes.

Some of the piles in use in Amsterdam are three to four hundred years old. That part which is not in the ground in salt water is often bored by a pile worm near the surface, but is preserved by driving in nails with very large heads, so as to give the pile an iron coating. This coating is then transformed by the water into a layer of rust, which protects the wood from the pile worm. This process must be repeated every fifteen years.

Trinidad Lizard Farm.

On the Island of Trinidad there is today a veritable lizard farm which has all the equipment for the successful breeding of these none too numerous members of the reptile family which are now known to be indispensable to the sugar planters. In addition to this enterprise a wider search is being made for toads to help increase the world's sugar output.

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Origin of Lace Making.

The origin of lace making is so far lost in the dark ages that it is impossible to know in which country the process began. It is certain, however, that the Italians were making most elaborate and beautiful laces soon after America was discovered.

An Obstacle.

For most people an obstacle is something in the way to stop going on, but for General Armstrong it merely meant something to climb over, and if he could not climb all the way over, he would get up as high as possible and then crow!—General Marshal.

No Need to Be Alarmed.

James brought his pet bulldog to the store. As the dog looked vicious I moved away from him. James looked up quickly, then said: "Never mind him; he ain't biteous."—Exchange.

Right Road to Happiness.

The unselfish are the happiest—those who work to make others happy and forget themselves. The dissatisfied are those who are seeking happiness for themselves.

Steel and Iron.

Steel is a kind of iron which can easily be hammered out thin without cracking and can be made extremely hard by being heated and then cooled quickly. It is different from ordinary iron because of the amount of carbon in it. Wrought iron contains less carbon than steel and so it cannot be made so hard; cast iron contains more and so is brittle.

Founding of Siberia.

In 1582 Yermak, a Cossack chieftain, with chosen warriors set out to subdue a powerful Tartar tribe east of the Urals. Tsar Ivan IV sent orders for the expedition to return. But it was too late; Yermak and his men captured the city of Sibir, the stronghold of the Tartar chief, and this city become the nucleus of Siberia.

Ivory Mats.

There are but three mats of ivory in existence. The largest one measures 8 by 4 feet; and, although made in the north of India, has a Greek design for a border. It is used only on state occasions, like the signing of important state documents. The cost of this precious mat was almost incalculable, for more than 6,400 pounds of pure ivory were used in its construction. Only the finest and most flexible strips of the material could be used and the mat is like the finest woven fabric.

COAL SHORTAGE ON WAY; GOVT. SAYS BUY NOW

May Be Repetition of 1917-18 Conditions Next Winter Says Geological Survey.

MINES IDLE WITHOUT ORDERS.

Those Who Delay Ordering Longer May Not Get Their Fuel Later On.

The United States Geological Survey announces from Washington the probability of another general coal shortage next fall and winter. The announcement is based, the Survey states, upon a nation-wide study of conditions in the bituminous field. Unless steps are taken at once, the Survey says, to place the mines upon a basis of increased production there is every prospect of a repetition to some degree of the situation that prevailed in the United States during the winter of 1917-18.

The only way production can be stimulated at the present time, it is said, is by placing orders with the mines for coal which will be needed later on. "Production during the first five months of the year," reads the statement, "fell 57,292,000 net tons, or approximately 25% below production during the first five months of 1918. Mines are producing coal now at the rate of from 8,000,000 to 8,500,000 tons a week. An average output of 10,700,000 tons a week must be maintained from June 1 to January 1 next if the country's estimated needs of 500,000,000 tons this year are to be met."

Evil of Delayed Orders.

At no time during this year has the rate of production approached the required tonnage. The tendency on the part of buyers to hold off placing their orders is limiting production, as the mines cannot store coal at the point of production, and when the rush of orders for the winter's needs comes next fall there is grave danger that the mines, with depleted labor forces and the probability of less adequate transportation, will be unable to meet the demands. The result of such a situation would be an insufficient supply for the requirements of domestic consumers, public utilities and industrial users generally.

"It is believed that requirements for this year," reads a Survey statement to Fuel Administrator Garfield, "will be about 520,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, of which approximately 20,000,000 tons have been used from stocks accumulated last year, leaving 500,000,000 tons to be produced. Of this 500,000,000 tons 178,000,000 tons were produced during the first five months, leaving 322,000,000 tons to be produced in the remaining 30 weeks, or an average of 10,700,000 tons a week.

"Thus far this year production has been at the rate of 8,250,000 tons a week. In 1918 production was at the rate of 11,300,000 tons a week.

"This production will be difficult of accomplishment. The capacity of operating mines at the present time with labor now on the payroll is about 10% lower than it was last year. This deficiency may be made up in part or wholly if the mines have orders sufficient to run them five or six days a week unless the threatened exodus of foreign-born labor occurs.

May Be Car Shortage.

"Present wage agrements between operators and miners expire with the proclamation of peace by the President. A suspension of mining operations while a new wage agreement is being negotiated would, of course, seriously interfere with the production of coal and if it should occur during the fall would cause a panic among buyers and consumers of coal."

There is no use in gambling upon this or any other contingency, fuel administration officials say. The firm or individual who wants to be sure of an adequate coal supply next winter can be certain by buying coal now. There is no other way such assurance can be obtained. Transportation also promises to be a limiting factor if the flood tide of demand comes at a time when the country's record crops are being carried. In some districts it would appear certain that, notwithstanding the utmost endeavors of the Railroad Administration and the utilization of its experience last fall, car shortage will be a cause limiting bituminous coal production, and for that reason it is problematical whether the expected production of 500,000,000 tons can be attained this year.

Shortage of labor already is a factor that is cutting down the output in some coal producing sections, according to the Survey's report. The operators report that from 30,000 to 40,000 foreign-born miners expect to return to Europe as soon as they can get passports and that many have already returned. If continued this movement will be capable of producing but one result—a reduction of the amount of coal mined in districts where the mine labor is largely foreign born, and there are many such districts.

He who needs coal should hesitate no longer. Now is the time to buy coal.

The World's Next Step

No. 6

What Is Our Duty In Connection With the League of Nations?

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"What is my duty as an individual in connection with the league of nations?" you may ask. "What have I got to do with this big world question? Will any action on my part have any influence on the forces that are now settling the destinies of the world?"

Every citizen of the United States has a duty to perform now in connection with the league of nations just as urgent as he had when we were at war. You did not hesitate to do your part then just because you were only one of a hundred million and on the theory that any little saving or investing or working that you could do would have little effect toward defeating Germany.

Every individual citizen is represented in Washington by a senator. You may not know him; may never have seen him. Nevertheless he has some respect for your opinions; he wishes to win your vote once more. If he did not respect the opinions of his constituents he would be a queer person, for he is sent to Washington to carry out the wishes of the majority of the voters.

Now the United states senate is the body which has the power to ratify or reject treaties. The British premier has promised to submit the peace treaty to parliament for its approval, too; but he has just had an election and knows where parliament stands. When the representatives of all or most of the other nations sign the treaty of peace, that is all that is necessary. It then becomes operative.

But America will not be at peace with Germany nor will it be a member of the league of nations until the senate has ratified the treaty. If the senate should refuse to ratify it, we would then be in the position of being at war when all the remainder of the world was at peace, and of being outside of a league of nations which embraced most of the other important countries.

"Is it possible," you may ask, "that the senate could fail to ratify a treaty and thus leave us out in the cold? Are we ready to stand alone in this federated world? Can we assume the role of China and build a wall of exclusiveness around us?"

Looked at in that light it does not seem possible; yet when one listens to the speeches made daily in the senate it does seem as though many senators are far from ready to vote for the treaty which contains a provision for a league of nations. They may believe that they are backed by the voters. It is our duty as voters to let them know whether they are carrying out our wishes or not.

In this series of articles there has been no attempt to present an argument that the constitution of the league of nations as it stands is a perfect document. There very likely is room for many improvements. If there were not, it would be an exception to every other constitution ever adopted.

Conditions may arise a decade or century from now of which we can have no conception at this time, any more than the framers of the American Constitution could have foreseen the developments of today.

But there can be no doubt that the world, as a whole, now disapproves of war and denies the necessity for war, and that the league of nations as now proposed is a sincere effort to do away with the danger of war.

There is every reason to believe that it stands more than a fair chance of succeeding, while it is so drawn as to present few if any perils that we have not always had with us if it fails to succeed.

The constitution of the league does not prevent the United States from doing anything it wants to do, for the reason that the United States has no designs on the property of its neighbors. It does not impose any new burdens upon us comparable with the war debt which has just been heaped on us through no fault or desire of our own.

The league may call upon the United States to do its part in governing some of the backward portions of the globe until they are ready to govern themselves. This may entail some expense some trouble, possibly some small loss of American lives, as in the case of the Philippines, but nothing in comparison to the losses in men and money sustained in our participation in what was for us only the fag end of a great world war.

Every man must do his duty in his own community, if he expects good government. If he believes in the league of nations, it is his duty now to let his representatives in the senate know it. If he does not, it likewise is his duty to make his beliefs known.

The plain people, the world over, are letting it be known that they are against international war. Most of them believe that the league of nations is now the one way to prevent it. If you so believe, you are not doing your duty, unless you let your senator know that you want the treaty ratified.

Illinois senators are Medill McCormick, 111 West Washington street, Chicago, Ill., and Lawrence Y. Sherman, Springfield, Ill. Communications may be sent them at these addresses.

Further information regarding the league of nations, including pamphlets, may be obtained at the office of the Illinois state branch of the League to Enforce Peace, 342 Monadnock block, Chicago, Ill.

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