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THE DOUBLE NEED—MEN AND FOOD.

When the little boy was going out to the big tea party his mother burdened him with very earnest and extensive instructions and admonitions as to being very polite. She was especially insistent on particular politeness in the matter of choosing food, telling the lad that if two kinds of meat were offered him, for instance, he must be sure to be polite and answer in the words:—"I like both; I'll take either, thank you!" The boy arrived at the party, determined to be polite at all costs, and when two different kinds of food were offered him in one course, he remembered his mother's words and answered:—"Thank you, I like either; I'LL TAKE BOTH!"

Those who are doubtful as to whether production or enlistment are the more necessary at the present time must give the small boy's answer, if the Allies are to show themselves polite enough to win this war for the world's freedom and the right. Either enlistment or production are helpful; both are imperative for victory. There must be a speeding up of production within the Empire, yet there must be no slackening of enlistments, unless victory is to be further postponed.

The world to-day is actually facing the fear of a famine. Most of the nations in Europe are now on "rations," and the food shortage spreads to one country after another. One million tons of food-carrying ships have been torpedoed since February 1st, 1917. The food grains of the world showed a shortage of one hundred and fifty million bushels on March 1st, 1917. The Argentine Republic, usually a great grain-exporting nation, this year reports so widespread a crop failure that export of grain has been forbidden. The crops in the United States are below normal in prospects. As Oden Armour phrases it, "the food shortage is world-wide; European production is out in half; the Argentine has suffered droughts. Canada and the United States must wake up!" Mr.

Herbert C. Hoover, M.E., whose noble work in Belgium makes him the pride of his fellow mining men, has been appointed Food Comptroller for the United States. Already he is urging sacrifice, food restrictions, greater effort at production. He says:—"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." Unless Canada raises a big crop of food-stuffs this year, the world will suffer and the right will be retarded.

And the need for men for the battle line! In recent addresses delivered at a Labor congress in England, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, were both insistent on the imperative need for more men and more men. Sir William Robertson pointed out that Germany was not yet beaten, though the recent success of the British and French troops were wonderful beyond exaggeration. Sir William said that Germany to-day has, perhaps, a million more men under arms than she had last year, the increase being made possible by Germany's inhuman methods of enslaving the people of Belgium, Poland, Serbia and other conquered territories and forcing them to work in various capacities in Germany, thus releasing men in that land for military service. Every returned soldier emphasizes the need for more men and more men. At South Porcupine Sunday evening, Pte. Johnson gave an impressive illustration from his own experience at the front of the need for more men if unnecessary sacrifice of life and victory are to be avoided. Sir William Robertson places the actual requirements in additional men before July 1st at 500,000. More men are needed and badly needed overseas.

The problem is to speed up production and to increase enlistments at the same time. In the address of Sir William Robertson there was a suggestion as to how this might be done. He said, "We ought not to expect to win a war such as this unless and until every man and woman in the country does a full day's work of an essential nature." Those who are eligible and free to enlist, must enlist. Those who cannot aid in the battle line must take a part in the work at home. The new battle cry must be "Fight, or Feed!"

UNUSUAL ATTRACTIONS FOR NEW EMPIRE

Local Theatre Has Booked a Number of the Leaders for Early Date.

"The Common Law," now being shown at Cobalt was put on the screen at the New Empire Theatre, Timmins, just about a month ago. This is simply quoted as an example of the fact that the New Empire gets the "good ones" when they are going—and gets them early.

Just at present Manager Bardesano has an unusually large list of specially good films booked for early dates. Among these may be mentioned "Romeo and Juliet," with a Theda Bara cast. This was originally booked for May 4 and 5, but owing to the insistence of a big city theatre for a second week's showing this wonderful film will not reach here until Friday and Saturday, May 11th and 12th. The play, of course, is a screen dramatization of Shakespeare's famous masterpiece, the actors and actresses are world-known screen stars, and the costuming and

staging can perhaps be best described by the word, "magnificent."

Among the new serials are the two screen sensations, "The Secret Kingdom," and "The Pearl of the Army." "The Secret Kingdom," is now playing at the Regent, Toronto, where it is a very popular number. It will commence here on May 11th and 12th. "The Pearl of the Army" commences here Monday and Tuesday, May 7th and 8th. When it is said that it is actually "bigger and better than Liberty," little more need be said.

Another sensational success booked for Timmins for May 3rd and 4th is "Fighting Blood," with Wm. Farnum in the leading role. Those who saw Mr. Farnum in "The Spoilers," in which there was an "honest-to-goodness" fighting scene for which Mr. Farnum and his fellow fighter were paid an extra \$5,000, will be interested to know that there is also more than one realistic fighting scene in "Fighting Blood."

Another serial coming soon shows all the athletic champions and contests in all sorts of sports.

"The Witching Hour," and "A Tale of Two Cities" are also coming here soon.

TIMMINS NEWS IN BRIEF

More "Timmins News in Brief on page 8.

Dr. Otton has just returned from a visit to Detroit and other southern points.

The Porcupine Platoon of the Fourth Forestry Draft held a recruiting meeting at Schumacher on Sunday evening.

Mr. W. Murray leaves to-day for Cobalt where he will continue in the live wire service of Kiely, Smith & Amos, who are continuing their business in the Silver City. "Bill" was very popular in the Camp among all who knew him, and consequently there is general regret at his removal.

Mr. Charles Pierce returned early Tuesday morning from his trip to the West, whither he had been called by the illness of his mother, who, however, is now recovered and enjoying good health again.

The recruits added to the Porcupine Platoon of the Fourth Forestry Draft in Timmins since the last issue of The Advance are:—D. Griffin, M. Macdonald, Wilfrid Deacon, Jack M. Bain, Charles Swanson and John Peterson.

At the parsonage, Schumacher, on Thursday, April 26th, by Rev. S. M. Beach, Miss Elsie May Bryson and Mr. Wilfrid Laarier Deacon, both of Timmins, were united in marriage. Their many friends in the camp will extend sincerest good wishes to the popular young couple.

There was a full house at the police station Sunday evening, no less than fourteen being in the cells (1) one time. Most of them were of the common or garden variety of drunks and disorderlies.

In answer to a question in the House of Commons last week, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, said that since January 1st, 1916, five hundred coal cars, fifty sleeping cars, ten dining cars, eighteen tourist, twenty-three first-class, two baggage and two mail and express cars had been purchased in the United States for the Canadian Government railways.

"D'beeg police" came up street this week with the right side of his face looking sore and the left cheek looking sorer. When questioned, his only answer was: "But you ought to see the other guy's face." What was really the matter with Provincial Officer Ackroyd's face, however, was nothing more serious than a few chunks of cold which he had captured without intending to. It is nevertheless an odd coincidence that there was "another guy" the other day who was worth hearing and seeing after the Provincial Officer was through with him. It was on the occasion when "d' beeg police" made another record for running—after the enemy. Some foreigners had been raising a disturbance on street and Provincial Officer Ackroyd got up and dressed to see what was going on. The men took refuge in a shack and after he had routed them out one of them in particular showed fight. He didn't show it long, however, for soon he began to try a marathon. In this line, also, "d' beeg police" proved more than a match for the disturber of the peace who came in the end very close to being no more a disturber but only a piece. The big foreigner was landed in the cells that night by the officer, and will come before the Magistrate to-morrow, charged with being drunk and resisting arrest.

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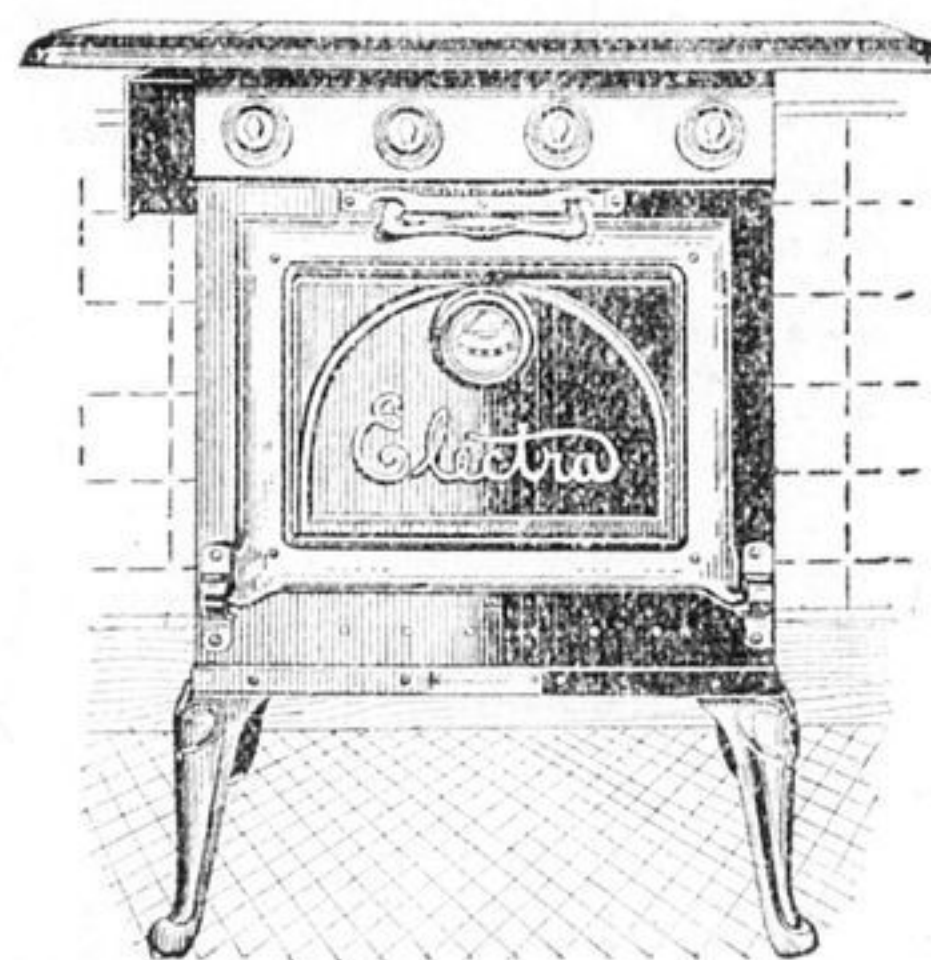
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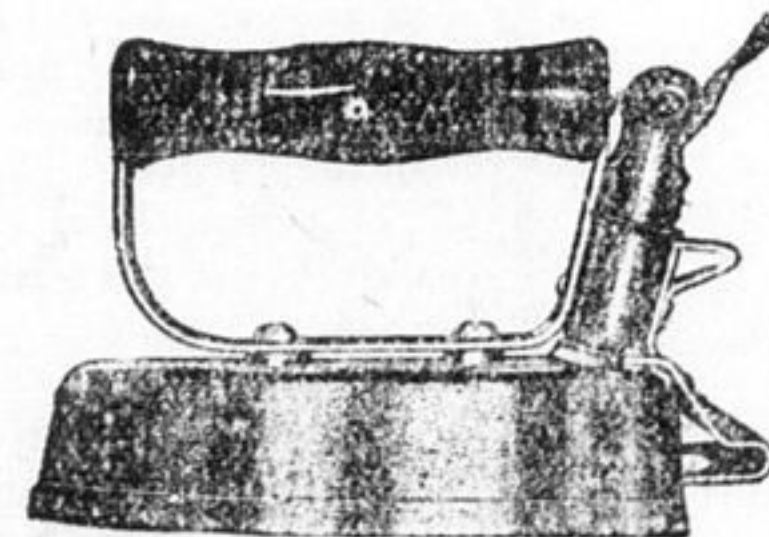
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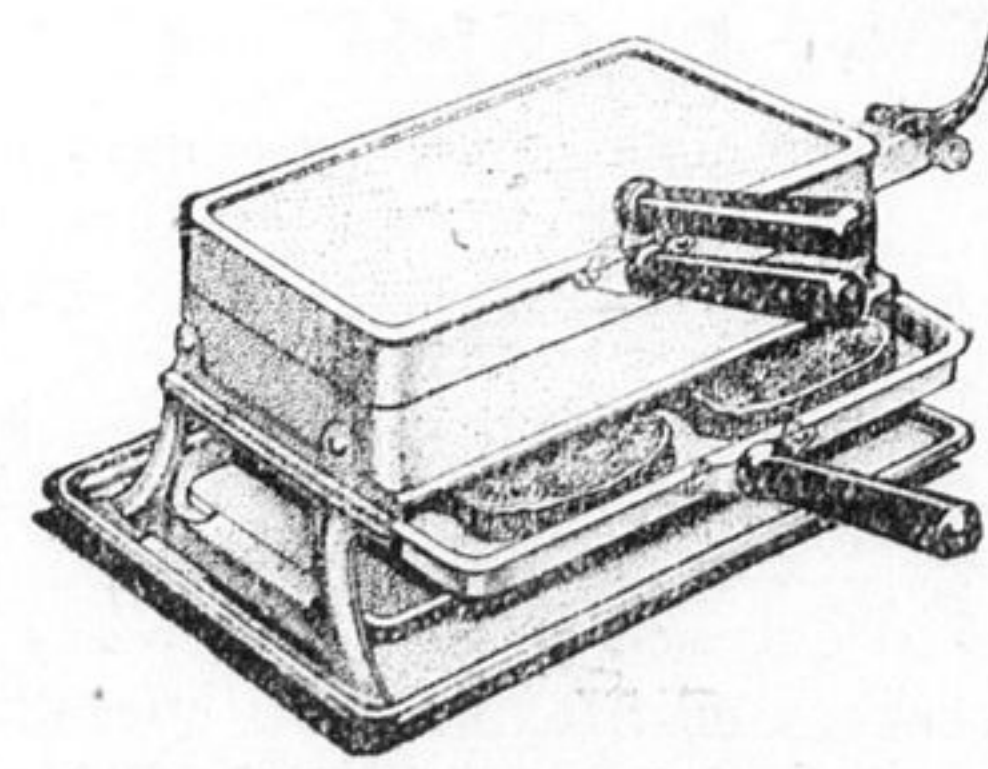
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