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A seaport town is always the scene of drowning disasters. In view of this fact and the frequent number of narrowly averted accidents that have occurred in this vicinity it is important that everyone should know something of rescue work. After all, it is hardly a matter of bravery for there is hardly anyone who would not risk his life in seeking to rescue his friend or, for that matter, anyone in danger. It is one of the many, however, who can do so successfully and the difference between the one who cannot and the one who cannot is largely a matter of nervous control and experience. The one who can keep his head in such a critical moment has a great asset, and the one who besides doing that has the capacity of knowing how to go about it is the one who wins.

Following that thought up, it is a pity that more attention is not paid to rescue work in the schools. Indeed, it should be made a part of the curriculum as it is in many countries. No boy or girl, for that matter, should be allowed to grow up without knowing how to swim and special instructions should be given in the art of rescue work. The only way, of course, to teach this is by practical demonstration. Work of this kind would not only develop a coolness of temperament but would also materially lessen the sorrows of the world. Indeed, this would be a good line

along which to develop the Boy Scout idea. Heroism appeals to the normal boy and there is no better way of developing it than through practical experience.

Much has been said about the school curriculum and a great deal more will have to be said before it is perfected. This does not mean that the system in British Columbia is very much worse or very much better than in the other provinces. Education in general, however, is rushed too much along the line of "cranking" for examinations than of "leading out" the youthful idea as the term signifies. A certain amount of memory work is of course necessary and important, but beyond that limit it is harmful and senseless. Just the moment that memory work becomes a burden right there it begins to dwarf the other faculties.

The only kind of teaching that "educates" is the kind that allows a child scope to find out its deficiencies before the theory is allowed to be applied. Then the "theory" will be a real "discovery" and consequently full of interest. As long as teaching is dull it is almost useless. It is only by awakening the natural curiosity and imagination that children are educated, and inspired to further effort. In other words lead the child out to worlds of new discoveries instead of telling him all about it.

## GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR GERMAN INDUSTRIES

Article in Berlin Newspaper Admits That the Situation is Bad.

London, Sept. 16.—The Times' Copenhagen correspondent says that the Berlin Voissische Zeitung discusses the extent to which German industry already has been hit by the war. The author, Dr. Emil Lederer, says the removal of all men capable of bearing arms has quite "smashed industry to atoms." All links uniting the various trades have been broken. The crisis with regard to money and credit which occurred in the first instance was accentuated by the necessity of financing the war by a single stroke. The attempts made to meet the crisis by liquidating the assets only made matters worse. The unfortunate thing is that this liquidation, which is customary in all times of crises, does not in the present instance affect merely the small body of speculators, but expresses the fact that German industry and its production are on a fictitious basis.

**Increase of Unemployment.**  
A complete transformation is necessary in order to cope with the new conditions brought about by the war. At present there is little sign of this. We see the apparent paradox that in spite of increasing absorption for military purposes of men capable of working there is an increase of unemployment among those that remain behind. Even the much sought after woman laborer cannot find employment. Day after day undertakings are shut down or their output diminished. Those indeed which continue at work are working with the aimless overpressure or uncertainty, so the net output is diminished.

**The Economic Facts.**  
"What," asks Dr. Lederer, "are the decisive economic facts? Does the complete break-up of industry which threatens Germany involve a disruption also of agriculture and the supply of necessities? The war means for Germany, first, the prevention of exports, especially articles of luxury; secondly, the prevention of imports of the means of subsistence, especially raw materials, such as cotton and copper; thirdly, the reduction or alternation in the demand of all those at the front, and the restriction of the demand of those remaining at home. There is no longer any demand for articles of luxury."

**A Gloomy Outlook.**  
Against these facts, which apparently involve the gloomiest outlook for the near future, must be set others equally decisive. Germany has had a remarkably good harvest, so on the whole the purchasing power of the agricultural industry is relatively big. The same applies to industries which supply the needs of the army and other public purposes. The problem is how to use this purchasing power in such a way

as to revive all those branches which supply the needs of the above mentioned industries. The question is how to build around the sound kernel. It will require foresight, perhaps great expenditure, for the forces which could bring about this reorganization automatically do not exist. It must be remembered, first, that the amount of available labor is considerably reduced; secondly, available raw materials probably would not be sufficient for a long time; thirdly, the needs of private industry have during the war undergone considerable diminution and change. These facts must first be recognized. Then the systematic plan of reconstruction could be drawn up with the help of Chambers of Commerce and similar organizations.

**Permanent Committee.**  
The writer concludes by recommending the formation of a central permanent committee representing all interests under the Ministry of the Interior to see what can be done.

This is the first German article I have seen which admits the unhappy situation of German industry. The future will show whether the time-honored expedient of appointing a committee of inquiry will compensate for the economic unsoundness of the foundations whereon it rests.

## GERMAN PAPER FEARS LONG CONTINUED WAR

Believes Shutting Down of Factories to Be Gravest of All Dangers.

Copenhagen (Via London), Sept. 18.—The Berlin Vorwaerts, the Socialist organ, takes a pessimistic view of the German situation so far as the economic position is concerned.

"The greatest danger," it says, "is not that Germany may be defeated, but that the war will take a long time. Germany's economic danger is that the British fleet will prevent the importation of cotton, silk, copper, oil, lead, leather, rubber and other raw materials which are necessary to the continuance of Germany's industrial life and that therefore she will be compelled to close her factories."

"Already the number of unemployed is immense. If it is not possible to help this army of starving it will become a greater danger than the danger of the military army's defeat."

## EGYPT IS LOYAL TO THE BRITISH

Impossible for the Turkish Government to Raise Cry of Holy War.

London, Sept. 18.—Declaring it will be impossible for the Turkish government to raise the cry of a holy war either in Egypt or any other country, The Times prints a dispatch from its Cairo correspondent saying that almost all of the Moslems in Egypt have offered their services to the British government.

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