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MESOPOTAMIA

"I venture on a friendly word to the wise—watch Mesopotamia," so writes Mr. Charles Pemberton recently. There is hardly any part of this wide world which will respond so readily to scientific development as this cradle of our modern civilization. "Mesopotamia has not," writes Mr. Pemberton, "like the road to Mandalay, been the theme of a Kipling verse, but it is a blessed country, and before it came under the iron heel of the Turk, and the all corrupt, stultifying influences for which the Turk stands, it flowed with the milk and honey of material prosperity, and gave to the world some of its most delightful romances."

"The greater part of the country has been allowed to drop out of civilization and to become an arid and unproductive wilderness. Bedouin marauders held sway and terrorised over the few industrious cultivators who hung on to the few spots of green land, and east and west and north and south practically all that remained were indications that at one time, great irrigation canals and considerable towns and cities had existed—the indications of a dethroned glory."

With the advent of the Young Turks to power in Constantinople, when Abdul Hamed disappeared, to give them their due, they realized the possibilities of the country and in 1909, called upon the services of Sir William Willcocks, the famous British engineer, to construct a scheme of irrigation for the Euphrates-Tigris Delta. This scheme was for only a small part of the country, but the richest part, from an agricultural point of view. It embraced only about 6,000 square miles, while the total area of the country demanding irrigations runs to something like twelve million acres.

In the biblical days we read that "there was much cattle in the land," and even yet, stock makes up the wealth of the people. At present inundation and drought follow each other with monotonous regularity. With the waterways brought under proper control as has been done in Egypt, this state of affairs would be obviated. Here is a picture which has

been drawn of the regenerated countryside:

"Every town and hamlet in the valley, from Baghdad to Bussorah, would find itself freed from the danger, expense and intolerable nuisance of flooding and the resurrection of this ancient land would become an accomplished fact. The Baghdad railway between Baghdad and the Persian Gulf would be taken through the middle of a cultivated land and not through hopeless deserts as at present."

Now that the British arms have taken possession of this richest of lands, not even the slightest of Little Englanders would consider it good policy not to go ahead with the development which it is calling for. Britain has proved time and time again that under her beneficent rule, the waste places of the earth in due time "blossom as the rose." Egypt and the former deserts of Scindia are two outstanding examples of her work in irrigating barren lands and her achievements in these places show her ability to undertake the task elsewhere.

"But what has all this to do with Canada," it may be asked. The answer is simple. Here there will soon be a great field for the manufacturer. The maker of tractors, ploughs, agricultural implements of all kinds, plant and machinery connected with building and bridgework, and a hundred other concerns will soon find a fine market ready for his incoming. There will be a tremendous time very soon of construction work necessary before much else can be done and at no distant date, Mesopotamia will be one of the real "live" spots of the globe.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The press of the United States is eulogistic regarding the prowess of the Canadian troops, on the occasion of their last victory at Vimy. Canadians will hope to return the compliment soon, when the American army gets over there.

Two very eminent organizers have been secured by the United States to see that an adequate food supply is provided for the Allies, and to mobilize the stock



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of provisions at home. Herbert C. Hoover, who has been feeding the Belgians for the past two years, will now see that enough food is provided for the Allies. General Goethal, who supervised the construction of the Panama Canal, is taking oversight of the transportation end.

Four divisions of Canadians fought at Vimy Ridge. That is an army about as large as Wellington or Napoleon commanded at Waterloo. We do not suppose that until this war began any British army of 80,000 men had ever fought in a single action. But the Canadian force is only a small part of the British army engaged in the Battle of Arras.

Great praise is given to the Canadians for their brave and successful advance at Vimy Ridge. They deserve it. They had the hardest task, and they performed it without failing at any time or at any point. They have the glory of success added to the praise of valor. Congratulations have gone to them from home, as well as from Great Britain and the United States.

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COAL NOTICES

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Turner Rothwell Mullen, of Victoria, B. C., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

TURNER ROTHWELL MULLEN, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that Agnes Brown, of Victoria, B. C., occupation widow, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 10038; thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, to point of commencement.

AGNES BROWN, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Edward Pickard, of Los Angeles, occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

EDWARD PICKARD, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that James Ray, of Victoria, B. C., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted at the southwest corner of C. L. 9968; thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

JAMES RAY, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

AN ICE BOX FOR THE CITY MARKET

At the meeting of the city council last evening a report was read from the finance and general committees recommending that the application of the market clerk, Mr. Frank Clapp, for leave to put in an ice box be granted. The cost of the ice box is not to exceed \$150, and the sum of \$5 per month is to be written off until the charge is met.

Alderman Montgomery moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the report be adopted, which was carried.

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Take notice that Frederick Moersch, of Victoria, B. C., occupation salesman, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

FREDERICK MOERSCH, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that John Booth, of Los Angeles, occupation contractor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN BOOTH, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that William Dixon, of Victoria, B. C., occupation accountant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

WILLIAM DIXON, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Oliver Brown, of Victoria, B. C., occupation machinist, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

OLIVER BROWN, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that James McNulty, of Prince Rupert, occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JAMES MCNULTY, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Joseph Rowat, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation prospector, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing from a post planted one mile south of the southwest corner of C. L. 9968; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOSEPH ROWAT, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that John William Goss, of Victoria, B. C., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement.

JOHN WILLIAM GOSS, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

SKEENA LAND RECORDING DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

Take notice that Roslyn Duke, of Portland, Ore., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river. Commencing at a post planted one mile south of the southeast corner of C. L. 9971; thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to point of commencement.

ROSLYN DUKE, March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

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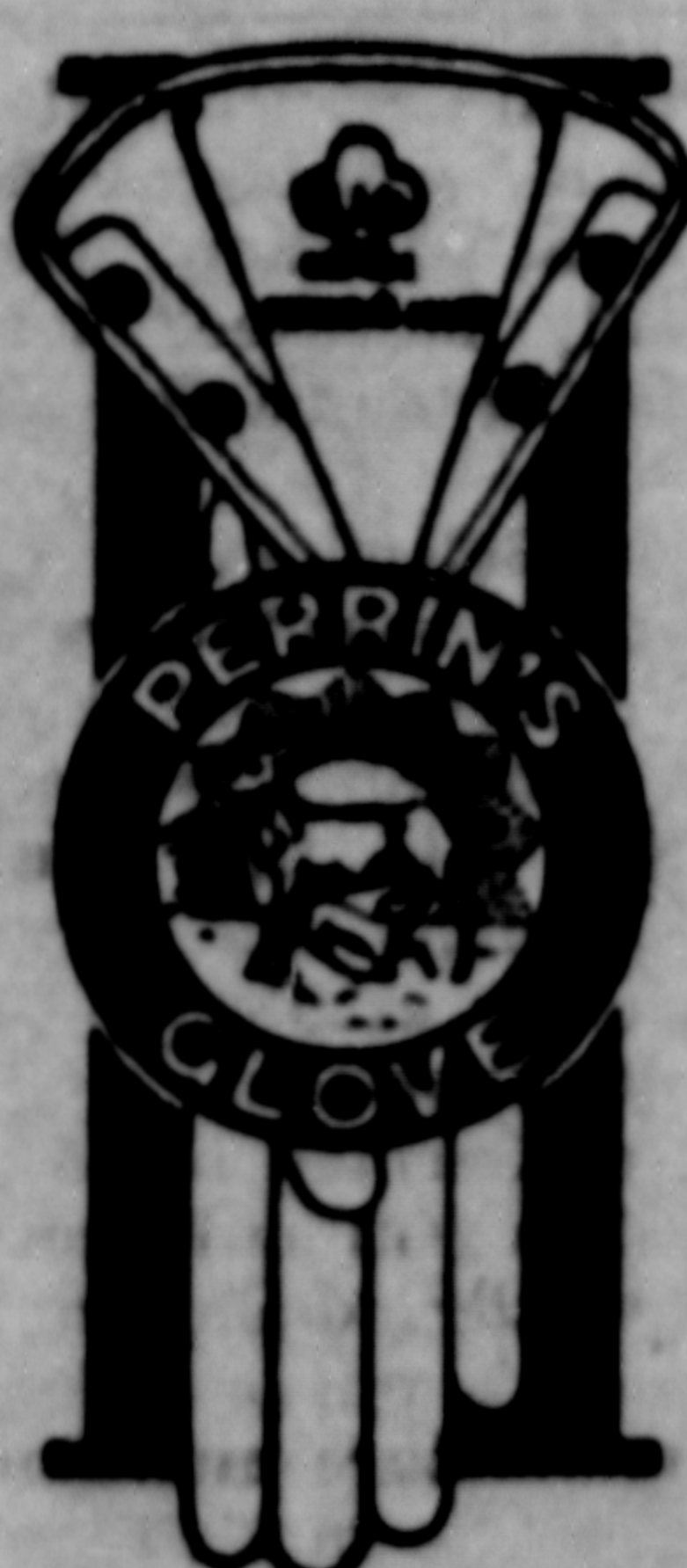
Unless we are willing to let these hundreds of thousands of women, children and old men starve, they must be fed at the expense of the Belgian Relief Fund. To make this possible someone must contribute nearly \$3,000,000 a month—every month—all this winter!

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