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WONDERFUL IS WOMEN'S WORK IN GT. BRITAIN

Earle's Daughters Work in Munition Factories While Kitchen Maids Become Skilled Artisans.

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A wonderful panorama can be built up "in the mind's eye" by any one gifted with the least bit of imagination. The setting is the world and the front of the stage is those portions of the world known as Great Britain and "Flanders Fields." The marshaling of men from all quarters of the globe all bound for the field of honor would make a sight to thrill the most impassive but far beyond this picture is the other—the troops of women hastening to the same spot and serving wherever the need is greatest. From office and shop, from farm and city, from domestic service and from high schools and colleges; from homes of leisure and from the little attic work shop of the small dress-maker and milliner; from the far-off corners of civilization, from New Zealand and Australia, South Africa and Canada comes this endless procession of women all eager to serve and (what is better than all else) all capable of serving.

Side by Side.
At the very beginning it was no uncommon sight in English munition factories to see such a collection as this: side by side an earl's daughter and the maid who had tied this titled lady's shoes in the days of peace, a shop-keeper's widow, a Girton graduate, a cook and a girl from a South African farm. Some of those who before the war found life rather tiresome have achieved distinction in the advanced processes of munitions making. Lady Scott, wife of the Antarctic explorer, took up this sort of work at the first call; Lady Gertrude Crawford, who is at present head of Women's Flying Corps, began her public service as supervisor of women's work in shipyards.

Martial Service.
Women, who previous to the war were kitchen maids, dress-makers, governesses or children's maids, have accomplished remarkable things in the engineering and chemical trades, in electrical works, at shipbuilding tasks and draughting. More than once young girls have been unable to resist the call of the blood. Descended from soldiers and sailors and finding that for the first time in generations their family had no man to send to the colors these girls have seized the first opportunity to do martial service.

Building Ships.
Some of the things that women are doing today, besides making munitions, are almost past belief. In tool and gauge making women who previously thought "a miss is as good as a mile" have mastered the advanced processes and are finishing to measurements that literally correspond to the fraction of a hair's breadth. Quite different from this but equally amazing is the very common sight of women perched on cranes moving among the rafters of the factory roof riding back and forth quite unafraid and guiding the movement of great molten ingots far below. Engineering seems to be woman's work and one competent to judge both sides of the question says that with a year or more of additional training he would not hesitate to build an ocean-going ship entirely by women's work. The Ministry of Munitions is taking action continuously to reduce hours of overtime, abolish Sunday labor and to protect the workers and much of this is made necessary, doubtless, by the fact that the zeal of the women workers allowed neither holidays nor Sunday rest periods.

At the lecture in the Westholme yesterday afternoon Corporal Nelson told how the town of Hazelton was honored by him while he was in Germany. When asked by the Germans where he was born he immediately answered, "Hazelton, B. C." knowing that if he had said Iceland he would have been badly treated by the Huns who always illtreat any native of a neutral nation who is captured.

LECTURER IS COMING HERE ON THURSDAY

Frank B. Riley to Speak Under Auspices of I. O. D. E.—Wonderful Set of Pictures.

An interesting announcement is made today of a lecture to be given in the Empress Theatre on Thursday evening next. This will be profusely illustrated with fine colored pictures which have been chosen as the beauty spots of the whole Pacific Northwest, and they include the states of Oregon and Washington as well as British Columbia. Frank J. Riley, who is lecturing on behalf of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, has the reputation of being a fine speaker. He has given a series of lectures and addresses in all the big cities, has been the guest of honor of the Rotary Clubs, and various patriotic organizations. From here he goes to Vancouver, Victoria and the big cities of the Pacific coast further south.

A letter from Mayor Todd of Victoria, who is president of the Association under whose auspices he comes, especially recommends the lecture. It may also be mentioned that all the proceeds will go to the Daughters of the Empire as the expenses of the tour are paid by the organization that sends him out.

The Minister of Lands has arranged for the purchase of a number of vacant lots in South Vancouver to be given to returned men who wish homesites on which to build. The cost is in the neighborhood of \$125 each.

Salvation Army.
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WHERE DO YOU BELONG?

On the Farm?
Thousands of men are urgently needed on farms in this province to make possible increased production of food. Those who could go and yet hold back, should not forget that, unless production is greatly increased, hundreds of thousands of people will die of starvation.

In the War Garden?
By growing vegetables in home gardens or on vacant lots, and thus helping to feed themselves, city and town people can leave the farmers free to grow more food for export. All that is produced in this way is gain and a net addition to the national food supply.

War Garden service is not sufficient for the man whose rightful place is on the farm. But the War Garden does offer an opportunity for tens of thousands of people, whose circumstances oblige them to remain in the city, to have at least a small part as food producers. Interest the boys and girls in the War Garden, for they too can help to grow food.
If there is a garden or vacant lot movement in your community associate yourself with it. If no organization exists, do what you can to interest your neighbours in the War Garden campaign.

Write to your Provincial Department of Agriculture for additional information.

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