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**GREAT PROFITS REAPED BY THE TOBACCO MEN DURING THE WAR**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Kentucky farmers who produce about thirty per cent of the country's tobacco have experienced unprecedented prosperity since 1915, and this autumn were able to get nearly three times the price with which they would have been content at the beginning of the war.

Eighty per cent of the 250,000,000 pounds of burley tobacco used in the United States comes from Kentucky. In 1914 prices for all qualities of leaf, lugs and trash averaged between 10 and 12 cents a pound, while the price for the heavy dark export type of tobacco grown in the "black patch" of western Kentucky climbed from six cents to 16 cents.

When the war began, tobacco production in European countries was virtually halted and there was a tremendous drain on the big stocks of American tobacco in European warehouses. It was the demand made upon these reserve stocks that sent prices upward rather than the overseas shipments, which were in reality smaller than those in times of peace. A the big reserve supplies decreased, American exporters began buying in the American market to replace the stocks when peace would bring adequate transportation facilities.

The amount now held for export, however, is not sufficient to replenish foreign stocks, and this will make competition keen this year.

**SOME EXPERIENCES OF PTE. DANNY IN FRANCE**

(Chicago News)

Sandy Splitz just about got himself some Huns yesterday. But Sandy is always just about getting something.

For a few days now Sandy has been acting as a runner back to Division headquarters so he's always running around armed with an automatic. Well yesterday Sandy was sent back with a message and Fat Walters having nothing to do but loaf went along with him.

Just before they got into town where the headquarters is they turned a sharp curve in the road and all of a sudden Sandy dropped to the ground and pulled Fat down with him. Then right away he began trying to draw his automatic.

"Look up the road there," Sandy whispered. "See them two Germans sitting down there on the left hand side. See 'em, with that funny costume on. I'm going to capture 'em, and I'll get a Crow dey Ger and a Medal of Honor. You stay back and I'll sneak up on 'em."

Sandy began to crawl and when he got about twenty feet from where they were sitting he sprang up and pushed his gun in their faces. "Hold up your hands, you Dutch bums, or I'll blow your brains out," he hollered.

Of course the pair couldn't understand him, but they knew enough to jump up and stick up their hands.

Well Sandy just got 'em started when some officer came riding by on a horse and asked Sandy what in the world was the matter.

"Nothing, only I got me a couple of Huns here," Sandy said back.

"Huns? Huns? Say those fellows are Russian soldiers working on the roads. You better apologize to them."

It's awful hard to tell just who all

your allies are over here.

Well the old army is getting better all the time and right fast too. The wrinkle that just about puts out your eye when it first gets to you is when you pick up an army telephone on some official business and instead of hearing some rasping male voice you hear one of those gentle sweet little American female voices saying, "Number, please?" just like they do back home.

It certainly was a stroke of genius to bring over those nice American telephone girls. It kind of makes you know that things are never as bad as they seem and after you talk with one of these girls over the wire for about three minutes you can go out and your old heart will just be singing away all day long.

It's awful funny how little it takes to make a fellow happy and glad that he's alive—and especially a soldier. We're all just kids, anyway, I guess, and lots of times we're homesick and lonesome and if you can call over a foreign phone and find some nice voice talking back to you it's just like having the sun pop out on a cloudy day.

You know they have funny names for all the posts over here so that when you're phoning around the Germans won't know who you're talking to even if they do cut in—phone names, you'd call them if you wanted to pull an old line.

"Hello there?" some sweet little voice will say to you. "What do you want this morning?"

"Raspberry please," you say back giving the name of the major's post. "Vanilla or Strawberry did you say? Raspberry—raspberry, please."

"Thank you—there's you party."

So you'll say hello and after you talk for three minutes you'll find that you're connected with Pineapple.

But we love these girls just the same.

FRAZIER HUNT.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**

St. Paul's Presbyterian.

Rev. J. S. Sutherland, M. A., minister. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All are welcome.

Methodist Church.

Rev. G. M. Young, pastor. Rev. F. E. Boothroyd of St. John, will preach at both morning and evening services. All are welcomed.

Brunswick Street Baptist.

Rev. G. C. Warren, B. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Reformed Baptist.

Rev. H. C. Archer, pastor. Preaching on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. No Sunday school. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. All are welcome.

Advent Church.

Mrs. Wallace will occupy the pulpit at the Advent Christian Church, North Devon, tomorrow. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., before the morning service.

Salvation Army.

Week-end services as follows: Saturday at 8 p. m., salvation meeting. Sunday. 9.45 a. m., knee-drill; 11 a. m., Holiness; 3 p. m., praise and Thanksgiving; 7 p. m., salvation. 10.15 a. m., directory class; 1.45 p. m., Sunday school. All welcome.

If there were only one man and two women in all the world, the man would marry one of them because she was "so different" from the other, and then flirt with the other for the same reason.

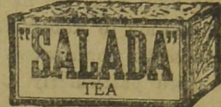
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**IMPORTANT QUESTIONS MUST SOON BE SETTLED**

Reciprocity With the United States and the Naval Question  
Among the Number—How the Reciprocity Issue was Cam-  
ouflaged in 1911—Liberal Policy on Naval Questions May  
Yet be Adopted—Farmers of the West are on the Alert.

(Halifax Chronicle)

There is abundant evidence on every hand that no question is ever settled unless it is settled right. In Canada we have two questions which were supposed to be settled by the elections of 1911, the naval question and the question of reciprocity, but it will be difficult today to find in the whole of Canada a single individual of any prominence who will assert that these questions were really settled right. Today the news despatches carry the admission of Sir Robert Borden himself, that the naval question, which he supposed settled in 1911, is to be settled along the lines which he opposed, and of the policy of the Liberal Party which was defeated at the polls in that memorable year.

So with the question of Reciprocity. That was another question of great public importance supposed to be settled by the elections of 1911. Every year since we have had evidence that this question was not really settled at all. The great world war has demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the policy of Reciprocity, as proposed by Mr. Fielding was the proper policy, and that the so-called verdict of the people in opposition to it was not founded on sound principles at all. Therefore it is that we have these two questions facing us today for settlement in the only way possible—the right way.

Farmers Active

Now the farmers of Ontario and the Prairie Provinces are showing signs of unrest. There is, apparently a keen desire on their part for closer co-operation with the object of becoming a greater political factor. This for the purpose of bringing about a more equitable distribution of taxation and to prevent undue profiting on the part of special interests by tariff concessions. In a word there is ample evidence that the political battles over our fiscal policy are not ended in this country, but will in the near future be renewed with increased intensity.

The present situation forcibly reminds us of a note of warning sounded

by the Hon. W. S. Fielding in an address delivered in Montreal during the Reciprocity campaign. He expressed the opinion that if reciprocity in natural products was obtained with the United States, it would go a long way to permit the continuance of a moderate protective tariff for our manufacturing interests. On the other hand he said if specially favored industries combined to defeat the reasonable desires of those engaged in the developing of our great natural industries and succeeded in their effort, the struggle would be renewed with greater intensity at a future day.

It will be remembered that under the Reciprocity agreement the manufacturers of Canada practically retained their former protection, but not satisfied with this, they were determined to prevent the advantage accruing to the farmers of a larger and more profitable market for our natural products. The cry, "No truck or trade with the Yankees," accomplished its purpose, but it now looks as if the battle will be fought all over again, and not limited to a free outlet for our natural products, but it will have added to it a request for a general reduction of the existing tariff. Whatever may be the ultimate conclusion reached by the Canadian people on this issue there is one phase of which we can be certain, and that is we will never again have the advocate of larger markets for our natural resources referred to as unpatriotic or disloyal. The fiscal question will have to be decided on its merits. We are bound to say if this course had been followed during the last campaign, our great natural industries would have been strengthened and developed by a sound trade agreement, and our manufacturing interests would not now have arrayed against them an organized force who justly feel that while the manufacturing interests were not directly affected by the Reciprocity agreement, they largely contributed to defeating the reasonable desires of the farmers of this country.

**PRESIDENT WILSON'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE AT HOME**

Washington, D. C., Tuesday, Dec. 25.—President Wilson, in Paris, sent to the American people today the following Christmas message:

"I hope that it will cheer the people at home to know that I find their boys over here in fine form and in fine spirits, esteemed by all those with whom they have been associated in the war and trusted wherever they go. And they will also, I am sure, be cheered by the knowledge of the fact that throughout the great nations with which we have been associated in this war, public opinion strongly sustains all proposals for a just and lasting peace and a close co-operation of the self-governing peoples of the world in making that peace secure after its present settlements are formulated. Nothing could constitute a more acceptable Christmas reassurance than the sentiments which I find everywhere prevalent."

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