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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

**Russians Plainly-Cloth-
ed But Few Wear
Rags; Streets of Mos-
cow Crowded.**

(By Edgar Ansel Mowrer)
MOSCOW, Feb. 10—The Nord Ex-
press stopped with a jerk and the
Polish infantryman disappeared in
the darkness. A moment later he
was replaced by another soldier—
shorter, squatier, wrapped in a great
khaki coat, ankle length and full as
a woman's mantle. Politely, but with
conscious firmness, this first repre-
sentative of the Red army demanded
our passports.

Then Negoreloye and the frontier
station, where passengers must
change to a broad-gauge line. A vast
hall, scrupulously clean, with plenty
of places to sit, political exhortations
in several languages on the walls,
and the most courteous customs of-
ficials in Europe.

As we were but three passengers
on this November night, the work of
ransacking our baggage did not take
long. But it made up for brevity
in thoroughness.

Examination Thorough

Virtually everything was removed
from our suitcases. Books and pa-
pers were scrutinized and then scat-
tered about. A French volume on
Hitler was immediately the object of
suspicion. But an English book un-
favorable to the Soviet system passed
without question.

Every leaf and petal on four
chrysanthemums, the offering of a
warm-hearted but impractical Polish
friend, was examined almost micro-
scopically for plant disease. In the
end nothing was seriously question-
ed, save an envelope of hair shampoo
which it took considerable explana-
tion to conserve intact.

Russia! Watches went bounding
forward two hours to well after mid-
night. To celebrate a visit to the
land of czars and commissars, what
more fitting than a supper of caviar,
bread and butter, tea and vodka?

Resembles Middle West

I had obtained some rubles at the
Negoreloye station—five for the dol-
lar. The porter who carried our suit-
cases demanded four rubles and walk-
ed off with six. The midnight cele-
bration cost the trifle of \$3. But the
dinner was clean and cheery, and the
waiters were eager to please, and
there were flowers on the tables.
Then to sleep in a wide Russian
berth that did not jolt too much over
the groaning roadbed.

The flat country around Moscow
is not unlike the Middle West; there
is more birch and evergreen, an
abundance of horses, scarcity of mo-
torcars and good roads. What a
change when the Soviet capital is
reached!

The streets are full of motor traf-
fic. Trucks of Russian manufacture
scurry about in droves, and there are
a number of motorcars, most of them
of American origin. They are not all
this year's model; some are decid-
edly shabby. But there must be thou-
sands of them.

Streets Crowded

Hardly a horse was visible. Carts
are frequently equipped with worn-
out motor tires filled with sand.

At 4 o'clock on a dark afternoon
the streets were crowded with peo-
ple. Something had obviously hap-
pened to Russia; this was not the
city of paupers in rags critics have
made so much of. Men's clothes
were plain, but fairly substantial and
not strikingly dirty. They still cost
outrageous prices, not only in terms
of official exchange, which is about
a third or a fourth of the "true" or
"unofficial" rate.

One hears of travellers selling su-
perfluous garments for fabulous rates.
But the legion of women in shawls
had disappeared. A few old creat-
ures still hid their stinky locks under
shawls, but the majority managed a
hat of one sort or another. A hand-
ful had risen to rouge and cosmet-
ics, plucked eyebrows and artificial
silk stockings.

... OF ... Interest to Women ARE YOU PLANNING A VALENTINE PARTY?

**Cynthia Proctor Says You Will Have a Hard Time
to Resist Planning One After You See
Displays of Colorful Favors**

(By Cynthia Proctor)

You'll have to have a pretty strong
will to resist the urge to give a va-
lentine party after seeing the intrigu-
ing array of table centrepieces, place
cards, favors and such at Dennison's.
That place, as we've told you before,
fascinates us no end and we spend
hours oh-ing and ah-ing.

If your club is giving a party in a
large hall or if your home boasts a
particularly large living room, you'll
adore the almost life-size messenger
boys for wall decoration.

They're red pasteboard, stepping
out smartly with their cocky hats and
carrying large gaily-tied hat boxes.
Then there are enormous red and
lace-paper valentines for wall decoration
too.

You'll find plenty of ideas for va-
lentine party tables—from the sophis-
ticated buffet table for the cocktail
party with red cellophane fluffed
around a clown-face doll for the cen-
tre-piece chrome streamline pitcher,
heart-shaped hors d'oeuvre tray and
other chrome fittings, valentine cock
tail napkins, red bordered waterproof
plates and cups to match; red cello-
phane covered chocolate favors, nut
cups and such, to the old-fashioned
valentine table, all done in ruffly pink
and blue. The cutest little pink polka
dotted boy and girl place card favors
and adorable little flowered china
doll bells. You'll love them as decoration
long after they've served their
purpose on the valentine table. This
table has the most delicate shade of
pink damask cloth, with a blue runner
down the centre. At each place are
blue and pink ruffled place mats. At
one end of the table is a messenger
boy in red delivering a hat box to the
dainty maiden at the opposite end of
the table, all pink ruffles and pink
sun bonnet, coyly hiding behind a va-
lentine. The red of the messenger boy,
strangely enough, adds just the right
touch of sophistication to the pink-
blue combination.

There are other centrepieces, too—
a perfectly beautiful coach and four

with a maiden and her man dressed to
the last detail in crepe paper. There
are cupid and hearts—two large red
ones with lace trimmings which are
especially popular and inexpensive.

Red paper conversation hearts in
sets of three, all manner of hats, table
covers, cocktail napkins and regular
napkins all tie in with the stunning
bordered plates and cups. An abun-
dance of horns, valentine seals and
snapping bon bons in gay new dress,
will claim your attention as well as
the colored wooden hors d'oeuvre
forks. The latter will save you much
work on silver washing.

Oh, yes, if your party is to be a
costume affair, you'll find it a very
simple matter to rig up a dancy out-
fit with the new decorated crepe pa-
per. You'll be amazed at what can be
done with a few pieces of chocolate,
some transparent paper and ribbon or
tiny paper flowers. And what an ar-
ray of valentines! We could go on
and on, but go and see for yourself!

Heart Secrets

This is a guessing contest. Within
a heart shaped box are three articles,
one an object of utility, one of senti-
ment and one of adornment. Before
opening the box, each guest is privi-
leged to ask one question concern-
ing each article, which the leader of
the game must answer truthfully but
evasively. When each question has
been answered, papers are distributed
and each person tries what he thinks
to be the name of the articles. A prize
may be given for the correct answer.

Hearts and Darts

Furnish several children's bows and
arrows. Completely cover an old pil-
low with a cardboard heart of large
proportions then on the large heart
paste four other hearts in graduated
sizes and alternating colors of pink
and white. These hearts are num-
bered. Drive small hearts slantwise
through the tips of the arrows so they
will stick into the target when you
try out your guests' marksmanship.
Award an inexpensive trinket to the
one with the largest score.

WOMEN LIKE TO COPY "MRS. SIMPSON"

**Ruth Cameron Discusses This Wish and What
This "Romance" Has Accomplished**

(By Ruth Cameron)

I saw one of the many pseudo Mrs.
Simpsons that are certainly going to
flood the country, last night.

Some woman whose friends had
probably told her that she looked like
Mrs. Simpson, or that she was the
Mrs. Simpson type, and who was play-
ing up to that for all it was worth.

Her hair was parted in the middle
and slicked down to her rather nar-
row head. That's one thing we are
going to have to be thankful to Mrs.
Simpson for hair done close to the
head. If a head is a good shape, it is a
lovely thing and hair should reveal it,
not hide it in a camouflage of puffs
and dribbling curls. On the other
hand we shall probably see some ugly
skulls, so maybe it isn't so much of
a benefit after all.

But anyhow this woman was being
Mrs. Simpson. You couldn't miss it.
She had her hair done a la Simpson.
she had a cigarette, in a long holder,
her makeup was of the heavy lidded,
sophisticated type, her manner to the
man with whom she sat was that of a
woman who is sure she is being very
charming.

A man who has to make a study of
woman in his profession, thinks that
Mrs. Simpson is going to affect wo-
manhood all over the world, not only
in styles of hair, but in its attitude
toward the male sex. It is going to
raise woman's stock in her own eyes.
If this woman, who is 40, not beauti-
ful in the accepted manner, and not

of the aristocracy, could make a King
give up his kingdom, women are go-
ing to say: "Am I getting what I have
a right to expect from my husband?
Why, he doesn't even rise when I
come into the room. He never brings
me flowers. He isn't at the station
when I come home from being away
two weeks. Look at the way the King
wouldn't even be present to lay the
cornerstone of that hospital, or what-
ever it was, when Mrs. Simpson
went to Scotland. He had to meet her
at the station."

Mrs. Simpson called the King
"Davy" and treated him apparently
in an off-hand manner. Are women
going to try the effect of that?

On the other hand, she probably did
a great deal to raise his self-esteem
for himself as a person, not just a
personage. Well, if women remember
to do that for their 40-year old or
thereabouts, husbands, the King will
not have abdicated in vain.

Meanwhile we shall have all the
surface Mrs. Simpsons such as I saw
in the restaurant. Women who have
been told by obliging friends that
they look like Mrs. Simpson and who
are doing everything they can to ac-
centuate the likeness and living in a
sort of dream world in which they are
second Mrs. Simpsons. It will be in-
teresting to pick them out, anyhow.
Just as it is interesting to discover
what movie actress your daughter or
niece or young friend is being. Gar-
bo, or Harlow, or Joan Crawford, or
Margo, or what have you?

No Happiness in the Home When the Mother Is Sick



The tired, we- out mother cannot make a happy
home if she is sick and worried by the never ending
household duties. She gets run down and becomes
nervous and irritable, downhearted and discouraged,
can't rest at night, and gets up in the morning as
tired as when she went to bed.

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their health, build up the run down system, and
bring back their bodily vigor.

CAN WE LEARN MUCH FROM NATURE?

**Arthur Dean Thinks We
Can Plant Good Seed
In Good Soil**

(By Arthur Dean, Sc.D.)

Dear Readers:

Today I am nursing a grievance
against those who will not face the
music of life squarely, who duck ev-
ery responsibility, and who expect
they can get something for nothing.

Parents, for example, who let their
children slide along in life doing as
they please in any way they may
please, and then, when the boy is 16,
write a long letter about wayward-
ness, putting all the blame on the boy.

Young people, for example, who
slide along in school on an anything
to get by policy, and then expect me
to tell them exactly what vocation
they should enter when they have
never shown interest in any particu-
lar study and haven't an inkling of
their vocational aptitudes.

Girls, for example, who have play-
ed with fire, and now find they are
badly burned, and cannot face the
music. I have learned more from my
garden about life than books have
told me. I have learned that all life
is a struggle, that heredity gives one
a fair start, that environment counts
tremendously, and that one must be
everlastingly at the game of living if
one would live a successful life.

I must plant good seed in good soil
and there's no other way of starting
a good plant. I must keep the tiny
plants free from weeds. I must thin
out and sacrifice many of the seed-
lings. I must transplant into final
position. I must spray against harm-
ful insects, stake against strong wind
and trim to let in air and light.

I must even sacrifice blossoms,
buds and old growth in order that my
blossoms or fruit may excel.

Folks are hungry for success, for
love and for expression. In my garden
I am hungry for the immense blooms
of roses, dahlias and chrysanthemum.

But I never get these immense
blooms except by sacrifice of other
buds and blossoms. I never get a good
flower without work. My garden never
gives me something for nothing,
nor does nothing ever bring some-
thing—except weeds.

Can we learn anything from Nature?

CLAIM PRICES CANNOT BE CUT

OTTAWA, Feb. 10—Canadian man-
ufacturers of agricultural machinery
and implements are unable to reduce
their prices, it is learned by a Special
Committee of the House of Commons,
which resumed today an inquiry
started last session to find out
whether increases ranging up to \$10
each on certain machines were jus-
tified.

In view of the desperate economic
condition of the farmers, the increase
in price lists last year of Canadian
manufacturers was resented in rural
Canada and it remains to be seen
whether the betterment in the prices
of agricultural products will induce
the farmers to accept the explana-
tions of the manufacturers with bet-
ter grace.

"Compelling Reasons"

Since Parliament prorogued last
year a good deal of data has been
assembled by counsel and auditor for
the probe and the manufacturers
have intimated that they cannot re-
duce their prices without operating
at a loss. "Compelling reasons," they
say, "make it impossible for us to
comply with your requests" to go
back to the old depression price level.

"Careful scrutiny of our prices on
Canadian-made implements," accord-
ing to one of the principal manufac-
turers, "indicates that in every case
our price is lower in Canada than in
any other country we serve outside
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Moreover, it is claimed that on a
representative list of implements,
Canadian prices are no higher than
prices of comparable machinery in
the United States, even after the 1936
price increases went into effect. In
fact, this company asserts that if it
were to revert to the 1935 scale of
prices "the result would be the main-
tenance in Canada of retail prices 3
to 5 per cent. lower than those pre-
vailing in the United States.

Furthermore, it is asserted the ad-
vantages which American manufac-
turers enjoy by reason of mass pro-
duction and proximity to sources of
raw materials and markets make it
impossible for the Canadian company
to continue on a lower price basis
and remain solvent.

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CULTURAL TIES URGED BETWEEN FRANCE, CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 10—Closer cul-
tural ties between France and Can-
ada were urged today by Raymond
Brugere, French Minister to Canada.
in an address to members of the
Montreal Committee of L'Alliance
Francaise. Mr. Brugere said that in
the commercial field France import-
ed much more from Canada than she
sold to the Dominion, but the reverse
was true in the intellectual field, he
added. The Minister said he was im-
pressed by the co-operation which he
received from English-speaking Cana-
dians in his efforts for closer cultura-
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