

## FUTURE IS DARK FOR OCEAN LINE

Hamburg-American's Outlook Far From Rosy.

LONDON, Mar. 19.—The Hamburg company, respondent of the London Evening Standard, and the independent director of the Hamburg-American line, as saying the future was black and that the company would have to start in a small way and work in conjunction with other companies. The steamship Bismarck, of 20,000 tons, was nearly finished, he added, and the Tirpitz, of 20,000 tons, which was in the process of construction, must be handed over to the allies as soon as completed.

"The question of tonnage is difficult and depends on the ability of German shipyards to turn out ships," continued Herr Huldermann. "The coal question is acute, and the coal situation seems to strangle us just as it will strangle all of Germany's commercial construction, unless something is speedily done." Herr Huldermann denied rumors that Americans had obtained an interest in the line, declaring it still was completely German.

**JOHN BULL PAYS MORE.** According to the London Labor Gazette, prices of wearing apparel in Great Britain are about 300 per cent higher than in 1914.

## Our Men Becoming Mollycoddles? What's That? Not in Indianapolis

"Are American men growing more effeminate and the women more masculine?"

Not in Indianapolis, say prominent persons who are in a position to observe such a change.

Sir Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, cast a slur on American manhood recently in a statement that American youths are becoming effeminate and unmanly. This being expressed, a logical deduction was inspired by certain naval ranks that have come to pass in America. That the same thought has occurred here is America is evidenced by a subsequent statement by Dr. William J. Hickson, head of the psychopathic laboratory in Chicago.

**YIELDING TO WOMEN HIS OBJECTION.**

"The male today," said Dr. Hickson, "is inferior in most respects to the female. He is aping her in the matter of clothes—wearing, tight-fitting skirted coats. He bows to her legislation and vogues, whoops it up for her reforms."

"Those men are absolutely wrong," he said. "We saw no evidence of lost virility among American men in the war. We learned, rather, that they are just as formidable, when compelled to assert positive strength and courage, as they have been throughout the nation's history."

"Out of one hundred and ten millions of people you will be sure to find some men who are mollycoddles," he said. "I shouldn't be surprised if some of those American youths Sir Conan Doyle has

feels that any comparison of the sexes is misleading. Said he: 'I believe that the masculine and feminine natures, retain their characteristics eternally. Such remarks as that of Sir Conan Doyle must be facetious. They are not logical. Women are entering business life and are learning the arts of men, but it doesn't necessarily follow that men are becoming effeminate just because women are courteous enough to help women.'

### TELLS WHY WOMEN PUSH IN STREET CARS.

Col. A. W. Foreman, an assistant chief of staff at army headquarters is quoted in Boston as arraigning women for their newly acquired masculine propensity for pushing in street cars. He attributes this new trait to the experience women have gained in working and in riding in rush hours.

"We ought to share with women the opportunity of keeping them feminine in their methods," the colonel says, "but this pushing and knocking one another about in crowds rushing for seats in a car is enough to remind one we are living in a different age."

The colonel's criticism is confined to Boston, and he says he has never found such conditions elsewhere.

Harry B. Smith, adjutant general of Indiana, snorted his disapprobation of the British attitude toward the sexes.

"Out of one hundred and ten millions of people you will be sure to find some men who are mollycoddles," he said. "I shouldn't be surprised if some of those American youths Sir Conan Doyle has

met in London clubs are of that stripe. But as far as American manhood will grow higher than that of any nation on earth, I think."

"As for American women becoming more masculine, I only know they become more admirable the longer you know them."

### LANDLORD LIMITS TOTS.

AKRON, March 19.—Speaking of professors and other crooks—an apartment house owner here inserts this clause in his rental contracts: "To be used for dwelling purposes by a father, mother and not more than two children."

## Army Rail Methods to Be Used in Canada

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, March 19.—Utilization of the railway construction and engineering skill, which made the Canadian army railway corps famous on Flanders fields, in the development of Manitoba's mineral resources is imminent?

Assistance in the construction of a narrow gauge railway, from Great Falls on the Canadian National Railway into the Rice lake gold mining camp, is forecasted by the provincial public works department. It will be built on lines

similar to those used in transporting heavy guns and munitions to the front behind the trenches during the war, provided the development now in progress at Rice lake warrants, for the purpose of transporting machinery to the mines. At present only gold is sought there, but some smelting copper ores have been found, and if these are proven to be extensive, a standard gauge railway will follow.

In the meantime the government is protecting a fourteen-miles wagon road from Lake Winnipeg to the Wanipigon river to be used in conjunction with steamer and launch carriage into the mines for this summer.

## Burleson Is Free of Blame for This

LONDON, March 19.—A box of cigarettes was sent to a soldier from Hull in France two years ago. He never received it, but a few days ago a postman left at his home a registered parcel embossed with the seals and stamps of the war office. It contained the cigarette box—empty. Also a brief statement that as his whereabouts was not known when the cigarettes were sent to him they had been used on behalf of the Red Cross.

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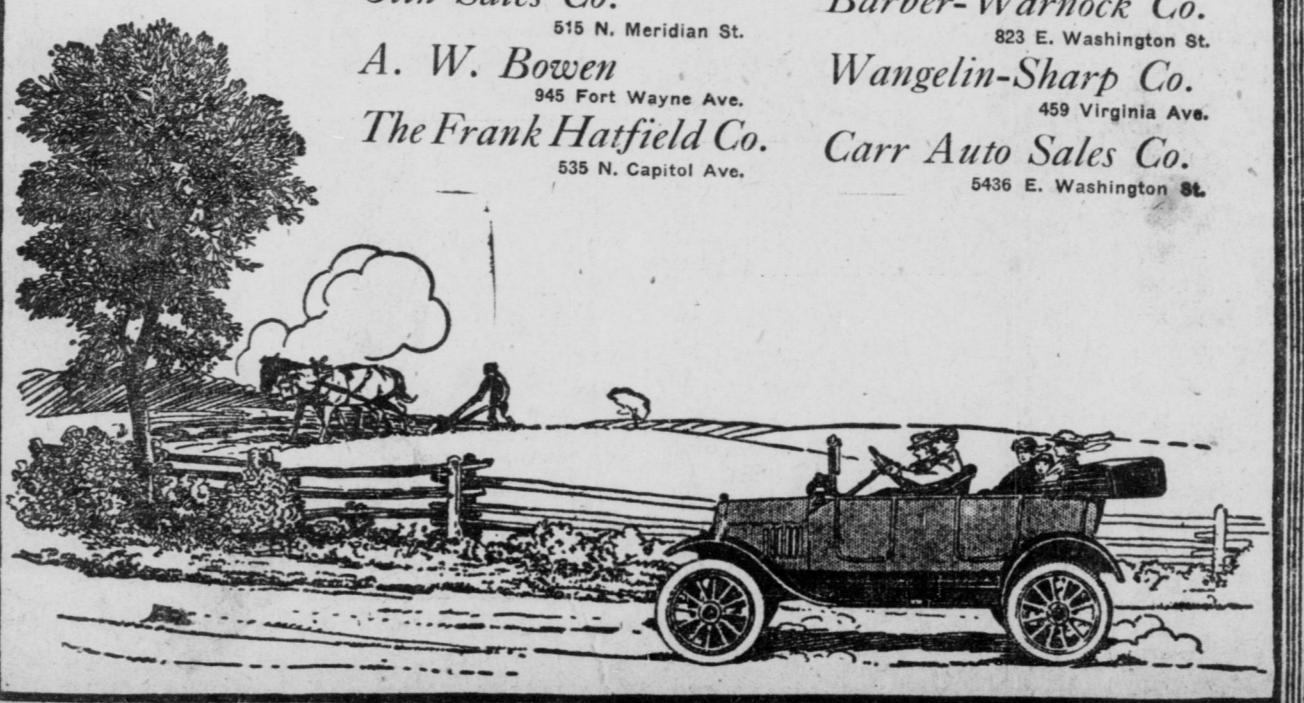
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