

A black and white photograph showing a group of men in military uniforms standing on a wooden bridge or trestle over a body of water. The men are wearing hats and carrying gear. The background shows a wooded area and a building.

A black and white photograph showing a group of men in military uniforms standing in a line outdoors. They are positioned in front of a large, dark structure, possibly a building or a large tent, with trees visible in the background. The men are wearing hats and uniforms, and some are holding rifles. The scene appears to be a training exercise or an inspection.

CANADA AND THE WORLD'S SUPPLY OF WHEAT

The top photograph shows a group of soldiers in silhouette, positioned on a grassy field. In the background, a vehicle, possibly a tank or a large truck, is visible. The bottom photograph shows soldiers operating a large machine gun or artillery piece on a grassy field. The soldiers are in silhouette, and the machine gun is mounted on a tripod. The background is a bright, open field.

T was with considerable satisfaction that readers in all Allied countries received the statement made a short time ago by the Institute of Agriculture, Canada, that in 1917 had seen an increase in the wheat crop of the principal countries of the world, outside of the Central Powers, of 3.3 per cent over 1916. These figures were based on returns from Spain, France, Italy, Poland, land, Sweden, Finland, Canada, the United States, India, Japan and Algeria, which countries are this year estimated to show a total wheat production of 665,448,000 bushels. At the same time we saw that Canada had an increase in their barley crop of 2.4 per cent; an increase in their rye crop of 10.7 per cent; an increase in their oat crop of 19.9 per cent, and an increase in their corn crop of 25.3 per cent. That such increases could be possible among nations most of whom are engaged in war, is in itself a tribute to the productive energy of view, and a very appropriate one at this particular period, when the agricultural countries are called upon to produce the utmost pound of food. While the countries mentioned have shrunk into insignificance compared with their possibilities. For instance, the three Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta could produce three times the total wheat now referred to! This statement may appear extravagant until submitted to the test of cold figures. Then we get data like this:

	According to the Government of Canada, there are in the provinces mentioned the following area suitable for agricultural purposes:
Manitoba	74,216,000 acres
Saskatchewan	121,150,000 "
Alberta	192,217,000 "
Total	287,583,000 "

beria can produce as much wheat as all of these countries and have more left over than was grown in 1917 in all Canada.

Of course, it is impossible, as a practicable manner, to put every arable acre of land in any country under the plow, but if we say for the sake of illustration that only one-third of the arable land in these provinces is summer-fallowed, one-third sown to crops grains or pasture, and one-third to wheat, the proportion that is now being produced is a greater crop than that already mentioned as being grown by all the countries before referred to.

These figures may be interesting generally for the great comparison they give us, but they must not carry the conclusion that Canada is a very long way from being self-sufficient in food producing material. The scarcity of food products at this time, at present exists in nearly all other countries.

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"Making fun is serious business," says Charlie Chaplin in the *Woman's Home Companion*. "It calls for deep study and concentrated observation. Fun that causes some people to laugh makes others frown. That can't be helped. What matters is—to make most of the people laugh most of the time. How to do this is the problem. 'The principle' thing you've got to do to keep an audience in good humor is to make them think they are superior to you in intelligence. You've got to be the clown.

"Now, when the capitalist's whiskers are pulled by an abandoned funny man the audience is convulsed. The man is funny in striking contrast. One might say there is a picture of pride and dignity, austere, exclusive, apart from common humanity. If I reach out casually and hook that chap with the crook of my case, drag him almost off his feet, pull his Dunderrears and step casually on his silk hat, a wave of mirth surges over the house. Perhaps people don't know why. But I do. It is because they never in all their lives believed anybody would have the effrontery to pull a millionaire's whiskers or step on his hat."

The Way Sweden Used Nature to Solve

Sweden, is a cold proposition for many months. Not only its far north latitude, but its insular situation conduces to cold climatic conditions, for Stockholm is built mostly on islands and is called the Venice of the Baltic.

Hot water tanks in buildings are heated by electricity from a nearby power plant, and the hot water is sent through the houses much as it goes through similarly heated houses in our cities. The electricity that heats the water is turned on at night when the family retires, and by morning the tank is so hot that the water, pumped automatically through the house pipes, gives the inhabitants all the comforts of steam heat and lasts the whole day.

Counting the Salmon.
The Wood river in Alaska has been closed to fishing for many years and is resorted to for breeding purposes by red salmon escaping the nets in Nushagak bay. The counting of the salmon was first undertaken in 1908 and has been continued annually since that time except in 1914.

The highest count for any one day in recent years was 25,554.—New York Sun.

Doubtful Assistance.
Editor—George Bump, the merchant, is dead, and I want you to write up an obituary telling what a fine fellow and what a successful business man he was. New Assistant—Sure; I'll boost his game, but I don't see what good it's doing to do.—Puck.

Two Factors.
Willis—I've got to cut out this high
while my wife is away. Gillis—
What's the trouble now? Willis—The
and the neighbors are beginning
tell.—Exchange.

No Chance.
Selle—If I were you, Percy, I should tell him just what I think of him.
Percy—How can I? The cad has no telephone.—Philadelphia Bulletin

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50 Women's New Winter Coats will fly away—
What a gathering together of winter warmth and com-
fort. Every coat is good through and through and
worth \$15 and \$17. Beginning Saturday only \$9.00

Lot 2

Women's Fine Quilt Velour Coats in Black, Green, Navy and Brown. Very fine garments and the Best \$25.00 value in town. All one price beginning Saturday \$19.00

Men's Black or Tan motor Gauntlet, Large Cuff,
Warmly lined—Specially Priced at \$2.90.

Remnants of Cotton Bed Spread Damask, Regular \$1 00
—selling for 65 cents.
Remnants of unbleached Table Linen worth \$1 60 a yard
—Selling for 97c a yard.
Remnants of unbleached Table Linen worth \$1 50 a yard
—Selling for 88c a yard.
200 Pure Linen Table Cloths—sizes 2-2 yds, 2x2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2x3
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Some great Bath Towel Bargains will be ready Saturday
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Wolsey and Ceetee Brand to be sold at HALF PRICE
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\$2.75	Garments for	\$1.37
3.00	Garments for	1 50
3 25	Garments for	1 62
3.50	Garments for	1 75
3.75	Garments for	1 87
4.25	Garments for	2 19

Colors are Rose, Grey, Black, Burgundy, Copen, Taupe,
Navy and Brown.
Materials are Crepe-De-Chene, Taffeta, Satin, Poplin,
and Messaline.
Styles are varied and Pretty.
The best time to come for these Pretty Dresses is when
the sale opens, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Sizes for wo-
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At \$12.50
Your choice of our entire stock of \$17.50—\$16.50—\$15.00
and \$13.50 Dresses.
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Your choice of our entire stock \$25.00, \$22.50, \$20.00 and
18.50 Dresses.
This sale enables the thrifty women to pick up one of the
season's Pretty Dresses at a most remarkable savings.

Men's Neckwear worth 50c clearing at 25c
Men's Military Flannel shirts made with two pockets, heavy, warm and serviceable at \$1.75 values on the Table at \$1.25.
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 One only Mink Stole worth \$45.00 for \$22.50
 One only Mink Collar worth \$35.00 for \$17.50
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