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OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL
Events of Interest From the Seat
of Government by the News
Special Correspondent, J. E.
Jones.

**SHORTAGE OF THE
WORLD'S FOODS**
A great part of the population
of the world has abandoned the
industrial and agricultural pur-
suits, and in consequence the soil
and factories are operated either
by women and children, or not at
all. There is no question but what
the great advances in the cost of
living in the United States are
due to the fact that we have been
feeding the hungry mouths of the
people of other countries. Of
course there have been combina-
tions in price-raising since the
normal conditions have made it
easy to bring these things about.
But the demand for increased
production is based upon condi-
tions, and upon a growing de-
mand that everybody under-
stands. Way back in the nineties
potatoes were scarce and high at
the end of a particular season.
Governor Pingree of Michigan, ad-
vised everyone to use their vac-
ant lots to grow potatoes. The
next year potatoes were ten cents
a bushel. It would be possible to
bring potatoes down to that price
next year if the whole world
grew the crop, since an immense
production would result. However
the demand this year is to "grow
everything." Doubtless there
will be great profits from agricul-
tural production, as the induc-
ement to go farming was never
greater than now. As a purely
commercial proposition, independ-
ent of every other consideration,
it is good advice to tell anyone
who has a back yard, or an acre
of land, to start something grow-
ing in it.

Our Wards in the Pacific
The pictures of the thatched-
roofed bungalows in Hawaii and
the Philippines, and the grass
skirts popularized by Hawaiian
dancers and their imitators who
have amused American audiences
while dancing to the tunes from
the Ukulale, may have caused
many a person to wonder whether
the primitive buildings in the
islands of the Pacific, did proper
credit to modern architecture.
Just what purpose many of the
buildings and houses in the Phi-
lippines, Hawaii and the tropics
may supply, outside of shelter
from the sun and rain, is a ques-
tion. The American soldier had
a hard time in the Philippines,
and after he got through, our
white men did a great deal toward
improving the civil institutions of
the archipelago. The straw hut,
and the crude bamboo and wooden
structures of the Filipinos are
now giving way to more substan-
tial structures. The Philippine
Health Service, at the head of
which are Americans, has insti-
tuted a new non-flammable build-
ing material, and it has designed
a type of Filipino dwelling for
the average family, to be con-
structed out of this new material.
The present Philippine dwelling is
more or less of a shack. As a
rule it is a one-roomed hut,
roofed and sided with hay and
floored with split fish poles laid
side by side a quarter of an inch
apart. They are placed so close
together that a "Nipa District"
ranks pretty close to gasoline for
flammability. There are big fires
resulting. The new buildings are
to be sanitary and the Philippine
island structures will be im-
proved, entirely changing the old
order of things, which lent so
much poetry and romance to the
habitations of these people.

In Flower Land
In the botanic garden at
Washington nine thousand tulip
bulbs are just coming into bloom.
Several thousand fancy plants,
large beds of daisies and geran-

iums, and one hundred new glad-
ioli seedlings are adding their
beauty and fragrance to the
garden. Some of these seedlings
are valued at \$200 a plant; or-
chids, Easter lilies, narcissus, hy-
acinths, syringa and all the
other popular blooms have broken
into life and are adding their wel-
come to the spring season.

There are ten varieties of mag-
nolias now in bloom, and other
shrubs and blossoms are the for-
sythia or golden bell, the frag-
rant bush honeysuckle, the Judas
tree, or red bud, besides the Jap-
anese quince, flowering cheery
and flowering prune, and the
white flowering almond.

The first warm days are at
hand in the National Capital, and
nature is radiant, and its flowers
and trees and grasses, give no
evidence that they are troubled
by the affairs of men and na-
tions.

Alien Stock
There are thirty-five million
aliens in the United States, and
in eleven of the states more than
half of the population is com-
posed of these aliens. It may be
explained that 14,500,000 of the
above are foreign born; and 11-
,000,000 are children of whose
parents both are foreign born; an-
other 9,000,000 others are children,
one of whose parents was born under
a foreign flag. After the Negro-
Indians and Chinese are deduct-
ed from our population only 54,
,000,000 Americans of full native
ancestry remain. North Carolina
is the only real simon pure Unit-
ed States region in the Republic,
since less than one per cent. of its
population are in the alien class.
It is primitive American. In sev-
en of the Southern states the na-
tive population is from one to five
per cent. Florida and Louisiana
are the only states in this group
that show a population of five
to ten per cent. alien. The black
spots, where fifty per cent. of
the population or over is made
up of aliens is as follows: New
Hampshire, Vermont, Massachu-
setts, Rhode Island, Connecticut,
New York, New Jersey, Michigan,
Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota,
South Dakota, North Dakota,
Montana, Utah. There are 2,486-
,000 Germans in the United States
and 1,080,000 Austro-Hungarians.
Although the people of foreign
birth constitute only one-seventh
of the country's population, they
contribute nearly one-fourth (22
per cent.) of the arm-bearing
strength of the nation.

Forms of Taxation
There is an eight dollar head
tax on citizens of Canada desir-
ing to come to the United States
to live. It is cheap at that, as
automobile taxes are \$1.50 a
month in Maryland.

Figuring Out the Difference
Taxpayers of the United States
have not yet been able to distin-
guish between the old standards
of millions and the new standards
that are measured in billions. It
is predicted that the tax collect-
ors will be called upon to oper-
ate personal instruction bureaus
that will fully emphasize the dif-
ference.

Tobacco and Morals
Tobacco merchants in Wash-
ington have entered a vigorous
protest against the exclusion of
tobacco, as proposed in Senator
Chamberlain's bill, at stations
used for military training. The
tobaccoists express great fear
lest the morals of the Army and
Navy should be lowered, and the
tobacco interests of the country
be made to suffer severely. The
same story or argument in the in-
terests of humanity will be urged
in the interests of tobacco when
its financial prospect is at stake,
as has been set forth to help
old John Barleycorn in continu-
ing the work of getting people
drunk.

THE FORUM
ON GUARD
By Rev. V. L. Eggleston

"Put on the whole armor of
God" and keep it on. "Never
think the victory won nor lay
thine armor down."

Hawthorne tells a ludicrous
story of a country preacher who
started to drive to a neighbor-
ing parish to preach. He drove
the nag into a stream that he
might quench his thirst, and when
the beast reached the middle of
the stream, he balked. The mid-
denned parson saw no kind
way to induce the brute to go:
save to get out, take him by the
bit, look him gently in the eye
and thus persuade him to go over
to the other side. He accordingly
disrobed and left his wardrobe in
the carriage, proceeded to labor
with the stubborn beast. The horse
broke away from him and ran
away with the carriage, preacher's
suit and all. An escaped lunatic
caught the horse some mile or
two away, got into the preacher's
suit and rode on. What became
of the preacher it is not best to
relate. It taught him, however,
to keep his clothes on, when on
his way to an appointment. A
Christian must not allow himself
to be so diverted as to lay aside
his arms for any period of time,
or something worse than a lunatic
appropriating his clothes, will
happen to him. A man must ever
be on guard for his own self pro-
tection. The Christian has some-
thing to defend. It is not a
mere sublimated theory. It is
not a pack of trashy impedi-
ments. It is not simply a lot of
maxims and doctrines. It is
more than a plan or purpose. He
has to defend a christian character
and an immortal destiny. Why,
then, should not every Christian
guard and defend that which is
of vital and eternal interest to
him. The ordinary mortal is
created with some degree of cau-
tion. The reckless man soon
ends his career, and is eliminated
from the equation of human life.

**TO THE FARMERS
OF THIS VICINITY**

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