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MORE SPLENDID MEN FOR SLAUGHTER.

Sir John French, inspecting the Canadian troops recently landed in France pronounced them a fine body of men. Of course they are, as we who have lived neighbor to them know full well.

But they will not remain "a fine body of men" for long in the sense in which Sir John used the phrase. They will be shot over and through; their lines now so regular will be shattered by losses.

And for what? The dominion cannot possibly gain enough for success in this war to compensate for the loss of her best blood and her present commercial depression.

But this sort of talk, although indisputable logic, is not popular on the other side of the border. Canada flinches with war spirit, and when the war spirit wages reason takes a back seat.

MAKING A FARCE OF RURAL CREDITS

So much is said locally regarding rural credits that a few words on the work of the recent congress seems appropriate.

Congress trifled again with rural credit legislation. The senate passed the McCumber rural credits bill without discussion by attaching it as a rider to a general appropriation bill.

farmers. They knew thoroughly that the measure could not pass the house; but at least they could go before their rural constituents and spout of what the senate tried to do for the man on the land.

The house committed itself to a measure the opposite of that which secured the unanimous approval of the august senate. The house stood for mutual rural credit and loan associations. Although amended to banish all legislative aid, this bill is based upon that proposed by Senator Fletcher of Florida and his special committee which toured Europe in 1913 collecting information on rural credits, whereas the senate measure is an emaciated edition of the congress, and Bathrick's plan for direct loans. Senate and house swapped bills, and the senate seems to have come out second best.

The situation reminds one of two men rushing through a fog toward the same destination by different routes. At the intersection they collide, drop their bundles, fall to fighting and when they finally reach their destination they find they are too late.

NEW EUROPEAN MAP

Trade, like water, runs down hill. This war has proved that buffer states are no insurance against war, that small states are doomed.

By this plan central Europe is divided between France and Germany, Austria, each of which is given all the territory drained by its river systems, the watersheds becoming the frontiers, because trade naturally follows the river.

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ality and economic competence. But a vast deal of fighting is in prospect before the small states can be brought to believe that that they are utterly useless.

NEW PLAN FOR BUSINESS

Many an industrial leader sticks to his job far into the evening of life because he fears the enterprise will go upon the rocks without his guidance. Especially is this true of men with the bulk of their estate invested in their business and who have no heirs capable enough or interested enough to stand up under the responsibilities of management.

The Dennison Manufacturing company, a \$5,000,000 concern in Massachusetts, is going to try a new plan. The managing owner steps down and out, the direction being assumed by 200 employees, each of whom is now earning \$1,200 or more.

Here is a marked advance toward industrial democracy. The boss will be chosen by the most efficient, and best versed men in the company's employ and all who work for the Dennison company will share in its prosperity.

The convicts of Sing Sing joyfully welcome the permission to wear billed shirts Sunday. Not thus the man who is told by his wife that he must put one on if he is going to church with her.

The new American legion expects to be able to offer the country a first reserve of 300,000 men. We don't see where the Federal league is going to get players enough to go through the season.

A government expert has found a process that will triple the output of gasoline. But we suppose somebody will invent a sixteen cylinder motor car to us it up that much faster.

It is reported that Georges Carpentier, the European champion is a prisoner of war. That's what a man gets for going into battle without a competent referee.

A Long Island woman submitted to twelve operations before passing away. This is discouraging to others who are saving their egg money in the hope of breaking the record.

The new comet is reported as receding from the earth as rapidly as possible. But that is the only thing for a neutral comet to do.

Mexico's debt is now \$1,060,650,000. Nobody has nerve enough to go down there and try to collect it, so it isn't worrying Mexico much.

A man fainted while watching Paderewski play the piano. Whether this is a knock or a boost for Ignace, the critics do not say.

The allies claim they have a scarcity of brass bands. The more brass bands the more horrible the war becomes.

No, Dr. Riley is quite right. We do not want starch in our bread. It is bad enough to have it in our negligee shirt fronts.

Reports from Washington say the birds are building their nests. Politicians are feathering theirs.

Odd, is it not, that the war hasn't cut off the supply of Mocha and Java?

A sun spot 100,000 miles long has been discovered which reminds us that the freckle season is at hand.

Fox trotting is said to be good for insanity. On the grounds that like cures like?

The hucksters never worry about the thousands of kitchen gardens that are started this year.

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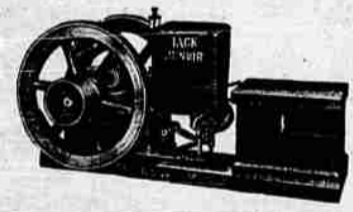
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GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW BUILDING.
Actual Work Commenced Yesterday on Pendleton \$100,000 Structure.
Pendleton, June 2.—Ground was broken yesterday afternoon for the Pendleton federal building and actual work toward securing for this city the handsome new \$100,000 structure which is to house the local postoffice, the U. S. federal court and the headquarters of the Umatilla forest was begun. J. S. Winters of Portland, the contractor who secured the bid on the construction of the building, arrived this morning and immediately let the sub-contract for excavation to I. Wilkes of this city.
At 1 o'clock Mr. Wilkes had a crew of men on the job and the removing of the dirt began. In all there will be about 2000 yards of dirt to move and much of this will be hauled directly to the depot grounds to be used in filling in for the new park. Mr. Wilkes figures that his contract will require about 30 days to complete.
Mr. Winters will have the materials for the building arriving right along now and will be ready to start construction work just as soon as the excavating is done.
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