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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

### SCARCITY WILL BE FELT.

The reports from several county exemption boards complain of the farm help loss in the current draft, according to the Oregonian. The Sherman county draft board reports that the taking of sixteen men will exhaust all of class one, and that it will hamper the harvest, which will be at its height on July 25. The same complaint comes from several sections of Oregon. The head of the Sherman county board says:

"Every one of the sixteen prospective selects is a skilled farm worker, and it will require at least forty ordinary farm hands to replace them." The disruption of arrangements is not alone with those who will find it difficult to care for their crops, but many of the draft registrants themselves have crops of their own which they were induced to put in under the pressing cry that the government needed all that could be raised, and that the man who could feed a hundred soldiers was as efficient against the Hun as he would be as one single man in the ranks. The patriotism of those who furnished the food was extolled almost equally with those who went to the front, on the theory that soldiers are effective only when they are fed.

It probably all comes under the inexorable rule that this war will involve sacrifice—not particularly that of risk in the service, but in the upsetting of plans which were adopted because it was considered to be one of the best ways to help win the war.

### NORTHWEST NEWS.

Hood River apples have decreased in production from 1,200,000 boxes last year to an estimate of 900,000 this season. The bumper year was in 1916, when 1,500,000 boxes were produced. This year's crop will be larger fruit, and entirely free from fungus.

Word comes from Eugene that a slacker, Guy King—one of the last selected men, at the last minute, went over to Albany, where he was arrested and taken back to Eugene and turned over to the sheriff. The man pleaded guilty, and paid the usual penalty. The same man had recently been arrested in Junction City for bootlegging.

At the Cornelius ranch, near Portland, are a lot of happy berry pickers, who while saving the crops there, are also having a good time in the Women Workers' Reserve camps provided by the Red Cross auxiliary of Portland. The Jefferson High girls, now occupying this camp, have called it "No-man's land" camp.

Hood river apple growers, who are not satisfied with the present orchard laws of the state, are now preparing a bill to present to the next legislature, calling for a radical modification of the bill.

At present, only 30 days are given the growers in which to burn the prunings, and only recently a number of very prominent orchardists were arrested, and paid their fines, amount to \$25 each. The men arrested were C. P. Bone, W. H. Chappin, E. M. Benson, C. N. Bavin, J. F. McLean and Albert Meier.

# RED CROSS News and Notes.

### TAKES STRICT CONTROL OF ALL RED CROSS WOOL.

The New York Times quotes the statement of the War Industries Board, made after the conference between the Wool Commodities Section and the American Red Cross, as follows:

"Stringent methods for the conservation of raw wool for military purposes have become so necessary that a conference was called between representatives of the Wool Commodities Section of the War Industries Board and the American Red Cross. At the close of the conference the following statement was authorized:

"It is obvious that the first allotment of this wool must go to the military requirements of the government, and that any surplus remaining will first be used for filling the requirements of the American Red Cross, as next in accordance to the prosecution of the war. In view of the uncertainty in ocean shipping it cannot be definitely known at this time as to what amount of wool if any will be available for Red Cross purposes after the original military needs of the government are satisfied. It is believed, however, that unless unforeseen conditions arise, a moderate quantity of wool will be available for the Red Cross.

"Furthermore, in view of the probable scarcity of wool it is earnestly desired that the use of wool yarn for non-essential purposes be discouraged in every possible manner.

"The War Industry Board will hold the Department of Supplies at National Headquarters of the Red Cross strictly responsible for the release of any wool required by manufacturers for Red Cross purposes.

### CAR DELIVERY SCHEME.

Seattle Dealer Hits On Novel Plan For Moving Autos.

Driveaways among automobile dealers have been in force almost since the advent of the motor car industry, but it remained for W. S. Dulmage, the leading machine dispenser in Seattle, to combine deliveries to his distributing station with a maximum of pleasure for all concerned.

Dulmage needed fifty cars in a hurry. Fifty impatient patrons were clamoring for their Chevrolets, particularly since the biggest holiday of the year—July Fourth—was coming. So it was up to the Seattle man to get busy.

There was only one way for Dulmage to get cars, and that was through the Spokane warehouse of the Chevrolet Motor Company of California. "Give me fifty cars for immediate delivery," said his wire to Manager W. C. Henrieks, of the Chevrolet company at Spokane. "Sure we will, but where are you going to get freight equipment to move them in," was the answer. "Dulmage jumped over from Seattle to Spokane, and there he hit on a novel scheme. Half the population of the Inland Empire metropolis was talking about the races in Tacoma, July 4th, where Cliff Durant, Earl Cooper, Eddie Pullen and other speed stars were to battle in a big race on the national holiday. So what was easier than to offer free transportation to the race fans, and at the same time have a driveaway of the needed cars.

A little "want ad" asking for men to drive cars from Spokane to Seattle brought 72 responses within two hours. Before night Henrieks and Dulmage had signed up enough real drivers to move the entire caravan, and by the afternoon of July 2, every Chevrolet which started was in the Dulmage garage, ready for delivery.

The Spokane-Seattle driveaway is probably the hardest ever made, but in spite of this the Chevrolets arrived in perfect shape. The distance between the two Washington cities is about 325 miles, and with two steep mountain ranges between. Not little of the road is paved, yet at the end of the run the fifty drivers hanked Dulmage for a great outing, as well as the saving of quite a sum of money which otherwise would have been expended for railroad fares.

We have the word of Mrs. W. B. C. that the following occurred at the Baneroff School no longer than the first of this week:

Teacher—"What is the Emperor of Japan called?"

Informed Boy—"McAdoo"—Kansas City Star.

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### SOLDIER INSURANCE.

Secretary McAdoo has called up on all local draft boards to acquaint drafted men with the provisions of the soldier-insurance law and to urge every drafted man to take out his insurance. The boards have been furnished with literature to aid them in this educational work. The law affording insurance to our fighting forces has well been called the most just and humane provision ever made by a nation for its soldiers and sailors. The government and the American people recognize the justice of affording this protection to the men who

risk their lives for their country and to their families and dependents at home. It is only just to themselves and to their families and dependents that our fighting men avail themselves of this opportunity.

Every American enlisting should take out this insurance and carry with him into danger the heartening knowledge that whatever happens, himself and his dependents are protected by his Government.

### "WOOF!" IS YANKEE FOR "I WANT EGGS"

BY FRED S. FERGUSON WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN THE FIELD, June 16.—By Mail—"Oof" is one of the first things the American soldier learned to say in France.

It is his pronunciation of the Frenchman's word for egg. The doughboy is a constant egg hunter. On arriving in a village while on the march the first thing sought is the source of the town's egg supply. If the troops remain for any length of time the hens of the village are certain of a busy session if they expect to keep up with the demand.

It is nothing uncommon to hear a grinning American tell of having stowed away a dozen eggs at a single meal. If officers expect to have eggs at their mess, their orderlies must get out and hustle to beat the dough boys to the henry. It's a wild race for "cofs."

A new arrival in France recently joined up with a certain outfit now in Picardy. He hadn't learned what an egg is in French. But he rolled into the first shop he saw that looked like it might sell eggs. He tried every way he knew to tell the shopkeeper he wanted eggs. Then he resorted to sign language. A box was on the counter. The American spied it, hopped up on the counter, sat on the box, then jumped down and flapping his arms wildly, "cackled" loud and long.

Still the French man did not understand. Other soldiers passing by saw the performance and called "oof" to the unfortunate bunkie. He fairly stormed the shop with: "Woof! Woof! Woof!"

The shopkeeper retreated. "Woof! Woof!" exclaimed the American.

Then a light dawned in the shopkeeper's eyes. A minute later the doughboy had a dozen eggs.

### TRYING OUT NUANCE IN GARY

"Such delicate nuance of tone shading down to the vanishing point."—Gary, (Ind.) Post. Any writer who tries to use the word nuance in Gary would better stick around and read the proof.—Chicago Tribune.

A New Jersey woman has invented a mesh bag to hold a door key and prevent it from being lost among the contents of a pocket-book or shopping bag.

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