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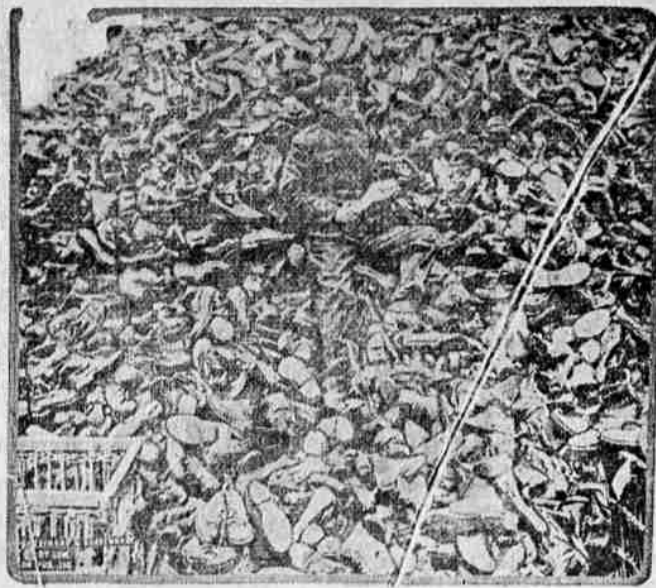
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WORN-OUT BY OUR SOLDIERS ABROAD



Worn-out high in this monster pile are the shoes worn-out by the soldiers of Uncle Sam who are fighting in France.



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

CRITICAL PERIOD.

An very frequently happens the war news reports do not entirely co-ordinate and reach the definiteness that all would like, but the period may be described as "critical." That is to say it is critical as far as the Crown Prince's Army is concerned. Between the statement that the retreating Germans have decided on an exact reverse movement and will fight instead of run, and the other reports that the allies are gaining ground and that but one railroad is left either for the purpose of forwarding supplies or effecting a retreat, the exact situation becomes complex and indefinite as far as the enemy is concerned.

It is very plausible that the German army cannot well retreat and face the scorn that would fall upon it from the German people, and when surrounded as they are on three sides, they cannot very well advance. Their chance for advancement has diminished every minute since the allied aggression began. Their condition is indeed "critical."

The only explanation to be accepted at this time is that the Kaiser's partner has quit the job.

A "COMEBACK COUNTRY."

This Grande Ronde valley has a way of "coming back" that is at times unexplained and surprising. Last year the hundred day period without rain saw Grande Ronde come up smiling with fairly good yields and the disheartening outlook of less than a month ago is changing every day to one of greater promise.

This history has been repeated in Grande Ronde for so long a period that it seems the country is immune from the dangers that would give any other country a permanent set-back. Whether it is hot and dry or cold and wet, the harvest period usually sees an abundance for all home needs with plenty to spare. It is truly a country that is "hard to beat."

FEDERAL CONTROL NEEDED.

Federal control of the telegraph seems to be the logical thing under the present circumstances, if not for the future as well. There is not much difference in the transmission of messages by telegraph than in the conveyance of other forms of intelligence by government owned mail lines. The functions all come under about the same head, and as a public utility, there is no service that should not be under the direct management of the public, insofar as the services rendered is concerned. The trend is toward federal control of public utilities. Some parts of the "Omaha" platform are being reasonably and rationally reached.

AROUND THE WORLD

Texas cattle ranges have been suffering from lack of rains.

Pennsylvania farmers are willingly employing women farmhands.

New York has employed a woman as maid in Sing Sing prison.

Negro orators are to spread war gospel in the United States this summer.

Kansas City lawyers are mobilizing to assist in harvest work on farms.

SHOTS FROM THE MAGAZINE

That new-born Russian republic proved to be a litter.

War prices and scarcity of labor have not yet affected the supply of red tape.

Bring on your German super-submarines! The bigger the boat the bigger the target.

If the government will only beat the paper trust to a pulp, everybody will be satisfied.

Diplomatic relations have apparently become more fragile than marriage ceremonies.

The only German offensive this spring has been the conduct of her peace envoys.

Some one has figured out that a hundred new bolsheviks are born in Russia every minute; one a minute was supposed in other countries to be the record.

ALL TRUE

The true patriot also loves his neighbor's boys.

There's nothing new in war. David had a hand-grenade.

The grand appeal is the lonely head-board on the scarred field.

After all, the love of a good girl is more comforting than knit socks.

In emergency the American farmer can shoot as straight as his plow.

And we may all stand "menless days" as long as there is strength in codfish.

There's a "bit" for every one. The professional musician may furnish hair to pad the boxing-gloves.

WORLD WORKERS

The equivalent of the labor of 20,000 men for a month has been lost to the government's shipbuilding program through strikes and lockouts.

The total amount of timber cut on the national forests in the fiscal year 1917 was \$40,912,000 board feet, as against 714,095,000 board feet in 1916.

It is estimated that the daylight saving plan in the United States will save the country 1,000,000 tons of coal and enough gas and electric energy to aggregate a total saving of \$10,000,000.

The largest service flag in the country bearing 19,135 stars was swung on a canopy in a hall at Indianapolis, where the United Mine Workers recently met, each star representing a coal miner who has enlisted.

Over 341,800,000 barrels of petroleum were produced and marketed in the United States last year, but even this record output was insufficient to meet the demand. About 21,000,000 barrels of oil held in storage had to be drawn on.

Cause of Despondency.

Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. These tablets strengthen the digestion and move the bowels.—Adv.

BY-PRODUCTS OF DEHYDRATOR

WILL PAY LARGE RETURNS TO FARMERS OF VALLEY.

Interesting Details Of The Newest Thing In Dehydrating Plants Committed To Go Portland.

"If the farmers of the Grande Ronde valley once understood that the proposed dehydrating plant in La Grande would, from its by-products alone, give them in what is called 'waste' about 80 per cent, in hog feed, they would one and all buy stock in the plant, if permitted to do so."—J. D. McKennon.

Reading from a clipping, Mr. McKennon further said:

"I am personally acquainted with the vice-president of the new starch factory just established at Beaverton, near Portland. His name is J. F. Griffith, and every word in this I can vouch is the truth.

Speaking of the new starch factory, which is on the co-operative plan by the farmers themselves, "but the company is not confined in its operations to starch making. It will consume 4,400 pounds of potatoes an hour, will employ 20 men for each of the three hour shifts and will require 17,000 pounds of potatoes a day. It is expected the plant will be operated 150 days. In that time it will need 2,816,000 pounds of tubers in the manufacture of potato flour, potato meal, potato starch, potato stock feed and potato starch. Potato flour, it is said, will be the most important, taking the place of wheat flour in bread and pastry.

"An average of 30 pounds of flour and 30 pounds of meal are obtained from 100 pounds of potatoes. Both will possess all the nutritive properties of the potato. The flour may be employed alone or with wheat flour and is recommended by the federal food administration. Potato starch will run about 20 pounds to the hundred pounds of potatoes, leaving a stock food by-product with a food value of 80 per cent of that of corn. Potato flake will have all the nutrition of the tuber. We dehydrate them in vacuum by a special process. Like all our products they will keep indefinitely."

"Our committee, in including County Agent Spillman and Dr. Bacon, will probably go to Portland the first of the week, unless we can get one of Wittberg-King Co.'s men to come up here," said Mr. McKennon, in closing his interview.

Following is a sketch of what is now running in Salem, and what is hoped will soon be duplicated in La Grande:

The Plant And Employees.

Thirty men, 100 women.

Evaporator No. 2, 284x50 feet.

Twenty-five tons daily output.

Holler house and machine shop on river bank.

Space for duplicate plant when required.

Battery of six roof cellars, each 65 x 12 feet.

Soybeans made in Salem from Marion county grown vegetables that rival in richness of flavor the much advertised Campbell or Helix products will be shipped to all quarters of the United States and Europe when the war is over, by the Salem-Kings Products company from its just opened plant on North Front street.

The evaporator is 284 feet long by 50 feet wide. In it is placed an immense fan that blows the hot air through the proper channels in the dry-house or evaporator. A second evaporator can easily be constructed as the original plant of ground cells for an additional 500 space for a second boiler. Other duplicate parts of machinery are already on hand.

The plant takes care of and turns out daily twenty-five tons of fruit or vegetables as the case may be.

Three Shifts.

The plant is now being run with

three shifts of employees who work eight hours to the shift.

How The Vegetables Are Handled.

Cabbage, for instance, is wheeled into the dry-room, is dumped beside long cleaning tables at which fussy operators soon strip it of outside leaves, which are utilized for other purposes, sharp knives reduce the heads to small sized blocks which are then run through a machine which turns them out into small cubes. These are spread on wire trays, as prunes are treated, run into the long dryer, or evaporator, into which hot air is blown by the huge fan in the basement, and the product is soon ready for packing in paraffine containers.

The carrots are transferred to long tables, where operators trim off the heads and tails, other employees at once take them on trays to a slicing machine from which they emerge in long strings, about the thickness of heavy blotting paper. Into the evaporator they go on long trays, and come out ready for the packers.

Apples, potatoes and onions are still to be taken care of, and work is in sight for the entire winter.

Freight Costs Reduced.

One great advantage in producing thus prepared for market is that there is absolutely no moisture in them, and they are shipped in paraffin containers, which, being very light, reduce freight charges, as against shipping in wooden boxes, which is an item that will count up well into the thousands of dollars when it comes to paying freight charges.

BRITISH NOT DOWN-HEARTED.

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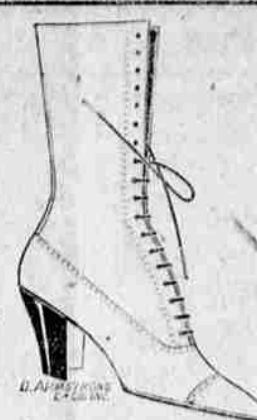
and two British divisions on their flanks. By their unexpectedly rapid advance in the center, crossing the River Lyn at Bas-St. Manr and pushing on towards Baillolet, a dangerous situation was created for the British, and the Germans knew it. So they quickly flung in more troops to enlarge the breach and, the following day, struck at Meuniers, north of Armentieres. This city was deluged with gas and "pinched" out.

As on the Somme, the Germans under von Arnim and von Quast, by advancing against the British, 1st Army (and the French, who had come up), towards Hazebrouck, which soon became their objective, forced a retirement of the army to the north, the 2d which had won Cassinette. From

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Dr. George V. Lomonosoff, head of the Russian railway mission to the United States, has been dismissed from his post by the Russian ambassador because of a statement issued by Lomonosoff opposing allied intervention in Russia and upholding the bolshevik government.

the Ypres salient, now a dangerous pocket, the British fell back with practically no losses, to Ypres itself. This was heartbreaking for the men who had won this ground in 1917, but the war had now become a struggle, not for towns and villages, but to outmaneuver and annihilate armies.

The Drive For Paris.

On May 27, began the drive for Paris just as everybody who had eyes to see had expected, a continuation of Hindenburg's fundamental plan to crush the Allied armies and force a German peace on the world.

But the great decision to brigade Americans with the British and French already had become effective. We first knew of it, in con-

fidence, as far back as January. Now it was a reality. The result is, or ought to be, that the Allies may fall back here and eke ground there but slowly and surely von Hindenburg's armies must dwindle, while the Allied forces grow. Fighting men from the U. S. A. are pouring in. And despite the worst which yet may happen, to quote a square-jawed American I have just been talking to, "holloing in God's world can save the Boches from a hiding that will last them the rest of time!"

The British have taken some hard knocks during the past year and have gone up against some bitter disappointments, but there is not one who does not get mad as a wet hen if anybody suggests that the allies are losing the war. Just during these terrible days of the retreat from Mons, if you start the cry: "Are we downhearted?" the British will shout back in deafening chorus: "N-O-O-O-O!"

Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy

Now is the time to buy a bottle of this remedy so as to be prepared in case that any one of your family should have an attack of colic or diarrhoea during the summer months. It is worth a hundred times its cost when needed.—Adv.

THE SHORT ROUTE TO INDEPENDENCE

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THE TRUTH ABOUT CANDY. HOW MUCH CANDY CAN WE EAT?

"Where Shall We Stop, to Stay Within the Bounds of Patriotism?"

That's a question which puzzles many of us. We all know that we must "go easy" on sugar, as it is our duty to conserve. And candy contains some sugar. So how can we know how much to eat.

In the first place, we must not forget that our system needs some sugar, and this the Food Administration recognizes.

We must remember, too, that some people like their sugar in coffee, some in fruit and some in other ways. If you like yours in the form of candy, eat some candy—as much as the Food Administration permits—a certain share in yours.

The Food Administration is keeping in close touch with the sugar situation and allowing the candy manufacturers as much as it can see its way clear to allot.

Everyone is being asked to save on sugar, and the candy manufacturers have been asked to save half on all they formerly used.

But that which is being given them is being given them because the Food Administration recognizes candy as a food and is willing to permit it to be made and sold. It also knows that the candy making industry is a big national industry and that it is the duty of everyone to help keep industries going at home at the same time that we are winning the war.

So the candy manufacturers are permitted to make a certain amount of candy and offer it for sale to you. But the Food Administration says how much that will be. When the sugar is used up, no more can be had. So you know that the candy you see on sale is there with the permission and sanction of the Food Administration. And that candy you can enjoy to the fullest. And while you eat it, or send it away to a soldier, if you prefer, you may know that every pound is high in food value—good, wholesome food, supplying the system with carbohydrates (fuel for the body).

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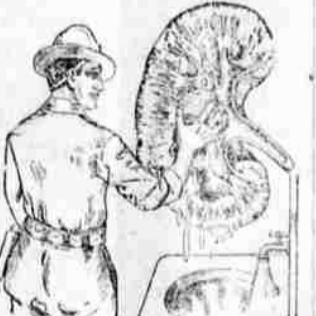
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WASH THE KIDNEYS!

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