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RED CROSS News and Notes

The War Industries Board wants us to collect tin and platinum for Government uses.

Platinum

Platinum is needed by the government and by the industries of the country for many vital purposes. Among its industrial uses are the making of contact points for automobiles to be used in tractors, trucks, automobiles, and gas engines; the making of contact points for telephone and telegraph systems and the wireless plants; x-ray tubes, hypodermic needles, chemical purposes for laboratory and research work and scientific instruments. By way of example, 1 oz. of platinum makes points for 400,000 to operate 150 trucks or tractors.

For years platinum has been shipped almost entirely from Russia, but because of the chaotic conditions there the production of platinum has been abandoned, and in order to remedy the condition of affairs, the Government appeals to the people to patriotically contribute privately owned articles, in which there is even the smallest quantity of platinum, but they are not urged to donate articles to which a sentimental value is attached.

These contributions will not only be of great assistance to the government, but will also the Red Cross chapter as well, as the government will play the chapter the market price for all platinum turned in.

Tin

It may be stated in general terms that tin is used in almost every branch of industry conceivable. Indeed it is stated with proof, that we could not operate a steamship on the ocean, we could not build a railroad car, we could not do anything to carry on this war if we did not have tin. It might be stated that the entire industry of the United States is dependent on tin in some form or other.

Tin is one of the most essential materials of the whole war program, and it will be impossible to

sustain our demands and properly aid the industries of our Allies unless an adequate supply is furnished.

Tin is found in innumerable forms, but for the purpose of the Red Cross, the forms in which it is worth collecting are limited to three. These are:

1. Foil of every description, including tobacco foil, cigarette foil, chewing gum foil, chocolate foil, and foil used by florists.

2. Collapsible tubes.—These are such as contain tooth paste, shaving cream, salve, paints, etc. Every kind of collapsible tube is worth collecting, as every kind contains a sufficient proportion of tin to be of value.

3. Powder Articles.—A very large proportion of tin is found in powder articles of every kind, so that the collection of these articles is very important.

N.B.—Tin cans need not be collected as they contain a trifling percentage of tin.

FRUIT PITS AND SHELLS
Fruit pits and nut shells are also wanted and the salvage department of the Red Cross is depended on to secure the largest possible supply.

All contributions of tin, platinum, fruit pits and nut shells will be received at the Red Cross salvage shop in the New Foley building, which is in charge of Mrs. T. N. Murphy.

Cheese Easily Digested

Contrary to opinion held by many people, cheddar or "store" cheese is not unduly indigestible or constipating. Extensive digestion experiments conducted by the department of agriculture have demonstrated that more than 95 per cent of the protein in cheese is digested and that 90 per cent of its energy is assimilable. One person who ate cheese as the chief source of protein and energy, eating an average of 0.27 ounces daily for more than two years, did a fair amount of muscular work and remained in good health.

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YANKEES PARADING IN PARIS



American soldiers are constantly being honored by the French populace. Here they are shown parading through the Champs Elysees, Paris. Charming damsels are handing them roses.

Society

The Neighborhood Club will reopen next Tuesday evening for its regular semi-monthly sessions. This association, which since its organization here in 1924, has sponsored patriotic, educational and cultural improvements in the life of the community, numbers about 80 members. It became a unit of the State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1926.

So many things of importance are to come before the opening meeting of the Neighborhood Club next Tuesday afternoon that the members are urged to keep it in mind and make every effort to be present. The work done by the club last year speaks for itself. While the program as laid down in the year book was adhered to, the major work of the club throughout the year was war work. Seven homes to house canvasses of the town were made and thousands of dollars raised for different war activities.

It will not be necessary to do so much of this kind of work this coming year as time and experience have enabled those at the head of the different war activities to formulate better plans, which it is expected to greatly reduce the work of raising the amounts that we are called upon to give.

Some of the main features of the aims of the club in its work for the next year follow:

The responsibility of leadership in Oregon's Children's Year campaign has been placed upon one of the members, Mrs. Fred Schille. Mrs. E. P. Mossman is district chairman of the Red Cross for Union and Wallawalla counties. It is largely to Mrs. Mossman's untiring energy and fine executive ability that the effectiveness of this division is due.

Mrs. George Cochran has been appointed County Chairman for the Women's Committee of the State Council of Defense and has charge of organizing women for patriotic purposes.

The Club is expected to furnish Red Cross workers for each Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Fred Kiddle is chairman for this work.

Mrs. Lee Warnick, chairman of the Motion Picture committee, will regularly keep the club informed in her line of work.

Current topics, given at each meeting, will be an added feature this year. Mrs. George Palmer, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Mrs. Guy Birkitt and Mrs. C. M. Riddle will have charge of this.

The musical members of the Club are called upon throughout the year to help make every program a success, and it is still not possible to put out their names in advance. The committee desires gratefully to acknowledge their services in this way.

One of the most important numbers on the program next Tuesday will be the report of the delegates who have returned from the State Federation of Women's Clubs, full of enthusiasm for the coming year. Anyone hearing the report of Mrs. Millie Trumbull, chairman of the legislative committee, will know that the committee is not asleep, but is working to have bills enacted for the betterment of home and society and to arouse the women to an interest in the measures that are to be placed upon the ballot at the coming election so they may understand them and vote upon them intelligently. A resume of her report will be given next Tuesday.

After the program, a social, get-together hour will be enjoyed and plans for the year discussed "over the teacups."

Mrs. Fred J. Holmes entertained a number of guests yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. R. J. McEllan, remembered here as Miss Zoe Briggs.

LADY HARCOURT



Lady Harcourt, formerly Miss Mary Ethel Burns, daughter of the late Walter H. Burns of New York, is the wife of Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M. P., first commissioner of works.

who is visiting here from Portland. Cards formed the main feature of the afternoon.

About fifty friends and members of the Christian church gathered Wednesday evening for a social time and Hoover banquet in honor of Mr. Fred Coley, who has occupied the pulpit of the church during the summer. A short program in behalf of the various branches of the church, was rendered. Following this, refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, cake and fruit salad were served in the basement. Mr. Coley will attend the Eugene Bible University this winter.

Nineteen members of the Neighborhood of Woodcraft, who rendered special services at the Red Cross benefit dinner given August seventh, were guests of honor at a social held last Tuesday evening at the lodge rooms in Eagles hall. A large number of guests were invited for the occasion, making in all about 40 partaking of a delicious Hoover luncheon early in the evening. An impromptu program was rendered, consisting of a number of vocal selections by Mrs. R. J. Cotner and Miss Daisy Robbs. A reading was also rendered by Mrs. Buell.

The Eastern Star and Commandery joined Wednesday evening in holding a social and Hoover luncheon, in honor of E. E. Kiddle, Associate Grand Patron of the Eastern Star and Past Right Excellent Commander of Oregon. A short program consisting of remarks by George T. Cochran, response by E. E. Kiddle, solo by Fredericka Schille and remarks by Mrs. Ella Russell was rendered. The session closed with the singing in unison of "America." Before departing for home the guests were served a light Hoover luncheon. About 150 were present.

Deserves Preferment

An Ohio man has invented a door-knob that when grasped in the hand illuminates an electric bulb placed just above the keyhole. A patent such as he deserves to be rewarded with a seat in the United States senate.—Rochester Post Express.

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WORKMEN TELL OF THE RUIN IN FRANCE

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"Before the war the Department was occupied by the enemy for a long time. The following proportion of the country's total production of the war is a named: Iron ore, 90 per cent; pig iron, 85 per cent; steel, 75 per cent; coal, 70 per cent; cement, wool, 54 per cent; linen thread, 50 per cent; sugar 65 per cent.

Coal mines have been flooded and years will elapse before coal will be hoisted out of them again. Electric power stations and their transmission lines have in many cases been thoroughly dismantled. The machinery carried off by the Germans and the copper wire sold at auction. Practically all the equipment in the motor-working plants, all the cotton, linen and wool spinning machinery, together with wool-combing plants and textile looms, have been systematically plundered. Repeated workmen bring back word that machines have been skillfully taken apart and all the copper and alloys in the bearings sent into Germany for remelting. In many cases after this was done, the iron frame was broken up and turned over to German scrap iron dealers. Steel structures have been taken down and the sweet iron roofs and steel columns and beams have either been sent back into Germany or used elsewhere in the war zone. Machine shops finished just before the war broke out have been razed to the ground, and if in the rear of the battle line, the enemy has continued in operation certain plants that are capable of serving his purposes there is every likelihood they will later be destroyed.

Figures representing the cost of construction before the war are given by Mr. Wolcott. These include: Central electric stations and lines of distribution, 750,000,000 francs; machinery and electrical manufacturing plants, 500,000,000 francs; spinning of cotton, 12,000,000,000 francs; small machine shops, 350,000,000 francs; coal mines, 300,000,000 francs; iron mines, blast furnaces, and steel works, 2,000,000,000 francs. These in addition with other leading industries.

MRS. ISAAC S. M'ELROY



Miss Alice Wilson, niece of the president, was married recently in the White House to Rev. Isaac Stuart M'Elroy, Jr., the ceremony being performed by the groom's father.

aggregate more than 5,000,000,000 francs, or \$1,000,000,000.

Many other flourishing plants with up-to-date installations have been destroyed. Among these are ice-making plants, glass works, potteries, establishments for dyeing and bleaching textiles, flour mills, and chemical and fertilizing works. The buildings, tools, and stocks of merchandise represented an enormous capital and the cost of replacing them is estimated at three times the original cost.

Another Shakespearean Question.
The fact that Shakespeare made one of his characters in "Twelfth Night" say, "But I am a great eater of beef, and I believe that it does harm to my will," has caused the claim to be set up that Shakespeare was a fishmonger on the side.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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Great Mystery Solved.
Doctor Hirschberg says one of the most common causes of stammering is the temporary interruption of speech. You know it is one of the compensations of human existence to have the mystery of a lifetime solved in a jiffy. We ascertained some time back that hunger is frequently caused by a prolonged interruption of the movement of victuals to the stomach.—Houston Post.

Should Be Surrounded by Water.
First Coast Scout—"Why, Johnny Smith, your neck is simply covered with mud!" Tenderfoot—"Say, Jim, to you suppose that's what our teacher meant by a neck of land?"—Boys' Life.

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