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APPLE GROWERS ARE WARNED

DEPARTMENT CLAIMS THAT INDUSTRY IS NOT OVERDONE

Producing Orchards Are Now Declining and Few New Orchards Planted.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—A note of warning to those apple growers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho who have been uprooting their fruit trees on the theory that the apple industry is being overdone is sounded in a recent report of the department of agriculture.

This report says that taking the United States as a whole, there has been comparatively little planting of apple trees since 1916. Comparatively few young trees, therefore, are coming into bearing at this time. This is shown by a very recent investigation of the commercial apple industry made by the department. "Indeed," says the report, "the largest single commercial apple producing section has reached its maximum production, and unless the planting rate increases a decline is to be expected."

New York Trees Are Old.

That region is western New York, which, early in the sixties, became and has since remained the center of commercial apple production in the United States. Western New York has produced regularly about one-fourth of the normal commercial apple crop of the country. But most of the present bearing trees were planted in the late sixties and early seventies and are now nearly fifty years old. Vigor and productivity continue longer in western New York than anywhere else in the country, perhaps, yet they cannot be maintained indefinitely, and the center of production may be expected to shift. Similar declines are taking place in what is known as the New England Baldwin belt, including portions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts, but as this has never represented more than 5 per cent of the total commercial production it is of relatively less importance.

Other Production Centers.

In later years two comparatively new commercial apple regions have come into large production—the Pacific northwest and the Shenandoah-Cumberland region of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The former is producing now almost as many commercial apples as New York, and the latter is producing about half as many.

Roughly speaking, New York, the Pacific northwest and the Shenandoah-Cumberland produce about five-eighths of all the commercial apples grown in the United States. The Shenandoah-Cumberland region is yet only approaching its maximum production. In the northwest there was considerable planting of unsuitable lands, but the western production is being stabilized and will continue to be an increasingly important factor in the apple industry.

Monthly Reports to Be Made.

Other regions of considerable commercial apple production are the Piedmont district of Virginia, the Hudson valley, southern Ohio, western Michigan, southern and western Illinois, the Ozark mountain region of Arkansas and Missouri, the Missouri river region of Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, the Arkansas valley region, California and Colorado.

Investigation of commercial apple production was begun by the department of agriculture in 1917, and a survey has been made of every important apple-producing country in the United States. As a result of this investigation, a carefully organized system has been perfected for issuing regular monthly reports during the growing season, forecasting commercial apple production. This service has been extended to peaches, and soon will include pears and other fruits.

MILITARY CAMP IN OLD ENGLAND

Place Where Prisoners in British Service Are Taken to Be Mustarded Out.

WINCHESTER, Eng. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Morn Hill, one of the huge military reservations on the heights overlooking this picturesque old city, is again an American camp. During the war it was the principal assembly ground in England for American legions on the way to the war. Now it is the clearing station for thousands of battle-worn Americans who are on the way home. They are the men who fought with the British forces.

All the far-flung armies of the empire are contributing to this assembly. The Americans are coming chiefly from France and the occupation forces in Germany, but large numbers are making longer journeys. Some have moved in Palestine, some in Egypt, some in South Africa and others in India. Many are still in the East and others are with the British forces in various parts of Russia. It is reckoned that it will be six or eight months before all can be brought to England.

Meanwhile, as fast as the Americans arrive in this country they are sent to Winchester and put through the process of demobilization and repatriation. Other camps here are being used to comb out Colonialists who served with the English instead of with their own armies.

The majority of the Americans who joined the British forces enlisted in Canada. Most of these are to be sent back, not to the point of enlistment, but to their homes in the States, a stipulation that was generally insisted upon by Americans when they volunteered their services.

Repatriation machinery turns slowly and there are often considerable delays, as it frequently happens that a soldier arrives at the camp weeks before his papers filter through the devious channels in which they move. It is only by his papers that a man's identity can be officially established. Great care is exercised in this matter for, in the British army, there have been many instances of soldiers exchanging names and identification disks.

If an American soldier with a British regiment wished to remain in England and a British comrade wanted to go to America, it would be easy enough, it was pointed out to the correspondent, for them to swap names and disks, and if the real Tommy was well coached and did not stoop to many of his "h's," the scheme might succeed.

After repatriation, the Americans are sent home as soon as transports can be provided as Southampton, which is only a dozen miles away. Special sailings are arranged for the soldiers who are taking wives back with them.

One husky Michigan lad now at the camp missed his chance to get away with the last shipment of unmarried men by making a sudden entry into the matrimonial state. A day or two before his transport was to sail he was spending the afternoon with an American girl he had met in Winchester. She was from Paterson, N. J., and he called her "Jersey."

"Well, this is good-bye," he said as he was about to return to camp.

Thinking of home dimmed the girl's eyes. "Gee, I wish I was going too!" she exclaimed.

"You mean that, kid," said the big Middle-Westerner.

"I sure do," she replied.

Touched by her tears, he made a quick decision. "All right, come along with me," he said, seizing her arm.

He knew where a special license could be obtained, and a few hours later they were man and wife.

In telling the correspondent of his romance, the soldier remarked: "I wouldn't leave a dot on this side of that good old State of Liberty." He meant no disrespect to his bride.

A special center for these home-bound soldiers has been established at Morn Hill by the American Red Cross.

BIG JOB AHEAD OF THE CHURCH

MUST MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

Missionary Tells Large Crowd of Deploable Conditions Existing Among Foreign Peoples

Dr. J. M. Taylor, of New York, noted Methodist missionary and lecturer, was heard with evident interest and pleasure by a large audience last night that filled the auditorium and gallery of the First M. E. church. Dr. Taylor's lecture was given in connection with a conference of Methodist Centenary campaign workers being held in this city this week. He spoke at some length of the conditions which exist in the foreign countries in which he has traveled and of the great need there is of supporting and extending the work of the Christian missionaries and doctors who are laboring against heart-breaking and almost hopeless odds among the poverty stricken, uneducated and uncivilized peoples of India, China and other nations.

These conditions, said Dr. Taylor, are largely responsible for the dangerous crisis which the world is facing at this time. The politicians have lost their grasp of world affairs and the job is now more than ever up to the Church of Jesus Christ. The forces of arms crushed autonomy, he said; but the forces of arms cannot establish democracy. Dr. Taylor, in discussing world democracy said:

"The red flag is a symptom of unrest, it is a symptom of the same unrest that brought the Mayflower. Rightly directed, it sent the pilgrims to New England. Wrongly directed, it has brought bolshevism in Russia. "Safety for world democracy is similar to the problem of prohibition. We found local option would not work. It was better than nothing, but saloons in one state partially nullified the dry conditions in another. Nation-wide prohibition was the solution. So with the solution of the world situation. The only way to have democracy safe in America is to wipe out the festering sores of the world to make the world safe for democracy.

World is Unsafe, While People Starve

"The world cannot be made safe for democracy while there exist in it hundreds of millions who will go to bed hungry at night, never having had a satisfactory meal in their lives, and knowing that in all the remainder of their lives they may never see home for a full meal. "The world cannot be made safe for democracy so long as three-fourths of the people of the world live where 83 per cent of the population are illiterate. The world cannot be made safe for democracy so long as sanitation and medical science are at such a low ebb that 27,000,000 out of 35,000,000 babies in India die, as compared with 12,000,000 in America. This standard must be taken out of the human system. If we permit ourselves to be lulled to sleep and attempt to build a world democracy on top of such conditions as these, we but prepare the way for an explosion that will reach the foundation of civilization, overthrow our own as well as all civilized life."

After his lecture Dr. Taylor showed a number of fine slides showing scenes in India, all photographed by himself.

RHEIMS, THE MARTYR CITY

RHEIMS, France, (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Rheims, which had a population of 112,178 before the war, now has only 8,473 inhabitants, 5,987 men, 3,258 women and 1,213 children.

The "martyr city" was shelled by the Germans on 1,954 days, and over 1,900 persons were killed, including some 300 women and 100 children. The cathedral was struck by 287 shells up to March 21, 1918. After that date, no record was kept.

April 24, 1917 was the worst day of the war for Rheims. The bombardment was so terrific that no records could be made of casualties and damage on that day.

SCHOONER SUNK IN COLLISION.

NEW ORLEANS, April 29.—The French schooner Capitaine de Beau champ was sunk Sunday in a collision with the American steamer Ananias, two miles north of Fort Eads.

PREPARE FOR WITHDRAWAL

Americans on Archangel Front Being Replaced by Russian Troops.

ARCHANGEL, April 29.—The American troops are gradually being withdrawn from the front lines, preparatory to their departure when the winter opens. As far as possible they are being replaced by new Russian troops, who are being schooled at the front by American and British officers.

There are at present no Americans on the Pivora or Kadish Srednakhren fronts. The Divna and Vaga columns still have some Americans. On the Divna the allied positions have been slightly withdrawn from Tulga in order to give better positions for the expected onslaught by enemy gunboats.

The Bolshevik infantry was dispersed Saturday by allied artillery. If the airplanes also dropped bombs with considerable success.

WOULDN'T GERMAN SOLDIERS ORGANIZE FOR POLITICS

COLOGNE, April 29.—German soldiers wounded in the war have begun forming associations in Cologne and other towns and cities to organize for politics. Some of the soldiers are taking a prominent part in politics. A committee has been organized in Cologne to consider the problems of these men seriously wounded. Discharged soldiers reported that the municipal authorities have done little for the disabled men and that many of them were not even receiving their federal relief allowances.

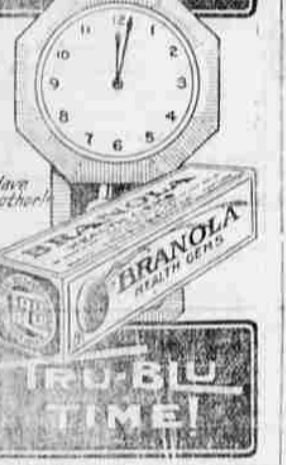
MEXICO SEIZES U. S. FISHING SCHOONER

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The state department was advised Monday of the seizure of the American fishing schooner Cape Horn by the Mexican authorities on the ground that she carried munitions for revolutionaries. The schooner, which had left from Galveston, was captured in Mexican territorial waters according to the advice, and taken to Vera Cruz, where she is being held. The state department is making official inquiries into the reasons for the seizure.

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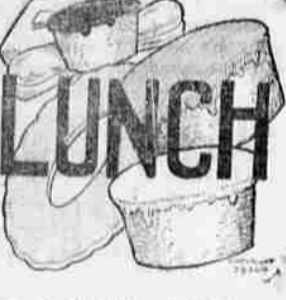
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