

Why American Farms Should Be Improved Now—IT IS A CHALLENGE TO THE HUN

The Government realizes the necessity of farm building, and has modified building regulations so that farmers may continue with the full sanction of the authorities, to erect such buildings as may be necessary to keep farm production up to the maximum, provided the aggregate does not cost in the excess of \$1,000.00. Buildings costing in excess of the amount may be erected by securing a permit.

FARMERS SHOULD BUILD NOW—A BROAD INTERPRETATION IS PLACED UPON FARM CONSTRUCTION.
 This rule does not mean that a farmer is restricted to \$1,000.00 in his building operation. **FOR EXAMPLE:**
 Let us suppose a farmer wants to build a small barn, a hog house, a granary, an implement shed, a silo, and a poultry house. **HE CAN BUILD THEM ALL,** provided the total cost does not exceed \$1,000.00.

IN ADDITION—The farmer is permitted repairs and additions to any existing building to the extent of \$2,500.00. Therefore there is absolutely **NO RESTRICTION UPON ESSENTIAL BUILDINGS. NO PERMIT NEEDED FOR ABOVE. BUILD NOW.**

BOISE PAYETTE LUMBER COMPANY

GENERAL FAYOLLE



General Fayolle, commander of the French troops which drove the Germans out of the St. Gobain forest and Laon.

U. S. USES BIGGEST CANNON IN FRANCE

Washington.—Details of the achievement of the navy department in making available for use on the western front of great 16-inch naval guns, which press dispatches have reported to be hammering the German railway centers back of the Oise-Serre front, were made public by Secretary Daniels. The naval guns which have been in operation since September 16, are manned and operated by officers and men of the United States navy, under the command of Rear Admiral Plunkett, ex-director of the office of gunnery exercises and engineering performance.

The guns are of 50 caliber, 46 feet long, weigh about 100 tons without their carriages, and are said to throw a heavier projectile and have a greater muzzle velocity than any weapon ever placed on a mobile land mounting. The weight of the explosive used with each projectile is many times greater than that used in the freak German long range guns, and in point of their destructive force they are incomparable.

The organization to man one gun requires an entire train, including the gun car itself, ammunition cars, a crane car, and construction, sand, timber, kitchen, fuel, workshop, berthing and staff radio cars.

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

On the western front the British, French and Americans have continued to make further gains against the Germans; in the Italian theater both the British and Italians have scored successes, while in Asiatic Turkey the British have captured Aleppo, in Syria, and are driving ahead on both banks of the Tigris, in Mesopotamia.

The French armies fighting on the 40-mile front between the Oise and Aisne rivers are keeping up their offensive and have made additional gains, taking several villages and compelling the enemy to fall back at various points. In the region southeast of Valenciennes, around Le Quesnoy, the Germans have delivered violent counter attacks against the British. Their efforts to throw back Field Marshal Haig's men from the positions they hold were unsuccessful.

The Americans have begun the second month of their operations in the region of Verdun by keeping up their attacks against the Germans from the Meuse to the wooded country north of Grand Pre. Progress has been made, notwithstanding strong opposition of German machine guns from behind the natural fortifications which abound through this district.

American airmen are continuing their bombing operations behind the lines, their latest effort in this respect having been made against the territory around Briquesmay, north of Grand Pre, in which 140 airplanes took part, 50 of them being bombing machines.

YANKEE DOUGHBOYS GET SMILES, FLOWERS



Infantrymen of the A. E. F., marching down the famous Champs Elysees in Paris, find their hearts warming to the quick and heartfelt enthusiasm of our ally.

The Fourth Liberty Loan will send scores of other regiments to receive the bouquets and smiles of Mlle. Parisienne and fight shoulder to shoulder with her most valiant husband and brother.

LOGOTYPES

Beat the Boche with Bonds.
 Whip the Kaiser with Cash.
 Own bonds or wear them.
 Bridge the Rhine with Bonds.
 Free Belgium with Bonds.

Depth Bombs and Liberty Bonds will drown the U-boat.
 Lend as they fight.
 Arm the Yanks with Bonds.
 Bonds will help the Hun retreat.
 For Fock and Freedom—Buy Bonds.

WOMEN AND THE WAR

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Within six months after the United States entered the war, the Y. W. C. A. War Work Council had established girls' clubs near more than forty of the cantonments, barracks, and navy yards.

A trained recreation leader was placed in charge of each club. These workers supplement the efforts of the local Associations, if those already exist. Where the idea is new the workers form club centers, organize the girls, and arouse them to a sense of their responsibility in this time of great excitement and confusion.

No scolding of girls for unwise actions and no solemn finger-shaking occurs in the clubs. Instead of dwelling on what not to do, these wise leaders urge real patriotism. All sorts of projects are suggested that are more interesting than the dubious and dangerous pleasures which appeal to the ignorant and the thoughtless.

At parties, for instance, these wily chaperones, whom no one ever thinks of as supervisors, arrange that there shall always be twice as many soldiers as girls. "Twoing" is utterly impossible where there are not enough girls to go around!

Club leaders do not attempt to banish the gallant soldier entirely from the girls' world; they wish only to bring him down from glorified heights of glamour to take his place as an every-day hero, subject to the same scrutiny as other men.

Instruction and relief work are not neglected. Among the activities offered are dressmaking, cooking, knitting, French athletics, dancing, singing, Red Cross work, Belgian relief, and work for the fatherless children of France. The world contains a number of things besides soldiers for a girl's imagination to dwell upon. Hundreds of clubs for school and business girls all over the country are offering pleasant recreation than the gaily lighted streets and the shadowy parks.

"I have a place now to spend my evenings," said a telephone girl in Waukegan, Illinois, to the club leader. "I was so lonely before you came."

Emergency housing for employed girls is closely connected with the more general welfare work. Centers, selected on the basis of immediate need, have been chosen as demonstration grounds to show employers how girl employees should be housed.

These centers are near the cantonments.

The Bureau of Social Morality is an important feature of the War Work Council's program under the present abnormal conditions. That ignorance is no shield to a girl is well known to its members. Instead, it is her gravest peril. Any situation shrouded in mystery is dangerous. Women can deal only with what they understand. A true social morality must be built on a foundation of knowledge, and be inspired by high aims.

Fourteen women physicians are talking to groups of parents, school-girls, and industrial women. These lecturers bend their best efforts to spreading information on social ideals.

Colored women at this time must meet all the problems confronting white women. Their situation is further complicated by industrial and social conditions. Special clubs are being formed among colored girls in the neighborhood of cantonments. Workers are being placed in industrial centers like Louisville, Kentucky, and Hopewell, Virginia.

Immigrant men who formerly labored in mines, on farms, and in factories, and now serve in our army are, themselves, in need of assistance. Foreign men marry young and many, even of the young ones, have large families dependent upon them. Because of these helpless families, the War Work Council has translators who go into the camps.

The activities of the War Work Council could not be confined to our own country. Our American nurses in France need the Y. W. C. A. social workers. Even the most self-reliant women must have help at the front, where women's welfare is a matter of minor importance. A central club in Paris gives hard-worked, courageous nurses a home in a strange land. Branch clubs at all of the base hospitals provide relaxation and recreation for hours off.

When the French women cabled to the War Work Council, pleading for experts to advise them in establishing fayer-canteens for women workers in munitions and other war industries, experts were sent over to have oversight of the building and equipping of some of the canteens and act as adviser to French committees.

A professionally solemn-faced butler in one of the beautiful homes where a drawing-room meeting was being held stood where he heard the stories of the War Work Council's plans and accomplishments. After the guests had gone he approached the speaker with two one-dollar bills. "I give them for my daughter," he said. "I am subject to the next draft. When I am gone someone must look after my little girl. I feel the War Work Council will do it."

Monster Plane Captured by Americans

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun.—Americans captured an immense German armored battle plane north of Brioules. The machine was intact, but the pilot and gunners escaped.

Italians Make Successful Assault

Rome.—In the successful assault against the Austrians along the Piave and west of that river, the Italians have captured more than 2000 prisoners in 24 hours, the war office announced.

U. S. Aviators Demonstrate Ability

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun.—American aviators again demonstrated Saturday that they are masters of the air on this sector. They engaged in 52 combats and brought down 33 enemy machines without the loss of one American pilot.

Reported Ludendorff Has Resigned

Copenhagen.—General Ludendorff, first quartermaster-general of the German army, has resigned.

Greatly Benefited by Chamberlain's Tablets

"I am thankful the good I have received by using Chamberlain's Tablets. About two years ago when I began taking them I was suffering a great deal from distress after eating and from headache and a tired, languid feeling due to indigestion and a torpid liver. Chamberlain's Tablets corrected these disorders in a short time, and since taking two bottles of them my health has been very good," writes Mrs. M. P. Harwood, Auburn, N. Y.

Play Fair with the Newspapers

THE WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD has placed Newspapers in the Fourth Class of Essential Industries. This is done because of the functions newspapers in war efforts—in arousing interest in Liberty Loans, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., and other auxiliaries of army.

Papers Must Not Be Wasted

Publishers have signed agreements that they will not waste paper. They have agreed to abide by the regulations of the Board, just as the Housewives have agreed to abide by the Food regulations.

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