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PITY THE POOR FARMER

Europe is able to buy food more cheaply than we can. We have it on the word of Mr. Hoover.

The announcement forms part of an appeal by Mr. Hoover on behalf of the American farmer, who will soon begin to feel the effect of falling prices. At all events Mr. Hoover says so, and if he doesn't know, who does?

By stupendous patriotic effort the American farmer has been making two grains of wheat grow where one grew before. He has inaugurated and prolonged a carnival of food production the like of which finds no parallel in agricultural history. And while the nations of the world let their plows stand idle to black each others' eyes the American farmer has fed them.

The European farmers are now finding time to hoe their own potatoes again, and as wages are lower in Europe than here they can quote lower prices than the farmers of America, who accordingly get it in the neck.

There is nothing unfair about this. The European farmer has the right to cut prices if he wants to, and his customers show ordinary horse sense in patronizing him. What is hard to explain is the presence of an American mission in Europe spending millions to feed the populations of that afflicted continent.

Mr. Hoover urges bankers and merchants to rally to the support of the American farmer during the hard years in store for him. He has produced a surplus which apparently he cannot sell against his European competitor.

Mr. Hoover is more likely to be right in his facts than any other expert, but it is hard to see why our merchants and bankers are to help our farmers carry a load which Europe has laid upon them and refuses to take off. If Europeans can buy food cheaper than we can, there seems little logic in our feeding them at all. The conception that America must forever play fairy godmother to a world of Cinderellas seems in this instance to approach the realm of absurdity.

EMPLOYMENT FOR RETURNING VETERANS

It is up to us all to help the returning soldier in the way of employment. Not only in the ditch digging line or something of that sort but to some payable, permanent jobs that give evidence of the appreciation we have for his own big job that has been so goodly finished.

In every small community or large town the energy should be the same toward the finding of positions for these returned army and navy men. Some of them have families to support, some parents and some have themselves to look after which, by the way, is enough in these hard times.

Look around in your section of country and see if you cannot suggest a soldier or sailor every time an employer in your neighborhood needs help.

You will not only be doing a duty for yourself and the employer, but you will be doing your duty for your country as well.

We understand that instead of putting the house in order in the president's absence, Congress has spent much of its time at the front window with a spy glass, watching the proceedings of the peace conference over the way. This means that it will probably have to be kept at work later, and sacrifice part of its summer vacation.

Somebody said that the state of Oregon was dry, but according to reports that little game of draw which was staged in one of the hotels in the capitol city one night last week was no dry affair—well all you've got to have is a pull, and you can draw most anything.

Provisions are meeting with all sorts of disasters at present. Eggs are dropping, butter is falling and potatoes are slumping. Bread seems to be the only thing that is rising.

Since the old fashioned Mormon elders was prohibited by law, no man has had so many wives to mourn his death as the late Nat Goodwin.

They call it "California Mist" now—well, I pass.

As the war emergency is apparently a thing of the past, naturally, the enthusiasm of our patriotic home guard has waned considerably.

It is the writer's intention to put a "bug in the ear" of its members, suggesting a way in which a live and permanent organization may be developed by both interesting and beneficial line of activity.

The War Department issued a pamphlet, Special Regulation No. 23, in which, in concise language, the field physical training of the

soldier is given particular emphasis, and the idea is that the same course could be profitably adopted by our local home guard. In other words, evolve an athletic association of the organization, basing its work along lines as outlined in Special Regulations No. 23.

The general object of the field physical training is as follows:

1. Efficiency of Military Establishments:—That the efficiency of a military establishment is in direct ratio to the physical fitness of its individual units has

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of February, 1919, the County Court of Marion County, Oregon, duly appointed the undersigned as Administratrix of the estates of Hazel E. Fox and Harry E. Fox, deceased, and having qualified as required by law, all persons having claims against said estates, are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers attached, at the law office of F. A. Turner, Salem Bank of Commerce Building, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice to-wit, February 13, 1919.

Ann Potter, Administratrix.
F. A. Turner, Attorney.
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never before been demonstrated so forcibly as it has been during the present war.

The demand made upon those engaged in this conflict are so far in excess of what was thought to be the limit of human endurance, judged by a before-the-war standard, that it is almost impossible to conjecture even what that limit really is.

2. Demands of modern warfare:—While modern warfare has not hesitated to impress almost every science into its service for the purpose of overcoming man, the trained man has up to the present time demonstrated his ability to hold his own against the most terrible odds success-

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fully; and in the end it will be discovered that it is the MAN, the carefully trained and conditioned man, who alone can make victory possible.

3. Necessity for physical training. With these facts before us it follows logically that

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