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## Save Food

120 million Allies must eat

United States Food Administration

Help the Boy Scouts.

## \$2 a Year

AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1918

That's what the WESTON LEADER will cost you if you want to take it and by so doing help maintain a paper in Weston. And that means IN ADVANCE. The LEADER, in fact, is already on a cash-in-advance basis, having anticipated an order that has just been issued to the country publishers by the government, directing them to discontinue all delinquent subscriptions.

**BETTER SUBSCRIBE OR RENEW NOW**  
While the Boy Scout Contest is on

You'll save 50 cents a year by so doing, help the Boy Scouts in their contest and help the old Leader to raise a modest fund for investment in LIBERTY BONDS—for every dollar the Leader gets will go for bonds. If you want to take an extra Leader to send to soldier boy, relative or friend, now's the accepted time. Or if you want to renew your own "sub" for several years ahead it will pay you to do so.

### Voting Values

One Year's Subscription, \$1.50	100 Votes
Two Years' Subscription, \$3.00	250 Votes
* Or Two Subscriptions One Year	
Three Years' Subscription, \$4.50	450 Votes
* Or Three Subscriptions One Year	
Four Years' Subscription, \$6.00	700 Votes
* Or Four Subscriptions One Year	
Five Years' Subscription, \$7.50	1000 Votes
* Or Five Subscriptions One Year	

(\* Must be taken by one patron at one transaction.)

**TEN PERCENT OF ALL HIS COLLECTIONS IS PAID TO EACH COLLECTOR**  
**TWENTY PERCENT OF ENTIRE BALANCE GOES INTO PRIZE FUND**

Remember, Boy Scouts, each of you receives ten percent of all you collect, this commission to be deducted by you when making your daily turnover. Then you have a chance of winning a prize also, this depending upon your industry and success as a subscription salesman.

The PRIZE FUND will be divided as follows: First prize, 50 percent. Second prize, 25 percent. Third prize, 15 percent. Fourth prize, 10 percent.

Thus if the net collections should reach a total of \$500 the PRIZE FUND would be \$100 and the Boy Scout getting the most votes would receive a first prize of \$50. The second prize would be \$25, the third \$15, and the fourth \$10.

The prizes will be paid by the LEADER in bank checks when the contest is ended and the decision of the judges announced.

### Rules of The Contest

Judges—J. W. Porter, Frank Price, Robert Proudfit. Two judges constitute a quorum.

Judges only to hold key to sealed and locked ballot box, which will be kept constantly at store of Weston Mercantile Co.

Count to be made by judges every Thursday at 10 a. m. Final count Thursday, September 26, 10 a. m.

Entrants securing subscriptions are expected to turn in their collections and votes each day—unless unavoidably prevented from so doing—at the store of the Weston Mercantile Co.

New subscriptions and renewals count the same.

Out-of-town subscribers may name their choice of candidates in making their remittances. With the correct number of votes noted thereon, either by themselves or the publisher, their letters of remittance will be placed in the ballot box and will constitute legal ballots. All local ballots must be of one prescribed and printed form, furnished by this office under proper safeguards. The number of votes in the ballot box each week must tally with the sums received on subscription.

**Weston Leader**

CLARK WOOD Editor and Publisher

EAT CORN SAVE WHEAT



By Mrs. Robt. J. Burdette.

The firing line is now in your kitchen. Knock out the breadline at your table.

It has been said that the Revolutionary War was won by men fed on hasty pudding, in other words, corn meal mush. Let it be written in history that the winning of the present war was made possible by the United States eating potatoes.

The manner of eating, the time of eating and even the kind of foodstuffs eaten are largely a matter of habit. We do not desire to break ourselves entirely of the habit of eating or life would not prove worth living, but it can be made to prove better worth living if we change some of the habits. Suppose we cure ourselves of the hand-eating habit and see if we do not consume less bread. If you were to put your bread and butter on your plate and eat it with a knife and fork it would reduce the amount of bread eaten at once. In some of the Oriental countries men carry strings of bright red wooden beads that are known as "Conversation beads," and they seem unable to talk unless they have them in their hands to play with and pass from one hand to the other. We seem to need something in our hands at table or we feel the meal is incomplete and that something is usually bread. Forget this habit and save wheat. If you must continue the hand-eating habit, hold a hot potato.

#### How to Increase World's Bread Ration

With famine creeping through Europe, and every nation struggling to produce enough food to sustain life, the American farmer has a duty that he can not shirk. America must ship food to Europe for our soldiers. America must supply bread to starving peoples. No matter what other crops are raised, more acres should be devoted to bread grains. "Do your bit, Mr. Farmer," says a Food Administration bulletin. "Success depends upon you in this world war."

#### WILL "USE NOTHING GERMAN"

Club Organized for the Purpose of Boycotting Products of Hun Manufacture.

Chicago.—High art and low art, music and literature and dolls that talk and walk are to be taboo forever and forever to members of a new club here, when they bear the "Made in Germany" stamp or flavor.

"Use Nothing German" is the name of the club. And the women who have formed it swear that they mean what they say, and that after the war they intend that the Kaiser does not recuperate from the ills he has brought upon himself through their aid.

The club expects to spread its message countrywide, and thus to induce women throughout the United States to back them up in ignoring everything German.

## POLES DRIVEN TO GERMANY TO WORK

Hun Commander's Brutal Order Issued to Conquered and Helpless People.

Every Able-Bodied Man Forced to Leave His Starving Family and Labor Under Shocking Conditions for the Oppressor.

This I have seen. I could not believe it unless I had seen it through and through. For several weeks I lived with it; I went all about it and back of it; inside and out of it was shown to me—until finally I came to realize that the incredible was true. It is monstrous, it is unthinkable, but it exists. It is the Prussian system.—F. C. Walcott.

F. C. Walcott, a member of the United States food administration, and during the time America was feeding the civilian populations of Belgium, Serbia and northern France an assistant of Mr. Hoover in these invaded countries, has pictured in a graphic way the conditions he found among the people it was his duty to help. After describing the terrible conditions in Poland in 1916, the millions that were dying of starvation, the hundreds of thousands of defenseless people that had been ruthlessly cut down by the sword of the German conqueror, he says:

In that situation, the German commander issued a proclamation. Every able-bodied Pole was bidden to Germany to work. If any refused, let no other Pole give him to eat, not so much as a mouthful, under penalty of German military law.

This is the choice the German government gives to the conquered Pole, to the husband and father of a starving family: Leave your family or die or survive as the case may be. Leave your country which is destroyed, to work in Germany for its further destruction. If you are obstinate, we shall see that you surely starve.

Staying with his folk, he is doomed and they are not saved; the father and husband can do nothing for them, he only adds to their risk and suffering. Leaving them, he will be cut off from his family, they may never hear from him again nor he from them. Germany will set him to work that a German workman may be released to fight against his own land and people. He shall be lodged in barracks, behind barbed wire entanglements, under armed guard. He shall sleep on the bare ground with a single thin blanket. He shall be scantily fed and his earnings shall be taken from him to pay for his food.

That is the choice which the German government offers to a proud, sensitive, high-strung people. Death or slavery.

When a Pole gave me that proclamation, I was boiling. But I had to restrain myself. I was practically the only foreign civilian in the country and I wanted to get food to the people. That was what I was there for and I must not for any cause jeopardize the undertaking. I asked Governor General von Beseler, "Can this be true?"

"Really, I cannot say," he replied. "I have signed so many proclamations; ask General Von Kries."

So I asked General von Kries, "General, this is a civilized people. Can this be true?"

"Yes," he said, "it is true"—with an air of adding, Why not?

I dared not trust myself to speak; I turned to go. "Wait," he said. And he explained to me how Germany, official Germany, regards the state of subject peoples.

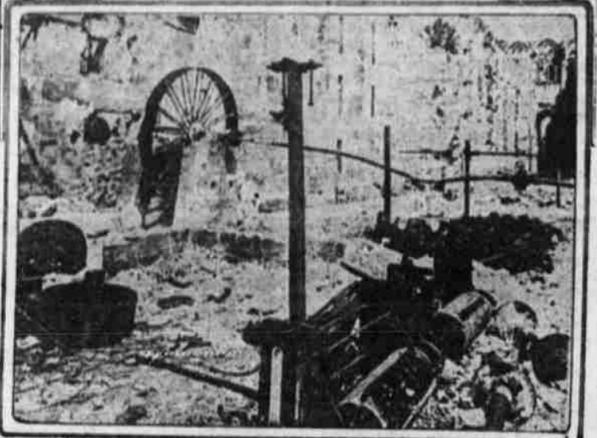
It is hard for us to imagine such a condition in America as Mr. Walcott has described as existing in Hun-riden Poland, and yet that is just what would exist should our boys, and the boys of our allies, now fighting in France fall to defeat the soldiers of this murder empire. This fair country of ours would be made into a German province; our people would be the slaves of the Junkers of Germany, subject to the beastly whims of the officers of the German army. In no war in which America has ever engaged have the stakes been so great as in this present conflict. Should we, by any chance, lose; should the Hun, by any chance, win; our liberties, our happiness, everything Americans hold dear, would be lost.

Thrift takes care of the future. Get the habit.

Not only is your income taxed, but so is your outgo.

We are willing to do without everything but victory!

## French Sugar Mills Destroyed



France must import sugar today, most of it from this side of the ocean, because the largest portion of French sugar beet land is in German hands. As a result, the French people have been placed on a sugar ration of about 18 pounds a year for domestic use; 750,000 tons of sugar and had some left over for export.

## Saving Sugar Saves Shipping



AMERICAN families would have less sugar than the people of war torn France, if we depended entirely on our home-grown sugar stocks.

Approximately 75 per cent. of our sugar is shipped to our shores. We produce about 1,000,000 tons of sugar a year. Our imports from abroad amount to over 3,000,000 tons a year in normal times.

The United States Food Administration asks each family to limit its use of sugar to two pounds per month per person for household use. The military situation demands that every available ship be placed at the disposal of the Army or Navy. When we save sugar, we save shipping.