

HOLDERS SHOULD SELL AND PEOPLE SHOULD EAT MORE POTATOES

Great Danger in Sight Unless Surplus Is Used Before New Crop Begins to Come to the Market.

The American potato bin is filled and overflowing. Our spud supply has never been so large. But the cook isn't using the potatoes. A full potato bin is a mighty fine thing—if the potatoes are put to their proper use; that is, eaten. But there is occasion for some anxiety over the slowness of the cook. The full bin will be of no benefit if the potatoes remain in the bin. They must get to the kitchen and to the table and be eaten. Otherwise the bin might as well be empty, says the United States department of agriculture.

The big potato crop has not been moving into consumption this winter. The bulk of the supply is in storage and is being marketed very slowly. This is an abnormal condition, and a very serious one—because it has a direct bearing upon the most serious question in the world—the question of winning the war.

Bins Must Be Emptied.
If the potato bin is emptied during this winter and next spring it will mean that by eating more potatoes we eat less bread and therefore have more wheat to send to the soldiers who are fighting for our freedom. It will also mean that the bin will have room to receive the new potato crop next fall. But if we fail to empty it this winter—that is, if we do not, at once, commence to eat more potatoes than we have been eating, and commence to market the potatoes that we have been hoarding—the market may be glutted when the new crop comes next summer. If this happens, there will be more potatoes than the bin can hold and some of the supply will go to waste. In turn, this would discourage producers and possibly prevent the planting of a liberal acreage, resulting in a shortened potato supply a year from now, at a time when food needs will be even more urgent than they are now.

What can you do about it?
You can help empty the bin. You can eat more spuds and less bread. Unless you do eat more potatoes than you have been eating the bin will not be emptied.

Market Steadily.
And if you are a farmer or a middle man now holding potatoes in storage you can market them, get them to moving, get them out of the bin and into the kitchen. Responding to this appeal will not mean the sacrifice of your personal interests. All you are asked to do is to market your potato holdings gradually, steadily during the winter and spring, so the present surplus will have been eaten before the new crop begins to move about the middle of next June.

Your prospect of loss—if you are holding potatoes—is not in commencing to market now and continuing to sell slowly. It is in failing to do this that you stand to lose. For if the bin is not emptied by spring you may find a glutted market when you do try to sell. If when the new crop is in sight, there remains a heavy hang-over of the old crop, and if there is a scramble of the holders to unload all at once—there can be only one effect on prices.

So, commence to sell your potatoes now, Mr. Holder.
And commence to eat more potatoes now, Mr. Consumer.

And prepare to plant another big potato crop next year, Mr. Farmer.
But the latter gentleman can not reasonably be expected to heed the request if he sees the present potato supply go to waste. So the situation really hinges now upon two factors, the consumer and the holder—some farmers, of course, being included in the last category. If they will carry out their part of the potato program it will mean that we will have more food for the armies. It will mean another big potato planting next year.

This year's potato crop is 442,536,000 bushels, according to the latest figures of the bureau of crop estimates of the United States department of agriculture—the largest potato crop this country has ever produced. Last year the potato production was only 288,953,000 bushels, so we have this winter 153,583,000 more bushels in the potato bin than we had last winter.

Good Only to Eat.
What is the value of these potatoes—not in dollars and cents, but in terms of the only real value anything possesses these days—its potency in helping win the war? We can't put these potatoes in cannon and shoot them at the Prussians. We can't send them to France.

Don't Hold Too Long.
They have no war value unless you will eat them and unless you will sell them. They are a liability rather than an asset if they remain in the bin. They will help us lose the war instead of helping us win the war—unless, right now, those who are holding potatoes commence to market them, and everyone commences to eat more potatoes and less bread.

Even aside from war considerations, potato growers and others now holding potatoes should remember and profit by their experience with the 1914 crop. That crop was held during the winter and moved slowly into consumption, quite as the present crop is being marketed very slowly. As a result, in the spring of 1915, with a new crop in sight, everyone who was holding tried to unload at once. Each man realized that he had held too long. But the realization came too late. The scramble glutted the market. Quantities of potatoes were absolutely wasted and there were many sales to starch factories at 25 and 30 cents a barrel—not bushel.

This was an economic loss, as is any waste of foodstuff at any time—but it didn't imperil the future of the United States of America. To waste foodstuff now does endanger the very existence of our country. To waste food now is to invite to our homes the hideousness that came to Belgium. That is what we are doing if we waste the enormous potato crop now in the American bin.

Robert Mann now residing on the Mann fruit ranch near Springfield is here for a few days visiting Russell Brown.

PRIVATE COLLINGE MAKES BIG HIT HERE

Canadian Pictures Are Unique and Accompanying Lecture Humorous and Instructive.

Private W. C. Collinge, who accompanied the Canadian war pictures, made a big hit at the Eugene theatre Friday afternoon and evening. Not only are the pictures unique in their line, but the accompanying lecture is the tale of a man who, though losing an arm in the service, retains his sense of humor and is able to bring out the high lights as well as the deep shadows of the present world war.

Over 500 people saw the pictures and heard the lectures in the afternoon and



PRIVATE W. C. COLLINGE

evening. In addition to the usual run of war pictures, showing the progress of the Canadian troops from the time the first detachment left Victoria, B. C., to the fighting in the trenches a unique feature was the showing of war maps with the different army units shown, the Canadian units by white rectangles, the English and French by black and white and the Germans by black rectangles. The movements of the troops in the famous fight at Ypres salient were shown, the various bodies advancing and retreating, and puffs of smoke showing the cannonading.

Taken altogether the pictures were very instructive and very interesting.

DEMURRAGE RATES WILL BE INCREASED

Government Orders Drastic Action Against Car Holders to Take Place Immediately.

Uncle Sam has evidently decided that the car shortage must be remedied and believes that shippers are at least in part responsible by failing to release cars promptly. The rate of demurrage on cars held for loading or unloading has been sharply increased and put on a sliding scale so that the longer a car is held the heavier will be the penalty per day. Under the new rules the demurrage for the first eight days, after the expiration of the free time, will amount to \$52, and from that time on the demurrage will be at the rate of \$10 a day or \$80 per week, which will make cars pretty expensive to use as warehouses. The schedule is as follows:

\$3 per car for the first day or fraction of a day.
\$4 per car for the second day or fraction of a day.
\$5 per car for the third day or fraction of a day.
\$6 per car for the fourth day or fraction of a day.
\$7 per car for the fifth day or fraction of a day.
\$8 per car for the sixth day or fraction of a day.
\$9 per car for the seventh day or fraction of a day.
\$10 per car for the eighth day or fraction of a day.
\$10 per car for the ninth day and each succeeding day or fraction thereof until car is released.

This information came to Agent A. J. Gillette Saturday and he has been requested to see that shippers were notified at once.

Mrs. N. B. Mann of this city is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Risley in Milwaukee.

TAMABLES
Wanted, chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese. Also tame cats for sale. Tamale factory, 622 Oak St. Phone 550-1.

DE FELL IS HELD IN PORTLAND CHARGED WITH BEING SLACKER

Former University Professor Alleged to Have Given False Statements as to Reason for Failure to Register.

J. Harthan DeFell, now being investigated in Portland upon the charge of failing to register, has twice taken out first papers, according to local officials. In 1912 he took out first papers in San Rafael, Cal., under the name of Hans Harthan, Jr., and gave his native country as Germany. In 1917, after war was declared, he took out first papers in Lane county and gave his birthplace as Russia and his name as John Harthan DeFell. According to District Attorney L. L. Ray, DeFell admits that he took out the papers in San Rafael under the name of Harthan.

DeFell resigned from the University faculty about 10 days ago, giving out a letter to the press in which he charged that the University had not kept its promise to give him an advance in pay January 1.

Portland, Or., Jan. 26.—Professor Harthan DeFell, who resigned recently from the faculty of the University of Oregon under conditions which have not been explained, is under investigation by the federal authorities of Portland, who were told that the former instructor in Spanish failed to register, though of draft age.

By reason of the fact that he conducted some of the University's extension classes in Portland, Professor DeFell is well known here. He is at present staying at the University club. He declared last night that he intends to remain in this city, but declined to talk of the investigation further than to say that a statement he is preparing and will make public on the return from the east of President Campbell, of the University, will explain his resignation.

"About two weeks ago, on complaint from Eugene, my office began an investigation of the charge that Professor DeFell is a slacker," said United States Attorney Reames last night, "and his case is still under investigation. Yesterday the sheriff of Lane county telephoned me that certain residents of Eugene were demanding the arrest of DeFell, who apparently, was about to leave the city; that he had not registered and that there was a dispute as to his correct age."

"I immediately communicated with Professor DeFell, who told me he wanted to leave that city. I told him if he undertook to leave the state until the slacker charge had been fully investigated and disposed of, he would be arrested. Accordingly, he accepted my advice and came to the city, reporting at my office. He was permitted to have his liberty on condition that he remain in the city."

"From the investigation my office has made DeFell evidently was born in Russia, and it is due largely to a difference between the Russian and the United States calendars that the dispute as to his correct age has arisen. The point in controversy is whether he was 31 years of age on the day of military registration, June 5 last."

"The records of an Elks' lodge in Missouri disclose that if he gave his age correctly at that time he was not 31 years of age on registration day and therefore is subject to the draft. On the other hand, I have found, upon checking the record of his age at two schools he attended, that, if he then told the truth, he was more than 31 years of age on June 5, and consequently not subject to the draft."

"The case is a most complicated one, and, in view of the apparent discrepancies as to DeFell's true age, I have serious doubts that the positive truth can ever be ascertained. It will be three or four days before it will be possible for my office to conclude the investigation."

Fire Losses

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at the same time during the night wrecked two big plants working on government contracts. The Cella Mills in Howard county and the H. W. Smith Drydock company's plant at Curtis Creek were destroyed, the damage reaching nearly \$1,000,000. Two men were arrested but later released. More arrests are expected. There was indication of incendiarism.

FIRE LOSS IS \$200,000.
Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 26.—A fire of suspicious origin today destroyed the plant of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, entailing a loss of \$200,000. The plant is said to have been working night and day on equipment for the signal corps.

ENEMY PLOT IS SUSPECTED
Washington, Jan. 26.—A mysterious letter warning President Wilson of a nationwide plot to destroy docks and war plants is being used in connection with investigation of disastrous fires which have broken out at different points today.

The letter in question declared the plot was to go into effect January 22. It was read and discussed at the cabinet meeting January 15 and later home guards at different points were mobilized to stand guard by vital plants.

Whether the would-be spies were warned or not, is not known, but at any rate the alleged plot did not bear fruit on the date originally set.

The fact that big fires broke out today almost simultaneously at Newark, Buffalo and Baltimore, destroying hundreds of thousands of dollars in property, leads officials here to strongly suspect that there is a wide movement afoot to concentrate enemy action on America's war plants.

MAN SHOTS WIFE CLAIMED BY RIVAL

Girl Said to Have Formerly Resided in Eugene. Figures in Sensational Affair.

Portland, Or., Jan. 26.—A tale of love piracy, involving, it is alleged, the marriage of one woman twice within 10 weeks, is being unraveled by authorities today, while the woman in the case, Gladys Guy or Gladys Morden, is in the hospital suffering from a bullet wound and Clarence Guy is in jail charged with assault with intent to kill.

In his cell, Guy states that he shot in a rage after vainly seeking to cause his wife to return to him after she deserted him to live with Ransauer Morden, a fellow employee of Guy's. Morden declares he married the girl and the wounded member of the trio asserts she is Morden's wife, declaring her marriage to Guy illegal; because she used her step mother's name instead of her own.

The woman in the case is 19 years old and was formerly Miss Gladys Clark, of Eugene, Or. Guy produced proof he married her November 15, and Morden has evidence, of marrying her January 4.

"She danced, and I didn't, but I didn't object to her attending dances, and that's how the trouble started," says Guy.

"She met Morden at dances and left me early this month. I went to her house to try to persuade her to return to me and her refusal threw me into a rage. I shot three times."

CONCERT AT JUNIOR DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Program Is Heartily Received by Crowd Which Packs Auditorium of Building.

The inadequacy of the assembly room at the junior high school was again proven Friday afternoon when the junior high school orchestra and glee clubs gave a concert to which the public was invited. Every seat in the assembly room was crowded and there were many standing in the hall.

The program was well prepared and carefully selected and showed well the good work which Miss Grace Henderson who is instructor in music at the junior high is doing. The entertainment was entirely musical, consisting of orchestral selections, instrumental and vocal solos, songs by the glee clubs and the singing of the songs of the allies to the accompaniment of the orchestra.

Paul Schillerstrom a lumberman of Florence, is in the city.

Ex-President's Daughter Will Wed Englishman.



Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late President Grover Cleveland, will wed Captain Bosanquet of London, the son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, Miss Cleveland went to London some time ago where she took a course in nursing and instruction for the blind, and now she is at the St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers.

MORE VIGOROUS WAR ANSWER OF BRITISH

Nothing But Defeat to Change Heart of Teutons Is View of London Papers.

BY ED L. KEEN, United Press Staff Correspondent. London, Jan. 26.—"Now let's go on with the war."

Epitomized, that was the unanimous chorus of today's London newspaper comment on the speeches of Chancellor Hertling of Germany and Foreign Minister Czernin of Austria-Hungary.

It was London's view that Hertling's remarks showed an unrepentant Germany; that nothing can bring about a change of Teutonic heart except defeat.

The more conciliatory speech of Count Czernin was regarded with suspicion in most editorials. The Daily News alone speculated on the possibility of its more liberal terms being dictated by internal pressure and evidencing a sincere desire for peace. All other editorials hinted that Czernin's attitude was the result of collusion with Hertling—merely another of the numberless German schemes to deceive the world into belief of a breach between the two nations.

"Neither of the spokesmen disclosed

the least readiness to make any of the concessions which the allies have declared indispensable," the London Times summarized. "The joint attack is intended to shake the solidarity of the allies." "President Wilson is manifestly the chief objective of these converging forces."

Other editorials discerned an attempt to insert a wedge between the United States and the allies.

Clear, Peachy Skin Awaits Anyone Who Drinks Hot Water

Says an inside bath, before breakfast helps us look and feel clean, sweet, fresh.

Sparkling and vivacious—merry, bright, alert—a good, clear skin and a natural, rosy, healthy complexion are assured only by pure blood. If only every man and woman could be induced to adopt the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists, we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking each morning, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and the yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, nervousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance, awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the skin's feet of bowels do.—Adv.

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