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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1918

OREGON WEATHER

Cloudy, continued gentle northerly winds.

THE IMPORTANT FACTOR

ing in the daily press than "crop re- patriotism by aiding every form of showing our food supply and Hoover's orders demanding food conservation. Such articles are not so fascinating, so magnetic as stories disconnect from the battle front where our
shortage of cast iron scrap.

meeting a situation which is now so in London there is an attendant who serious that it threatens to retard has been a butler in Grosvenor Square and prides himself upon a certain instinct for distinguishing blue blood from the other varieties. Some ladies boys are beating back the Huns, yet the ability of our boys to beat the of manufacturing lines realize that Huns rests upon the ability of this of the molten metal used by the nation as a food producer and a food foundries in making every bit of cast

be the man behind the man behind cast. The bulk of our metal war the gun in France. Without the food equipment,—the heavy guns, the producers the boys now going over shells they hurl, the hand grenades, the top would be beaten and eventu-ally compelled to lay down their front line trenches, all contain 25 members to open their homes to Amerarms. In the face of this, food production and food conservation should be looked upon by every man, woman and child as one of the most interesting topics of the present day.

We can raise any desired number of men to fight-we must produce the food to feed them. There are many who think the Germans are about whipped and that we ought to be allowed to eat all the white flour and sugar we want. But such people are very apt to be disappointed-the Germans are not whipped-and next year might prove a poor crop year.

One reason why the administration did not rush more troops to France at the outset of the war was because there was a doubt of our ability to supply them with the ne cessary food. Our war leaders were going on the principle that a war may be lost by having too many men in the field-that is, too many to be fed properly-as was the case with Napoleon when he retreated from Moscow.

Germany is not liable to get starved out. In the year preceding the war Germany raised 400,000,000 bushels of wheat, 600,000,000 bushels of oats, and seven times as many potatoes as the United States Since that time Germany may have doubled her farm production-es, ecially on potatoes.

We can never be sure of the fo d question so long as we are at war.

ANOTHER GERMAN LIE

Germany propagandists, says the committee on public information, both here and in Germany are announcing that in a recent damage suit arising out of the loss of the Lusitania, it was proved before the

## Merced Sweet **Potatoes**

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that the steamship was an armed izing Oregon, and ask you to join miralty branch of the United States 50 pounds to a ton or more of worn district court in New York, and out machinery and agricultural scrap that it had been proved beyond all horseshoes and the like. armed, and never had been armed, be diverted to any other purpose and carried no explosives on the voy- than the needs of the foundries of aged on which she was torpedoed our home state, certain scrap deal-

# SCRAP IRON IS NEEDED

The following letter to the Cham-Portland, should be of interest to where it lies." every rancher:

"Realizing that the various com mercial clubs throughout the state more tiresome subject appear- have repeatedly shown their intense activity designed to further or speed up government war work, we appeal to you once more for cooperation in shortage of cast iron scrap.

Comparatively few people outside iron used in a ship,-from engine to America at home must prove to propellor blades, nearly one-half is

ourt and admitted by the judge critical situation; we are now organ with us in the movement.

"There is probably not a farmer in the state of Oregon who could not search his premises and find from -a broken down mowing machine or binder, old tires, harrow teeth,

"In order that this metal may not ers will be given credentials from this committee which they will present to you, and we would ask you to see that the metal collected as a result of this campaign is turned over only to such dealers, to the exclusion of others.

"In collecting and forwarding this scrap metal, it should be a matter of patriotism and not one of profit from the standpoint of the farmer or per of Commerce from the sub-com- other owner, for the metal has servmittee on scrap fron and steel at ed its original purpose, is useless

PORTLAND ADVISORY COM.

#### HOW TO TELL A GENTLEMAN

If He Has Tassels on His Umbrella He len't, Says Butler,

of the department were drawing him on the subject.

"Now, there's Mr. Jones," said one.
"Surely Mr. Jones is a gentleman."

The ex-butler looked supremely

"All very well on the surface, miss," he admitted. "But he actually walked in the other day with tassels on his

French Tallors as Hosts.

tion is being organized to meet this Courier Bargain Day Sept. 18.

## E AS FIGHTER

Captured German Officer's Diary Reveals Sudden Amendment in Valuation.

Secretary Daniels authorises the fol-

Secretary Daniels authorizes the following:

How the contemptuous opinion of the Germans for the fighting ability of American troops may be changed literally overnight is shown in an extract from the diary of a German officer who was captured and taken into the American lines by the marines. A translation of the diary has just been received at marine corps headquarters.

writer of the diary, belonged to the Second battation of the Fortleth regi-ment (Baden Guards), Twenty-eighth division. This was the fourth division which the marines had against them in the fighting around Chateau-Thierry. The other three were so badly cut up that they could not carry out their orders to attack.

The extract from Lieutenant Till-mann's diary follows:

"June 6th: Departure from Recourt 8 p. m. to Bruyeres further back Coincy. We had to move out of Re-court because it did not belong to our sector. Rear is crammed full of troops. Billets, therefore, very scarce.

June 7th: At the front. American troops have made counter-attacks. We have to move to the front again. Route of march over Rocourt Epaux. We are lying in the woods to the right of Etrepilly for the present, in position. In the night of 8th and 9th we will relieve the front line. It must be a sad outfit which allows itself to be thrown out by the Americans.

"June 8th and 9th: Moved forward at night and relieved the Four Hundred and Sixty-first regiment at four in the morning in the Bois de Belleau. Incomprehensibly wide sector. Where there were three companies, we have only one.

"June 9th and 10th: The worst night of my life. I am lying in the thick woods on an open height in little holes ehind rocks, for this is heavy artillery fire, until six o'clock in the morning. It is a wonder that the fellows were all at their posts when the Amer-leans attacked. The attack, thank God, was repulsed. God has again

mercifully preserved me."

The diary ends abruptly, as the next day the writer was a prisoner in the hands of the Americans.

Flour Little Hurt by Sea Water. It is a widely known fact among sailors that flour will not only float ofter immersion in sen water, but sufvery little damage. To ascertain the actual damage a baker in New South Wales submerged a bag of flour in the ocean and left it in the water 67 hours. A 98-pound weight was necessary to sink a 150-pound bag, which would have supported 75 pounds on top of the water, it is estimated, or half its own weight. When lifted and weighed, bag scaled 155 pounds. It was dried for four days and yielded 120 pounds of perfectly dry flour, the bag and waste weigning 28 pounds. Baked



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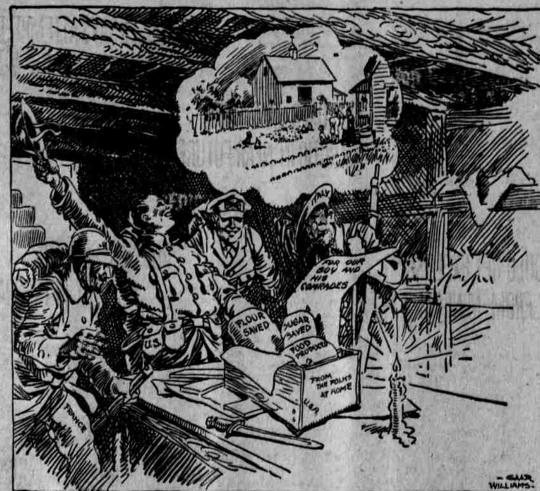
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