



## ALLIES ARE FED BY SELF DENIAL

Generous Doing Without in America Supplied Food to Europe.

Exports from this country since it entered the war have kept starvation from Allied Europe and have maintained the health and strength of those who have been bearing the brunt of our battles, so that they could hold out to victory. Now that hostilities have ceased we must assume the added burden of keeping starvation from increasing its toll upon the millions who have been liberated from the Prussian yoke. Famine would undo the work which has been accomplished in freeing the world for democracy. No stable government can be established and maintained by a nation harassed by hunger. A starving people turns to rioting and anarchy. Food has given strength and courage to the nations fighting for democracy; it must now give the nations strength and tranquility to re-establish themselves in freedom and democracy. Without our help it would have been absolutely impossible for the Allies to maintain a living ration. Since our entry into the war we have been contributing largely to the support of one hundred and twenty million people whose normal food supplies have been cut off, whose production has fallen almost to the vanishing point, whose fields have been devastated by Germany. The food exported from the United States in the past year has been sufficient to supply the complete ration of twenty-two million people. It is hard to grasp the magnitude and significance of the assistance which has been lent the Allies by the patriotic, voluntary service of the American people. The food we sent abroad last year would have been sufficient to feed one-fifth of our population. And this was done in spite of the fact that we entered the year with short crops. Our surplus was practically nothing. An overwhelming proportion of the food that left this country last year was saved out of the normal home consumption of our own people.

In spite of difficulties met in internal transportation and shortage of ocean tonnage our food exports last year amounted to a figure that a few years ago would have been unbelievable. Even the most optimistic element of our population faced with anxious consternation the prospect which opened before us with the beginning of the 1917 harvest year. The American people have not been compelled to save. They have been appealed to on the basis of humanity and of patriotism. They have responded voluntarily.

Besides such incidental benefits as the improvement in figure and health that we've reaped from our meatless, wheatless days, think of the fun we've had out of them—the new crop of jokes, jibes, topical songs and cartoons to replace the mother-in-law joke and the boost to our reputation for ready humor!

Eighty millions of men cannot be taken out of production for four years without lasting losses of yield. It will be years before their fields recuperate, farms are restored and herds restocked. Save food.



The benefits of our food-saving campaign that was a vital factor in the winning of the war were not all to these we fed. We have at home a new appreciation of food that will prevent it ever being wasted again by those that have come to understand the religion of saving and the place that food occupies in our new, world-wide human relations.

Out of empty granaries to draw 141,000,000 bushels for export—the will of a free people accomplished that marvel.

## SANTA CLAUS BRINGS PEACE. A LABOR PARTY IN POLITICS.

As far as we can tell, the peace conference will be getting lined up about Christmas.

You and I might have been born in any epoch. We might have been living in A. D. 1, and have seen the first Christmas. But we didn't.

We have at any rate the privilege of living in 1918, and seeing the greatest of all Christmases except one.

We must celebrate it as such. And Christmas giving this year must be more than a perfunctory exercise, even though we combine discretion with liberality.

Store-clerks in Burns have as good a right as any to share in the rejoicings, and it is worse than churlish to spoil the season for any of them by making it unduly laborious.

Let us get our shopping done at once, so that they may be free to celebrate.

## AMATEURS RUN WILD.

Plumbers are useful; but you don't take a sick tooth to a plumber. There are watchmakers who are almost magicians. The experience of a lifetime has given them a dexterity approaching the supernatural. Yet we perversely send for a gasfitter when we want a gaspipe fixed.

Political revolutionaries of the more radical kind are less methodical. One would imagine that the right person to discuss the needs of the working man would be one who had worked at some kind of a trade himself. You can be a good bricklayer, and still possess capacity for organization; but bolsheviks don't recognize this. To be a leader of their ranks it is generally a qualification to be ignorant of all trades. They usually pick a man who has never worked at any useful job in his life.

He is often a literary failure. He may have tried to teach a school at some time, or he may be a discarded college professor. He is hardly ever a competent machinist, painter, plasterer, carpenter or boiler-maker; but he knows a lot of long words.

If Trotzky or Lenin have mastered any trade to the point of qualifying for union wages—the name of it has not been made public. But Heaven knows they can talk.

Many a young soldier who set sail for Europe in an ordinary transport will embark for home in a transport of delight.

Organized labor has proposed to form an independent political party.

The principle of labor-unionism is excellent, but the advantage to any nation of a separate labor party is dubious. Its presence involves class-legislation.

If bankers and stockbrokers organized a separate political party to get special privileges for financiers the effect would be mischievous. It would mean an attempt to get legal privileges for a favored class.

Organized labor is a favored class. Its members get far higher wages than book-keepers, stenographers, store-clerks, sewer-diggers, farm laborers, and many other grades of employed help.

Labor unions are no novelty. They had them in Solomon's time. When Hiram, king of Tyre, sent mechanics to help Solomon build his temple they organized in lodges and federations. And before Shakespeare's time in England the different crafts were classified according to guilds. A labor party in politics is a more modern conception, but they have had one in England for fifteen years, and during the war it has done a good deal toward holding up munition supplies and lengthening the struggle.

The proposal presents too many of the features and aristocratic government to be really democratic. It suggests the sacrifice of the nation for the benefit of the party.

## TO ORGANIZE STANDARD CLUBS.

Organization of standard clubs in girls' and boys' club work in Oregon is a new policy announced by H. C. Seymour, state club leader. To qualify as a standard club at least five members must work on the same project, and the club must have local officers and an adult leader and hold at least six meetings and one local exhibit within the year. One demonstration team must give a demonstration in the community, and a judging team must be provided. Seventy percent of the members must file final reports with the state club leader. Standard club charters and national seals of achievement will be given all clubs that meet these requirements. Approximately 13,000 club members in the state are affected by these rulings.

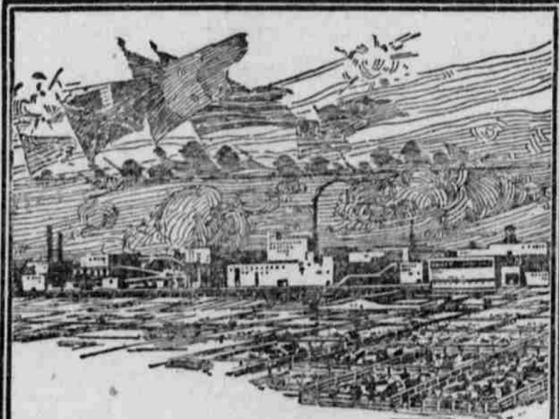
After the surrender of Germany's allies it did not take long for the German army to become an "also ran." And it ran fast.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

## Fancy Frills in All Frocks



Fancy frills for frocks are more elaborate each day now as woman realizes that the war is really over at last. Here are two gorgeous gowns which show new thoughts and not bases upon wartime economy. On the left a suit of gray velour-delaine has a panel of muskrat, collars and cuffs to match. On the right a frock of Amberline velvet has a short wrap of Hudson Bay sable, both of which are exclusive in every line. Fashion Art pictures these from metropolitan shops.



## An International Service Built on Tiny Profits Per Pound

Some industries have been able to get in step with war demands more quickly than others.

In many cases mighty plants have sprung up—but at a prodigious cost.

The packing industry was able to adapt itself to unheard of demands more quickly, perhaps, than any other industry. And this was because the vast equipment of packing plants, refrigerator cars, branch houses, etc., had been gradually developed to its present state of efficiency, so that in the crucial hour it became a mighty international system for war service.

And how had this development taken place?

Not by making vast inroads into the capital wealth of the country, but largely by using, from year to year, a portion of the profits, to provide for expansion.

Swift & Company's profits have always been so tiny, compared with sales, that they have had practically no effect on the price of meat (amounting to only a fraction of a cent per pound).

And yet the owners of the business have been content with reasonable returns on their capital, and have been able, year after year, to put part of the profits back into the business to provide for its expansion.

These fractions of tiny profits have been repaid to the public many fold in the form of better service, and better and cheaper meat, and made it possible for Swift & Company to meet, undaunted, the sudden cry for meat for overseas.

Could any other method of financing a vital industry involve less hardship to the people of the country? Could there be a better instance of true "profit-sharing" than this return in added usefulness and in national preparedness?

Swift & Company, U. S. A.



## He Was "Broken"

Capt. Wallace, U. S. A., was a victim of sinister forces that sought to betray America to the enemy. But he "came back." On the battlefields of France he fought for the honor of the army that had discarded him. He lived to win vindication and the hand of the "daughter of the regiment" who had never doubted him.

## Bride of Battle

Victor Rousseau's romance of the American army in France, which we will print in serial form, is a gripping story in which intrigue, love and war all play a part. It is the first up-to-the-minute novel of America at war.

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