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FARMER WILL WIN THE WAR

In the kitchens of the United States food is being conserved, but that which is not produced in the fields cannot be saved by the frugality of the housewife.

Out in the fields on the American farms next summer is going to be fought the greatest battle of them all—the battle between a well-filled commissary at the battle front for our boys and hunger or starvation. Out in the fields will echo the bugle call to the American farmer, and he who heeds the call will not only render services equal to or greater than those he might render on the battle line, but he will also receive a financial reward in proportion to his efforts. He will both protect his freedom and enrich his purse.

No matter what course military strategy may take, the final battlefield of the war is already determined. The Waterloo of the Prussian autocrat or the Waterloo of American liberty will be wrought on the battlefield of the American farm.

Now is the time to clear that "small patch of waste land I've been planning on cultivating" or determine the coming summer's campaign. A good farmer, like a good general, lays his plans in advance and prepares his trenches to take advantage of every emergency.

LAND CLEARING

One of the greatest needs of this section is more and more dairy ranches, farms and truck patches. And to secure these, means that the land to the south and to the north of Bandon must be cleared of the tangle of logs, stumps and brush so that it may be placed in a state of cultivation.

An efficient, yet inexpensive method of pulling stumps, trees and brush, which can be done by the efforts of one or two men must be evolved before the lands in question will become the farms and dairy ranches we would have them.

There are a number of cheap, efficient stump pullers manufactured which can be operated by one or two men, and which with all but the larger stumps will do the work of a donkey engine and costly equipment at a fraction of the cost.

Some local business man who handles hardware might do a patriotic bit for his country as well as increase the future volume of his own business if he would secure several of these stump pullers, try them out and see that every rancher in this community who desires to secure one has his opportunity.

NEED OF ECONOMY AND SAVING

When we put a million and a half soldiers in the field, we withdraw those men from productive enterprises. They do not while they are actually in training or in service produce anything. They do on the other hand, consume much. There is nothing more expensive on earth than to support and maintain a great army in the field, especially if it is on the fighting line. The attrition of supplies and everything else is tremendously great when we have a fighting army in the field.

America is the one great remaining source of supplies and credit. We must maintain and make effective as possible our own soldiers and the soldiers of those nations who are fighting with us. We must therefore draw as little as possible upon our common store of supplies and money. The more we lessen our domestic demand, the more we can contribute to the support and effectiveness of our allied armies.

Economy is now a national duty, such a duty upon the people at home as fighting is upon those Americans who are bravely offering their lives for the honor of America and the preservation of liberty and justice.

THE LANGUAGE UNIVERSAL

This country would have escaped a world of trouble if the English language had been the only language permitted to be used in public print in every state in the union, says the Great Divide editorially. It continues: Foreigners have no right to bring their languages, customs and traditions here and undertake to make them a part of this country.

ONLY A VOLUNTEER

Why didn't I wait to be drafted?
And be led to the train by a band,
Or out on a claim for exemption?
Oh, why did I hold up my hand?
Why didn't I wait for the banquet?
Why didn't I wait to be cheered?
For the drafted men get the credit,
While I merely volunteered.

And nobody gave me a banquet,
Nobody said a kind word,
The puff of the engine, the grind of the wheels
Was all the goodbye that I heard.
Then off to the training camp hustled
To be drilled for the next half year
And in the shuffle forgotten—
For I'm only a volunteer.

And perhaps some day in the future,
When a little boy sits on my knee,
And asks what I did in the great war,
And his little eyes look up at me,
I will have to look back into those eyes
That at me so trustingly peer,
And confess that I wasn't drafted,
That I was only a volunteer.
—A Volunteer.

America is the melting pot for the downtrodden peoples of the earth, but the assimilation should be complete. Let them have their foreign language papers printed in the country from whence they came, if they must needs have them. Every man seeking a haven in this country should learn to speak and read the American language as quickly as possible. If he is compelled to learn to read English he will quickly do so. Every man who lands on these shores does so from choice and he should be compelled to learn to read the language of his adopted country before he is permitted to enjoy the rights and privileges of citizenship.

There is no room for German or other foreign language newspapers in the United States. If foreigners do not wish to become real Americans they have no business in America. Newspapers printed in any foreign language in this country are un-American and should be banished from American soil. This country is for Americans and not for foreigners. People who do not like America have no business here and should not be allowed to remain.

Every foreign language newspaper published on this continent is diametrically opposed to American institutions, whenever and wherever self-interest is considered paramount. There is no disguising the fact that foreign language papers are often inimical to the best interests of this country. Self-preservation is the first law of nature and America owes it to herself to preserve the integrity of this government at all hazards. The United States of America shall forever remain supreme. No foreign power should be permitted to perpetuate the traditions, customs and language of its people in this country when the same is liable to be used as an instrument of destruction against the land that has given them an asylum or refuge.

Carry Your Card

Deputy U. S. District Attorney C. P. McKnight advises all registered men to carry their registration cards with them at all times. Anyone of registered age can at any time be stopped by any officer, policeman, sheriff, deputy sheriff, or any other official, and the showing of his card demanded. If he fails to produce it, he is subject to arrest.

Every postal employee in the United States has been instructed to take an active part in the campaign for the sale of war-savings stamps. In order to reach the desired sales mark of \$2,000,000,000 by January 1, 1919, it will be necessary to sell sufficient stamps to average \$16.50 for each man, woman and child in the country.

German aircraft are marked with a Maltese cross. Allied planes used in Europe are distinguished by a painted bulls-eye. American planes bear a circular blue field with a white star and a bright red center.

Red Cross relief shipments to Europe average over 10,000 tons a month. In one shipment was a consignment of 159 footballs for American soldiers, purchased with funds raised by Harvard graduates.

Gift Bringer In Various Countries

THE Dutch girls sing a pretty little song on the feast of St. Nicholas. Instead of writing a letter to Santa Claus:

Santa Claus, you good natured man,
Give me some nuts and sweetmeats—
Not too much, not too little,
Throw them into my apron.

For a Christmas without gifts would be no Christmas at all. So always there is a gift bringer, akin in nature, if different in name, to the good St. Nicholas, once Bishop of Myra, who loved children and whose memory lives vitally today through its association with the great Christmas festival. Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, Santa Claus, Sinterkloos, are identical. The holy Christ child comes to Germany. In mystical Brittany the Christ himself is thought to come to bless the households of the pious, especially the homes of simple shepherds.

In Spain on "Twelfth Night" all the people, young and old, put their shoes and slippers out on the balcony outside the window in order that the three kings journeying by may see and fill them. There are also grotesque Christmas visitors. Knave Ruprecht, terror of Teutonic babyhood, has a load of nuts and apples and other goodies with him, as well as his traditional bunch of switches.

The "Julbok" or "klapperbok," a tall, thin beast, with goatskin covered head, is after naughty Danish children, just as the "habersack" is after those in the Harz mountains. Sinterkloos sends sometimes a goat laden with presents. The animals which the saint of Christmas uses for his carriers are quite as various. Donner and Blitzen and the other fleet reindeer come first. Santa drives a span of reindeer in Sweden. In Alaska he comes by dog team. Camels, so the story goes, bring the three kings into Spain on their gift bringing errand, though sacred art would show us that horses might be used as well his torically.

In Holland, on the Zuyder Zee, St. Nicholas comes on skates over the frozen wastes of water. In England there are in use for Christmas several imitation horses, the hobby horses of the Morris dancers, which caper still in Staffordshire, according to their ancient habit.—Chicago Tribune.

Christ Flowers.

Born of the clouds and darkness,
Of the frost and early snow,
When the summer blooms have faded,
The beautiful Christ flowers blow,
All through the budding springtime,
All through the summer's heat,
All through the autumn's glory,
They hide their blossoms sweet,
But when the earth is lonely,
And the bitter north winds blow,
With a smile of cheer for the dear old year
The Christmas blossoms blow.

Sweet as the dream of summer,
White as the drifting snow;
When our hearts are filled with grieving
The beautiful Christ flowers blow,
Not all the south wind's soothing
Opens their secret heart,
Slender they grow and stately,
Guarding their life apart;
But when the earth is dreary
And heavy clouds hang low,
With their tender cheer for the way-worn year
The Christmas blossoms blow.

Sweetest of all consolers!
Fairest of flowers that grow!
When hopes and flowers have faded
The beautiful Christ flowers blow,
Bright in the cottage window,
Sweet in the darkened room,
Fair in the shorted sunlight,
Cheering the dusky gloom,
Oh, when our hearts are lonely
And clouds of care hang low,
What blessed cheer for our dying year,
The Christmas blossoms blow!

How to satisfy a Home Guard company in every town in the county with only 120 rifles on hand, is a conundrum that is making Sheriff Gage scratch his head. The sheriff already has requisitions from three towns and expects them from the rest. However, Bandon's request was first on the list. C. B. Zeek, who for several months has had a long list of enlistments, was the first to effect an organization in the county, therefore Bandon should be the first to receive a consignment of arms.

The Christmas Fire

By HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD
THE tree grew green in the forest,
Grew green in the sun and the dew;
His branches reached for the shadows,
He feathered his tops in the blue,
And happy the air about him
Wherever his balsams flew.

Drenched with the rains of the summer,
Pine from his stems spun the showers,
Soft dropped the snow on his mantle,
Dream work of silver and flowers,
And over him white light trailing
The stars swam through darkling hours.

Groping where great rock pillars
Stand shouldering rank on rank,
His roots at the cold sweet sources
The ancient juices drank,
And he swept with the earth companion
As the vast skies rose and sank.

His boughs brushed low on your forehead
As a passing wing might brush,
When night winds made shrill music
In the heavens, and hush, oh, hush!
For deep in his deepest covert
He hid the hermit thrush.

Low have they laid the giant,
And they hale him home with mirth,
And they fan the fires that twinkle,
And sing round his mossy girth,
And make with a mighty magto
The life of the Christmas cheer.

For his flames give the spicy fragrance
Of the summer atmosphere,
While the breath of the woody hollows,
The luster and light of the year,
The blossom, the bird song, the breezes,
He sheds through the Christmas cheer.

And the message of peace and blessing
In the great fire's glow they mark,
With the lad from the war and the sailor
Home from his tossing bark
Ere the Christmas bells come chiming
Like the touch of the frost on the dark.

And widely on pane and ceiling
Sparkles a fiery foam,
And the children dance with their shadows
Like the forest sprite with the gnome,
While the great log roars and blazes,
The heart of the joy of home.

And the cheek that has long been withered
With an old rose blooms once more
As memories glow like the embers
Whose flashes sink and soar
With the Christmas fire's warm glory
Where the log burns red at the core,
—Woman's Home Companion.

Powder License Necessary

County Clerk L. W. Oddy announces that he has been appointed by the U. S. Bureau of Mines as licensor for the issuing of all licenses for the handling of explosives in any manner. He has received only a limited number of blanks and the first ones to apply for licenses will therefore receive the earliest attention. Every person desiring a license will apply to the county clerk for application blank which will be filled out before a notary public and license will be issued upon receipt of 25c. A foreman's license however, necessitates the appearance of the foreman in person before the county clerk, bringing proper credentials showing his connection with the firm and the license will be issued to him as foreman for the firm, and not to the firm for which he is working. It is necessary that all persons, firms or corporations handling explosives must secure a license. The regulations also provide that the clerk shall refuse to issue a license to any person not known to him to be responsible and loyal, or if such recommendations of refusal are made by responsible citizens of the county.

Applications for war-risk insurance are now far past the billion-dollar mark. All soldiers, sailors, marines, and nurses in active service may buy insurance from the government at the rate of from 65 cents a month at the age of 21, to \$1.21 a month at the age of 51, for each \$1,000 policy.

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