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... This paper has enlisted
with the government in the
cause of America for the
period of the war ...

FOR THE YOUNG MEN

By their action cutting off enlistments, the War and Navy Departments have greatly simplified the problem for the young man who wishes to know how he can best serve the country. The danger of the depletion of the source of the trained men to win the war and strengthen the nation in peace times has been to a considerable extent removed. Hereafter until further notice the departments will take the men only as they need them.

One question remains to the young man: What shall I do between now and the time that I am called to the service? For those of college age the answer is strongly suggested by the War Department, "Go to college."

This movement is not suggested for the purpose of keeping young men out of the war as long as possible, but rather for the purpose of keeping them out until they are of an age and training to give a higher grade of service. The formation of the Students' Army Training Corps in all colleges where one hundred or more men enlist in it is the War Department's way of working out a problem. This Corps will provide under the direct supervision of army officers, the maximum of military training the student can reasonably absorb along with scientific and other collegiate instruction which will fit him for special lines of work both in the army and in civil life after the war.

This is real conservation of the nation's brains. On reaching the draft age the members of the S. A. T. C. who, though having the status of members of the United States Army, subject to immediate call for active service, will have to register, being considered on inactive service. They will then be placed automatically in Class 5-D by the local draft board, and allowed to continue college work and training in the Students' Army Training Corps until called to active service by the department.

It is urged that those contemplating joining the Students' Army Training Corps do so promptly, as with a probable early lowering of the draft age, there will be no way of entering the S. A. T. C. save through the draft board.

Six weeks during each summer the members of the S. A. T. C. go into instruction camps. They are then considered on active service and receive the pay of privates during their time in camp.

The course suggested by the Government to the youth is that he go to college, join the S. A. T. C. immediately, pick out a stiff line of collegiate work in addition to his military training, which will be made sufficiently stiff, then work hard, quit worrying and wait for the call to service which will surely come soon if the war continues as now seems probable.

Those wishing to join the Navy, it is learned from the War Department, will be released to that arm of the service and not compelled to serve in the Army at the end of their period of college training.

The whole plan is being carefully worked out by the War Department, and before college opens every doubtful point will have been settled, and the young man will know definitely and exactly just what he ought to do in the existing situation. The Government has already moved to prevent his rushing into the service before he is called.

The Italians are determined to make the Austrians spend their summer vacation at home.

Food Production Is Business of City Folks as Well as Farmer

By DR. W. M. JARDINE, President of Kansas State Agricultural College



Food production is everybody's business. It is not a matter that concerns those living on farms alone. City folks must remember that the government will take as much food as it needs for the armies. What is left will be divided between the farmers who produce it and the city population. City people will be the first to suffer in a shortage of food and it is much to their interest that the food crops grown be safely harvested. Every precaution should be taken to save the forage crops for silage and for dry feed. The sowing of barley this spring probably reached 978,000 acres as compared with 855,250 acres in 1917. It is estimated that 2,596,504 acres were planted to oats this spring as compared with 2,324,912 acres last year, or an increase of 11.7 per cent and a gain of more than a million acres over 1916.

A large crop production is assured, but the farmers must have help in harvesting these crops. At least 50 per cent of the man population of our cities is farm experienced and it is from this group that the farmers should receive their greatest reinforcement.

The question is, Are city men willing to help? The only way farmers can learn upon what they may depend in the way of receiving help from this source is to have every city man who is willing to help enroll for the work he can do best. Governor Capper issued an appeal for such an enrollment of city men and appointed a committee to establish definite quotas to be enlisted in each of the various towns and cities, to form a harvest labor reserve.

Sheep Production Must Be Increased to Meet Meat Requirements of Nation

By A. C. BIGELOW, President of Philadelphia Wool and Textile Association

The number of sheep in our farming sections has declined nearly one-third since 1900, and the decline for the entire country has been over 13 per cent. Our actual sheep population today is approximately 32,000,000 head, while according to good authority our grazing area should easily maintain 150,000,000.

The development of agriculture over the western plains reduced the former great cattle industry. Our great staple meat food, beef, has been advancing in price for years, but with utter lack of foresight we have failed to promote the production of mutton and lamb, which is the most wholesome meat product, which is produced at less cost, and is therefore a desirable substitute for the more costly beef. Our lack of attention to sheep has not only affected our meat supply but it has rendered us dependent on foreign countries for the major portion of our wool supplies, with which to provide our people with woolen clothing.

The war has brought to us the new experience of meatless days, and to many of our people with slender purses it will bring woolless clothing. Our lack of wool supplies has been a cause of great embarrassment to our government in supplying our military requirements. These sudden acute conditions have been brought about by the pressure of war.

THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

The campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan will begin September 28 and close October 19. The result of the loan will be watched with keen interest in Europe, not only by our associates in the war against the Teutonic powers but by our enemies. It will be regarded by them as a measure of the American people's support of the war.

The Germans know full well the tremendous weight and significance of popular support of the war, of the people at home backing up the Army in the field. As the loan succeeds our enemies will sorrow; as it fails short they will rejoice. Every dollar subscribed will help and encourage the American soldiers and hurt and depress the enemies of America.

THE SPIRIT OF '76 AND THE MELTING POT

In the battle of the Marne salient more American troops participated than in any engagement in American history, a few of the principal Civil War contests excepted. Though the casualty list shows that almost every nationality on the globe was represented in the overseas battalions, the spirit that sent the boys forward, that gave weight to their advance and dash to their charges, was pure American. On the battlefields of France the United States is demonstrating that the flame of American idealism is hot enough to fuse the variegated contents of the Melting Pot into a homogeneous national steel as tough and true as a Damascus blade.—From the September Sunset.

FACTS ABOUT THE RED CROSS SUPPLY SERVICE IN FRANCE

Four thousand three hundred and sixty-one hospitals, situated in 1,509 cities, now are being provided for by the hospital supply service of the American Red Cross in France. To these hospitals is sent whatever is needed—surgical instruments or appliances, equipment, drugs, bedding, clothing, and even games of cards and dominoes.

More than 12,614,000 articles have

been packed and shipped from the distribution station in Paris since January, 1915.

There are 166 employees at the distributing headquarters in the Rue Troyon. The second floor of the building is devoted to the storing of merchandise. There are stacks of clothing, socks, gloves, slippers and shirts. There are shelves filled with sealed packages of gauze and absorbent cotton, elastic bandages, and surgical dressings of all kinds. Drugs, clinical thermometers, and sundry glass appliances also are stored on this floor. Two other floors above are used for the storage of goods.

The hospital supply service of the American Red Cross was founded by Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss, wife of the counselor of the American Embassy in Paris, and was called the American Distributing Service. It was begun a few days after the declaration of war in 1914 and co-ordinated with the Red Cross in 1917.

"Dry, can of preserve everything possible, and store in every available container," says a Food Administration bulletin. "If you have a surplus of fruits or vegetables share your surplus with others. Such sharing is not only neighborly and human, but is true conservation, as it helps in the problem of food and transportation. Every pound of food saved or preserved in your home releases a pound of the commercial supply to be sent to the firing line and the hard-working people standing valiantly behind the fighting forces in France. Dry, can, preserve and store and help your neighbors to do the same, as a war service."

Kaiser says the hardest part of the job is still ahead of him. Suppose it will grate a bit to have to haul up the white flag and surrender his sword, his thermos bottle and bunch of violets.

The Clown Prince doubtless in his heart of hearts, conceded that America has produced at least one great military genius, to wit, General Sherman.

Been discovered that Flanders is an unhealthy place for Germans. The civilized world is beginning to resemble Flanders in that respect.

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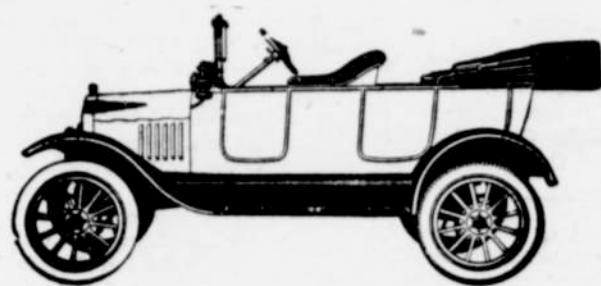
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