

Over 18 Billion, Year's War Cost

What the American People Had to Pay in 1918 for Operation Against Germany

It cost the American people about \$18,160,000,000 to run its war government and make loans to the allies in the past year, according to computations from treasury reports.

December expenditures above \$2,000,000,000, the record of the nation's history, sent aggregate war costs to approximately \$24,500,000,000.

Of the \$18,160,000,000 paid out of the treasury's coffers in 1918 probably \$10,000,000,000 went for the army and the general military establishment; about \$1,000,000,000 for the navy; \$1,000,000,000 for the shipbuilding program; \$1,000,000,000 for other civil government needs, and \$4,150,000,000 as loans to America's brothers in arms.

That the public has paid only about one-third of the war's expenses, excluding foreign loans, in taxes in cash and two-thirds in loans to be repaid in another generation is indicated by treasury figures of collections from various sources.

TIME TO START POULTRY RAISING

At no time in the history of the standard-bred poultry business has there been such a favorable opportunity for the beginner or small breeder to make a good profit from poultry. There has never been a time when it would pay so well to keep even a small flock in the back yard to supply the family needs.

In conversation with a back-yard poultryman, writes a poultry expert, we learned that from nine hens he had secured enough eggs during the past year to supply fresh eggs for the table use of a family of three, and they had eggs on the table at least one meal every day. His feed bill was very little owing to utilizing the table scraps, which, made into a mash, made up a nice part of the daily ration. The saving in meat and egg bills was no little item of expense, and, as he put it, "The expense and trouble are so little it's just like finding them."

For the poultryman the future never was brighter. The demand for stock, eggs and baby chicks is sure to be the greatest in the history of the business, and those who have stuck through the trying times of the past and those who will take up the breeding of standard-bred poultry will reap a great harvest during the next few years. The present prices of market poultry and eggs, backed up by recent government reports on cold storage holdings, indicate prices will continue to soar higher. The man who is in the poultry business, or can get in even with a few fowls will come out a long way ahead, even if only a few are kept for his own family use—to reduce the advanced cost of living.

Kansas With 11,184,000 Acres Has 22.8 Per Cent of Winter Wheat Area of United States

A reporter for the federal department of agriculture declares that Kansas, with 11,184,000 acres has 22.8 per cent of all the winter wheat area of the United States.

A full crop on this enormous acreage, which is 13 per cent larger than the record acreage of last year, would total 200,000,000 bushels, or more than one-third of the 509,304,000 bushels for the average annual consumption in the United States, the report says.

Such a production, with a guaranteed price of \$2 a bushel, would bring Kansas \$400,000,000. The December report stated that the average condition is 98 per cent.

"Not only is this the largest acreage of wheat ever sown in a single state, but it is probably the largest acreage ever devoted to a single grain crop of any state," says the report. "The Texas cotton crop is possibly the only state crop that ever excelled it in area."

A campaign for mobilizing a great army to harvest the 1919 crop is being worked out by the Kansas City office of the director general of the federal employment service, in charge of western farm labor. Last year the federal employment offices supplied fully half of the 40,000 men used in Kansas and Oklahoma harvest fields. It is expected many thousand more hands will be needed for the 1919 yield. Women, children and business and professional men responded to the "wheat won't wait" call and helped gather the big war crop.

Ideas Worth Fortunes Are at the Disposal of Those of Inventive Turn of Mind

A soldier was once tramping along a country road on his way to rejoin his unit. Hearing that his luck was rather down, a casual friend put him up for the night at an inn, and on parting with him in the morning gave him some tobacco. To show his grat-

itude, the soldier parted with the only thing he had which he thought would be of service to his benefactor, the recipe for making bootblackening. Out of that simple recipe was born a great polish firm.

"I was singing to the mouthpiece of a telephone," said Edison, "when the vibrations of my voice caused a fine steel point to pierce one of my fingers. That set me to thinking. If I could record the motions of the point and send it over the same surface afterward, I saw no reason why the thing should not talk. That's the story." It was only an idea, but out of that simple notion sprang the phonograph. It was a passing idea which gave the world the discovery of galvanic electricity, so useful in transmitting vocal and written language. Mme. Galvani simply happened to notice the contraction of the muscles of a skinned frog accidentally touched at the moment her husband took a spark from an electric machine. That was the whole thing.

Indian Tribe Inhabiting Attu Island, Alaska, Said to Be the Poorest People

Windswept Attu Island, a bit of Alaska at the tip of the Aleutian string, farther west than any other part of North America, is the home of a tribe of about 100 Aleut Indians, said to be the poorest people, financially, on earth.

Nature, however, provides these far-away Indians a living. From Attu and the nearby islands and from the surrounding waters they get eggs, fish, geese, seals, occasionally a walrus, berries, and, lately, blue fox.

From the far south Pacific the Japan current brings fuel. Driftwood thought to be from the Philippine Islands, Hawaii and other southern lands is scattered along Attu's beaches. No trees grow on the island.

For clothes the natives use goods brought from the outside world by occasional traders. Those lacking in the

cloth of the whites make their garments from grass and skins.

Like the Indian tribes of old, a native chief leads these Aleuts and acts as their head in all matters, trading, hunting, fishing, as well as in the councils of the tribe, and in the Russian services to which the natives still adhere.

Russians first settled on the island in 1747, when they sailed west of the Commodore Islands, off Kamchatka, and established an important trading post on Attu. The Russians planted herds of cattle and goats, but in a few years both the Russians and their stock left for other parts.

Wild Hemp Growing in Canada May Be Used for Making Binder Twine

Wild hemp has possibilities for the manufacture of binding twine and its cultivation may become a part of Canada's post-war industrial program.

The Indians of the coast and interior of central British Columbia have long been famous as carvers, weavers and boat-builders, but it was only recently that attention was attracted to the fine rope which they make from wild hemp. At Awilgate in the Bulkley valley near New Hazelton there is a village of Indians who display remarkable skill in making rope from the abundant wild hemp which covers the surrounding country. They have been making this rope for centuries by a method of their own, and it is so strong that they use it for towing their heavily laden canoes up the currents of swift rivers. This is convincing proof of its stoutness. They also make twine and thread from the hemp, but not in such quantities as in the days before they were able to purchase these articles cheaply from traders. The wild hemp closely resembles the common fire weed of the United States.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

The man who keeps his self-respect has saved all that matters.

A woman's idea of a real party is one for which she feels it necessary to go to an expert to have her hair dressed.

Next to shopping for herself there's nothing a woman likes better than helping another woman to pick out a new gown.

There's one thing about good work—you never have to worry about being able to get away with it.

Wasted Light

A lighting expert says that about \$200,000,000 worth of light is wasted every year in this country through failure to keep windows, globes, reflectors and other light sources free from dust and dirt. The lighting bill for the nation is about \$500,000,000, and if this expert is right we are wasting two-fifths of this.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

by Nellie Maxwell



If today you've made some progress, Do not tire; Sit not down upon the morrow, Step up higher. —Adelbert Caldwell.

Desserts for Children.

A dessert for a young child should be something easily digested, nutritious and attractive to the eye. Custards of various kinds are especially good for the little people—gelatin desserts served with cream, simple puddings not too rich, and fruits of various kinds are all good desserts.

Strawberry Custard.

Prepare a pint of good boiled custard, using two eggs, sugar and flavoring to taste, and one pint of good milk. Using a teaspoonful of cornstarch stirred into a little of the cold milk and well cooked before the eggs are added, also mixed with cold milk, will make a thicker custard. Two tablespoonfuls of sugar will be sufficient in this pudding. Freeze slowly until it begins to get thick, then add one large cupful of strawberry jam, which may have been pressed through a ricer to remove some of the seeds. If canned berries are used, the removal of the seeds will be easier.

Fruit Dumplings.

Make a batter of a cupful of flour sifted with a teaspoonful of baking powder and a little salt; add rich milk to make a drop batter. Butter the small cups and drop in a spoonful of

the batter, then add a tablespoonful or two of canned cherries, juice and all; then another spoonful of batter. When four or five small cups are filled, leaving space to rise, set them into a shallow pan, adding boiling water to come well up on the sides of the cups, but not too much to boil over into them; cover and cook 15 minutes; serve with sugar and cream. Any canned fruit may be used; the juicier the fruit the better.

Fruit Juice Pudding.

For this pudding any strained left-over juice from canned fruits may be used. Take a cupful and a half of the juice, add a half cupful of water, into which has been stirred two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch. Cook until well done, then fold in lightly the whites of two eggs. Pour into a mold with alternate layers of the same fruit, drained, and serve when cold with a custard made of the two yolks.

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The Lazy Lobster

Unlike most other marine animals, the lobster is not truly migratory in its habits. It remains on about the same ground, it is believed, from year to year, coming into shallower water in spring and returning into the less accessible depths in autumn.

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He says freezezone dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding skin. A small bottle of freezezone will cost very little at any drug store, but will positively remove every hard or soft corn or callous from one's feet. Millions of America's women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels. If your druggist doesn't have freezezone tell him to order a small bottle for you.—Adv.

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First Fixed Ammunition.

It is to Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, whose reign began in 1611, that history gives credit for the invention of fixed ammunition. In his cartridges the bullets and the charge were united in a paper case. It was not, however, until 1850 that the first successful metallic cartridge was patented by an American.

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Equal Right, But No Favor.

"I suppose," said a lady to a conductor, "if I pay the fare for my dog he will be treated the same as other passengers, and be allowed to occupy a seat." "Of course, madam," the conductor replied politely, "he will be treated the same as other passengers, and can occupy a seat, provided he does not put his feet on it!"

Linings.

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