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DELICIOUS CORN MUFFINS.

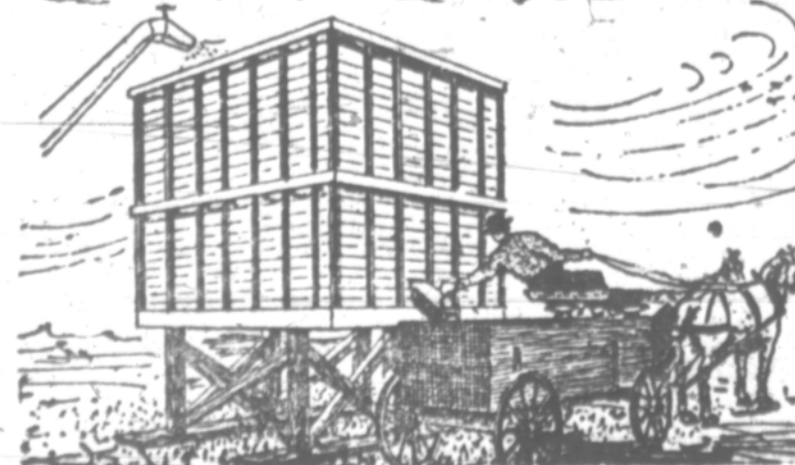
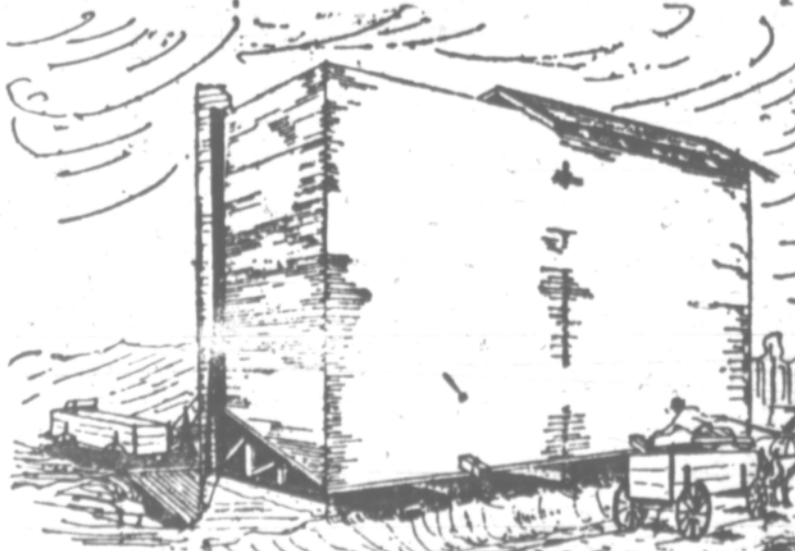
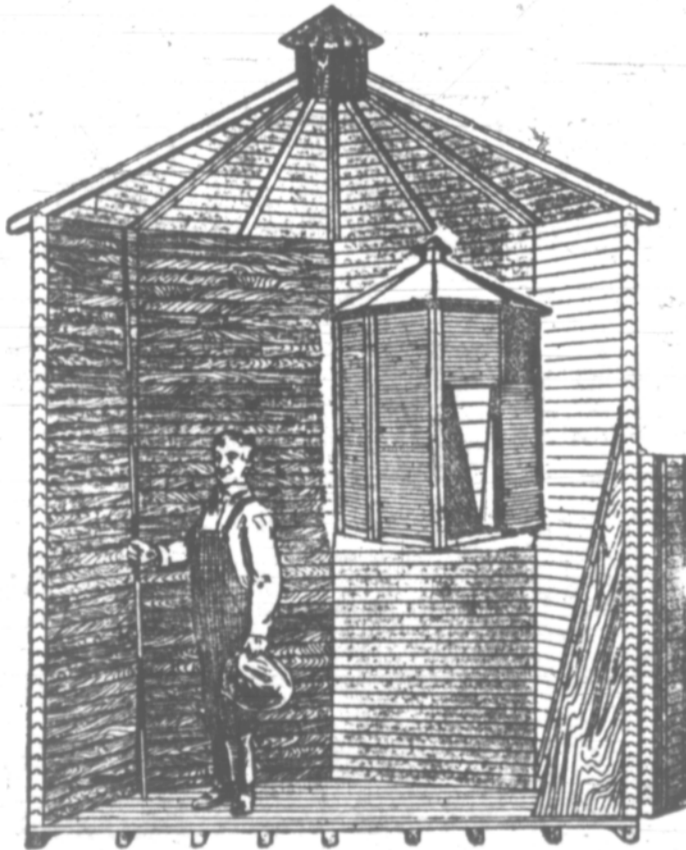


Here's an old fashioned recipe for corn muffins that has recently been revived and used with unusual success in several of the larger New York hotels: To make three and a half dozen muffins take one quart milk, six dozen butter substitute, twelve ounces of light syrup or honey, four eggs, pinch of salt, two ounces baking powder, one and a half pounds cornmeal and one and a half pounds rye flour. The butter and syrup should be thoroughly mixed; then add the eggs gradually. Pour in the milk and add the rye flour mixed with cornmeal and baking powder.



Uncle Sam Says
BULK THE 1918 WHEAT
and save SACKS for the
Boys in the Trenches

Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.,
H. U. Martin, Moro, Ore.



Mrs. P. H. Buxton is visiting at Forest Grove.

Al. Kirtley is visiting at his old home near Vancouver, Wash.

Ford roadster just overhauled, newly painted, for sale by the Barnett Auto Co., Wasco.

The usual Dorcas social for this month will be held next Wednesday at the Lewellen home.

Mrs. Edgar Messinger, from Wapoto, Wash., is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carl Peetz.

Mrs. Urquhart entertained the pupils of the Moro high school Monday evening in honor of the 17th birthday of their son Orren.

E. R. Barzee has placed an order with the Tumalum Lumber Co. for material to build a home on his Gordon Ridge farm.

Through the J. A. Hardin Realty Company a deal was closed this week whereby L. W. Ross becomes the owner of the McCoy confectionery store.

A special feature of the Presbyterian Sunday School this Sunday will be a short Lincoln Day program. The exercise will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. Every one is invited to be present.

Monkland Presbyterian Bible School, last Sunday, voted to give its regular contributions for February to the Armenian-Syrian relief work. The initial offering for last Sunday passed the \$10 mark. Preparations are being made for a special program to be given the last Sunday of this month.

LORRAINE SECTOR IS HELD BY AMERICANS

American Artillery Proves Superior in First Real Battle With Germans.

With the American Army in France.—American troops are now occupying a sector of the Lorraine front in France. This announcement is permitted by the military censor.

The sector occupied by the American troops is northwest of Toul. It is inadvisable to mention the number of men in line, the length of the sector and other details.

The present battle line is about 16 miles north of Toul, where it extends eastward from St. Mihiel toward the German border.

German plans to raid the American trenches were frustrated early Monday morning. The American artillery put down a heavy barrage in front of and on the German lines, which are believed to have been filled with men and officers awaiting the signal to attack.

It was discovered at a certain hour that the Germans intended to carry out a "silent" raid. Fifteen minutes before the time set all the American guns concentrated their fire where, according to the information, the enemy was massed. It is believed heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans.

Reports from the first line show that great courage was exhibited by the troops during the heavy German bombardment of Saturday. A number of men who were wounded slightly by shell splinters were treated in the lines with their first aid packets, and insisted on remaining at their posts until the fight was finished.

Many of the Americans have had their first experiences with gas in the last few days, as the Germans have been sending over a considerable number of gas shells.

American officers are elated over the results of the first artillery duel between American and German gunners, which followed a preliminary shelling by the Germans. In official reports the infantry commanders paid tribute to the promptness with which the artillery responded to the call for a barrage and to the effectiveness of the artillery fire.

DEATH TO GERMAN STRIKERS IS THREAT

London.—General von Kessel, military commandant of Brandenburg province, in which Berlin is situated, threatens summary punishment of strikers who fail to obey his order that they resume work.

Employees failing to resume work will be tried by court-martial, which is authorized to impose sentence of death, execution to take place within 24 hours of the time the sentence is imposed.

These drastic military measures, according to a report from Copenhagen, seems to have had the effect of breaking down the German strike movement.

The German government is keeping a tight hand on news of the strikes, which are attended by demonstrations, in Berlin and other parts of Germany.

Hundreds of thousands of German men and women have shown in the last week that they have lost faith in the militarists, that they no longer believe the promises of their rulers, that they consider prolongation of the war poor business—and they must now decide whether to return to work or face the penalty that awaits spies and traitors.

The latest news from Germany tells of rioting and exciting scenes in the working class sections of Berlin, with the arrest of many men and women in various parts of the city. Outside of the capital the strike grew on Saturday, but there are no reports of clashes between the military and the workers.

ENTENTE HAS MOST TROOPS

Secretary Baker Says Allies Numerically Superior on West Front.

Washington.—Warning the nation not to let reports of strikes and other internal disturbances in Germany slacken its war preparations, Secretary Baker in his weekly military review also makes the official announcement that American troops are at last holding a portion of the actual battle front.

For the first time, also, Secretary Baker declares that it is fully believed the allies have a preponderance of men and guns on the western front, despite the fact that the German line has been strengthened by troops from the Russian field. Secretary Baker declared the reports of numerical superiority have been spread by the enemy himself.

General Wood Leaves Hospital, Paris.—Major General Wood, who was wounded in the right arm by a shell splinter while visiting the American front recently, left the hospital.

The state highway department has completed the survey of another route between Hood River and Mosier. The route is about 4000 feet longer than the one previously selected along the railroad track and makes the distance between the two points approximately six miles. It is more scenic than the lower route because of higher elevation and cost of construction is about the same.

The Republic Truck

The O'Meara Supply & Implement Company of Wasco, takes pleasure in announcing that they are Sherman county distributors for the Republic Farm Truck, in sizes from one to five tons.

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Citing the grain bag situation as the most vital problem confronting farmers of the northwest, M. H. Houser, head of the food administration grain corporation for the northwest, is making strenuous effort to induce the shipping administration to release a few ships to transport bags for the 1918 crop from Calcutta. The only possible remedies for the bag situation, according to the federal grain man, are the bulking of practically the entire crop or the release of ships to carry the bags. He calls attention to the fact that it will be impossible for all the farmers to adopt the bulk system at once. Under the demoralized commercial shipping conditions Mr. Houser says the increase in freight rates on grain bags from Calcutta from \$7 and \$8 a ton to \$98 to \$100, make the bags impossible under these conditions. If only enough shipping could be released to take care of a part of this tonnage, the partial receipts might induce lower rates by commercial companies and solve the situation.

The home, garden and vacant lot farming by the city dweller last year is having an effect now in no demand for farm products grown in the average course of the business. Down near Warren, Oregon, 175 farmers have just finished sacking 75 carloads of potatoes at a cost of \$1.08 per hundred pounds and the best they are offered is 80 and 90 cents. They sent a representative to see if they could not be given some measure of relief, with the ultimatum that if they lost money on this crop they would only raise enough this year for themselves. This story does not fit in with potato prices of \$3.00 per hundred last summer when the harvest was on in Sherman county, they either had a chance to sell at better prices than they can now secure or else a large number of consumers were gouged quite liberally by dealers last fall.

From every belligerent country in Europe come reports of food scarcity, food riots and even of actual famine, but the situation is worst in the central empires and in revolution-torn Russia. It may yet prove that victory will be on the side which has the last barrel of flour and the last roast of beef. That brings home the duty of food economy to every American, for every mouthful saved is a mouthful given to the men of other nations who fight on our side.

The Cent Comes Back

Our smallest coin, the cent, is emerging from the low position in public esteem which it has occupied for many years, says the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. Under the operation of the new revenue law it will achieve the favor which it deserves at the hands of thrifty people. Prosperity brought the copper coin into contempt. Now that we are to cut out extravagance and waste, the cent will be respected like every other necessity. One may not care to burden himself with a fistful of the erstwhile despised "near-money," but we are entering upon an era of odd prices which makes the one-cent piece essential to the commonest transactions of the day. The prosperous may escape the annoyance of over-many coppers by buying such quantities they can make payments in multiples of nickels and dimes, but even that resource may fail them. The public will soon look askance upon the citizen who buys up upon the sponges for immediate needs. "Hoarders" are not in favor, thanks to the warnings issued by the food and other administrators of necessities. So the people generally may as well make up their minds to carry "pennies" and make and receive odd change whenever they buy.

"Americans Have Brains"

Col. T. H. Goodwin of the Royal Army Medicine Corps of England, told physicians in the training camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, that the Germans fear the effects of the entry of America in the war.

"A German captain who had been captured was asked what he thought about our much-prized shell fire," said Colonel Goodwin.

"Your artillery is no better than ours," the German replied.

"Surely you will admit we excel in aviation," we told him.

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Fresh Cow For Sale
Jersey cow with heifer calf, come fresh in January. Price, \$60 W. L. Dillinger, Monkland, Ore.

Wheat Ranches Wanted
We have cash buyers for eastern Oregon wheat ranches, provided the price is right and the land is O.K. Let us hear from you if you wish to sell. J.L. Hartman Co., No. 7 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland, Oregon. 4j17

Incubator for Sale
A 220 egg practically new McClannahan incubator at half price. Write Mrs. W.E. Newton, at either DeMoss or Moro. tj4

Belgian Stallion for Sale
Chestnut sorrel Belgian stallion No. 5225: weight 2000 lb; age 11 years; sound in every way; guaranteed a breeder; can show eighty head of his colts. Will sell for cash or on terms with approved note. For particulars address W. I. Ebbert, box 176 Condon, Oregon tj4

Owner Wanted for Stray
Brown or black filly; no visible brands; either a yearling or a 2-year old; come to my place about Nov. 15th. Owner requested to call, prove property, pay expenses, and take it away. Homer D. Belshee Monkland, Ore 2d28

Undertaking Supplies
Caskets and Robes always on hand; special supplies and caskets ordered at any time. Sam Brisbane, Moro, Oregon.

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