

DESTROY FRENCH FOOD SOURCES



FRUIT TREES OF NORTHERN FRANCE DESTROYED BY RETREATING GERMANS



WHEN the Germans retreated from long held positions in Northern France they girdled every fruit tree that time permitted. Here is such a tree, hacked beyond chance of the tree's surviving unless first aid measures were quickly adopted. In many cases the advancing French troops brought the first aid material and sometimes succeeded in saving the trees. Where the tree was absolutely cut down—as hundreds were—there was, of course, no relief measure to employ. Members of the U. S. Food Administration brought this picture to America. Early in the war the German government introduced a policy of strict food conservation at home and has endeavored to curtail in every possible manner the French and English supply. U boat warfare and destruction of farming property are parts of the same campaign.



GIRDLED FRUIT TREE

America is today the greatarder of the allied nations. Out of our food stocks we must save enough to feed our European associates in this war.

THE GROWING AMERICAN HOST

The secrecy which has surrounded the movement of troops to France came to an end with authoritative statements from Representatives Caldwell and Olney, of the house committee on military affairs. Mr. Caldwell placed our total military forces at 2,078,222, of whom he said that 500,000 were in France and 1,000,000 had the training necessary to fit them for foreign service. He said that 90,000 were shipped in the first ten days of May, and that a million would be in France a year from the first shipment, which was in June, 1917. Mr. Olney placed the number now in France at 650,000, of whom 275,000 had arrived since April 1. About 250,000 would arrive in May, a million would be there by July 4 and two million by Christmas, about 60 per cent being combatants. Departures will total not less than 200,000 a month, and may reach 300,000 a month by late fall.

It is the coming of this host which causes the Germans to strive for an early decision, for their airmen have doubtless seen and reported the great camps springing up in France. Knowing that it is only the vanguard of a great host unwasted and unwearied by war, as are the armies of France, Britain and Italy, the Kaiser feels the fear of democracy. By his treatment of Russia and Roumania he has so steeled the hearts of these millions against him that they will heed no talk of peace from him. Thus, in order to win supremacy over an ignorant, bankrupt, divided people, whose resources are so undeveloped that they cannot avail him in time, he has won the relentless enmity of this highly trained, wealthy, united people whose resources are ample to overwhelm him.

The Kaiser's nemesis is that every victory which he has won in the east has hardened the hearts of the people in the west against him and has added to the number of his enemies.—Oregonian.

Hay Curing.

The proper curing of hay is a matter of first importance. There is no crop grown that requires more care in harvesting and none is more easily damaged by neglect. Because of the high price of grain and mill feeds, quality in hay and other roughage is of more importance than ever before. Bleaching in the sun, bleaching by dews and rain and general weathering may reduce the feeding value of hay 50%.

The stage of growth at which the crop is cut and the manner of curing are main factors in determining the quality and feeding value of hay.

Early cut hay is best for dairy cattle. A common rule is to cut during early bloom. At this stage the protein content is high and palatability at its maximum. Cut alfalfa in early bloom and when the new sprouts are well started; clover when in full bloom; vetch when first pods are about half formed.

Late cutting means loss of protein, of palatability and of the finer and more valuable parts of the plant.

Do not mow when the crop is wet with rain or dew. The moisture dries off faster when the plant is standing. Cut in the morning as soon as the dew is off, or in the late afternoon. Rake as soon as the hay begins to dry and complete the curing in winnow or cock.

Curing is accomplished largely through the moisture in stem and stalk being thrown off through the leaves. If the leaves are allowed to quickly dry and shrivel in the sun, curing is retarded, quality injured and leaves and fine stem lost. Curing in the winnow or cock provides partial shade to the leaves and allows them to complete their work. The

leaves of the alfalfa plant contain over 15% protein while the stem has less than 2%.

If properly cured, hay should be a light green color, retain most of its leaves and have a pleasing aroma. Quality in hay means milk and butter fat at lowest cost.

At the dairymen's meeting to be held in Albany at 10 o'clock on Saturday, June 8, at the Commercial club rooms, and also at Brownsville on Tuesday morning, June 11, Prof. E. B. Fitts of the Agricultural College, will discuss hay making, including cutting, curing, harvesting and storing. All dairymen are invited to be present.

How to Increase World's Bread Ration

With famine creeping through Europe, and every nation struggling to produce enough food to sustain life, the American farmer has a duty that he can not shirk. America must ship food to Europe for our soldiers. America must supply bread to starving peoples. No matter what other crops are raised, more acres should be devoted to bread grains. "Do your bit, Mr. Farmer," says a Food Administration bulletin. "Success depends upon you in this world war."

West Point is on a food-conservation basis, and the health of the cadet corps is better than ever. All bread used is composed of 45 per cent wheat flour, 45 rye, and 10 per cent white bolted grain flour; and many cadets consider it superior to the former white bread. Sugar consumption has been cut down, meatless days and meals are rigidly observed, and the reduced amount of meat has been beneficial to health. A lesson from a reliable source.

Taking it From Babies.

"Every ounce of wheat products in excess of six pounds per month that you eat, Mr. American Citizen, is that much literally taken from the mouths of the starving women and children of France," says a Food Administration bulletin. "The armed allies may go without wheat, but these innocents will actually die unless we give them of ours in generous proportion."

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Any and all persons having objections to said final account are hereby notified to be present at said time in the County Court room in the Court House in the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, and then and there make such objections.
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Attorney for Executor.

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UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

HE GAVE HIS SHIRT OFF HIS BACK

How an Italian Officer Traveling on Train Helped a New Born Baby.

One of the ways to say that a man is good hearted is to descend to expressive Americanese slang and say "he'd give you his shirt."

A young Italian officer did exactly that—gave the shirt off his back to a baby just born. It was during a flight of the Italian refugees just after the Italian army had been tricked by the Austrians.

Here's the story:

An Italian officer, who had been a volunteer worker at the station when the crush came through, walked into the American Red Cross office at Bologna, Italy, and told of a poor young woman who had given birth to a baby on the train in which he was riding a few nights previously. They had been riding for over 16 hours, and the

wretchedly poor and disheartened mother had been jammed in with the hundreds of other frightened Italians on the same train. Hungry, tired and miserable and in a frightfully weakened condition, she had scarcely sufficient clothes for herself, not to speak of properly caring for a newborn babe. The young officer stripped himself of his shirt, and there among this frightened, half starved, forlorn crowd the poor Italian infant was wrapped in its first body covering.

Mother and babe were afterwards nursed back to health, clothed and looked after by the American Red Cross. And this is only one small, isolated incident among thousands that come under the working of the Red Cross.