

BRAZIL LOOKING TO FUTURE

Important Industries of the Country Are to Be Encouraged by the Government.

The secretary of agriculture of Brazil recently presented a lengthy memorial to the president of the republic explaining the necessity of encouraging the coal and steel industries, which has resulted in the publication of two decrees of the federal government.

The secretary's report states that until there are at least ten coal mines in active operation in the country the effect of this industry will not be felt in the conservation of the wood supply, which is now being rapidly consumed to meet the needs of the railways and of domestic industries. The steel industry is so largely dependent upon suitable fuel that, in the secretary's opinion, it should also receive the attention of the Brazilian government. The director of the geological survey of the Brazilian government states that by a process of washing metallurgical coke may be obtained from Brazilian coal, and that this is already being accomplished in the state of Santa Catharina.

The secretary points out that the present lack of sufficient domestic coal of suitable quality should not interfere with the establishment of a steel industry, which could temporarily use wood, and that for more than 200 years Sweden was obliged to depend upon this kind of fuel. He also says that in the United States some 400,000 tons of pig iron are produced annually by the use of charcoal as a fuel.—Commerce Reports.

CARRY FOOD TO TRENCHES

French Employ Canine Couriers to Take Supplies to the Men in Most Exposed Positions.

Trench warfare certainly interferes with the fighter's meals. After capturing the enemy's position in particular, is the fighter at a loss to know how he will get his regular rations; for no sooner does the enemy find himself dispossessed of his original trenches than he opens up with an intense barrage fire designed to prevent ammunition and food from reaching the new occupants.

The French army believes it has solved the problem of carrying food to men in isolated trenches, in its lunch dogs, says the Scientific American. Carrying light lunches and coffee, and even cartridges for the men in the first line trenches when the combat is hot and protracted these splendid trained dogs are more certain to get through barrages than men. Each dog is equipped with a sort of double bag- strapped tight over its body, and provided with numerous pockets for food, coffee cans, ammunition and other supplies.

It is at the military dog-training grounds at Paris that dogs are prepared for this service. Not only are these four-legged couriers taught to avoid the enemy and beware of tricks, but also to crawl on their stomachs in order to escape flying bullets. Special masks are provided for these dogs when they must pass through a poison gas area.

To Be Pitched Only in the Morning

Many years ago, when Connie Mack was the Milwaukee catcher and manager, the club opened the season with several sore-arm veteran pitchers. There was one youngster with the club who did not complain of this trouble, so they sent him to the slab. Milwaukee was beaten something like 10 to 4. The kid pitcher was downcast. "The umpire didn't give me any the best of it," he said by way of an alibi. "No," replied Joe Cantillon, who had overheard the remark; "neither did the opposing batters give you any the best of it."

The kid walked off in a huff. Connie Mack turned to Cantillon. "I'll say this for the boy," he said, "I've worked out with him every morning for the last two weeks, and he looked mighty good."

Cantillon pulled a schedule out of his pocket and glanced over it rapidly. "The next morning game is on Decoration day, Connie," he remarked. "Save the kid pitcher for then."

When a Prisoner is Exchanged

Ivan Rossiter, captured by the Germans and later exchanged, says in the Farm and Fireside: "Then I lay down, not to sleep but to think. I thought of the day when I enlisted in Canada, of leaving home, the training camps, the trip overseas to England, the training in England, going across the channel to Flanders, the terrific fighting at Ypres, of the many friends who fell on that bloody battlefield, how I was wounded and captured, the inhuman treatment I received at the hands of the German surgeons, who had four husky Germans hold me down while they cut five bones out of my wrist and amputated my middle finger at the second joint when I was wounded in the palm of the hand, the kicks and the cuffs from prison guards and the terrible stuff the Germans called food in the prison camps."

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Dark Hard Winter	\$2.22
Hard Winter	2.20
Yellow Hard Winter	2.18
Dark Northern Spring	2.22
Northern Spring (basic)	2.20
Red Spring	2.15
Red Winter, basic	2.20
Red Walla	2.13
Amber Durum	2.22
Durum	2.20
Red Durum, basic	2.13
Hard White, basic	2.20
Soft White	2.18
White Club	2.16

No. 2 wheat will be bought by the Grain Corporation at 3c under No. 1; No. 3 wheat at 7c under No. 1.

Mixed wheat and wheat grading lower than No. 3 will be bought by sample at its value.

The above prices are for bulk wheat. A premium of 9c per bushel will be paid for sacked wheat basis, good order sacks.

"Full steam ahead" on canning is the Food Administration order, but "slow" on sugar.

A non-poisonous snake does a lot of good and should not be killed just because it is a snake. Rattlers should be dispatched, though the rattler has the merit of warning before he strikes, which puts him a few laps ahead of the Hun.—Oregonian.

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A steer is dressed usually within twenty-four hours after purchase by the packer. The beef is held in a cooler at the packing house, at a temperature a little above freezing, for about three days.

It is then loaded into a refrigerator car where a similar temperature is maintained, and is in transit to market on an average of about six days.

Upon arrival at the branch distributing house, it is unloaded into a "cooler", and placed on sale.

Swift & Company requires all beef to be sold during the week of arrival, and the average of sales is within five days.

Any delay along the above journey means deterioration in the meat and loss to the packer.

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