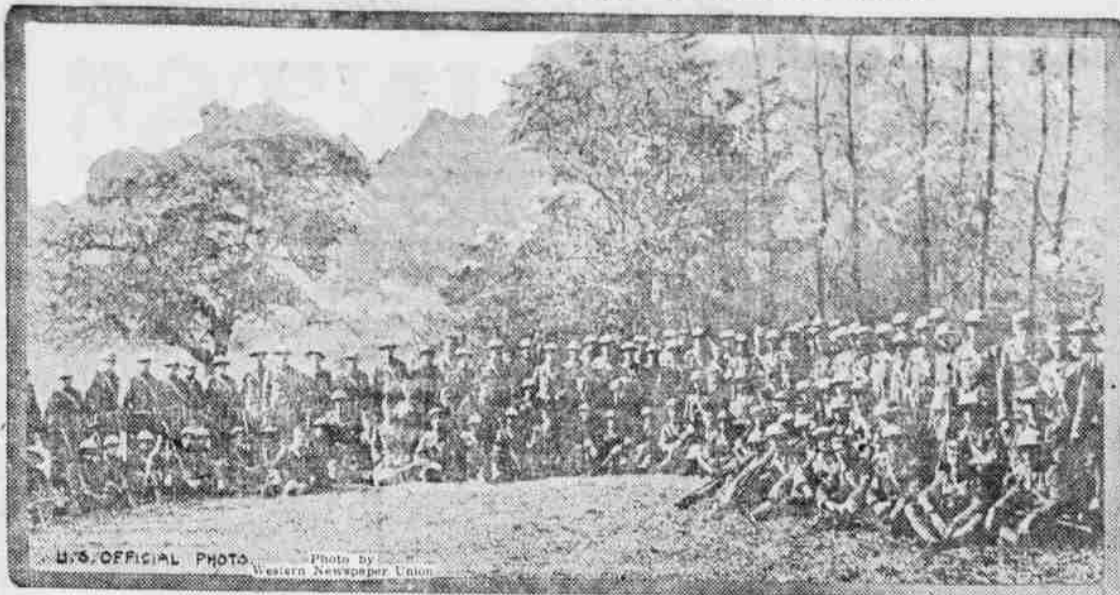


FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE "LOST BATTALION"



Photograph just released by the war department of Lieutenant Colonel Whittlesey's "lost battalion" at Apremont, Argonne forest, France. This group of boys is all that remain of the battalion that fought so bravely while it was surrounded by the Hun. Many of these men have returned to this country since the photograph was taken.

FARM IMPROVEMENTS AND RURAL CONSTRUCTION WORK

Farm products have a greater purchasing power today than ever before in the country's history. This may explain why rural districts of the country rapidly are getting under way with building and construction work. It is obvious, since building and construction work have such an important bearing at this time on stimulating general business, the farmer may serve both his own and the national interest by at once making needed improvements on his property. He can further the general welfare while assuring himself of immediate and permanent benefits, in urging road construction and improvements in his locality.

It is generally understood no material reduction may be expected in building and construction costs in the near future. To be sure, prices on some material may be slightly reduced in the readjustment, but the best authorities on the subject as-

sert no pronounced reductions are probable. This is explained by money conditions, the foreign demand, and the marked curtailment of production of building materials during the war. Prof. Fisher of Yale University has issued a statement in which he says the country is on a new price level from which there will be no general recession.

Many farmers have been unable to get materials and labor for barns, silos, houses and other improvements during the war. The farmer who at once avails of the labor supply and gets his improvement work underway, in the long run, may prove to be the prudent business man, for there is reason to believe that farmers who delay in the hope of materially reduced construction costs will have been deprived of the use of the improvements and in the end forced to pay approximately the building prices now prevailing.

In several states, among them Missouri, Oregon and Colorado, silo building campaigns are being carried

on by the Agricultural colleges. In Wisconsin there is a milk house campaign being vigorously prosecuted in the dairy districts, while in Illinois farmers are being urged to build feeding floors. Other campaigns for farm improvements are on in Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kentucky, Ohio, and in localities in Texas and Iowa. While many of these are being conducted by building interests, the Division of Public Works and Construction Development of the United States Department of Labor is interested in seeing them successfully carried out because the division realizes such activities on the farms are bound to have a beneficial effect on general business conditions.

The farmers of the country should have an unusual interest in road building at this time. If farming is to continue on its present profitable level, there must be no business stagnation in the country and the vast road building projects in the various states are destined to exert a profound influence in keeping "business as usual" or "better than usual." Road building creates a demand for materials and absorbs labor, and the labor problem is a serious one at present and will continue serious until American industries have readjusted themselves to peace production on a scale to meet the augmented demand of America and Europe.

WILL IMPROVE NATIONAL FOREST RANGES

New driveways, bridges, canals and drift fences are included in the Forest Service plans for improving the grazing ranges on the national forests of Oregon and Washington, according to District Forester Geo. H. Cecil, of Portland. Forty-three bridges, forty-six trails and driveways, twenty-four corrals and forty-three drift fences have already been built to facilitate the handling of stock on the national forests of the district. Water development has been made in 296 places.

The value of water development is illustrated by the Cabin Lake range, on the Deschutes National Forest, which formerly supported no stock because water was lacking. A deep well equipped with a gasoline pump now provides sufficient water for 600 cattle, and it is planned to

sink several more wells at intervals of about six miles, which, it is believed by forest officers, will equip the range to take care of 3,000 more cattle.

The eradication of poison plants which cause some annual loss of stock was successfully accomplished last year on a 20-acre area of tall larkspur on the Siskiyou National Forest. A similar area on the Minam will be grubbed out early in June by the forest service and the Goose Creek Cattle and Horse Association in co-operation. Fourteen other poisonous plant areas have been located by forest officials and will be taken care of as rapidly as possible.

The amount of range available in the national forests is limited, says Mr. Cecil, and the purpose of range improvements by the forest service is to give the ranges greater carrying capacity because of more intensive development.

HOUSING PLANS AVAILABLE

Plans for dwellings prepared by the United States Housing Corporation for building homes in congested industrial centers during the war are to be made available for general public use. The department of labor has announced that types of homes would be given to "Own Your Own Home" committees, promoting building activities in 40 cities.

In the department's effort to expand the home ownership campaign, letters were sent to municipal officials, labor leaders and club organizations in 400 cities urging the beginning of local campaigns.

CHURCH NOTICES

Christian Science

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the lodge room in the I. O. O. F. building.

Subject for Sunday, April 13th.—"Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?" Testimony meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Eugene Slooem. All interested are invited to attend these services.

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Buckley is a thrifty soul. He farms in summer and traps in winter and between wheat and furs he is growing rich. One morning his wife was cooking breakfast. She broke a rotten egg into a skillet and was starting toward the door to throw it away when Buckley stopped her.

"Woman, don't throw that egg away," said Buckley.

"But it's rotten," protested his wife. "Makes no difference," declared the philosopher. "There ain't nothin' in the world but—"

"James Buckley," exclaimed his wife, "I've heard that a thousand times."

The wolf never sniffs at the doors of the prosperous farmers of the Peace river country. But foxes are different animals—here is something you don't know—rotten eggs are rated as an epicurean tidbit in vulpine menus.

That night Buckley set a trap in a poplar grove near his home and baited it with the rotten egg. He hoped to catch a red fox or perhaps a coyote. But when he went out to his trap next morning, what do you think he found? The biggest silver fox Buckley ever had clapped eyes on. He sold the pelt to Peace River the other day for \$100.

"A right nice lot o' money to hatch from a rotten egg," remarked Buckley, as he stuffed the money in his pocket. "I've allers allowed that there ain't nothin' in the world but is good for somethin'."—Chicago Post.

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