

NEW TROOPS ARE HURRIED UP BY GERMANS

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which was set adrift yesterday landed within the British lines.

Terrific Slaughter.

Stories of the German counter attacks—there have been eight separate attempts to capture Gavrelle since Monday evening—tell of almost incredible tactics employed by the Germans in sending forward troops in mass formation, giving the British artillery the greatest opportunity for open target shooting it has had in the last two years. Several thousand gray-clad Germans were advancing in one of these attacks late Tuesday when the British curtain of fire shut down in front of them. Still other British guns fired straight through the curtain on the advancing men. Not a man passed beyond that curtain and when its obscuring smoke lifted there was not a moving German in sight. Nothing was to be seen but ploughed ground littered with sprawling dead.

One British regiment has a particular grievance against the Germans. The night before the attack a stray German shell landed direct on the regimental gun cart, destroying 68 gallons. Some of the men who had been sleeping and fighting in the open for three days were deprived of their drums which usually are distributed just before dawn these bitter cold mornings. There were several ammunition dumps nearby which might have been hit by the shell but as luck would have it the drum cart was the mark.

Enormous Sacrifice.

FRENCH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Wednesday evening, April 25.—The Germans today unsuccessfully hurled masses of men against Hartelise Farm, westward of Craonne. The only result of several strong German attempts to recover the territory won from them in the last week's severe fighting was an enormous sacrifice of some of their best troops.

During these attacks the correspondent watched the French artillery hurling wide salvos of shells which dropped with methodical precision on the German lines further eastward in the vicinity of Ville-Aux-Bois.

FOOD PREPAREDNESS LECTURES GIVEN

The food preparedness lectures given by the O. A. C. extension service directors at the high school and Washington and Lincoln schools Thursday forenoon, and at the armory this afternoon were well attended by Medford housewives and others interested.

Prof. W. S. Brown and C. C. Lamb gave the chief lectures, and instructive talks and practical demonstrations were given by Miss Helen Cowgill and Miss Johnson. The subjects discussed covered home canning, food preparation, vegetable growing and poultry raising.

At the high school Wednesday evening Miss Cowgill and Prof. Brown had charge of the program.

The O. A. C. exhibit cars which were visited by many people Thursday will be taken to Grants Pass this evening.

Barring the Mail Order Houses

(From the Keystone Weekly.) Another large publishing house, one of whose publications is credited with a circulation of more than a million copies, announced some weeks ago that, beginning with its April issue, all mail order advertising would be excluded from its columns. The publication referred to is the Dellinator, which has come out flat-footed in favor of the "Buy-at-home movement," and which proclaims its purpose to conduct a campaign in the interest of the retailer for the following very excellent reasons:

Mail-order houses have grown rich at the expense of the local merchant. Every dollar that goes to a mail-order house instead of purchasing from a local dealer leaves town never to return.

Often customers of a local store have transferred a large part of their trade to a mail-order concern long before the merchant learned anything about it.

The smaller the town the greater the weight of the mail-order house on the necks of the local merchants.

The interest of the local retailer is diametrically opposed to that of the mail-order house. In many entire states mail-order houses are so strongly entrenched that they get

UNCLE SAM TURNING OUT U-BOAT CHASERS AS FAST AS "TIN SOLDIERS" FROM A MOLD

Hundred Factories Rush Construction of Big "Mosquito Fleet." Calculated to End "Mad Dog" Submarine Warfare.

BY F. M. KERBY.

BAYONNE, N. J., April 26.—Uncle Sam is going about the work of producing fleets of submarine chasers, eventually running into the thousands in numbers, like a toymaker turning out "tin soldiers" from a mold. Hundreds of shipbuilding plants have contracts.

To see how these chasers are built I have just been permitted to go thru the plant of the Electric Launch company of Bayonne, which built 550 chasers for the British government in 550 days, and has procured contracts for the new 110-foot model "seawasp," designed by the navy department.

Standardization the Secret.

Special guards surround the plant and no one without official pass is permitted to enter.

"Standardization" is the secret of the rapid construction of these miniature destroyers. Every part, down to the most minute screw and bolt is standardized.

The "jittneys of the sea" are being turned out like chickens from an incubator. I saw piled ready for the workmen, dozens of engine parts; hundreds of pieces of seasoned wood cut by the mills to fit the specifications, barrels of copper rivets, bundles of the small masts, hundreds of coils of steel wire, and countless separate parts.

In the steam shop, the seasoned wood is steamed for warping into the shape which the ribs of the vessels must take. The floor was covered with shiplap blocks of wood, nailed to the floor, around which the ribs are bent as they come from the steam chests.

Chasers 110-Foot Type.

Other forms are built to hold concrete until it hardens, and around these other pieces of wood are bent until they take the form necessary for the builders.

These chasers are of the 110-foot class, designed to develop 1560 horsepower with their triple engines, from which it is hoped to get a speed of 20 knots, or 24 miles an hour.

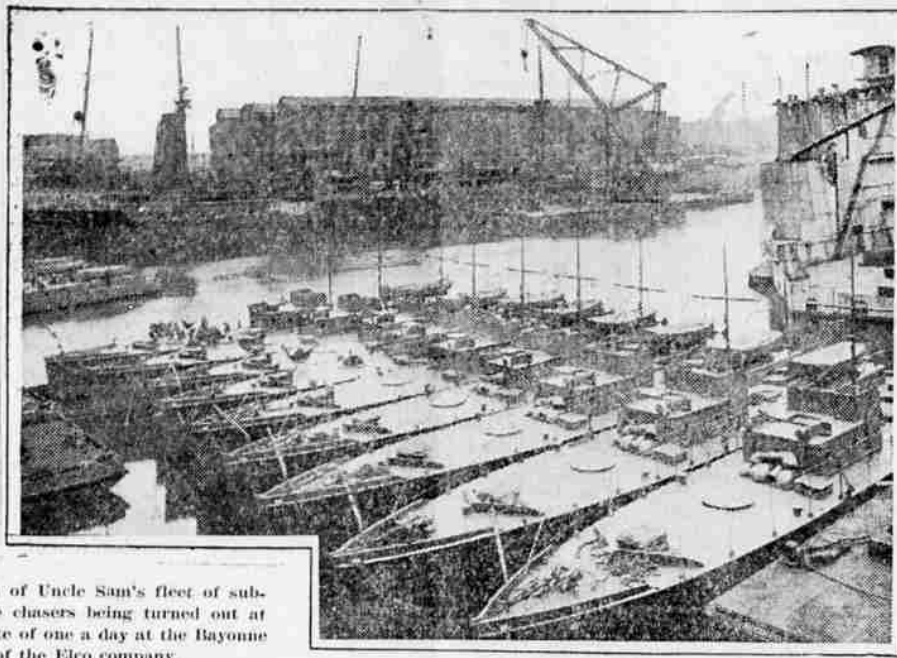
This award was in addition to awards previously made, and in addition also to a large number of craft between 60 and 100 feet in length, purchased by the department and now in commission.

RECEPTION FOR SEVENTH COMPANY

A very large attendance is expected at the reception for the Seventh company Friday evening at the Natatorium to be given under the auspices of the Greater Medford club. Plans for an exceptionally enjoyable time are being made by the committee in charge.

Donations for the supper to be given to the Seventh company and the honor guests are to be taken to the natatorium Friday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock.

The whole public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the musical program and dance beginning at 8 o'clock in the large hall of the natatorium.



Part of Uncle Sam's fleet of submarine chasers being turned out at the rate of one a day at the Bayonne plant of the Electro company.

MOST OPTIMISTIC FRUIT OUTLOOK FOR COMING YEAR

During the past week the Rogue River Fruit & Producers association has had interesting visits with Mr. E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific company, and Mr. George M. Pope, of Dennis, Kimball & Pope who handle the associations auction and export business.

Mr. McCormick states very positively that the refrigerator car service the coming season will be better than in 1916 and he does not look for any serious car shortage. Mr. Pope looks for good prices for the season's crop.

The prosperity of this country has never been greater. High prices are already being paid everywhere for all kinds of fruit for canning and drying purposes and in general for all other commodities. The export outlook is for certainly as good conditions as last year and in case of termination of the war, the condition should be undoubtedly better. The entry of the United States into the war with the tremendous financial support already assured should greatly stimulate trade between the two countries and make very probable the removal of the present embargo on the shipments of fresh fruits.

The ocean lanes of traffic should be much better guarded, both to Europe and to South America, and a considerably larger business with Brazil and the Argentine should result. This is all very gratifying news, for while it is ridiculous to attempt to estimate the crop of this district at this time, there is undoubtedly a possibility that the Rogue river valley will harvest in 1917 the largest crop of apples and pears in its history.

A brief statement of what the association has done during the past season, is now doing, and expects to do with the 1917 crop, is interesting in this connection. The association sold and accounted to the growers before Christmas 1916 for every box of Bartlett, Howell, Anjou, Bosc and Comice pears, and of Spitzenberg and Jonathan apples. The total pear average was \$1.74 per box on these varieties; the total apple average was \$1.66, which included all the poor prices obtained for the Jonathan apples. The grand average for all these pears and apples sold and accounted for before Christmas, was \$1.62 per box. All these prices were f. o. b. Medford, all selling charges out. Incidentally, the prices on Spitzenberg apples ranged from 34c to 29c a box higher than the advertised prices of the Fruit Growers' exchange of Hood River.

The total sum thus accounted for before Christmas 1916, was over \$127,000. Before February first, 1917, every box of Ben Davis apples were sold and accounted for to the growers. The net proceeds on this variety, or a total of over \$3700. This left, after February first, nothing unaccounted for except Winter Nellis pears and Newtown apples. The last car of Winter Nellis pears has now been sold and the pool prices are being made up. The association has advanced to the growers of the Winter Nellis pool up to date, approximately \$9000.

All the cars of Newtown apples have now been sold and the proceeds on all the cars with the exception of four recently sold in England, have been received. The actual account sales and money on these cars are expected prior to May first which will enable the association to close its season's business previous to its annual meeting, May 8th. The association has advanced to Newtown growers to date approximately \$20,000.

Advices as to the prices at which the last four cars of Newtowns were sold, are that they ranged from 16 shillings to twenty-one shillings per box delivered. This should mean an average f. o. b. Medford price of \$2.00 or better. Approximately 50 per cent of the total 1916 tonnage was sold at private sale to the association's own carlot customers or thru its own private brokers. On all such sales the selling charge to the growers was a flat 19c per box. On all domestic consignment sales the charge was 7 per cent of the delivered price. These selling charges will be maintained again on the 1917 business.

As to orchard supplies: The association has handled considerably over 50 per cent of the total orchard supplies used in the Rogue River valley this season. Its prices, in all cases, have met and will meet, all reasonable competition. It succeeded in obtaining a price on smudge oil for the season which was substantially less than the best prices obtainable elsewhere. Its first carload of Grassell Arsenate of Lead Paste has been delivered and is ready for delivery to the growers. It has two other carloads in transit, the last of which includes a small consignment of dry lead.

As to the association's plans and expectations as to the handling of the 1917 crop,—it will charge a fixed price for packing pears, half-pears and apples which will cover all labor and all materials including carloading. These prices will meet any reasonable competition. All pears will be hauled at night and every pear hauled one night will be packed and downstairs in the pre-cooling rooms or in a refrigerator car by 7 o'clock the following evening. All fruit will be pooled unless the grower expressly notifies the association that he desires his fruit sold for his separate account. All packing charges will be advanced by the association, including all labor and material and carloading, and deducted from the

proceeds of the fruit. Additional reasonable advances will be made to any grower upon proper terms.

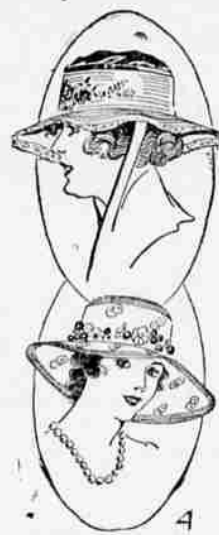
The association will follow, on a much larger scale than ever before, its established practice of selling everything possible f. o. b. Medford. Plans have already been made for for this service, and with carlot customers and private brokers all over the United States, Canada and Europe who handled the Triangle brand for years and know their value, there is no doubt of its continued and increased success in this line. All fruit not sold f. o. b. will again be consigned to Messrs. Dennis, Kimball & Pope both for domestic and export sales. The record of this firm in this district is too well and favorably known to require any argument to establish its efficiency. It is a fact of some possible significance

however, that Mr. Dennis has, within the past few weeks, been appointed government controller for the whole of Great Britain, of all fresh fruits and vegetables. This appointment is the highest tribute the British government could give to his ability and standing as an expert on fresh fruits and vegetables.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when covering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is too foul to fit the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

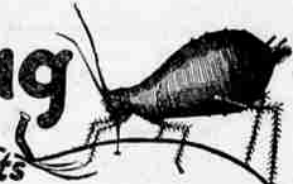
\$5 Millinery Sale



All trimmed hats valued up to \$10 will be put on special Sale Friday and Saturday April 27 and 28. Choice while they last \$5

MISS LOUNSBURY at M. M. Dept. Store

KILL This Bug Before it Kills Your Profits



It's Aphid, and is destroying Apple profits everywhere. Already regarded by many growers the most destructive apple insect. It weakens the trees and injures the fruit. You can control Aphid, Red Bug, Leaf Hopper and other soft-bodied, sap-sucking insects with

Black Leaf 40 40% Nicotine

Manufactured by The Kentucky Tobacco Product Co., Incorporated, Louisville, Ky. Can be used with Lime-Sulphur, Arsenate of Lead, Bordeaux and other sprays as recommended. May be used separately, if desired, and at almost any time. Mixes perfectly with water. Costs about one cent per gallon diluted for the trees. Recommended by Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. Guaranteed by us and its manufacturers. Free Spray Chart and Booklets showing when and how to spray, and how to protect trees, vines and vegetables from insect pests.

MEDFORD—Garnett-Corey Hardware Co., Producers Fruit Co., Rogue River Co-Operative Fruit Growers Assn., Rogue River Fruit and Produce Association. ASHLAND—Ashland Fruit and Produce Association.

Take It Along—



Travelers who find it better for their health to abstain from coffee, and there are many, carry a tin of Instant Postum and prepare their own beverage at table.

Put a level teaspoonful of

INSTANT POSTUM

in a cup—more or less to suit individual taste—dissolve with hot water and add sugar and cream.

Those who desire a delicious, satisfying drink that is free from the harmful effects of coffee should use Postum—

"There's a Reason"

Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Every factor of a good investment is met in the Ford car for business utility—low first cost, small upkeep, minimum depreciation. With these merits is all the motor car performance you can buy at any price. In city or country Ford service is close at hand—the service that keeps more than 1,750,000 Ford cars in daily use. Touring Car \$360, Runabout \$345, Coupelet \$505, Town Car \$595, Sedan \$645—all f. o. b. Detroit. Remember, Ford owners drive their cars all the year around.

Easy terms.

C. E. GATES