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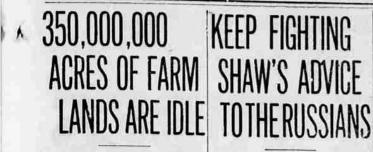
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for Gardens, Speculators Are Holding Almost Half of Agricultural Land Unimproved to Reap Unearned Increment-Congress Acts.

(By Gilson Gardner, Washington Corre-

WASHINGTON, June 14. - There are approximately 350,000,000 acres of idle land in United States farms, according to latest census figures, those taken in 1910

in farms is improved. In 1910 a little over half the land in farms in the United States was improved-478,451,750 acres out of a total of 878,798,325 acres.

This is how private ownership of land for speculative purposes results in Ian dbeing held out of use.

Get Land Into Use. It is one cause of present high prices of foodstuffs and the difficulty of raising enough food to meet the needs of the nations warring to put down German autocracy.

How to get this land into use in one of the government's war problems. There is no use plowing up lawns and tennis courts when half the best farm lands are untilled.

Why not tax them into use? This thought occurred to some members of congress looking for ways to raise war revenue. The speculative value of unused land is a fine untapped source of revenue, and the effect or such taxes, unlike taxes on in Mustry and improvements, would be te stimulate production rather than discourage it.

More food would be raised, the farmer would get better prices, because the speculator would get less in rent and holding price and the consumer would get food cheaper.

Committee at Work, All this has been urged on the sen ate finance committee which is mulling over the revenue act. A committee has been formed to help work out the food and land problem with Chas H. Ingernoll (of watch fame) at its head and containing such men as Frederick C. Howe, immigration commissioner; John J. Hopper of New York: Stiles P. Jones, Minnesota; Lucius F. C. Garvin, ex-governor, Rhode Island; J. J. Pastoriza, Texas; C. B Kegley, Washington state,

It is urged that a tax of this character would produce large revenue and cheapen necessities and tend to check the tendency of farm lands to drift into monopoly. Nineteen pe cent of the farm land in the United States, about 170,000,000 acres, was ip 1910 in tracts of a thousand acres over and 9 % per cent was in tracts of 500 to 399 acres, about \$5,000,000 acres, a total of approximately 255. 000,000 acres

Kept Out of Use. The United States commission on Industrial relations reported: "More than four-fifths of the area of the large holding is being kept out of actual use by their 50,000 own ers while 2,350,000 farmsr are struggling for a bare existence on farms o less than 50 acres."

All of which results in high rents as well as high-priced land. In 1916 the department of agriculture report ed the average value per acre of farm

apart. Continued carrying on of they will simply he throwing open the door to war within their borders. withor. While People Are Plowing Up Lawns Bernard Shaw, World's Foremost Sozes the position of the successful revolutionists. They are men from modest walks of life who are suddenly cialist, Maintains That Russian thrown into positions of unlimited Radicals Should Prosecute War power. They have not the restraint in his interview today pointed out With Vigor-"America's Entry

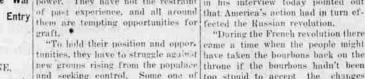
Strengthens Their Hands."

BY KENNETH W. PAYNE.

LONDON, June 14 .- "If I were to give my advice to the Russian uvolutionists it would be to keep the war going at all costs! And if peace coming to the top, forming new gov-soon brings an end to this war I would comments, and then having their leads offs back on the throne of Russia, Less than three-fifths of the land tell them to start anothe, was right lopped off to make way for still other if it weren't for the fact that Ameri-

away !" Thus spoke George Hernard Shaw in an interview today.

The Russian socialists have repeattion. edly indicated their desire to work "But Russia has a nice war vith for peace at the earliest moment pos-sible without indemnities or annex- Let the war keep up, and the Russian ed to Yreka Thursday morning. They ations. But Shaw, the world's greatest socialist thinker, tells them in- resisting, the Germans are going to Applegate.



new groups rising from the populace throne if the bourhons hadn't been Some one of too stpuid to accept the changes these groups proves stronger than the brought by the revolution, such as

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said today, "because its constitu-

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the spectacle of successive groups day we would see the reactionaries nments.

"That is what happened in the the revolutionary leaders, by com-French revolution. That is what we ing into the war on the side of the wight call the asual course of revolu- allies with insistence on the principles of democracy.'

Ragsdale will be burled at 10 people feel that unless they go on have been visiting with relatives at Medford.

BASYE'S FAMILY HERE FOR FUNERAL

A beautiful young woman, gowned

in deep black, sobbing as if her heart were broken, and leasing heavily on Of course it suits as over here for "The man in the street hardly real-the position of the successful their own inferest as well." the arms of her husband and a friend arrived on train No. 13 from Portland The effect of the Russian revolution Thursday morning. The young wo on America's entrance into the war has been widely discussed. Shaw man was Mrs. V. C. Bartlett, who formerly was Miss Zeptha Basye, of Jacksonville, a daughter of the respected pioneer, Charles H. Basye, county jailer, who died shortly after "During the French revolution there the infliction with a clothes ironer, of come a time when the people might timities, they have to struggle against have taken the bourbons back on the a half score ghastly head wounds at the hands of J. L. Ragsdale, a prisoner, Tuesday afternoon. Ragsdale committed suicide afterbeing surrounded by sheriff's deputies and 1 company guardsmen, dying about the same hour as his victim

Arrangements for Basye's funeral as announced in Wednesday's Mail en has strengthened the hands of Tribune, will stand. After brief exercises in Perl's chapel at noon Sunday, the burial will be at Missour Flat cemetery at 2 o'clock, with services at the grave. The arrangements are under direction of the Odd Fel

o'clock in the I, O. O. F. cemetery



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lands, exclusive of improvements, was in north Atlantic states \$36.71; in south Atlantic states \$23.79; in north central east of the Mississippi \$74.95 north central, west of the Mississippi \$59.6S; south central, \$24.09; and far western, \$58.40; for the United States as a whole, \$45,55.

By the same authority it is esti-mated the average value of a farm, with its land and buildings alone is \$7,121.

Public Land Useless.

It is true there are nearly 280,000, 000 acres of free public land, but most of it is arid or rocky, not available for farming without outlay of large capital.

Five per cent charged as ground rent for farm land of the United States at present consus value would amount to \$2,105,000,000,

The present tax rate on land value does not average over 116 per cent, including tax levied by direct tax, state and local, and amounts to only about \$425,000,000 a year.

War taxes this year will approximate \$25 per capita or \$150 for a family of six, while in many states lo cal income tax will make the individual burden greater.

So long as capital can find refuge in land investment whit a prospect of doubling the investment every ten years wealth is escaping its share of the war burden and all forms of productive activity are being discour aged.

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> > A. S. V. CARPENTER, Labor Manager.