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IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY

When the army sells food at cost. Millions back soldier pay plea. Nation watches Iowa truck express.



Battling Mr. High Cost of Living has developed some interesting and effective action all over the land. These late news pictures show results. The line of waiting market baskets shows how people of Akron lined up to buy at the sale of Army food which the government

has been distributing at cost in cities all over the nation. The big pile of bundles on the steps of the capital at Washington is of the \$1,000,000 positions for six months pay for soldiers, sailors and marines. Homer Sheridan is presenting them to Gen. A. Sanborn, secretary of the army.

The truck load of poultry shows how the nation is attempting to profit by the example of Iowa's motor express lines. Official recommendation has been made in New York that all army motor trucks be turned to the Postoffice department and put to work carrying perishable foods direct from the country to the city consumer eliminating the profiteer's grab

AUSTRALIANS LEAVE SOON.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—The Australian high command is preparing to get the last Australian troops out of England not later than the first week in September. Many of the soldiers have married English girls.

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SUGAR SHORTAGE NOT IMMINENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—There is no national sugar shortage imminent in the United States, and in no year since the beginning of the war has there been a country-wide shortage, it is declared by Commerce Monthly, issued by the National Bank of Commerce in New York. The bank continues:
"A study of the facts of supply and consumption shows that what regional shortages did occur were due to maladjustment in distribution in respect both to different localities and to different periods of the year. Next year no excess of consumption is likely. Present prospects indicate that the supply will be normal."
"The United States consumes more sugar than any other country, but ranks only fifth in the world's production. Consequently we are forced to import three-fourths of our sugar supply, which makes us an important factor in the international market."
"The United States consumed an annual average of 3,797,000 tons of sugar before the war, equal to over one-fifth of the world's total production. Of this amount we produced only 822,000 tons or 23 per cent."

"Cuba now leads the world in sugar production. Before the war the British, Indian and German sugar crops ranked first and second respectively, the Cuban crop being only third. In 1917 and 1918 Cuba produced more sugar than the estimated crops of these two countries combined and more than twice as large as her own average pre-war crop. It will amount this year to nearly one-fourth of the world's production in contrast to less than one-eighth before the war. British India and Germany, each of which before the war raised about one-seventh of the world's crop, will raise this year one-seventh and one-twelfth respectively. The Javan crop so far increased in importance since the outbreak of the war that the 1919 crop is estimated at over one-tenth of the world's crop. The total world's crop of 1919 is estimated at 18,312,000 tons, approximately a million tons less than the 1918 crop, but over a half million tons more than the average pre-war crop."

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EGYPTIANS AID ALLIES IN WAR

Egyptians Served Under Their Own Flag During World War—Helped the British Artillery in February, 1915, Against Turks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Ronald Lindsay, charge d'affaires of the British Embassy, today made public a letter to Grover C. Hall, Associate Editor of The Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, Ala., in reply to an inquiry by Mr. Hall as to "how many Egyptian soldiers fought under the British flag during the war and what was the number of casualties suffered by them?"
The inquiry, it is said, was prompted by the brief recently presented by Joseph W. Folk, former Governor of Missouri to the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate, in which Mr. Folk called attention to the fact that 1,000,000 Egyptian troops fought on the side of the Allies.
"The British Government" wrote Mr. Lindsay, who was in Egypt all through the war, "has carefully avoided destroying Egyptian sovereignty. Egyptian soldiers always serve under the Egyptian and not under the British flag. The Union Jack does not fly in Egypt except over the British military establishments in the country, elsewhere the distinctive Egyptian flag is displayed. To answer your question literally, no Egyptian soldier joined the British colors."
"Of course this is only a partial statement. In February 1915, when the Turkish army attacked Egypt. A battery of Egyptian Artillery joined the British force defending the line of the Suez Canal. The enemy's attack developed just opposite this battery, the members of which managed their guns in an able manner and assisted in the repulse of the enemy. I believe they lost two killed and half a dozen wounded."
"No other Egyptian armed forces were in action during the recent war, but later on, three or four Egyptian battalions guarded lines of communication in Sinai while General Allenby was conducting his campaign in Syria; and an Egyptian detachment was at one time in the Hadjaz. Neither of these forces was ever under fire."

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ALASKAN TOURIST TRAVEL HEAVIEST IN MANY YEARS.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 4.—Never before in the history of Alaska has the summer tourist rush to the northland been as great as it is this year. Hundreds of people from the states evidently are obeying the injunction to "See America First" and are starting on Alaska.

All Alaska seaports report there are scores of people here, who, on account of the rush of excursionists, are unable to get accommodations on steamers back to the states. Steamship companies find themselves unable to handle both the tourist traffic and the regular summer business.

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