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MICKIE SAYS



WAR ORPHANS OF FRANCE SUFFERED SHOCK

The children of France have not yet emerged from the shadow of the war. With peace assured, and a happier future opening before them, it becomes increasingly evident that the child life of France has suffered a shock from which it is difficult to rally; while the birth rate has dropped to 8 to each 1,000 population.

The Fatherless Children of France, an American organization co-operating with a similar one in Paris of which Marshal Joffre is the head, reports that of the children receiving American aid to the extent of 10 cents a day under its plan of securing American godmothers for the little French war waifs, its records show an average of 700 children's deaths per month since the armistice. The help of the American godmothers came too late to save these undernourished nerve-shocked little ones.

Mrs. Walter S. Brewster of Chicago, vice-chairman of the Fatherless Children of France, has been appointed chairman of a campaign to secure American aid for the 60,000 little war orphans whose names were on the lists of the organization as "un-adopted" before the signing of the armistice. Ten cents will care for a child for an entire day; \$3.00 for a month; while for \$36.50 a year the donor may select a child from the lists at the organization's headquarters and be placed in correspondence with it. To adopt a child or donation write for information to Mrs. Walter S. Brewster, room 634, 410 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

MEXICAN OIL WELLS ARE WONDERS

It is not generally known that the world's greatest oil wells today are located in Mexico. One well that was producing 50,000 barrels of petroleum daily for eight years has been closed by flooding. This well in measured capacity turned out 120,000 barrels crude oil per day in a steady stream for eight years. Another Mexican well at Cerro Azul, brought in February 10, 1916, has a tested capacity of 310,000 barrels daily. On account of limited pipe line it has been throttled down to a flow of fifteen thousand barrels per day. While the English capitalists have oil interests in Mexico, American investments are still larger. The

and Great Britain in oil supplies from Mexico make friendly relations important. Oil may be the means of allaying all troubles on the waters of international strife between the two nations.

FOREST FIRES

The camping season is on. The greatest possible care should be taken by campers not to build large fires and to see that any they do build are thoroughly extinguished before they leave them. Also to avoid throwing cigar or cigarette ends about. Fire is a very dangerous thing in the forest. A big conifer in front of the camp at night is a pretty sight but a little twig red hot and carried on the wind may start a forest fire.

VOCATION COURSES HELP COUNTRY BOYS

Country boys who finish grammar school too late for high school or find no high school within their reach find relief in the vocational course at the state agricultural college, says C. L. Samuelson, Portland, and W. H. Ellestad, Tulare, Cal. Both boys left the farm for vocation work in mechanic arts six years ago when way past high school age. They finished in three years. Mr. Samuelson is now mechanic for the Starr Drilling company of Portland at \$42, and has been offered the foremanship at larger salary. Mr. Ellestad is teaching manual training at Tulare at \$1650 a year. Vocational courses in agriculture and other occupations are open to boys who want scientific training and can take regular college courses.

OREGON COWS MAKE WORLD RECORD

The highest average ever reported from as 3366 cows in five testing associations was made by Oregon herds for May, says E. L. Westover, federal and O. A. C. dairy extension specialist. The cows averaged 950.4 pounds milk and 39.79 pounds fat. When it is understood that 40 pounds of fat a month puts cows of America in the honor class, the Oregon dairy cow performance is seen to show up the average as good as specials in other states. The best cow was Dot, owned by Joe Durrer in Tillamook, which made a record of 5210 pounds fat in May—the best of any cow west of the Mississippi river.

RIGHT MATURITY SILAGE BEST

Experienced silage men do not rush their crops into the silo while yet immature, but hundreds of livestock men will put up silage for the first time this year and frequently make that mistal says E. L. Westover, federal and O. A. C. field specialist. Corn, pea and vetch, and sunflowers, are best when the grain or seed has been formed and is passing into the dough stage.

An inspection among feet and shoes of 1,087 soldiers in the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Infantry showed: Corns, 750; callouses, 1,050; toes jammed or crowded, 636; hammer toes, 16; ingrowing nails, 762; bunions, 613; good feet, 290; men wearing shoes one or more sizes too small, 476; men wearing shoes too large, 131.

England has given a black eye to its gallantry by holding a contest for the ugliest woman. In the United States some women are rated prettier than others, but there are no ugly ones. In the American eye all women are beautiful, and since the men are returning from the war more so than ever.

An army messenger pigeon which saved the lost battalion by bringing its message for help at a critical moment, and lost a leg in the effort, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. A fine record this, of a mere little bird, compared with that of the human slackers of the war.

German sympathizers in the United States should be an anomaly. Those who are here should go where their sympathies are, and that, promptly. To allow them to remain would be to permit a dangerous leaven to work its insidious way through our healthy Americanism.

The devastated region of France is already under repair. Yankee energy and resources will soon show their miracles of reconstruction over there, as our men showed their miracles in the way of an invincible army springing up overnight.

A German leader complains that to make Germany pay the cost of the war would compel the whole nation to become coolies. Well, coolies are more useful than junkies, and the world will respect them more.

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BRING YOUR MACHINE REPAIRING TO THE NYSSA BLACKSMITH

Object Lesson: Americanizing Public Schools by Wartime Activities

By HARRIET A. ECKHARDT, Principal Swift School, Chicago

Americanizing the public school through financial war time activities has proved a most illuminating object lesson to the teachers of the Swift school, to the parents of the pupils and to the boys and girls themselves.

The Swift school, established five years ago, and named for George B. Swift, the forty-fifth mayor of Chicago, is an elementary school with about nine hundred pupils. The grades include kindergarten to eighth; the ages are from five to thirteen. It is in the Twenty-fifth ward, on the North side, and in a fairly well-to-do neighborhood. It may be said to be a typical big-city American public school.

The Swift teachers proudly say, "Our million-dollar school." By this we mean that its war activities during the last two years have amounted to over a million dollars. The Liberty loan sales, including the Victory loan sale of \$318,000, aggregate \$918,150. The Red Cross activities include memberships, \$1,252.25; ambulance, \$1,795, and Belgian clothing fund of \$285 raised by sale of 21 tons of paper collected by children, and the total is \$5,923.55. War activities include Y. M. C. A., canteen and library contributions, and total \$3,281.61. The sale of War Savings stamps to pupils aggregates \$20,027, and the school itself has an investment in stamps of \$2,455, the proceeds of entertainments. The grand total is \$1,020,837.16.

The nation has therefore been served by the Swift school to no small extent. But the benefit to the Swift school—to the teachers, the pupils, the parents, the community and the school as a school—has been far greater in proportion. This benefit can hardly be set forth in comprehensive detail. It includes, however, outstanding items like these:

Unifying of teachers, of pupils and of teachers and pupils, and development of the school spirit; the Swift motto is "Loyalty," and its banner is blue and white.

Formation of habits of saving and thrift; appreciation of value of money; acquaintance with business methods; knowledge of the power of organization and teamwork; training in individual thinking and in public speaking.

Increased interest in American history and institutions and in national affairs; a splendid spirit of loyalty and responsibility to school, city and country.

Every Element in Purchase of Thrift Stamps Contributes to Patriotism

BY THE WIFE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL



The habit of saving by means of Thrift and War Savings stamps is a personal benefit as well as a help to the country, combining patriotism with a good and thoroughly safe business investment.

The person who with his savings is taking a part in financing his country takes up the same relationship to his country as a new investor in any enterprise. Like the investor in an industrial project he has a personal interest in the organization, the management, and the prosperity of the nation. He pays careful attention to public affairs, and a hitherto indifferent attitude is transformed into scrutinizing and critical thought. He has a new desire to promote in every way the well-being of the country. The well-being of a country, thus looked after, becomes a matter of healthy development, and lends no encouragement to bolshevism or anarchist.

There is a patriotism, too, in the personal gain accruing to the individual from investment in War Savings stamps paying four per cent interest compounded quarterly. The person who is accumulating such a reserve fund is ready to better his condition when the opportunity comes his way; he cannot be shipwrecked by some unexpected storm of adversity; putting his savings into Thrift stamps and War Savings stamps, he is developing the habit of handling his earnings to their best advantage; he is keeping out of debt; he is evolving steady habits of self-development. A nation of such individuals means national stability and ever-increasing growth.

In other words, every element in the purchase of War Savings stamps contributes to patriotism. Even the personal profit they pay makes for national solidity and advancement, for War Savings stamps are constructed in such fashion that they benefit both the buyer and the government.

Advice to American Disabled Soldiers From Their French "Grandfather"

By DR. MAURICE BOURRILLON, Paris

Since I am director of the National Institute for Disabled Soldiers at Paris and since I have been called the grandfather of the movement for the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers, let me speak to you as I should speak to my children and give you a few words of advice before I leave your powerful and wonderful country. I have just been visiting the first institutions which the American people have organized for giving you assistance in the reconstruction of your lives.

If you have lost an arm or a leg, or even both, or are otherwise permanently disabled, you can still become a skillful workman in a trade which will be carefully chosen for you. Or, if you prefer, you can complete your general instruction, and after education in certain subjects find splendid positions in commercial, industrial or scientific firms. I firmly believe that, just as our French soldiers have done, you will understand that it is your duty both to America and to yourselves to put into the reconstruction of your lives the same ardor and courage which you gave evidence of when you came to the aid of France.

Many of our French soldiers believed that inasmuch as they had been wounded in serving the nation ought to support them for the rest of their lives. France no more than America thinks of quibbling over the right of her wounded soldiers to generous compensation for their disabilities, but she is convinced that she should give a further proof of her appreciation of the valiant defenders by placing them in a position to serve their country again through their work.

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