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NO SHORTAGE OF FOODSTUFFS LIKELY.

The department of agriculture issued the following statement on February 17:

The 1914 wheat crop of the United States was estimated to be \$91,000,000 bushels. The estimated surplus carried over from the 1913 crop was about 76,000,000 bushels. There was, therefore, a total available supply of 967,000,- what Belgium has suffered at their hands, though they 600 bushels. As the normal annual per capita consump- will not admit that the cases are parallel, since they insist tion of wheat in the United States is about 5.3 bushels, that they destroyed only when assailed by the civilian pop-520,000,000 bushels should meet our normal domestic re- ulation. quirements for food; in addition, 90,000,000 bushels are rebushels, therefore, should supply the normal domestic demand. This would leave a surplus of 357,000,000 hushels. Of this surplus, about 210,000,000 bushels were exported by January 30. This left 147,000,000 bushels, or 40,000,000 bushels more than our average annual exports for the past export of nearly 1,000,000 bushels a day until July 1, be- and the murder of children. fore which time the new crop will begin to be available. This is about the average recent exportation.

The large demand for our wheat arises from the fact that there was an estimated world's shortage of over 400,000,000 bushels outside of the United States, from the fact that the Russian exportable surplus of 100,000,000 bushels is not available generally, and from the fact that bushels is not available generally, and from the fact that the belligerent nations are eager to secure food supplies. A good many persons are inquiring nowadays of the newspapers about the use of flags of other countries by If it were not for these things, we should be discussing merchant vessels and warships. One authority on such ways and means of disposing of our tremendous surplus of food products.

As has been stated, the new American crop will begin to appear before July. The Argentine crop is now coming has been raised as to the correctness of the theory underon the market. It is estimated that from that source there will be available 100,000,000 bushels. A surplus of 75,000,-000 bushels or more from India will be available in May and June. The increase in the fall-sown wheat acreage of the United States in 1914 was 11.1 per cent, or over 4,000,- fly either belligerent or neutral flags as a ruse either to 000 acres; in the Northern Hemisphere generally the escape or to draw near enough for sudden attack; but it acreage of winter wheat shows an increase of from 3 to 23 is required that battleships in such cases display their own per cent.

But suppose a shortage in wheat should develop in the next three months, what would be the situation? There problematical, but the usage has heretofore been as stated is a great surplus of other food crops in the United States, and no nation engaged in war has ever before objected to a number of which can be used as substitutes. Wheat uses of flags in that manner. does not constitute more than 12 per cent of the normal diet, about the same as poultry and eggs. Meat and dairy products constitute 48 per cent; vegetables, 11 per cent; say they have and the Russians have as many captives as fruits, nuts, sugar, fish and other items the remaining 19 Petrograd reports, then the war correspondents must be Congressional Record, soberly prints per cent. There are larger supplies of corn and other keeping up that alleged war over on the Eastern front. grains, meat animals, dairy products, potatoes, and fruit at the opening of 1915 than for many years. The most important competing products are corn and potatoes. This from 1792 to January 1, 1914, is estimated by the United is shown by the fact that while the normal consumption of States Geological Survey at \$3,549,799,400; the value of wheat is 5.3 bushels, in Maine it is only 4.7 bushels and in the silver at \$1,709,517.600. Michigan, 5. In the wheat-growing states, where wheat is abundant, such as Minnesota, the average is 7.2, whereas in the South, where corn is much used, the average is 4 mission what, in the meantime, will become of the 1,000,bushels. Normally about 3 per cent of the corn crop is con- 000 prisoners that the Germans claim to have in their bushels. Normany accounts provided by the source of the remainder for other purposes. The remainder could be used for foods and substitutes used for animals. The potato production in the United States averages 3.8 pushels per capita. This year the available supply is 4.1 bushels. The average price of meat animals was 7 per cent cheaper in January than a year ago, imakes was 7 per cent cheaper in January than a year ago. per cent lower. It would seem that the United States is not likely to be threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs.

anything hitherto known, that the whole East Prussian country was utterly ravaged.

Now comes the word of two American correspondents who have personally seen and photographed "the most ter- or go to work. This is the policy likely rible and disgusting devastations known to war." At Goldap, they say, the Russians did not leave a house, store, and the annual agitation for a hospital or church standing. In Lyck and all the surround- wanderers do the cleaning up. All tran ing towns there were similar excesses, every residence be- sents after 21 hours will be ing plundered; and the women, it is positively stated, were not spared by the soldiers.

Thus the Germans have had brought home to them a

On the other side it can be said that Russia devastated quired annually for seeding. Six hundred and ten million the territory of a belligerant, while Germany in Belgium destroyed a country that was fighting for nothing but the right to be let alone. But in either case common humanity orbids that helpless women and children and the aged should be treated as belligerants.

Whatever the excuses, the world is getting on all sides five years, for export between February 1 and the ap- a picture of just how bestially wicked war is. None has pearance of the new crop, or for carrying over into the ever been fought without heartless excesses, without next crop year. The amount is sufficient to permit the wanton destruction, without the degradation of women I have come a deletal way.

And yet war fanatics in this country and abroad will doubtless continue to affirm that war makes only for manly virtues.

May heaven long deprive us of such "manly virtues" as are developing in this war!

subjects asserts that international law and agreements between nations have disposed of that subject, as believed, definitely, and it has only been recently that any question lying the law and international stipulations. Not only may merchant vessels display a belligerent or neutral flag to escape capture or attack but it has also been regarded as legitimate in international law for even battleships to flag before firing a shot. What changes may be recorded as a result of the European war relative to use of flags is

If the Germans have captured all the prisoners they

never-work will have to execute a rhadt movement, or make a condrive through Medford in the council tomorrow night, futhers will let the ock sweeping the streets and alleys.

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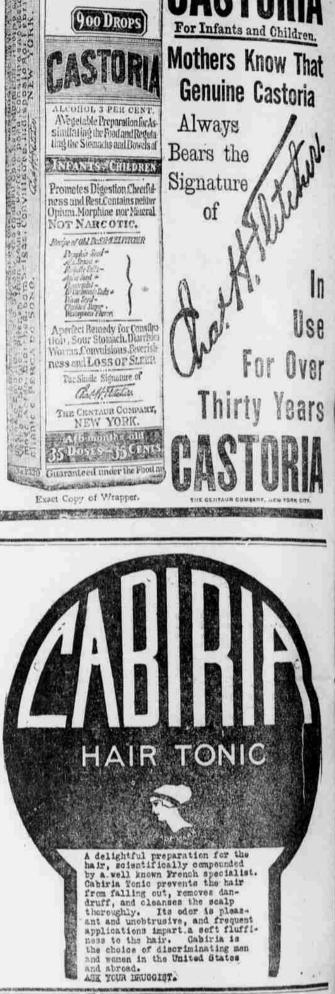
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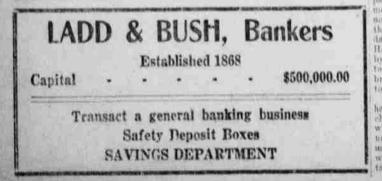


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California ought to be happy this year, with an exposition on and Americans with money to spend for travel looking that way because there's too much cappening in their determination not to stay licked. looking that way because there's too much happening in Europe to make globe-trotting safe and inviting. Still west down that way next year. It will have swinging doors instead of turnstiles like the regulation exposition always has.



slips over something worth while. Con-gressman Homphrey of Washington

as in his place on the floor of the The value of all the gold produced in the United States

If the allies persist in starving Germany into sub-

Congress quit at noon today. One thing the members never filibuster against a motion to adjourn for the session.

Seems as if those Russians are at least persistent in

nill Near Eugene Resumes Cutting Again timber. Thuse will be able to return to work about March 15, in the beller of Mr. Garke. While the will has been closed, ex-Sawmill Near Eugene

not reonen until the lumber market unterially improved. The planing mill was not stopped, but 200 men were taken out of the mill and out of the UPPER RIGHT HAND

Kesumes tuiling Agam Eugens, Or., March 4.—The reopen-ing of the Coast Range Lumber Com-many's mill at Mabel and the reemptoy-ment of 200 men this month was no-mounced by R. T. Gatke, summary of that plant, who was in Engens vester-day on his way home from Portland. He also anneunced new orders obtained to this mill, one of which, he says, totals 1,250,000 feet of lumber to local brokees. The lumber situation appears to be hetter, he says. The big plant at Mabel, on the Mo-haws River, 20 miles from Engens, was cloued down on the first of the year, with the annonsement that it would be the term market

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ious consent to include in some inclus he was making " a piece" WYR on by Tom Dillon of Senttle, Since abody knew what he was talking about and everyheaty always gets unanimous consent anyway, his request was al-

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consent anyway, his request was his sevent. When it appeared in the Recard it proved to be a prayer to "My Modi-er." We gladly assume unatimate con-sent to reproduce it; and thus it runar. "For the faith you had in me, the hope you had for me, for your trust and home and the sinew, the heart and the home and the sinew, the heart and the home for the instige mod your them for the instige mod your basis for the instige you bred into

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times I had no smile for you, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me for by an-gers and revolts, for my deceits and

gers and revolts, for my deceits and evasions, for all the pangs and sorrows I lucaght to you, mother, forgive me. "For your beasans I did not heed, for the nounces I did not obey, my mother, forgive me. Forgive me my pride in my youth and my glory in my strength that forgot the holiness of your years and the veneration of your years and the veneration of your weakness, for all the great depths of your love that I have not paid, mother, sweet



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