

FOOD SAVING AID TO ALLIES

Enabled the Nation to Feed Itself and Supply the Entente

ACHES HUGE TOTAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Federal Food Administration is highly gratified over the saving that has been made in the consumption of foodstuffs in the American homes since the food conservation campaign was begun about five months ago.

Although no figures are available showing the actual amount and the administration realizes it would be a responsible task even to approximate saving that has been effected in the United States has been amply demonstrated and that we have been able to supply every demand made by our European allies, satisfied the food administration officials that the total would reach millions and millions of pounds of food.

The facts most pleasing to the food administration as expressed by a high official of that bureau today are: First, that more than 12,000,000 housewives signed cards issued by the food administration pledging themselves to economize on all foods as much as possible, especially of wheat and meat, and the articles of food of which our allies have the greatest shortage.

Second, reports from every large city show that the amount of waste in garbage has been steadily on the decrease, indicating that less food is being wasted each day.

Third, such large savings have been made in consumption of foods, especially in wheat and meat, that we have been able to supply everything in the way of food for which the Allies have asked for the last three months. Enough wheat has been saved from the American crop to supply the Allies for the next three months, by which time the Argentine wheat crop will be ready for consumption.

Fourth, more canning of vegetables and fruits was done in the United States last summer than in any other year, and the food administration believes such a proportion of these food supplies now held by the Allies as to reduce the demand on the merchants for food for the next few months very considerably below that of previous years.

Fifth, the fifteen Southern States canned 4,000,000 cans of garden products of which the food administration had record last summer, and a large portion of this is still on hand.

Sixth, reports made to the food administration by the hotels and meat packers indicate that the "meatless day" and every-day food conservation has resulted in materially reducing the amount of meat eaten compared with former years.

The United States is today far ahead of its usual exportation of foodstuffs, and there are still considerable quantities of food waiting for shipment to our European allies, proving to the satisfaction of food administration officials that the supply yet on hand represents almost wholly the amount of food saved through the food conservation campaign.

BERNAN ENVOY TALKS ON BALKAN SITUATION

Dr. Vesitch to Tell Congress What His Country and Her Neighbors Want for Peace



NEW BRITISH NAVAL CHIEF

Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, who succeeds Admiral Jellicoe as first sea lord of the British navy.

YOUTH REPLACES AGE IN BRITISH ADMIRALTY

Decision to Allow Young Men to Preval Responsible for Jellicoe's Retirement

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Decision to let the young men try their hands was responsible for the retirement of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and his replacement as First Sea Lord by Vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, according to authoritative information today.

The British press generally welcomed Wemyss's selection, although all accorded warm eulogy to Jellicoe's work. "His retirement," the Times said, "is more than personal. It implies consequential change in policy, giving the younger men a chance."

U. S. SOLDIERS SLAY HUN AND CAPTURE HIS GUN

American Engineer in Cambrai Fight Writes of His Escape

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—It has been learned here that the George MacDonald, captured by the Germans when American Engineers participated in the battle of Cambrai and who escaped, is George Carson MacDonald, twenty-four years old, a former Chicago resident, who enlisted with the engineers in New York.

MacDonald, an electrician, was studying to qualify for the United States Secret Service at the time America entered the war. He volunteered as a private with the First American Railway Engineers contingent and sailed for Europe in July. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacDonald, theatrical people, formerly of Chicago.

A censored letter just received here by the elder MacDonald indicated that after being captured by the Germans the young man fought his way back to the American lines.

"I had the pleasure of shooting a German and taking his rifle," young MacDonald wrote.

Fire Damages Leather Plant

BALLOON SPA, Dec. 27.—The "teach house" of the American Hido and Leather plant at this place was destroyed by fire here today at a loss of \$10,000. The fire gained great headway and for a time it was feared that the dozen big buildings of the company adjoining were doomed. Aid was sent from Saratoga Springs. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

LA BATTAGLIA INFURIA INTORNO AD ASIAGO

Gli Italiani Abbandonano due Alture per Meglio Fronteggiare il Nemico

ATTACCHI VIOLENTI

La Croce Rossa Americana ha Distribuito Doni ai Soldati Italiani nel Natale

ROMA, 27 dicembre. Dalle notizie ufficiali si apprende che, ieri l'altro, con un brillante contrattacco le truppe italiane riuscirono a ricatturare le posizioni a Col del Rosso e Monte Vabbella, ma poscia, per ragioni tattiche e di fronte alla superiorità del nemico furono costrette ad abbandonarle.

Il combattimento si svolse violento contro le posizioni tra Col del Rosso e la valle Francia, verso le quali gli austro-tedeschi condussero i loro poderosi attacchi. Il nemico, però, incontrò una fiera resistenza che gli impedì di poter avanzare oltre le abitazioni di Sassa.

Ecco il testo del comunicato ufficiale, pubblicato ieri dal Ministero della Guerra in Roma:

La lotta sull'altipiano di Asiago fu ripiena all'alba di ieri. Il nemico concentrò i suoi sforzi contro la nostra estrema ala destra, sulle linee tra Col del Rosso—Valle Francia—Maise. Frontalmente, il nemico tentò di poter avanzare oltre le abitazioni di Sassa.

Le nostre truppe di Costabona e di Monte Selago, per parecchie volte rinnovarono i loro attacchi al Col del Rosso e Monte Vabbella. Quest'ultimo fu ricatturato ma poscia abbandonato. Nel pomeriggio il combattimento dimise di intensità.

Riparti del 73-imo, Pantera e del quinto Bersaglieri si sono distinti per valore, specialmente durante le operazioni di questi ultimi giorni.

Sulla sponda sinistra del fronte un tentativo di attacco da parte del nemico ad occidente dell'osteria del Maise, contro il nostro centro, fu respinto da una grande concentrazione di artiglieria.

Gli invasori hanno avanzato verso la valle del Brenta in direzione di Carpano, ma il loro ultimo obiettivo è Bassano che travolgerà ai piedi delle Alpi Venete.

La lotta sull'altipiano di Asiago, col risultato della cattura di Col del Rosso e Monte Vabbella da parte delle forze austro-tedesche, si è svolta in modo favorevole per gli italiani, ma i loro tentativi perdite gravissime durante i loro furiosi contrattacchi.

Negli intervalli tra gli assalti delle fanterie, l'artiglieria è stata attivissima lungo tutto il fronte. Il combattimento subì alcune merce di disperato e da esso dipende le sorti delle armate italiane.

U-Boats' Weekly Toll of British Vessels

Since the middle of April 809 British vessels, 600 of more than 1500 tons, were sunk. The weekly total follows:

Table with columns: Week ending, Over 1000 tons, Under 1000 tons, Total. Data for weeks from April to December.

ALL DOGS MUST HAVE LICENSE JANUARY 15

State Law, Aimed at Increase of Sheep and Livestock, to Be Enforced

HARRISBURG, Dec. 27.—Every dog in every township, borough and third-class city of Pennsylvania will have to be licensed and kept under restrictions laid down by the new dog law which becomes effective January 15.

The new law will be vigorously enforced by the County Commissioners, Secretary of Agriculture Charles E. Patton and police officers.

The new law, which is expected to prove a big factor in the increase of sheep and other live stock in the State, is a code for the owners of all dogs, under six years of age, must obtain licenses from the County Treasurer or a justice of the peace and the metal tag must be worn by the dog at all times.

Any person who harbors or keeps about his premises any unlicensed dog, or who allows any dog to be kept on his premises, whether or not the dog bears the proper license tag required by the law, is liable to a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$25.

Reading Business Man Dead

Reading, Dec. 27.—C. Henry Schorfer, seventy-eight years old, one of Reading's leading citizens, who for years conducted a large bakery, is dead. He was president of a local State bank and identified with a number of the city's institutions.

Lusitania Survivor to Wed

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Engagement of Miss Virginia B. Loney, \$1,500,000 heir, to Howard Gamble, naval corps aviator of Jacksonville, Fla., was announced today. Miss Loney, who lost her parents in the sinking of the torpedoed liner, is not yet seventeen years old.

STATE FARMERS TOLD ORCHARDS DO NOT PAY

Tendency Against Large Planting Approved by Speaker at Meeting

GASOLINE "HELP" URGED

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Dec. 27.—The settlement for planting large commercial fruit orchards, which swept the country a few years ago, has passed, and such plantings are now virtually suspended, according to Dr. John F. Stewart, experimental pomologist at the Pennsylvania State College, who lectured to the agriculturists attending Farmers' Week here today.

Dr. Stewart advocated that the money and energy which might be expended in this direction should either be put into better care of orchards already in bearing or should be devoted to raising annual crops. He recommended peaches and cherries as most suitable for markets, inasmuch as they give returns by the third or fourth year.

Wise use of the gasoline engine will solve the labor problems of farmers who have lost their hired help, either through the high wages paid in the trial plants or through the selective draft, declared Professor E. N. Bates, of the State College engineering school, in his address to the farmers.

He estimated that one-fifth of the land cultivated each year in the United States is required to grow grain sufficient to feed the stock on the American farms, and he expressed the belief that to feed and care for the 25,000,000 horses and mules consumed the use of 1,000,000 men.

Professor J. W. White, the sole expert of the State College faculty, who has charge of the experiments on the weevil, told the farmers that the weevil, reported that up to the present time samples of soils have been examined at the State College from fifty counties, including 1400 farms. These examinations indicate that the soils of our limestone valleys, which are found in the southwestern part of the State, never show the need of more than one ton (25 bushels) of lime to the acre.

The soils of the northern tier counties, on the other hand, have been found to be very acid, and show the need of twice this amount of lime.

A wartime program for the advancement of agriculture on the 225,000 farms of this State was outlined by R. J. Watts, director of the agricultural school. He implied the farmers to produce maximum crops of the most important foodstuffs so that Pennsylvania might do its share in feeding the nation and its allies in the world war.

Dean Watts urged the promotion and encouragement of the live stock industry. He advocated the production of pork in limited quantities, greater supplies of mutton, beef and wool, and declared that dairy products and poultry supplies were never in greater demand.

Tractor and other labor-saving machinery were recommended by Dean Watts as solutions of the farm labor problem, and he asked that more cereals, potatoes, fruits and vegetables be grown next season.

MAY PICK WILLARD AS MUNITIONS CHIEF

Wilson Decides to Name Man to Push Production for War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Definite action by the President for solution of the munitions problems may be expected within a short time, probably immediately after the holidays.

Daniel Willard, former president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, now chairman of the War Industries Board, is the man on whom the Administration is centering.

Mr. Willard would be given powers and responsibilities of an executive officer, and the War Industries Board would not continue its present anomalous position of exercising vast Government functions without the official status even of minor clerks in the service.

The Administration is determined, it is said, that the executive head of the munitions board is to have real powers, even though it may be necessary to go to Congress and ask for legislation creating a department of munitions with a new Cabinet portfolio for the period of the war.

Under present plans Mr. Willard would become the head of this department with real power to act for the production of munitions, and the Bureau of Ordnance in the War Department would become the agency for supplying the munitions to the troops in the field. The chief of ordnance would cease to have any connection with the manufacture and would become merely the distributing agent in the military establishment.

STRIKE PARTIAL FAILURE

Order Calling Out 15,000 Mechanics in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Only a few of the 15,000 iron trade mechanics employed in industries other than shipbuilding in the San Francisco Bay region have struck for a 10 per cent wage bonus, according to reports to the California Metal Trades Association, the employers' organization.

J. W. Burton, president of the Iron Trades Council, said the only men who had not obeyed the strike order were those who had not been formally notified.

\$25,000 Fire Traced to Furnace

CARLEISLE, Pa., Dec. 27.—An investigation placed the blame for a \$25,000 fire at White Hill on an over-heated furnace. The blaze, which originated in the cellar of the home of Harvey R. Portney, burned property owned by him and W. L. Goble, garage and automobile shop, a double dwelling house and six motorcars.

CAMP SUICIDE'S BODY TO BE SHIPPED HOME

McClellan Postoffice Still Unloading Christmas Cheer for Troops

HEADQUARTERS BLUE AND GRAY DIVISION, Camp McClellan, Ala., Dec. 26.

The body of Dominico Allveri Deantonio, the singing doughboy of Company H, 113th Infantry, will be shipped to relatives at Millville, N. J., tonight or tomorrow. Deantonio was found dead hanging from a tree late Christmas Day.

A board of officers who investigated the case was satisfied that Deantonio was a suicide, but could find no reason for his act.

Since he came here early in November from Camp Dix, Deantonio, with his Italian songs and dances, had become known throughout his regiment as an entertainer. But Christmas Day, when called on to do his bit in his company's celebration he balked, merely shaking his head. A few minutes later he left the mess hall and not long after was found hanging from the limb.

Deantonio was twenty-seven years old and single. His next of kin was a sister, Mrs. Filomeno Keplack, 119 Arkansas avenue, Atlantic City. Deantonio worked at Millville and was drafted from there in September.

SCOTT MADE CHIEF OF ROOKIES AT DIX

Former Staff Head Will Direct Training at Jersey Camp

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Appointment of Major General Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff, as commander of the Seventy-eighth National Army Division, at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J., has been announced by Secretary of War Baker.

General Scott succeeds Major General Chase W. Kennedy, who has been away from Camp Dix for more than a month on special duty. Brigadier General J. S. Mallory, nominally commander of the 134th Depot Brigade, senior officer of his rank at the camp, has been the acting commander.

It was intimated by War Department officers at the time of General Scott's retirement on September 23 that he would be recalled to active duty as commander of a field division. He was put in charge of the general plans for training the draft forces and immediately went to Europe to study actual operations in the field.

While he was chief of staff, General Scott went to Russia as the military member of the Root Mission, and witnessed the July offensive of the Russians under Kerensky's leadership.

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Tonight! Here's some real fun—GO to the Hotel Colonnade after the theatre tonight and hear RAYMOND HITCHCOCK, star of "Hitchy-Koo," auction off articles for the benefit of the Red Cross. Willie Collier, star of "Nothing But the Truth," will also act as auctioneer if his engagements permit. Jean Downs, the Beauty of "Experience," may also take part. The bidding begins in the Crystal Room of the Colonnade at 11:30 p. m. INCIDENTALLY have you reserved your table for the New Year's Eve frolic at the Colonnade? Reservations, Five Dollars, which you may spend as you wish. The HOTEL COLONNADE CHESTNUT AT 13th STREET