ARMORED TRAIN IN SOMME DISTRICT

Heavily armored trains are being used in the big battle now raging in the Somme district. Heavy field and long-range guns are mounted on these trains and have proved their worth in battle. The picture shows a train in action somewhere on the Somme.

SPEND MILLIONS TO SPREAD LIES

Germans Circulate "Whispering Propaganda," Including Attacks on President.

IS DIRECTED FROM SPAIN

Mexico and South America Flooded With Book Which Likens United States to Vampire—Lies About Rainbow Division.

Washington.—The German propaganda was never busier in the United States than at the present time. This fact has been established by agents of the government, and energetic methods to combat this sinister peril are now being carried out. Not only is the propaganda, which is operated from headquarters in Spain, working day and night to cause trouble in this country, but it is also working just as hard to discredit the government of the United States in Mexico and Central and South America, where there has recently appeared for free distribution a book entitled "El Vampiro del Continente," the vampire of the continent referred to being this country.

An official of the federal government, one of whose duties brings him into contact with German propaganda in all parts of the world, said the Germans were spending hundreds of millions of dollars to spread discontent, particularly among the uneducated people in all the countries of the allies, their activities including among other schemes a concerted and vicious attack, wherever possible, on President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and other high officials of the allied governments.

Worked for Years on Scheme.

"We know that for years before the outbreak of war in 1914 the German government worked to perfect its propaganda arm. In Germany they called into the service of the state for this purpose the great psychologists of the country, the big newspaper men, the university professors, trade experts, and even novelists and dramatists. Agents were sent into every country in the world to study the people, until the government files in Berlin contained complete data regarding the peculiarities and susceptibilities of all people with whom Germany had reason to anticipate a clash.

"Up to a few months ago the propaganda concentrated against England in an effort to isolate that nation. Every neutral country in the world was flooded with false information regarding England and her purposes in the war.

"Now the attack is switching from England to the United States. Every possible effort to poison the minds of the people in certain parts of the country is being resorted to, the effort being especially vicious in those parts of the country where the percentage of illiteracy is greatest, and among the negroes. The special story which is being whispered over the country—and we are the victims of what is known as the 'whispering propaganda'—is that this is a war of the wealthy classes, and that the president plunged the country into the struggle to 'save the millionaires' as well as to safeguard America's huge loans and credits to the allied countries.

"We have even established the fact that the propaganda has penetrated into the mountain fastnesses of the Carolinas and Georgia, where the mountaineers have been led to believe that another Civil war is imminent.

Lies About Rainbow Division.

"The disaster story has also been worked to a finish in all parts of the country. The Rainbow division has been picked out as the victim of this phase of the propaganda, because it represents all sections of the country, and a disaster which overwhelmed that command would have its effect in all parts of the nation, and not in some particular section.

"This is the source of all those mysterious rumors to the effect that this or that regiment in the Rainbow division has been annihilated.

"South America at this moment is swamped with a pamphlet entitled 'El Vampire del Continente,' which is perhaps the most vicious attack on a nation ever published, and the nation in this instance is the United States.

"Some months ago there was sent to South America for circulation a little officially prepared document entitled 'Why America Went to War.' Instead of making friends for us the book lost them, and an investigation was ordered. This investigation led to the discovery that the Germans had got hold of the genuine documents, after which they proceeded to substitute an edition of their own. The spurious edition was the same as the American, with the exception that the Germans inserted a preface.

"The preface was cleverly written, and to the ordinary person read as if it had been prepared by our government. But the statements in the preface did not bear out the facts in the rest of the book and so instead of believing what we said thousands of people who read the book came to the conclusion that we were lying. Proper steps are now being taken to counteract this work of the enemy propaganda.

"In the South American countries the Germans have bought up numerous newspapers, which they employ to spread their propaganda."

FATHER OF VICTIM ON THE CYCLOPS ENLISTS

Birmingham, Ala.—"My name is J. P. Baggs. I am the father of H. T. Baggs, who was one of the boys lost on the Cyclops. I want to do something for my country." The speaker, a heavy-set man wearing spectacles, stood before one of the draft boards as he spoke. An investigation revealed that he was a skilled mechanic. He was sent to one of the United States shipyards.

Italy Spending 5 Millions Daily

War Expenses Increase Each Month and Prices of Food Soar.

PROFITEERS GO UNCHECKED

Menace to Morale of Nation Seen if Speculators Are Not Curbed Soon—Revelations of Press Cause Sensation.

Rome.—The war is costing Italy $149,000,000 a month or, in round numbers, about $5,000,000 a day. In estimating the cost of the war the expenditure incurred during the ten months of Italy's neutrality for war preparations as well as the money spent during the 33 months of war up to the end of last February are taken into account. The estimate is only approximate, because besides the money actually spent for war expenditure payments made by the war office and the admiralty for extraordinary expenditure due to the war are included in the calculation.

On the other hand the increased expenditure and the payments made by other government departments during the period from August 1, 1914, to February 28, 1918, are not taken into account. Only the expenditure of the three ministries of war, of the navy and of muntions is added together in order to afford an indication of how much the war is costing Italy.

Cost of Warfare Grows.

The total extending over a period of two years and nine months when divided into shorter periods reveals that war expenditure is increasing. Thus, while during the first quarter of Italy's intervention, from June to August, 1915, $97,400,000 were spent every month, during the last quarter, from December, 1917, to February, 1918, the average monthly expenditure increased to $282,600,000, and it is therefore calculated that at present the war is costing Italy $10,000,000 a day.

So far no serious attempt has been made to improve the food situation in Italy, which is gradually getting worse, not so much on account of acute shortage as to disorganized distribution and artificial increase of prices due to the speculations of middlemen and to extensive hoarding. Sensational revelations are being made in the local press about the profits of middlemen especially in respect to animal food. For instance, it has been ascertained that the lamb market has been cornered by middlemen, who are buying lambs at 12 cents a pound and selling them to retailers at over $1.60, with the result that the market prices of lamb have risen to almost $2 a pound.

Profiteers Unchecked.

Strangely enough no action has yet been taken against the denounced middlemen while hoarding is being repressed in a half-hearted way, despite the fact that all the shops and restaurants raided afforded convincing proof that cheese, fats and foodstuffs of every description are being hidden and sold at fancy prices. A few arrests have been made, but the measures so far adopted are inadequate to improve existing conditions.

As the patience of citizens is well-nigh exhausted, it is feared that popular dissatisfaction and resentment will lead to disorders and thus weaken national resistance at a time when the situation is apt to become serious owing to an impending offensive on the Italian front. Radical and energetic measures are therefore imperative.

Nine Pounds of Liberty.

Chicago.—Dr. and Mrs. W. Moore Thompson of this city claim the first Liberty child. She was born April 26, Liberty day, and they named her Liberty. She weighed nine pounds, too.

DIG TRENCHES, FIND TREASURE

Marines in Training Camp Uncover Chest Buried by Jean Lafitte.

DIFFERS FROM FICTION

Precious Metal Worth Thousands of Dollars Sold and Proceeds Turned Over to Dependent Families of Marines.

Paris Island, S. C.—"Tell it to the marines."

"That's all the comfort superstitious negroes got when they whispered, to white scoffers, of buried pirate treasure on a little island near here.

But that was years and years ago, long before United States marines established their recruit depot at Paris Island for the training of navy soldiers for duties on land, at sea and in the air.

The negroes had it that Jean Lafitte, the swashbuckling pirate of the Mexican gulf, had buried a treasure chest near Paris Island. And so they told their children and their children told the United States marines when they established a recruit depot at Paris Island in 1914.

Why Not, Indeed!

In these days of intensive training for troops, trenches must be dug in order to truly simulate west front conditions.

Well, then, why not dig the trenches somewhere near the spot negro tradition said the pirate treasure lay?

Not that the marines had any idea there was treasure there. Oh, no!

You can tell marines a whole lot of things but to get them to believe them is another matter. World travelers that they are, they are sophisticated, if not blase.

Still, digging away over the site of the buried treasure would add a new zest to the task—would get the trenches completed in jig time, and would prove to the darkies that the whole thing was a myth.

Now then, here's the spot our story begins to differentiate from the "Edgar Allan Poe" and the "Robert Louis Stevenson" ideas.

Raised the Chest to the Top of the Trench.

The marines found the buried treasure in the exact spot the negroes said it would be!

Feverish hands raised the chest to the top of the trench and when the lid was pried off, the chest was found to contain—

Not the "go to hell or Hadleyburg" message of Mark Twain.

Not the soiled linen Jean Lafitte had forgotten to send to the laundry.

But sure enough gold and silver reposed in the resurrected chest.

Not a fortune in precious metal but several thousand dollars' worth. And papers and documents of all kinds, yellowed by age and illegible.

And so endeth our tale of the near Spanish Main.

Oh, yes! The metal was sold and the proceeds turned over to the dependent families of marines. We almost forgot that.

And we almost forgot the moral of the story. It is—join the United States marines!

Their's is a great life.

SOLDIER PULLS POOR JOKE

Cautioned That It Would Be Wise to Change the Name of His Pup.

Camp Gordon, Ga.—The avowal that he loved "William II" better than he did any officer in his company resulted in the incarceration of William L. Schneider, a Pennsylvania soldier. His explanation that "William II" was his dog brought his immediate release, but he was cautioned not to joke about his pup again, and it was suggested that the name be changed.

HOME GARDEN SHOULD PRODUCE SURPLUS FOR WINTER STORAGE

Boys Gathering the Product of Their Work, and They Are Pleased.

A half-acre garden, if cared for properly, will produce far more vegetables than the average family can consume during the maturing period of the crops. Only a small portion of a garden of this size should be devoted to those vegetables that must be used as soon as they reach maturity. It is advisable to devote the major portion of the space to those crops which if not needed at once may be kept for winter use. In fact, if the space is available the garden should be planned with the definite purpose of growing crops for storage for winter use.

Late beets, late cabbage, carrots, celery, onions, parsnips, late potatoes, sweet potatoes, salsify, and late turnips may be stored in their natural condition and if possible should be grown to the extent of the family needs for storage for winter use.

Work Garden All Season.

It is possible in nearly all sections of the country to grow late beets, late cabbage, late potatoes and turnips on ground that has already produced a crop of lettuce, radishes, beans, early peas, early potatoes, or some crop requiring a relatively short period for its maturity. Gardeners are inclined to neglect the opportunities for crop production in the garden after the first of the season has passed and frequently space is allowed to lie idle that should be producing a crop of late potatoes, cabbage or turnips. In sections where the season is short it is possible to plant the late crops between the rows of early crops before the early crops are removed, thus gaining two or three weeks' time.

Late potatoes may be planted on ground from which early peas or string beans have been removed.

Late cabbage may be planted between the rows of early potatoes before this crop is mature. Turnips may be sown between the rows of late corn and late bush beans. Late beets may be planted between the rows of late beans and will grow long after frost has killed the beans.

Storage in the Home.

By utilizing every square foot of space in the garden a considerable quantity of vegetables may be grown for storage for winter use. If no storage facilities exist in the home all the crops suitable for keeping may be stored in outdoor banks or pits. However, it is not at all difficult to provide storage facilities in most homes, it being only necessary to make use of the cellar, the attic, a large closet, or other parts of the dwelling, depending upon the character of the product to be stored.

Beans, including the Limas, may be stored dry, and it is advisable to grow them to as great an extent as possible for winter use. Limas and other pole beans may be planted around the fence, it being possible in this way to produce considerable quantities of dried beans for winter use. The pods should be allowed to remain on the vines until dry enough to rattle, should then be gathered, spread on the attic floor or in some other dry place, and when dry, shelled and stored in bags.

GOOD SUCCESSION OF CROPS

Garden Should Be Kept Busy All Season—Plan Given for Grouping Various Vegetables.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

All the ground in the garden should be kept fully occupied all the season. As soon as one crop is removed, something else should take its place. The following grouping of vegetables will serve to indicate which ones may precede or follow others.

Crops Occupying the Ground All the Season.

Beans, pole	Pumpkins
Beans, pole Lima	Peppers
Cucumbers	Potatoes, Irish, main crop
Eggplant	Tomatoes
Melons	Squash
Okra	Potatoes, sweet
Onions, from seed	
Parsnips	

Early Crops Which May Be Followed by Others.

Beans, bush	Peas
Beets	Potatoes, early
Cabbage, early	Radish
Carrots	Spinach
Corn, early	Turnips
Lettuce	

Late Crops Which May Follow Others.

Beets	Corn, sweet
Brussels sprouts	Kale
Cabbage, late	Peas
Cauliflower	Spinach
Celery	Turnips

In planning the garden all early-maturing crops should be grouped together, so that after removal the ground will be available as a unit for planting something else. It is not always necessary to wait until the crop is removed. Late cabbage or sweet corn may be planted between the rows of early potatoes some two or three weeks before the potatoes are harvested. Some dissimilar crop should follow the first crop occupying the ground, in order to help in the control of insects and diseases.

WITH THE LARK!

Gardening before breakfast starts any day right.

Those tomato stakes? Where are they? Expensive kindling.

Are you saving some finely sifted coal ashes to loosen that clayey spot?

Planting Castor Beans.

A bushel of castor beans of the India variety will plant from 15 to 20 acres. The seed should be soaked in warm water for 12 to 24 hours before planting. Such treatment makes germination more rapid and certain.

Mining Soil Profitable.

Mining the soil can only be made profitable by the miner turning manufacturer and selling his product on the market nearest the consumer, and returning the waste to the soil.

COMING UP TO SCRATCH

Surely a uniform! Overalls.

A few yards of wire netting may mean peace with your chicken-loving neighbor.

If that doesn't work, try a gentle message to his wireless run.

Growing Specialties.

It will pay the home gardener to grow certain specialties of which he may be fond, and which may be troublesome or expensive to purchase. Okra is an example of this class, and little beds of parsley, chives or other herbs take up very little room and provide the housewife with additions for her table which are most welcome if they can be picked conveniently and at the right moment.

Plants which grow high and cause heavy shade should not be located where they will interfere with sun-loving small plants. It is well, also, to separate perennials, such as rhubarb and asparagus which are not cultivated, from plants which must be tilled.

The same kind of vegetables should not be grown twice, if this can be avoided, in the same part of the garden. If a radically different kind is grown, disease spores and insects, though present in the soil, probably will not attack the second crop.

Ready Market for Crops.

Early cabbage, cauliflower, celery, tomato and other garden plants should find a ready market this year. Florists in some of the towns and cities are using part of their houses for growing this kind of stock.

Depth for Planting Beans.

Beans of any kind should not be planted any deeper than is necessary to secure good germination. This should never be more than 2 inches and on heavy soil it should not be more than 1¼ to 1½ inches.

Many Gardens Neglected.

Many gardens which start very favorably in the spring gradually decline in productivity as the season advances, and become weed patches long before fall arrives.

Great Nitrogen User.

Corn is a great user of nitrogen, while potatoes and root crops need plenty of potassium. Has your soil enough of these?

Don't Experiment.

Do not experiment with crops about which you know nothing. There is no easy way of beating the crop production game.

RAISE MORE SHEEP

Necessary for Sake of Economic Welfare and Independence.

Steady Decline Is Shown in the Industry in United States in Recent Years.

Washington.—The sheep industry in the United States must either adjust itself to the changed economic conditions of this day or continue the decline which has been its portion in years past. Such is the conclusion reached in a report issued by the sheep and wool industry by the committee on statistics and standards of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The principal remedies suggested in the report to arrest the present steady decline in our production of sheep are, first, the use for sheep grazing of the agriculturally worthless and cheap cut-over timber lands of the North, Northwest and South; second, the more general and systematic raising of sheep on farms, where sheep raising has been hitherto neglected largely because of frontier competition; and third, continued use of the great ranges of the West to their full capacity. It can be done. It is a question of education.

In 1900 we had in the United States .80 sheep per capita. In 1917, the figure dropped to .46 per capita. In 1890 we produced 4.29 pounds of wool per capita. In 1917 only 2.72 pounds per capita.

We import now 50 per cent of our wool consumption. We ought to produce that at home; and we can if we will.

Sheep increase rapidly—from 50 to 100 per cent annually as compared with the number of ewes.

There is every reason, in the opinion of the committees, why, for the sake of our economic welfare and independence, we should act on the fact that we can raise enough sheep if we will, and reap advantage and profit in so doing.

MEMORIAL TO CARRIE NATION

Woman's Christian Temperance Union Will Erect Drinking Fountain at Wichita.

Wichita, Kan.—The Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance union will erect a drinking fountain here near the Union station as a memorial to the late Carrie Nation. The State association has voted $1,000 to be devoted to that purpose.

The city commissioners have agreed to accept the fountain in the name of the city, and to maintain the water supply. It was in this city that Mrs. Nation began her nation-wide campaign of saloon smashing, many years ago.

German Books Destroyed.

Shell Lake, Wis.—Although the school board refused to abolish the teaching of German in the High school, classes in that study may have to be abandoned temporarily at least, as unknown persons entered the school and destroyed all the German text books in the building.