

WOMEN FARMING IN WESTERN CANADA

Success Has Followed All Their Efforts.

On the train from Edmonton to Winnipeg the writer took a seat beside a soldier who had returned from the front. On his breast he wore the beautiful distinguished service medal. One coat sleeve was armless, and on his left cheek he bore a scar that he would carry to his grave. He had served his country faithfully and well. At the first call for soldiers in August, 1914, he hastened to the recruiting office, leaving his 320-acre farm, with its crop ready for harvest, a full equipment of farm implements, plenty of horses, and a wife. The wife should not be last on the list for she proved the master of the situation, and loyally took hold of the question of production, while her husband was on his way to fight the Hun. And she succeeded. In 1915 she succeeded, and again in 1916, and when her husband returned in 1917 she was able to show some contemplated farm buildings completed, the indebtedness of the farm paid off, a considerable addition to the stock, and the land ready for a 1917 crop. This was the story told by the soldier, and wasn't he a proud man! He was now ready to do what he could to keep up the period of prosperity and provide food for the allies. The women of Canada have done nobly during the struggle.

Among the most successful farmers of the Oak Lake district, Manitoba, are the Misses Clara and Beatrice Forward, who, for the past fourteen years, have farmed their own land, doing all the regular work on the farm, such as plowing, seeding, summer fallowing and reaping. They have been especially successful with stock, and have a splendid herd of shorthorns, both purebred and grade. At the recent Brandon sale they purchased a new purebred stock bull for \$700. Their herd was last year increased by 23 calves.

Miss R. M. Hillman of Keeler, Saskatchewan, is another successful woman farmer. She has gone in extensively for grain growing, and farms 1,120 acres. She also owns some of the finest Percheron horses in Saskatchewan.

The prairie now boasts of many women who have had more or less success, though few are farming on the same large scale as Miss Hillman and the Misses Forward. These women have demonstrated, and are still demonstrating, that a versatile woman may be just as good and successful a farmer as her brother.

There are other women, too, on the Canadian prairies, who, though they have not had thrown upon them the responsibilities of "running a farm," have been decided factors in making the farm a success. They assist their husbands by keeping the farm accounts, reducing the grocer's bills by their management of the poultry and butter, taking care of the house, and, very often, proving good advisers in the economic management of the men and general conduct of the farm work. The man who moves to Canada carries with him a wonderful asset in a good managing wife.—Advertisement.

Very Likely. Mrs. Borden Harriman, the brilliant sociologist, was talking at the Colony club about girls' schools.

"Ultra-fashionable girls' schools I don't like," she said. "They educate a girl in everything but an education. Two housemaids were talking once about their mistress' daughter, who had just returned from one of these ultra-fashionable schools.

"What's that new course Miss Marie is taking?" the first maid asked. "I think," said the second maid, "I think the name of it's cosmetics."

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The Hopeful Lawyer.
"Your honor, I ask for a postponement."
"You have had too many postponements already," retorted the judge. "I'll give you just fifteen minutes more and that's all."
"Well, thanks for that, your honor. Something may happen. One of the witnesses against me might possibly be taken ill."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Ohio State university has a book 420 years old and in good state of preservation.

CZECHS IN ITALY MUST WIN OR DIE

Fighting Against Austria, Their Capture Means Nothing but Execution.

WON'T LEAVE THEIR DEAD

All Fallen Comrades Carried From the Field—These Valorous Warriors Select Their Own Officers and Eliminate Weak and Unfit.

(Special Correspondence of Italian American News Bureau.)

Italian Front.—The Slav soldiers in the Italian army elect their own superiors by the most rigid tests, and thus they are representative of the manhood of their nationalities. The Italian soldiery and people have taken kindly to them.

The first of the proofs of valor they gave are admirable, although limited to modest operations in exploring and raiding. Whether by themselves or with Italian troops, these Czech-Slovaks, arriving from beyond the ocean, have kept up the fire of patriotism and the ardor to fight, and have fought well.

The repatriates of the Czech-Slovak army have been saluted already with brotherly love by the population in the zone of war, especially by the ancient inhabitants of the Veneto, who have the most recent and liveliest recollection of oppression and the convulsive struggle for redemption.

The women of Verona offered them a battle flag in the Bohemian colors, surrounded by a lion. The soldiers recognized the sanctity of the gift and swore an oath that they would die for that emblem of liberty. The expression was not rhetorical and the oath superfluous.

Are Killed if Captured.

The fate that awaits these new warriors for the ideals of a far-off and oppressed country is shown by the inflexible military rules of the Austrian empire. They are all subjects of the Emperor Carl and as such death is the only thing in store for them if captured.

Their word is for that reason sacred. Neither alive nor dead must they fall into the hands of the enemy. Even the dead must be snatched from the oppressor. Each one has sworn to carry off to the Italian lines the body of a comrade killed in action.

Recently, during a reconnaissance, a Bohemian fell close to the enemy lines. Braving a hot fire, the explorers hurried to carry him off, fearing that in a night sortie the Austrians might get the body.

These "soldiers of death" know that if an operation fails of success they must kill themselves. To the ignominious death inflicted by the enemy they prefer suicide. Whether through death by the enemy or through their own hands, they have consecrated their lives to the distant fatherland, from which they have come to fight in the greatest cradle of all liberty and all ideals—Italy.

Eliminate Weak and Unfit.

Rome, the ancient lighthouse of civility and of liberty, has substituted these new companions in arms for those of Russia. These warriors for the freedom of their country have found in the ranks of our own combatants fraternity and sturdy faith. This fraternity, more than common ideals for the redemption of their respective countries, is cemented by the knowledge and vision of the real difficulties and the resolution and firmness of purpose of the new combatants. From their own ranks on a spontaneous vote they have eliminated all about whose military vigor or enthusiasm there could be any doubt, so that the recruits represent the flower of the soldiery of the oppressed nationalities. Drawn from the same country, speaking the same tongue, in the daily intimacy of their new military life, they have subjected each other to voluntary but inflexible tests. The results are confined only to their officers.

"Tisus does not please me. He would not make a good corporal. We do not want him," they say. Thus, out of the ancient military system of Austria springs elements of criticism which exclude the weak and unfit. The officers must heed these verdicts, which, like

all collective judgments, arise from a full consensus of the Judges.

Elect Own Officers.

The examination of the political opinion is not less exacting for being carried out by fellow soldiers. A Czech recruit who spoke his mother tongue well was challenged by his compatriots. "He speaks our language well, but his heart is not Czech," they said. It was learned that during protracted business transactions in Vienna he had lost the fierceness and the intrepidity of the Bohemian character through daily contact with the Austrian authorities.

This control has been fraught with excellent results. Those who have survived the tests of the assembled judges have furnished the best war material and proved themselves dependable in military and moral affairs.

The officers are also elected by the soldiers, who trust their leaders with blind faith, and give them the most rigid obedience and discipline. Such discipline the new soldiers of liberty are taught, by their remembrance of imperial oppression, to hold essential to the triumph of their cause.

Cheap teaspoons are being made from compressed cotton fiber.

WAR GARDENERS RESPOND TO CALL

Will "Keep the Food Coming" as General Pershing Has Asked.

BIG INCREASE THIS YEAR

Central West and Pacific Coast Especially Are Doing Well—National Commission Offers Prizes for Best Home-Grown Canned Vegetables.

Washington.—The war gardeners of the United States answered Pershing's call to "Keep the Food Coming." There are, according to figures being tabulated by the national war garden commission, 4,900,000 war gardens in the United States. These figures are incomplete and the estimates were made on reports received up to June 15. This number indicates an increase of 40 per cent over last year when there were 3,500,000 garden munition plants at work. Figuring in the increased cost this year over last, further estimates will be made by the commission both on the number of gardens and the estimated crop value.

"Taking these early figures into consideration," said Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the commission, in making public the preliminary survey, "together with the increased canning demonstration work being done by the United States department of agriculture in cities and towns, we feel safe in saying the forecast of 1,500,000,000 quarts in tin and glass of canned stuff, made by the department, will be reached."

Big Prizes Are Offered.

The report points to the early planting season this year, which was made possible by weather generally favorable throughout the country. To encourage saving the garden crop the national war garden commission, which planted a 400-acre demonstration war garden at Camp Dix, N. J., is offering \$10,000 in prizes for the best canned vegetables grown in war gardens, with the slogan "Back up the cannon by use of the canner."

In nearly every section of the country there has been an appreciable and encouraging increase in the number of war gardens this year, the commission announced. This has ranged anywhere from 10 to 60 per cent. In the Eastern portions there was a failure to note a gain on the early returns.

"The greatest percentage of increase," the commission's statement adds, "was made in the Central Western states and Pacific coast, taking any one section of the country as a whole. There an awakening has taken

THEY LOOK THE PART



It seems peculiarly appropriate that these German soldiers should look like the swine they imitate in their methods of warfare, though perhaps the porkery will object to the comparison. The type of gas mask used by the enemy gives them this repulsive swinish appearance that is topped off by the spiked German helmet.

WHAT DID THEY DO TO HIM?

Surely Should Have Been Something Severe to Make the "Punishment Fit the Crime."

All ships have baseball teams. During the warm weather outside of routine aboard ship, baseball is the absorbing topic.

We had just come into port and the regular team with the different division teams were waiting to go ashore for the national pastime. They were all on deck near the gangway when the ship's joker came running aft. "It's all off, fellows! No more baseball during the war!" The boys turned around in amazement. At last some one said: "Why?"

Holding up a newspaper the joker replied: "The senate has passed bill 270,321, which says no more strikes will be called during the war."

The captain's yeoman reported an absentee next morning.—W. A. McCarthy, U. S. S. Arizona, in Judge.

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Not Militarized Yet.

"We were riding along a wooded road," the major related. "I saw my intelligence officer intently studying the landscape. That pleased me. I said to myself, 'He's getting observant. I'll make a damn good soldier of him yet.' Then it occurred to me to check up on the facts. So I asked him what he was thinking about.

"He pointed up to the festoons of mistletoe that draped the road and grinned.

"Golly," he sighed, 'if I only had my little Mary here in an old-fashioned country buggy.'"

Crisp Criticism of Gossip.

Gossip is a sort of smoke that comes from the dirty tobacco-pipes of those who diffuse it; it proves nothing but the bad taste of the smoker.—George Elliot.

A scholar has no ennui.

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place which revealed itself in an enthusiastic, widespread drive to help home food production. Of the total number of war gardens in the United States, the preliminary reports show that more than 2,000,000 of them—2,276,000, to be exact—were in the Central Western territory. There was a gain of fully 50 per cent over the war garden activity of last year.

Eastern States Lagging.

"The Eastern states, including New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, on the whole showed little increase over last year. In certain parts of all this territory there has been a better showing, and particularly has there been a greater activity among manufacturing concerns in providing land for their employees; but these gains have been counteracted to a certain extent by less activity in other places; so that the amount of food home-grown along the Atlantic coast this year will be slightly if any greater than last year. Better cultivation in hundreds of cases may make up for what is lacking in numbers. In New York the park department alone reports 2,000 war gardens 25 by 40. The total number of war gardens in this territory, as shown by the reports, is 848,000, of which 737,000 are in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

"The South has made an excellent record, certain states in particular having made notable gains. Including Texas and Oklahoma, there are a total of 1,246,000 war gardens in the Southern states this year, one-fourth of the number in the entire United States. California, Washington and Oregon show a total of 463,000 war gardens. That the war gardeners intend to save a great part of the garden crop is shown in the 200 entries received up to July 1 for the canning contests that garden clubs are organizing all over the country."

REJECTED BY NAVY; DRAFTED

Man Is Accepted for Service in Army After Qualifying as Postman.

Corvallis, Ore.—Ernest Chase, rural mail carrier, enlisted in the navy. After his final physical examination he was discharged as being physically unfit. Then he got a job as rural carrier and invested \$40 in a rig, horse and outfit. After working 20 days he was called in the military draft, passed by the local examining board, and ordered to camp.

He doesn't know now whether to sell his rig and give up his job, or whether to take a "lay off" and trust to being rejected by the army as he was by the navy.

MAN TOO HEAVY FOR NAVY

Recruiting Officer Says Uncle Sam Hasn't Suit Big Enough for Kansan.

Salina, Kan.—"I want to fight," declared V. C. Emick, twenty-one, of Miltonvale, at the local naval recruiting office. A recruiting officer gave him the "once over," put him through a series of paces and then said: "There is nothing doing here. There isn't a sailor suit in Uncle Sam's navy that would fit you."

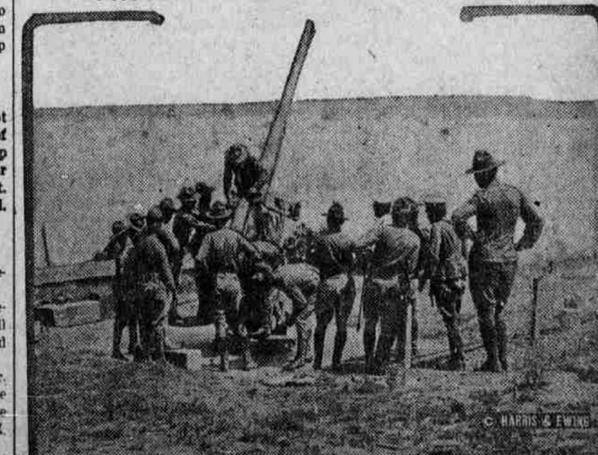
Emick walked out of the office a disappointed man. He weighs 275 pounds and was recently registered under the new draft law.

Find Indian Skeletons.

Martins Ferry, O.—While stripping coal at the Beech Flats coal company mine at Rush Run, above this city, workmen unearthed the skeletons of three Indians. The skeletons are in a good state of preservation. The teeth are perfect and white as ivory.

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