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WAR PREPAREDNESS BOARD

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 24.—One million American soldiers and sailors are preparing to go over the top without taking care of their families. If they are killed or rendered helpless by wounds, their dependents must rely upon charity for daily bread.

The last day on which men in Federal service can take out the insurance that the government provides is Tuesday, February 12. After that, applications are refused.

The Michigan War Preparedness Board estimates that there are fully 10,000 Michigan men with the colors who have been negligent in this respect. In a statement issued today the Board urges wives, mothers and children to write or even wire their relatives in the service to take out an insurance policy before it is too late.

Premiums may be paid out of the man's wages monthly. The average cost is only 70 cents per \$1,000 per month. Policies are written from \$1,000 to \$10,000. In case of death or injury, policies are paid in monthly installments for twenty years.

"If your husband, father or son has not insured himself in your favor, urge him to do so says the Board.

"If he does not do so, you may face starvation because of his carelessness. Should he come home a helpless cripple and he is not insured, you must support yourself and him, too.

"Don't let false pride keep you silent. Remind him he has not done his duty."

WAR ACTIVITIES

A fireproof solution for treating airplane fabrics is a thing which may be realized in the near future, experiments in a private plant having already developed a comparatively successful solution.

Government barges have been placed in service on the upper Mississippi, and through Government assistance a new fleet is to be built for this service. Sugar is being moved by barge from Louisiana plantations to New Orleans.

The manufacture and consumption of pastry regarded as a luxury in France has been entirely suppressed, except on Sundays and holidays.

Cable rates have been reduced between North and South America.

To increase France's crops and to lighten the burden of toil on her old men, women, and children 1,500 farm tractors will go to that country from the United States. The first hundred are already on the way, and the whole number will be in France by March, in time for the spring plowing. Deck space was provided for the first shipment on a naval transport. Schools of instruction will be organized.

The acreage sown to crops in the uninvaded portion of France in 1917 was about 10,000,000 acres less than in 1913, or 24.4 per cent. The increased production through the use of tractors this year is expected to greatly improve the food situation.

War credits extended to foreign Governments since the United States entered the war total \$4,236,400,000. Of this Great Britain received \$2,045,000,000; France, \$1,285,000,000; Italy, \$500,000,000; Russia, \$325,000,000; Belgium, \$77,400,000; Serbia, \$4,000,000.

Applications for war-risk insurance by men of the Army and Navy have nearly reached the \$3,000,000,000 mark and continue to come in at the rate of about \$60,000,000 a day. The average amount applied for per man is \$8,630, the average having increased steadily since the act went into effect, October 6th.

For persons who joined the colors before October 15, 1917, the last day for applying for Government insurance is February 12, 1918. Intensive efforts are being made by commanding officers to have all their men take insurance before that date.

The maximum amount which may be taken by any man is \$10,000.

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According to records of the selective service country boys do not show much physical superiority over those of the cities. For purpose of comparison selection was made of cities of 40,000 to 500,000 population, and a corresponding set of counties of the same total size. In the physical examinations 28.47 per cent of the city boys were rejected, as against 27.95 per cent of the country boys.

Boys' and girls' clubs in northern and western States pledged for war service in gardening, canning, poultry raising, and other emergency enterprises have more than 800,000 members.

Y. P. A. Elects Officers.

At a business meeting of the Young People's Alliance of Zion Evangelical church held recently at the home of Leon Willoughby, Clinton street, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months:

President—Leon Willoughby.
Vice President—Inez Zulke.
Recording Sec'y.—Clarence Perry.
Missionary Sec'y.—Mrs. A. Batsbach.
Corresponding secretary—Mrs. A. Batsbach.
Treasurer—Roy Yeiter.
Pianist—Emma Schultz.
Choirleader—Essie Yeiter.
Ushers—Simon Eterbeck and Walter Schultz.

Death of Burrell E. Hardy.

Burrell E. Hardy of Bennington township, aged 50 years, died Monday at the Swazys hospital in this city where he underwent an operation for appendicitis two weeks ago and seemed to be recovering, but suffered a relapse Saturday and did not rally.

The funeral was held Wednesday from the home, Rev. C. H. Hanks officiating.

Mr. Hardy was born in Bennington Aug. 2, 1868, and has always lived in this county. He was married twenty-eight years ago to Miss Cora Payne who survives him, with two daughters, Mrs. Earl Vandekarr of Corunna, and Miss Bessie Hardy at home, and his aged mother. Mr. Hardy was a prominent and successful farmer, a breeder of Holstein cattle, the Hardy family being known throughout this country and Canada among Holstein breeders as having raised the world record animals. Mr. Hardy had a wide circle of friends who sincerely mourn his death.

K of C. Auxiliary Meet

The Ladies' Auxilliary of the K. of C. met at the home of Mrs. N. R. Walsh, East Williams street, January 19, and spent the time—hauling for the soldiers. There were 36 present and the articles worked were trench caps, helmets, wristlets and afghans. Many of the articles will be completed before the next meeting to be held next Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. W. Farrell, on East Main street. The Auxilliary wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to Miss Mary Stack for acting as instructor in making the trench caps.

Mrs. Walsh gave a number of good suggestions along economic lines and the meeting closed with the entire assembly singing the national anthem and other patriotic songs. These meetings are taking the place of the regular lodge meetings and are being held at the homes of the members to conserve coal at the K. of C. home. Monthly business sessions are to be held and other meetings will be held once a week. Red Cross work and knitting will be the evening's program.

MRS. JOHN GILMORE

Well Known Caledonia Lady Passes Away After Long Illness.

Mrs. John Gilmore, for nearly fifty years a resident of Caledonia township, died at her home east of the Kelley school house on Sunday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Gilmore has been in poor health for a number of years but her last illness lasted about nine hours. The immediate cause of death was exhaustion of the nerves.

She was born in Deer Creek, Livingston county, 64 years ago last May and was married to Mr. Gilmore, at Flushing, 42 years ago. Immediately upon their marriage they moved to the farm which has since been their home.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Gilmore is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Grant Sutton, Mrs. Ora Sutton, and Mrs. Nevie Berlew, all residents of Caledonia township, and one son, Archie Gilmore, of Henderson.

The funeral services were held from the residence Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. J. Cross, of the Baptist church. The remains were deposited in the vault at Pine Tree cemetery.

Public Health Notice.

Whooping cough is unusually prevalent in Owosso this winter. All cases must be reported to the health officer. Parents are hereby warned that children having it must be kept strictly at home and not allowed to be on the public walks.

W. E. WARD,
Health Officer.

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Washington Letter.

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of the 45c per bushel duty or the idol of Boston will become an expatriate.

The proposal to continue the present government operation of railroads until Congress shall decide to return the roads to their owners will meet stern opposition in Congress—as it should.

There is no more reason why government operation of railroads, undertaken as a war measure, should continue for any period beyond the war than that the occupation of office buildings and apartment houses, which have been commandeered in Washington under similar conditions, should continue indefinitely.

The railroads were taken over in a day. They can be returned to their owners almost as quickly. The terms under which they have been taken constitute no basis for government ownership, even if that dread alternative had been agreed upon; and it is most unlikely that the people of the country are going to submit tamely to a continuation of policies which will tend to thwart the spirit of enterprise and of individual initiative which has brought America to a point where she is looked upon as the greatest single agency in a world war of the first magnitude. This is all the more unlikely when one reflects that after the war is over we shall have in the United States, among the returning veterans from European battlefields, additional hundreds of thousands of young men who will have found themselves in war time and who will come home in peace time to repeat the miracles of development under personal initiative which the men of the Civil War accomplished in the generation which is now closing. Among the greatest of these miracles was the development of the great American system of railroads, to whose upbuilding, especially in the West, the undaunted energies of the men who had subdued the Confederacy were devoted. The men who will come back from France will demand, and of right, as good a chance to make good at home as fell to the men who came back from the battlefields of the South a half century ago; and if the great enterprise of railroading is to be deprived of their efforts, the nation will suffer as much as they.

Government operation of railways has hardly begun as a war measure; yet, before it has been tested, it is proposed to make it permanent as a peace measure.

FOR THE GARDEN

County Farm Agent Meeker Issues Weekly Bulletin on that Subject.

Even though the ground is covered with a fine blanket of snow it is time to commence thinking of the summer garden. The seed houses are advertising their wares in the periodicals and mailing their catalogs. In this they are performing a patriotic service in that they are calling attention to the fact that every foot of land should be made to do its bit to win the war. It is the duty of the county agricultural agent to urge and work for an increase of the volume of vegetables grown in the county. To bring this about there must be the closest co-operation of the schools and homes in garden work. The civic authorities must become intensely interested as also must the religious and other organizations. Banks and all other business institutions must lend their aid. The gardening project is one which benefits all, therefore all must be interested and co-operate.

All gardeners should make sure that the seeds they plant are of good vitality and of a suitable variety. This is not a time for novelties. We must raise vegetables and not experiments. The latter may be left to the specialists.

Every person owning or controlling land in and adjacent to cities or villages should make the same available for vegetable raising either by donating it or renting it at a nominal rate. Particular attention should be given to the preparation of the soil for seeding and the best care given to the growing crops. All surplus vegetables raised above the need for home consumption should be disposed of at least possible cost and before they are allowed to decay should be given away.

County Agent Don A. Meeker will be glad to furnish information concerning all branches of the gardening project to all who ask for it. All working together for the greatest crops in the history of the country will produce the goods and thus support the boys in the trenches.

DON A. MEEKER,
E. J. C.
County Agricultural Agent.

Walton-Chalker.

Robert S. Walton, of Owosso, and Miss Leah E. Chalker, of Bancroft, oldest daughter of Clem Chalker, were united in marriage by Rev. Wellington Hoag, of the Woodward Ave. Baptist church, Detroit, Saturday afternoon Jan. 5th. The bride wore a dark blue serge suit. The happy couple made a short visit with relatives in the city and then returned to the bride's father's home at Bancroft. They will later reside in Owosso, where the groom is employed as a cooper with the Ann Arbor railroad.

United States Robe Co.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States Robe Co. was held at the offices of the company on Saturday last. A large portion of the stock of the concern was represented at the meeting and it was considered about the most satisfactory session ever held by the stockholders. Directors were chosen for the ensuing year as follows:

C. M. Bihimer, W. E. Jacobs, Elon Pond, Erwin Eveleth, W. J. Simeon, Thos. Lawcock and A. J. Augsburg. The above represents the last year's board and following that meeting the board elected officers as follows:

President—Elon Pond.
Vice President—W. E. Jacobs.
Secretary, C. M. Bihimer.
Treasurer—Thos. Lawcock.
Gen. Mgr.—W. J. Simeon.

The past year has been one of the best in the history of the company, and the year 1918 gives every promise of being a banner one. The salesmen for the company were started out at the beginning of the year, and without exception all are turning in more orders than ever before. At the present time the output of the factory is practically entirely sold for the full capacity for the entire twelve months.

Ancient Olives.

Eight of the olive trees in the historic Garden of Olives, near Jerusalem, are believed to be over 1,000 years old.

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To Gas Consumers.

We wish to advise those who are using their gas ranges to heat their homes, to please stop this practice; it does not help to conserve the fuel, but it makes matters worse. First, it reduces the gas pressure to such an extent that at meal times it is almost useless in some parts of the city.

Second, it uses up our coal supply, so that now in a short time it will be exhausted if the above practice is kept up; it increases your gas bill to almost double, and in one instance more, where we found that one consumer had the gas stove burning for eight continuous hours in one day and from four to six on others the same week, and then complained about his large gas bills. There are about 8,000 people who depend on gas for cooking and a shut down would mean something that most of the people do not now realize.

Respectfully,
OWOSSO GAS LIGHT CO.
By A. T. Birk



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Cropped land gets sour. Manure introduces fermenting acid-making germs. These acids tie up potash. Limestone kills these acids and frees the potash, which makes plant growth. The land grows sweet. Sweet land lets nitrogen-gathering soil bacteria gather nitrogen to feed the plants. All seeds require this nitrogen. With abundant nitrogen the plant matures full, heavy, plump seed—a bountiful yield.

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Germs called bacteria make acids. Germs make acid in milk, turning it sour. Sour yeast makes carbonic acid and alcohol in bread, and baking drives them out, leaving the bread. Germs in sweetened water make alcohol and vinegar. Bad germs in soil come with fermenting manure, and turn the ground sour. Sweet soil has good germs in it which gather nitrogen, and has free plant food and mineral so roots may take it up. Soil after croppings and manure dressing gets more or less acid and hard. Limestone properly powdered kills the acid and changes potash and other salts into forms the plants can take up. Sweetened soil gets soft and porous again like new land in the backwoods. Sweet soil permits nitrogen-gathering bacteria to grow, supplying nitrogen for the plant seed. It grows big crop. You whitewash a stable with lime to sweeten it. But this lime isn't good for sweetening land, because it burns seed and plant rootlets. Pulverized limestone gives the benefit of lime, but cannot burn the crop.

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