

# What Can We Do?



Four dozen pairs of pajamas, and an equal number of sheets and pillowcases, the work of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones for the American Red Cross, during the past month, have been divided equally and distributed to the Red Cross societies of England, France, Italy and Canada.

Mrs. Wilson and Miss Bones have been devoting much time to sewing for the Red Cross and their example has been followed by women high in official and diplomatic circles. Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice president, organized the wives of the senators, and they have been meeting weekly to sew for the Red Cross. Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, wife of the interior department for the same purpose, while Mrs. David F. Houston, wife of the secretary of agriculture, is working along other lines of Red Cross work.

In a letter to the British Red Cross society regarding Mrs. Wilson's handiwork, Elliot Wadsworth, acting chairman central committee, wrote as follows:

"We are sending you under separate cover a bundle containing one dozen pillowcases, three pairs of pajamas, and a half-dozen sheets. These supplies have been made by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Bones work with their own hands on Red Cross supplies and have sent to the American Red Cross for distribution the product of their first month's work, which is very material in quantity."

"The American Red Cross sends this special shipment to the British Red Cross at the request of Mrs. Wilson to evidence her active and most practical interest in the work of mercy

and relief carried on by Red Cross societies.

"We trust that the shipment will reach you safely, as it carries with it such cordial good wishes from the immediate family of the president of the United States."

Red Cross officials say that the enormous quantities of surgical dressings and hospital supplies made by the women of the country, working in Red Cross chapters, have all been sent abroad and that an appeal for renewed activity in this phase of Red Cross work had been sent out to all chapters to provide these supplies which will be needed in large quantities.

### Bonnets for Babies.

When sunshine gets uncomfortably hot, mother lays away baby's tight little muslin cap, substituting the wash bonnet to shade her toddler's eyes from the sun's rays. Material for this bonnet may vary from the finest batiste and handkerchief linen to the heaviest pique.

Pique forms the outside of an attractive bonnet, the brim of which is lined with a soft rose-colored linen. Buttonholing with white cotton holds the materials together at the edge. This should be done first along a basting thread to show the shape of the brim and the goods cut away afterward. A very fine picot edge of pink cotton is worked into this white buttonholing.

### Wash Fabrics in Hats.

Plaid gingham is much in vogue for hats this summer, and delightful models of gray-colored ghinghams are often faced with black or bright colored straw. Dimity is another fabric that has come in with gingham, and is receiving its share of attention.



### Hats for the Schoolgirl's Needs.

Hats that fill in the time between the end of summer and the beginning of winter are obliged to meet the demands of the weather in both seasons. They must look cool on warm days and hint at warmth on cool days. Light felts and velours, known as "summer felts and velours," make their entry with July, and this year have been more enthusiastically received than ever before. The summer shades of those colors which have come to be described as "sweater shades," and these soft tones of gay colors are at their best in soft surfaces like felts and velours. For August and early September wear fashion approves hats of this description above all others. Light blue, pale rose and delicate apple green, head the list as favorites so far as color is concerned.

For school girls, who must be hatted by September for fall, darker felts and velours, and velvet hats are in the hands of milliners in August, in anticipation of the needs of girls going away to school. They are very simply trimmed and the shapes are graceful and very soft. Nearly all velvet hats have flexible crowns, but the brims are of both kinds—flexible and "floppy"—or straight.

The group of three hats shown in the picture, begins with a velvet hat trimmed with a band and shawl of soft and heavy plaid ribbon having long ends, at the left of the group. At the center a velvet-covered hat in back, is made on a soft frame, bound with narrow grosgrain ribbon and trimmed with a band of wide grosgrain ribbon. The third hat is a velvet sailor shape

that depends for ornamentation on pattern cord sewed in a "battlement" chertle to the body of the hat, about the brim edge and on the crown.

There are only three selected from a variety of hats of similar character. They are representative of the season's styles and may be depended upon for their good style. The velvet hats are in black and the velours in dark brown; the latter is made in dark shades of all the standard colors.

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### Patriotic Handbags.

Red, white and blue reticules are made of knitted artificial silk, and the colors are arranged in horizontal stripes in graduated widths. The handles are of red, white and blue cord, and a red, white and blue tassel swings from the bottom of the bag.

One ingenious maid thought she would fashion herself a patriotic handbag out of a small silk flag, but she speedily discovered that Old Glory is not to be put to any such uses. One may wear the flag as a decoration on one's costume, but it may not form any part of the costume or be incorporated in parasol or handbag.

### Brown Patent Leather for Shoes.

Brown patent leather is being used to fashion feminine shoes. It has a wonderful softness and pliability and has not quite the same size-increasing highlights which black patent leather shows.

## MINOR NOTES FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA

The central part of Nebraska was visited by one of the worst storms in the history of the state last week, which done thousands of dollars' worth of damage to growing crops and property. Exeter, York and Charleston were in the path of the storm and suffered the heaviest damage. Hail beat down crops in the path of the storm and broke many windows, while the accompanying wind toppled over a number of windmill towers and destroyed several farm houses.

Arrangements for the second annual national swine show, to be held October 3 to 10 in South Omaha, are rapidly being perfected. Fifteen thousand dollars in cash and trophies for prize hogs will be offered this year. A hog judging contest between student teams representing state agricultural colleges in the corn belt will be a new feature of this year's exhibition. Six colleges have already signified their intention of sending teams.

Bancroft, with a population of 742 holds the high record to date for a town of its size in the state for Red Cross activity. Over \$2,000 has been taken in memberships. Bancroft has four patron members of \$100 each and more than forty life members of \$25 each.

R. S. Van Tassel of Van Tassel, Wyo., sold a shipment of cattle on the South Omaha market the other day, 46 head averaging 1,262 pounds, bringing \$12.50 per cwt., and two head weighing 1,455 pounds each commanding the high price of \$13.60 per hundred.

The highest price ever paid for cattle on the South Omaha market was paid to E. T. Graham of Creston when he sold a carload of Herefords that averaged 1,558 pounds, for \$14.15 per cwt.

Lancaster county faces the possibility of being compelled to hold a special election as the result of County Judge Wilson being drafted. The election would cost \$2,500.

Lancaster county commissioners have authorized the paving of the Lincoln-Omaha road from Lincoln to Waverly, one of the largest districts ever created in this state.

Victor Halligan of North Platte, captain of the Nebraska university football team, has been chosen captain of a company in the Sixth regiment.

The Adams county corn crop in the district of Roseland vicinity, is a total loss, as the result of the recent hail and wind storm that visited the section.

Nebraska's corn crop is estimated at 228,000,000 bushels, as compared with 192,400,000 last year, by the government crop report for August.

A blue heron, something rarely seen in this part of the country, was killed near Avoca. It will be mounted at the state university.

Rev. F. C. Wilson, formerly editor of the Cortland Sun, has again turned evangelist and has opened a series of meetings at Crab Orchard.

Prof. J. S. Brown, for over thirty-five years a member of the faculty of Doane college at Crete, died at Omaha.

Hogs sold for \$16.20 a hundred pounds on the South Omaha market the other day, a new record for the market.

More than 600 Nebraska bankers are expected to attend the state convention in Omaha next October.

Agney is to have a new bank—the Farmers' State Bank, with a capital stock of \$10,000.

Much farm land near Hartington is being cut away by the current of the Missouri river.

Dr. J. W. Thomas, the only physician at Nehawka, has enlisted in the Omaha ambulance corps.

Government and state officials after a lengthy investigation report the discovery that farmers and shippers in Nebraska are careless in transporting eggs, the loss averaging from 20 to 30 per cent, which is about 50 per cent above the normal loss. Unless the conditions are bettered, these authorities say, prosecutions will follow.

Farmers around Beatrice who lost their corn crop as the result of the recent hailstorm, say they intend to dispose of their stock before winter because they will have little corn for feed.

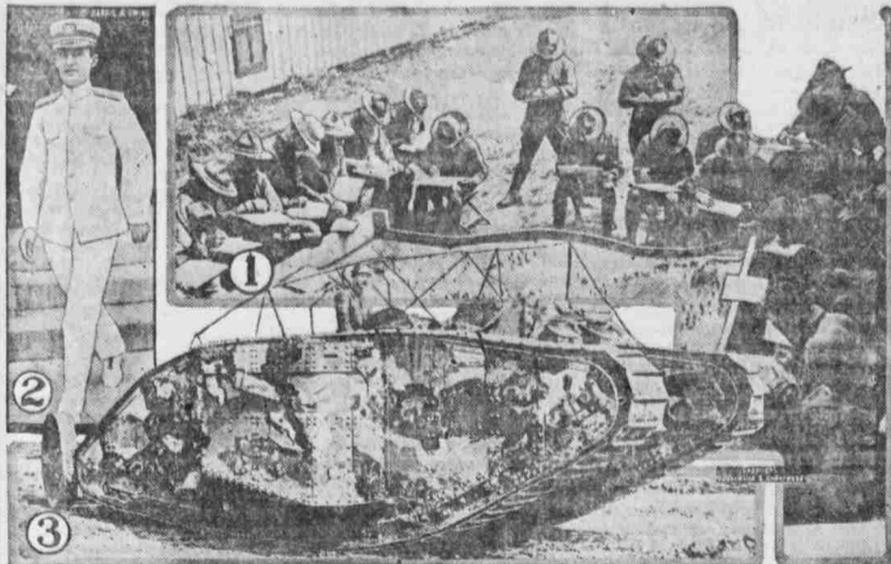
Nine horses died in a pasture near Grand Island from thirst during the recent hot spell. They were watered from a windmill and a tank. In some manner the water plant was put out of service and the horses could get nothing to drink.

Former Major Evans and Mr. Sandall of North Platte, who recently joined the navy, accepting work as stokers, rather than stay out of the service, have been named as apprentice seamen and will be given ship duty.

Threshing crews at work over Johnson county report that wheat is turning out from fifteen to twenty bushels to the acre. One farmer near Tecumseh threshed wheat from a field of twenty-five acres which averaged thirty-five bushels to the acre.

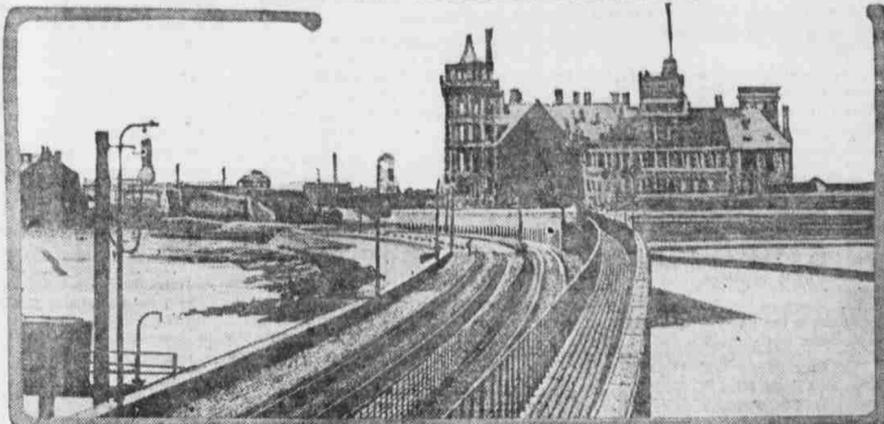
Loans applied for at the Federal Land bank at Omaha up to July 31 total \$9,965,640, of which \$5,631,175 came from Nebraska farmers.

The Fremont Tri-Weekly Tribune, established in 1868 by J. N. Hays, and one of the oldest newspapers in Nebraska, has suspended publication.



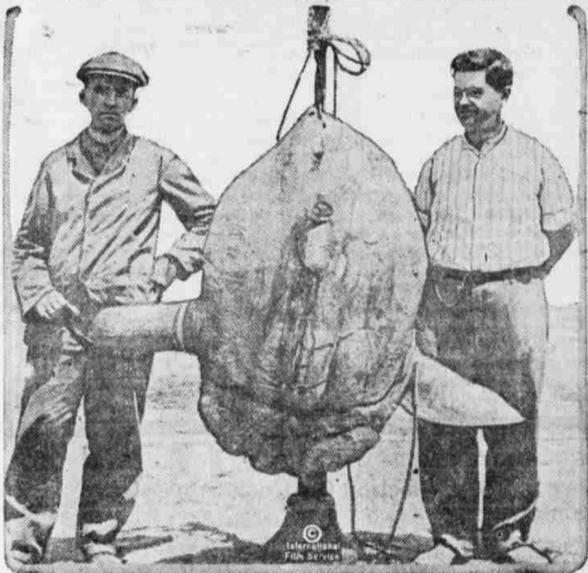
1—Student airplane observers making topographic sketches of an improvised battlefield over which they are supposed to be flying. 2—Rear Admiral Carry N. Grayson, who has been assigned to the medical board of the council of national defense. 3—Camouflage as practiced on a British "tank" so as to make it look like the surrounding landscape.

## ALLIES' DRIVE MAY THREATEN ZEEBRUGGE



Part of the great breakwater and one of the public buildings of Zeebrugge, the German submarine base in Belgium which may be threatened by the new drive of the allies in Flanders.

## THIS WAS THE JERSEY "SUBMARINE"



This giant sunfish, weighing 181 pounds, was caught a few days ago by David I. McMeekan of Brooklyn, assisted by Messrs. Long and Cheney of Philadelphia. Recently a submarine has been reported off the Jersey coast. The sunfish going through the water shoots his flipper like the periscope of a U-boat. Since the big fellow was captured no more submarines have been seen on the Jersey coast.

## AIRMAN'S HASTY LUNCHEON



French aviator taking a hasty luncheon between flights, using the wing of his machine for a table.

### Camel Not So Docile.

The camel is considered a very submissive and unemotional animal. The Bible tells us that Job had 6,000 camels and students fancy that he may have acquired his reputation for patience by associating with his herd. But the camel is not really patient. His is the docility that is associated with sullenness. He lacks the initiative and energy to be malignant, but he can be mean. When he holds a grudge against a person he calmly bides his time and when all is ripe and ready he carelessly nibbles a mouthful out of his victim's arm. Beneath his placid exterior there may slumber an abandoned heart. But ordinarily the camel has about the same reasoning powers as a setting hen.

### Household Suggestions.

Never peel a can of beans without plenty of proper precaution. Sneak up on the can and seize it by the lip. Plunge the weapon into it and rip it open before the can is able to turn and gash your wrist. A can is harmless when left alone, but once attacked it fights viciously.

Never throw away old blotters. They are very handy for use in trimming a hat or after a cold bath.

Few people seem to know how to make use of their old toothpicks. When tied on a ribbon and given several coats of white paint they make a very attractive little object to hang in a bedroom.

## LUMBER FOR ARMY AND MERCHANT MARINE



The West is supplying most of the lumber for the building of the merchant fleet and the great cantonnments for the new draft army. This huge raft of Oregon pine logs, 600 feet long and 52 feet wide, is towed 1,000 miles from an interior point on the Columbia river in Oregon, via the Pacific ocean to San Diego, Cal., where it is converted into lumber for the use of the United States army and for shipbuilding purposes. The lumber is distributed throughout the Southwest.