

## PREVENT POTATO WASTAGE, IS PLEA

Growers Urged to Reduce Loss Resulting From Use of Bad Storage Methods.

### EXPERT MAKES SUGGESTIONS

Head of Food Administration Division Tells How Many Causes of Damage Can Be Eliminated.

Washington.—In order that the country may benefit from the large potato crop which was raised during the past season, the United States food administration is appealing to small growers throughout the country to take every precaution to prevent damage to the surplus crop during the coming winter through improper storage methods. In a statement just issued, Lou D. Sweet, head of the potato division of the food administration, calls attention to the chief causes of wastage and outlines the best storage methods. The statement follows: "It is of great importance that all the potatoes raised this year should be stored under proper conditions. Even when every precaution is taken the wastage of potatoes during the winter is considerable; under bad conditions of storage it is very great indeed.

"In order that the best methods may be adopted by the small growers, those who have not had the experience in the storage of potatoes, should know the chief causes of the wastage. These causes are:

1. Sweating, heating and consequent rot; often due to insufficient ventilation.
2. Rotting, due to potatoes getting wet at the time of putting them in storage.
3. Injury from frost.
4. Decay, owing to storage in the tubers at the time of storage.
5. Sprouting of tubers in the spring.

**Losses May Be Reduced.**  
"It is not possible to prevent altogether losses from these causes, but by using the best methods of storage, it is possible to reduce them very materially.

"This may be done by taking care to guard against losses from each of these causes:

"Sweating and heating occur if the freshly dug potatoes are piled in too large piles, so that the air cannot circulate between the tubers. The risk of loss from this cause is greatest in the fall, immediately after the tubers have been dug, and it is, therefore, important that potatoes when dug should not be put in unnecessarily large piles, nor kept in an ill-ventilated room.

"If the potatoes at the digging time are allowed to get wet and go into storage in that condition, rotting is sure to occur. Be careful to have your potatoes dry before storing.

"Potatoes are easily damaged by frost. If they become frozen, their market value is destroyed. Therefore, take precaution to protect the tubers from frost before and after digging.

**Eliminate Diseased Tubers.**

"There are several diseases of the potato which destroy the tuber, and if diseased tubers are mixed with the sound ones, the disease spreads rapidly; therefore, it is necessary to sort the potatoes carefully, eliminating all of the disease, the cuts, culls, and dirt before placing them into permanent storage for the winter. All of the cuts, culls, misshapen and diseased tubers should be fed to the poultry and live stock, but should be steamed or boiled before being fed, as in this way you increase the food value, and also destroy the germs of the disease, so that it will not get into the manure and thence into the land.

"By proper ventilation of the cellar or storage room, and by holding the temperature as near 35 degrees F. as possible, you can keep the potatoes from sprouting.

"Seed for next year's planting should be selected from hills that produce all nice, true to type potatoes. These should be selected at the digging time, and stored separately in crates or boxes, and by storing them in a well-lighted room where the temperature can be held at from 34 to 40 degrees, with a little ventilation and this seed planted next spring, the grower will make a start toward improving the quality of his potatoes, instead of as in the past, simply planting the culls or runouts."

### Japanese "Temperature" Ghosts.

Ghost stories in Japan develop in warm weather. High temperature has raised a ghost at one of the fashionable baths in Kobe. About the middle of June, a woman died in the establishment. Two days later, another woman was taken ill at the same place and died when taken home. She asserted that while at the bath, being entirely alone, her name was distinctly called. This call was several times repeated. This incident, with usual exaggerations, became known to the patrons of the bath and custom almost ceased. The bathhouse keeper has undertaken to restore the damaged reputation of his establishment by employing a street orator who delivers several lectures daily on the absurdity of the ghost story. Thus far, his attempts to "lay the ghost" have been of no avail. Former customers do not return.

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

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### THE TURTLES.

"Mr and Mrs. Turtle," said Daddy, "were taking a walk."

"How about paying a call on our cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Snapping Turtle?" asked Mrs. Turtle.

"Yes, let's go," said Mr. Turtle. "In fact, we might make a round of calls. We could see all our cousins and our friends and at each place they could ask us for ten. We could go around like this for a number of days and not have to do any marketing at all."

"A very bright idea," said Mrs. Turtle. "It is an excellent time to do such a thing, too, for everyone is talking about the high prices the grocers and bakers and butchers and all the rest are asking for their meats and breads and feds."

"To be sure," said Mr. Turtle, "we don't have to pay high prices for our goodies, for we get them ourselves and thus far there have been no grocers or butchers in the turtle world."

"There may be soon," said Mrs. Turtle. "Everyone is talking as though the prices would go so high no one could pay for things after a time."

"How high do they expect them to go?" asked Mr. Turtle. "To the sky?"

"Perhaps," said Mrs. Turtle. "We couldn't reach them even if they went into the trees."

"Well," said Mr. Turtle, "we needn't worry as yet, for there are no crea-



And Then They Both Grinned.

tures in the turtle world who ask us for turtle money."

"As a matter of fact, there is not any turtle money," said Mrs. Turtle.

"Correct my love; you are always right."

"And then they both grinned, for they had been talking and worrying about prices and expensive living when it didn't really bother them in the least."

"It shows," said Mr. Turtle, "how much we copy others. We hear people say they are poor and then we say we are, and we really make ourselves quite miserable about it!"

"Just the same," said Mrs. Turtle, "I would enjoy a round of visits."

"So would I," said Mr. Turtle. "And we'll tell every creature upon whom we call that we will be at home in Turtle-Grove Pond after next week and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing them. So, it will not be greedy of us to have tea with them."

"Where is Turtle-Grove Pond?" asked Mrs. Turtle.

"Our home, my love," said Mr. Turtle.

"Have we moved?"

"Oh, no, but when we go calling we must have a name for our place so it can be put on the corner of our cards. That is the correct thing to do," said Mr. Turtle.

"Have you the cards ready?" asked Mrs. Turtle.

"And to Mrs. Turtle's surprise and delight she saw a great many leaves Mr. Turtle had gathered near his pond. In the corner was the name Turtle-Grove-Pond which no one could have understood unless Mr. Turtle explained. But he was quite willing to do that."

"For the leaves had been marked by a family of bugs who like to do that work and who had made the little holes Mr. Turtle said meant the name of his home."

"And in the meantime, while Mr. and Mrs. Turtle went calling, the little turtles came out themselves. Their mother had buried the eggs in the sand and had left them as turtle mothers do. They had hatched out all alone and were just as happy as could be."

"When Mr. and Mrs. Turtle came back they greeted the little turtles as if they were strangers. They liked them but they did not make any fuss over them. For, of course, how could they be sure that the little turtles were their own when they had left them to come out into the world by themselves?"

"But that is the way in Turtland and the little ones go along by themselves and seemed to be perfectly happy."

"And though it seems very queer to us as long as the turtles are happy it is all right, for they are the rulers of Turtland, anyway!"

### Something Overlooked.

The little four-year-old daughter of a minister was visiting and at dinner the carving was about to begin without the customary grace. Calling out "Wait a minute," she folded her hands and repeated, "Now I lay me," etc., all the way through. This done, she raised her head and, waving her hand to the carver, said: "Now, you can let her go."

## TAFT VISITS U. S. BALLOON SCHOOL

EX-PRESIDENT IMPRESSED WITH FORT OMAHA COLLEGE.

### EYES OF ARTILLERY IN ACTION

Eight Hundred Pupils Are Undergoing Training for Places in Uncle Sam's Army of the Air.—Field Open for More Applicants.—Sterling Qualifications Essential.

Omaha, Oct. 22.—Ex-President Taft inspected the big balloon school at Fort Omaha last week, saw the huge sausage shaped forms carry the observers 4,000 feet in the air, from where they signalled the activities of the occupants of trenches five or six miles away to the dummy artillery, and at the conclusion of his tour expressed his opinion of the work of this new branch of the service that has come to be known as "the eyes of the artillery," as "wonderful."

At Fort Omaha there are being trained at present nearly 800 keen young Americans who will in the near future, from their lofty perches in the clouds in France and Belgium, direct the fire of the American artillery that is to pave the way for the drive to Berlin.

As the men at present in training at Fort Omaha leave for active service, their places are being taken by men

**save**

1-wheat  
use more corn

2-meat  
use more fish & beans

3-fats  
use just enough

4-sugar  
use syrups

and serve  
the cause of freedom

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from all over the country, and as the quarters are being constantly enlarged, there is still room for a considerable number of men having the proper qualifications.

In answer to many inquiries, the commanding officer of the United States Army Balloon School, at Fort Omaha, says that the qualifications of men applying for the commission of 1st Lieutenant as Observation Balloon Pilots are as follows:

The Balloon Service calls for a high class of work and applicants for commissions in the line must possess sterling qualifications. First they must be citizens of United States and not under 19 years of age and not over 35.

They must be energetic and forceful, and of good moral character and clean habits.

After passing the examinations required the applicant is enlisted as a first-class private in the aviation section of the Signal Enlisted Reserve Corps.

He is then assigned to a school for training, and the time of training depends upon the man's ability.

After qualifying as an observation balloon pilot he is commissioned as a first lieutenant, Aviation Section Signal Officers Reserve Corps.

From the time of his entrance into the school until he is commissioned he receives \$100 per month, quarters and food allowance. As a first lieutenant \$2,000 a year.

Application blanks can be secured by addressing the President Aviation Examining Board at Fort Omaha, Neb.

### Merge Match Factories.

Stockholm, Oct. 22.—The merger of all the match factories in Sweden is announced. The new corporation will have 400,000 shares at 200 crowns each.

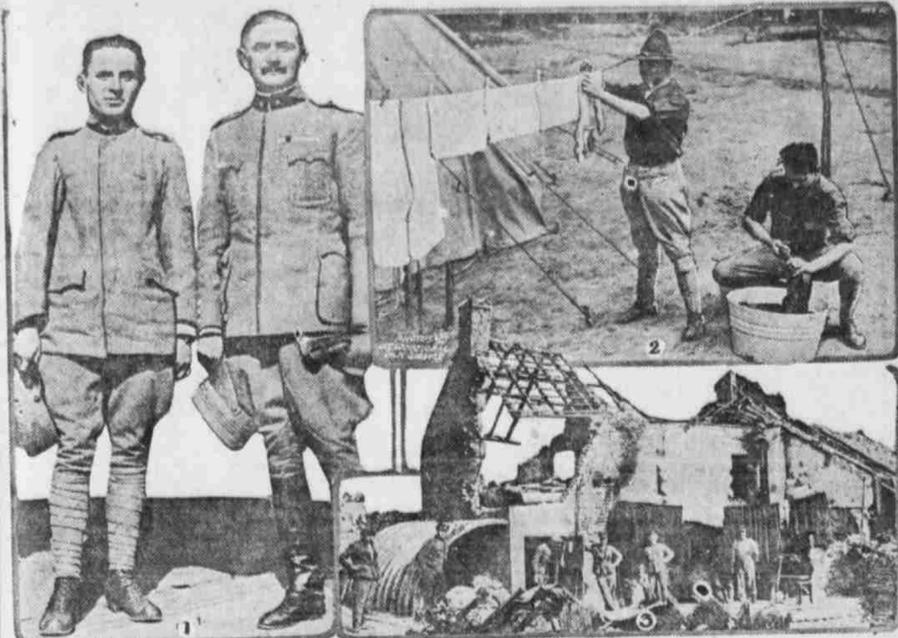
### Recount in Iowa Election.

Des Moines, Oct. 22.—Attorney General H. M. Havner has ordered a recount of the ballots cast in Monday's special election on the question of constitutional prohibition.

Unofficial returns give the wets an advantage of approximately 1,000, with a total vote of 430,000. In some quarters it is believed the official count may change the final result.

### Russ Fleet Bottled Up.

Petrograd.—Twenty Russian warships of various classes are bottled up in Moon sound, with a cordon of German warcraft barring their egress northward back into the Gulf of Finland or to the south into the Gulf of Riga. The Russians attempted to force the Germans back off Oesel island, and in the engagement the battleship Slava—a relic of the days before the Russo-Japanese war—was sunk and other units were so badly damaged that the Russian flotilla was forced to seek refuge in Moon sound.



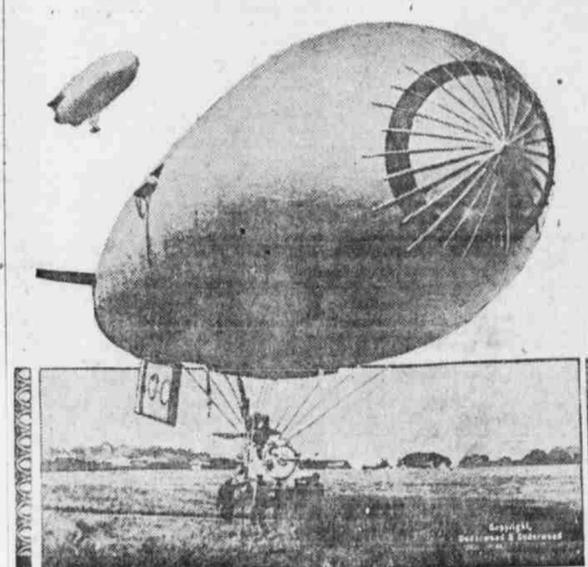
1—Capt. Marquess Giulio Lamsati (right) and Michael Angelo Lenzo (left), who made a nonstop flight from Turin to Hounslow, England, in seven hours and twelve minutes. 2—Wash day at Camp Wadsworth. 3—Allied soldiers on the Belgian front who are making themselves comfortable in the midst of ruins.

## FRENCH SOLDIERS FEEDING POOR SERBIANS



French military kitchen at Monastir, showing French soldiers feeding hungry children from a "goulash wagon." There is little of anything that means happiness and life left in Serbia today. The remaining inhabitants depend greatly on the bounty of allied soldiers in their localities.

## BRITISH AIRSHIPS STARTING ON PATROL



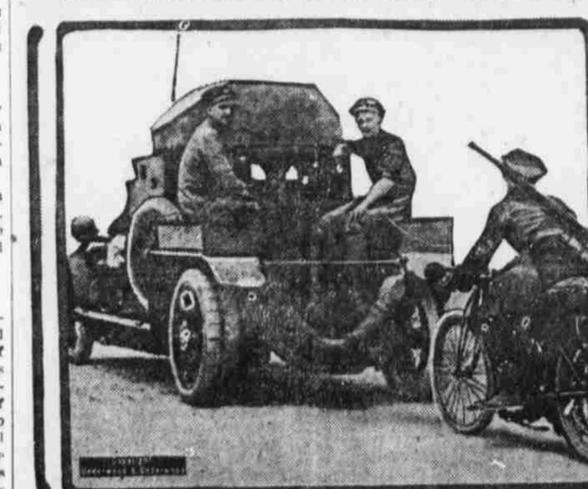
This British official photograph shows British airships starting out on patrol. They are always on the lookout for U-boats and enemy aircraft.

## PUGILIST COX IN NAVY



Joe Cox, a well-known pugilist, who once knocked out Jess Willard, joined the naval reserves last April and has advanced rapidly, being now a chief of arms. He is here shown receiving instructions from Ensign J. A. Wilson at the naval training station at Pelham Bay Park, N. Y.

## BRITISH ARMORED CARS HELP RUSSIANS



A squadron of British armored motorcars is on the eastern front with the Russian army and is doing valiant work against the Germans.

## Tire Picked Up Gold Dust.

Helena, Mont., folk may pick up gold nuggets in the streets, but a Kallspell, Mont., man has gone them one better. His gold is gathered by blowouts in his motor car casings.

A man named Geesland had a blowout recently and the casing gathered up the gold for him. The only thing to worry about is whether the gold is sufficient to pay for the blowout.

Geesland took his torn casing to a Kallspell garage for repairs, and it was sent to a shop in Spokane. A letter was received from the fire house saying:

"Several particles of gold were found in the black sand that remained in the casing."

### Versatility.

"Here's an actor who advertises that he is suited for 'leads and general business.'"

"Well?"

"What does he mean by 'general business?'"

"Oh, a little of everything. I once knew an actor whose 'general business' included an imitation of wolves howling in a play called 'Davy Crockett!'"