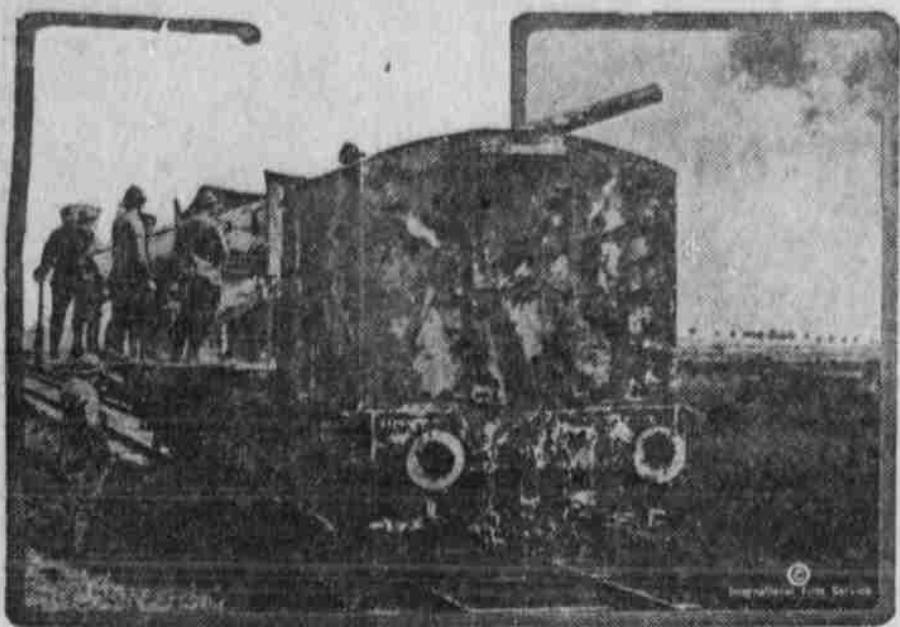


ARMORED TRAIN IN SOMME DISTRICT



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,

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 \$140,000,000 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 munitions 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, \$87,400,000 were spent every month, during the last quarter, from December, 1917, to February, 1918, the

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 committee, 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.

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 Vampiro 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.

DAIRY FACTS

DAIRY PRODUCTS IN DEMAND

Essential to Well-Being of Nation and Effort Should Be Made to Maintain Supply.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The shifting demands due to the war have called for important changes in the dairy industry. Dairying is one of the largest of the agricultural enterprises of this country and the demands upon it will be in proportion to its importance. Dairy products are essential to the well-being of the nation and every effort should be expended to maintain the supply of this country and so far as possible to meet the increasing demands of the allies. Some of the principal advantages of dairying are:

1. The sale of dairy products furnishes a steady income throughout the year. The farmer who depends upon crop sales for his income usually makes the bulk of his sales during one or two months of the year, while during the rest of the year he has no cash



These Dairy Cows Are Doing Their Part in Feeding the Nation.

income. Such a system requires long credits in the community.

2. The market for dairy products fluctuates very little year by year as compared with other farm products.

3. Through the return of manure to the land the fertility and physical condition of the soil may be maintained at a high level and crops increased. Even after many years a properly maintained dairy farm has constantly increasing crop yields instead of decreasing ones.

4. In dairying, labor may be utilized at a more uniform rate throughout the year, for example, may have to employ much additional labor at harvest time, but so far as the dairy is concerned the dairymen has about the same duties to perform every month of the year. Thus less help is required seasonally and permanent employees may be kept.

5. Through the dairy cow many unsalable roughages may be transformed into products from which cash may be realized. Grass, hay, corn-fodder and other roughage which may not have a ready sale are economically utilized by the dairy cow. Land which is not suitable for cultivation can be utilized for pasturage for dairy cows.

DUTIES OF DAIRYMEN GIVEN

Use Best Methods of Breeding and Management and Utilize All Products to Advantage.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The duties and responsibilities of dairymen are especially important in the maintenance of the dairy industry for the good of the nation. An opportunity is presented to dairymen to serve humanity by the conservation of dairying. Their part is to use the best methods of breeding and management, feed wisely and economically, and utilize all products to the best advantage. The fuller utilization of by-products for human food brings an added financial return that will do much to help maintain the industry. We are depending upon the ingenuity and efficiency of the American people to play a large part in the winning of the war. This same ingenuity and efficiency must be used in the productive industries as well as in destructive ones. If, after putting into effect the best methods and practices for economy and efficiency, it still is necessary to dispose of dairy cows, the dairymen should endeavor to sell them to other dairymen, better situated, in order that the supply of milk may not be reduced.

On the small farm, and it is from such farms that the bulk of our dairy products come, most of the work is done by the farmer and his family. Would it not be possible on many of these farms to keep one or two or three more cows without great inconvenience? This and increased efficiency will meet the situation. We shall have milk for our babies; we shall maintain our industry; we shall have dairy products for our armies, and, in addition, shall be able to share liberally with our friends across the sea.

Proper Feeding for Calves.

Calves should be fed on food that will develop a strong, vigorous constitution and a large frame, with a healthy appetite—the milk veins and udder manipulated, or rubbed to increase capacity early in life and up to the time heifer drops her first calf.

NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



Washington Residents Fleeing the Patriotic

WASHINGTON.—"Most persons are greedy." The words were spoken by a Washington woman who had been observing with some disgust the way many of her fellow Washingtonians were exploiting the war situation. "Some I know," she said, "have an apartment that they used to rent unfurnished for \$45 a month. They have furnished it simply and tastefully and they are now getting \$150 a month. I call that performance simple extortion."

It is, obviously, extortion. And it is a typical case. Many of the sufferers from the extortion have come here out of patriotic motives and are working for the government either without pay or for very much less than they are used to getting. A capable man came here and offered his services to one of the most important of all the war boards. He was told that he would be given a position if he would agree to take 40 per cent of his average salary for the last three years. He did agree and he went to work with a will and he wrote to his wife and children that he would send for them just as soon as he could find the right kind of house.

He finally was driven to thinking that it would be best for him to take an apartment that was furnished. But he couldn't find one.

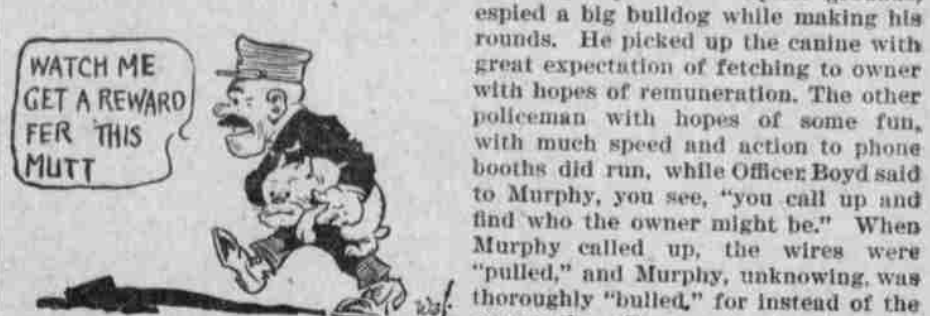
At this point he decided to go home.

The government lost an able worker through not taking care of him properly.

Now it realizes and it has provided an agency to see that the war workers are properly housed.

With Blood in His Eye Dog Cop Seeketh the Sly

THIS is the tale of some cops and a hound; a taxi adventure, and the district dog pound. The cops are now mad; the hound is quite dead, while one taxi chauffeur is some bucks ahead. Murphy, dog cop at the capitol grounds, espied a big bulldog while making his rounds. He picked up the canine with great expectation of fetching to owner with hopes of remuneration. The other policeman with hopes of some fun, with much speed and action to phone booths did run, while Officer Boyd said to Murphy, you see, "you call up and find who the owner might be." When Murphy called up, the wires were "pulled," and Murphy, unknowing, was thoroughly "bulled," for instead of the owner the officer spoke to the other policeman, "in on" the joke.



He asked for reward; the answer was "yes," and Murphy was given a "phony" address. Exultant, the victim the bulldog did grab, and made a wild dash for a near taxicab. The address he shouted and off they did go, whereat quiet reigned for an hour or so.

Later Murphy, the dog and the taxi came back, with Murphy bewailing—alas and slack!—that the address he'd sought he never had found and the confounded mutt he would send to the pound.

Murphy was busted; he hadn't a cent, so the chauffeur to Officer Calkins he sent. Calkins, amazed, heard the taximan blare that he was expected to pay Murphy's fare. At that there were signs of a violent fight, till the capitol cop captain dove into sight. So Calkins, bewildered, dug deep in his jeans and greased the chauffeur's palm with sundry odd beans.

There endeth the yarn of the cops and the mutt, the taxi, the joke, in fact everything—BUT—

The fact that Cop Calkins is waiting to know by whose low-down scheme he was ordered to blow the most of his pay for a darned taxi-toot and then get a call from the captain to boot.

Girl War Workers Are Not Afraid of the Dark

THAT prewar girl who was "fraid to go home in the dark" is very much among the missing. Girls, especially war workers in Washington, think nothing about going about alone late at night. There's so much to do that girls cannot be bothered with escorts. They found that the bugbear around the dark corner hasn't materialized.

Especially is this true of the group that is working under the direction of Miss Stella Osbourne at the District campaign headquarters of the Red Cross.

There are girls from several government departments that have been doing clerical work for the Red Cross every night since early in April except the night after the parade when they all were pegged out with marching. They are preparing for the big drive that is to take place soon for the purpose of obtaining funds for the Red Cross.

Their services have been devoted gratis to the cause and should the hours they have put in be counted in the final reckoning up of the fund it would be found to be quite an item.

They have a complete organization. A girl was chosen by the chief clerk in each government department to be a member of the clerical committee. Under each of these girls is a corps of six assistants. Those in turn have reserves.

As the headquarters would not hold all the workers some of them work at night at the library of congress under the direction of Mrs. Woods. Others are at the interstate commerce commission at night, and still others are burning the midnight oil for Uncle Sam in the post office.

"Central" No Longer Is Bureau of Information

WASHINGTON, the most talkative place in the United States, if press bureaus of the various departments are to be classed as "word producers," is one of the first large cities of the nation to eliminate talk among its telephone operators. By an order issued by the company operating the capital telephone system unnecessary and frivolous questions will not be answered by "central."

If you forget to wind your watch at night and wake up early in the morning oblivious of the time of day the ever-convenient "hello girl" will not be your savior.

If you are held in your office while the Yankees and the Senators are pummeling each other at the ball park the White House and capitol could be raging torrents of flames, and you in your suburban home might seek knowledge of the location of the fire by taking down the receiver, but central is prohibited from advising you.

War has trebled the telephone service in Washington for purely legitimate business, and no longer is there time to be wasted by answering unnecessary questions, say officials of the company, who declared that more than an hour's time each day is saved by the company's decision to prohibit operators from answering unnecessary questions.

Another war move that saves time in Washington is the decision to close all departments to the public. Admission to the White House, except to the executive offices, is now refused to everybody. The time-saving process has even been extended to the street-car systems, which now have installed the stop-stop plan, by which the service is expedited.

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.

