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## muscle shoals and mere talk

 The battle that rages around Muscle Shonlspresent has nothing to do with whether or not th
Carmers shall have cheap fertilizer. This is $n$ mo vital point
degree it degree it is
calture.
potash to such height of price as to give it even greater emand to produce cotton fertilizer must he had hraskn's potash lakes helped solve the pro
when the war was over. and the supply
many again available, the price many again available, the price dropped
where Nebraska could not compete. velopment at Muscle Shoals. A modest hydro-ele tric scheme was magnified tenfold, and the humble
$\$ 10,000,000$ originally asted for hecame $\$ 105,000$ ono, and still the
the undertaking atter the war has ended it is unready to produce.
Ye it can produce the nitrates that are needed.
Whether or not the Whether or not the United States is ever engaged
in another war need not be debated. Fertilizer will
he necesary

Shoals plan from its original purpose. They have connects the east with the west, the south and the horth in one great system that will provide energy
for driving all the wheels of industry. No more at tractive picture ever was offered than is painted by
the advocates of this new dream of governnient own ership. It goes just a little beyond the Plumb plan industry.
after long and earnest consideration, it was
garded as a triumph for the theory of conservation Just as the mineral and oil land leasing measure was expected to work, the water power control law was to
produce great benefits for all mankind. Juast as the government undertook to lease naval oil renerves, and thereby draw the sternest of condemnation from
the conservationists, so the water power has been
so jealously guarded that no development has taken so jealously guarded that no development has taken
plece. Now the move is direct for government operIt the people are ready to enter into the general
apo of government ownerahip and operation, the seope of government ownership and operation, the
entire program of nationalization of industry, no
hetter place to start can be found than Muscie Shoals. Alace th that ist can he found than Muscie
Althere, save the Gorgas stesm ernment. While this I , being F debnted, and cham-
pioned by Senator Norris, Governor Pincher ploned by Senator Norris, Governor Pinchot and
others, the farmers are waiting for the promised relief in the fertilizer sitatation.
From Chile comes part of the nitratex that are ased, produced and sold down there under such
strict regulation as anmunts to to g government monopoly. Cotton farmers of the south pay a tribute to
the Chilean government. The bulk of the supply
comes from the great deposits that lie partly in comes from the great deposits that lie partly in
Garmany and partly in Frrance, and which are in the nands of atrong companies that are backed by the
respeetive governmenta. To these all farmers who aspective governments. To these all farmers wh
une fertilizer, for whatever purpose, pay tribute.
Our crops are raised by eonsent of foreizn potash deposits lying in spreign eountries. The of of producing whatever the farm turnses. The cost is regu-
lated by agencies over which we have ereise no control.
It requires no esppecial exerecise of the fmagina-
tion to note the satisfaction with which these foreign monopolists see the dispute over Musclese Shoris ko
on, day by day, further delaying the hour when they will no longer dominate American agriculture. Governor Pinchot shudderx at the thought of al
lowing Henry Ford to control the great plant at
Uuscle Shonls, Sueh at monopoly is Muscle Shonis, Such a monopoly is dangerous, he
vany. Yet he does not sem anxious to break the
hoid of the foreign producers from where our farmhave no voice in making.
While farmers of the north are waiting for the
lief that will come from the passage of the Me-Nary-Haugen bill, thole of the south are looking for
an escape from the elutehes of the foreign fertilizer an escape from the clutches of the Poreign fertilizer
producers through the starting up of Muscle Shoals. produeers uhrough the starting up ne suscle Shonis
Why should the debate in connress be prolonged
while theories are being balanced against need? Let have a little action that will amend a had situa-
tion, give aid to languishing agriculture all over the
land, and then will he ther awnerthip of superpower plants. Just now government
ont the for wants help. He can not fertilize his own soil with
words, nor will fine talk make a market for him

## DOCTORS AND THE DEMON RUM.



throw some more tacks in

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