

THE NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

All railroads were granted tentative permission by the Interstate Commerce Commission to file supplemental tariffs increasing freight rates generally 15 per cent effective June 1 next.

The American Red Cross is chartered by Congress. It is the only volunteer agency for relief commissioned by government in war or overwhelming disaster. The President of the United States is president of the society and it reports to Congress and has its accounts audited by the War Department. Every person interested in the formation of First Aid class or any phase of the Red Cross work is requested to write at once to the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

Bullet and shrapnel-resistant trench helmets have been adopted for the United States Marines. These "Soldiers of the Sea" are the first American-made helmets to adopt this spitzer-proof headgear, and to actually prepare for its manufacture. The new Marine Corps helmet, with which the entire corps will be equipped, is a compromise between the French and the British types. It conforms to the size and shape of the average head and can be snugly fitted by the adjustment of a cloth cap inside. It is made of a single piece of chilled steel. Under test the helmet resisted eight steel-jacketed bullets at 100 feet from the Springfield rifle, and broke only upon the impact of the ninth missile.

Men of military age, who have married since a state of war against Germany was declared, will not escape military service under the War Department's policy. The Department statement follows: "The War Department announces that all men, married since the outbreak of the war will be treated upon the same basis

as unmarried men insofar as their military obligations are concerned. It is desired that the utmost publicity be given by the press to this announcement." The Department was moved to take this action in order that all men should understand exactly what is contemplated in the organization of an army to fight Germany. It was desired that there should arise no question of slackers upon the score of marriages, contracted since the outbreak of war with the possible construction that the marriage in any case was hastened in order that military duty might be evaded.

Emphasizing the importance of the navy as the first line of defense, and calling attention to the slow process of enlistments, in the navy from this State thus far, Governor T. W. Bickett addressed an appeal to the people of North Carolina to furnish its full quota of men to this branch of the service. He urged a campaign for the navy from Monday, April 23 to Monday, April 30 in all towns of the State with a population of as much as 2,500, the campaign to close with a patriotic mass meeting on the last night. "I cannot conceive it to be possible," said Governor Bickett, in his appeal, "that the State which has had five secretaries of the navy will fail to do its plain duty in this crisis of the nation's life."

Constipation and Indigestion

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

TO ENROLL AN ARMY OUT OF CLUB MEMBERS

A tremendous effort will be made by the Agricultural Club agencies to enroll a great many more members in the various clubs in the State during the next two months, the purpose being the stimulation of the production of food and feed crops. An enrollment of two hundred boys and girls in each county in the State would mean an army of 20,000 industrially inclined, productive young men and young women. Already 5,071 club members have begun their activities. Last year the boys corn crop increased the assets of the State by \$29,000; the pig club work produced \$10,056 worth of pork; and the poultry club were responsible for raising 35,000 birds for egg production.

The following is a list of the leading counties, based on the enrollment for all clubs: Guilford 249; Buncombe 242; Wilkes 226; Iredell 201; Wake 188; Madison 186; Stanly 176; Cleveland 167; Johnston 131; Rutherford 130.

"When the entrance of this country into the European theater of war," states Mr. S. G. Rubinow, of the Agricultural Club work, "will come not only the call for a display of military spirit and patriotism, but the assurance, on the part of the citizenship of the United States, of maximum industrial and productive development. As a tangible part of such preparedness measures, the members of the various Boys' and Girls' Agricultural and Live-stock Clubs, in a nation-wide movement, will do a great deal toward contributing food and feed-stuffs for the maintenance of both the military and civilian population."

"In North Carolina this year an army of 5,071 boys and girls have already begun work on their productive projects. This effort will resolve itself into 2,234 acres of corn, 82 acres of cotton, 1,215 pigs, from which may be expected a very large progeny, 72 acres of peanuts, 190 1/4 acre patches of Irish potatoes, and 1,278 poultry flocks. What this means towards adding to the State's wealth can be illustrated by stating that the boys' corn crop last year increased the assets of the State by \$20,000; the pig work produced \$10,056 worth of pork, and the Poultry Club was responsible for raising of 35,000 birds for egg production."

"Wars are not only waged with guns and shells; they are fought along economic lines, with food, clothing, and shelter, as three great empirical fundamentals. In Europe the call for industrial patriotism was sounded almost as soon as the call to arms was made. Women and children are now tilling the soils of England, France and Germany, so that the men who fight may be fed. This country is embarking on an era of suffering and privation. Last year saw and incredible shortage of almost every commodity used for food. Rice was the only exception. With an increased army and navy to support and feed, with thousands of men drawn away from their normally productive occupations, with the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of food by those in Europe, who normally would be producing, under such circumstances, every man, woman and child who grows an edible commodity is a patriot, in every sense of the word."

"Especially should all men and women in public walks of life give heed to this issue for increasing commodities. County superintendents, rural supervisors, county and home demonstration agents and all other citizens imbued with the seriousness of the situation should spare no efforts to interest every boy and girl both rural and urban, to do his and her share in feeding the community. The more we can produce, the wealthier

we are. Gold will not win a war unless there is food which can be bought with that gold. Gold is only a medium of exchange. Rome had plenty of gold, but little of food, and Rome lost. We need to overcome, this year, a local and national shortage conditions; a European shortage, due to the destruction of property and to the withdrawing of millions from normally productive occupations; a wild short age, due to increased consumption and decreased supply.

"Cities are now beginning to feel the shortage painfully. Campaigns for converting back lots, gardens, and alleys into productive sources are being waged with a great deal of enthusiasm. Rural United States looms up greater and more significant than ever before in its position of patriotic civilian citizenship in producing crops and feeding the urban world. Every boy and girl of every rural community contribute toward agricultural patriotism of the United States in his present militant and economic crisis."

What America Calls For

"America Calls for Food Crops, Big Gardens and Heavy Fertilization," says the Progressive Farmer, and continues: "A great war authority has said: 'every nation fights on its belly' that is to say, no army can fight unless it is fed. It is strong only in proportion to its food supply. And the truth of this statement finds emphatic illustration in the present international conditions. The supreme test of endurance alike for Germany and England is concerned not with men and munitions, but with food."

"With war declared, therefore, and a war in behalf of the sacred principles of liberty and democracy to which America is dedicated, every man who rightly tills our soil may feel himself as surely a defender of the nation as if he were fighting with musket, cannon or battleship. But remember that we say, provided this farmer rightly tills the soil. The cry of America today is for food and feed and plenty of it. In all the other fighting countries of the earth there is a deficiency of food, and with untold thousands of men going to war from our American farms, American capacity for production will decline and both the demand for and prices of food are likely to exceed anything we have yet known."

"Patriotism and self-interest alike therefore should prevent over planting of cotton and tobacco and encourage the heaviest possible production of food crops in every southern state. Soldiers can put up with worn or ragged clothes, but they die without food. As some one has said 'you cannot earn your breakfast, mend your dinner, or patch your supper.' Food feed crops must therefore continue relatively higher than cotton."

"We are fortunate in that war comes while there is yet time to change our plans so as to make acreage conditions fit the plain mandates of the market and of patriotism. No one knows how much it will cost to buy war priced corn, meat and flour with which to make cotton, and the only safe policy is to make the farm first feed itself. We must have ample food and feed crops and gardens twice the usual size."

"We are also convinced that conditions justify the heaviest use of fertilizers have not advanced so much as prices of the food crops they help produce; they are, therefore, relatively cheaper than usual. The aim of every farmer should be to make a maximum crop on every acre, and to do this heavy fertilization is necessary. Labor, too, will probably be higher priced than ever before in southern history, and we cannot afford to waste it on low yielding acres. It takes about as much labor to cultivate an acre making six hundred pounds of lint cotton as one making two hundred. And because of high priced labor there will be more urgent need than ever before for using modern labor saving machinery, owned either individually or co-operatively."

Let every southern farmer aim at food and feed crops, bigger gardens heavy fertilization and ample use of modern and labor saving tools and machinery.

A CHILD GETS CROSS SICK AND FEVERISH WHEN CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If Tongue is Coated Clean Little Liver and Bowels

If your little one's tongue is coated, it is a sure sign the stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle thorough cleansing at once. When your child is cross peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, system full of cold, throat sore, or if feverish, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged up constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

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NOTICE OF INSPECTION



THURSDAY, April 26th, 1917

State of North Carolina Adjutant General's Department Raleigh General Orders No. 11

ed to make the annual armory inspection for the State. The service uniform, woolen drab will be worn.

April 2, 1917

1. By authority of the Secretary of War and in accordance with instructions contained in a letter from the Eastern Department, Governors Island New York, dated, March 31, 1917 the annual armory inspection of organizations of the Third North Carolina Infantry, National Guard, required by section 93, Act of June 3, 1911, will be held at Reidsville, N. C., headquarters of Company G, Thursday April 26, 1917.

2. Capt. A. T. Rich, U. S. A., has been designated by the Eastern Department to make the inspection on the part of the Federal Government. Major Thomas Stringfield, Inspector General, N. C. N. G., is hereby detailed

6. The personnel of the organization will be inspected and mustered at night, and mustered during the day.

Attendance upon this inspection is compulsory. All officers and enlisted men will lay aside all other business and report at the time and place designated for the inspection. Absentees without leaves of absence or furloughs will be brought before courts-martial in accordance with the law. Leaves of absence will be granted only for good and valid reasons under section 71; furloughs under Article XIII, Regulations for the North Carolina National Guard.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief B. S. ROYSTON, The Acting Adjutant General

W. B. MILLNER, Captain, 3rd N. C. Infantry Commanding Company G, Reidsville, N. C.

Party Line Courtesy

The quality of service on a party line is largely dependent upon the co-operation of the subscribers on that line.

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