

STORY BRINGS OUT HORROR

Of the Efficiency of German Military Methods Disposing of Dead.

That the Germans are systematically collecting the corpses of their dead and shipping them to rendering plants where they are subjected to a process of recovering the oil and fats for use as fertilizers seems to be a fact established by American, Belgian, Dutch and finally by German testimony. The London and Paris newspapers accept the story after careful investigation and print editorials on it.

The Belgian newspaper L'Independence Belge, of April 10th, prints an account of the industry. The London Times reproduced the Belgian paper's story, but it was so horrible that it seemed unbelievable, even in England.

From a Berlin Paper.

The Times later presented evidence to prove its truth, printing photographs, facsimiles of a news article in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, of April 10th, which referred to the "Corpse Exploitation Establishment." It says: "Fats here are turned into lubricating oils, and everything else is ground down in the mill, the bones into powder, which is used for mixing with pigs' food and as manure. Nothing can be permitted to go to waste."

A dispatch from Rome, dated April 21, printed in the Washington Post of Sunday, says:

"Pope Benedict has been horrified and has expressed deep indignation over the reports of Germany's system of rendering fats and fertilizers from the bodies of soldier dead, according to an article printed to-day by the newspaper Informazione."

A cable dispatch to the New York Sun from London says:

"That the Germans are systematically collecting the corpses of their dead and shipping them to rendering plants, where they are subjected to a process for fertilizers seems incontrovertibly borne out by the latest information."

"When such stories were first published they were generally disbelieved. American consuls formerly in Germany, who arrived here after their recall, said the Germans were distilling nitroglycerine from the corpses and so obtaining the essentials of explosives."

Boast of Efficiency.

"It now develops that the German censors are allowing the German papers to print accounts of, and even to boast about, the efficiency which allows nothing to be wasted."

Following is the account of this modern industry—product of Germany's boasted efficiency and "kultur"—as printed by the Belgian newspaper L'Independence Belge, reproduced in the London Times and cable to the New York Sun:

"We have long known that the Germans stripped their dead behind the firing lines, fastened them into bundles of three or four bodies with iron wire and then dispatched these bundles to the rear. Until recently trains laden with the dead were sent to a town near Leige and a point near Brussels. Much surprise was caused by the fact that of late this traffic has proceeded in the direction of Gerolstein, and that on each wagon was written D. A. V. G."

"German science is responsible for the idea of the formation of the Deutsche Abfalls Verwertungsgesellschaft, or German Offal Utilization Company, Ltd., a dividend-earning company, with a capital of \$240,000. The chief factory has been constructed 1,000 yards from the railway connecting St. Vith, near the Belgian frontier, with Gerolstein, in the lonely and little frequented Eiel district southwest of Coblenz."

Guarded by Live Wires.

"The factory deals especially with the dead from the western front. If the results are as good as the company hopes, another will be established on the eastern front. The factory is invisible from the railway and is deep in the forest country. Electrically charged wires surround it. A special double track leads to it. The works are about 700 feet long, 110

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feet broad and the railway runs completely around them.

"The trains arrive full of bodies, which are unloaded by workers who live at the works. The men wear oilskin overalls and masks with mica eyepieces and are equipped with long hooked poles. They push the bundles of bodies to an endless chain, which picks them up by means of hooks at intervals of two feet. The bodies are transported on an endless chain into a long, narrow compartment, where they pass through a bath which disinfects them. They go through a drying chamber and are automatically carried to a great cauldron, into which they are dropped by an apparatus which detaches them from the chain.

"They remain six to eight hours in the cauldron, where they are treated by steam, which breaks them up, while they are slowly stirred by machinery. The fats are broken into stearine, a form of tallow and oils which require to be redistilled before they can be used. Distillation is carried out by boiling the oil with carbonate of soda, and some part of the by-products resulting is used by the soapmakers. The refined oil is sent out in small casks like those used for petroleum, and is yellowish brown.

"There is a laboratory, and in charge of the works is a chief chemist, with two assistants and 78 men. There is a sanatorium near the works, and under no pretext is any man permitted to leave. They are guarded as prisoners at this appalling work."

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Notes from Fair Play.

Fair Play, April 23.—Special: The farmers of this section are very busy with their crops.

Miss Julia Watson spent last week with Mrs. Uriel Mitchell, of Lavonia, Ga.

Several from here attended commencement exercises at the Earle's Grove school.

Gary and Will Dobbs Watson spent Saturday in Lavonia, Ga.

Miss Lillie Mae Lindsey spent Friday night with Miss Gatha Davis.

Misses Sallie and Docia Wooten were with homefolks Sunday.

W. T. Dooley, of Anderson, was in our burg last week.

The picnic given by the Tugaloo school Friday was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Clayton Mayes spent several days with her mother, Mrs. John B. Harris, of South Union, last week.

The school of this place will close May 3d and 4th, with commencement exercises.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Hogs Better Than Cotton.

(J. P. Wimberly, in Progressive Farmer.)

The following might be of interest to you or an incentive to some poor, mortgage-ridden cotton farmer to raise that mortgage and become a free man.

A few weeks ago I shipped 26 hogs, 14 months old, to Baltimore, and they sold for \$1,110, netting me, after paying freight, commissions, etc., \$1,020.80. The average weight of the hogs was 291 1/3 pounds each, bringing 15 cents, live weight. The only real expense I felt was during the six weeks they were hardened on corn. From the latter part of November to February 17, they cost me practically nothing.

As soon as my crop is harvested in November I turn all my hogs out, as my farm, about 150 acres, is under fence, and they remain out, without having to be fed until ready for market, or to be killed. In January I killed 30 hogs for my own use, then shipped the 26 above referred to to Baltimore, and there are now in the field 15 brood sows and 87 young pigs. I always leave them in the field until the very day I begin to plant corn. They are now eating clover and rye as hard as they can, and prior to this they have had access to peanuts (Virginia) left in ground after digging, cow peas planted in corn, velvet beans and soy beans.

I also find that even for pork production the pure-bred hog pays best. Battleboro, N. C.

Withdraw Blacklist.

London, April 26.—The British blacklist of shipping has been withdrawn so far as concerns the United States.

CONFEDERATE ARMY VETERAN

Woul Join Union Blue—Wanted to Enlist in United States Navy.

Little Rock, Arkansas, April 25.—Another gratifying example of loyalty was demonstrated at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Office here when J. L. Leigh, of 1511 West Second street, applied for enlistment in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Leigh requested that he be enlisted at once and sent to the largest battleship afloat for service on that vessel, and he was greatly disappointed when informed by the recruiting officer that he exceeded the required age limit by some forty-odd years, he being 69 years of age.

Mr. Leigh is a warrior of experience, having enlisted in the Confederate army at the age of 13, and having served for four years, which ended in April, 1865, under Gen. Lee, at Appomattox.

It is most gratifying, in these times of need, to find such loyal spirit in the "Boys of 1861," and such an example as shown by our worthy veteran, Mr. Leigh, will no doubt find a like response by the "Boys of 1917."

Velvet Beans for Beef.

With prices for fat hogs quoted at \$11 a hundred pounds and prime cattle at \$10 and \$12 a hundred, the importance of putting every available acre into use cannot be questioned. The fact that a 200-pound hog is worth \$28, and an 800-pound steer is worth nearly \$100, is of no importance to a farmer unless he has the stock to sell, says A. P. Spencer, of the University of Florida Extension Division.

Prime beef cannot be made without good feed, and as there are thousands of acres of waste land that at some time have been under cultivation, these lands can now be put to a practical use. Although the season is well advanced, there is still time to plant velvet beans.

The cost of plowing and preparing the land for velvet beans should not exceed \$3 an acre. A peck of bean seed can be had for 65 cents or less. If the crop is planted in good condition, the beans should yield from 12 to 15 bushels per acre, which if pastured off by cattle will feed two steers for thirty days and put them in fair condition for killing, or will fatten one steer into prime beef.

THE BOY SCOUTS' PART IN THE GREAT WAR.

Editor Keowee Courier: I want to correct a mistaken idea in regard to the services to be performed by the Boy Scouts of America in the present war. I have heard not a few people say that the Boy Scouts will be called to the front. This is a mistake. The Boy Scouts have their part of the work to do, but it will not be fighting on the field of battle.

National headquarters, through "Scouting," the official paper of the movement, has already issued orders to scoutmasters and assistants regarding this part of the work. The National Council has adopted as a slogan, "Every Scout to feed a soldier." This does not mean that every Scout will send food to a soldier, but simply that every Scout will raise enough food to feed a soldier. This will be used at home or sold at reasonable prices, thereby reducing somewhat the danger of a great food shortage. Troops of Scouts all over the country are converting vacant lots, etc., into troop gardens.

Scouts will also have some definite part in the Red Cross program. They will guard telegraph and telephone lines and railroads where there are no soldiers.

An example of how the Scouts will work is the way they handled the situation at Eddystone, Pa., when the recent explosion occurred. Forty minutes after the disaster occurred the Scouts of Chester were on the scene. They brought cots from various places, they bandaged many wounded and had charge of the traffic. When the soldiers arrived they found the work of relief well started. The Scouts stayed as long as they were needed.

Theodore Roosevelt says of the organization: "The Boy Scout organization is distinctly an asset to our country for the development of efficiency, virility and good citizenship. It is essential that its leaders be men of strong, wholesome character, of unmistakable devotion to our country, its customs and ideals, as well as in soul and by law citizens thereof, whose whole-hearted loyalty is given to this nation, and to this nation alone." Eugene Parker, Walthalla, S. C.

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"Four pounds of corn at \$1.56 per bushel costs 11 cents. Two pounds of cotton seed meal at \$40 per ton costs 4 cents.

"The feeder would thus save 7 cents per day on each head of stock, or a saving of \$14 per mule in a period of 200 days.

"We suggest that such feeding now, and the planting of soy or velvet beans or peas in all corn, as an economic and patriotic duty.

- Signed: **DR. TAIT BUTLER**, (Memphis) Editor Progressive Farmer, and Associate Agriculturist, B. M. C. Farm Bureau.
- Signed: **DR. E. R. LLOYD**, Director Mississippi Experiment Station.
- Signed: **DR. H. A. MORGAN**, Director Tennessee Experiment Station.
- Signed: **W. C. LASEITER**, Director Arkansas Extension Forces.
- Signed: **H. M. COTTRELL**, Agriculturist, B. M. C. Farm Bureau, Memphis, Tenn."

What would the answer be on \$2.00 per bushel for Corn?

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ROOT WILL HEAD COMMISSION

To Russia—Formally Accepts Office and Will Leave in Few Days.

Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, after a conference early to-day with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, formally accepted the chairmanship of the commission to Russia. Mr. Root spent an hour with the President at the White House discussing the Russian situation. The President outlined fully what he desired to accomplish.

The commission will be composed of three or four principal members and a staff of secretaries and assistants. It is expected to leave for Russia within a few days.

The needs of Russia, as outlined to President Wilson, are for political, financial, transportation and commercial advice and assistance.

For Your Child's Cough.

Here's a pleasant cough syrup that every child likes to take, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. If your child has a deep, hacking cough that worries you give him Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. The soothing pine balsams relieve the cough, loosen the phlegm and heal the irritated tissues. Get a bottle to-day at your druggist and start treatment at once. 25c.—Ad3.

Man Killed When Pole Falls.

Manchester, Ga., April 26.—Henry C. Methvin, plant manager of the Manchester Telephone Company, was killed this afternoon by a pole falling with him, crushing him so badly that he lived only two hours.

WANT 56 FROM OCONEE COUNTY.

Postmasters Urged to Assist in Speeding Up Recruiting.

(Greenville Piedmont, 27th.) Appealing to the postmasters of 130 small towns in the Greenville recruiting district, Corporal A. H. Holt has mailed as many letters in an effort to spur up volunteer activity. Through the medium of postmasters as recruiting agents, according to the letter from Corporal Holt 62 recruits have been secured since the first of the month. The letter carries an appeal in forceful language, and asks that the postmasters make strong efforts to get recruits.

The Greenville recruiting district is composed of seven counties, and each county is expected to furnish the following men:

- Greenville 136
- Greenwood 68
- Anderson 140
- Edgefield 56
- Oconee 56
- Pickens 50
- Abbeville 70

These men are expected to be furnished by June 1st.

In recruiting Wednesday, the Greenville station reports a usual day, with possibly a slight decrease in the average number. At best, recruiting in Greenville, officers state, is far from what it should be, and they again appeal to men to enlist now, while they can do so as volunteers, rather than wait for the conscription, which, the officers believe, is a matter of only a few days.

BIG WEEK FOR SUBMARINES.

Forty Vessels of Over 1,600 Tons Sent Down—Several Others.

London, April 25.—The weekly statement of vessels sunk as made public this evening shows that forty vessels of over 1,600 tons each were sent to the bottom by mines or submarines.

"Weekly shipping returns: Arrivals, 2,586; sailings, 2,621.

"Sinkings by mine or submarine (over 1,600 tons), 40, including two sunk in the week ending April 15; under 1,600 tons, 15, including one sunk in the week ending April 1.

"Vessels unsuccessfully attacked 27, including one attacked the week ending April 8.

"Fishing vessels sunk, 9, including one sunk the week ending April 15."

The report shows the greatest number of merchant vessels reported sunk by mine or submarine in both categories—1,600 tons and over and under 1,600 tons—made public by the British government since it has issued its weekly statement of shipping loss.

The report also shows that more vessels were successful in evading attack, the figures being 27 as against 19, the previous high figures during any week. The arrivals and departures of steamers from British ports average fairly well with those of the preceding weeks.

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