

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Sugar Supply Assured for Manufacturers of Food Products

Manufacturers of essential food products have been advised by the Food Administration that they will be able to obtain their full necessary requirements of sugar for manufacturing purposes during the coming year. This applies particularly to packers of fruit, condensed milk, such vegetables for the preservation of which sugar may be necessary, as well as to the housewives, for usage in preserving purposes. As soon as the car shortage is relieved, according to the Food Administration statement, supplies of sugar will be available for these purposes. Shipments from Cuba are steadily increasing.

All canners have been advised to hold for war purposes such quantities of canned corn, peas, tomatoes, string beans and salmon as they may have on hand. Such quantities as are not wanted will be released within a few days after receipt of reports showing stocks on hand which must be submitted to the Food Administration before March 15.

Each Battle Plane Needs Extra Equipment and Staff of Skilled Men

After three years of warfare the total number of airplanes able to take the air at any one time on either side of the western front has not been over 2,500. Each plane in the air requires a force of 46 men, two replacement planes for every pilot, and one training plane for every pilot who eventually reaches the front, with an extra engine for each plane.

The life of a plane is not more than two months, and the engine must be overhauled after each 75 hours. Now that American battle planes are going overseas, the great problem is to secure the thousands of skilled mechanics, engine-men, motor repair men, wood and metal workers needed to keep the planes in perfect condition. This engineering and mechanical force at the airdromes, the flying fields, and repair depots, both here and behind the lines in France, is a vital industrial link in the chain to air supremacy.

Surgeon General Removes Many Officers from Medical Reserve Corps

From the declaration of war to February 23, the Surgeon General of the Army has removed 1,050 officers of the Medical Reserve Corps. In the following tabulated reasons assigned for discharge does not isolate under "inaptitude for the service" all those whose dismissal was in considerable degree due to inefficiency or incompetency, since these reasons had weight in many cases otherwise classified.

Discharged for physical disability, 411; inaptitude for the service, 154; to join other branches, 306; domestic difficulties, 59; resignation, 88; needed by communities, hospitals, schools, 32.

During the same period there have been 2,265 promotions, including some officers promoted more than once.

Use of Soldiers as Guards for Industrial Plants Is Not Recommended

A memorandum made public by the War Department concerning the use of armed guards about industrial plants contains the following:

"The soldier in training who has offered his life for the defense of his country should not sacrifice his effectiveness by performing police duty in the protection of property back of the lines. This is the duty of the citizen at home.

The theater for operations for armed soldiers is the battlefield of Europe. Each civilian should aid his country by acting as a guard for the detection of intrigue, deceit and all the familiar stealthy operations of the enemy in our midst. Each soldier unnecessarily detained as a guard in this country aids and abets the enemy in Europe.

"Often a guard may be needed for the safety of a factory. When it is, it should be supplied by the owner of the factory, by the municipality, or by the State.

"These measures apply not only to manufacturing plants, but are equally applicable to shipyards, grain elevators and stores of supplies."

New U. S. Army Rifle

Shows Improvements Over Other Models

The United States rifle, model of 1917, commonly called the modified Enfield, has now been tested in the service of the Army a sufficient time to warrant the assertion that it more than justifies the claims made for it, according to a statement authorized by the Secretary of War.

The new rifle takes a .30-caliber cartridge, which has the advantage over the British Enfield of being rimless. It has been found that unless rim cartridges are fed through the magazine uniformly with the rim of the top cartridge ahead of the rim of the one immediately below, jams are likely to occur.

The model of 1917 has an over-all length of 46.3 inches; a total weight including oiler and thong case and bayonet of 10 pounds and 5 ounces. The breech mechanism is of the bolt type.

Junior Four-Minute Men Will Aid Campaign for Third Liberty Loan

Plans have been announced for the organization of "Junior Four-Minute Men" in every school in the country. According to the Division of Four-Minute Men of the Committee on Public Information, bulletins especially prepared for school children will be sent during the third Liberty loan campaign for distribution by superintendents to all schools in the United States. Addresses will be prepared from the material in these bulletins just as regular Four Minute speakers in motion-picture houses prepare their

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In each school the children submitting the best speeches are to deliver them in public. According to plans the boy or girl awarded first prize is to get a certificate from the United States Government as a Junior Four Minute man.

Farmers Borrow Over \$50,000,000 From Farm Loan Banks

During the month of January \$11,787,517 was paid out to farmers of the United States by the Federal land banks on long-time first-mortgage loans, according to a statement by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

On February 1 the total amount of money paid out to farmers since the establishment of the Federal land banks was \$50,782,432, covering 24,020 loans closed. The total amount of loans applied for up to February 1 was \$260,556,981, representing 112,146 applications.

Special License Issued to Cover Shipments to Troops Abroad

According to an announcement by the War Trade Board a special license has been issued covering shipments made by persons in the United States to, and for the personal use of individuals serving in the United States Army or Navy or the American Red Cross abroad.

This license does not permit shipments by persons in this country to American prisoners of war, but has been issued to facilitate small personal shipments to soldiers and sailors and Red Cross workers by doing away with the necessity of securing an individual export license in each case. Shipments by mail under this license must be made in accordance with the regulations of the Post Office Department. If it becomes necessary later to limit this license to certain speci-

fied commodities notice will be given through the press.

Lack of Knowledge of Gas Defense Fatal to Soldiers

The necessity for thorough and continuous training of troops in gas defense is shown by a statement proved by captured German documents:

The Germans at a certain position on the western front knew the British were planning to deliver a gas attack on a German division equipped with masks, but poorly trained in their use. In spite of the fact that they had several days to drill before conditions were suitable for the British attack, when it was finally made hundreds of German casualties resulted.

Many kinds of gases are used in modern warfare. Some merely affect the eyes temporarily, and are more inconvenient than serious. Other gases are terrible in their effect unless proper protection is available. They are employed in clouds, or in shells, bombs, and hand grenades.

It is the work of the Field Training Section of the Gas Defense Service to bring home to the American soldier the importance of his gas mask, to thoroughly drill him in its use and to inspire confidence in its efficacy.

Signal Corps School for Aerial Photography Opened at Rochester, N. Y.

In the new school opened at Rochester, N. Y., to train photographers for the Signal Corps, the primary training will cover four weeks along brought out in the war. At its close the successful graduates will be sent on for a month's advanced training, after which they will be organized into units and sent overseas.

Men with the highest grades will be given still further training for commissions as photographic intelligence officers, first at a school and then in actual flights at the flying fields.

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