

SPEND MILLIONS TO SPREAD LIES

Germany 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.

A book entitled 'El Vampiro del Continente,' the vampire of the continent referred to being this country.

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.

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.

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, and a disaster which overwhelmed that community would have its effect in all parts of the nation, and not in some particular section.

South America at this time 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 official 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.

RAISE MORE SHEEP ITALY SPENDING 5 MILLIONS DAILY

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 1930 we produced 423 pounds of wool per capita. In 1917 only 272 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.

FIRING DISTRESS SIGNAL



One of the most responsible and important duties in the British service is that of the British sea scouts who guard the coasts of England. The sea scout movement was an outgrowth of the boy scout movement and it is increasing in numbers rapidly.

RUBBER SHORTAGE IS FEARED

Entire United States Output of Rubber Footwear Is to go to Government.

New York.—Pa, Ma and the children soon will brave rainy days without rubbers, arctic or boots.

A complete cessation of the manufacture of rubber footwear for some time for civilian purposes is seen in the announcement that manufacturers of the goods have made an agreement with the war department that they will supply their entire output to the government.

All the important rubber concerns in the country are affected and will devote practically their entire attention for many weeks to the delivery of millions of pairs of rubber boots and other articles of footwear for the men at the front.

SELLS HIS HAT AT AUCTION

Farmer Without Money Gets \$65 for the Red Cross by Sale.

Macon, Mo.—'Folks, I haven't got very much—I haven't got any money, but I'll do what I can,' declared Frank Long, a farmer, at a Red Cross auction sale at Rogers schoolhouse near here.

Someone else doubled the bid, and the hat was knocked down for \$250. The sale brought \$65. Mr. Long went home bareheaded and happy.

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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.

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.

The total extending over a period of two years and nine months when divided into shorter periods reveals that war expenditure is increasing.

So far no serious attempt has been made to improve the food situation in Italy, which is gradually getting worse, not so much on account of acute shortage as to disorganized distribution and artificial increase of prices due to the speculations of middlemen and to extensive hoarding.

FATHER OF VICTIM ON THE CYCLOPS ENLISTS

Birmingham, Ala.—'My name is J. P. Baggis. I am the father of J. T. Baggis, who was one of the boys lost on the Cyclops.' I want to do something for my country.

London.—The record made by Charles Schock, who at Baltimore drove in 2,720 rivets in nine hours, has been beaten in London.

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.

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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.

NEIGHBORS, NOT DOG, MAD

Muncie, Ind.—Muncie policemen for several days have been kept on the jump by calls reporting mad dogs.

BRITISH AIRMEN SHOW QUICK WIT

Ability to Deal With Unexpected Situations Gives Them Superiority in Air.

RAMS HUN IN AERIAL FIGHT

Young Pilot, Caught With Gun Jammed, Crashes Into German Craft, Sending It Hurting to Earth.

Behind the British Lines in France.—A British machine rammed a German airplane in an aerial battle a few days ago. The British machine afterward made a successful landing, but the German machine was demolished.

It was while pursuing one of the fleeing German machines that the pilot's gun jammed, and he was forced to break off his pursuit and climb up to the shelter of his squadron until his gun could be got into action again.

Quick Wit Saves Briton.—The British pilot had so judged things—more by luck than good management, he afterward declared—that his undercarriage crashed into the enemy's upper plane, tearing it clear of the main structure.

Both machines turned turtle as a result of the tremendous impact and nose-dived earthward, a dive from which the German never recovered. He went crashing completely out of control.

London.—The scale of pay of the living exhibits who display their charms in the shop windows of the hair wash manufacturers was revealed in a case in the courts this week.

HAIR WORTH \$10 A WEEK

Woman Who Displayed It in London Shop Window Sues for Loss.

Mrs. Violet Titherley sued a hair dresser for damages owing to the loss of part of her exhibition power. She stated that before her hair became fixed in the electrical drying machine it was 5 feet 8 inches long, but after the hair dresser had cut her free it only reached to her waist.

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HEROINES RISK LIVES

Attend Belgian Wounded During a Gas Attack.

TWO WOMEN ARE DECORATED BY KING ALBERT FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION

London.—Caught in a German gas attack on the Belgian lines, Baroness Tserclues and Miss Marie Chisholm risked their lives to attend to the wounds of King Albert's soldiers.

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Gen. G. T. M. Bridges of the British army who is head of all British war missions in this country.

LONDON HOLDS RIVET RECORD

British Ship Worker Beats Baltimore Figure in Six Hours—Drives 4,267.

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YOUNGEST MAN IN THE ARMY

Husky Thirteen-Year-Old Tennessee Boy is Corporal of Infantry.

Knoxville, Tenn.—A thirteen-year-old soldier and a corporal of infantry, perhaps the youngest enlisted man in the United States army, is another distinction to which Knoxville can lay claim.

TAKES UP HUBBY'S DUTIES

Assures Management of Big Business When Husband Goes to War, and Succeeds.

Denver, Colo.—Mrs. Stanley S. Outwater is living evidence that at least one wife can take care of a \$100,000 business.

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