

GREAT LAKES LEADS THEM ALL

Nine and Three-Tenths Miles of Ships Produced in District in Year.

HIGH SPEED FROM START

One Hundred and Twenty-Five More Cargo Ships Delivered Than From All Other American Ways in the Same Time.

Washington, Nine and three-tenths miles of clean-cut cargo ships. That is the latest official report on the contribution of the Great Lakes district yards to the American merchant marine.

On September 1, 1917, the Great Lakes started to build for the government. The first ship turned over to the United States shipping board came from a Great Lakes yard.

They had not permitted the grass to grow under their feet for some decades in that region of busy commerce. Now they saw to it that the ice did not grow under their ships.

Production Rose Steadily.

When navigation opened in 1918 another fleet of 20 ships slipped newly built from the yards and went through the canals to the sea. From that date the Great Lakes production rose steadily until month after month the district turned out half the steel ships built in the United States.

This astounding output brought the total for the year up to 163 cargo vessels, one of them wood and the rest steel. In 12 months the South district had produced just 125 more ships than all the American yards delivered in the year before American went to war.

Any narrative of the Great Lakes work is a progress from one shining triumph of this sort to another. The smallest yard of all fitted with only three berths, actually delivered 13 ships in 1918 and finished a fourth only a little too late to get it out before winter.

Another yard built a 3,500-ton ship in 84 days. Another launched a 2,400-ton ship in 28 days. And a fourth yard broke the world's record when it launched a 3,500-ton ship in 17 days.

The ingenuity and co-operation which made such accomplishment possible were also what made the yards expand rapidly enough to meet war-time emergency and peace-time necessity.

At all these yards the records for riveting, fabricating, tonnage per man, stand out like mountain peaks. For example, the average total number of rivet gangs in the district is about 10 per cent of the entire country.

"Team work" is the secret, according to the district executive, the builders, and the men. The district has been untroubled by strikes or other labor disturbances, or by disputes with builders.

Starved to Death. St. Louis.—Died of lack of "nourishment," physicians wrote today on the death certificate of A. Jacob. A bank book found in the pocket of the aged retiree showed a \$400 balance.

SPLIT OVER TOBACCO

Difference of Opinion Among Kentucky Experts.

Commissioner Wants Acreage Cut, While University Advises Plant More.

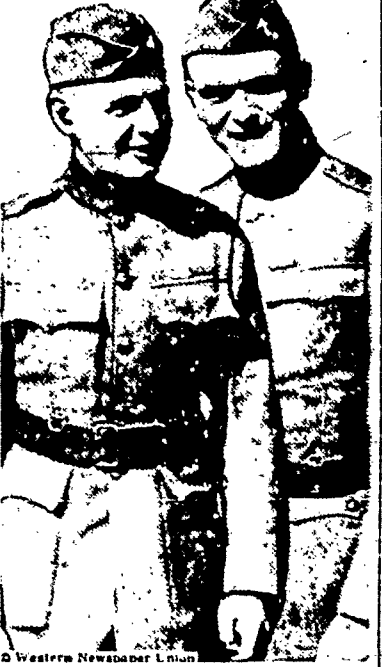
Louisville, Ky.—Differences in opinion between Mat Cohen, state commissioner of agriculture, and the college of agriculture, University of Kentucky, concerning tobacco production, have been published in a university bulletin.

Europe's immediate needs are 500,000,000 pounds, with but 100,000,000 available for export, the university bulletin asserts, adding that even with the probability of increased acreage in Kentucky, the total percentage of increase in the world's crop will not be greatly affected.

Meanwhile tobacco growers are reported to be planting greatly increased acreage in Kentucky. Those in the "outlet" part of the state, Commissioner Cohen declared, "are tobacco crazy."

On the other hand the university bulletin expresses the belief that "taking into consideration the abnormal conditions in the tobacco market, the outlook for next year's crop appears very favorable."

OF THE FIGHTING 69TH



Col. William Donovan and Chaplain Francis Duffy, who distinguished themselves on the field of battle. Colonel Donovan was promoted from a major to a colonel for conspicuous bravery while leading his men, the famous One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Infantry, the old New York in the final fighting Irish Sixty-ninth, who advanced farther than any other regiment.

29-Year-Old Goose Has Record in Egg-Laying

Hereford, Pa.—Peter A. Metz of near Creamery is the owner of a goose that is twenty-nine years old and has a record of laying eight eggs during the year. The last egg she laid measured 8 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches in circumference.

Profit in City Ostriches.

El Paso, Tex.—Flecko fashion has been playing fast and loose with the ostrich industry. A stock company started an ostrich farm in the valley with more than 50 of the long-legged birds. Then the creator of fashions ruled out ostrich plumes.

Soldier at Home.

Worcester, Mass.—Herbert Dixon, a private in the medical corps at Camp Devens, was in the army one year and never left his home town of Harvard, Worcester county. Private Dixon was stationed at Camp Devens, and his unit occupied grounds at Harvard.

TELLS OF FLIGHT ACROSS ANDES

Chilean Airman Writes Story of Great South American Air Feat.

SET HIMSELF DIFFICULT TASK

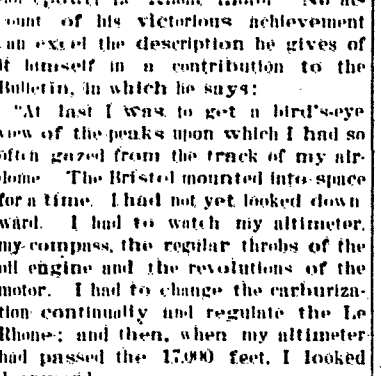
There Are Mountain Chains Higher Than Andes, but None So Hard to Cross by Flying—Latin America Encourages Aviators.

Washington.—Latin America rapidly producing notable aviators. Every encouragement to flying is given by numerous private clubs that look upon aviation as a sport and as the solution of difficult problems of the transportation of mail, passengers and merchandise.

Flight Across Andes.

The particulars of the recent flight across the Andes of Lieut. Dagoberto Lopez of Chile, have come to the Pan-American Union for publication in its next bulletin. As the ocean adventure will be the greatest straightaway flight ever attempted, so was the accomplishment of the young Chilean aviator the breaking of the world's record for height in crossing mountain ranges.

SAVE 100,000 BABIES



Mrs. Ina J. N. Perkins, as chief of the child conservation section of the council of national defense directs the activities of women's committees all over the country in the campaign to "Save 100,000 babies."

RUTGERS DROPS GREEK RULE

Study of Dead Language No Longer Required for Bachelor of Arts Degree.

New York.—One of the last strongholds of the classical tradition in education fell when the trustees of Rutgers college at New Brunswick, N. J., decided to abolish the requirement of Greek for the bachelor of arts degree.

Had Old Bank Account.

Burlington, Ia.—James Bryant, seventy-five years old, arrested here on a charge of horse theft, suddenly recalled while in jail that 20 years ago he deposited \$1,000 in a Burlington bank.

Got His Goat.

Taylorville, Ill.—Earl Sulplit is an undertaker. He owned a valuable mounted goat's head. Somebody got his goat. "My business is going to pick up suddenly," predicts Earl.

TO CITE EMPLOYERS

Those Who Hire Service Men to Be Recognized.

Special Certificate Will Be Signed by Baker, Daniels and Colonel Wood.

Washington.—Patriotic employers who perform their duty in employing returning soldiers and sailors will receive a citation from the government, Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to Secretary of War Baker, announced.

For those who join this new legion of honor a special certificate will be given, signed by Secretary Baker of the war department, Secretary Daniels of the navy department, and by Colonel Woods, representing the war and navy departments. The certificate, which is headed "War and Navy Departments, United States of America," reads:

"This certifies that ——— has assured the war and navy departments that he will gladly re-employ everybody who formerly worked with him and left to serve in the army or navy during the great war. (Signed) Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War; Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy; Arthur Woods, Assistant to the Secretary of War."

In addition to the certificate, the council of national defense, consisting of the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the secretary of labor, the secretary of the interior, the secretary of commerce and the secretary of agriculture, will authorize the holder to display on his service flag the shield of the United States as a symbol that he has pledged himself to fulfill his obligations.

FIND FEMALE "NOT DEADLIER"

New York Finger Prints Show Decrease—Only Degenerates Increase.

New York.—The city's finger-print records for 1918 tend to prove that the female of the species here is not deadlier than the male. In announcing a decrease in the number of prints taken at the 16 magistrates' courts, Fred A. Hart, supervisor of this work, said that this class of records of females had dropped 51 per cent and that of the males 48 per cent, as compared with 1917.

More than 1,000,000 finger prints were taken during the year. Only the degeneracy class showed a large increase, 85 per cent. The big decrease among females recorded is attributed to "better conditions in the labor market and the opportunity for greater reimbursement than in ordinary times," owing to so many men being in military and naval service.

Drilled for Water: Read What He Found

De Pere, Wis.—The discovery came too early for the day of the big thirst, but Jules Dufrene says he expects to enjoy for many a day to come four jugs of 300-year-old cognac.

Daniel Is Fireproof.

Bristol, Pa.—Daniel Sweeney, a shipyard employee, is fireproof. Sweeney went to sleep in a bunkhouse with a lighted cigarette in his mouth. A few minutes later some of his companions noticed smoke issuing from his room.

Wrestling Regains Speech.

Atlanta, Ga.—Private Rickenbacker of Orangeburg, S. C., who was made practically dumb by a shell explosion on a battlefield in France, regained his speech the other day during a wrestling match at Camp Gordon.

Colors for Dyeing.

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ANTWERP LIVENS UP

Port Passing Through Period of Resurrection.

Ships Begin to Come Straggling Into Harbor Made Desolate by War.

Antwerp.—Antwerp appears to be passing through a process of resurrection, although the tonnage handled since the port was reopened more than three months ago represents what would ordinarily come through this port in one week during the days prior to the war.

The American commission of relief in Belgium had 17 steamships in port early in April and the American base for supplying the American army of occupation in Germany was unloading five others.

Shipping men are anxiously awaiting the opening of the American base at Antwerp on the Malines road. Barracks are being erected at Contich for the accommodation of 20,000 soldiers at a time. This is expected to inject a little more life into Antwerp port.

The ground picked out for the American base is a vast plain, dry and well irrigated and the doughboys will find living and sanitary conditions there much better than in other bases which have achieved greater prestige.

The Americans have taken over some of the piers where North German Lloyd steamships formerly docked. The early work was arduous, as the piers were incumbered with gravel imported from Holland by the Germans, ostensibly to build reinforced concrete shelters, dugouts and trenches.

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PEACE ARMY TO BE ALL-AMERICAN

Illiterates Will Be Drilled Mentally as Well as Physically.

CITIZENSHIP AS A REWARD

Major Ferris' Development Battalion at Camp Upton Furnishes Basis for New Activity—Splendid Results Already Shown.

Camp Upton, L. I.—The knowledge gained during the war in connection with the training and instruction of illiterate and non-English speakers is to be turned to account in the recruiting of a peace-time army.

By direction of the war department there is being established here the first "recruit educational center," for which 50 barracks and other buildings have been set aside, and it will be conducted on the lines followed by Maj. Ralph Hall Ferris when he made such a success of development battalion No. 6, which went out of being when the armistice was signed.

Major Ferris is retiring as camp morale officer to become commander of the center, which is the outgrowth of his own plan.

Brigadier General Nicholson, camp commander, received within a few days the order to establish the center, and recruiting has begun throughout the eastern and northeastern departments of the army.

Will Be Taught English. An illiterate or non-English-speaking recruit who enlists under the new plan will be taught to speak English, will receive thorough American training from officers born here, and will in addition get citizenship papers when his enlistment term of three years has expired.

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The recruits upon being accepted for the new center will be classified according to their knowledge of English and assigned to battalions accordingly. A school of instruction of the illiterate and non-English-speaking recruits is being established. The course of instruction will be normally four months, or six months in exceptional cases. The men will be graded in groups of 15 to 20 and will be graduated according to the progress shown.

A board of examiners will examine the recruits for classification and prepare suitable tests to determine the rate of progress especially of slow-learning men and the reasons for their backwardness. When the recruits have developed sufficiently for assignment Major Ferris will report them to the adjutant general of the army for disposition.

An Illustration.

"Thought," says a philosopher, "may stay behind silent lips, but when it becomes feeling it runs to expression." We've noticed this in cases of persons who thought they were hitting a nail, but who felt they had smashed their fingers.—Boston Transcript.