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ONE FIFTH YEARLY LOST BY DECAY

CARELESS HANDLING AND IMPROPER STORAGE COST MUCH

TEN MILLION BUSHELS A YEAR

Out of 50 Million Bushels of Sweet Potatoes Lost — How Loss May Be Avoided

Washington, D. C., July 4.—One-fifth of the sweet potato crop of the southern states—10,000,000 bushels of the average crop of 50,000,000—is lost annually by decay. Careless handling at harvest time and improper storage cause almost the entire loss. To save these 10,000,000 bushels to the food supply this year and also take care of the probable increase in production is the object of efforts specialists of the United States department of agriculture are making to induce growers in the south to prepare well-ordered storage houses as soon as possible for the coming harvest.

essential in the storeroom—good insulation and provision for thorough ventilation. These things are provided for in plans for a model storage house drawn in Farmers' Bulletin 518, "Storing and Marketing Sweet Potatoes." The plans show a large lot for a building of 2,500 to 3,000 bushels capacity, but the principles of construction can be as readily followed and applied in providing storage for 500 bushels or for 50,000 bushels.

It is economy to build a substantial sweet potato storage house, because it will last longer and require less attention than a cheap, poorly constructed one. It would be possible to keep sweet potatoes in a cheaper and less carefully constructed house, but the attention required and the additional fuel used would soon exceed the cost of the extra care and material required in a better one. The chances of loss are much greater in a poorly built than a well-built house.

Construction of a Sweet Potato Storage House

Storage houses may be built of wood, brick, cement, or stone. Wooden houses are preferable because they are cheaper and easier to keep dry. It is difficult to keep moisture from collecting on the walls of a cement, stone or brick house. The house should be built on posts or piers, so as to allow a circulation of air under it. The "dugout," or a house built partly under ground, fails because it is practically impossible to keep this type of house dry, and moisture in the storage house will cause the potatoes to rot. The sills should be placed on posts or pillars 12 to 15 inches from the ground, or just high enough so that a wagon bed will be on a level with the floor of the house.

On many farms in the south there are buildings, such as abandoned tenant houses, that could be converted into sweet potato storage houses at very little expense. Where there are such buildings they should be used rather than to build a new house. These houses will usually need to be ceiled on the inside. For this purpose 2 by 4 inch scantlings should be set against the wall and covered first with a building paper and then a layer of matched lumber. The windows and doors should be made tight and ventilators put in where needed. The bulletin already mentioned describes how the bins may be made.

U-Boat Warfare Appears On Wane

By International News Service.

London, July 4.—The second black period of unrestricted U-boat warfare appears to be over. Official figures today by the admiralty show a decided drop in the week ending Sunday. Fifteen vessels of over 1600 tons and five under 1600 tons was the toll of the week, against a total of twenty-eight the previous week. Eleven fishing boats were sunk last week.

GUARD CALLED OUT FOR ITEM

Following a rumor last night that soldiers from Camp Nichols again were to move against the office of the New Orleans Item, soldier guards and extra police were hurried to the building in Camp street and watched there from 8:30 o'clock to nearly 11 o'clock. The threatened demonstration failed to materialize, whereupon the soldiers returned to camp, leaving the police on guard.

When the rumor reached the ears of the camp authorities, Ad- miral Ford, and three other officers, Police Captain James Clavin, of the first precinct, and a number of extra officers and detectives also proceeded to the scene. With the militia were two machine guns, which were taken around into Gravier street.

Because many soldiers were away from camp attending the Moose and Woodmen festivals, it was hard to say just what had become of the bulk of the troops, which was the chief reason why the rumor was credited. At 10:30 o'clock the roll was called at Camp Nichols and practically all the soldiers were found to be present, whereupon the detachment at the Item office was recalled.

While the automobiles containing the camp guard were rushing downtown two of them collided at the corner of Rampart street and Esplanade avenue. A soldier named Nelson was thrown to the pavement and his right leg broken. One of the machines also was put out of commission.

FRANCE HAS COAL AGAIN

A Number of the Mines at Lens Already Have Been Captured Canadian Headquarters in France, July 4.—Success, unexpectedly great and complete at a cost in casualties far less than in some recent unimportant engagements, has attended the drive of the Canadians along the valley of Souchez toward Lens during the last week.

The gain of ground is greater than in any actions since the capture of Vimy Ridge, and the land restored to France includes some of her most productive coal mines—Coulotte, Levalite and almost all of Avion are firmly held and that part of the plain east of Vimy, where, a week ago, no one could show himself above the top of a trench without drawing the fire of snipers and machine guns, may now be traversed in the open.

There are daily increasing signs that the German man-power is no longer what it was. The number of enemy troops in the field appears little less than before the opening of spring operations, but the spirit of the men is no longer that of an assured victor. A prisoner taken yesterday spoke of the process of disillusionment the German people are now going through. If the war does not end soon, he said, there will be a revolution in Germany. This changed spirit is not due to underfeeding. Most of the German prisoners are well nourished.

MISTRIAL COMES OF LIBEL SUIT

JURY FAILS TO AGREE FOR THE SECOND TIME

JUDGE MAY DECIDE CASE

Either Side in T.-P.-Person Trial Will Have Right to Appeal From Decision

The jury in the second trial of the \$100,000 damage suit of Dr. Clarence P. Pierson against the Times-Picayune Publishing company yesterday morning reported that they were unable to agree. At 11 o'clock Judge E. K. Skinner ordered that a mistrial be entered in the case.

The jurors spent many hours wrestling with the case, but could not reach a verdict. From 7 o'clock yesterday morning on the jurors debated the matter, after having spent the night at the De Solo hotel. At one time during the morning there seemed to be a possibility that a verdict could be rendered. This was when the jury sent a note to Judge Skinner asking if it constituted libel where the defendants advised that in case of two mistrials the trial judge shall render a decision in the case. Attorneys for one of the parties to the damage suit may contest the constitutionality of this act, however. The first mistrial followed a six weeks trial of the case in Judge Fred Kim's court recently.

Active And Vocal Aid Get Results

Nathan Spears, whose code of ethics appears to be lighter than his color, entered the store of H. Manasses at 308 St. Charles street yesterday noon, and while the proprietor was waiting on another customer he is alleged to have seized a pair of pants and hurried through the front door. Manasses wanted the pants back and in order to get them he had to catch Spears, which latter was accomplished at Carondelet and Perdido streets. Mr. Manasses had vocal assistance from a large crowd of onlookers, and assistance from one member of the crowd.

WOMEN OF CITY ARE TO REGISTER

Women of New Orleans who are willing to sign Hoover's food pledge shortly will register at the various polling booths about the city. This was decided at a meeting Tuesday of the Women's Council for National Defense. Speeches will be made in preparation for the registration day. Miss Milda Phelps, state president, and Miss Natalie Scott, state secretary for the council, arranged the meeting that was held Tuesday. Most of the clubs had representatives present.

Besides Mrs. Porteus the city officers are: Mrs. R. G. Robinson, secretary; Mrs. Levering Moore, treasurer; and Mrs. Albert Wolf, Mrs. W. J. O'Donnell, Mrs. E. J. Graham, Mrs. Lewis Clarke, Mrs. A. J. Krauss, Mrs. Rozel McWilliams and Mrs. J. T. Benedict, executive committee.

ANOTHER ALLEGED SPY Scranton, Pa., July 4.—Charged with being a spy in the employ of the German government, John Graber, a leader of the I. W. W., was arrested here this afternoon.

Quiet Reigns In East St. Louis

East St. Louis, July 4.—Inquest into the deaths of the recent rioting was begun today. It is believed the federal government will take a hand. Only a few isolated clashes took place today.

When Governor Lowden departed today he left behind a statement with the Chamber of Commerce that he would investigate fully charges of inefficiency, lack of discipline and laxness against the militiamen who were here during the riots last Monday.

SHIP BUILDING PROSPECTS GOOD

Further extensive ship building operations along the Gulf Coast are foreshadowed by the announcement made yesterday by the Southern Pine Emergency Bureau, that orders have been placed at mills for furnishing at an early date complete schedules of material for twelve wooden boats, to be built by the Universal Ship Building Company, of Houston, Texas. These will all be completed in time for the summer season.

Emmet McGriff, ten years old, of 1508 Carondelet, received some shot in the neck, and was treated at the Presbyterian hospital.

Two other persons were shot when the cannon was fired. They were Mildred Bille, aged thirteen, of 1520 St. Andrew street, and Ben Russell, negro, of 1305 Carondelet street, both being shot in the elbow. Russell was standing in the doorway of his home. None of the four persons was seriously injured. Angus was arrested and taken to the juvenile court.

Auto And Train Crash; 4 Killed

Steuvenville, O., July 4.—Four persons were killed, one injured, when a Cleveland and Pittsburg passenger train struck an automobile at Jeddó grade crossing, five miles north of here today. The automobile engine stalled as the car reached the crossing.

HOSPITAL UNIT MAY MOVE SOON

Orders for Base Hospital Unit No. 4 to go to Fort McPherson, Ga., for a short course of training, are expected within the next two weeks. Recently this unit was organized for immediate service in France. Only one baker and a cook is needed to complete the personnel of the unit.

To get these jobs the applicant must be more than 31 years old and less than 41. Their pay will be \$14 and \$50 a month. After a short training course the unit will be sent abroad at once. Notices will be mailed to each enlisted man as soon as the orders are received from the war department.

THREE KILLED IN MOT

Amsterdam, July 4.—Three men were killed in rioting in the Kattendburg district last night. The soldiers were called to quell the outbreak.

HEAVY ARTILLERY DUEL London, July 4.—The British day official report follows: "Nothing to report, except a considerable artillery activity on both sides along numerous points on the front."

TOLL FOR FOURTH IS FOUR HURT

FIRING OF TOY CANNON CAUSES ACCIDENT

B. B. SHOT RESULTS IN INJURY

None of Victims Is in Serious Condition—Lad Arrested and Taken to Court

People residing in the vicinity of Carondelet and Erato streets, who have been reading about the disastrous cannonades on the battle front in France, were treated to a little of the real thing yesterday evening when a toy cannon placed in their people "hors de combat." Incidentally this was the only Fourth of July accident reported by the police.

Thomas Angus, sixteen years old, of 1235 Carondelet street, was the owner of the cannon. He also was the person who loaded, aimed and fired it. The load consisted of a liberal charge of powder, to which a quantity of "B B" shot had been added.

Frank R. Bieghy, 1608 Terpsichore street, who happened to be

will single out the men for America's new armies. On each board the farmer, the big employer and the laboring man each will have a "friend at court."

In a letter to each governor, Secretary Baker drew attention to the double responsibility that rests upon the boards—to raise armies and at the same time avoid injuring the vital industrial needs of the nation. He declared it was the "most vital problem of the war to strike a balance between the military and industrial necessity."

At the suggestion of the department every board will be composed of one member in close touch with the agricultural situation of each district; another member with wide knowledge of the industrial situation of the district affected, and one in touch with the laboring man—preferably a representative of organized labor. In addition there will be one physician and one lawyer.

Secretary Baker emphasized that the needs of the nation demands only men of the highest standing for these difficult positions.

FEARS OF CAPTAIN'S WIDOW WITHOUT FOUNDATION

The body of Captain Henry Sageot, formerly in command of the Austrian steamship "Teresa," was exhumed in Algiers yesterday at the request of his wife, who expressed a fear that he might have been buried alive. The body was exhumed under the supervision of Detective James P. Glynn, and it was found that Mrs. Sageot's fears had not been justified. No papers were found in the coffin, the captain's wife having stated that possibly valuable papers had been buried with him. Captain Sageot died at Empire, La., of tuberculosis on June 23.

FRENCH BATTACK 42 U-BOATS DURING JUNE

Paris, July 4.—Forty-two submarines were attacked by the French land and sea forces during the month of June. A French patrol vessel fought thirty-one battles, sank eight, and shore batteries three. During the month twelve merchantmen were sunk by torpedoes and two by shell fire.

AGED MAN BREAKS NECK IN FALL Henry Bazer, an aged white man residing at 1217 Burgundy street, fell down a flight of stairs last night and fractured his neck. He was hurried to the hospital, but died upon his arrival there. Bazer was 80 years of age.

Two Airplanes of Enemy Destroyed

By International News Service.

London, July 4.—Two of the fourteen German machines which shelled Harwich were brought down by a British craft. The third was badly damaged, says the official report. The British airmen returned safely. The engagement took place some distance from the Belgian coast. The British air squadron was from Dunkirk.

FIRST DRAFT TO BE FOR 725,000

Washington, July 4.—It will be necessary to draft a total of 725,000 men to bring America's regular army and national guard to full war strength and put the first national army of half million men in the field.

Indications, the last day of army recruiting week—were that 50,000 men would have to be drafted into the regulars and 50,000 more into the militia.

Warning of the gravity of the task, the war department has

RENEW HUNT FOR GERMAN SPIES

U-BOATS ATTACKED TRANSPORTS NEAR OUR SHORES

POSTED ON TROOP MOVEMENTS

Only Three Men Knew of Dispatch of Regulars Till After Sailing. Immediate Death for Spies

By International News Service.

Washington, July 4.—German submarines came almost to the American coast in their effort to waylay and destroy the transports filled with American troops, bound for France. Secretary Daniels today refused to disclose the exact latitude of the first attack. He said that the submarines launched a blow very many miles across the Atlantic from the usual submarine area.

Every agency of the government is engaged today in a spy hunt to root out the peril that menaces every American sailor and soldier crossing the ocean. Senator Chamberlain said that it seems apparent that the Germans are getting information concerning military preparations and movements.

It was definitely determined today that only three men knew of the overseas movement. Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson, chief of operations, who framed the orders, and one other man, whose name is not made public, but who is known to hold a high command.

Admiral Gleave, in command of the convoy, was in ignorance of his orders until he had put to sea. The orders were sealed with instructions to open them after he had passed the three-mile limit. There is no possibility of a leak in this respect. Orders were sent to Vice Admiral Sims, at London, to meet the transports at a certain rendezvous on the edge of the submarine zone, but they were not cabled until the week after the transports had sailed.

Germany knew that Gen. Pershing was in France. German wireless stations in Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina, and on a certain Dutch island, have long been under suspicion. The Arlington station has been ordered to copy every message going through the air.

MAJ. STEWART LAND BANK APPRAISER

Major A. D. Stewart, former manager of the Cosmopolitan hotel and a well-known politician, was formally notified yesterday that he had been appointed an appraiser for the Federal land bank.

Major Stewart was formerly in the real estate business at Opelousas and is well qualified for the post.

ROOSEVELT MAKES USUAL SPEECH AGAINST HYPERN

Forest Hill, L. I., July 4.—Theodore Roosevelt inveighed against the hypern in his characteristic speech at the Fourth of July exercises today. He declared newspapers that printed the German text should be required to parallel it with English translations. Those who refuse to serve their country should be disfranchised, even after peace, he asserted.