

1,036 OF OHIO'S BEST YOUNG FARMERS TOUR EAST



LADIES' CONCERT BAND FROM RISING SUN, OHIO - ARNETT P. ROSE

One thousand and thirty-six of Ohio's best young farmers have been on a tour of the East and have been seeing the sights of New York, Philadelphia and Washington. The tour was provided for them by the Agricultural Commission of Ohio because of their proficiency in agricultural pursuits and domestic science, which means making bread, pie and beds.

TURKS CLAIMING VICTORY OVER BRITISH NEAR BATUM

Constantinople, Dec. 8.—Defeat of a British landing force and an advance to within 12 miles of Batum are claimed in an official statement issued yesterday.

A British landing force, between the Tigris and Suwaya, which attempted to take the Turkish position, was repulsed with heavy loss, the statement asserts. "Our troops captured a machine gun and considerable ammunition."

887 BRITISH OFFICERS DEAD; 106 MET DEATH IN SEVEN DAYS

London, Nov. 23.—A list of officers' casualties for the week ended November 23 shows particularly heavy losses among British officers for these seven days. The total is 395, which comprises 106 killed, 238 wounded and 51 missing.

Added to the previous totals this latest list shows that all told up to date Great Britain has lost in the war 887 officers killed, 1,777 wounded, 549 missing, or a total of officers' casualties of 3,213 men.

SERVIANS DRIVE AUSTRIAN WING TO KOLUBARA RIVER

Paris, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Nish, Serbia, to the Havas Agency reports that the Servians, since December 3, have resumed a vigorous offensive. The Servian troops on Friday, the dispatch says, pursued the enemy's right wing as far as the Kolubara river and it was there that the Austrians abandoned four of their batteries.

London, Dec. 8.—A Salonika dispatch to the "Morning Post" says: "A letter received from a member of one of the foreign Red Cross missions in Serbia paints a gloomy picture of conditions in Nish, the present capital. The town is crowded with wounded. Fresh batches are still pouring in and tobacco factories are being utilized for their reception. There is a serious shortage of dressings and other appliances. At one hospital visited by the writer the attendants were merely putting on bandages, the supply of proper dressings having been exhausted. The number of surgeons and other workers, despite the arrival of the foreign missions, is still too small to deal with the enormous number of wounded."

The Servians are meeting their difficulties with the greatest courage and cheerfulness, but the situation is extremely grave, and further assistance in the shape of personal service, money and stores is urgently required.

Pope Asks Yuletide Truce Rome, Dec. 8.—Pope Benedict is urging that an understanding be arranged between the warring nations under which a truce will be possible during the Christmas holidays. It is said, however, that the Pope has little hope for the success of his efforts.

General Killed By Aviator London, Dec. 8.—A Berne dispatch to the "Morning Post" says the Bavarian press reports that Major General von Meyer while entering a motor car was killed by an arrow shot by a hostile aviator.

BLAMES CROWNED HEADS FOR BIG EUROPEAN WAR

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 8.—That the big bosses of Europe were at the bottom of the great war in Europe was the statement of Dr. John Harris, president of Bucknell University, before the teachers of Hazleton county, who are attending the institute here. He was in Europe when the war began.

He declares that the people of Germany were opposed to hostilities, especially the women and the older soldiers. He says the cause of the war lay deeper than the assassination of the Archduke of Austria.

One of the bosses, he said, was the Czar of Russia. He alluded to the Kaiser of Germany as another and the Emperor of Austria as the third. He sees a new European ascendancy at the close of the war and a united continent. He predicted the breaking down of racial and linguistic barriers and forecasts that New York will eventually be the commercial center of the world.

That America is the dumping ground of Europe and that it is the duty of the United States to take the foreigner in hand and educate him was the declaration made by Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in his address to the teachers.

Germans Repairing Goeben London, Dec. 8.—A "Morning Post" dispatch from Petrograd says: "The German-Turkish battle cruiser Goeben is now undergoing repairs at Izmid in the sea of Marmora, workmen having been sent from Germany for the purpose. The Turks are confident that the Goeben will be ready within two weeks to take an active part in Black Sea operations."

Discolored, Wrinkled Skin Easily Removed

Since brown or yellow, over-red or blotchy complexions are decidedly in the fashion, I cannot understand why so many continue to wear them. Surely every woman has heard of mercuric iodine. This I know—from my own and others' experiences—will positively banish every unsightly tint. The wax really takes off a bad complexion. It gradually, harmlessly, absorbs the thin layer of surface skin, with all its defects, as bumps, liver spots, pimples, freckles, blackheads. Just as gradually the discolored skin is replaced by the clear, white, youthful skin underneath. Mercuric iodine, procurable at any drug store, is applied nightly like cold cream and erased morning with warm water. One ounce will produce the loveliest girlish complexion in less than a fortnight.

CAPTURE OF LODZ CALLED WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

London, Dec. 8.—The success of the Germans in occupying Lodz, largely because of what preceded it, is regarded by military experts here as a remarkable achievement. Less than a fortnight ago the army which took this victory has fallen was surrounded by Russians and cut its way out only at the last moment, losing great numbers of men and many guns. Yet it was able within a few days to reorganize, take the offensive and defeat the Russians defending Lodz.

This was made possible by the wonderful network of strategic railways on the German side of the frontier, over which reinforcements can be sent where they are most needed. The Russians, on the other hand, vigorously attacked both wings, were unable to send fresh men to stiffen their centre to meet the German wedge, and were compelled to fall back.

DELATED RUSSIAN REPORT TELLS OF GERMAN REPULSE

Petrograd, Dec. 6 (Delayed in Transmission)—An official communication issued by the General Staff says: "Yesterday's fighting passed without change. The essential engagements are continuing and the German attacks have been repulsed."

VOY SPPE'S FLEET RETIRES BEFORE SUPERIOR FORCE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 8.—Authentic information has been received here that the German fleet under Admiral von Spee has left for South African waters. It is said that the German ships fled owing to their being outnumbered by British and Japanese men-of-war, the Japanese coming around by the Pacific.

New Canadian Warship Very Fast

Hifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—The latest addition to the Canadian navy, H. M. S. Tuna, is making her headquarters at the navy dock yard here. She is said to be one of the fastest boats of the British fleet. The Tuna was formerly known as the Tarantula.

Date for Nobel Peace Nomination

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Bryan sent to the Senate yesterday a circular from the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament saying that nominations for the Nobel peace prize to be awarded in 1915 must be formally presented to the committee before February 15 of that year.

Horse Frightens at Auto

Terre Hill, Dec. 8.—While Dr. J. M. Wenger was returning Sunday evening from seeing a patient on the Bowmanville road, he met an automobile driven by the Weber brothers. His horse frightened and ran over a 10-foot embankment, throwing him out and demolishing the buggy. The doctor escaped with a few bruises, but the Weber brothers, who, through the accident, lost control of the machine, were badly hurt when it upset.

Head of Cattle Killed

Drumore, Dec. 8.—Twenty-one fine head of cattle were killed yesterday for Joseph Marks and buried in a huge trench. The mouth and hoof disease has broken out in a number of places the past few days in the county. On the Engle farm, near Marietta, it was discovered in some of the young cattle. Allen Brubaker, of Mount Hope, will lose 20 head.

Family Down With Diphtheria

Marietta, Dec. 8.—The family of Harry Aker, of Strasburg township, is afflicted with diphtheria, a daughter recovering last week and a son becoming afflicted yesterday. To add to the misfortune, the State Live Stock Sanitary Board has found his cattle infected with aphthous fever and the premises are quarantined under doubled strictness.

Incendiary Fire Destroys Barn

East Drumore, Dec. 8.—Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the handsome bank barn on the Ephraim Blackburn property, entailing a loss of several thousand dollars. Nearly all the live stock perished in the flames, together with the farming implements, as help was not at hand when the flames were discovered shortly before daylight.

Death Follows Premonition

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 8.—Telling his wife he dreaded to go to work, as he had a premonition of trouble, David Schuler was struck an hour later by a heavy chain at the ice dam where he was employed and crushed to death.

WITHDRAW PROTECTION OF EUROPEAN STARLING

Department of Agriculture Finds Imported Bird Useful in Certain Particulars, but Pest to Orchardists and Enemy of Native Birds

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—In its annual report for the last fiscal year, the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports as follows on the European starling: "Introduced into the United States nearly 25 years ago, the European starling has gradually extended its range from New York City, and now it is found in the neighboring States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. During its migrations in search of food it ranges much farther from the original center and occurs in considerable numbers as far south even as the District of Columbia."

"The starling is markedly insectivorous, especially in summer, and preys upon many noxious varieties. In this respect it is to be classed among our useful birds. So far as is known, it has not proved destructive to grain crops, but it is known to be very fond of small fruits, and as it associates in large flocks it is likely to become a pest to the orchardist. In addition, it prefers tree cavities, boxes, or recesses in buildings for nesting sites and thus is brought into direct competition with certain of the useful native birds, more particularly the bluebird, purple martin, white-bellied swallow, house wren and flicker."

"The bird is steadily extending its territory, and it will be wise to withdraw all protection from it, as has already been done in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, including the center of its abundance, with a view of checking its increase and spread. The shipment of these birds from one State to another has been prohibited under heavy penalty by act of Congress. Under ordinary circumstances, even after all protection is withdrawn, the bird will probably prove to be capable of taking care of itself. That ultimately it will spread over a large part of the United States is highly probable."

In addition to studying the starling, the Biological Survey studied the economic status of many other birds, largely through the method of analyzing the food in their stomachs to determine whether their feeding habits were helpful or destructive to agriculture. As a result of this study, 11 birds were added to the lists of bird enemies of the boll weevil, making a total of 64 thus far discovered.

In the matter of the alfalfa weevil, 45 species of birds as well as frogs, toads and the salamander were found to feed upon this beetle. The most active enemies of the weevil among the birds are the Brewer blackbird, the western meadowlark, the valley quail, and the English sparrow. Of vertebrate enemies other than birds, the Rocky Mountain toad renders good service in destroying breeding adult insects in spring and larvae later in the year.

An examination of the stomachs of 600 birds seems to indicate that birds are of no value as enemies of the full-grown caterpillars. Mammals, particularly the skunk, seem to be the important enemies of this pest.

In addition, the Bureau made investigations of the economic relationships of the birds of Porto Rico and, in co-operation with the Smithsonian Institution, studied the birds of Panama.

Study was given also to methods of attracting birds and encouraging them to build nests and live about human habitations. A Farmers' Bulletin is being prepared to build attractive bird houses and attract birds in other ways, is now in course of preparation.

"The Bureau also has given much attention to a study of bird migration, and is completing a bird census. "During the year permits were issued for importing 475,392 birds, among which were 368,676 canaries, 36,760 partridges and 4,148 pheasants. There was a noticeable increase in the importation of partridges, as a number of States, including Iowa and Oregon, are experimenting in the introduction of these game birds for restocking purposes."

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HOUSEHOLD TALKS

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Beet and Cane Sugars

What beet sugar will not do is becoming well known by now, for after one has tried to make syrups with it and failed or has boiled it until a blue sediment forms around the pan it is in, one feels as though they knew it as well as they wanted to.

This sugar has as good sweetening properties as the cane or maple and can be used for everything but preserves with the most satisfactory results.

The industry of growing sugar beets is interesting; the soil where the beets are grown is so greatly improved by the crop that farmers would be well repaid for planting them though there was no sale for them. It is in France that the industry is carried on to the best advantage but America is now growing immense crops.

The price of beet sugar should be lower than that of cane sugar because in the former the factory and the refinery are all in one, while for making cane sugar a factory is necessary to prepare the raw material for the refinery, where it is made marketable. So far there is no difference in the price nor in many of the labels on sacks and barrels, so far as we know.

It is not true that sugar injures teeth; an example that disproves this old charge is that the negroes of the West Indies have the finest teeth in the world and their diet is principally an enormous quantity of sugar. It is also disproved that sugar induces gout. In fact sugar is a nutritive and of itself most wholesome.

The California Experiment Station has made some remarkable experiments and investigations in fruits and says that the food value of the fruit diet is due in a large measure to the sugars of different sorts they contain.

Dried fruits like dates, raisins and figs contain greater amounts of sugar than the fresh fruit, sometimes it is over fifty per cent. Cereals and other cooked foods sweetened with these evaporated fruits are most wholesome.

A great many statements about glucose have been made and parents have been prohibiting their young folks including in confections supposed to be made from it. The truth is that glucose is a syrup made from corn and entirely harmless, when well made. It is not so called "starch" sugar. It is not so sweet as beet and cane sugar but it has definite food value and is perfectly healthful. Because of its cheapness it enters into almost all candy making processes and it is well adapted for this purpose.

The corn syrups cannot compare with the real sorghum or cane syrups but this last is difficult to secure in cities and does not have good keeping qualities.

Old Date Inscribed on Turtle Marietta, Dec. 8.—An old turtle bearing the date 1853 inscribed on its shell was found by James V. Elard, of Union while out walking yesterday. The turtle is of good size. Where the turtle was found was on the farm where the uncle of the finder farmed in the year inscribed.

Apoplexy Fatal to Aged Woman Mountville, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Elizabeth Cohn, 86 years old, the oldest woman in this section, died yesterday from a stroke of apoplexy. Prior to this illness she was seldom ill. One brother, a daughter and two sisters survive. She was a lifelong member of the United Brethren church.

Greater Than Krupp's Grape-Nuts advertisement. Text includes: "Sixty-five thousand men are now working day and night in the big Krupp gun works in Germany, turning out guns to destroy the greatest number of human lives." and "There's a Reason" for GRAPE-NUTS Sold by Grocers Everywhere.

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"WATCHFUL WAITING" Hostetter's Stomach Bitters advertisement. Text includes: "Keeping watch on the appetite—the digestion—the liver and bowels will enable you to quickly detect the first sign of weakness and with the prompt aid of HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters you can guard and protect yourself against all Stomach and Liver Ills."