

THE FARMERS' COLUMN

Some Practical Suggestions Well Worth Knowing From the Department of Agriculture.

FACTS FOR DAILY USE

FARM ADVISERS AT COMMAND.

Hundreds of requests for the services of the Farm Advisers are on file at the State Department of Agriculture and these experts on farming matters are now in the field in various parts of the State.

The Department has carefully selected its corps of Farm Advisers who are practical men in their particular lines and each one of them has had years of experience in actual farm management. The services of these advisers are offered to farmers, dairymen, poultrymen, gardeners and fruit growers of the State who need help in planning their farm work and wish to receive practical advice for the betterment of conditions and crops.

Among the requests that have been received at the Department by Deputy Secretary of Agriculture C. E. Carothers, who is in charge of the work are a number from County Superintendents of Schools, asking for night lectures in rural schoolhouses. The school authorities report a great interest among the farmers in night schools for the development of Agriculture and the experts will give demonstrations in community work, breeding and market gardening and all classes of community buying and selling.

The farmers desiring information on soils, farm crops, dairying, stock raising, poultry, drainage, water supply, house sanitation and household economics should apply to the Department of Agriculture at Harrisburg at once.

The service is entirely free and the demand is great. Early requests will be scheduled and the work taken up with the farmers as soon as possible.

SEED CORN NEEDS TESTING

Seed corn this year is plentiful but poor. Last fall much of the corn grown in the corn belt States was soft, and even the best seed corn, judging from outside appearance, is of certain germinating quality. P. C. Holden, the noted corn expert, issues the warning. "It is surprising how low in germination this year's seed corn is."

If you've never tested your seed corn before, this is a good time to begin. The principle of seed corn testing is simple. All the corn on any ear is about of the same germinating strength. Remove several kernels from different places on the ear and put them in a moist warm place, such as in moist sawdust, or wrap them in a damp cloth. Do this for all the ears you are going to use for seed. Number each set of kernels you are testing, and give the same number to the ear from which the kernels were taken.

If the kernels sprout vigorously in a week's time, save the corresponding ear. If they don't sprout vigorously, discard the ears that such kernels came from. Seed corn testing costs you nothing but your time, and may save you the wasted labor of preparing for, planting and cultivating a partial or runty crop. Do it now.

A greater acreage in potatoes is reported from many counties.

In Crawford township, Clinton county, five silos were erected during the past few months where there was only one before. Holstein cattle are reported to be the favorites.

There is a general tendency among the farmers throughout the State to take more interest in milk production and there has been a decrease of almost fifty per cent in the general average of those fattening cattle for spring market.

Many silos are being built, and the use of lime doubled according to reports from Crawford county.

The campaign of education for the care of trees by pruning, spraying and fertilizing carried on by State Zoologist H. A. Surface of the Department of Agriculture is causing more attention to this work in every section of the state.

Reports from crop correspondents indicate a large crop of apples, cherries and plums while the peach buds in some sections has been ruined and in others are reported in good condition.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, try Doan's Regulax, a modern laxative. 25c at all stores.

ARIZONA SENATOR FOR INCREASED DEFENSES



HENRY F. ASHURST.

BROKERS PLEAD GUILTY

Fourteen Get Fines and Suspended Sentences in Bucketshop Cases.

Three alleged proprietors of Pittsburgh bucketshops and eleven of their employees, caught in the raid made by the Pennsylvania authorities some weeks ago, were arraigned in criminal court and pleaded guilty to informations presented by the district attorney.

An unusual procedure was adopted in the case as the deputy attorney general who presented the cases reserved the rights to try the cases in either the state or federal court. Deputy Attorney General Davis appeared before District Attorney Jackson and filed suits against each one of the defendants. These informations were then presented in open court by the district attorney.

Three proprietors and eleven employees were fined \$100 and sentenced to serve six months in jail. The jail sentences were suspended.

LOCOMOTIVE WORKS BUSY

Baldwins of Philadelphia May Employ More Men.

Orders for locomotives totaling \$1,850,000 were announced by the Baldwin Locomotive works of Philadelphia.

This work will keep the force of 15,000 men employed there and at Eddystone going full speed and any additional orders of considerable size, it is predicted, will result in an increase of several thousands of workmen.

Twenty-five of the locomotives, which are of the heavy freight Mikado type, will be built for the Pennsylvania railroad and a similar number of the same sort of locomotive will be constructed for the Great Northern railway. The average cost of a locomotive of this type is today about \$37,000.

GERMANS SWIM FOR LIBERTY

Escape From Ellis Island, But Are Caught in Jersey City.

Johann Roudin and Hans Winkler, Germans, facing virtual imprisonment at Ellis Island until the end of the war, made a desperate attempt to escape.

They were captured in railroad yards in Jersey City after escaping from a third-floor room by means of a rope of bed sheets and swimming to the Jersey shore. The pair came over here as stowaways on a Dutch freighter March 2. Because of war conditions the immigration authorities are not deporting German subjects.

MAN SHOCKED TO DEATH

Attempts to Remove Tangle of Electric Wires; Grasps Lightning Rod.

Washington Christianer, aged nineteen, of Garrett, near Rockwood, Pa., was killed by electricity at his home. Young Christianer climbed onto the barn to untangle two electric wires which had crossed above the barn door. Grasping the lightning rod with one hand, he endeavored to untangle the wires with the other and was shocked to death.

More Becoming Citizens.

Their patriotism aroused by the war in Europe and the Mexican situation, foreign-born persons who made their homes in this country years ago but never went to the trouble of becoming full-fledged citizens, are now applying, in large numbers, for this privilege to the federal naturalization authorities.

1916 APRIL 1916						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

VILLA SURPRISED AND DEFEATED

Bandit Army Caught After a Drunken Carouse at Guerrero

60 MEXICANS ARE KILLED

Few Americans Wounded, None Killed. Large Amount of Supplies Captured. Villa, Wounded Escapes in Carriage.

Francisco Villa was decisively defeated, sixty of his men killed and his force of outlaws broken up in the first battle between American troops and Villistas at Guerrero, Mexico.

Villa, with a broken hip and a wound in the leg, with a few of his followers is fleeing toward the mountains with American cavalrymen close at his heels. His capture or death is regarded as certain.

The American cavalrymen were outnumbered two to one by the Mexicans, 250 troopers attacking 500 Mexicans, but only four troopers were slightly wounded and none killed. Colonel George Dodd commanded the American forces.

General Elizeo Hernandez, Villa's second in command, was killed. Pablo Lopez, Villa's third in command, was wounded.

The battle took place in the edge of the town of Guerrero, capital of the district dominated by Villa in the days when, as a bandit, he defied the forces of Porfirio Diaz for years. Villa was taken from the field in a carriage limping and swearing, according to reports of the United States officers with Colonel Dodd, confirmed by Mexicans. These Mexicans claimed to be Carranzistas, whom Villa was holding as prisoners for execution. They are held for investigation, as the American officers believe some of them belong to the bandit band. All the prisoners are to be turned over to the nearest Carranza commander, who will identify and dispose of them.

The American cavalry dismounted as it dashed up within firing distance of the camp of the bandits and leaving their horses in charge of details, crept upon the Villistas from arroyos and other shelter. This accounts for the execution among the Villistas and the small number of American wounded.

As the Mexicans fled the Americans' horses were brought up and pursuit was given, the American cavalrymen charging on the heels of the retreating bandits as long as they kept in the open country but giving up the chase when the Mexicans took to the mountains.

This is the system Villa used in his fighting according to the American scouts' reports several days ago. In the event of a battle his men are instructed to scatter, to meet again at some previously appointed place. Guerrero had been the last rallying place.

Villa was surprised at daybreak by the Americans. He had just captured the town from the Carranzistas the night before and was resting when the American forces, composed of the Tenth cavalry (negro) and the Seventh cavalry, the famous Custer regiment, swooped down upon his band and began to pour a rain of lead into their ranks.

Villa's retreat was toward Chinahuat City, according to the reports. His band scattered and took to the hills, making pursuit temporarily impossible.

First news of the battle came to the Carranza officials in Juarez, followed shortly by confirmatory advices from General Pershing himself, who had left his base at Casas Grandes and reported from San Geronimo ranch, north of Guerrero.

For ten miles the American troops followed the fleeing Villistas, bringing down many of them in the flight and capturing most of the supplies used in the battle. The Villistas fled at the first volley from the Americans, although portions of the Villa command made stands in the town itself and fired at the attacking Americans from the protection of the low squat adobe houses.

Many Villistas wounded were left in the flight of the column of bandits. These were made prisoners and given first aid treatment by the Americans. They, like the prisoners, were sent to the nearest Carranza command.

The American command rode all night after the Villistas, after learning that they had attacked and taken Guerrero from the Carranzistas, and made the attack just at daybreak, catching the Villa forces asleep after a night of celebration.

Food riots, in which at least 1,000 women and children participated, occurred in the city. The riot grew into general looting. Soldiers were called out but they refused to shoot into the crowds of women and children.

No one was killed during the rioting but many buildings were badly damaged. The government took steps to distribute corn and has ordered several carloads sent to Tueron and vicinity.

STUDIES WAR PHASES IN BRITISH COLONIES



SIR H. RIDER HAGGARD.

A GENERAL SURVEY OF THE WAR

Malancourt, on the western side of the Meuse, pounded to pieces by continued German artillery fire and surrounded by the Germans on three sides, was evacuated by the French after an extended battle.

The charge at Malancourt was only one of three operations against the Verdun stronghold, which the Germans have put into motion within the space of a day. Northeast of the fortress they twice attacked at Douaumont with liquid fire, but according to the French war office, were both times beaten off.

The Germans before Verdun have occupied the village of Vaux, and, according to a Berlin statement, have cleared 1,000 yards of French trenches northeast of Haucourt. They took 731 prisoners in the battle of Vaux March 31. The only mention of fighting around Verdun April 1 tells of the repulse of a French counter attack after a terrific artillery bombardment near Vaux.

The Germans developed renewed activity on the edge of the Woerple plain, beginning a drive against the French right flank and attempting to take the fortification east of Haudimont, about nine miles southeast of Verdun. Here, too, they were unsuccessful in their effort to advance, Paris declares.

The seizure at Kirkwall of all the mail on the Scandinavian-American line steamer Hellig Olav, consisting of 800 sacks, is reported in a wireless dispatch from Berlin. This is the first time that all the mail on a Scandinavian-American steamer, including letters, has been seized.

The Hellig Olav sailed from New York March 17 for Christiansand. Six German aeroplanes were brought down or were forced to make hasty descents Sunday in the Verdun region, and a seventh was brought down by anti-aircraft guns in the Bois le Pretre in the Woerple district.

A dispatch from Athens says the populace has pillaged the building of the Serbian legation at Sofia. Bulgarian authorities arrested the men left in charge of the building.

The American minister at Sofia protested to Premier Radoslawoff, who justified the action of the people on the ground that, Serbia having ceased to exist as a nation, the legation building belonged to Bulgaria.

Five steamers, three British and two Norwegian, were sunk with a probable toll of fourteen lives, according to Lloyds. The cause of the disasters is not known, but it is supposed the vessels were the victims of either mines or submarines.

Three Zeppelin raids were made on England within forty-eight hours. The third of them was made Sunday night, the airship visiting the Scottish coast and the northeastern and southeastern counties of England.

Constantinople dispatches say that the Turkish troops on the Caucasian front have received reinforcements and that the Russian offensive has been checked.

Germany has apologized to Switzerland for the bombing of the Swiss village, Porentruy, by German airmen, last week, says a Reuter dispatch from Berne.

The Holt liner Achilles has been sunk by a submarine without warning. Four of her crew are missing and believed to have perished. Her commander and sixty-two others have been landed.

The 653-ton Glasgow steamer Perth has been sunk with a loss of six lives. It was stated that she carried no armament.

Dunkirk, the northernmost town of France, is a strongly fortified port on the straits of Dover. During the war it has frequently been shelled by a long range German gun.

Train Hits Auto; Men Jump. Stephen Stromberger and Charles Ashbaugh of New Kensington had narrow escapes from death when their machine stalled when half way across the Pennsylvania tracks. Seeing a fast freight train approaching, they jumped as the engine struck the automobile. The automobile was destroyed.



THINK OF THE CONVENIENCE

When there is interest due on a note; a bill to be paid; or an insurance payment due, no need to come to town to settle it if you know the amount and have your check book at hand.

You can open a check account in this Bank with a small sum, and the convenience of it alone makes it almost necessary to the modern farmer.

Besides the convenience, there is the safety of it to be considered. You will not lose money from your pocket if you PAY-BY-CHECK. It's the Safe Way.

Citizens National Bank

"The Bank with the Clock"

Meyersdale, Pa.

Christy Mathewson by Walt Mason

When Christy's dead a hundred years, the fans will still discuss his play, and sigh, while shedding briny tears, "There are no men like him today! He used the brains behind his brow, and gave the foe a grievous jar; the chroniclers have told us how he was for years and years a star. Great pitchers came and cut some grass, and died, and then forgotten were; he saw them come, and saw them pass, and still kicked up a mighty stir." The chroniclers will also tell how Christy, when a game was played, filled up the pipe he loved so well, to soothe his nerves, all tired and frayed. He smoked Tuxedo every time, the critic's smoke, the mild and rare, Tuxedo fragrant and sublime, the cool, sweet smoke beyond compare.



CHRISTY MATHEWSON
Pitcher—New York Giants

"Tuxedo gets to me in a natural, pleasant way. It's what I call good, honest, companionable tobacco—the kind to stick to."

Christy Mathewson

Linoleum Logic No. 2

No More Red Hands
No more red hands from scrubbing floors. Run a mop over linoleum.

Armstrong's Linoleum isn't expensive—it lasts longer—and always looks "new."

It is made of tested materials and every inch is inspected before it leaves the factory. The new patterns are distinctly "different"—suitable for any room in the house.

See the samples room. Lighten the labor of housework.

R. REICH & SON

THE HOME FURNISHERS

Complete From Cellar to Attic

120 Center St., Meyersdale

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

SPRING TOURS TO WASHINGTON AND BALTIMORE

APRIL 17 -- JUNE 1

\$6.45 Round Trip from MEYERSDALE

Tickets valid for all regular trains and good returning 10 days including date of sale

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED

ALL EXPENSE FEATURE

TICKETS, including 5 Days Board in Washington, Side Trips, etc., may be secured upon payment of \$20.50 additional.

SECURE BOOKLET AND FULL INFORMATION FROM TICKET AGENT



Monongahela House

J. B. KELLEY, Manager

Smithfield St., Water St. & First Ave.

PITTSBURGH

European Plan

Convenient to B. & O., P. & L. E., Western Maryland and Panhandle R. R. Stations. Easily accessible to the leading business and amusement houses in town—no taxicabs or cars necessary. 250 rooms, elegantly and comfortably furnished. Under personal direction of Mr. J. B. Kelley, for 14 years manager, but now president. His expert knowledge of hotel requirements has resulted in numerous notable improvements. Splendid service, excellent cuisine.

MODERATE RATES

Single Room, without bath, \$1.00 and \$1.50 per day. Single room, with bath, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day. Each additional person \$1.00 per day in any room, with or without bath.

Complete Cafe Service from 25c Club Breakfast to the most elaborate dinner

Prompt Relief

from the all-too-common ills of the digestive organs—weak stomach, torpid liver and inactive bowels—is found in the always safe, sure, quick-acting

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.