

# PLAYING GERMAN GAME

As U. S. Ships Remain Port for Fear of Attack

Attack from Washington says the German submarine campaign has been discussed late on Friday. It was said no new steps have been taken. Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson said that the United States is not taking any steps to attack Germany.

# TO DRILL

Bring Units Up to Strength

From Ottawa says the Government is making a large effort to bring up to strength the units of the Canadian militia. It is understood that the Government is making a large effort to bring up to strength the units of the Canadian militia.

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# FARM CROP QUERIES

Conducted by Professor Henry G. Bell. The object of this department is to place at the service of our farm readers the advice of an acknowledged authority on all subjects pertaining to soils and crops.

Address all questions to Professor Henry G. Bell, in care of The Wilson Publishing Company, Markdale, Ontario. Answers will appear in this column in the order in which they are received.

Question—H. C.—Would it be profitable to put a piece of land into spring wheat this spring, and would it be better to use artificial fertilizer if no manure is used?

Answer—If the price of wheat remains anything near what it is at present, spring wheat should be a very profitable crop in 1917.

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DR. J. S. SHEPHERDSON, Veterinary Surgeon. Graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Toronto.

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PHOSPHOROL FOR MEN. Restores vitality for Nervous and Brain Weakness. A tonic which builds up, increases gray matter, and cures all nervous diseases.

# POTATOES FOR ONTARIO

The Third of a Series of Five Special Articles by Prof. Henry G. Bell.

If Ontario produced in 1917 300 bushels of potatoes per acre, it would supply the province with 2,000,000 bushels of potatoes. This would be a great gain for the province.

It is well-balanced plant food. Remember, potatoes have to be fed just like your horses, calves, or poultry, if you are to get the largest yields of best quality.

Manure is the great farm plant food supply. It will supply much necessary food to potatoes as well as to other farm crops.

On land suitable for other crops such as wheat or meadow, and to give the potatoes their additional food in the form of fertilizers.

Good fertilizer for potatoes should carry from 2 to 4 per cent. of ammonia. It is the nitrogen which forms 82 per cent. of the ammonia.

It is the phosphoric acid which causes the plant to ripen and form its tubers.

Before the war, 30 to 40 per cent. of potato in their potato plant food. It is this important food which adds the starch to form and fill out the tuber.

How much shall you use? Prof. Zavitz at the recent convention of the Ontario Experimental Station reported that as a result of 95 tests of potato fertilizers throughout the province during the last 5 years, the experimenters obtained an average yield of 122.4 bushels per acre with 100 lbs. of fertilizer was applied.

Is your soil well stocked with decaying plant material—straw, second crop clover, straw manure—humus? It acts like a sponge, catching and holding the moisture till it is needed.

2nd.—Potatoes must have an abundance of moisture, especially when the tubers are filling.

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# WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT CAPTURED STRONG POSITION

Russian Detachments Surprise Austro-German Garrison in the Carpathians.

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—German statement issued today by the War Department, immediately drove out the Teutons. In the Carpathians, Russian detachments surprised and captured without firing a shot a strongly fortified Austro-German position south-west of Okna.

London, Feb. 18.—Development of operations on the western front, which day on a larger scale leads to the belief that the long expected big operations there are at hand.

Importance is attached to the German official report of German airmen bombing ammunition dumps at the rear of the British lines.

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# APPLES, ORANGES, FIGS AND PRUNES

Are the Four Fruits Used in Making Fruit-a-tives

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" is the only medicine in the world that is made from the juices of fresh ripe fruits. Thus, it is most healthful because I have tried other remedies and they did me no good.

It is just why you should give it a fair trial. Stomach, Liver, Bowels, Kidneys, etc.

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