

Sixty Million Dollars Worth of Automobiles Used on French Front

Great Movable Factories are Established for
Repairing Cars.—Millions of Men Em-
ployed Keeping Trenches in Repair—How
French Govt. Handles the Meat Supply.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE FRANCO-BELGIAN ARMY IN FLANDERS.—More than \$60,000,000 worth of automobiles, estimating their average price at \$1,000, are running up and down France, providing speedy communication between the front and the rear of the army.

Every conceivable make is represented and every size and every shape, from a huge wagon capable of carrying several tons of ammunition to a Paris motorbus, and from a \$5,000 smart limousine with the swiftest and most efficient six-cylinder engine to the baby runabout used by special messengers.

Everything has been pressed into service without sparing the cost to make this wonderfully perfect part of the war machine. The vehicles have to travel over the worst imaginable roads, but it is remarkable that only 25 per cent. are under repair in the huge automobile camp which I visited to-day.

Huge, Movable, Factories.
Each army possesses one of these camps. It is a novel feature of army organization. Up to two months ago machines needing repairs had to be sent to garages in the nearest large city.

To avoid loss of time regular factories equipped with every kind of machinery for automobile construction have been built behind each army. They consist of about a dozen enormous wooden sheds covered with waterproof canvas.

Electricity made on the spot and operated all the lathes. Two hundred mechanics work night and day

condition, shoring them up to prevent a collapse, draining, modifying their direction, etc., as well as building and maintaining roads.

This work employs a very important proportion of France's manhood, aside from the large number of men drafted to the fighting army.

The enormous drain of money and energy involved by those communications, which are only an adjunct of the actual fighting, is one of the heaviest economical burdens the war imposes on France.

Saving the Cattle.

Further preparations by France for a long war are reflected in the policy which she has adopted of conserving her own battle while importing refrigerated meat from the New World.

The experiment at first was very much against the taste of the soldiers, many of whom refused to eat refrigerated meat, a food up to them almost unknown in France. Their prejudice, however, soon faded, and I have personally satisfied myself that one and all now relish cold storage meat as much as fresh meat.

Everyone's opinion now is that refrigerated beef is excellent, and that the perfected methods of handling it from the packing house to the trench insure its arrival at the French ovens in the best possible condition.

At the same time all the cattle in France have been registered, and form part of the huge stock which is kept in reserve against possible future difficulties of obtaining supplies from overseas.

Handling the Meat.

In my tour along the northern front I have seen the immense killing and packing plant which supplied one army. Similar installations stand at the rear of each of the others. Here pigs and sheep are collected and slaughtered, cut up and distributed, fresh or slightly salted, to each of the individual sections daily.

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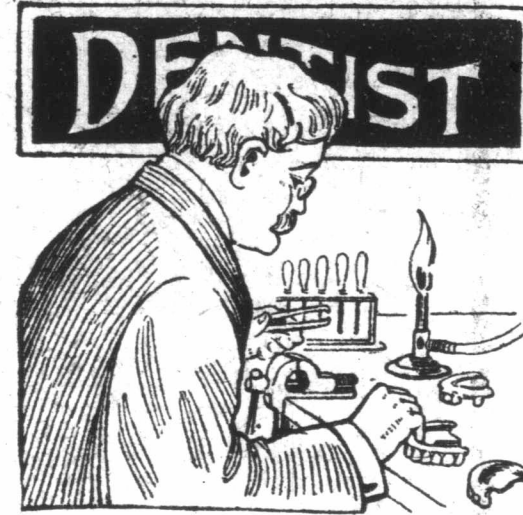
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1885	319,987.05	1,411,004.33	7,930,878.77
1895	1,628,084.09	5,365,770.53	34,764,840.25
1906	5,717,492.23	21,309,884.82	95,290,894.71
1915	15,972,672.31	74,326,423.78	257,404,160.42

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