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ABORIGINES IN AMERICA CHEWEDGUM

Habit Was Known To Natives When White Men First Landed

Chicle, a gum produced by refining the milky juice of the Zobate tree found chiefly in Mexico, is the basis of all chewing gum. Thomas Adams founder of the firm of Adams and Sons, of New York whose suc-Gum Company Ltd., was the first man to introduce chicle into chewing gum. The company is the maker, too, of Adams Chiclets and Adams Black

The oldest races in America Chewed the raw chicle. It was known to the Indians of Mexico and the Span-ish invaders soon discovered its uses from the Indians. They never refined it, however, or turned it to any commercial use. Up to 1866 it was regarded as a rubber of a curious type. But chicle belongs i to the "femilia Sapotacea." and men who claim to know declare it is made from the sap of the Zabote tree. But t is made from a milky juice, more of the nature of a secretion of latex

than a san. When the latex is boiled until the gum reaches the consistency of fresh taffy candy, the milk disappears. A test of its disappearance is to drop some into cold water and after it has hardened to break it. If the break shows a perfect brown unmixed with white Islakes or streaks the gum is done and is ready to be moulded for

shipment.
The wood of the tree if of little use by the natives except as rafters for their houses. They call it "the wood of eternal life." It is very hard and has a perfectly straight grain. The leaves are dark and leathery and re-

main green the year around. Since the chicle contractor pays the chiclers for the quantity of juice he gathers, he travels alone. After he has located a Zapote tree he attaches near the base a bag in which catches the milky juice. Just above the bag he makes a gash with his matchete. Then he cuts a gash for 20 or 30 feet above the bag so that the latex will run down along it to the

Scores of chicleros fall and are killed or injured in the dangerous In recent years more modern methods have been introduced and so the business goes on with less waste and greater efficiency.

British Workmen Petition

System OVERTIME MEN GO DRY

Earlier Workers Drinking Dry All the Houses In the District

London, Feb. 1/3—The Government policy for dealing with the control of the liquor traffic will be of the Liquor Control Board during the war period has been mainly devoted to the regulation of the hours of opening, restrictions in the brew-ing strength of beers and spirits, and alloting supplies in munitions districts. The board is now turning its attention to distribution and control of prices cl. spirits. Many salloons are without whiskey. Gov-ernment-controlled whiskey will be allotted to these under condition that it shall be sold at standard prices. Government whiskey will probably be lower in gravity. The Ministry of Food will shortly issue an order fixing the maximum prices of all spirits sold in hotels, saloone and restaurants. It is expected that the order dealing with whiskey will fix the price of the three grades at \$1.80 \$2, and \$2.25 per bottle. The question of rationing beer came up before the Licensing Bench of Middlesborough. The evidence showed that the workmen in the shipyards, iron works and blast furnaces regarded the beverage as indispensable, and complained that after working overtime they were unable to obtain supplies owing to the earlier workers visiting the seven them dry. The licensing justices de-cided to communicate with the London authorities with a view of adopting a ticket rationing scheme

SEEKING SLACKERS. Montreal, Feb. 13 .- Inspector Polanger of the Dominion police, who is rounding up the delinquent draftees in this military district, has seventy of his men scouring the should be in khaki, but are trying to dodge the issue. Inspector Belanger is determined that no man on his list shall escape.

Swiss Bourse Affected

By Courier Leased Wire

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 14.—

News of the signing of peace between
the central powers and the Ukraine,
followed by the report of the demobilization of the Russian army,
had a notable effect on the Swiss
Bourses. Entente Allied exchange
rates were slightly lowered, while
those of the Central Powers increasthose of the Central Powers increas-Petrograd exchange rates ad vanced. The exchange on neutral countries continues to fall.



The Call From "Over There"

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During the frightful battles that must come during the next few months, the morale of our men must not suffer. THEY MUST HAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT

We at Home are Standing by Them

Their dependents must be supported as we have promised.

Much Money is Yet to be Raised if \$150,000 is to be Secured

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