

# ARMED IN PAGE TWELVES CAMP CUSTER GUNS

FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERIES  
CONCEALED AFTER LATEST  
STYLE FROM FRANCE.

## SELECTED MEN ON WAY SOUTH

Troops Sent to Fill Divisions at Waco,  
Texas, and Little Rock, Ark.,  
Began Moving Monday.

Camp Custer men have already been  
experts in the famous art of  
camouflage.

Field artillery batteries have been  
concealed in the fields close to di-  
visional headquarters so cleverly that  
they are not noticed by scores of  
camp visitors.

Strangers in camp wander close to  
a network of trenches, emplacements,  
gun pits, sleeping quarters and bomb-  
proof shelters, without ever discover-  
ing them. There are now some excel-  
lent examples of the best kind of  
camouflage.

Waco is a pretty little town,  
which really is a "manufactured"  
thicket to conceal a regular wartime  
shelter for three and six-inch guns. A  
single battery has been concealed from  
imaginary airplanes.

From this are narrow underground  
passages to the sleeping quarters of  
the men, ammunition and storerooms  
and other departments. These under-  
ground rooms all have two or three  
separate entrances, some a consider-  
able distance away. All of this work  
has been done by the new men at  
Camp Custer after the latest styles  
direct from France.

## Selected Men On Way South

Selected men of the Eighty-fifth  
division at Camp Custer began moving  
south Monday to aid in filling to war  
strength divisions at Camp Pike, Lit-  
tle Rock, Ark., and the Michigan Divi-  
sion at Waco, Texas. The movement  
will continue until 6,000 have  
gone.

According to word received from  
Waco, Texas, the men on their arrival  
will be distributed among companies  
from their home cities as nearly as  
possible and will be regarded as vol-  
unteers.

General L. C. Covel, commander  
of the Michigan Brigade at Waco says  
that 3,000 men will not bring the di-  
vision to full war strength, and there  
is question as to how the vacancies  
will be filled.

## Asides to Camp to Be Improved

Following a mass meeting at Battle  
Creek citizens, prompted partially by  
a report that Kalamazoo was prepared  
to spend \$1,000,000 on roads and street  
repairs to get a share of Camp Custer  
business, 200 Battle Creek busi-  
nessmen wrung a promise from the  
Calhoun county board of supervisors at  
Marshall to give immediate attention  
to improving the highways.

The Stringham road, connecting Bat-  
tle Creek with the camp will be im-  
proved at once and plans are being  
made for the building of two permanent  
highways to the cantonment—a \$450,000  
way to replace the improved  
Stringham road next spring and a  
\$50,000 cement-highway on what is  
known as the Territorial road.

The cost of the two new roads is  
\$100,000. The city, county and state  
are now building a third highway on  
what is known as the Harmonia road.

## Negroes Go to Custer October 27

Michigan's Negro troops will be called  
to Camp Custer on October 27. The  
division commander from Battle Creek  
to the division commander from Camp  
Custer advise. It is understood that  
the Negroes will be sent in advance  
of the rest of the second central com-  
bat division, but of this there is no official  
statement.

The Negroes, some 600 strong, will be  
proportionally part of the 10th cen-  
tral division. Since 300 men will be  
sent east to be trained for special  
tasks, there will be two companies of  
Negroes under Lieut. Col. A. P. Pro-  
quester and acting as part of the  
brigade. Officers have been tempo-  
rarily assigned for the training of  
these troops.

The colored troops, as it has up to  
now been officially designated, will  
have more officers than the ordi-  
nary company of the depot brigade,  
being practically up to war strength  
as regards commissioned men. At  
present there are a dozen soldiers in  
the troop.

These men have been accepted and  
equipped, and drilled as a squad, and  
their officers say that they have been  
drilled rapidly and will be able to help  
with the new men when they arrive.

## Michigan Troops Being "Classed"

Under the direction of war experts,  
training of the Michigan soldiers at  
Camp Custer, Waco, Texas, is ad-  
vancing rapidly.

Among the poison gases that they  
will be called upon to face in the  
beginning of the course is the death-  
gas "tear gas." Victims of this gas  
are thrown into spasms of laughter be-  
fore succumbing to it. Other gases  
that will be hoisted on the Wever-  
sides are phosgene, chlorine and prus-  
sian acid.

## Foreigners Get Degrees of U. of M.

The degree of master of arts was  
conferred on four foreign residents of  
America's allies at the annual com-  
mencement exercises of the University  
of Michigan.

Those honored are Col. John  
Gillmore, of the British medical ser-  
vice; and Col. C. U. Dorel and Maj.  
Edmond Riet, of the French medical  
service. All four are assisting in the  
investigation into the sanitary equip-  
ment of the various new army canton-  
ments.

## Drafting Aliens Causes Trouble

The relation of the alien to the ac-  
tivity of the draft has suddenly become  
important in Michigan and at  
the rate things are going there, it  
may yet have to go to Camp Custer.  
Camp Custer now holds a number of  
aliens, all of whom, according to the  
local boards, were sent to Custer be-  
cause they had been cautioned that  
they had been cautioned that unless  
they practically volunteered they could  
not be held. But the friends of these  
men on the outside are not working  
tooth and nail to get them out.  
They have gone so far that from  
Washington have come direct orders  
to the state officials to investigate  
many cases. The war department has  
evidently acted on representations  
made by ambassadors.

The official ruling of the war  
department, aliens, providing they did  
not ask exemption on that ground,  
were to be drafted. This was changed  
so that all local boards were cautioned  
to see to it absolutely that the men  
were informed of their rights. This  
the Michigan boards say they did, but  
now many of the aliens are having  
their cases reopened on the ground  
that at the time of their appearance  
before the local boards they did not un-  
derstand what was going on.

## Cafes At Waco Under Ban

As a result of investigations by gov-  
ernment surgeons, which included  
looking into the menus and tables of  
all eating houses, at Waco, Texas, a  
half dozen restaurants were put under  
an absolute ban because of unsanitary  
conditions. No soldiers are permitted  
to patronize these places for the present.

The edict extended to commanding  
officers as well as privates. But when  
the reason was given this order was  
not difficult to enforce.

One of the cafes barred has been  
popular with officers, also with sol-  
diers who did not care to stir their  
\$30 a month over the entire 30 days.

These inspections will be made at  
irregular intervals and any hotel or  
restaurant found wanting will have  
no soldier trade. Any man who eats  
at any of these places will be placed  
under arrest.

Another order forbids the use of  
veal by the soldiers of Michigan and  
Wisconsin. This follows the illness  
of 50 members of the 326th regiment  
who had eaten veal too young for  
the order also.

Food conservation plays a part in  
the order also.

Nine Years Tax Totals \$69,950,079.02  
During the last nine years, accord-  
ing to figures compiled by Auditor  
General O. B. Fuller for the state  
budget commission, the state of Michi-  
gan has raised in state taxes a total  
of \$69,950,079.02.

From 1909 to 1917, inclusive, the  
total amount of state taxes paid was  
\$18,402,986.44, while the care of  
the insane cost \$1,251,996.94.

Other items of expense include  
the cost of the Michigan State Peni-  
tentiary, \$1,053,358.77; public  
health, \$406,413.34; military, \$2,  
327,957.97; highways, \$1,998,000; gen-  
eral purposes, \$1,450,000.

State officials, judges, etc., \$123,349,  
970; legislature, \$456,356.16; boards  
and commissions, \$2,481,569.51; mi-  
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The University of Michigan has been  
the principal beneficiary, as that  
institution has received \$9,281,375  
from the state.

The Michigan soldiers' home has  
drawn \$1,810,331.82; employment in-  
stitution, \$1,450,000; at Kalamazoo,  
\$259,055.65; Jackson prison, \$150,000.  
Industrial home for girls at Adrian,  
\$761,801; Kalamazoo hospital, \$212,  
731.18; Pontiac hospital, \$213,300.

## CAMP CUSTER NOTES

Wig-wag signalling has been made  
a part of the physical drill by order  
of the division commander.

A Detroit selected man, of foreign  
birth, walked up to his captain with  
"I give you week's notice. I no like  
do this."

Arrangements have been made to  
supply the men who are doing night  
guard duty around the cantonment  
with hot coffee at midnight.

Camp Custer is "French and Cana-  
dian" has been put out by the  
Y. M. C. A. This is a weekly paper,  
distributed free to the army men.

One of the pathetic sights in camp  
is the old Civil War soldier. They  
come and gaze with longing eyes on  
the young fellows as they drill. They  
would all like to be in the line.

Signs of a previous "French and Cana-  
dian" have been picked up when Capt.  
Guy Nash, adjutant of the 330th ar-  
tillery, found a nicely made flint ar-  
row head in front of his quarters.

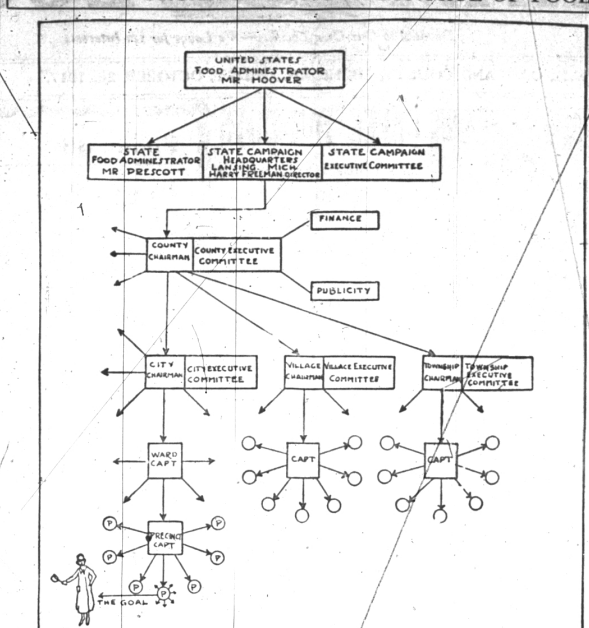
A million pounds of hay—one-third  
of the stock on hand—was destroyed  
by fire at Camp Custer. Major Robin  
Crawford, adjutant of the 330th ar-  
tillery, found a nicely made flint ar-  
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Four thousand three hundred dollars  
of the profits made by the post ex-  
change at Fort Shafter has been  
turned over to the graduates of the  
training school to divide among the  
company funds of Camp Custer.

Military police have been stationed  
at all the railroad depots in Battle  
Creek. Their duty is to stop all sol-  
diers about to board trains and ask  
to see their passes. If a man has for-  
gotten his pass he can't get on the train  
by the same token a man who is  
attempting to absent himself without  
leave is detected at once.

Capt. Verne Amberson, who will be  
remembered as state senator from  
Blissfield, Lenawee county, has been  
given command of one of the com-  
panies in the 10th central division  
which will be formed at Camp Custer.  
There can be no doubt the Y. M. C. A.,  
with its seven huts, is the greatest  
benefactor of the soldiers at Camp Custer. They  
are supplied with books and magazines,  
letter paper and stationery, and free  
writing police shows and lectures of  
general interest.

# PLAN OF ORGANIZATION FOR CONTROL OF FOOD



# HOUSEWIVES OF MICHIGAN ASKED TO HELP WIN WAR

Representatives of Federal Food Administration Will Make House to House Canvass Asking Conservation

## BIG DRIVE STARTS OCT. 28

Government Does Not Expect People to Go Hungry—Asks Substitution of Other Foods for Meat, Fats, Wheat, Flour and Sugar.

Lansing—Next week will bring to Michigan women the opportunity to prove their willingness to help win the war.

Sunday, Oct. 28, begins the big food drive throughout the United States, and here in the Peninsula state the organized forces of Lieut. Hoover's food conservation army are assembled, awaiting the moment to move forward. This objective is the individual home everywhere.

There are 804,000 of them. There are estimated to be that many housewives in the state, and the national campaign is that 20 per cent of them will be personally visited and her enlistment in the cause personally solicited during the week of the "drive."

Success Depends on Housewives. It is a tremendous undertaking for a seven day period. It is a campaign that has necessitated weeks of labor by tireless workers, hundreds of them, engaged without pay in the more preliminary work of organization.

Success now hangs upon the readiness of the housewives to respond to the personal appeal.

Do they know just what it is at stake? Do they realize the importance of the undertaking? Do they realize the full significance of their opportunity and

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Herbert C. Hoover, termed this appeal an unprecedented adventure in democracy. It is a campaign to determine whether a democratic form of government is fitted to engage in a death struggle with an autocracy.

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# ALLIES GAIN MORE GROUND AT YPRES ARE NOT TAXED

BRITISH AND FRENCH IN NEW ATTACK, FORCE TURTLES FURTHER BACK.

## RUSS FLEET MAKES ESCAPE

Apparently Bottled Up in Moon Sound, Last Week, By German Fleet, Gave Outgoing Opponents.

London—The British and French forces in Belgium have delivered another attack against the German front northeast of Ypres and have captured all their objectives, consisting of many strong positions.

The offensive was launched southeast of Poperinghe, and northward along the southern border of the Houthout forest. The fighting front covered a distance of about a mile and a half, with the French capturing the northern end and the British on the southern end.

The Russian gulf of Riga fleet, which last week apparently was bottled up in Moon Sound by the German fleet, has made its way out of the sound, and now is guarding the northern entrance to the sound off Wismar Island.

The Russian vessels made their escape without further losses than the battleship Slava, which was sunk in a naval engagement and two other vessels, presumably transports which went ashore.

From its new position the fleet is so situated that it may make a dash for the gulf of Finland around the western Estonian coast, or it may be attacked from the greatly superior German ships, take refuge again in the waters of Moon Sound and play hide and seek with the enemy.

Meanwhile the German navy has landed forces on the Estonian coast, pressed back the Russian fleet westward and occupied the western portion of the island.

## COAL MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

Strikes in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio Are Settled.

Washington—Fuel Administrator Garfield announced Monday that all coal miners resumed work in Indiana, practically all in Ohio and some in Illinois. He said reports from all sections indicate a gratifying tendency downward in the coal crisis.

Garfield issued this statement on fuel prices.

Since he last received from state fuel administrators indicate in many sections a gratifying tendency downward in retail prices.

In New York city prices recently have been dropping by larger dealers from 10 to 40 cents a ton on various grades, and other dealers are meeting these new prices.

In Birmingham, Huntsville, Selma, Talladega and Sheffield, Ala., prices have been dropping from 25 cents to 32 cents a ton.

## ANTILLES SURVIVORS LAND

Reach French Port Safely—Families of Lost Each Receive \$6,000.

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West Branch—The Ogemaw county Red Cross society will send Christmas boxes to American soldiers in France November 1.

# OWNERS OF UNCULTIVATED LANDS IN WESTERN CANADA ARE LONELY IN THEIR PROTESTS AGAINST AN EXTRA TAX ON THEIR LANDS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CULTIVATED.

Western Canada does not tax stock or improvements but Collects an Additional Tax From Land Speculators.

Owners of uncultivated lands in Western Canada are lonely in their protests against an extra tax on their lands because they are not cultivated. Western Canada, through its provincial governments, is endeavoring to force the speculative land owner to either sell his land to a settler or to cultivate it himself. At present a surtax of a few cents an acre is levied against all wild land, so that the owner of land held in the natural state without improvements, is contributing more taxes to the government than the owner of a farm that is cultivated and even improved with buildings and stock to the value of thousands of dollars. In order to encourage the farmer to improve his land, the government levies no tax on the value of the land, but only on the value of his improvements, implements or stock of any kind.

A result of this surtax on uncultivated or speculative land is that the owners are now trying to sell them to actual settlers, and in nearly every instance have been offering on a quarter term of payment, instead of a year down, and the balance extending over a term of years at price much lower than their productive value would warrant.

A world-wide shortage in farm stuffs has given a new value to all agricultural products and the margin of profit is greater than ever before. It is true labor and implements have increased in price, but it is now possible to secure 50% profit in farming. A few years ago the average farmer could not make a profit on less than \$200 to \$300 an acre farm land but on land that can now, under existing conditions, be purchased at from \$15 to \$30 an acre, the Western Canadian farmer is as productive as any in the world and can be as economically

Wheat yields of from 30 to 50 bushels per acre have been obtained in Western Canada during the past few years, and the farmers have been selling their wheat at as high a price as sell as wheat about as possible at \$2.00 a bushel, that they have not had time to do any talking or writing. It is now a matter of time before the opportunity to make big profits in farming. The value of each year's crop has been in hundreds of cases more than the market value of the land it was grown on. It is unreasonable to suppose such a condition will last long, as the land now being sold at such low prices will soon be absorbed by those who have learned of these highly profitable opportunities. The market is gradually spreading throughout the high priced land districts in the United States, where there is renewed awakening to the realization that the maximum profit in farming is not being obtained when it is possible to secure from 10 to 40 cents a ton on various grades, and other dealers are meeting these new prices.

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