

Diseases of Watermelons.

A serious disease of watermelons, known as the wilt, has for many years been prevalent in the Southern States and has now extended westward to the Pacific Coast, having been reported from Oklahoma, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Arizona, Texas, California, and Oregon. In many sections the disease is a serious handicap to the growing of melons on a large scale, not only by destroying the growing crop, but also by preventing the successful culture of melons upon the same field again in succeeding years.

Watermelon wilt is caused by a fungus which lives in the soil and enters the roots, plugging up the water-carrying vessels and preventing the rise of moisture, thus causing the wilt and death of the plant. The leaves of affected plants first droop, then rapidly wilt and soon die, the runners drying with them. Upon cutting the main tap root across near the surface of the ground it will be found to present a yellow color in the wood, making a distinct contrast with the white color of the healthy plant. This yellowing, together with the wilted appearance of the vine, makes the identification of the disease easily possible, and the further fact that a field once infected shows the same trouble in succeeding years in the same or an extended area is an additional recognition mark. All commercial varieties of melons appear to be susceptible to the disease.

The disease is spread in a number of different ways. (1) By particles of earth carrying spores of the fungus, which are easily scattered by the wind, by implements used in cultivating, and by the feet of men and work animals or stray stock passing from one field to another. (2) By infected stable manure. The fungus lives in the dead vines and the practice of cutting hay from watermelon fields results in some watermelon vines being harvested with the hay and this leads to the presence of the causal fungus in the stable. When the fungus once gains entrance to the barnyard, or compost heap, it remains there for years and all the manure taken from such a yard is likely to be infected. (3) By drainage water, flowing from infected to uninfected fields.

There is nothing that can be done to save a field of melons when once attacked by the wilt, but the disease may be avoided by the following precautions:

1. In infected districts, watermelons should never be planted on land where watermelons have been grown within ten or twelve years, more or less, depending on soil conditions, as experiments have shown that the fungus causing the disease is able to live a long period in the ground. As a matter of practical experience, it is usually possible to secure enough fresh land, so that an adequate supply of watermelons can be grown in any large district without need of recourse to old fields.

2. Stable manure which has become infected by the use of melon hay or refuse containing melon vines should never be applied to the watermelon crop, or to land where it is desired to plant watermelons later.

3. Fields which have received the drainage water from infected fields must be considered and treated as if infected. This means that the farmer having two fields, one of which is on higher ground than the other, should plant the lower first first.

4. As far as possible live stock should be prevented from passing from infected to uninfected fields.

5. Breeding resistant varieties. It has been demonstrated by the Department of agriculture that varieties of watermelon resistant to wilt can be bred. The strains thus far produced are not recommended for general planting, but it will be worth while for interested localities to have wilt-resistant varieties adapted to their conditions bred.

Watermelon growers in various sections of the country frequently suffer loss from a disease which blights the foliage and spots the fruit. The leaves are covered with irregular dark, dead spots and may die before the melons are ripe. The trouble develops on the fruit in the form of water-soaked and later sunken spots of varying size, which come to have a pink center made up of masses of fungus spores. As the disease progresses the melons decay. This is anthracnose, and is caused by a parasitic fungus related to those which produce the apple bitter-rot and pod-spot of bean. The fungus causing watermelon anthracnose attacks cucumbers, cantaloupes and squashes, but probably not as a rule, any other cultivated crops. Warm and moist or rainy weather is especially favorable to the spread and development of anthracnose and for this reason it was more prevalent than usual last season. The losses were particularly severe in some districts where melons are grown on a large scale for carload shipments.

The Department of Agriculture has found that the disease can be controlled by spraying with Bordeaux mixture, and trials of this treatment are recommended. The methods to be employed are substantially those in use for potatoes, cucumbers and other truck crops. The following points should be observed to insure success:

Use fresh lime made Bordeaux mixture. In preparing it follow directions

exactly, as much depends on the way the ingredients are combined. Use a good spray pump, operated at a pressure of 100 pounds or more. Spray thoroughly. The time of application depends on the weather and the development of the crop. The disease usually appears when the fruit is nearly grown. Watch carefully for the leaf-spot and spray as soon as any appears. In any case, make an application two weeks before maturity and a second a week later.

Recent Changes on the Santa Fe.
(By A. M. Hove.)

Northwest Texas and New Mexico will be materially benefited by the recent consolidation of the colonization and industrial departments of the Santa Fe Railway. C. L. Cengraves, for many years in charge of the colonization work, is exceptionally well informed on conditions in this section and is therefore in position as head of the new industrial department to promote development still more effectively.

Fully as important is the announcement that C. C. Dana, for years industrial commissioner, has been appointed general freight and passenger agent at Amarillo to succeed J. Brinker transferred to Chicago. Mr. Dana has been in the service of the Santa Fe Railway many years and is well qualified to continue the development work in this section, so well begun by Mr. Brinker. Through his work as industrial commissioner Mr. Dana is familiar with the resources of this country and his transfer to this territory is most opportune.

It is further announced that the Santa Fe Railway will concentrate in a new movement for the development of the resources in the territory it serves with a view of attracting settlers and men with capital to invest in industrial enterprises. Due attention will no doubt be given this section where there still are the opportunities of a new country with splendid climatic conditions and virgin soil for the production of bread and meat and a wide new field for many industries.

"The attention of the man who is looking to establish a home in the west naturally is drawn to the section that shows evidence of prosperity," says Mr. Cengraves. "Every effort will be made to assist in the upbuilding of the territory served by our lines."

How to Make Bordeaux Mixture.

Ingredients:
Copper sulfate, 4 pounds
Quicklime, 4 pounds
Water to make 50 gallons.

Prepare the copper sulfate by suspending it in a gunny sack just below the surface of several gallons of water in a clean barrel. When the sulfate is dissolved, which requires three or four hours, remove the sack and stir into the barrel enough additional water to make exactly 25 gallons of the copper solution.

Prepare the lime by slacking it slowly and thoroughly in a clean barrel, strain, and add enough additional water to make exactly 25 gallons of lime milk. Stir thoroughly.

Pour the two ingredients together into one barrel, or better directly into the spray tank, if it will hold 50 gallons. It is highly important to stir the mixture very thoroughly and to strain both ingredients before they are combined, as otherwise clogging of the spray nozzle might result. Use a copper or bronze wire strainer of 18 meshes to the inch. Do not put copper sulfate or Bordeaux mixture into tin or iron vessels; use wood or copper containers. Mix the Bordeaux as needed and apply at once. It is never so good after it has settled.

Estimate of Cotton Yield.

The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture estimates, from the report of the correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the area of cotton in the cultivation this year (1916) in the United States is about 35,994,000 acres, as compared with 32,107,000 acres, the revised estimate of acreage in cultivation a year ago, being an increase of 3,887,000 acres, or 12.1 per cent.

The increased acreage in Texas is estimated at 858,000 acres and in Oklahoma 600,000 acres.

Wheat in Hardeman County.

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Thinks Victory Sure.

David Lloyd-George, British minister of war, presiding to say at an allied conference on equipment, declared that the combined offensive of the allies had wrenched the initiative from the Germans never, he trusted, to return.

"We have crossed the watershed," he said, "and now victory is beginning to flow in our direction. This change is due to the improvement in our equipment."

The conference was held at the war office and was participated in by Albert Thomas, French minister of munitions, General Belfrage, assistant minister of war of Russia; Gen. A. Dall'Olio, members of the Italian ministry of war, and the new British minister of munitions, Edwin S. Montague.

"Since our last munitions conference," said Mr. Lloyd-George, "there has been a considerable change in the fortunes of the allies. On that date the great Champagne offensive in the west had just failed to attain its objective and the French and British armies had sustained heavy losses without the accomplishment of any particular success. In the east the enemy had pressed the gallant armies of Russia back some hundred miles and the Balkans had just been overrun by the central powers."

"The overwhelming victories won by the valiant soldiers of Russia, have struck terror into the hearts of our foes and these, coupled with the immortal defense of Verdun by our indomitable French comrades and the brave resistance of the Italians against overwhelming odds in the southern Alps have changed the whole complexion of the landscape."

"Now the combined offensive in the east and west has wrenched the initiative out of the hands of the enemy—We have crossed the watershed and now victory is beginning to flow in our direction."

"Why have our prospects improved? The answer is, the equipment of our armies has improved enormously and is continuing to improve."

"Every month we are turning out hundreds of guns and howitzers. Our heavy guns are rolling in at a great rate and we are turning out nearly twice as much ammunition in a single week—and what is more, nearly three times as much heavy shell—as we fired for the great offensive in September,

although the ammunition expended in that battle was the result of many weary weeks' accumulation.

"The new factories and workshops we set up have not yet attained one-third their full capacity, but their output is now increasing with great rapidity. Our main difficulties in organization, construction, labor supply an dre-adjustment have been solved.

"I cannot help thinking that the improvement in the Russian ammunition, has been one of the greatest and most unexpected surprises the enemy has sustained. Still our task is by no means accomplished. Every great battle furnishes additional proof that this is a war of equipment. More ammunition means more victories and fewer casualties."

Made First Entries.

R. T. Alexander of Gem and Pronger Bros., of Stratford, made the first cattle entries for the coming Panhandle State Fair. The cattle entered were Herefords.

No Fishing

I will allow no camping or fishing on section 29, Blk. K, 14; the Box Spring section. Kyle Higgins.

Got into the Game.

As some harvest hands were indulging in a quiet little game of poker in a wheat field near Protection, two strangers approached and got into the game with automatics. They lined up the eight card players and relieved them of their money then another man appeared on the scene. He too was ordered to hold up his hands but cut-and ran instead and got an officer. The robbers were located and jailed and gave the names of Enoch Williams and Bill Allen. Both are said to be wanted elsewhere for similar offences.

Fishing tackle at the fair.

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There is coming to the Chautauqua on the fifth day a Company of five people who are entirely unique and original.

They are the Cosmopolitans who are going to give entertainments of dignified vocal and instrumental music along with Scotch bag-piping, singing, and folk-dances.

The novelty part of the program will be given by the Sinclairs, Miss Mary and her brothers, Mr. George and Master Ronald, whose pictures are shown above. Miss Sinclair is considered the most talented lady bagpipe player in the world.

George Sinclair is an extremely clever player, as is little Master Ronald.

This trio of real Scotch lads and lassies give their selections of bag-pipe music and execute the Highland dances so well as to delight their audiences.

Miss Margaret Saft, also with the Company, is a violinist and soprano of very great ability, being trained in the best schools of Germany. She will be accompanied by Miss Paden who plays with sympathetic understanding and renders her piano solos with brilliancy.

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When vernal wishes beckon me
astray—
"This is my work; my blessing, not my
doom."
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done, in the
"right way."
Then shall I see if not too great nor
small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my
powers;
Then shall I cheerfully greet the labor-
ing hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long
shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.
—Henry Van Dyke.

A charming function honoring Mrs. Jarrott of Ft. Worth, was an all day party at which the feature was a beautifully appointed dinner of five courses, given on Saturday by Mrs. J. L. Fuqua. The afternoon was spent informally with music to supplement the good cheer emanating from congenial companionship. Sharing the day's pleasures were, Mesdames Arnold, O'Brien, Ezra Norton, Misses Bell and Meda Woodburn and Effie Guinn.

The tenth birthday of little Miss Maurine Hughes was the occasion of much pleasure on Monday afternoon to a number of her girl friends who were invited to celebrate with her the happy event.

On these delightful summer afternoons with the world of outdoors beckoning nothing is quite so much enjoyed by the younger people as a "next to nature" party and the big green lawn at the Hughes home was a most inviting playground, so after being served with punch the merry party sought its welcome shade and revelled in the joys of out-door games until refreshments of cream and cake were served. The afternoon was enjoyed by the following guests:

Elizabeth Stegall,
Grace Ferguson
Margaret Gilliland,
Virginia Laird,
Mary Jones,
Floy Hough,
Hazel McQueen,
Lollita Barnett,
Violet Morgan,
Loelie Hughes,
Louise Ricketts,
Mabel McQueen,
Kathleen Hawkins,
Emma Jean Donald,
Beulah Lee Rutherford,
Ruth Davis,
Guendolyn Price,
Mozelle Hill,
Eloise Pittman,
Ines Clark.

In keeping with its custom of remembering the birthday of Col. E. T. Woodburn for whom the chapter is named, the U. D. C.'s on Saturday evening gave a most enjoyable picnic in Mother's Park.

Only members of the Chapter and the local U. D. V.'s with their families and a few out-of-town guests shared the evening's pleasures.

The elaborate supper was spread at late twilight, the most delightful hour of an ideally perfect summer day.

The hush of evening, herald of approaching night, gave to the hour a sweetness and tenderness which was emphasized by the soft music of old time airs in which all joined before separating to await another fifteenth of July picnic.

A moonlight picnic on the river, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Eastland and Miss Sarah Eastland of Bovina, who were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, was enjoyed Saturday evening.

Fishing and a delicious picnic supper were the features. The pleasures of the evening were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Eastland, Misses Sarah Eastland, Hazel and Waldine Wilson, Messrs. Walter Palmer, Cliff Estes, and Davis, of Clovis.

Mrs. Earl W. Wilson, who but a few weeks ago came to Hereford a bride, was honored on Thursday of last week with one of the largest and most brilliant social affairs which Hereford society has recently been privileged to enjoy.

The beautiful Wilson home was the scene of the delightful function, mesdames J. L. Wilson and Karl Shirley being hostesses. The invitations read, "Musical" and music being lovingly Hereford eagerly anticipator the treat in store.

The guests were received by Mesdames Edgar Johnson and Karl Shirley and were ushered to the library of

Misses Meda Woodburn and Clyde Wilson. Here the beautiful array of bridal gifts always so full of interest was graciously shown by Mrs. D. C. Laird and Misses Grace Wilson and Belle Woodburn presided at the attractive table where punch was served.

In the receiving line down which the guests were taken by Mrs. P. W. Price were Mesdames J. L. Wilson, Earl Wilson, Lambert, T. A. Smith of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Albert Johnson of Amarillo, J. D. Jarrott of Ft. Worth, Misses Dottie Smith, of Okla Union, Florine Bradford of Pilot Point, Bonnie Bowsher of Modena, Mo., and Miss Creola Searcy of McCluney.

The seating of the guests was in charge of Mrs. B. S. Arnold handsome programs being distributed by Miss Harglette Shirley. The program included the following numbers.

Norwegian Bridal Procession - Grieg
Miss Betts
Who's Afraid - M. E. Cook
Mrs. Jarrott
Come For It's June - Forster
Mrs. Wilson
Lollita - Liebings
Miss Nance
My Old Rag Doll - H. F. Crocker
Mrs. Williams
Whispering Hope - A. Hawthorne
Mrs. Mountz - Miss Wilson
The Lepers - Lew Wallace
Miss Bradford
Chorus - Selected

At the close of the program brick cream and angel food cake were served, red and white carnations being given as favors.

Mrs. Jarrott of Ft. Worth, was honor guest at an elaborate 12 o'clock luncheon given Friday at which Mrs. J. E. Ferguson was the charming hostess.

Upon arriving the guests were served with punch and an hour of social conversation enjoyed after which the pretty dining room was thrown open and each guest found her place at the table by a dainty bouquet whose counterpart had previously been bestowed upon the guests by the hostess.

The simple elegance of the perfectly appointed table in its artistic setting of exquisite blossoms and dainty ferns, which transformed the indoors into a summer garden added to the attractiveness of the menu which included:

Fruit Cocktail - Bullion
Fried Chicken - Cream Potatoes
Sliced Tomatoes - Peas in Timbales
Hot Rolls - Iced Tea - Fruit Salad
Cherry Ice - Angel Food Cake

A feature which gave much pleasure to the guests was a reading by Mrs. Jarrott.

Enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Chris Garrison, P. N. Price, G. A. Faris, A. M. Jones, J. W. Hicks, Mercer, W. A. Price, B. S. Arnold, F. H. Oberthier, A. C. Elliott, H. B. Stephens and Mrs. Jarrott.

On Saturday, July 15th at the Presbyterian Manse in Amarillo, occurred the marriage of Miss Ruby Williams, and Mr. Lewis McBride, both of this city. A number of friends of the young couple accompanied them to Amarillo and witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city.

The party returned to Hereford immediately and the bridal pair were given an informal reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams. Later they went to Black where a cozy home awaited their coming and where they are now at home to their friends.

The bride is a bright attractive young lady, very popular among her friends. She has been employed in the studio of Mr. McGee for several months.

Mr. McBride is an employe of the Santa Fe and is a young man of integrity and worth.

The congratulations of many Hereford friends are extended to these worthy young people.

A very pleasant meeting of the Beta Psi Deltas was held Tuesday afternoon with Misses Mabel and Dimple Gass as hostesses. The afternoon was made doubly pleasant by the presence of a number of guests including Misses Dolly Smith of Okla Union, Grace Smith, French Davis and Mrs. Huffman.

Club members present were, Misses Mary Bourne, Mary and Clara Dunlap, Bess Snyder, Jane and Ina Gregg and Mrs. Brack Williams. Angel Food cake and ice cream were served.

Santa Fe Disarms Employes.

The Santa Fe railroad employes many Mexican laborers and at the request of Americans who live near camps, the road has recently disarmed all of its Mexican employes. All of the section houses as well as the men themselves are being rigidly searched with a view to preventing a demonstration in case of a rupture with Mexico. All bridges along the line are guarded also. The Mexicans gave their arms up without ill feeling or trouble of any sort.

New Mexico Wheat Good.

The New Mexico farmers are delivering wheat which is testing up as high as 64 pounds to the bushel. The greatest yield per acre so far reported is 16 bushels.—Prison Sentinel.

Floyd County Has Good Wheat.

Not all the wheat crops in Floyd County made fifteen bushels per acre and better. None of the fields have as yet failed to show a good profit, however.

Tobe Picklesimer finished threshing a field of ninety acres last week his wheat averaging thirteen bushels per acre. E. C. Henry also threshed a 200-acre field last week showing a slightly lower average.—Floridada Hesperian.

A Miraculous Escape.

Kingdom Snell, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Snell of Sayre experienced a miraculous escape from drowning last week when he fell into a lake near that town. Another boy with him ran to a public road east of the lake and met Dr. Speed, a physician in an automobile and told him that his playmate had drowned. The physician returned to the lake with him and his boy showed the doctor where his companion had sunk. Dr. Speed waded out and found the Snell boy and brought him to life. He had been under the water at least ten minutes.—Cordell (Okla.) Beacon.

PARROTT.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy visited Sunday at Frank Shepards.

Alva Metcalf visited last week with friends at Dimmitt.

Minnie Grant spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shepherd.

Hazel Hacker is visiting this week with Stacy Easter in Dimmitt.

Orle Renfro has installed two gasoline engines in his pastures to insure better water supply.

Mrs. J. F. Hacker and Mrs. J. W. Hanlan spent the afternoon Wednesday with Mrs. Fay Neely.

Florence Hacker came home Friday after a stay of three weeks with Mrs. Chas. McNeerney.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Neely and B. F. Neely spent Tuesday evening with J. W. Hanlan.

Born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs.

Thomas Shepherd a girl. Mrs. Shepherd was formerly Miss Gladys Hacker. Thomas Shepherd is a student at Beth Ward College at Plainview. They will be with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Hacker until early fall.

Presley Dyer and family have moved to Mrs. Sweetsy's at Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Yours have taken charge of the Dyer ranch.

The Parrott threshing machine is in the neighborhood again visited Ora Renfro on Tuesday and Fay Neely ranch Wednesday.

Mrs. Chasley McNeerney and children visited at Emerson Hackers on Saturday.

Roy Wagner, Florence and Mable Hacker, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Neely, Jerry Miller, Minnie Grant, Mr. Baber, B. F. Neely, Charlton and Ned Neely, Will Hacker, Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf and family were Hereford visitors Thursday evening to see Charley Chaplin.

Those who attended a picnic dinner at B. F. Neely home last Sunday were Mrs. McNeerney and Fred Curtis, Mrs. Lauck and daughter Ida, and son, Theodore, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ricketts and son, Ralford, Mr. and Mrs. Eberly and children, Howard and Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson of Summerfield, Elsie Smith, Bob Neely, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanlan and two sons, Harold and Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Neely, Roy Wagner, Jerry Miller and Chris Kopp.

Mrs. J. W. Hanlan, Mrs. Fay Neely, Roy Wagner and Charlton Neely were invited to a birthday dinner at J. F. Hacker last Thursday this being Mr. Hackers twenty-first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shepherd were at Emerson Hackers Sunday afternoon calling on their new grand daughter.

Ben Tall is quite sick at the home of his parents in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Orle Renfro visited last Monday with Mrs. J. W. Hanlan.

Mrs. J. F. Hacker and family spent Sunday evening at Frank Metcalfs.

Bob Neely and Elsie Smith were callers at J. W. Hanlans Monday evening.

Those who attended the picnic and barbecue in Tulla Tuesday were, Martin Simpson, Jake Boydston, Ned and Charlton Neely, Jerry Miller, Frank Metcalf, Alva and Tom Metcalf and Mr. Chris Kopp.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlan and sons left Wednesday morning for a visit in Kansas with relatives, they motored through making an ideal visiting trip. They plan to be gone five weeks.

Robert Moore of Summerfield visited Emerson Hacker on Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Neely, who has been at Battle Creek for the past four weeks is improving.

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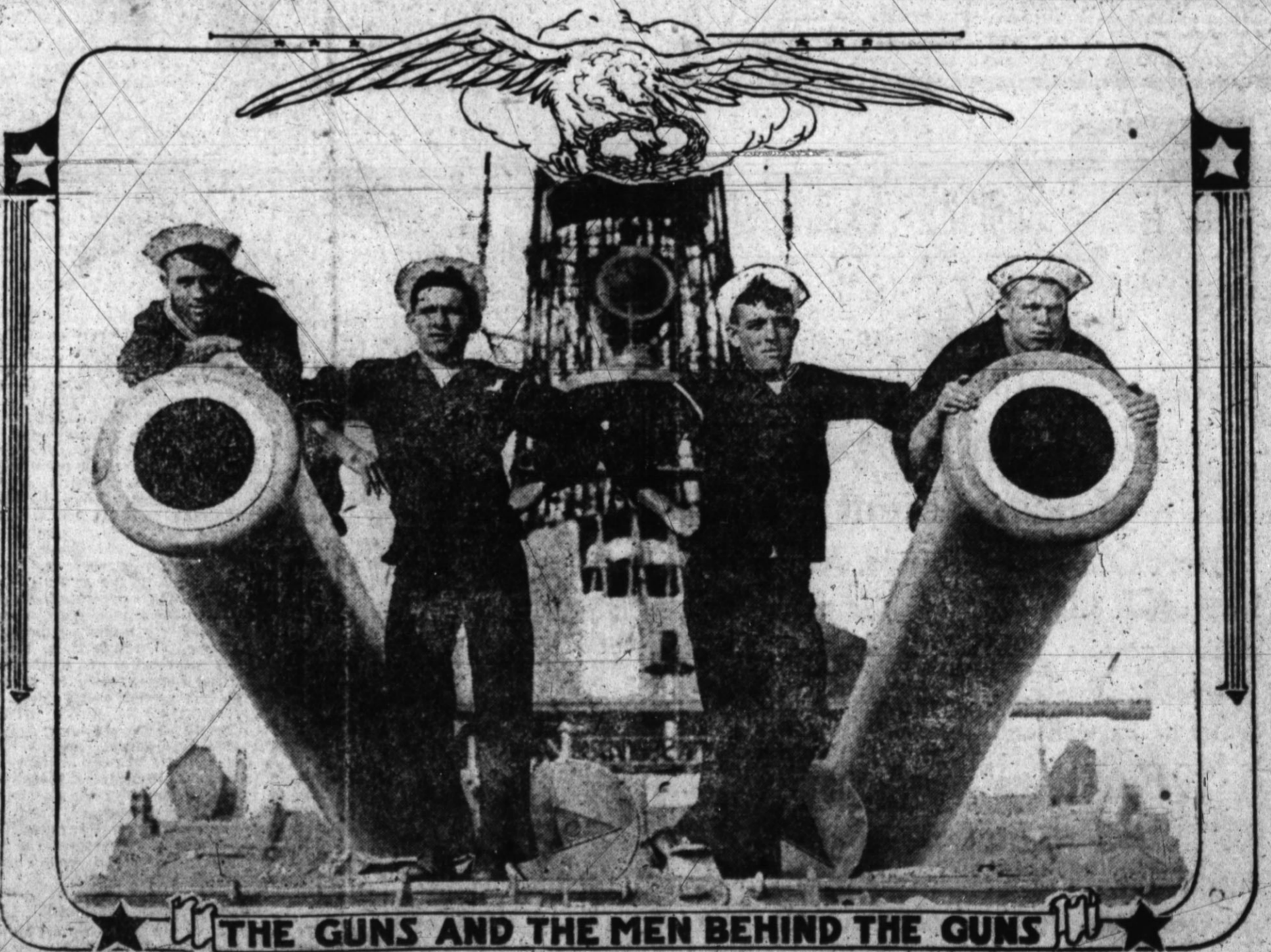
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