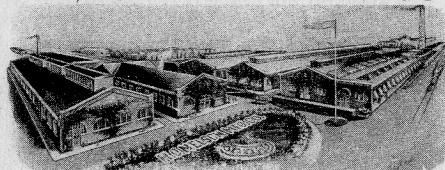


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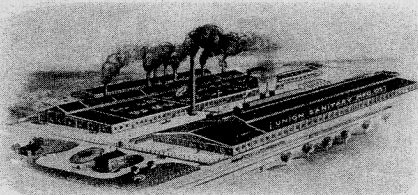
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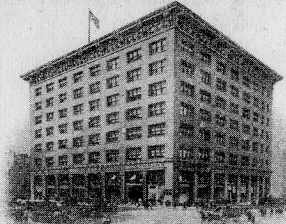


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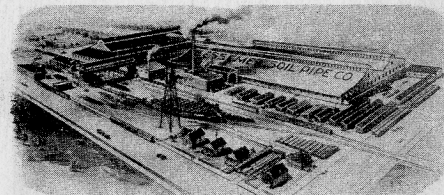
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Branch Managers:-

The food supply of the world is insufficient, very much so, not only in Germany and England, but in the United States. It is becoming more so, and it is a very serious matter. We all must eat, and it takes a certain amount of farm products to feed us.

Manufacturing has continued to draw away from farming, the present manufacturing for war purposes makes it more so. Farming has gone down, not only by withdrawing farmers into factories, but farmers have become commercialized and educated away from "Six days shalt thou labor".

I am giving my earnest attention as one man to raising things to eat. I regard my 1580 acre farm which I give very close personal attention, as patriotic as my readiness to enlist in the army for defense of Democracy against Prussian autocracy.

I acknowledge with gratitude the fact that you people are making the money to pay for this farm and its thoroughgoing equipment, and more like it in the future.

Producing things to eat is now a patriotic duty, as well as a direct personal benefit to the families that are supplied at low cost instead of outrageously high cost.

The 1250 acres which I expect to get planted this Season, and most of it making two crops, should produce 15,000 tons of eatables, all the way from potatoes to milk and eggs.

Yours truly,

N. O. Nelson