

## EDITORIAL SECTION

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Much emphasis has properly been put on mosquito control work from the disease elimination angle. Malaria is the most common disease carried by the mosquito in this country and a great deal has been accomplished toward conquering this plague. It is natural during time of war that the control of malaria should be uppermost in the minds of the Government Health Agencies. It is claimed that during the Spanish American War, malaria claimed more victims than enemy bullets. In this war where much of the fighting is taking place in malaria infected localities, the loss from this disease has been greatly reduced due to the efficient work of the army health officers.

However, at this time we wish to say a word in justification of control work from the pest elimination angle. In all those thickly populated states in the northern half of the United States there is a very small, if any, malaria problem. But there is a very important mosquito problem even in war times. With most of the population engaged in some kind of war work it seems to us that relief from the mosquito pest is of vital importance. The production of food is a prime necessity toward winning the war. There is no question but that if the Agricultural workers have to fight mosquitoes while they work their efficiency is greatly impaired at a time when the maximum effort is required. In addition there is the disease known as "Encephalomyelitis" which is carried by the common pest mosquito to horses which are still a very useful adjunct to the farm.

Long hours and tedious work have made war workers jittery enough without adding mosquito bites to the troubles of these home front soldiers. It is most disconcerting to work in a shop all day and come home to a restless night due to mosquitoes in the bedroom and on the front porch. One case is reported where it was necessary to shut down the entire plant due to mosquito annoyance and there must be many other cases of this pest entering manufacturing establishments.

For these reasons, while admitting that malaria control has first claim on our resources, we do not believe it good policy to neglect the control of mosquitoes from a pest standpoint but that all those northern organizations should be enabled to carry on with even more diligence than in times of peace.

THE EDITOR.

## BUSINESS OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION

### NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### Organization

The Association has continued to expand in gratifying fashion during the past few months and now includes members from all parts of the country, as well as from South America and Australia. Among the members in the armed forces are some in the Pacific war theatre while others are in the European area. The "News" goes to all of these, and it is to be hoped that it may be in some measure at least, helpful to them. Likewise, we may hope that military security regulations may sooner or later be relaxed sufficiently to allow some of these members in far places to give us accounts of their experiences.