

FARMERS URGE HELP TO RAISE THEIR CROPS

APPOINTMENT OF EMERGENCY CROP COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDED

FINANCIAL APPROPRIATION ALSO SAID TO BE NEEDED

America's Entry Into War Causes Labor Shortage—Seed Supply Is Diminished and Farmers Are Overburdened Financially.

(United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—American farmers, facing the danger of a short crop this year, and the gruesome spectacle of a national food shortage, are demanding that the Government take necessary steps to prevent this catastrophe.

Over two million farmers, represented at the gathering of the Federal Board of Farm Organization here today, are demanding the creation of a national emergency crop committee, with sufficient power and financial appropriation to aid them in raising this year's crops.

Representatives of seven national farm organizations comprising the Federal Board of Farm Organization are planning to go before President Wilson to plead for the institution of a national farm program that will assure a supply of farm labor to meet the emergency.

With over two million mechanics and laborers taken from the farms since America entered the war, and facing danger of a crop shortage this year, the farmers painted a gloomy picture today declaring immediate government action is imperative.

Not only will the food supply be short, should the necessary aid to the farmers be lacking, but shipments of food to the Allies may be endangered, farmers declared today.

"Unless sufficient government action is taken, the country will face the greatest food shortage ever," they said. "Labor has drifted to the industrial centers to obtain higher wages. Farm machinery is scarce. The seed supply is greatly diminished and farmers are overburdened financially."

They declared that "even if the constitution must be ripped to pieces," the government must adopt a policy that will prevent the danger of a crop shortage by distributing money, labor and supplies to the farmer. The hands of the food administration and the Department of Agriculture are tied as power to aid the farmers materially has not been granted them by Congress.

Higher prices of food are threatened should there be a crop shortage this year, it was said. Price fixing is not favored. The farmer's only demand is that the government allow them a sufficient profit.

With the wheat production in France fifty per cent normal the necessity of shipping more wheat abroad is fully realized by the American farmers, who patriotically wish to raise more than a normal American crop.

Farm organizations will demand representation among various government bodies engaged in war work.

O. W. R. & N. CO. TO HAVE BIG SERVICE FLAG

STARS WILL BE SEWN IN THE FLAG BY THE WIVES AND SISTERS OF MEN WHO ENLISTED

The O. W. R. & N. Co. will have a service flag for all the employees who have enlisted in the service of their country. It will be one of the prettiest flags in the country.

The stars have already been sewn on the flag, for those who enlisted in Portland, by the women employees of the General Office in Portland.

Within the next 10 days this flag will be sent to La Grande for mothers' wives and sisters of those who have enlisted from the second division to prepare the stars for sewing on the flag. The stars and embroidery have already been received and will be sent to various employees' homes to be prepared for placing on the flag.

A meeting for this purpose will be held in some hall in the city in the near future and all mothers, wives and sisters will be invited to attend. Time and place not yet decided on but will be published later.

Refreshments will be served by the office employees of the railroad company. In case where mothers, wives or sisters will not be able to attend the "stars" and stars will be sent to them with directions for placing the initials on the stars. The flag will finally be placed in the General Office building in Portland after the stars of enlisted employees on all divisions have been placed on the same.

BAKER MOVING TOWARD NEW ARMY REFORMS

COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

GENERAL GORGAS TO ACT FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Disclosures of Sickness and Neglect in Army Camps Prompted Action—Half a Million Men Will Be in France Soon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A complete reorganization, bringing the army and navy medical department and public health service under the general direction of Surgeon-General Gorgas, is contemplated, Secretary Baker told the Senate military committee.

Secretary Baker favors the plan, which the surgeon-general of the army and navy endorse.

It is believed startling disclosures of sickness and neglect throughout the army and national guard camps prompted the re-organization.

The statement was brought out by Senator Frelinghuysen's questioning. The latter charged there was widespread apprehension over the possibility of malaria and other epidemics in the southern camps if the summer was hot.

Secretary Baker said this had been prepared for. He said there would be half a million men in France soon, a million more during the year if shipping were available.

He said national guard battery units in the cantonments were 40 per cent supplied with artillery; the national army is getting sufficient guns for training; every soldier is adequately clothed; he said he was not sure there were too many restrictions in army work, owing to the tremendous sums involved.

The hearing developed few new facts aside from the statement that certain international arrangements would help transport the troops. This is believed to mean arrangements with England.

Mrs John Allen Dies in Boise of Pneumonia

Mrs. John Allen, formerly a Miss Edna Holm, and wife of John Allen, a R. R. engineer at Barber, Idaho, died in Boise last night. The remains are expected to arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning on train No. 17.

Mrs. Allen was a well-known resident of La Grande, and her husband's family also; her parents are old time residents, well known in the city and county. Mrs. Allen was ill with pneumonia. The last word received was that she was much improved, and her death came as a great shock to her many friends here.

FIRST WOMAN COOK IN NAVAL RESERVE



HELEN C. HOERLE

Jack Tars seldom complain about their meals—they're pretty good. Just the same, there are delicacies which women fix that—well—men just don't. So all the naval men are hoping that this girl, Helen C. Hoerle, the first woman cook enrolled in the naval reserve, will teach cooking around where they're eating. She's to be a cooking instructor.

Our Great American Home



WILLIE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY MR. HOOVER OR SOMEBODY DON'T HURRY AND DECLARE SOME 'SOAPLESS DAYS'

ALLIES ARE SUPERIOR TO THE GERMANS

SITUATION NEED NOT CAUSE WORRY, SAYS GENERAL MAURICE

LONDON, Feb.—General Maurice declares the Germans are stronger than ever before on the west front, but numerically inferior to the Franco-British forces. "The situation need not cause worry," said General Maurice. He said the number of troops in England always exceeded a million. He said the British casualties were over a million last year.

Fallen Sammies Will be Buried in France

CAMPAIGN TO BRING BODIES HOME WORRIES THE ARMY

Plan of the Purple Cross Is Regarded as Waste of Splendid Man Power in Dangerous Work.

By J. W. PEGLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, France, Jan. 15. (By Mail.)—Someone who knows should have tipped off the Purple Cross that it can't be done. The campaign of that organization, aiming to transport back home the bodies of soldiers killed in action, is causing nothing but regret in the army.

The Sammie, the backbone and substance of the army, is sorry the gruesome side of this fierce war business has been shown in such cruel detail to his family back home. Mother and dad are worried enough anyway.

The absolute proven futility of the proposition makes army people—officers and men—rather impatient at the well-meant propaganda of the Purple Cross.

The working plan is understood to be this: To provide a corps of men, physically unfit for fighting but brave enough to face shell fire, who will collect the dead from hell-swept battlefields and from No Man's Land. To embalm the bodies and send them home without cost to the individual families.

It is understood that the Purple Cross wants either a government subsidy or permission to raise a fund such as the Y. M. C. A. fund. Also the organization wants official army rank for its officers.

The officers would or fund and the rank for officers would come anyway if the big plan of the Purple Cross were recognized. But the scheme looks like a loser if sentiment among the people most concerned in its operation will have any weight in the matter.

First of all it is a terrible task to collect and evacuate the suffering wounded. In the British army the Medical Corps stretcher bearers have

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Congress Asked to appropriate Two Billion

(United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The largest urgent deficiency appropriation ever asked of Congress is about completed for presentation tomorrow or Friday. It is understood it carries about two billion dollars and provides a large additional amount for aircraft, shipping programs and other war needs so that the work will not slacken.

AMERICA HAS UNIQUE ANTI U BOAT DEVICE

(United Press) LONDON, Feb. 6.—It is authoritatively stated that America has adopted a unique anti-submarine campaign which is successfully sweeping the divers from the sea. The U. S. Navy is also utilizing guns and torpedoes. The nature of these new devices is a military secret. The use of torpedoes against submarines, however, may refer to the Hammond wireless controlled torpedo.

Germans in This Country Must Register

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Detailed information, including personal habits, and business relations of every German, together with his photograph and finger prints, will be taken by the Department of Justice in a national registration this week.

A certified card, showing that he has been registered, must be carried at all times on the person of German aliens, and he may not change his place of residence without first notifying and obtaining the permission of the police or postmaster of the town or city in which he lives.

Earlier plans for the gradual registration of Germans in the United States, with those in the Eastern section to come first, were abandoned when it was intimated that some Germans might avoid registration by moving from one district to another.

The present penalty for violations of any of the provisions of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation is imprisonment for the period of the war, but if a policy suggested by High government officials is pursued, there will be a revision of the law in order to make the punishment more drastic.

Before the clock strikes midnight, Saturday, every one of the German aliens in this country—not including women or children under the age of 14 years—must have registered or will be considered a dangerous person and will be interned. The registration does not apply to Austrians or Hungarians.

ANCIENT ROMANCE REVEALED

(United Press) CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Chief Jawtown, who fell in love with Lucy Falstaff, daughter of one of the earliest settlers on the western shore of Lake Michigan, married her, and took her to live with his tribe. The color line was drawn and they were ostracized. A tribal court decreed that they should be sealed up in a tomb and left to die. This sentence was carried out.

Laborers raising an old stone structure on the estate of D. S. Boynton, in Highland Park, recently found the skeletons of a man and a woman who had died in each other's embrace.

James R. Skinner, student of Indian lore, declares this was the tomb and these the remains of Jawtown and Lucy Falstaff.

George W. Hedges of La Grande father of Roy W. Hedges, of the Crawford & Hodges Furniture Co., of Pendleton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hedges and family.

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AMERICANS ESCAPE FROM THEIR OWN FIRE

HANDFUL OF SOLDIERS ARE TRAPPED BY BARRAGE FIRE FROM ARTILLERY

EXCURSION INTO NO MAN'S LAND PROVES DANGEROUS

While Inspecting Damage Done by Sunday's Bombardment They Signaled for Barrage and Then Dodge Through Shells.

By J. W. PEGLER (United Press Correspondent) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Feb. 6.—Facing death from their own artillery, a handful of Americans, trapped by an American barrage near the Boche line, dashed through a rain of shells to the safety of the American lines. They nearly became the victims of the occasional necessity of sacrificing a few to save many.

They formed a patrol, investigating under cover of darkness, the damage Sunday's bombardment had caused the German trench entanglements.

While in No-Man's Land adjacent to an American trench they signalled for a barrage, and a rain of shells started immediately.

The men resolved to make a dash for safety. In open formation, dodging and ducking they reached their trenches uninjured.

Loaves of Bread Advance to Ten Cents

(United Press) PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Small loaves of bread, retailing at 9 cents, advanced a cent as the result of the Coast food administrators establishing an eight-cent maximum price for a sixteen-ounce loaf to retailer, 12 cents for a 24-ounce loaf. The bakeries came up to the maximum and are expected to do it elsewhere on the Coast.

EASTERN OREGON SCHOOL HEADS TO MEET HERE

The Superintendents and Principals' Association of Eastern Oregon will be held in the high school building at La Grande, February 9, at 9:00 o'clock a. m. The program for the meeting follows:

"The Oregon Plan for the Organization and Administration of the Smith-Hughes Act," State Supt. J. A. Churchill, Salem; Discussion, Supt. G. A. McNeil, La Grande.

"What Can Be Done to Reduce Retardation in the Grades," Supt. A. C. Strange, Baker; Discussion, Supt. H. M. James, Enterprise, Prin. A. H. Prince, La Grande.

"The School Fair," Supt. Royal Allen, Cove; Discussion, County Superintendent Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, La Grande.

Report of Delegate to State Teachers' Association by Supt. E. E. Arant, Union; Discussion, County Superintendent Miss Elmetta Bailey, Baker.

Round Table, led by Supt. J. E. Conley, Enterprise.

Mrs. C. J. Wood, of La Grande, was registered at the Gelez in Baker, Monday.

WORYSCH SLATED TO LEAD HUN SPRING DRIVE

General von Worysch



First photograph to reach this country of Field Marshal von Worysch, who, it is authoritatively stated, will lead the German spring offensive in the west. The Hun leader was the principal figure of the German invasion of Poland in 1915.

ULTIMATUM TO RUSSIA MAY BE TEUTON PLAN

GERMANY IS SAID TO FAVOR NOTIFICATION TO THE MAXIMALISTS

IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE OF PEACE TERMS WANTED

Belief Is Expressed in Diplomatic Circles That If Russia Refuses, Germans Will Advance Toward Petrograd.

(United Press) ZURICH, Feb. 6.—Germany favors issuing an ultimatum to the Russian Maximalists demanding immediate acceptance of the Teutonic peace terms. In case of a refusal Germany will advance toward Petrograd, according to views expressed in diplomatic circles here.

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS WILL RESIST GERMAN PEACE

(United Press) PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—The Russian soldiers' section of the Moscow workmen-soldiers' committee at a huge mass meeting decided that the German terms were unacceptable, and asked Petrograd authorities immediately to form a volunteer Socialist army to continue resistance.

Fire Auto Crashes Into Montesano Bank

(United Press) MONTESANO, Feb. 6.—Five volunteer firemen were injured as result of an auto transporting them to a fire becoming unmanageable and crashing down a hill into the Montesano State bank. None were fatally hurt.

AERIAL MAIL SERVICE IN ENGLAND AFTER THE WAR

(United Press) LONDON, Jan. 15.—(By Mail.)—Europe will soon have aerial mail service. "As soon as the military situation will admit, international aerial posts between London and the principal cities of Europe will be instituted," Albert Illingworth, postmaster-general, announced.

MORATORIUM FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS IS PLANNED

(United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The Senate unanimously passed the moratorium bill to protect soldiers and sailors' civil right in wartime. It goes to conference on minor points.

CONGESTED TERMINALS ARE

(United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—A traffic investigation committee has been appointed by Director-General McAdoo to divert freight from the congested to unclogged points. This will divert much from east to southern ports so that the New York terminals may clear up.

ACTIVITIES ON WEST FRONT

(United Press) LONDON, Feb. 6.—Enemy activities at Mericourt and Avion were defeated. Mutual artillerying occurred at Hargincourt and Lens.

ATTEMPT MADE TO KILL LENINE REPORTED

(United Press) LONDON, Feb. 6.—Petrograd announces that another attempt was made to kill Lenine Saturday. An armed student was mobbed before he could reach Lenine's office.

Asked to Speed Up.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—An appeal to President Wilson to speed up governmental machinery in aid of production in such manner as to relieve the anxiety of farmers as to labor supply, credit facilities, seed shortage, and other vital questions was made last Tuesday when the Federal Board of Farm Organizations presented a memorial to him in behalf of more than 2,000,000 organized farmers.

Iowa Murder Is Confessed.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 6.—Ralph L. Crosby, who confessed recently the murder of John Bell and his wife in Red Oak, Ia., in August, 1914, will be taken to Iowa for trial.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—The U. S. weather forecast: "Rain."
