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Help Urgently Needed.

Questioning the American people are loyal—and patient. Without a murmur this country has been subjected to food restrictions and conservation rules when to the average man there seemed no apparent reason. For most of us the fact that Uncle Sam thought it necessary was sufficient reason. We have cheerfully cut down our wheat, meat and sugar rations, and are ready to do more—and in fact everything that is demanded—as soon as it is demanded. We believe that the whole food question is a big one, and that a big man has been put in charge. We believe no other nation has the confidence in their Food Administration that America has in Hoover. And yet—after waiting months for signs of improvement it has seemed strange to many that there are so many glaring defects still apparent in the food conservation program. Why is it that when we are ordered to use substitutes for wheat, and these substitutes are indicated by the government, those self same substitutes soon become unobtainable? There is surely a missing link, a screw loose somewhere. Mrs. Average American is quite content to be gouged by profiteers a little, content to patiently wait a little until Uncle Sam can get on the job, but surely it is time that profiteering and speculating in substitutes were as effectually checkmated as speculation in wheat. This office, in common with all newspaper offices is being flooded by government literature urging people to use Rice Flour, Barley Flour, Ground Oat Meal, Corn Meal, and the like, but when we go to our grocers and try to persuade them to also advocate their use through their ads we are met with the information that they cannot do so because the most of such substitutes are practically unobtainable: Cog slipped somewhere, sure enough. The fact is we are all willing to follow the Government's plans and conserve in every possible way, but it is about time that the Government made it a practical possibility for us to do so. How about it, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Ayer and Mr. Newell? Help is urgently needed.

Growing Fast.

A petition has been circulated and will be presented to Postmaster Myers by the residents of South Lents for City Mail service in their territory, which embraces the south end of 92nd St. and 71st and 73rd Avenues. We understand that they have complied with the regulations and are entitled to service.

This brings to light a similar condition in the northeast portion of Lents. We believe the residents around 45th Avenue are entitled also to city service if the petition is circulated in due form.

At the present time the three mail carriers of Lents are hopelessly snowed under. They have to make several trips to the office on one round in order to carry their loads. Another man at least should be put on and probably action taken by the residents of the northeastern part would help attain the desired result now that the "southerners" have got their petition under way.

Lents is growing rapidly, new people are moving in and our postal service must keep pace.

You Can't Look Bright

or feel right if your bowels aren't right. The laxative properties of Figs as improved in SAN-TOX Fig Cascaras (tablets) For Sale by LENTS PHARMACY The SAN-TOX Store

Remember the W... Meatless Days are kept...

An Eloquent Appeal.

Hanley Asks Wilson to Save Food, Fuel and Freight Cars.

Quoting from the address of President Wilson to the farmers of America, J. Frank Hanley, Presidential nominee of the Prohibition Party in 1916, adds this stirring appeal:

These are great words. They are pregnant with meaning and big with purpose. You did well to utter them. It is entirely true:

"That the forces that fight for freedom, the freedom of men all over the world, as well as our own, depend upon us in an extraordinary and unexpected degree for sustenance, for the supply of the materials by which men are to live and fight."

This fact brings home to you and to the farmers to whom you spoke, and to all your countrymen, whatever our vocations, the ominous and fateful responsibility not only to plough deep and far that food grains and food products may be multiplied, but that when produced they shall be conserved and not wasted.

And yet there is among us, holding the warrant of the National Government itself, an agency engaged in the manufacture of products which are not only non-essential to the winning of the war, but actually hinder and make more difficult its attainment—products injurious to the economic and industrial efficiency, physical health and well being, and the moral life and purpose of all your countrymen—products the consumption of which deprives the users of moral vision and renders them incapable of all great endeavor, continuity of purpose or consecration of soul.

This agency, according to its own published statements, rotted last year in its manufacturing establishments food grains and food products which required the daily effort of 75,000 farmers—the very men to whom the appeal you made last week was directed—working six months to produce; food grains and food products which had an actual/bread value of eleven million loaves of bread for every day in all the year, bread enough to furnish bread rations to every soldier marshalled anywhere beneath democracy's flag!

It not only rotted this grain and these foodstuffs and destroyed their vast bread value, but it used in the process of their rotting and destruction millions of tons of coal which, if it had not been consumed, could now be used to fill the empty bunkers of ships that cannot sail for lack of fuel; turn the wheels of the vast industries which you have felt it necessary to still, that fuel might be conserved; heat the public school buildings in the cities where they are closed because food cannot be had. Not only that, but out of the food grains and foodstuffs so rotted, and from the heat produced by the millions of tons of coal this agency used, there came last year sixty million barrels of a single one of the products. I have described, which required a million freight cars and vast motive power for their distribution—freight cars and motive power which, denied to it, would have served to transport a million cars of fuel to coalless cities, factories, schools and homes.

This agency is now repeating what it did last year, both as to the rotting of food grains and food stuffs and the consumption of coal and the absorption of freight cars and motive power and will continue to repeat it, if it is not prohibited.

Conscious of the monstrous wrong this agency is doing—and means to continue to do—a wrong so great as to constitute a crime, not only against the country whose Chief Executive you are, but against democracy everywhere—and of the great issue involved in the war, and of the vital need of food for those who fight for its establishment, your countrymen, through their representatives in Congress, clothed you four months ago with power to interdict this agency for the period of the war.

For four months you have held that power in your sole hand. You could have ended this traffic, its food waste and its immeasurable injury to your countrymen and the great cause you have at heart, by proclamation, by executive signature. You could end it now by a stroke of your pen.

The people, whom you so imperatively summoned to this new self denial and sacrifice, gave you, long months ago, pen and ink and paper and bade you sign, and you have failed to use them, and still do fail.

Instead of using this power, you appeal to us, knowing that we cannot be deaf to your appeal because of our love and devotion to the cause you plead. We will respond to your appeal. You can ask no service or sacrifice which we will not give and render wholeheartedly and without reserve.

In prosecution of the great enterprise to which you have set your hand and summoned us, we will go with you all the way—all the blood-stained way, though it lead thrice through Gethsemane.

If more credit is to be given to the democracies of Europe, we will vote it. If more taxes are to be levied, we will pay them.

If more Liberty bonds are to be sold, we will buy them.

If the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., are to be re-endowed, we will re-endow them.

If more of our sons are to go the red altar, we will take them there, though the taking break our hearts.

All this and more, God helping us, we will do.

But as we do it, we will forever know: That the road we are required to go has been lengthened and made more difficult.

That the burden we shall have to bear has been augmented and made heavier.

That the blood our sons will have to shed will be multiplied—because you failed to use the pen and ink and paper that we gave you.

All this and more we will do—do, because of the cause itself, and in the hope that the loyalty and devotion of our response may impel you to sign the death warrant which we have given you and which you still hold unsigned.

Your deed, we think, should equal ours.

Sign, Mr. President, sign!

W. C. T. U. NOTES

Mrs. Clyde E. Sager's residence was the place of meeting for the Mt. Scott W. C. T. U., this week, with Mrs. Sommerfeldt presiding. After a short business session, the program was opened with two musical numbers by Mrs. Leo Katzy. Mrs. Freeburg talked on her line of work for the soldier boys, urging the members to remonstrate against the waste of so many bushels of grain used to manufacture beer while mothers of the land are being asked to deny their children of customary bread in order to send grain to Europe.

Mrs. J. W. Wilkins of Arleta was the speaker of the hour. Her subject was, "Life and Work of Frances E. Willard." She spoke in particular of the early life of Miss Willard, showing how entirely natural and human she was when growing up. The strength and energy gathered from outdoor life and work on the farm being just what was needed for the strenuous life work of after years. Mrs. Wilkins further spoke of work in the Dept. of Temperance and Labor, also Temperance in the Sunday School.

The Union decided at this time to discontinue the pleasant custom of serving refreshments at the monthly social and literary program. By this it is thought to conserve health as well as finances, since the tea and wafers, even though light refreshments, are only that much more than is needed. With much laughter and merry making the ladies entered upon this last "spread."

Mrs. A. J. Boatwright gave her name at this time as a new member of the Union.

The principal of a school once had occasion to lick a very refractory pupil. It was very meager punishment, but the child complained to his father when he went home that day. The next day the father paid the principal a visit.

"I understand," said the irate parent, "that you licked my boy yesterday."

"I did," was the reply, "but not severely."

"Well," said the father, "I want you to know that I am one of the largest taxpayers in this place and my boy is entitled to as good a licking as any other boy gets. If you slight him again, you'll hear from me in no uncertain terms."

Perfect Explanation.

Little Bobby—What does "knows no bounds" mean, dad? Explain it to me.

Dad (buried in newspaper)—Kangaroo with rheumatism.

Mistress—So your matrimonial life was very unhappy. What was the trouble? December wedded to May?

Chloe Johnson—Lan' sake, no man! It was labor day wedded to de day ob rest.—Life.

"Who's that you're waving at?"

"An old flame of mine."

"I suppose your father has to put him out whenever he calls."—Brooklyn Citizen.

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Announcement

The Portland Normal and Commercial School has secured this space and will use it each week to announce to the people of Lents the general advantages which they offer young people in preparing for business.

Their institution has been growing more rapidly than any similar one in Portland and its March enrollment will be very large. Its catalogue will be published complete in this space—watch for it. Several young people from Lents are already attending this school and others are planning to enter next week.

A reception will be given Saturday evening to which all who are interested in a business education are invited. The work of the students will be exhibited and the equipment will be demonstrated.

For further information: phone Main 5816 or Mar. 2193 or call in person.

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