

U. S. Must Cut Use Of Wheat by One-Half

America Consumed 42,000,000 Bushels Monthly.
From Now Until Harvest Must Use
Only 21,000,000.

RATION PER PERSON IS 1½ POUNDS
OF WHEAT PRODUCTS WEEKLY

Military Necessity Calls for Greater Sacrifice Here—Allied War
Bread Must Be Maintained—Our Soldiers and
Sailors to Have Full Allowance.

If we are to furnish the Allies with the necessary proportion of wheat to maintain their war bread from now until the next harvest, and this is a military necessity, we must reduce our monthly consumption to 21,000,000 bushels a month, as against our normal consumption of about 42,000,000 bushels, or 50 per cent. of our normal consumption. This is the situation as set forth by the U. S. Food Administration at Washington. Reserving a margin for distribution to the army and for special cases, leaves for general consumption approximately 1½ pounds of wheat products weekly per person. The Food Administration's statement continues: Many of our consumers are dependent upon bakers' bread. Such bread must be durable and therefore, requires a larger proportion of wheat products than cereal breads baked in the household. Our army and navy require a full allowance. The well-to-do in our population can make greater sacrifices in the consumption of wheat products than can the poor. In addition, our population in the agricultural districts, where the other cereals are abundant, are more skilled in the preparation of breads from these other cereals than the crowded city and industrial populations.

With improved transportation conditions we now have available a surplus of potatoes. We also have in the spring months a surplus of milk, and we have ample corn and oats for human consumption. The drain on rye and barley, as substitutes, has already greatly exhausted the supply of these grains.

To effect the needed saving of wheat we are wholly dependent upon the voluntary assistance of the American people and we ask that the following rules shall be observed:

1. Household to use not to exceed a total of 1½ pounds per week of wheat products per person. This means not more than 1¾ pounds of Victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes and one-half pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat breakfast cereals, all combined.

2. Public eating places and clubs to observe two wheatless days per week, Monday and Wednesday, as at present. In addition thereto, not to serve to any one guest at any one meal an aggregate of breadstuffs, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat breakfast cereals, containing a total of more than two ounces of wheat flour. No wheat products to be served unless specially ordered. Public eating establishments not to buy more than six pounds of wheat products for each ninety meals served, thus conforming with the limitations requested of the householders.

3. Retailers to sell not more than one-eighth of a barrel of flour to any town customer at any one time and not more than one-quarter of a barrel to any country customer at any one time, and in no case to sell wheat products without the sale of an equal weight of other cereals.

4. We ask the bakers and grocers to reduce the volume of Victory bread sold, by delivery of the three-quarter pound loaf where one pound was sold before, and corresponding proportions in other weights. We also ask bakers not to increase the amount of their wheat flour purchases beyond 70 per

cent. of the average monthly amount purchased in the four months prior to March 1.

5. Manufacturers using wheat products for non-food purposes should cease such use entirely.

6. There is no limit upon the use of other cereals, flours, and meals, corn, barley, buckwheat, potato flour, et cetera.

Many thousand families throughout the land are now using no wheat products whatever, except a very small amount for cooking purposes, and are doing so in perfect health and satisfaction. There is no reason why all of the American people who are able to cook in their own households cannot subsist perfectly well with the use of less wheat products than one and one-half pounds a week, and we specially ask the well-to-do households in the country to follow this additional programme in order that we may provide the necessary marginal supplies for those parts of the community less able to adapt themselves to so large a proportion of substitutes.

In order that we shall be able to make the wheat exports that are absolutely demanded of us to maintain the civil population and soldiers of the allies and our own army, we propose to supplement the voluntary co-operation of the public by a further limitation of distribution, and we shall place at once restrictions on distribution which will be adjusted from time to time to secure as nearly equitable distribution as possible. With the arrival of harvest we should be able to relax such restrictions. Until then we ask for the necessary patience, sacrifice and co-operation of the distributing trades.

RURAL ITEMS

Belrose-Gilbert.

The Parent-Teacher Association of District 45 School will meet Friday, May 10th, at three P. M. The pupils of Miss McNeil's room will give a dramatization of "Helping Uncle Sam." A paper "Problems of the Parent and the School" read by Miss Alice Henderson at the P. T. A. and Oregon Congress of Mothers' Convention at Eugene last October, will be read at this meeting. Everyone cordially invited to be present.

James Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bush of Lenox Avenue, left last Friday for Camp Lewis in command of the Clark County Contingent. He has been employed by the Standifer Shipbuilding Corporation in Vancouver. He was once before in Uncle Sam's service when he was with the Minnesota National Guard on the Mexican Border.

Happy Valley.

Quite a number of Lents young people visited Mrs. Conklin last Monday evening.

Mr. Joseph Becker is spending a couple of months with his brother on his

wheat ranch in Washington. Joseph expects to enter the Country's service on his return.

The Laboratory Equipment Co., has installed a large electric generator at the factory in the valley. It will be used for lights and also for charging storage batteries.

Farmers in the valley are well satisfied with the weather program and only a few would ask for showers. Crops are looking uncommonly good. That much to help "swat the Kaiser."

J. E. Deardoff was a guest at the Portland Police court Tuesday. Mr. Bellamy of Portland after colliding with Deardoff's Auto truck preferred a charge against him of violating the motor vehicle law. Mr. Bellamy came to court walking with a cane and seemingly badly injured. But when the Judge dismissed the case against Deardoff he left the room with the cane on arm and as spry as a chicken. The Deardoff twins are doing nicely.

Pleasant Valley.

Mr. H. Thurston and family of this place moved to Gresham one day last week so as to be close to Mr. Thurston's work. The many friends of the family

regret to see them leave but wish them success.

Miss Laura Moor of Colton spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Moor.

Mrs. Edholm of Albany, Ore. is visiting with her daughter Mrs. Extrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton of Portland were recent visitors at the home of the latter's sister Mrs. Will Frost.

Every one is so busy farming there is nothing doing but farming and gardening these days.

One Day's Record.

In one Foyer du Soldat in France which is the French Y. M. C. A., 1920 sheets of paper and 1035 cups of coffee were given out in one day.

Organize Classes.

Educational classes are organized in prisoner of war camps by the Y. M. C. A. This helps to improve the minds and relieve the men of the tediousness of their detention.

Answers Service Call.

Charles F. Gugel, for ten years manager of a large sporting goods house in Columbus, Ohio, has gone overseas in the service of the Y. M. C. A.

Show Appreciation

Employees of a construction company at Angel Island cantonment subscribed over a hundred dollars to the Y. M. C. A. because of the treatment which they received at the hands of the Y. M. C. A. while they were at the cantonment.

Wants Second Whack.

From Potrero a small place in San Diego county, comes word that Geon Dubol, a veteran of the war of 1870 wants to go back and lick the Germans again. He has written the national war work council of the Y. M. C. A. offering his services. He says, "I want to do my bit. I speak good French and English. I prefer to go to France. I am 64 years of age, strong and healthy. I fought the Germans in 1870 in the first Zouaves. I think I can give them another licking yet."

The Parent-Teacher Association will give a dance in the Assembly hall from 8 until 10:30 Saturday evening, May 4th. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross fund. Admission 10 cents.

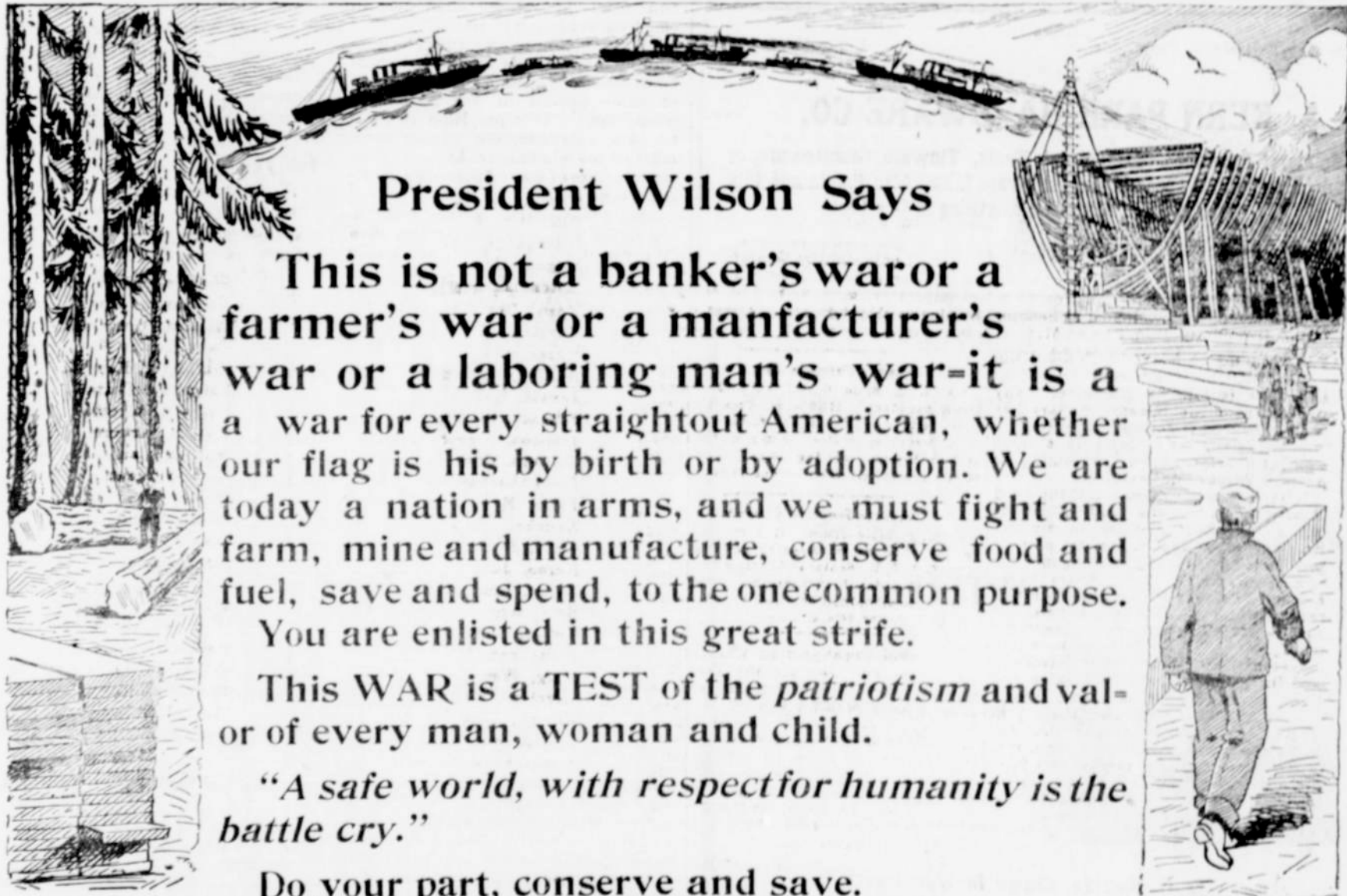
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President Wilson Says

This is not a banker's war or a farmer's war or a manufacturer's war or a laboring man's war—it is a war for every straightout American, whether our flag is his by birth or by adoption. We are today a nation in arms, and we must fight and farm, mine and manufacture, conserve food and fuel, save and spend, to the onecommon purpose. You are enlisted in this great strife.

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