

Feed Allies or Fight Alone

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There must be a change or great social disturbance."

"We now have a range of living cost in this country," he said, "that is beyond the ability of thousands to meet. We are threatened as a result by a loss of national efficiency and labor."

"Yet, it is my belief unless some control be inaugurated that we shall look back at this moment as one of comparatively moderate prices."

Opponents Hear Statement.

Hoover read this statement while 50 senators, many of them those who are vigorously opposing the food control bill, listened. His explanation of the measure and the situation facing the country was designed to hasten action on the food bill.

"We are facing the amazing situation in this country," he said, "of having a great and sufficient supply and yet the highest prices in our history. The average prices to consumers in those countries where they have food control are much lower than the prices in the United States."

Bill's Meaning Explained

He dissipated the "illusion" that the food control bill is directed against the producer, provided fixing of prices and authorizes a food dictator.

"The bill merely is a means of regulating the distribution of machinery to a war basis," he said. "It is designed and it is our purpose to mobilize the spirit of self-denial, to eliminate waste in this country. We can do this by self-sacrifice on a patriotic volunteer basis."

"If we can't do this, we might better accept German domination."

Legislation Needed For Few

But there are always, some who refuse to cooperate and it is to force these—giving support to the patriots who fall into line—that legislation is necessary.

"It is the intention to work the whole program on a voluntary, patriotic basis if possible."

These paramount necessities face the country.

Control of exports, instrumentalities set up to regulate legitimate as well as illegitimate speculation in foods, mobilizing the housewives of the country to aid in national con-

servation and erection in every state of food administration departments.

Export Control Is Urged

"Unless there is control of exports the tremendous pull of this vacuum in Europe may leave this country without supplies."

To show the need of control of speculators, he offered wheat and flour as examples.

Forward selling of flour should be eliminated, because that necessitates forward buying and selling of wheat.

"This could be stopped by setting up volunteer cooperation in the various links from producer to consumer."

"A vast majority of these men are moved by patriotism and are ready to do this. I have heard of no great distributing agencies against the food control we propose."

Non-Distributors Speculators

"But these agencies are helpless in many cases to help themselves."

"We have rank speculation by people not actually engaged in distribution."

He said the entire 1917 output of American tanners had been sold to jobbers before the product left the farm, and these are already in the hands of speculators.

"We need regulation of wheat elevators in order to facilitate the movement of the 1917 grain crop."

"Every elevator should carry 100 per cent of grain."

Wheat Commission Advised

He protested against the present practice of permitting elevators to be leased by individuals, frequently leaving the elevators half full of grain, while "nearby yards are congested with laden freight cars."

Hoover advocated the formation of a wheat commission to regulate exports and imports and also regulate prices.

He expects a long era of high prices.

"We must maintain high priced wheat and encourage production," he said, "but the price must not be prohibitive to the consumer."

Asks Fund of \$150,000,000

Hoover also advocated forming a sugar commission to act along virtually the same lines as the wheat commission.

He said that the entire Cuban crop might be contracted for in his scheme to stabilize the sugar market. All trade groups interested in the sugar business have been heard from and have agreed to cooperate with the food administrators. He will need \$150,000,000 as a working cap-

ital for his administration.

Women will have direct charge of 90 per cent of the work of food conservation. Hoover wants to enlist every American housewife in the movement. Women will be asked to sign pledges to save food, and they will be given "common sense" lessons in home economics.

"We must demonstrate this democracy can rise and save itself in the emergency of the war."

640-Acre Homesteads Still in Chaotic State

Western members of congress are receiving letters from constituents urging the early designation of lands for entry under the 640 acre homestead act, and from others who ask that designations be delayed, in the interest of range cattle production particularly.

After the law passed there was a rush of applications and about 50,000 are on file. The land office had no funds to make classification, however, and turned the job over to the geological survey, which likewise had no funds for such purposes. So there has been no classification and no designation to date.

With the passage of the sundry civil bill last week it is understood that money will be at hand for the classification, but it is expected to proceed slowly. Charges of extensive fraud in filing applications has been made, and question has been raised as to the construction of the law as to the character of lands intended.

This situation caused the senate to adopt an amendment to the food control bill proposed by senator Fall providing that all public unsurveyed lands in the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and South Dakota shall be considered subject to the 640 acre act. The effect of this would be to do away with classification in those states and to allow any applicant to take remaining lands in 640-acre tracts. This has not been fully acted upon, and may be rejected by the house.

Among the letters recently received from Oregon on the subject is one sent to Senator Chamberlain by W. O. McKnown of Lake, who wants designation delayed. In a reply from the land office it is stated that the department, of course, has no authority to suspend the operation of a law, but nothing has been done because the geological survey has had no funds to proceed with the work.

THE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The Red Cross committee for this district finds the work of taking subscriptions to be a real pleasure. They were welcomed with open arms by the entire populace and if a man was overlooked, as occasionally happened, that man hunted up the committee.

The Redmond district was supposed to raise \$1,500 but it will just about double this. Mayor Hosch, M. A. Lynch, Albert Mohler, L. B. Lafollett, G. E. Dobson, L. E. Smith, Jerry Moore and R. H. Parsons comprise the committee. Dr. Hosch has been preaching for the fund all the time and undoubtedly to his undivided efforts in a large measure, is due the fact that everybody was educated to the great importance of the movement. His theory was that: "If we give our all, we are not giving as much as the boys who are going to the front."

RUSSIANS DEPORT ROBERT GRIMM, PEACE AGITATOR

After a heated debate, featured by mingled cheers, catcalls and boos, the all-Russian congress of workmen and soldiers on Tuesday voted, 640 to 140, to support Minister of Posts and Telegraph Tseretelli in his deportation of the Swiss Socialist, Robert Grimm, a peace agitator.

Tseretelli declared the deportation was in Russia's best interest.

"Brothers," he declared, "if any other Socialist in Russia acts as Grimm has acted, he also will be sent from the country, so long as I am a member of the cabinet."

"I do not charge that he is a German spy, but he is as bad as that, because he is a peace agent of the German government."

A storm of cheers greeted the announcement of the voting, showing that the congress approved the deportation.

Reports from the front detailed an increasing betterment of morals among the Russian soldiers. General Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the army, who is on a tour of the battle lines to stir his soldiers up to fighting spirit and to restore rigid discipline again, is meeting with enthusiastic receptions everywhere.

The congress of the old Greek church party, at Moscow adopted resolutions firmly insisting that Russia should make war to the bitter end against Germany. The meeting telegraphed Minister of War Kerensky: "You are Russia's foremost outpost in the field of liberty."

COUNTRY CLUB CAN DO WORLD OF GOOD

HAVE BENEFIT OF YEARS OF EXPERIMENTS—STARTS ITS MEMBERS OFF RIGHT

The word "better" is an adjective comparative of "good." The sense we use it here is for improvement and advancement as to the betterment of our club work.

The people of this vicinity are stock raisers, farmers and housewives. I think very much can be accomplished. Why not use our club for community knowledge? So by each one making themselves familiar with some particular work of interest to our men and women, boys and girls of our meeting there will be no difficulty in progressing in the clearest way.

Perhaps some may not have the time to read the articles on all the subjects, but would grasp quickly and put in execution at once if explained in a clear plain way at our club meetings, and to accomplish our aim we must use judgement as to what is most beneficial for the good of the community in general, for public opinion has a right to free expression.

We are aware that experience is a good teacher, but knowledge is a more advanced stage of ideas. So if our past generations could live and be successful under the school of experience, why not use the country club as a medium to try out the knowledge the experiment stations have gained by taking up the work best adapted to our locality.

The obstacles that had to be contended with in the past have been far removed by the Experiment stations to which our country gives credit. Until now, our newspapers and periodicals are in every home. So by making oneself familiar with the topics we find in them and putting to use, will give young men and women a chance to begin in the right way by using the developed conditions instead of a lifetime trying different ideas. We have a great many channels of work we might take up, but being a sparsely settled community, can and will accomplish a great deal if we make use of the principles laid before us by being congenial, conservative and frugal in our work.

We will be more adapted to take up the work best suited to our conditions, and by careful considerations and attention to our plan we can accomplish a great deal, endeavor to make strong the points we work on. We are living now in the age of progression and must progress as "time waits for no man."

At the present time of the year we can without doubt be of interest to each other in our plans for the year's harvest. A great deal of benefit can be derived from using everything on hand at seeding time by passing to your neighbor anything you do not need and can be made useful by them. All these things will have a tendency for better living and a better spirit among the people. As to "better living" what a chance a new community with so much room for development any and all classes of work that may be secured by our club can only be a betterment for us all. Some who have the qualifications to do may be handicapped by a scarcity of material but by the assistance of the club may be advised when and where to obtain the necessary articles.

The dry land farmers are at the mercy of the rain to find more difficult to say just what we can do or accomplish. We should make our work a pleasure and without a trial we surely will fail, so by using our best judgement can make good.

I will emphasize at this time the fact that the situation is becoming serious and that strenuous efforts must be used to bring about more thrifty ways and fundamental knowledge of "domestic economy."

Realizing the fact that it is evident that we will need to observe closely the expenditures in the beginning to

THE SCHOOL ELECTION

Little interest was shown in the school election on Monday, as those selected for the officials were well known and entirely acceptable to all.

Albert Mohler was elected the high school member; R. H. Parsons, for the three-year term; L. B. Lafollett, for the two-year term and Bob Roberts for clerk of the district. The vote was unanimous for the admission of Tumalo and Deschutes into the high school district, and for the purchase of the two lots adjoining the gymnasium.

Reports from Tumalo and Deschutes show a like vote in favor of joining the Redmond high school district.

gain and make our work profitable. In managing our work we must be careful not to put more than we will be able to receive from it. Better results will be gained by "systematic work" and the successful person will need to use all efforts available not to overwork, but attention at the right time. Economy and efficiency of labor means saving in cost of production more than is realized by those who never consider the first actual cost. In addition to making the soil pay, we must use the same rule as to buying and selling. The price often governs the purchase. This fact has afforded considerable argument and many times condemnation for a good thing. In selecting our plans I am almost tempted to say "pay more attention to the source

of our conditions than more conservative rules. One of the mistakes most frequently made by new countries like ours is the promiscuous use of any kind of seed. One of the best services that can be rendered to any community is the assistance of instructing the best varieties of seed, stock and domestic work for the immediate neighborhood. So lets be up and doing and show other clubs there is a live wire at Roberts. If all put their shoulder to the wheel we will be in the front ranks this fall.

Let our motto be "not how much we accomplish, but how well."

The above paper by Mrs. L. E. Palmer and read at the Roberts club expresses worthy sentiment.

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