

STATE IS ASKED TO DOUBLE GRAIN CROP

Food Men Shape Plan to Meet Demand.

TASK NOT UNDERESTIMATED

230,000 Acres Must Be Added to 1916 Wheat Fields.

MONEY PROBLEM STUDIED

President Kerr Announces That Only by Co-operation of All Interests Can Oregon Hope to Supply Nation's Need.

Farmer must increase the Oregon wheat yield 50 per cent and rye must be jumped up 41 per cent in winter crops.

That is the state's apportionment as worked out by calculations formulated by the Department of Agriculture and made public here yesterday by W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural College and chairman of the food committee of the State Council of National Defense, after his return to Portland from a conference of committeemen representing the eight states in this Federal district, held in Spokane.

Double Wheat Yield Asked.

The cold facts are that the Nation calls upon Oregon farmers to provide double the amount of the state wheat yield of last year as winter crop, or to put it another way, they must sow 230,000 acres more than last year.

Thirteen thousand more acres of rye must be put in than last year and anything short of doing this simply means that not only the food supply of the allies will be threatened, but our own supply as well may fall short.

The situation is a difficult one, which, declared Dr. Kerr, may be met in but one way—by co-operation on the part of the farmer, the business man and the banker. This is assured, he said, and so it looks as though the big task assigned Oregon will be handled with the state's variable rule—success, full and complete.

Much Work Quietly Done.

Numerous conferences between agents of the Department of Agriculture and state committees have been held and a vast amount of work has been accomplished already toward getting affairs in shape for the big work ahead. It is announced by Dr. Kerr, after so much has been done quietly but effectively, that some knotty problems have already been worked out for the assistance of the farmers, so that they will have much aid in planting the two crops demanded for the feeding of our own and the troops of the allies.

In fact, all that men can do to insure the sowing and raising of the increased acreage asked for has been done and it will devolve upon the weather to make complete their work. In other words, if the necessary moisture is had, Dr. Kerr said, it is certain that Oregon will do her full share in this matter.

Some of the difficult problems met with by Dr. Kerr and the members of his committee deal with finances and the storage of seed. Both of these already have been worked out to a certain extent.

Bill to Aid Farmers Straggled.

As to finances, plans are being prepared that practically assure ample means of aiding those farmers who may require money with which to purchase seed or to otherwise handle their portion of the acreage of wheat or rye. The spirit of co-operation has been excellent and Dr. Kerr, and financial agents are exhibiting a willingness to enter into the plans and to give every possible help.

When the work was first taken up by the state committee it was understood that a fund of \$2,500,000 had been voted by Congress to assist the farmers, but investigation has revealed that the House of Representatives did its part all right, but when the bill got to the Senate it was amended so that none of this fund may be used in this manner. Under the provisions of the bill, as passed, it is so circumscribed as to be of no material benefit in this present situation, and will be disregarded.

Storage Order Flexible.

The problem of storage of wheat and rye arose in the public mind over an order recently issued by Herbert C. Hoover, food director, that no grain could be stored more than 30 days. That looked like a bad barrier until Dr. Kerr, thinking there must be some way out, called into consultation yesterday Max H. Houser, Mr. Hoover's grain representative for Oregon, and asked him about it. Mr. Houser said that he has been granted authority to make exceptions in cases where seed is to be stored in the right manner and will so act whenever necessary. This clears up one of the problems which looked darkest for a while from the farmer's standpoint.

"I found the work of food production advancing well and the members of the state committee feeling optimistic," said Dr. Kerr last night. "Our problems, while very large and difficult, are, I feel sure, going to be greatly lightened by the co-operation of all the people in our territory. There is much to be done, but it is going to be done and there is going to be no failure on our part."

LOVE IN "FLIVVER" SKIDS FROM ALTAR

BARRACKS BAND MASTER'S ROMANCE PUNCTURED.

Emil Schou Asks Police Aid in Tracing Winsome Widow and Recovering His Car.

A punctured romance, a missing "flivver" and a false fair one, far away, are ingredients in the gloom of Emil Schou, band leader of the Fourteenth Infantry, stationed at Vancouver Barracks. The military musician has asked the police to aid in unearthing the tangled skein of his courtship.

When August was young, Bandmaster Schou obtained the "flivver" on the partial payment plan. A conquest followed the car, and Vancouver Barracks remarked with approval the presence of Mrs. Ethel Anderson, a winsome grass widow of East Garrison, Vancouver, on the front cushions when the bandmaster motored abroad. It was freshly wadded that wedding festivities were nigh.

Tuesday morning, when Bandmaster Schou arose to feast his eyes on the "flivver," he found the garage door ajar, with a note on the knob.

"Dear Mr. Schou," the familiar feminine writing ran. "This is the only way. I have consulted my heart and realize that I can never go through life with you as a soul mate. There is another who has come into my life unexpectedly, and I know it would be cruel to both of us for me to remain longer in this neighborhood, so I have taken our car and am leaving for good old San Francisco, never to return. Don't follow me or make a 'holier,' or I will sue for thousands of dollars for defamation of character and other things. If you keep quiet I may return the car some day. Tell the police and you are doomed. One you can never understand. E. A."

Bandmaster Schou has reported his punctured romance and missing car to the police authorities of Portland, Vancouver and Tacoma, and has telegraphed to cities on the route to "good old San Francisco."

HOME-MADE WINE TABOO

Conviction of Fermented Grape Juice Owner is Upheld.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Fermentation of grape or berry juice strictly for home use is held by the Supreme Court to be a violation of the prohibition amendment. The point was decided on appeal by Michael Ebel, of Tacoma, convicted in the Superior Court for fermenting 14 quarts of grape juice for his own use. Today's decision closes what by many has been regarded as a loophole in the dry law amendment, by which it was thought wines could be fermented privately for family consumption as long as there was no intent to sell, although it is noted that the penalty will not be invoked where fruit canned by the housewife has soured on the shelf.

BEACH AVIATOR INJURED

Ralph Hanson's Machine Falls After Flight to Tillamook.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Ralph Hanson, aviator, was slightly injured and his machine damaged when he tried to alight here today after a trip from Seaside. The flier struck an air pocket behind one of the fairground barns, when the plane overturned, throwing him out and falling on him. Spectators soon rescued him and he was taken to the hospital. His nose was injured and he suffered from shock. Hanson left Seaside at 2:15 P. M. and arrived here at a few minutes after 3. He stopped ten minutes on the beach at Rockaway.

MORE SHIPS ARE SUNK

Submarines Account for 23 English Craft in Week.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—An increase in the number of British vessels sunk last week by mines or submarines is shown by the weekly Admiralty statement issued tonight. Eighteen vessels of more than 1600 tons were sent to the bottom, as compared with 15 the previous week, and five of less than 1600 tons, as against three the previous week. No fishing vessels were sunk.

ERRAZURIZ FAMILY COMING

Mother, Brother and Sister of Mrs. De Saullés at Panama.

PANAMA, Aug. 29.—Guillermo Errazuriz, brother of Mrs. Blanca de Saullés, who shot and killed her husband, John L. de Saullés, in New York, together with Madame Blanca Errazuriz, her mother, and Senorita Amalia Errazuriz, her sister, arrived here this morning from Valparaiso, Chile. They will sail tomorrow for New York. None of them made any statement regarding the case.

LOST LAD HAS LONG NAP

Portland Boy Asleep in Coal Bin While Frantic Parents Search.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Dorward Eckman, son of Mrs. Matt Eckman, of Portland, who was missing for a night and a day, was found underneath some boxes in the coal shed back of the house where the family was staying. The lad, who is 7, had slept all night and an entire day. He was none the worse for his experience.

CANADIAN LEADERS SUPPORT DRAFT ACT

Laurier, Opponent, Will Help Administer Law.

STRONG WAR POLICY WANTED

Premier Borden Resigns, but Supporters Reject Plea.

CONSCRIPT LAW IN EFFECT

Army of 100,000 Desired to Reinforce Troops in France—Single Men Between 20 and 34 Are First to Be Summoned.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 29.—Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, offered his resignation to a caucus of his supporters in Parliament today in favor of Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

The caucus declined to accept the resignation and reaffirmed its confidence in the Premier's leadership. Sir Robert was authorized to continue his efforts to reorganize the government and bring into it representatives of all the elements of Canada favoring compulsory military service.

Conscription becomes law in Canada today when Justice Duff, of the Supreme Court, acting for the Governor-General, gave royal assent to the measure.

The bill is for the purpose of raising 100,000 men to reinforce the Canadian divisions fighting at the front. All Canadians between 20 and 45 years may be called. They will be divided into classes, according to age, whether married or single.

Single Men 20 to 34 First. It is expected that in the near future the first class, consisting of all unmarried Canadians between 20 and 34 years, will be called and that this class will provide the required 100,000.

After assent had been given, Premier Borden, speaking in the House of Commons, asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to cooperate with him in naming a board of selection to choose local tribunals who are to deal with applications for exemption from military service.

Laurier Firmly for Law. Sir Wilfrid replied in terms that are regarded as significant in view of his opposition to conscription, and that of the French Canadians of Quebec. He said he would agree to the request of the Prime Minister, adding, "as the bill is now law it is the duty of all loyal subjects to see that it is carried out harmoniously."

The caucus of Premier Borden's supporters, at which he offered to resign, and its confirmation of Premier Borden's authority are the result of a series of events that began on May 15, when the Prime Minister, who had just returned from conferences in England, announced to Parliament his intention (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1.)

BUSTLES AT LAST GAIN POPULARITY

ORIENTAL TROUSERETTES WILL BE WORN ON STREETS.

Convertible Gown That Can Be Used on Any Occasion Is One of Designs Fashion Approves.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Really fashionably dressed woman, the forthcoming season, will resemble nothing so much as an inverted triangle. Bustles from the Fashion Art League convention make this clear. Dresses are to be drawn neatly in at the bottom; there will be a recrudescence of the old billowy sleeves, with red ruching for the neck, wide shoulders and modest puffed sleeves.

The bustle has been making a most determined effort to stage a comeback for several years, but this is the first season it has gained any ground. Anyhow it is now here, greatly modified in size, but the opening wedge has been placed.

Velvet will be the popular cloth for everything. Entire gowns will be of velvet and those of other cloth will have velvet trimmings. There will also be velvet collars, cuffs and pocket trimmings on coats.

The designers have made a concession to the general demand for conservatism by creating a gown that is suitable for dinner, afternoon receptions or evening party wear. Just a shift of the collar, the addition of a girle and removal of the poked-in sleeves turns the trick.

For street wear there will be a modified form of Oriental trousers, caught at the ankle with a drawstring and flaring into a semblance of skirts from the ankle upwards.

It was announced that evening gowns this season will be exceptionally gorgeous. Tulle will not be much used, but rich velvets, metal cloth, silks and satins will prevail.

STEAMER KILBURN RAIDED

Captain and Seven Men Arrested and 150 Quarts of Whisky Seized.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Clatsop County officers raided the steamer F. A. Kilburn upon her arrival here today and search revealed 150 quarts of contraband whisky, which was seized. Captain Carey, master of the F. A. Kilburn and seven members of the crew were arrested but later released, the captain on bail of \$500 and each of the men \$50.

The Kilburn was allowed to proceed for Portland.

ARGENTINA WOULD EXPORT

Government Petitioned to Counteract Fall in Prices.

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29.—A commission representative of grain interests has arrived at the capital from Rosario to petition the government to permit wheat exports, so that the market fall in prices last week might be counter-balanced. The commission claims that 300,000 tons of the grain are available for export without prejudice to home demands.

Red Cross Has 3,500,000 Members.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Membership of the American Red Cross has reached the 3,500,000 mark and is increasing at the rate of 25,000 to 100,000 a day, according to a headquarters announcement today. At the beginning of the year the total was 275,000.



WOMEN STRIKE IN CANDY FACTORIES

SEATTLE EXPECTS EMPLOYEES OF OTHER PLANTS TO QUIT.

Demand for Closed Shop Is Only One Presented and Walkout Is First in Industry.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—On the heels of the strike of 100 employees of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company today, a general strike in the cracker and candy manufacturing plants, involving 400 persons, is expected tomorrow.

This, it is declared by managers of the five plants involved, is the first strike of its kind in the United States. Demands for the closed shop constitute the principal differences between employers and employees.

The committee said it was satisfied with the hours of work and the pay. The employees presented their first demands on Friday. The move was so novel to them that they had no form of demands on which to base their action and drew it up in the office of one of the companies.

The employees of the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company went out today. L. A. Dodge, assistant general manager, who is in charge of all problems relating to the strike, said that about 50 per cent of the striking employees are women, who work eight hours a day.

"I could hear no complaint of salaries paid," said Mr. Dodge, "but the closed shop plan was insisted upon and this we cannot grant and give back a reasonable profit on our investment."

LOOT KEPT FOR SIX YEARS

Money and Valuables Stolen by Burglar Returned by Mail.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Six years ago a burglar entered the home of George Becroft, of this city, and stole \$65 in gold, a camera, automobile, revolver, and other articles of considerable value.

Today Mr. Becroft received through the mails from Chicago a package containing \$80 in bills and practically all of the loot taken from his home. On the contents of the package were the words, "If not called for return to C. F. Brown, 333 Dearborn street, Chicago."

M'ADOO'S PLEA IGNORED

Secret Service Operative Is Certified to National Army.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—Archibald Strange, secret service operative under the jurisdiction of the Seattle office, was certified today as a soldier by the district exemption board. Mr. Strange's claim for exemption was induced by Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo and Secret Service Agent Foster, who declared that Mr. Strange was an indispensable employe.

The board overruled the officials and denied exemption.

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CONFERENCE UNITES PEOPLES OF RUSSIA

Determination Shown to Serve Nation.

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Serious Situation Reported in Transportation.

LOYALTY PLEDGES MADE

Jews, Letts, Ukrainians and Mussulmen Stand by Provisional Government—Authority to Be Maintained, Declares Kerensky.

MOSCOW, Aug. 29.—The clear desire of all factions to arrive at an agreement how best to preserve the nation was evinced at the three sittings of the national conference, which ended its sessions here today.

Practical results of the conference are small, but the sessions allowed a free discussion of problems from many angles, and brought forth from race after race of the Slav people pledges of loyalty to the provisional government and cementing all factions in a determination to continue the war against Germany to a successful conclusion.

Government Is Will of People.

"The provisional government," declared Premier Kerensky, in closing the conference, "will stand on guard over the revolutionary democracy, which he observed, took power at a terrible moment in the life of the state. Practical results of the conference are small, but the sessions allowed a free discussion of problems from many angles, and brought forth from race after race of the Slav people pledges of loyalty to the provisional government and cementing all factions in a determination to continue the war against Germany to a successful conclusion."

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People Will Retain Power.

"Whoever end avors to wrest their conquests from the people," he concluded, "will never succeed, for they have now become public property."

Conditions in the army and among the railroad workers, he declared, were the principal subjects of talks today.

Railway representatives, including M. Froloff, of the Engineers' Alliance, reported that there exists a state of utter disorganization of transportation, which, unless improved, will cease completely by November.

Acts of Army Feared.

The representatives gave warning that the consequences would be terrible both at home and on the front, and that the army might turn on the country and commit unexampled excesses.

Jews Pledge Fidelity.

M. Grusenberg, speaking as the representative of the Jews, said that they loved their country, notwithstanding their unprecedented persecution under the old regime, and had contributed greatly to the emancipation of the people and the defense against the enemy. Representatives of Ukraine and of Western or White Russia said the people were ready to make any sacrifices for the good of the country. The spokesman for the Letts declared Courland would never belong to Germany. Delegates representing the Mussulman alliance said all Mussulman citizens of Russia fully supported the provisional government.

Alexeff Recounts Disasters.

General Crouzloff, ex-military governor of Moscow, told the delegates the chief problem was to save Russia from the enemy, and that to this end it was necessary to re-establish army discipline by eliminating politics, strengthening the authority of the leaders, limiting the power of soldiers' committees to economic functions and giving the commander-in-chief opportunity to exercise unreserved authority.

General Alexeff, ex-commander-in-chief, made a long address in which he recounted the history of the Russians' military setbacks and their causes. He drew contrasts between the army of the old regime, poorly equipped with mechanical resources, but strong in warlike spirit, and the present army, well supplied with food and arms, but completely poisoned and enfeebled by ill-interpreted and ill-applied doctrines which have been put forward notably in the famous order of the day, No. 1. These doctrines, he declared, had split the army into two opposite camps, officers and soldiers, which have become almost irreconcilable.

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