

WAR TO END THIS YEAR, SAYS WILSON

Crisis of Great Struggle Has Arrived, Says Message Sent to Farmers.

CALL TO DUTY SOUNDED

Highly Significant Communication From Nation's Chief Executive Delivered at Conference Held at University of Illinois.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—In a message to the Nation's farmers delivered today to an agricultural conference at Urbana, Ill., President Wilson said he thought statements on both sides of the water realized that the culminating crisis of the war had come, and this year's achievements would decide it. The message, which the President intended to present personally until attacked by a cold several days ago, was delivered by President James of the University of Illinois. Recounting the aggressions of Germany, the President said:

"We are fighting, therefore, as truly for the liberty and self-government of the United States as if the war of our own Revolution had to be fought over again, and every man in every business in the United States must know by this time that his whole future fortune lies in the balance."

Whole Future in Peril. "Our National life and our whole future development will pass under the sinister influence of foreign control if we do not win. We must win, therefore, and we shall win. I need not ask you to pledge your lives and fortunes with those of the rest of the Nation to the accomplishment of this great end."

"You will realize, as I think statesmen on both sides of the water realize, that the culminating crisis of the struggle has come, and that the achievements of this year on one side or the other must determine the issue."

Earnest Message Sent. The President's message said: "I am very sorry indeed that I cannot be present in person at the Urbana Conference. I should like to enjoy the benefit of the inspiration and exchange of counsel which I know I should obtain, but, in the circumstances, it has seemed impossible for me to be present, and, therefore, I can only send you a very earnest message expressing my interest and the thoughts which such a conference must bring prominently into every mind."

"I need not tell you, for I am sure you realize as keenly as I do that we are, as a Nation, in the presence of a great task which demands supreme sacrifice and endeavor of every one of us."

War Object Worthwhile. "We can give everything that is needed, with the greater willingness and even satisfaction because the object of the war in which we are engaged is the greatest that free men have ever undertaken."

"It is to prevent the life of the world from being determined and the fortunes of men everywhere affected by small groups of military masters who seek their own interest and the selfish dominion throughout the world of the governments they unhappily for the moment control."

"You will not need to be convinced that it was necessary for us as a free people to take part in this war."

Great Peril Defined. "It has raised its evil hand against us. The rulers of Germany have tried to exercise their power in such a way as to shut off our economic life so far as our intercourse with Europe was concerned and to prevent the free flow of goods and services within the Western Hemisphere while they accomplished purposes which would have permanently impaired and impeded the progress of our National life and have put the fortunes of America at the mercy of the imperial government of Germany."

"This was no threat. It had become a reality. Their hand of violence had been laid upon our own people and our own property in flagrant violation not only of justice but of the sacred, civilized and long-standing covenants of international law and treaty."

Future of All at Stake. "We are fighting, therefore, as truly for the liberty and self-government of the United States as if the war of our own Revolution had to be fought over again, and every man in every business in the United States must know by this time that his whole future fortune lies in the balance."

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Fighters Depend on Us. "It has turned out 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 to fight and it will be our glory when the war is over that we have supplied these materials and supplied them abundantly, and it will be all the more glory because in supplying them we have made our supreme effort and sacrifice."

"In the field of agriculture we have agencies and institutions of the highest quality, such as no other country in the world can show."

"The Department of Agriculture is undoubtedly the greatest practical and scientific agricultural organization in the world."

"The banking legislation of the last two or three years has given the farmers access to the great lendable capital of the country and it has become the duty of the men in charge of the Federal reserve banking system and of the farm loan banking system and of the short-term and long-term, to which they are not only entitled but which it is imperatively necessary should be extended to them if the present tasks of the country are to be adequately performed."

Government Helping Farmers. "Both by direct purchase of nitrates and by the establishment of plants to produce nitrates, the Government is doing its utmost to assist in the problem of fertilization."

"The Department of Agriculture and other agencies are actively assisting the farmers to locate, safeguard and secure at cost an adequate supply of seed. The department has \$2,500,000 available for this purpose."

now and has asked Congress for \$4,000,000 more.

"The labor problem is one of great difficulty and some of the best agencies of the Nation are addressing themselves to the task of solving it, so far as it is possible to solve it."

"The farmers have not been exempted from the draft. I know that they would not wish to be. I take it for granted they would not wish to be put in a class by themselves in this respect."

"But the attention of the War Department has been very seriously centered upon the task of interfering with the labor of the farms as little as possible, and under the new draft regulations, I believe that the farmers of the country will find that their supply of labor is very much less seriously drawn upon than it was under the first and initial draft, made before we had our present full experience in these perplexing matters."

"The supply of labor in all industries is a matter we must look to and are looking to with diligent care."

Splendid Response Given. "And let me say that the stimulation of the agencies I have enumerated has been responded to by the farmers in splendid fashion. I dare say that you are aware that the farmers of this country are as efficient as any other farmers in the world."

"They do not produce more per acre than the farmers in Europe. It is not necessary that they should do so. It would perhaps be bad economy for them to attempt it. But they do produce by two to three times as much more per man, per unit of labor and capital, than the farmers of any European country."

"They are more alert and use more labor-saving devices than any other farmers in the world. And their response to the demands of the present emergency has been in every way remarkable."

"Last Spring their planting exceeded by 12,000,000 acres the largest planting of any previous year, and the yields from the crops were record-breaking yields."

"In the Fall of 1917 a wheat acreage of 42,170,000 was planted, which was 1,000,000 larger than for any preceding year, 3,000,000 greater than the next largest and 7,000,000 greater than the preceding five-year average."

New Achievements Urgent. "But I ought to say to you that it is not only necessary that these achievements should be repeated, but that they should be exceeded. I know that this advice involves sacrifice."

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Duty Has First Call. "In fixing the prices of foodstuffs the Government has sincerely tried to keep the interests of the farmer as much in mind as the interests of the communities which are to be served, but it is serving mankind as well as the farmer and everything in these times of war takes on the rigid aspect of duty."

"I will not appeal to you to continue and renew and increase your efforts. I do not believe that it is necessary to do so. I believe that you will do it without any word or appeal from me, because you understand as well as I do the needs and opportunities of this great hour, when the fortunes of mankind everywhere seem about to be determined and when America has the greatest opportunity she has ever had to make good her own freedom and in making it good, to lend a helping hand to men struggling for their freedom everywhere."

"You remember that it was farmers from whom came the first shots at Lexington; that set aflame the Revolution that made America free. I hope and believe that the farmers of America will willingly and conspicuously stand by to win this war also."

Final Triumph Certain. "The toil, the intelligence, the energy, the foresight, the self-sacrifice and devotion of the farmers of America will, I believe, bring to a triumphant conclusion this great war for the emancipation of men from the control of arbitrary government and the selfishness of class legislation and control."

"And then, when the end has come, we may look each other in the face and be glad that we are Americans and have had the privilege to play such a part."

MRS. ROSS SEES VICTORY

HOMESTEAD DECISION DUE IN FEW DAYS.

North River Woman Sure She Will Win and Plans How to Spend Money to Be Coming Soon.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Ross, whose troubles in the North River section have occupied columns in the newspapers of the Pacific Coast, is to be "on easy street," she says, in the next ten days, and then for means to win all her worries and troubles good-bye.

Mrs. Ross states that a decision in her North River homestead claim, favorable to her, is to be rendered by the Interior Department in the next week or ten days, and she is so sure of a decision in her favor that she has planned her life for the future in plain places. The claim has considerable spruce upon it and its total valuation is said to be \$20,000.

Earl and Frank Ross, her sons, have claims adjoining and a decision affecting these is expected during the year. The question involved in these claims is as to the right which was issued upon them. Mrs. Ross holds that the homestead rights of her sons will have preference. The two boys are now serving in the Government in the war with Germany and Austria.

SYSTEM TO BE IMPROVED

Commission Orders Changes in Brownsville Water Service.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—A number of improvements in the Moyer water system at Brownsville, are ordered by the Public Service Commission in an order issued today. A complaint was made as to both the quantity and the quality of the water and service. The Commission has continued the matter of the rates for a later order, continuing this order to the other issues involved.

Clothes Conservation

Financial men are properly urging conservation of money—and we're all heartily with them. Food administration officials are urging us to save food for our allies—and we're all gladly with them.

I urge conservation in clothes

Don't discard your old clothes too soon—get all the wear out of them that you can. Buy and wear the kind of clothes that will give you real service.

If you are modest in your expenditures, you will find that the clothes I sell for \$15 and \$18 will give you real, old-time service with good appearance.

Be saving, but not niggardly, bearing in mind the old proverb: "There is that scattereth, yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth, yet it tendeth to poverty."

Buy clothes suited to your purse, and wear them well.

Ben Selling Morrison at Fourth



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Dried Oil Traced Near Ashland.

GOLD HILL, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Croppings of asphaltum and dried oil, which can be traced for over half a mile, have been uncovered on Government land six miles east of Ashland, Mendocino county.

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fort was exhausted to allow him to make good.

He stated that Rustein was not earning \$45 a month working on a steamboat when he was returned last March as a parole violator. He stated Rustein left the employ of the steamship company in September, 1915, and was employed at a number of odd jobs, until he was arrested and confined to stealing a watch and some other property.

Postal Pay Bill Progresses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—General increases of salaries of postal employees are embodied in a bill ordered favorably reported to the House today by the postoffice committee.

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THE FOOD ADMINISTRATORS have made a ruling that, when purchasing a 49-lb. sack of Wheat Flour, Graham Flour or Whole-wheat Flour, it will be necessary to purchase 17 lbs. of one or more of the following cereal substitutes:

Corn Meal, white or yellow, 9-lb. sack	62c	49-lb. sack	\$3.00
Corn Flour, 9-lb. sack	70c	49-lb. sack	\$3.25
Hominy, large, 9-lb. sack	75c		
Hominy, Grits, 9-lb. sack	75c		
Rolls Oats, 9-lb. sack	70c	22-lb. sack	\$1.50
Oat Meal, ground, 9-lb. sack	75c		
Oat Meal, steel cut, 9-lb. sack	80c		
Rice Flour, 10-lb. sack			\$1.00
Rice, choice head, No. 95, per lb.			10c
Rice, imported head, No. 65, per lb.			9c
Rice, Pancake Flour, per pkg.			20c
Barley Flour, 10-lb. sack	75c	49-lb. sack	\$2.75
Corn Starch, bulk, per lb.			9c

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Oregon Small White Beans, per lb.	11c
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Apples, choice Newtown, per box	\$1.50

DRYED FRUITS.

Kelsey Black Figs, per lb.	12c
White Mission Figs, per lb.	15c
California White Figs, fancy, per lb.	20c
Prunes, Red Hill brand, fancy, 10-lb. box	\$1.40
Prunes, Red Hill brand, fancy, 25-lb. box	\$3.50
Prunes, Red Hill brand, bulk, per lb.	12c
Raisins, Unbleached Sultanias, per lb.	12c
Apricots, fancy, per lb.	20c
Peaches, choice, per lb.	12c

CANNED GOODS.

Pineapple, Libby's Select, 8 large slices in tin, doz.	\$2.65
Pineapple, Libby's Hillside brand, No. 2 tins, doz.	\$1.75
Libby's Spiced, 2 1/2 doz.	\$2.35
Libby's Pumpkins, 3 1/2 doz.	\$1.80
Tomatoes, Great Bigs, packed and guaranteed by J. F. Pyle & Son, San Jose, Cal., doz.	\$1.35
Tomatoes, Berryessa brand, extra fancy 2 1/2 doz.	\$1.65
Corn, Oregon brand, fancy, regular 2 1/2 doz.	\$1.85
Corn, Appetizer brand, ext. standard, regular 1 1/2 doz.	\$1.60
dozen \$1.40; each	
Milk, Vermont, 48 large cans in case, \$5.60; doz.	\$1.40
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2 oz. avoirdupois, doz.	\$3.00
Albers' brand Ripe Olives, net weight 1 oz., doz.	\$1.15

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Juno Coffee, regular 35c lb. special, lb.	29c
Or 1 1/2 lbs. for	\$1.00
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