

STAKE FACING SHORTAGES IN FARM PRODUCE

Startling Revelation Made of Threatening Lack of Production of Grain, Hay, Livestock, Labor in State.

FARMERS ARE ASLEEP TO SERIOUS SITUATION

Plans Laid at Conference Held Today to Avert Calamity That Impends.

Startling shortages in grain, hay, livestock, farm produce, throughout Oregon were disclosed by county agriculturists gathered for conference in the food production here this morning.

Boys to Be Released

Each agriculturist's office will become a branch of the Portland municipal employment agency and the government employment service for securing and handling of farm labor.

Need Problem Serious

Getting seed is one of the most serious problems. The agricultural census has sent out an appeal asking that all available land be planted with it, and there has been considerable response already.

SENATE AND HOUSE MAY AGREE ON 21 TO 35 AS AGE LIMIT

Question Will Be Disposed of at Conference to Be Held on Army Bill.

Washington, April 30.—(U. P.)—Chairman Dent of the house committee on military affairs today conferred with Secretary of War Wood and adjutant-general Brigadier General Crowder, judge advocate general of the army, conferred with Senator Chamberlain over the forthcoming conference on the army bill.

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Santa Fe Will Raise Wages of Employees

Chicago, April 30.—(U. P.)—Because of the rapidly increasing price of living, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad will boost the wages of employees, it was announced today.

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Bread Rioting Takes Place in Chicago Ghetto

Five Hundred Bakers From 15 of Largest Jewish Bakeries Are on Strike.

Chicago, April 30.—(U. P.)—Bread riots today replaced the meat riots of several weeks ago in the Ghetto district on the northwest side.

San Franciscans Pay More

San Francisco, April 30.—(P. N. S.)—The increase in the price of bread, announced by bakers last week, became effective today, the 12 ounce 5 cent loaf advancing to 6 cents and the 24 ounce loaf going to 12 cents.

Memphis Bakers Raise Price

Memphis, Tenn., April 30.—(U. P.)—Effective tomorrow all Memphis bakers will advance bread to 15 cents a loaf. The 5 cent loaf will be abolished and the 10 cent loaf, increased slightly in size, will take its place.

BRITISH AND GERMAN ARMIES DEADLOCKED IN VALLEY OF SCARPE

Strong Raid by Haig's Forces North of Ypres Succeeds; German Fire Increases.

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Two Companies of Guard Quarantined

Two companies of the Third regiment, Oregon infantry, which have been housed in the Armory on guard duty, will be removed to a detention camp at Clackamas today because of the discovery of two cases of spinal meningitis among the men.

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Captain Harris Among Lost

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Fifteen Americans in Crew

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FIELD MARSHAL JOSEPH JOFFRE and Ambassador J. J. Jusserand of France on the arrival of the French commission at Washington.

Below, the French commissioners passing through the capitol grounds. In the front automobile is General Joffre with General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army.



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ADMIRALTY OF BRITAIN FACES CRY FOR FACTS

Reorganization of the Naval Branch Sought Because Statistics of U-Boat Sinkings Are Withheld.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE IS LEADER IN MOVEMENT

Failure to Combat Submarine Menace and Stop Destroyers Criticized.

By Ed. L. Keen.

London, April 30.—(U. P.)—The British admiralty was under a furnace blast of heat of public clamor for rehabilitation today.



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Committee Wants \$2,699,485,281 to Cover Expenses

Washington, April 30.—(U. P.)—First monies to finance the war armies of the republic was asked of congress today.

BEAN MEASURE MEANS A BIG ANNUAL DEFICIT IF THE BILL IS RATIFIED

Interest-Bearing Bonds Would Mulct Counties of \$426,500; State About \$73,500

The Bean bill, requiring assessors in the 15 land grant counties to place the Oregon & California grant lands on the assessment rolls, if ratified by the people at the June election, and attempted to be enforced, will mean an annual interest-bearing deficit in those counties of approximately \$426,500.

Bean Bill Not Enforceable

Since the announcement of the recent decision of the United States supreme court sustaining the government in the Oregon & California land grant case, and upholding the validity of the assessment rolls, the title to the grant lands in the government, no lawyer of ability, except Mr. Bean, has been heard to say that the Bean bill could be valid or enforceable, even if ratified by the people in June. Its nullity is almost universally admitted.

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ALLIES ASK U. S. TO SEND MEN WITHOUT DELAY

Troops in Batches of Several Hundred to Go at Once to European Front Would Help Win War.

UNITS TO PARTICIPATE UNDER AMERICAN FLAG

Preliminary Training Here Is Not Regarded Essential; To Be Trained Abroad.

Need for Aid Is Urgent

Washington, April 30.—(U. P.)—All of America's enormous power—man, money and armament—must be thrown into the scales of war, if the world is to be saved from Prussianism.

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Dead Man's Papers Speak of Plots to Assassinate Wilson

Sudden Death of Charles G. Mueller, Architect, Cause of Investigation.

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THE WEATHER: Tonight and tomorrow, showers; south to west winds. Humidity, 59.