

RESOLUTION PROVIDES MEANS FOR FIGHT ON FOOD COST ADVANCE

Representative Lester Proposes Giving Power to Agriculture Department.

Washington, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—The fight to keep down rising war-time prices for food took definite shape in the house today when a joint food conservation resolution was introduced by Representative Lester of South Carolina, chairman of the agricultural committee. The same resolution will be presented in the senate by Senator Gore. The resolution empowers the department of agriculture to make a thorough survey of the food situation throughout the country, including an investigation into the present amount of food available, its location and the sources of production. It is also offered as a basis of consideration of final legislation to stimulate production and conservation and bring about an equitable distribution and prevent excessive prices.

STATE FACING SHORTAGES IN FARM PRODUCE

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Farm machinery is badly wanted. The college has 40 men trained to run tractors available when tractors are. Many need financial assistance in securing seed at high prices and in putting in crops. Federal and state rural credits acts apparently are not to relieve the situation this year, and while bankers have acted in a few instances, concerted aid in finance has yet to be arranged. **Crops Under Normal.** The conclusion was reached by Director Hetsel that through the hardest work and the aid of all possible resources Oregon crops this year will not be up to normal. Briefly summarized, the reports from county agriculturists follow: **C. C. Cate, Jackson county**—Live-stock short, hogs scarce, tendency to sell breeding stock, high schools drained by enlistments. Labor need will soon be acute. Prospects for alfalfa, barley and spring grain best for years. **H. R. Glaisyer, Klamath**—Farmers need capital. Some method should be devised to compel owners of vacant land to give use. Hay short, abnormally large number of cattle sold out of country. Crop prospects normal. **A. R. Chase, Wasco**—Labor and machinery badly needed. Labor need serious at harvest time. Prospect for excellent fruit crop. Farmers want 1918 Minnesota corn seed. Grain below normal. Farmers need calves and pigs. Need labor putting in the spring crop. **Paul H. Spillman, Union**—Water in Grand Ronde valley high, winter grain submerged. City gardens make truck-

AGRICULTURISTS MEET TO CONFER ON WAYS AND MEANS TO AVERT THREATENING GRAIN AND PRODUCE SHORTAGE IN OREGON



Back row—R. J. Warner, assistant county agent, Multnomah county; P. T. Schooley, assistant county agent; C. D. Thompson, county agent, Josephine county; R. C. Jones, county agent, Tillamook county; W. W. Howard, Malheur county. Second row—W. L. Kaddery, farm management demonstrator; C. L. Jamison, county agent, Wheeler county; J. W. Brewer; W. A. Bailey, assistant county agent; T. D. Case, assistant county agent; C. J. Hurd; A. R. Chase, county agent, Wasco county; H. A. Vickers, secretary extension service; J. E. Cooter; R. A. Ward; R. A. Blanchard, county agent, Crook and Deschutes counties. Front row—J. E. Larson, extension specialist, agronomy; J. D. McKay, assistant county agent; Mrs. Winnie Braden; E. B. Fitts, extension specialist, dairy husbandry; R. D. Hetsel, director extension service; Stanley Armstrong; C. C. Cate, county agent, Jackson county; H. R. Glaisyer, county agent, Klamath county; R. V. Maris, state leader county agent; J. L. Smith, county agent, Coos county. Others who attended conference, but who are not in the picture are: F. W. Kehrl, extension specialist, dairy husbandry; D. C. Howard, county agent, Columbia county; M. S. Shrock, county agent, Yamhill county.

growing unprofitable. Labor enough at present. **Hay and Hog Shortage.**—There is a hay shortage but wheat is normal. Hogs are scarce. Business men are preparing to close stores to work in fields several days each week. Fruit prospects not settled. **R. A. Blanchard, Crook and Deschutes**—Winter wheat 85 per cent normal; rye, 115 per cent prospect over 1916. Labor most serious need; men being paid \$60 to \$75 a month. From the Prineville high school 25 of 45 boys enlisted. Organized campaign against pests. **C. D. Thompson, Josephine**—Some need of capital, labor problem not now serious. Fall wheat below normal. Prospective surplus of beans. Stock going on range in poor condition. **C. L. Jamison, Wheeler**—Winter severe. Farmers' local needs for hay and feed driving them more than national emergency. Many stock winter killed. Lack of labor and transportation great handicap. **Seed Is Much Wanted.** **N. S. Robb, Lane**—Yetch in poor condition, oats below normal, season 30 to 40 days delayed; 60,000 acres seeded late, great demand for bean seed. Will be about 50 per cent increase over normal bean crop. Fruit prospects good. Stock poor. Fifty per cent decrease in sheep. Seed corn needed. Hay scarce. Machinery a problem. Labor short. **R. C. Jones, Tillamook**—While many boys have enlisted, women and girls are milking the cows and keeping up county's greatest industry, cheese making. Bankers are letting farmers have

6 per cent money for silos. Season nearly the months delayed. **J. L. Smith, Coos**—Will be short of cans to put up fruits and vegetables. Capital needed. Ten bankers will loan \$5000 each per cent to help buy pure-bred stock. But one thresher in the county. Milk and cheese production good. **Fears Milk Famine.** **S. B. Hall, Multnomah**—Labor of a kind close at hand. Farmers not alive to the situation and inclined to drift. Not hampered by lack of seed. Hogs scarce. Saw two truckloads of cows being taken from dairy herds this morning. Milk being sold less than 1 cent to produce when fed is bought, and high water will soon compel Columbia river dairymen to begin feeding again. Prospect of milk shortage next winter. **D. C. Howard, Columbia**—County 70 per cent foreign. Finns, Swedes, Danes and Poles responding to appeal. Capital greatest need. Livestock condition serious. Farmers feeding alfalfa from eastern Oregon at \$81 to \$34 a ton. Labor need serious. Brood sows wanted. Clover and timothy prospect good. **M. S. Shrock, Yamhill**—Livestock came through winter well. Dairying increasing. Business men offer help in farm labor. Campaign for community canneries organized. Seed potatoes. Clover and fruit good. Grain short. **Plan to Aid Food Drive.** The business of the day session was spent in perfecting plans to aid the food production campaign. Director Hetsel saying that the country must depend on its own resources. The department of agriculture, and the department on the extension staffs of the land grant colleges.

BEAN MEASURE MEANS A BIG ANNUAL DEFICIT IF BILL IS RATIFIED (Continued From Page One.) would be a nullity in case the Chamberlain-Ferris act were to be upheld. The supreme court has upheld the Chamberlain-Ferris act, and that act specifically says that title to the grant lands "shall be and hereby is vested in the United States of America. It must be patent to all, even to Mr. Bean, that the Bean bill is in conflict with the United States supreme court and the Chamberlain-Ferris act, and that any attempt to enforce its provisions would be in defiance of both court and congress and would be unconstitutional and void. If that be its status, taxes levied pursuant to its direction would be uncollectible and void and would result in the state and county deficits that have been mentioned. The Bean bill makes it mandatory upon the assessors to place the grant lands upon the tax rolls, so that, if the measure were to be ratified and attempted to be enforced, the assessment of the 18 land grant counties would carry, as a basis for assessment, levy and taxation, \$21,225,435 of property, upon which no taxes could be collected because its title is in the government. **Grant Lands in Levy.** The state, in fixing the state tax levy, would be required to include the grant lands in its calculations to meet the appropriations made by the legislature. The bill, however, provides that tax money due from grant lands shall not be paid by the counties to the state unless and until it has been paid to the tax collectors. The state's annual share of the land grant tax money, on the basis of the 1914 assessment, which would be practically the same as at present, should be approximately \$75,500. This would give the remainder of the total \$90,000 of grant land taxes or approximately \$425,500 annually, to the land grant counties for county purposes. But the assessment and levy would be void and uncollectible, resulting in the failure of the land grant counties to pay \$75,500 of state taxes assessed against them each year and it would also result in the counties falling short by \$425,500 in the amount of money needed each year to conduct their county government. By concrete illustration, Douglas county, according to Mr. Bean's argument in the state pamphlet, should receive \$100,000 annually from taxation of the grant lands. Of this amount approximately \$14,700 would be required to pay state taxes while \$85,300 would go for county purposes. If these taxes could not be collected, as they could not be against the government, then Douglas county would fall short \$14,700 in state and \$85,300 in county taxes each year the lands are assessed upon the rolls. In the same proportion, Lane county, where Mr. Bean lives, would fall short approximately \$12,495 in state and \$72,505 in county taxes, using Mr. Bean's estimate that the Lane county grant lands would yield \$85,000 in taxes annually. A state deficit would saddle interested-bearing certificates of indebtedness

upon the state through the emergency board, and a county deficit would cause interest-bearing warrants to be issued against the counties in order to meet the necessary expenses of government. **These copies have been distributed among the civilian population to a large extent by Socialists and other anti-war organizations, it has been learned, and are said to be in large measure responsible for the sudden acceleration to the feeling of the German people against the government.** **Socialists to Test Strength.** Washington, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—The Socialist movement, impotent for three years, will force a test of whether it can get back again as a vital political force tomorrow. A May day strike has been called for Austria, Germany and all of the neutral Scandinaviania. Officials here frankly say the outcome may be very important in this country so far as the duration of the European war is concerned. Officials point out that internal disturbances have been controlled in all of the nations affected because the military has been all-powerful. A successful demonstration in Sweden, however, very probably will overturn the government. In Austria such a development easily might mean the counterpart of the Russian revolution. In Germany it is felt here that the only effect would be to lay the groundwork for a concerted movement for peace. The greatest interest is being taken here in the situation and instructions have been sent to all American diplomatic officials to keep the government well informed of all developments. **Nations Prepare for Violence.** London, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—Military preparations to cope with expected violence during the May day demonstrations were completed today by various governments throughout Europe. On account of the growing vigor of the Socialistic peace movement in some countries May day this year takes on unprecedented political importance. Extremely serious situations face the Swedish, German and Austro-Hungarian governments. A dispatch from Copenhagen says that great bodies of troops have been massed in Stockholm and other Swedish cities.

MAY DAY EPOCHAL FOR RUSSIA! SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY RULES (Continued From Page One.) The officer stood there in no man's land alone, urging them to attack, but without avail. Finally they went back disgusted. Not a shot had been fired, not a German soldier harmed in that death territory. "However, we mistrusted flags borne by Germans and Austrians. Now we fire with all our strength on such approaching enemy forces. "We have proved our right to the red flag—now let the Germans and the Austrians prove their right to it." Russian exiles from America are now receiving in the innermost councils of the soldiers and workmen's unions. Those with whom I have talked declare the Russian people are unanimous for a republic. "Only a superhuman dictator can impose even a limited monarchy on Russia," said M. Caccarocof, formerly editor of a Russian newspaper in New York city. "Such a monarchy will be immediately overthrown by the army and the workmen of Russia." **Situation Regarded Critical.** Washington, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—The most decisive political step of the general war against Germany will be taken Tuesday, state department officials confidently believe. On the outcome of the threatened general strike of food producers and munition workers in Germany on May day will depend whether Germany must bow to defeat at an early date or will be able to fight on for months longer. Officials admit that should Germany survive the anti-war demonstrations planned by the German populace on May 1, the empire will be able to fight for a far longer time than is generally believed in America. This belief was based on official reports upon conditions in Germany from Switzerland, Denmark and France. The unrest in Germany and the dissatisfaction with present conditions has reached its climax, the reports state. If German officials can pass safely through this crisis they can continue another year of war. In the meantime, Germany's submarines will probably continue to play havoc with food and munitions this government is to furnish the entente allies. The present critical condition in Germany has been largely brought about by President Wilson's war address to congress, the state department has been officially advised. Reports show more than 300,000 copies of the message in which the president said "The United States has no quarrel with

GUILTY PLEAS MADE, \$10,000 FINE PAID IN CEMENT TRUST SUIT

Four Defendants Withdraw Demurrer Pleas and Admit Law Violations.

Pleas of guilty by four defendants in the so-called "cement trust" cases were made this morning in federal court by permission of Judge Wolverton, and an aggregate sum of \$10,000 in fines was paid immediately following sentence. United States Attorney Clarence L. Reames asked that the defendants be allowed to withdraw their demurrers to the indictment charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, which Judge Wolverton granted. The four defendants are W. H. George, secretary of the Cowell Portland Cement company; F. G. Drum, president of the Pacific Portland Cement company; W. G. Henshaw, president of the Riverside Portland Cement company, and C. T. Cameron, president of the Santa Cruz Portland Cement company and of the Standard Portland Cement corporation. The fines imposed, \$2500 each, were paid in certified checks. In asking for the order for dismissal of the four men, United States Attorney Reames stated that he could not present the evidence of the grand jury, as there were seven more defendants to be proceeded against. It was further stated that any combination existing between the companies resulting from the proceedings in court had been dissolved.

Mine Disaster Cost Lives of 120 Men

Hastings, Colo., April 30.—(I. N. S.)—One hundred and twenty dead, 141 orphans and 82 widows was the toll announced today by officials as a result of the explosion last Friday at mine No. 2 of the Victor-American Fuel company here. Every man underground at the time of the explosion was almost instantly killed, it is believed.

Oxygen-helmeted rescuers, who have been working constantly since the explosion occurred, have located all but three of the bodies of the victims, but only 21 bodies have been taken from the mine. **Miners and Operators Agree.** Philadelphia, Pa., April 30.—(I. N. S.)—Central Pennsylvania soft coal miners and operators in conference here reached a tentative agreement on the wage question and other demands of the 55,000 miners, John Forsythe, secretary of the operators, announced today.

Attorneys Make Statements. Apportionment of territory beyond which no company of the alleged combination could do business, and the fixing of prices were among the charges in the indictment. **Defendants Withdraw Demurrer Pleas.** Mr. F. Dunne and Alfred Sutro of San Francisco represented the defendants in court this morning. They made statements following the pleas of guilty, Mr. Dunne asserting that the defendants, reputable, public spirited citizens, were not prompted by disobedience of the Sherman anti-trust law, but by the compelling demands of the laws of trade. Alfred Sutro pointed out that secret organization, black listing and oppression of consumers was not charged, but simply the fixing of prices by concerted action. **Others Will Stand Trial.** United States Attorney Reames explained to the court that there are

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