

CARL VROOMAN WILL ARRIVE ON FRIDAY TO DISCUSS FOOD TOPICS

"National Food Emergency"
to Be Subject of Address
at Washington High.

CONFERENCE, AFTERNOON

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture
Will Be Guest at Dinner
of Business Men.

Features of visit to Portland
on Friday of Carl S. Vrooman,
assistant secretary of agricul-
ture:
8:40 a. m.—Arrives in Port-
land.
9:00 p. m.—Conference with
agricultural leaders.
9:00 p. m.—Dinner with Port-
land business men.
8:00 p. m.—Mass meeting in
Washington high school audi-
torium. Subject, "The National
Food Emergency."

"Vrooman will tell us."

Such is the word that has been go-
ing around through business and ag-
ricultural circles ever since it was
announced that Carl S. Vrooman, as-
sistant secretary of agriculture, would
spend Friday in Portland.
People generally want to know the
extent and seriousness of the national
food situation from the viewpoint of
the administration.

Lecture at Washington High.
Vrooman's subject at Washington
high school auditorium Friday evening
will be, "The National Food Emer-
gency." This meeting is open to the
public and an audience is anticipated
that will crowd the auditorium. Wash-
ington high school is at East Four-
teenth and Stark streets.

Agricultural and commercial leaders
and business men have been greatly
concerned as to what the national gov-
ernment expects Oregon to do with the
surplus food supply that will be pro-
duced this year in patriotic response
to the food preparedness appeal.

Though congress still delays action
on the food measures, Vrooman is ex-
pected to communicate the broad out-
lines of the administration's expecta-
tions to this state.

Vrooman Is Farmer.
Vrooman is himself a farmer. When
he was selected as second to David P.
Houston, secretary of agriculture, he
was engaged on a tremendous scale as
a scientific farmer in the corn belt of
Illinois. He was born in Missouri and
received his education from Washburn
college, Kansas, Harvard and Oxford.
He has always been ranked as a whirl-
wind campaigner and a star orator
and debater. He understands the prac-
tical side of farming, he has made as
close a study of the food situation as
any man in the country and his mes-
sage to Portland is awaited with eager-
ness.

Under the guidance of District For-
ester George H. Cecil, Vrooman will
spend Saturday in the mountains of
the Columbia and Oregon national for-
ests.

Raymond Evans, Mr. Vrooman's sec-
retary, arrived in Portland this morn-
ing.

GENERAL CROWDER
ANNOUNCES SYSTEM
OF DRAFT LOTTERY

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soldiers. Therefore no one can say
just how many men it is absolutely
necessary to put on this list. A
moment's reflection will prove that
the whole 10,000,000 must be given
their places on the list of order of
examination.

"Every registered man is in a
state of uncertainty. He does not
know when he will be called. He
hesitates to plant a crop for fear he
will not reap it. Employers hesitate
to engage his services, fearing they
will be but temporary. This condition
ought to be cured for the repose of
the public mind. It can be cured to
some extent by putting every man on
the list.

Board for Each Group
"For this reason the whole ten mil-
lion names are to be given plus on
the list of order of examination."
"Obviously no single agency could
examine 10,000,000 men. Therefore
the 10,000,000 are segregated into
groups of suitable size for convenient
examination. There are 4557 of these
groups. For each group a board has
been appointed to examine for selec-
tion. By far the greatest number of
these groups consist of approximately
3000 men.

"Since this is so our problem is not
to put up the whole ten million names
in one list arranged in the order of
examination. It is to determine the
order of examination in each group of
about 3000 names.

"Since all registered men stand in
an equality of right and duty, the

FOOD EMERGENCY WILL
BE FRIDAY NIGHT TOPIC



Carl S. Vrooman

question of priority can only be de-
termined by lot or drawing.

One Drawing in Washington
"It would be possible to have 4557
separate drawings—one for each
group—but since methods would vary,
and since supervision and absolute
insurance against the charge of fraud-
ulent manipulation could not be had in
that way, every consideration of ex-
pediency and justice urges one draw-
ing in Washington.

"In each group every registration
card has a red ink number written on
its face and these numbers run in a
single series from unity (one) to the
number corresponding to the greatest
number of cards in the group. Nor-
mally this is from unity (one) to
about 3000.

"Exact copies of the cards in each
group have been attested and sent to
the various state capitals. Lists show-
ing the names of each man in each
group and the serial number of his
card have been posted in the office of
the board, published in the press and
a copy is on file in Washington.

No Chance of Substitution

"There is therefore no chance of any
man's number being changed without
detection or of any card being lost
beyond replacement. We are dealing
then with 4557 groups of cards, each
group numbered in one series that
normally runs from one to about 3000.
"Suppose there were just 3000 names
and numbers in every group. It is at
once apparent that it would be a very
simple thing to have a central draw-
ing that would control the order of
every name and number in every
group of the whole 10,000,000—just
put 3000 numbers into a bowl and
draw them out one at a time. The
first number drawn out would place
the 4557 cards bearing that particular
number at the head of every list in
the United States. The second num-
ber drawn would put the cards bear-
ing that number second on all of the
lists and so forth.

Same Idea Will Prevail

"Now the thing cannot be done in
precisely this way, because there are
not precisely 3000 numbers in every

group. But the same idea will be re-
peated each number as it is announced
and all three will write it down. In
case of disagreement between tally
sheets on any number the sheets that
agree will control.

"Immediately after the drawing of
the number from 0 to 10 to determine
the order in which the thousands shall
appear on the master lists, the draw-
ing of the numbers from 1 to 1000 will
take place.

"This master lists will then be com-
piled by attaching nine sheets of 1000
numbers each in the order determined
by the drawing. The master lists
will be sent to each of the 4557
local boards, which will apply them to
the local lists and prepare the 'list
of order of examination' for the men
in the group over which the particu-
lar board has jurisdiction.

Local Board Will Call Men
"Each local board will by that time
have been informed of the number of
its share of the 457,000 men neces-
sary on the first call. Each local
board will then notify 200 per cent
of the number of men it must furnish,
in the group over which it has juris-
diction, and in so doing it will call them in the order
determined by applying the
master list to the local list. If, after
calling 200 per cent, or if, during the
examination of the first 200 per cent,
it shall appear that the number thus
called will not yield enough men to fill
the quota, the board will keep
calling men in the order as determined
by the list of the order of examina-
tion until enough men have been
called to fill the quota.

(Signed) "E. H. CROWDER,
"Provost Marshal General."

Figures Will Be Revised
Springfield, Ill., July 19.—Assur-
ances from the war department that
Illinois census figures before the
examination of the draft quota is
finally apportioned was brought back
to Springfield this morning by Major
B. M. Chipfield, sent to Washington
a week ago by Governor Lowden to
protest against the draft allotment for
the state.

**CROP ESTIMATE
FOR NORTHWEST
54,335,000 BU.**

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or attack this season; more so than
usual because the dry spell was not
only longer continued but it caught
the spring grain just as it was really
in need of added precipitation in order
to show good growth.

Damage Keen in Oregon
A rainfall during the last week
would have meant the addition of at
least \$10,000,000 to the value of the
wheat crop of Oregon, Idaho and
Washington and the coarse grains in
some sections would also have been
directly benefited.

While Washington and Idaho nor-
mally plant considerable spring wheat
and those states therefore suffered
less in proportion than did this state,
Oregon as a rule puts in most of its
grain during the fall months. At least
the best results are secured from such
planting.

In the Columbia river counties of
Oregon, the damage by hot weather
was keen. There is much real good
wheat in Gilliam, Morrow and Des-
chutes counties, but the percentage is
much below the normal. In Sherman
county, there was also a greater
planting of spring wheat than normal

but the prospects there are considered
within 10 per cent of a year ago.

Grain Would Increase Yield
Should there be a rainfall in the in-
terior during the next few days it
would add a number of millions of
bushels to the grand total estimate as
now forecast, but severe hot winds
during the same period would cut
down the total outlook an equal
amount.

On the basis of the present condi-
tion of the wheat crop in the three
states of the Pacific Northwest the
harvest results will show:

Oregon

County	Bushels
Baker	500,000
Benham	1,000,000
Central Oregon	1,000,000
Gilliam	300,000
Klamath	500,000
Morrow	975,000
Sherman	2,000,000
Union	500,000
Umatilla	3,250,000
Walla Walla	500,000
Wasco	725,000
Willamette valley	2,000,000
Scattered	2,000,000
Total forecast	14,350,000

Idaho

County	Bushels
Adams	4,000,000
Asotin	400,000
Benton	400,000
Columbia	1,400,000
Douglas	2,000,000
Franklin	1,500,000
Garfield	1,000,000
Grant	2,000,000
Klickitat	500,000
Lincoln	4,000,000
Spokane	1,500,000
Walla Walla	2,500,000
Whitman	1,200,000
Yakima	300,000
Scattered	2,000,000
Total forecast	32,000,000

Washington

County	Bushels
Clearwater	500,000
Idaho	750,000
Nev Perce	925,000
Sewia	500,000
Latah	1,250,000

S. Idaho

County	Bushels
Total forecast	7,925,000
Grand total 1917	54,335,000
Grand total 1918	11,000,000

The barley outlook for the three
states shows:

Bushels

County	Bushels
Oregon	11,150,000
Washington	13,000,000
Idaho	8,000,000
Total forecast	32,000,000
Total 1918 crop	18,000,000

Special telegraphic advices have been
received by W. C. Wilkes, assistant
general freight and passenger agent
of the S. P. & S. railway, as follows:

W. G. Paine, A. G. F. & P. A., S. P. &
S. Spokane—"Partially cloudy. Light
west wind. Eighty-eight above at
10:30. Rain did not materialize. Fore-
cast: 'Continued fair and warm.' Crop
damage reports conflicting. Concen-
sus of opinion that heat has cut yield
25 to 35 per cent."

W. J. Jordan, general agent Northern
Pacific railway, Lewiston, Idaho—"No
rain in entire district yet. Dryest June
and July in 17 years. Rain in next
two or three days may make 70 per
cent normal crop yield. If not, don't
think will get over 40 per cent. Con-
ditions serious."

J. T. Hardy, T. F. & P. A., S. P. &
S. and Oregon trunk railways, Red-
mond, Or.—"Crop conditions do not
look any better than last report. There
has not been any rain for couple of
months and the heat is burning the
crops up. Maximum temperature run-
ning around 100. Some grain being cut
and running five to six bushels per
acre. No sign of rain in this terri-
tory."

Maryhill, Wash.—"Past four days' in-
tense heat burned some but not exten-
sive; at present moment rain coming.
Salem, Or.—Continued dry weather
is injuring crops. Unable to state to
what extent as reports are conflicting.
Roosevelt, Wash.—Weather has been
very warm and grain burning. At 5
p. m. today heavy wind and dust storm
will likely break heat and if rain comes
after will help fill grain.

Albany, Or.—Continued dry, hot
weather. Some spring sown grain be-
ing cut for hay, while other fields are
being pastured. Beans and potatoes
are suffering.

**Two Miners Killed;
One Saves Himself**

Wallace, Idaho, July 19.—(I. N. S.)—
The bodies of J. H. Ludlow and Charles
Kestel, miners, were taken out of a
cave-in that occurred here Wednesday.
The ground under which the men were
working suddenly sank. John Henry,
another workman, clung to the bar of
a drilling machine and held to it for
20 minutes suspended 70 feet in the
air, until rescued.

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