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**AMERICAN FARMERS AND PROSPERITY.**

A financial paper, commenting on problems after the war and prospects of prosperity, says:

"American farmers are guaranteed for next year's crop, and guaranteed by the United States Government, a price more than double what in normal times they considered to be satisfactory. Now the price for wheat fixes the price for corn and certain lesser cereals and in addition, fixes the price of hogs, for hogs are largely the result of corn feeding.

"That means another year of unprecedented prosperity to the men who, after all, are the backbone of the nation. Their prosperity means enormous demand upon the manufacturers of every kind of commodity.

"No matter what you may worry over, political, social, or financial, you can depend with certainty upon the true facts that so long as the farming community of the United States is prosperous, just so long will every other legitimate business in the United States be prosperous.

"The United States has guaranteed to its farmers that prosperity for another twelve months and that guarantee is good."

High prices for wheat and other farm products always mean good times. The only serious matter to consider is how far the flat government in naming prices, can continue? Must future prosperity depend upon the fixing of prices of farm products, and fixing them high? If the price of farm products are to be kept high by government decree, why should not the price of the products of the mills and the shops and the factories? And if the prices of what the working men consume are to be fixed by government, why should not the scale of wages? In times of war, when all natural laws are temporarily suspended, the fixing of prices is perhaps justifiable; but is it in times of peace? Is an act of Congress to take the place of the laws of trade? Is the policy of fixing prices to be a political question, such party bidding for power by offering the people the highest prices for what they sell? And if political support is to be sought from the voters as producers, how is their enemy to be avoided as consumers? All these queries are possible situations, and pertinent to the proposition.

The fact is, the policy of price-fixing by the nation must be abandoned just as soon as possible—the sooner the better. It leads to endless complications and economic fallacies. It may be well enough to make ourselves believe that prosperity is assured because the government has fixed the price of wheat for the next year; but it is like pulling ourselves up by the bootstraps. To guarantee prosperity to the farmers by agreeing to pay them so much for their wheat, is simply shifting the burden of economic existence to another class. Why not guarantee prosperity to all classes by agreeing to take and pay for at a fixed price all the woolen and cotton cloth, all the boots and shoes and all the neckties and collars that can be produced? This kind of prosperity simply shifts the burden of economic existence from one class to another.

There is only one just and natural process of production and economic progress and development in any nation, and among any group of people living on substantially the same plane of existence, and that is by increasing to the highest point possible, the consuming power of all classes. This can be done only by increasing production on the farm, and in the factory, to the highest point and make every day's work exchangeable for the largest possible amount of commodities needed for human existence and comfort.

**AN ANCHOR TO WINDWARD.**

While Mr. Wilson and the ardent advocates of a League of Nations are dwelling in the clouds of universal peace and disarmament, England is increasing her navy by the acquisition

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- POST CARD FRAMES—**  
These are handsome and anyone will appreciate one

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These are most attractive and reasonable gifts for your own children or some one else's
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**CARGO OF SUPPLIES GOES TO ARCHANGEL**

Red Cross Sends Relief Ships for Allied Soldiers and Civilians in Starving Russia.

A relief ship was recently sent from this country to Archangel by the American Red Cross with 4,000 tons of drugs, food, soap and other supplies for the use of the Allied soldiers and needy civilians in that part of Russia. The vessel's cargo was valued at \$1,511,233.

Later, another ship was dispatched carrying 200 tons of similar supplies furnished by the American Red Cross, the total expenditure for the two shipments amounting to over \$2,000,000.

Major C. T. Williams of Baltimore was in charge of the party of thirteen which accompanied the shipment from this country. He was formerly a member of the Red Cross Commission for Roumania. Major Kirkpatrick, at one time a member of the latter commission, but recently attached to the Army Medical Corps, heads the medical end of the Archangel expedition. Drugs and general hospital supplies constituted the greater part of the cargo sent from America.

While the chief concern of the expedition was providing comforts for American and Allied fighting men in that part of the world, all efforts were bent to get relief to the Russian soldiers who were returned from German prison camps at the rate of about 15,000 a week. The condition of these men was pitiable. It has been estimated that 90 per cent. of them were tubercular.

In addition to drugs and food, almost every imaginable article on the list of supplies sent over was for the comfort, convenience and pleasure of the Allied soldiers. Just a few of these articles were playing cards, razor blades, jewsharps, mandolins, accordions, ukuleles, phonographs, cameras, skates, wigs, whiskers, grease paints, footballs, snowshoes, slippers, hockey outfits, indoor baseballs, moving picture outfits, Bibles, prayer books, boxing gloves, games, music, books, cigarettes, candy and dried fruits.

The need of prompt relief for the inhabitants of towns along the coast of the White Sea and on the Kola peninsula, many of whom were facing starvation, was found to be imperative. Scurvy had broken out among the people at these places, adding to the general distress.

The towns to which the relief expedition was sent are virtually isolated from the outside world because of the treacherous coast line, shifting sand bars and uncharted waters. An exceptionally early frost, even for that part of the world, ruined the harvests, which were expected to improve conditions. Statements, printed in Russian, explaining the work of the Red Cross, were distributed among the inhabitants.

Food control made sufficiency from shortage, kept the rein on food prices, gave the nation's full strength exercise.

**HELP BRAVE BELGIANS DRIVE OUT ENEMY**

American Red Cross Aids With Supplies and Comforts in the Army.

It is particularly interesting to Americans to know the tremendous work which the American Red Cross has done toward relieving distress in Belgium. Among the many things done for King Albert's gallant little army by the Red Cross the following are a few:

It established a dining room and reading and writing room at the warehouses in Le Havre.

It gave a plate and a bowl to 6,000 munition workers in — to use at their meals.

It fitted up recreation rooms for workers at munition plants.

It installed a co-operative restaurant for the military personnel of the Maritime Agency at Le Havre.

It installed shower baths and a barber shop for the army garrisons in Le Havre.

In army training centers the Red Cross gave household comforts, phonographs, games, etc.

It established a dormitory for 200 men at the Home for Permissionaires at Calais.

It established a canteen and library at Calais.

It established another canteen for the personnel of sanitary trains.

It gave material and games for a canteen for the personnel of the naval base at —

It gave the same for a canteen for the personnel of Belgian seaplane units.

It equipped a mess for the personnel of the unit at Calais.

It gave tents, canteens, reading rooms and shower baths for the personnel of the Bourbourg bakery.

It organized dining rooms for searchlight companies and artillery batteries having fixed cantonnements, and installed shower baths in them.

It distributed 60,000 enameled plates and cups for soldiers in the trenches.

It gave prizes for organized athletic tournaments.

It sent presents to each man decorated for bravery. These presents are usually razors, pipes, fountain pens and such. Up to now this work has only applied to the infantry.

The Red Cross provided the apparatus and films for cinema shows. Eight thousand soldiers see them every day.

It supplied books for all soldiers.

It installed a recreation and writing room at the large canteen at La Panne.

It presented to every infantry and cavalry regimental surgeon a medical traveling case, holding a set of medical instruments for field service.

This work required an appropriation of approximately 1,250,000 francs. Straight from the front is this comment of a Belgian colonel: "It was made recently while he was sitting in his dugout talking of the work of a canteen for which the American Red Cross had just provided quarters on very short notice."

"One live demonstration like this is better than a year of talk."



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**CITATION.**  
 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane. In the matter of the estate of Sarah C. Brothers, deceased.  
 To Wm. A. Tait, Charles C. Bishop, Robert H. Bishop, Alice Rogers and Harvey Rogers, her husband, Greeting:  
 In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane, at the court room thereof, at Eugene, in the County of Lane, on Thursday, the 2nd day of January, 1919, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why an order of sale should not be made for the sale of the real property belonging to said estate in accordance with the petition of the Administrator of said estate on file herein, said real estate being described as the N. E. ¼ of the N. W. ¼ and the west ¼ of the N. W. ¼ of the N. E. ¼ of Sec. 14, Tp. 16 S., R. 2 west of the W. M., in Lane county, Oregon, excepting 25 acres thereof heretofore sold to Bertha M. Paddock, and one acre conveyed for school purposes, and excepting such rights and privileges as the S. P. Co. may have by virtue of deeds recorded at pages 495 and 587 of Vol. 73 of the Deed Records of Lane county, Oregon, and excepting flume rights of Bischar Bros. Witness, the Hon. H. L. Bown, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane and the Seal of said Court hereunto affixed, this 18th day of November, 1918.  
 (Seal).  
 Attest: STACY M. RUSSELL, Clerk.