

MINIMUM PRICE ONLY ANSWER TO FAMINE THREAT

Government Guarantee of Fair Price to Farmers is Only Way to Avert Food Shortage—Up to Congress to Act at Once—Otherwise Great Distress is Certain.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—A minimum price to farmers on wheat, corn and potatoes—such price to be fixed by the agricultural department according to legislation by congress—is the only answer to the threat of famine in the United States. It is the remedy applied in all other warring countries and it ought to be enacted into law at once.

This conclusion has been reached by all government officials who have given the food question any attention. I have talked with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman, with Bradford Knapp, of the southern extension work, with Chas. Nesbitt of the District of Columbia Food Inquiry board, and with a dozen others. All agree that the country is facing the most serious food situation it has ever faced. Never before has there been the concurrence of a world war, a local crop failure and a general world crop shortage. The deficiency is not a matter of guesswork. It is certain.

Remedy is Drastic.

So too is the remedy. Left to the operation of demand and supply the result will be the seizure of the food by those having economic strength. Prices will mount to unbelievable levels; the poor will be unable to pay the prices and will face actual hunger and starvation.

It is futile to urge the planting of larger acreage. The farmer has learned by long and bitter experience that when anybody plants heavily the price at crop time is depressed and he does not get his profit. This year he has to pay enormous prices for seed. In many parts of the country there is actual shortage of seed. He pays higher for his labor, his fertilizer and his farm machinery. He does not care to put in a big acreage and have his labor and his pains for nothing. If the government is prepared to assure him a fair profit for what he raises he will put in large crops. Otherwise he is likely to resist the present agitation and to put in some line of crop which he thinks others will not plant.

Crisis is Here.

If congress would enact a law pledging the government to the purchase of all wheat offered at \$1.50 a bushel and all corn at \$1.00 the result would be a greatly increased acreage of these crops and more for the use of this country and the allies.

Listen to what Bradford Knapp says to the farmers of the south. This is taken from a bulletin just issued from his office of Farm Extension work:

"Now the crisis is here! This great nation must arouse herself for a mighty struggle for liberty. People without food and armies without rations are conquered before they can begin to fight. Our greatest safety now lies in food production and in saving the waste products.

Must Have Food.

"If the south is to be strong she must have food. If this country is to be strong she must be well fed and have an abundance to sustain those friendly people who are even now fighting our battles for liberty and democracy.

"Transportation may be disturbed. Your own defense requires you to produce and conserve your food supply. Don't fail now. It is a national problem of defense as important as men, guns, ships and cannon.

"Business men, if need is short canvass the situation like patriots and get the seed for farmers. Arrange the credits. Furnish farmers seed corn, soy beans, cowpeas, velvet beans, peanuts, sorghum, etc. at cost. See that all things necessary to help farmers are done. Of course, we must produce cotton, but with a moderate acreage and a good season there will be enough. Do not sacrifice acres of food to increase your acreage of cotton. Look ahead! Get the warehouses, the feed mills, shellers, cleaning stations, creameries, packing houses, etc. ready. You must do your share and cooperate with farmers. They must do their share and tend the crops faithfully."

Less than forty days remain in which congress can apply the remedy. After that the planting season will be at an end.

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BRYCE SCHEMES FOR LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Former British Ambassador to United States Springs Plan Drawn Up Two Years Ago—Is Along Similar Lines to That Devised by Taft and Approved by President Wilson.

LONDON, April 12.—Details of what is known as the "Bryce Scheme" for a league to enforce peace were given out today by Lord Bryce, former British ambassador at Washington. In a letter accompanying his statement Lord Bryce says the plan was drawn up by himself and a committee of prominent Englishmen two years ago but had not been made public before because the time for publication did not seem to have arrived. It was because opinion in England in the midst of the war, had been regarded up to now as unfavorable for calm consideration of the future. The plan apparently antedates the proposal advocated by former President Taft and endorsed by President Wilson.

Lord Bryce says:

Like American Plan

"The entrance of the United States into the war makes it desirable that the effort of the American League to Enforce Peace should be responded to by expressions of public opinion here. I therefore venture to lay before you a scheme almost identical with that of the American League. It was prepared by a group of men here two years ago.

"The scheme is, of course tentative, but taken with the American scheme it may help to draw public opinion to this important subject. Obviously no practical steps can be taken until after the war but the idea is one which the public may well begin to consider. It has received the approval of the present and late premiers and foreign secretaries."

Bryce Plan Outlined.

The Bryce plan as outlined follows closely the lines of the American proposal but goes a step further in the direction of common enforcement of decisions and in providing for collective action against any non-member nation which refuses arbitration or conciliation or against a member nation which commits acts of aggression without having agreed to submit to the international tribunal.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO VISIT SCHOOLS

The Medford public schools will be visited tomorrow (Friday) by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. Mr. Churchill will visit the various departments in the junior and senior high schools. In addition to this he will make a careful investigation of the normal training course. There will be twenty-four applicants for teachers' certificates. Several of these applicants have already been elected to positions in Jackson county and elsewhere.

Supt. Churchill will address the teachers, parents and public at the high school building at 4 p. m. on the "County Unit Plan." The public is urged to be present.

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SWINDLER OLD HAND; WANTED FOR FORGERY, PORTLAND

It now appears that the arrest of the couple known as E. Cravendore and wife for passing worthless checks on Medford business men, has more than local significance, and that the prisoners are wanted on similar charges in other parts of Oregon. County Prosecutor Roberts and Chief of Police Hittson are investigating the record of Cravendore.

The couple are now languishing in the county jail at Jacksonville because of inability to raise bailbonds, although the young woman's bond is only \$200.

It has developed since their arrest that Cravendore has a criminal record and that he once served a term of a year in the workhouse for crooked work done in Portland. He is at present wanted by the Portland police on the charge of forgery, under the name of Irving P. Oehler, word to that effect having been received by Chief Hittson Wednesday evening. The description of Oehler tallies exactly with that of Cravendore.

The prisoner admits that his name is Oehler and says that he is the son of a Portland contractor, and that at one time he followed the plumbing trade in Portland. At one time also he operated a cheap restaurant in Portland. It is claimed he defrauded numerous creditors of both his restaurant and plumbing establishment—that he ordered numerous supplies on credit from wholesale houses and then sold them and pocketed the proceeds.

Cravendore and his wife, who was known as Nan Smith when she resided in Medford and vicinity answer the description closely of a worthless check passer, who, representing themselves to be Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holdman of Portland, operated in Eugene two weeks ago. They visited an Eugene real estate dealer and pretended they desired to purchase a ranch. The dealer escorted them around an entire day visiting various properties. Then Holdman induced the dealer to cash a worthless check drawn on Ladd & Tilton's bank of Portland.

Next day the couple disappeared leaving behind them an unpaid hotel bill and several business men holding bad checks.

PRESBYTERIANS ELECT ELDERS FOR COMING YEAR

The annual congregational meeting and election of officers was held in the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, April 10th. The following officers were elected: J. G. Chapman, a new elder. The other elders are J. H. Cooley, H. T. Hubbard, W. H. Gore, H. G. Wortman and E. N. Warner. Mayor, C. E. Gates was elected a trustee to succeed himself. The other trustees are W. W. Watt, W. W. MacDonald, H. G. Wortman and E. A. Welch. The following deacons were elected: John R. Carpenter, Loftus L. Cathcart, deaconesses, Mrs. E. N. Welch and Mrs. Roscoe Johnson. The reports from all the organizations and departments show the church to be in a most flourishing condition. During the past year the church has had a wonderful growth and development. More than a total of one thousand people attended the two preaching services last Sunday. The music is being furnished by Andrews' chorus choir, with Mrs. C. C. McCurdy at the pipe organ. The choral orchestra of twelve musical instruments has been engaged to continue the sacred concerts on Sunday evenings. Light refreshments were served at the close of the service by the ladies of the church.

NAVAL RESERVISTS ORDERED PROCEED TO NAVY YARD

John Schrick, press operator, who enlisted in the naval reserve as chief electrician, received orders Thursday to proceed to the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Washington, for service, with the following 25 recruits, residing in Medford, whom he is ordered to mobilize at once:

- Louis Baker, yeoman; A. I. Affligate, yeoman; Oscar E. Reynolds, machinist; Fred Arthur Powell, machinist; Perry L. Ashcraft, machinist; Gailford M. Loomis, machinist; Archie R. Fletcher, electrician; Everett Carl Ferguson, electrician; Robert S. Murray, ship cook; Edward B. Edwards, carpenter mate; Ira Casebolt, fireman; John G. Van Horn, store keeper; Grover E. Purdin, blacksmith; Thomas T. Merriman, blacksmith; Kenneth F. Murray, printer; Daniel W. Bagshaw, Jr., printer; Carl E. Swainson, printer; James C. Murray, printer; Albert Eugene Orr, hospital apprentice; Jay Winans, Diamond, hospital apprentice; Nelson E. Hemphill, electrician; Clare F. Burke, hospital apprentice; L. V. Cameron, apprentice seaman; James E. Walter, painter.

Five employees of the Medford Printing Company are included in the above list: John Schrick, press operator, Medford Sun; C. E. Ferguson, press operator, Mail Tribune; J. C. Murray, linotype; K. F. Murray, pressman; Carl E. Swainson, printer. Two other employees, Arthur Perry and Leigh Swinson, reporters, have already gone—making seven

PATRIOTIC RALLY SET FOR TONIGHT

The patriotic meeting that had been announced for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the city park, will instead be held at the Cuthbert building 6th and N. Central tonight at the same hour. All men of Medford and vicinity of military age are especially invited to attend.

The high school band will furnish music and the audience will sing patriotic songs. A number of short speeches are also on the program. Among the speakers will be R. A. Rowley, a civil war veteran; H. A. Canady, veteran of the Spanish-American war, Mayor C. E. Gates and W. E. H. Porter.

The purpose of the meeting is to encourage further enlistments in the Seventh Company, C. A. C.

from one office, with several others enlisted awaiting call.

Miss Bernice Cameron, manager of the Postal Telegraph company office of Medford, also received orders Thursday for herself, Miss Evelyn Taylor and Miss Ruby Burke, to report for immediate duty at the Bremerton navy yards. Miss Burke, who is chief day operator at the local telephone exchange, and Miss Taylor is night long distance operator at the same exchange. They expect to leave Medford by Saturday. The three are enlisted in the naval reserve in the electricians class, but Miss Cameron has been notified that her official position will be known as "chief of drafting."

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FOLK PLAY PLEAS PAGE AUDIENCE

A delighted audience at the Page theater Wednesday evening witnessed the annual recital by pupils of Mrs. Lynette Hovious, which was given under the direction of Mrs. Hovious.

The first part of the entertainment consisted of the presentation of the three-act Cornish folk play by a number of young girls, who displayed splendid dramatic ability.

In the cast of characters were Carol Hovious, Maurine Mc Keany, Elizabeth Atken, Joyce Maddox, Isabelle Stuart, Marjory Kelly, Dorothy Upshaw, Edith Campbell, Margaret Van Scoyoc, Margery Tucker, Evelyn Offutt, Gladys Murphy, Mercia Mischke, Waunita Griffith, Katherine Lindley, Dorothy Carless, Mildred Blossing, Marlon Blessing, Ariene Butler and Bessie Headlee.

The play was followed by beautiful interpretive solo and group dances by a number of pretty, graceful young ladies in costume. The Colonial minuet and movement musical numbers were presented by the following: Misses Helen Brown, Elsie Lawrence, Josephine Koppes, Alice Lyon, Virginia Bufam, Dorothy Miller, Marie Myers, Margaret Fales, Isabelle Burbidge, Thelma Radcliffe, Opal Stacy, Florence Bain and Dorothy Bain.

The remainder of the dance program was as follows: "Danz Caprice" solo, Carol Hovious; "Mendelssohn's Spring Song" solo, Miss Dorothy Miller; "Dance of Darkness, Day and Dawn" Misses Dorothy Miller, Gertrude and Julia Opp and Margaret Fales.

Fresh chocolates at De Voe's.

WOODBURN COMPANY MOVES ITS QUARTERS

Because the armory of the Seventh Company, C. A. C., has been too crowded with the presence of Company I. O. N. G., of Woodburn, which has made its headquarters there for a week past, the Woodburn company Thursday moved its headquarters to the Cuthbert building, 6th street and North Central, where it occupies two floors. The Seventh Company now has its armory all to itself. Captain Todd at first planned to move his command to the Natatorium, but changed his mind when he found rent would be charged. The Cuthbert building is donated rent free and makes ideal quarters with the exception that it has no heating facilities.

TURKISH LOSSES AT GAZA 8000

CAIRO, Egypt, April 12.—The British are continuing their successes in the vicinity of Gaza, Palestine. Their mounted forces have occupied further Turkish territory to a depth of 15 miles, consolidating strong positions menacing Gaza and making many prisoners. The losses of the Turks around Gaza are estimated at 8000, while the British dead, according to the reports received were less than 400. One hundred and ninety British are missing, mostly members of small parties which became isolated in the fog after penetrating the town of Gaza.



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