

HOUSTON ASKS CITIES TO HELP HARVEST CROPS

Efforts of Farmers in Increasing Yields Helping to Make Victory Certain and Residents of Towns Called Upon to See That Bountiful Harvests Are Not Wasted.

DUBUQUE, Ia., June 20.—American food stocks, increasing because of the effort of farmers, were blessed as an additional guaranty of the successful outcome of the war by Secretary of Agriculture Houston, in an address to day before the Iowa bankers association. Along with his presentation of figures summarizing agricultural accomplishment, he called upon the residents of cities and towns to see that bountiful harvests promised do not waste because of labor shortage. Of the war itself he said: "There is no way out of this grim business except thru it."

"This war will not be won by a miracle or by enchantment," he added. "There can be no turning back, no faltering, no hesitation. We are determined to teach the lesson that law must rule among nations as among individuals and to establish guaranties for future peace and the prevention of a recurrence of such a calamity as this."

As to the agricultural effort during 1916, Secretary Houston said the American farmers had responded nobly to the call of the allied populations for food. Farmers planted 43,000,000 acres more leading food crops in 1917 than in 1916, he said. "They greatly increased the numbers of livestock in spite of exportations. They increased the number of milk cows by 390,000 of other cattle by nearly two million, the number of sheep, for the first time in a generation and a half by 1,300,000, and of swine by nearly four million. In spite of exportations of horses and mules, they increased the number by 451,000. The indications are that they will do better even this year."

"We shall not fail to win the war because of food shortage and I need not point out to bankers the large bearing of this enormous production on the foundations and machinery of finance and credit."

"These statements mean another thing. They mean difficulties of harvesting. It is a matter of patriotism and business for you to omit no effort to help in the matter of labor supply. This duty is of the most urgent and impelling character in this crisis."

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Secretary Houston said that "taxation, especially on consumption, more particularly on luxuries and also on excessive profits, not only tends to saving, to check investment in non-essential directions, but also to keep down the general level of prices and to lessen the financial obligations of the nation."

"Taxation Aids Thrift. "I am convinced," he said, "that the people of the nation are willing to pay the necessary taxes and that the financiers of the nation recognize the necessity of sound finances."

"We fight a nation that knows no law, except its own laws of necessity made in Prussia, exclusively interpreted by her, and to be changed by her at will," he said in summing up the causes of world conflict.

"From this power the order came to us in Feb., 1917. What course was there except one. Life is precious, but not at the sacrifice of everything that makes it worth living. National peace is desirable, but not at the cost of everything that makes a nation worth saving. We have discovered the truth in Jefferson's assertion that the tree of liberty is a tender plant and that as it grows more and more it has to be watered in the blood of patriots. We shall not fail. We are armed with the free forces of the world, and have back of us the conscience of civilization."

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AUSTRIAN EFFORT IS LITERALLY HUNGER DRIVE

"Soldiers, Remember the Spoils We Got From the Italians Last Fall, the Sheep, Cows, Groceries," Says Order Found On Prisoners—"Think of the Bread You May Win."

ITALIAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, June 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—That Austria's drive against Italy is positively "a hunger offensive" has been proven by new orders and addresses found upon prisoners. These were signed by officers ranging from Field Marshal Conrad Von Hoetzendorf down to regimental commanders. One which was issued to the commander of the famous regiment bearing the name of Archduke Charles, says:

"Soldiers, remember the spoils we got last fall from the Italians: The sheep, cows, steers, warehouses full of good clothes and grocery stores full of wines, canned goods, flour and sugar. Think of your family. Think of the white bread you may win for all."

Prisoners Starving.
The correspondent has visited groups of hundreds of prisoners, all of whom are thin and weak. They said they had had little food for the past month and spoke with horror of the winter months they had passed. A sample of their black bread showed that it was made of dry straw and potatoes.

Many of the prisoners have strong, well spiked shoes, but those they claim they made themselves or bought. Most of them have mere rags for shirts. The majority of the prisoners have money, but it is either in paper bills or in iron coin. The most of them wear medals for valor, some of them having two or three of them, but these decorations are of base metal and none are of gold or silver. One is stamped with a likeness of Empress Zita and encircled with laurel wreaths and is made of a zinc composition. The prisoners part readily with these medals, saying they have no pride in them, for a few pennies of Italian money. Most of the captured men are young men and light haired and generally have bad teeth.

Lured by Hunger.
The Italian soldiers tell humorous stories of captures effected by persuading the Austrians that they will be well fed. One Italian officer who had been wounded and picked up by a group of Austrians who intended to make him prisoner said:

"Come with me and you will get meat, wine and real bread."

Thereupon the whole party went over to the Italian line.

It is said also that at the beginning of the offensive the Austrians in the front line each received three rations of meat, one for each day of the attack until they reached the Italian stores. They were so hungry, however, that they ate all the first day.

GERMAN CRUISERS BOTTLED UP AT ZEEBRUGGE.
LONDON, June 20.—Twenty-one German destroyers, a large number of submarines and numerous auxiliary craft are penned in the Bruges canal docks as the result of the recent British naval operations at Zeebrugge, the German submarine base.

Thomas J. MacNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, made announcement in the house of commons today to this effect, and said the operations were more successful than at first supposed. He added that the German craft were now the subject of constant bombing.

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CAPO SILE IS REGAINED BY ITALIAN FORCES

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Since Sunday the enemy has been held almost completely in check on the Piave line and has made no gains on the mountain front while his losses in prisoners alone has risen to nine thousand. Repeated efforts to dislodge from the west bank of the river between Montello and San Dona Di Piave have been repulsed sanguinarily by the Italians and only around Capo Sile have the Austrians made any progress.

From Capo Sile the Austrians have advanced to the Fossetta canal, which parallels the lowlands along the sea coast to Mestre, a suburb of Venice. Vienna claims that the canal has been crossed at some points southeast of Meolo, but Rome reports that the enemy advances have been repulsed.

On Montello Plateau.
Heavy fighting continues around the Montello plateau. The Austrians have not yet gained control of this dominating height, nor have they apparently had any success in attempting to dislodge from the lower ground at Sovilla, south of Nervesa.

The waters of the Piave have come to the air of the strongly resisting Italians and the British official statements on the fighting says that the river has risen suddenly. The rise has been sufficient to carry away many of the bridges that Austrians had thrown across the stream.

Emperor Charles, fearful that the Austrians themselves will not be able to emulate the Austro-German success of last fall on the Isonzo line personally is urging his troops forward. The emperor is said to desire still greater efforts before calling on Germany for help.

Meanwhile internal conditions in Austria, especially as regards food, are causing trouble. The city council of Vienna has protested against reduction of the bread ration and the labor organizations in the Austrian capital call for the "speediest general peace." The food supplies in Austria are reported at the lowest ebb since 1914.

Lull on West Front.
The Rhelms front again is quiet. The French maintain their positions. Elsewhere on the western front there has been only minor raiding activity.

East of Chateau Thierry American patrols have crossed the Marne in boats and beset enemy patrols in encounters. In addition to concentrating a large number of Germans, the raiders brought back prisoners, American bombing airplanes again have bombed Conflans, a railroad junction between Verdun and Metz, dropping 25 bombs.

German aggression in the Ukraine is beginning to reap the whirlwind, according to reports from Moscow. A revolt on a large scale has broken out in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, and there has been much street fighting. Forty thousand armed peasants have risen and the revolt has spread to the provinces of Tchernigov and Poltava.

STOCK SWINDLERS HAVE APPEARED IN OREGON

SALEM, June 20.—Fake salesmen of corporation stock have made their appearance in Oregon, according to Corporation Commissioner Schudlerman, and have succeeded in making sales to business men in Portland and elsewhere. Their method is to stop for a short time in each town visited, sell stock and finally get out of the state before officers can apprehend them. Worthless oil and mining stock is said to be mailed into the state and disposed of by agents. Some of the agents represent companies that formerly have been on legal footing, but which are now insolvent and apparently hope to evade the corporation commissioner, realising that permits to operate would not be granted if application were made to his office.

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73 NAMES UPON ARMY CASUALTY LIST FROM FRANCE

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The army casualty list today contained 73 names divided as follows: Killed in action 17; died of wounds, nine; died of airplane accident, two; died of disease, seven; died of accident and other causes, one; wounded severely, 32; wounded degree undetermined, four; missing in action, one.

The list includes Private Harry Barreck, Townsend, Mont., killed in action; Lieutenant E. T. Erickson, Livingston, Mont., severely wounded.

Killed in Action
Lieutenants Henry L. Eddy, New Britain, Conn.; Judson P. Galloway, Newburgh, N. H.; Corporals John C. Brown, Atlanta, Kas.; John D. Dole, New Haven, Conn.; John H. Owen, Mattoon, Wis.; Wagoner John T. Cassidy, Providence, R. I.; Melchior Ray A. Hanson, Shell Lake, Wis.; Privates Harry Barreck, Townsend, Mont.; Patrick Bartlett, Backoo, N. D.; Hiram Q. Cox, Fairmount, Ind.; William Gallagher, Londonderry, Ireland; Fred B. Jenkins, Hantsville, Ky.; Frank Just, Penn Yan, N. H.; Joseph L. McAvoy, Chicago; Joseph H. Reevan, Pittsfield, Mass.; John Stevenson, Chicago; Marvin Williams, Collinsville, Ala.

Died of Wounds
Lieutenant Melvin L. Capps, Lacombe, N. C.; Melchior Jim Arnold, Pelle Buckle, Tenn.; Privates Reuben W. Biesecker, Mondovi, Wis.; Harry T. Prooking, Kirksville, Mo.; Antonio Grassi, Mizzano, Italy; Clarence St. John, Cleveland, Ohio; Dale L. Scott, Rimard Mills, Ohio; Walter Stelmazek, South Chicago, Ill.; Sergeant Edward A. Tenbroeck, Springfield, Mass.

Died of Disease
Major Edward Shoults, Alexandria, Va.; Corporal Edward Lowry, Princeton, Ky.; Fireman Juan Diaz, Colonia, Spain; Privates Percy Bergin, Lisbon, N. H.; Percy E. Cobb, Attleboro, Mass.; William Hill, Rochester, Mo.; Robert A. Marry, Jr., Braintree, Mass.

Died in Airplane Accident—Lieutenant Joe G. Trees, Pittsburg, Pa.; Sergeant Frank Ennis, Valley Falls, R. I.

Died of Accident and Other Causes—Private Thomas Payne, Dayton, Ohio.

A. F. & A. M.
Regular communication in Medford Lodge 103, Friday evening, June 21. Business of importance.

L. E. WILLIAMS, Secy.

S. C. Bartram, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, is spending several days here on business and was in conference today with Hugh B. Rankin, supervisor of the Crater national forest.

PORTLAND, June 20.—Prices on Douglas fir lumber, both for government use and for the trade, have been established by the price fixing committee of the war industries board at a basis of \$26 per 1000 feet in carload lots, according to telegraphic advices just received from Washington, D. C., by local lumber manufacturers.

This price is a net advance of approximately 75 cents per 1000 over the present government price and is based on the comprehensive cost data covering more than 20 typical fir producing mills of Oregon and Washington, prepared by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. The cost report was presented to the government committee by representatives of the West Coast association at a series of conferences recently held at Washington.

While the new price schedule nominally provides for an increase of \$1.75 per 1000 feet, the committee advanced the price of logs to such an extent that the mills are required to pay \$1 per 1000 more for logs than under the old schedule, leaving them the narrow margin of 75 cents per 1000 to absorb all their other extra expenses.

Mills Were Prepared.
The new scale was effective at midnight Saturday, June 15. The government fixed maximum prices only and no minimum schedule is provided. The detailed schedule of prices, covering each item of fir lumber manufactured, is now being prepared. Government experts estimate that the average will be \$26 per 1000. As ship timbers and airplane stock are produced under a special price arrangement they are not covered in the new order, nor is the price on those items included in the average of \$26.

PRESIDENT WILSON NOT FIRM FOR PROHIBITION
WASHINGTON, June 20.—President Wilson is understood to have declined today to interpose active opposition, for the present, at least, to the Jones amendment to the \$11,000,000 agricultural bill providing for abolition during the war. The president is said to have taken the position that, while he would have preferred handling the prohibition question by separate legislation, he would not, at this time, interfere in the matter, at least so long as it does not hold up final enactment of the emergency agricultural bill or other necessary legislation.

PRICES FOR FIR FIXED AT \$26 PER 1000 FEET

LONDON, June 20.—German U-boats are unequal to the warfare against them is the virtual admission of Captain Persius, the naval critic of the Berliner Tageblatt, says a Rotterdam dispatch to the Daily Telegraph. Captain Persius writes: "Every layman knows that U-boat losses are unavoidable owing to the continually increasing sharpness and efficiency of the defense measures of the enemy which perhaps will further increase as the war progresses. It is scarcely to be denied that our enemies are both carrying on the war and living and that it will be possible for them to defend themselves against tonnage losses for a long time at any rate. From the beginning of the U-boat war it was a mistake, often committed by us, to underestimate the resources of our enemies."

HAYWOOD'S I. W. W WAR DEFINITIONS

CHICAGO, June 20.—Among the last "shots" taken by the government prisoners was the introduction of letters written by W. D. Haywood, general secretary of the I. W. W., designed to show that his organization was the directing hand in the organization, and an I. W. W. dictionary of military terms. Among the latter's "definitions" are the following:

- "Barbarians"—Nations not the allies.
- "Congress"—Woodrow Wilson.
- "Civilization"—Instead of God, we do the trust.
- "Huns"—Devoted patriots of central Europe.
- "Humanity"—The treachery of the government.
- "Justice"—Straight and successful shooting at human targets.
- "Kaiser"—The ambition of the president.
- "Patriotism"—Hatred toward your neighbors.
- "Registration"—The funeral procession of liberty.
- "Victory"—Ten million men killed.
- "Much of the government's cumulative evidence has been of the documentary kind to show that the I. W. W. opposed conscription and the war and committed acts of sabotage that interfered with war work."

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