

U. S. R. S. SENDS QUESTIONNAIRE TO FARMERS

WORKS WITH WATER USERS AND AGRICULTURAL AGENT

Information on Conditions in Now Wanted So That the Government Can Be Informed of Immediate Needs to Increase Production.

The United States Reclamation Service, co-operating with the Klamath Water Users' Association directors, have sent out to all land holders under the Klamath project a questionnaire relating to their farm conditions, their needs, and with requests for suggestions as to how the farm production of Klamath county may be increased under the campaign being carried on by the United States government in preparing for active war conditions.

Manager Bond, of the Klamath project, is also co-operating with H. E. Glazier, Klamath county agricultural agent, in this work.

The questionnaire has been sent out to all land owners under the project, but it is desired to reach all the farmers in the county. The questionnaire is reprinted on Page two of today's issue of the Herald and can be used by those not receiving one from the reclamation service.

They may be sent either to the reclamation service office or to Mr. Glazier here, and as they will co-operate, the lists will be properly filed.

It is the desire of the reclamation service to first find out what Klamath farmers need and what the exact conditions in the county are at this time. The government has asked the project offices to forward any suggestions or ideas that are timely to increase the production in the county and Manager Bond believed it first necessary to find out the conditions. Some farmers will probably need more labor, and others need machinery, while other will have surplus of some articles. It is the plan of Mr. Bond to secure information in this material, segregate it and draw his conclusions from this data.

The United States has a free labor bureau now and it is possible in case of active hostilities in the war, for which the government is bending every energy to prepare for at this time, that this country will see all industries, and especially the farming industry, placed on a plane of organization barely co-operation not dreamed of in years past.

The selective conscription plan of the president and the war department, which is now being pushed through congress, is the first step. Its purpose is to use only those men in the army that can be spared to fight, all others being retained in the factories, on the farms and in the other necessary industries.

Where a section of country needs farm labor in any great degree the government will supply that labor; where seed is needed, the seed resources of the country will be massed and apportioned out as needed to get results. Plans for these contin-

INFORMATION BUREAU FOR LAND SETTLERS

The Klamath Commercial Club is maintaining an information bureau for the benefit of those in the city to investigate and file on the Tule Lake lands. Secretary Fred Fleet can be found there and will be glad to give any information desired and assist any persons in getting located.

The Commercial Club is located on Fourth street, to the rear of the First National bank, at the corner of Fourth and Main streets.

STRAHORN WRITES FROM SPOKANE

HOPES CONTRACT WAS LET AND ORDINANCE STARTED—DOES NOT PLAN ON COMING HERE FOR WEEK OR TEN DAYS

The following letter has been received from Robert E. Strahorn, dated Spokane, Washington, April 16, by Chas. W. Eberlein of this city, in answer to telegrams sent Mr. Strahorn by both Captain J. W. Siemens and Mr. Eberlein, regarding the placing of the \$300,000 to the credit of the city in New York.

Mr. Strahorn states that he hopes the city council will accept his bid and start the ordinance on the way for the letting of the contract. His letter in full is as follows:

"I was glad to receive telegrams from both yourself and Captain Siemens, advising of the receipt of credit for the full amount of the railroad bonds. I assume that the council will accept my bid and inaugurate the passage of the remaining ordinance tonight. When this has been disposed of, we will execute the contract promptly. I think this can probably be done without my going to Klamath Falls. This I wish to avoid for another week or ten days, as I want to be prepared to start work very soon after arriving there. I am now particularly concerned about the steel, and will probably not be able to close up on that and some other matters under the next week or ten days. "I will be very glad to be advised of anything bearing upon the situation."

GERMAN METHODS AROUSE FEELING

PLANT CLAIMED TO EXTRACT FATS FROM SOLDIERS' BODIES CAUSES POPE TO EXPRESS DEEP INDIGNATION

ROME, April 20.—A local newspaper says that the pope has expressed deep indignation over Germany's reported plan to render fats and fertilizer materials from the bodies of dead soldiers.

Belgian papers have gruesomely described a factory near Gerolstein, where it is claimed that fats are extracted from human bodies.

Hungarian Premier Resigns

BUDAPEST, April 20.—Dispatches received here today from Vienna confirm the reported resignation of Count Tirma, the Hungarian premier.

gencies are now being worked out with all haste in the government departments, and but a few have been announced as yet.

The food question is admittedly the greatest problem staring the United States in the face today. Germany, officially, believes that owing to the shortage this year, adverse weather conditions in many sections and other drawbacks, that the United States is in a serious condition. The United States government officials realize this condition also and every effort is being bent to increase the production.

There is no estimate on the amount of food products that can be raised in this country and the urging of planting all back yards and garden plots to food products is an important problem in itself, as it will be the means of supplying nearly all households with their own vegetables, thus tending to keep prices down through lessening the demand and at the same time releasing just that much more for the army forces of this country and for the allies.

Public officials in all parts of the country, including President Wilson and many government employees, are arranging to grow their own gardens this year as well as produce food for the markets on every spare plot of ground in Washington. This action is being followed by the country at large.

BRITISH FORCES REPORT GAINS ALONG FRONT

TWO GERMAN DIVISIONS SAID TO BE WIPED OUT

French Have Recaptured Seventy-seven Square Miles in Five Days.

British Reported to Have Slouted Turkish Forces and to Have Advanced to a Point a Few Miles North of Bagdad.

LONDON, April 20.—The British have gained near Villot Gulsau and the French have progressed in the region of Fataux Vauciers, and also east of Loure.

The French forces have recaptured 77 square miles in the past five days.

In one instance of German losses, two entire divisions were practically wiped out.

LONDON, April 20.—The British forces have completely routed the Turkish Eighteenth army and have advanced to a point north of Bagdad.

GARDEN LOTS TO BE LISTED HERE

REQUESTED THOSE HAVING LOTS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR GARDENS LEAVE NAMES WITH THE MAYOR OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

It is desired that all persons who have lots which may be used to plant to garden stuff will leave their names either with Mayor Crisler at the city hall or with the Klamath Commercial Club.

Mayor Crisler and the club are co-operating in securing the maximum production of foodstuffs in the city this year.

A scramble has occurred in an effort to secure some of the seed potatoes received by the club by local people.

Attempt Dynamite Ohio Capitol Building Nipped

COLUMBUS, O., April 20.—An attempt to dynamite the state capitol building here, but the attempt was nipped in the bud by officers.

German Revolt in Brazil Reported Gaining Headway

BUENOS AIRES, April 20.—Reports received today from Uruguay say that the German revolt in Brazil is gaining headway. Refugees arriving today from Uruguay reported that much fighting is taking place in certain sections of the republic.

IS ARRESTED ON ARRIVAL IN EAST

PASSENGER ABOARD SUNSET LIMITED AROUSES SUSPICIONS OF FELLOW PASSENGERS BY HIS QUESTIONING METHODS

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—Federal agents arrested Walter Forstner at Cranston, Rhode Island, when he arrived there aboard the Sunset Limited from this city.

Forstner has been held incommunicado pending an investigation. Close questioning by Forstner of his fellow passengers during the trip across the continent aroused suspicions as to his interests in this country.

ALL FILINGS MUST BE IN TOMORROW NIGHT

All water-right filings on the Tule Lake lands must be in at the local United States Reclamation office tomorrow night, according to an announcement made today at the office.

The filings must be at the Lakeview land office by 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, and therefore must leave here Sunday morning.

The reclamation offices here will be kept open until late Saturday night to accommodate those desiring to file.

LONDON NOTES AMERICA'S STEP

"OLD GLORY" TOPPED PARLIAMENT BUILDING AS FIRST FOREIGN FLAG TO FLY THERE IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

LONDON, April 20.—London welcomed America's entrance into the war with great demonstrations and with the city decorated with American flags.

Special church services were held in the churches and entertainments of various kinds were held throughout the city.

The American flag flew beside the Union Jack over the parliament building for the first time in history that a foreign flag has been raised there.

REVENUE STAMPS LOST AND RETURN MYSTERIOUSLY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—A report given out which, so far, the officials have not denied, says that a large quantity of revenue stamps were stolen from Collector Scott, of the port of San Francisco, and have been mysteriously returned.

It is said that the stamps were found in a box in the Ferry building addressed to the federal district attorney.

HOUSTON OFFERS INCREASE PLAN FOR PRODUCTION

INCLUDES A \$25,000,000 APPROPRIATION MEASURE

Asks Authority to Establish Farm Product Grades, to Supervise the Handling, Ordering Implements, Direct Transportation, and Waste Supply Commandeered—Suggests Colleges Disband During Harvest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture, today submitted to congress a form letter in which he outlines recommendations for the "stimulation of production, improving of distribution methods, and for the promotion of the conservation of foodstuffs."

The plan as outlined includes a \$25,000,000 appropriation.

The secretary asks for authority to make a survey of the food supply of the United States, to establish grades of farm products for standardization purposes, to issue licenses for the supervision of foodstuffs, to order farm implements from the factories, to direct the transportation of food supplies, and the enlarging of the department's telegraphic news facilities.

Secretary Houston recommends empowering the National Council of Defense to commandeer the food supply of the nation.

He also suggested that all rural high schools and colleges be suspended during the harvest season.

Houston hinted at regulation or prohibition of the manufacture of liquors and declared that such a measure added considerably to the European food supply. He said that the foodstuffs used in the manufacture of liquor annually is valued at a minimum of \$145,000 in the United States.

RUSSIAN-GERMAN ARMISTICE, REPORT

NO NOTICE RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON OF REPORT AND IT IS BELIEVED TO POSSIBLY BE RESULT OF GERMAN RUMORS

BUENOS AIRES, April 20.—The Spanish legation at Rio de Janeiro received a cipher message today saying that Russia and Germany have signed an armistice.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—There has been no notification received here regarding the reported Russian-German armistice. Government officials point to the possibility that it is the result of German propaganda.

CARRANZA SAID TO BE VICTOR

VILLA'S FORCES REPORTED DEFEATED WITH 100 KILLED AND 200 HORSES CAPTURED IN CHIHUAHUA BATTLE

EL PASO, April 20.—A dispatch received here today says that the Carranza forces have defeated the Villistas with Villa leading the attack.

Jose Salazar personally commanded the forces at the Babicora ranch in the state of Chihuahua in Wednesday's offensive. It is claimed that 150 Villistas were killed and that 200 horses were captured.

LOCAL RED CROSS PLANS WAITING

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR CHARTER—PLANS OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION ARE GIVEN OUT

Through the efforts of Mrs. Harold D. Mortenson, application has been made by several leading women and men of Klamath county for a charter for a chapter of the American Red Cross to be located at Klamath Falls and having jurisdiction over all Klamath county. This chapter will be officially known as the "Klamath Chapter."

The application has gone on to headquarters at Washington, D. C., and as soon as the papers arrive membership lists will be open and the chapter officially organized. The American Red Cross is the great official organization for humanity in the United States. It is an honor to be enrolled in its membership.

The president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, is president of the American Red Cross and the chairman of its central committee is ex-president of the United States William H. Taft. Its official boards and committees are made up of the most prominent men and women of the country.

The American Red Cross is the most perfectly organized agency of its kind the country has ever known. The best talent in the country has worked out all details, having in mind the waste and unsatisfactory results of Red Cross work during our Spanish-American war which resulted from lack of control and intelligent supervision. Great strides in Red Cross operations have also resulted from the experience of the present great war.

The problem now is to get the maximum definite results with the least organization, cutting out the waste of effort and materials.

To accomplish this end all work is carried out from bases established at Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago, Denver and San Francisco. The work for the entire Pacific coast is directed from the San Francisco base.

The local centers, such as the chapter to be established here, act under the most careful instructions from the director of the base to which it belongs. The chapter is instructed as to what articles are needed, the character of materials to be used in their making, and, above all, the exact measurements to be followed. The chapter establishes groups throughout its district and apportions the work to be done. Much work is done in the homes.

This chapter organization will bring all our people in close touch and sympathy in working for the noblest cause in Christendom. Every man, woman and child who enrolls in the National Red Cross knows that he is upholding the hands of our president, backing up our military leaders on land and sea, and directly giving courage, sympathy and help to the brave boys on the firing line.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL INVESTIGATE OXMAN CASE

SACRAMENTO, April 20.—The attorney general of California has announced that he will go to San Francisco tonight to discuss with the grand jury plans for investigating the charges that F. C. Oxman, Oregon cattleman, "framed" evidence in the Mooney preparedness parade bomb murder case.

WIRE TAPPERS BELIEVED ACTIVE AT LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—The sheriff here following an investigation stated that he believed wire tappers have been copying all telegrams that have been sent from Los Angeles. He is working on the theory that it is the work of spies.

Leslie Reported Improving

Morris Leslie, local lineman, who was severely injured when a pole snapped off at the base while he and Mike Lippert were working on the pole, is reported improving by his attending physician, Dr. R. E. Hamilton. The accident happened Wednesday afternoon. Lippert's injuries were minor.

COMMITTEES ARE AGREED ON BIG WAR BOND BILL

HOUSE WILL VOTE ON MEASURE NEXT MONDAY

All the Senate's Legislation Ahead of the Conscription Bill is to Be Laid Aside Until That is Settled to Prevent Any Delay Possible.

Senate Has passed the \$7,000,000 War Bond Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—A substitute amendment designed to lessen the drastic effect of the newspaper censorship clause of the spy bill was defeated today in the senate by a vote of 49 to 30. A motion to eliminate the entire censorship section of the bill was also defeated by a vote of 43 to 35.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The house and senate conference committee have agreed on the terms of the \$7,000,000 war bond bill and the measure will go before the house for action Monday.

It has already been passed by the senate.

Fear that opposition to the spy and censorship bills would block other war legislation, senate leaders announced today that the army conscription bill will be considered ahead of all pending legislation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—The senate military committee reported favorably on the administration's army bill late yesterday afternoon. The final conference of the house and senate committees were held yesterday on the war bonds. Secretary McAdoo urged speedy action, saying that he wished to start floating the bonds today.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—The Federal Reserve Board has telegraphed authority to the San Francisco Reserve Bank to receive subscriptions on the \$7,000,000 war bond issue. Subscriptions can be made through any reserve member bank in the United States.

BANKERS OFFER GOLD TO FARMERS AT LOW RATE

MARYSVILLE, Cal., April 20.—An unlimited amount of gold has been offered at a low rate of interest to farmers of Yuba and Sutter counties by local banks, in order to encourage the cultivation of every available piece of land, in accordance with the plans of the State Council of Defense.

Dunning Rideout, vice-president of the Rideout banks of these two counties, said today there is plenty of money on hand to loan to farmers in furtherance of the Defense Council's ideas.

FLOUR JUMPS OUT OF SIGHT IN MINNEAPOLIS

MINNEAPOLIS, April 20.—Flour sold here today for \$12.50 a barrel. Millers say that housewives are buying supplies against the future as the cause of the rise in price in flour.

AVIATOR FALLS 1,500 FEET IN NEW MACHINE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Lyman Doty, a local aviator, fell 1,500 feet today while testing a new machine. He suffered but minor injuries.

WANTED AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

If L. B. Sorenson and C. F. Lemire, of Ray, North Dakota, are in Klamath Falls or Klamath county, they are requested to immediately get into touch with Secretary Fred Fleet, of the Klamath Commercial Club. Secretary Fleet has a letter of importance to deliver concerning the illness of a relative.