

EXPORT LEAGUE PLAN IS TOLD

By C. A. HENDERSON

Recently there has been formed within the state of Oregon an organization known as the Oregon export commission league. This organization started at Pendleton and had the backing and endorsement of practically all the farmers and business men in that district. The movement has spread throughout eastern Oregon, particularly that section which produces the large bulk of Oregon's wheat crop. The purpose of the organization is to obtain the enactment of legislation providing for a government export commission whose duty it shall be to secure an adequate price for wheat and maintain same through the sale of exportable surplus abroad, at the world's market price, the loss thereon to be met on all wheat marketed by the producers.

At the present time the league is leading all its support toward

the enactment of a bill now before congress, known as the McNary-Haugen bill, providing for a commission to be known as the U. S. Agricultural Export Commission. The McNary-Haugen bill which is senate bill No. 2012 and house bill no. 5563 embodying the agricultural export commission plan provides as follows:

1. Provides for fair exchange value between agricultural commodities and other commodities.
2. Will not molest existing marketing facilities and agencies.
3. Provides for maintaining a relative price level substantially equal, but not higher than the ten year average price per unit which prevailed during the pre-war period, 1905-1914 inclusive.
4. Export corporation to be capitalized at \$200,000,000 to be advanced from Treasury as needed but ultimately to be completely returned.
5. Spread in price between domestic and exportable surplus (export price based on Liverpool as at present) to be charged back against wheat growers through use of scrip or stamps given in part payment to growers at time of selling.
6. Bill makes plan applicable to any agricultural product which

has or may have an exportable surplus.

7. Specific directions are contained in the bill for establishing price ratios and governing the purchasing operations of the export commission.

8. Under this plan the administration expense involved is paid by the grower with no expense to the Federal government.

9. The bill has the endorsement of the secretary of agriculture, the marketing expert of the department of agriculture, the National Wool Growers' association, the Oregon and Washington State Wool Growers' association, the Oregon State Bankers' association, the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers, the Oregon Farmers' Union, the Grange, the Oregon State Farm Bureau, the Agricultural Economic Conference and the majority of merchants, chamber of commerce and bankers of this state, as well as other states.

Relative to wheat, the proposed legislation will work somewhat as follows:

1. The federal government to assess a tax of 7c per bushel against every bushel of American-grown wheat which leaves the farm (approximately 700,000,000 bushels)

to create a fund to be used as stated in the next section.

2. The federal government to apply the fund so created, approximately \$49,000,000 as a premium to be added to the price received for the exportable surplus approximately 170,000,000 bushels, as and when it is billed for export. This would add approximately 30c a bushel to the price received for the export wheat.

Result—The amount thus added to the export price will also place the domestic price 30c a bushel above the world price. The enhanced world price will have to be met by those desiring to purchase domestic wheat.

3. Premium to be applied on an equitable basis on flour milled in this country from U. S. wheat and then exported.

4. The tax on all American-grown wheat to be collected by the government through railway channels and certified mill reports on wheat delivered directly to mills by farmers.

5. Administration to be in the hands of U. S. export commission to be created by legislation, consisting of the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of commerce, and the secretary of agriculture as chairman.

6. The tax and the premium to be subject to revision by the commission from year to year, depending upon the probable amount of the surplus, always so fixed that the price of wheat to the farmer will be maintained at a point equal in purchasing power to the pre-war value of the commodity. Statistics to be gathered by the export commission to be the basis for determining the necessary amount of the tax and premium.

7. The present tariff of 30c a bushel to be increased to at least 60c a bushel to protect domestic markets against influx of foreign wheat.

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The first shipment of Tillamook calves for 1924 was received a week ago and the second shipment Saturday February 16, making a total of five received to date. Both shipments went to Ivan Buell on Tule Lake. Buell recently home-

steaded on the Tule Lake lands and is planning on building up a dairy herd by purchasing dairy calves from Tillamook.

Orders totalling eighty-one head have to date been forwarded to Tillamook and a few additional orders are still being received. It might still be possible to order an additional number of Jersey or Holstein heifers, providing orders are sent in at once.

NAMED DIRECTOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—Captain W. H. Day of Richmond, Va., has been appointed director of the Constantinople unit of the American Near East Relief. He succeeds C. C. Thurber, who has returned to the United States.

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