

CITY MEN BADLY NEEDED ON FARMS

Shortage of Hired Labor Threatens to Curtail Production of Food.

MEREDITH MAKES AN APPEAL

Increase of Wages From 15 to 25 Per Cent Fails to Relieve Situation—Total Acreage Undoubtedly Will Be Reduced.

Washington—With a shortage of hired farm labor, as acute as in 1918, threatening to curtail food production on American farms, E. T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, has issued an appeal to city men, college students and others to spend their vacations working on farms, particularly as helpers in harvest fields.

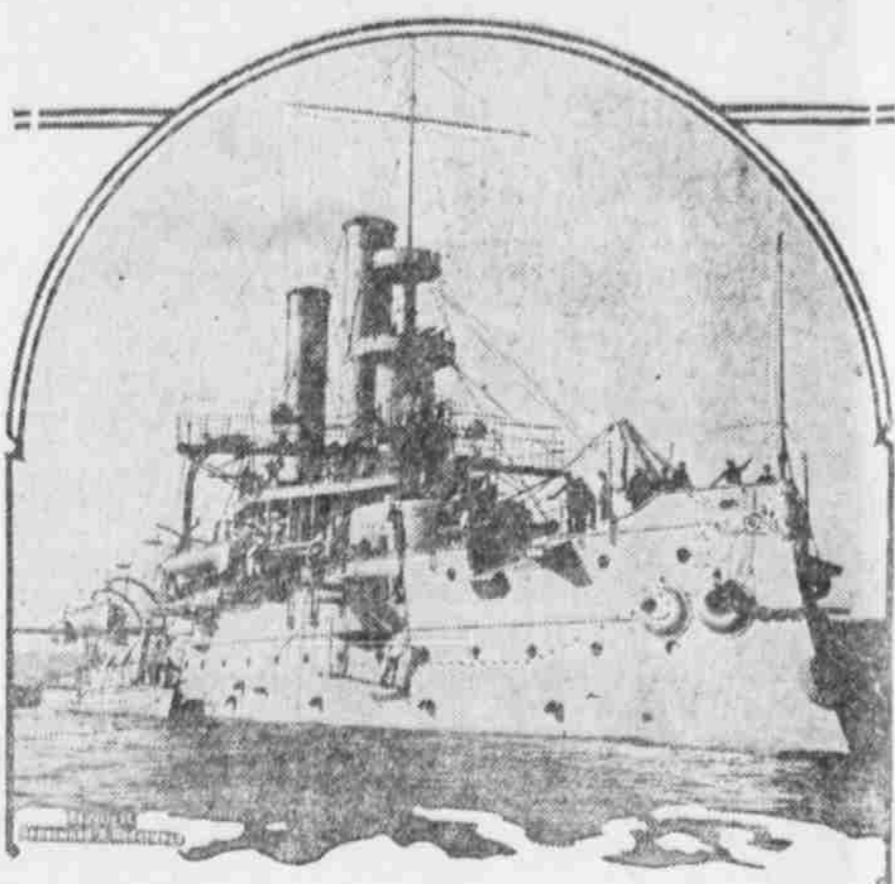
Reports secured by the federal department from its representatives in practically every state in the Union show that the supply of hired farm labor in this country is only about 72 per cent of the normal supply, compared with approximately 84 per cent of a normal supply a year ago. This year's shortage is almost exactly the same as that of two years ago when large numbers of men were in military service.

May Cut Production.

The present shortage has arisen in spite of the fact that farm wages are 15 to 25 per cent higher than last year. The situation, unremedied, cannot fail to have unfavorable effect on production, according to the United States department of agriculture, and will tend to prevent any reduction in the prices of farm products. While the total acreage undoubtedly will be reduced as a result of the present situation, it will not be in as large proportion as the reduction in the labor supply, because the farmers with their families are exerting themselves to the utmost to overcome their handicap. Cultivation this year will be less intensive than formerly. More land will be put into grass and such other crops as require a minimum of labor, it is said, and the tilled fields will be less intensively cultivated.

Secretary Meredith calls on all business men and students to spend their summer holidays helping relieve the present situation and so aid in combating high living costs. In making

FLAGSHIP TO BE USED AS TARGET



The U. S. S. Iowa, in its day the pride of the American navy and flagship of the late "Fighting Bob" Evans, unless plans of naval experts fail, will be used as a moving target for modern dreadnaughts, its movements directed by powerful wireless apparatus invented by John Hays Hammond. The Iowa is about thirty years old and is of no further use as a fighting machine.

this appeal it is recognized that, at the outset at least, such labor is not as efficient as experienced farm labor, but the excellent results secured in 1918, when city men in large numbers aided the farmers, leave no doubt as to the success of the present drive if the men will respond.

Plan to Help Farmers.

The United States department of agriculture was represented by Asher Hobson at the meeting of the National Farm Labor conference held in Kansas City recently and the office of farm management, of which Mr. Hobson is assistant chief, is laying plans looking toward offering effective aid in dealing with the farm labor situation, particularly in the harvest season. It is expected that definite announcement regarding work along this line will be made in the near future. Until other provision has been made by the department all persons interested in finding work on farms should write to the directors of agricultural extension at the agricultural colleges in the various states. These directors are pre-

pared to supply the names of county agents having farms in their respective counties that need farm labor. By this method anyone desiring to help on a farm can get in direct communication with the farmer.

ONE DRINK JAILS BRIDEGROOM

Brooklyn Judge Lets Him Go to Try to Square Things With His Wife-to-Be.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Togged out in his wedding finery, namely, a perfectly correct afternoon outfit, Alexander Kioskowski, aged forty, woke up in a cell.

His recollections of what happened were vague. He remembered he had started from his boarding house to make his first venture in married life. His wife-to-be was waiting for him. His disposition to be prompt at the altar was fixed in his mind, but a tempter whispered to him that one little glass of half of 1 per cent beer would not hurt him. The barman whispered "try whisky," as if he was doing him a favor, and he did. That was the last recollection he had until the cell custodian woke him up and told him to get ready to go to court.

The facts in the case were duly presented to Magistrate McGuire by Patrolman McGovern, who had picked the expectant bridegroom out of the gutter.

"If you promise me that you will not take another drink until you are safely married I'll let you go," said the magistrate.

Kioskowski promised, with marked fervor, and then started out to square things with the woman who may or may not consent to be Mrs. Kioskowski.

King Alfonso Was Fined for Walking on Grass

Madrid.—King Alfonso was fined two pesetas for walking across the grass in the Gardens of the Alcazar. Every member of his suite who followed the king across the greensward likewise was fined.

The first intimation the royal party had that it had committed an "offense" was when a guardian approached and said: "Your majesty, walking on the grass is forbidden. I must fine you according to my instructions." At first King Alfonso was abashed, then he laughed and paid the money.

Later the mayor of the town called at the palace and apologized to the king, but his majesty told him the guardian had acted properly and should be rewarded for devotion to duty.

POULTRY

RIGHT STOCK FOR BREEDING

Fowls Should Be Healthy and Vigorous for Best Success—Yearling Hens Preferred.

For success in raising chickens it is necessary to have healthy and vigorous breeding stock, for the lack of vigor in the newly hatched chicks is often traceable to weak parents. Only the most vigorous and the best grown birds should be put in the breeding yards. Each bird should be full of life and energy and free from any serious deformity.

Yearling hens are usually better than pullets for breeders, because hens are more mature and do not lay so many eggs during the early winter, and consequently do not reduce their vitality



Select Only Most Vigorous and Best-Grown Birds for Breeding Pens.

so much before the breeding season. Vigorous hens two to four years old can often be advantageously retained in the breeding yard.

The male bird chosen should be young and active. An early hatched, well-developed cockerel is usually satisfactory, poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture affirm, or a good, vigorous yearling or two-year-old cock may be chosen. The hens used for breeding purposes should be given the best care possible; they should be provided with large runs and should not be forced for heavy egg production during the early winter.

DEADLY FOE OF LAZY FOWLS

When Trap Nests Are Used No Amount of Cackling Will Deceive Owner of Poultry Flock.

Trap nests are the deadly foe of the lazy hen. When they are used, no amount of cackling and appearance of industry can conceal the fact that she isn't delivering the goods. They are the one accurate way by which the owner of a flock can check up on the laying ability of the individual hens.

Besides being valuable in locating the drones, their use is advisable for the following additional reasons:

They help to make the birds tame, thereby tending toward increased egg production.

They furnish definite knowledge concerning the egg production of individual fowls.

They furnish the most satisfactory basis for utility or other breeding.

They show which hen lays each individual egg, thus furnishing the essential basis for pedigree breeding.

YIELD WHITE-SHELLED EGGS

Mediterranean Breeds Are Best Suited for Production—Do Not Make Good Sitters.

Poultry of the Mediterranean or egg breeds are best suited for the production of white-shelled eggs. Representatives of this class are bred largely for the production of eggs rather than for meat production. Among the popular breeds of this class are: Leghorn, Minorca, Ancona and Andalusian. One of the outstanding characteristics of the egg breeds is the fact that they are classed as nonsitters. That is, as a rule, they do not become broody and hatch their eggs. When fowls of this class are kept, artificial incubation and brooding are usually employed.

POULTRY NOTES

Small or dirty eggs should be used at home.

Early cockerels are going to bring good prices this spring.

Feed growing chicks a dry mash to which they can help themselves.

Preserve eggs in the spring and summer for use during the fall and winter when eggs are scarce and high in price.

Scatter air-slaked lime all around the houses and yards and you will do much to prevent "omp and cholera. It is a sure germ destroyer and is especially good as a deodorizer under the perches.

Many young chicks are killed every spring by gapeworms, which get into the windpipe and fairly strangle the young birds to death.

The pullets that lay at four and a half months usually molt all winter—practically proofless producers.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

All Candidates Strong For Good Roads



WASHINGTON.—Motorists may place their bets on at least one political racing field. No matter who is elected, the national good roads movement will receive the whole-hearted backing of the White House.

Without a single exception, all of the presidential candidates whose opinions clash on most everything from the reason for 25 cent sugar to Uncle Sam's foreign policy, are in perfect accord concerning the vital issue of improved highways as a means to the future economic welfare of the country.

Gov. Frank O. Lowden declares that good roads is the one thing which will check the flow of young men and women from farms to cities. Gen. Leonard Wood believes that the good roads lesson is one of the outstanding features of the war. Herbert Hoover wants a mighty national organization for the establishment of the greater roads system. W. G. MeAdoo believes good roads should sup-

plement the railroads to keep pace with America's development. Mr. Bryn says we should celebrate peace by building it memorials in permanent highways.

"Every possible facility must be provided to encourage producers of farm commodities and merchandise to increase production," declares Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, anti H. C. L. leader. "The improvement and use of public highways, in addition to airways, railways and waterways, is vital to the progress and prosperity of the people."

"We have had a great object lesson in the paved highways of California," says Senator Hiram Johnson. "They have been a great factor in the development of the state. The improvement of the highways of the nation undoubtedly will be of great economic value to the country as a whole."

"Transportation has made every avenue of civilization," is the belief of Senator Warren G. Harding. There is no advancement in production and exchange until there are highways to facilitate the transportation involved."

"Good roads construction retarded by the war should now be pushed vigorously," declared Senator Miles Poin-dexter. "I favor an extensive system of national roads built by the federal government and located with a view to military defense as well as civic and commercial use, and co-ordinated with existing highways."

"Overalls" Nets Bright Reporter \$10,000

DEAR, dear! Word has reached Washington from Paris that the overall movement to hand a wallop to H. C. L. is nothing more than an "advertising stunt."

And this after Representative Upshaw of Georgia has appeared in the house in overalls to receive the applause of less enterprising colleagues; and overall clubs have been formed in every nook and cranny of the land; and lawyers have worn them into court and escaped a fine for contempt, and dignified bankers have put 'em on; and a Kansas mayor has been inaugurated in 'em, and the denim parades have marched and counter-marched with the bands playing: "Overalls, overalls," and even the girls have put 'em on!

It seems too awful to be true, yet the story from Paris is circumstantial. It says that flashing like a meteor into Paris, loaded with more diamonds than the late "Jim" Brady, and scattering handfuls of Jills with a prodigality of "Million Dollar" Gates, Johnny Sorenson of New York, the first overall millionaire, who has just sold out his interest in the big overall factories in

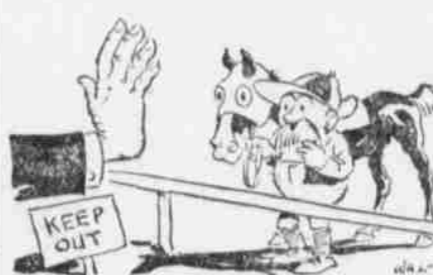


Newark, N. J.; Schenectady, N. Y., and Buffalo, N. Y., at a thousand per cent profit, arrived at Claridge's, grabbing the royal suite.

"The overalls campaign in America is the biggest publicity stunt ever pulled off," said Mr. Sorenson. "It originated in the brain of a New York reporter, who, seeing the possibilities of the 'story,' went to the biggest overall firm in the country and put the scheme in operation. He got \$10,000 for the idea and was given a job at the head of the firm's publicity department."

Mr. Sorenson said the stock of his company bounded from 43 to 600 in a few days after the idea was sprung.

"No Sportsman" Is Verdict on the German



Sportsmen of all kinds, whether or not interested in racing, are concerned in this action. The sportsman is the gentleman of sports. He plays fair. He is a good winner and a better loser. "All men are equal on the turf and under it."

The racing sportsmen of England and Belgium have served notice on the German that by their standards he is no sportsman.

This action will be a crushing blow to the horse breeding activities of Germany, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. Thoroughbred sires, most of them of English lineage, were the foundation of the great army and racing studs developed by Germany and Austro-Hungary. The best were none too good in the establishment of a type of general purpose horse.

The English Derby winners, Ard Patrick and Galtee Moore, each cost \$110,000, and were among the fine sires that were available to farmers and breeders at a nominal fee.

Germany maintained racing on a more or less pretentious scale during the war, and there was no let up in breeding.

To Cut Soldiers' War Insurance Red Tape

WAR veterans holding government insurance will be able to pay their premiums at the local post offices if congress passes a bill which has just been approved by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The measure revises the war risk insurance laws with a view to the elimination of much of the red tape. Representative Sweet of Iowa has served as chairman of the subcommittee which has been handling this class of legislation.

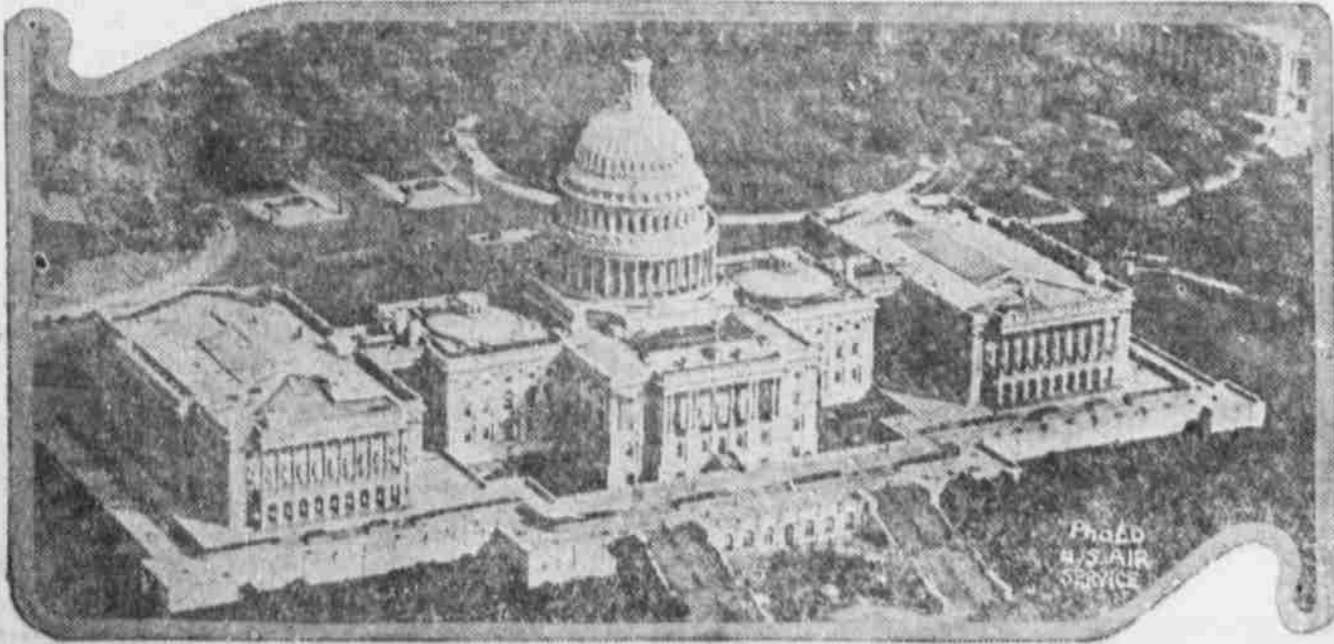


The plan as outlined in the bill has the approval of the treasury department, of which the bureau of war risk insurance is a part. It provides for the establishment of 14 regional offices in the United States.

The bureau of public health service and the federal board of vocational education have a like number of offices and an effort is being made to co-ordinate the work to be rendered by these three government agencies to soldiers, sailors and marines of the recent war.

All of these offices will probably be consolidated in one building in each

AIR VIEW OF THE CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON



A new and interesting aerial view of the capitol in Washington, made from a United States news plane overhead.