

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 Falls 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.

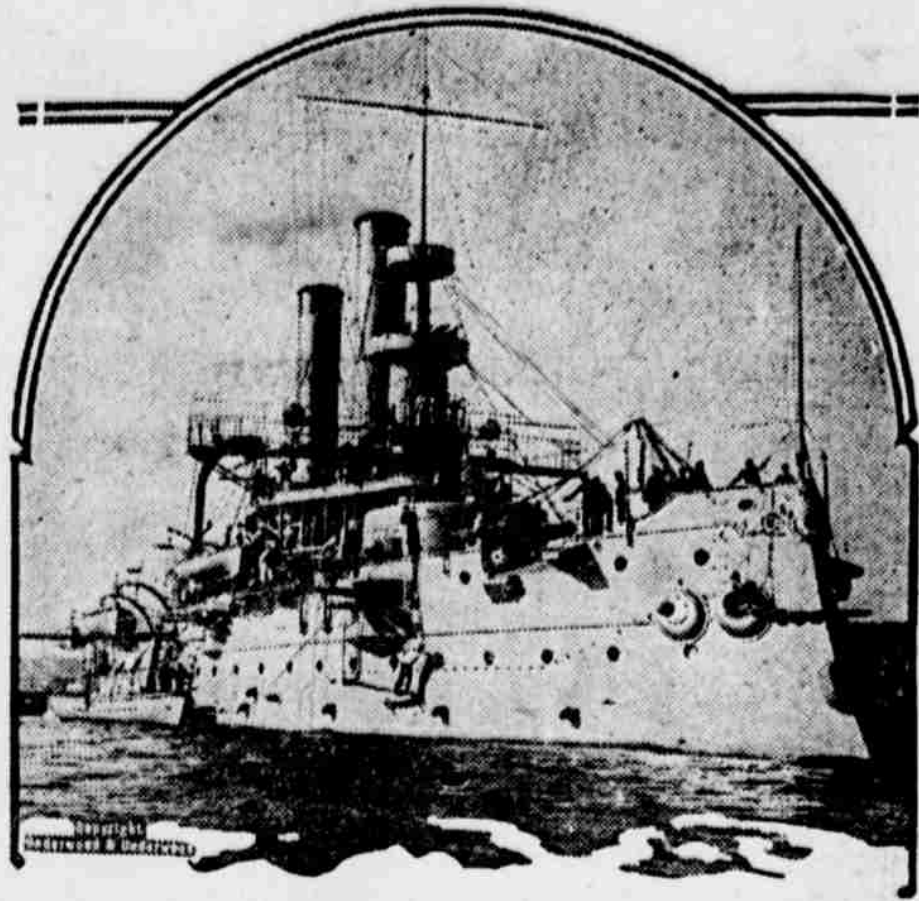
Reports secured by the federal department from its representatives in practically every state in the Union show that the supply of hired farm labor in this country is only about 72 per cent of the normal supply, compared with approximately 84 per cent of a normal supply a year ago. This year's shortage 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 Koskowsky, 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.

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

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.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

The torrential rains and floods in northwestern Nebraska and southwestern South Dakota of the past week were the most severe in the history of that part of the country, and caused the death of at least ten persons, hundreds of cattle and horses and washed away scores of bridges and many miles of railroad track, resulting in complete paralysis of traffic on the Burlington and Northwestern line.

People of southeastern Nebraska have solved the problem of the high cost of building. Sawmills have sprung up in all parts of Nemaha county and thousands of cottonwood trees are being cut down and sawed up into perfectly good material. Farmers are buying the lumber sawed from the native logs by home mills at \$50 a thousand and are using the material to build barns, sheds and cribs.

Several big Omaha retail stores have followed the plan of the Wannamaker stores of New York in reducing prices on all stocks in an effort to lower living costs. Prices have been slashed by the Omaha concerns from 20 to 30 per cent. Heads of firms differ, however, to some degree, for the action, some saying it was brought about by a break in the market and not due to philanthropic motives.

The Scottish Rite building company of Lincoln, which owns the temple erected a few years ago, has filed with the supreme court its brief in appeal from the Lancaster county district court from an order holding that the temple was subject to taxation.

The Salvation Army is establishing its home service program for 1920 in Nebraska. In 11 counties Salvation Army advisory boards have already been organized and are actively co-operating with the army in home service work.

Two hundred and fifty Dodge county boys and girls are organized into poultry, pig, calf, cooking, sewing or gardening clubs and competing for cash prizes given by the Scribner and Hooper Fair associations and different farm organizations.

Gene Huse, publisher of the Norfolk Daily News, has been decorated with the King Albert medal for services rendered Belgium during the war. He was in charge of the North Nebraska campaign for funds to aid Belgian babies.

The old chicory factory building at O'Neill, built about thirty years ago, when chicory was being boomed as a substitute for coffee, is being torn down. The factory was said to be the largest manufacturing plant of its kind in the world.

Recent investigations and report from the Miller Seed Co., Kansas City, prove that Venango, this state, is the largest millet shipping point in the world. Millet is one of western Nebraska's big crops.

John H. Morehead of Falls City had a right to have his name printed on the primary ballot as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, according to an opinion of the supreme court.

Complete official returns of the primary election April 20, show that W. J. Bryan will have 11 of the 16 delegates to the democratic national convention instead of 10.

Nebraska's winter wheat crop for this year is estimated at 47,585,000 bushels by the state department of agriculture, as compared with 54,907,000 last year.

Two hundred veterans of the G. A. R., representing the 2,000 who still survive in Nebraska, attended the big encampment at Fremont last week.

A campaign is on at North Platte to raise funds to fit up a permanent summer camp for Boy Scouts and Camp Fire girls of the city.

Drilling for oil is to start soon in the vicinity of Beatrice. About 40,000 acres in Gage county have been leased for the venture.

For the second time this spring the Northwestern bridge over the Elkhorn river at Norfolk, was washed out by flood waters.

Plans are being completed for a big celebration in Hebron on July Fourth.

"Flag Day," June 14, will be observed by schools and patriotic societies in many towns and cities of Nebraska.

Dean O. V. T. Stout of the University of Nebraska engineering college tendered his resignation to the regents, to take effect July 1.

A shake-up at the state university was indicated when the board of regents placed Dean W. G. Hastings of the college of law on the retired list, as dean emeritus. Hastings is one of the leading lawyers of the state, and has been dean for twelve years.

A carnival held by the Holdrege post of the American Legion netted \$2,400, which will be used to equip new clubrooms.

Seven boys were suspended from Lincoln High school following admission on their part of joining secret societies or fraternities.

The first squad of prison laborers from the state penitentiary to be put on Nebraska road-building work has proven a success, according to W. L. Clements, general superintendent of construction, who has been watching the work of these men near Tecumseh.

Beatrice High school won high honors in the eighteenth annual track and field meet of the Nebraska high schools at the State University, Lincoln, May 15. The Beatrice youths captured first place in the group three competition, Lincoln finished second and Omaha third. The group two championship went to Wilbur, while Dewitt was victor in group one. Over 300 youths, representing more than thirty schools, were on the track, the greatest in the history of Nebraska track sports history.

Returns of the recent primary show that there was a total vote cast on the office of governor of 154,810, of which the republicans polled 102,242 and the democrats 52,568. On preference for president, 192,329, of which 136,047 were republican and 56,282 democrat. A total of 37,519 women took advantage of the chance to vote.

Scott township, Holt county, is to have five miles of the most modern highway ever constructed by a single township in the state. The road will conform to federal specifications and will be 48 feet wide, with a 24-foot roadway. All bridges and culverts on the highway will be full width of the grade.

A cloudburst over the northwestern portion of Iowa and northeastern Nebraska drove many families from their homes at Homer, swelled all streams to the flood stage and wiped out railroad tracks in many places. Thousands of dollars damage was reported in the district.

A report issued by State Fire Marshal Hartford, shows there were 583 fires reported to the office for December, 1919, and the first three months of this year with a total loss of \$1,111,996.21, and three deaths reported for the same time because of gasoline and kerosene.

R. A. Lower of Lincoln, former cashier of the Valparaiso State bank, closed by the State Banking bureau, was bound over to district court by County Judge Parmenter at Wahoo on an information charging him with embezzling \$61,390 from the bank.

The population of Lincoln, according to the federal census, is 54,931, an increase of 10,951, or 24.9 per cent since 1910. This is for the city alone, and does not include the suburbs, which it is estimated contain a total of 13,000 persons.

Nebraskans who attend the state fair this fall may have to pay an admission fee of 75 cents instead of 50 cents as previously. The board of managers has the matter under consideration and some action will probably be taken shortly.

Yunius officials have requested the state fire warden to investigate the fire which partially destroyed the Pruitt boarding house, after oiled waste had been distributed about the rooms and the fire department hoses cut.

In an effort to relieve the teacher shortage in Nebraska, the State University at Lincoln will offer special inducements in its summer school terms, June 5 to July 30, for former teachers who plan to re-enter the field.

George Martin of Kearney was named president, and Frank Pickrell, principal of the Lincoln High school, Lincoln, secretary and treasurer of the Nebraska Schoolmasters' club at its meeting in Fremont.

Robbers entered the State bank of Colon, blew the safe, rifled the safe deposit vault and escaped with about \$6,000. This is the third bank robbery in Saunders county within six months.

The new \$25,000 hospital, built at Lynch, which will be operated by the Benedictine sisters of the Catholic church, will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks.

James C. Dahlman, former mayor of Omaha, has been appointed temporary United States Marshal for Nebraska in place of T. J. Flynn, who died recently.

Plymouth now has electric lights for the first time in its history. The juice is furnished by the Beatrice plant. Several families along the line are using the service.

Gasoline prices are skyrocketing. At Omaha and other cities in the state it has risen from 27 to 30 cents a gallon and another advance is forecast.

At a conference at Hutchinson, Kan., a decision was reached to pay harvest hands in Kansas and Nebraska 70 cents an hour with board and room this season.

The Husted company has announced the selection of Beatrice as the site for their factory for Morton candy showcases.

The government employment service at Washington estimates that it will require 6,000 harvest hands to care for Nebraska's 3,000,000 acre wheat crop this season. Nebraska is anxious for strict enforcement of prohibition laws, according to James H. Hanley, state prohibition enforcement agent, who returned to Omaha from a tour of 25 counties.

Excavating for the new Platte county court house to be built at Columbus has commenced. It will perhaps take two years to complete the building.

Heavy rains the past week washed out 7,000 feet of track between Waltham and Winnebago.

A new highway from Nebraska City through Ashland and Wahoo, connecting with the Lincoln Highway at Columbus or Schuyler, is being considered by the commercial clubs of the foregoing towns.

Prices of lumber on the Omaha market have declined from 8 to 10 per cent in the past few days. Contractors have taken a brace and are beginning to lay plans for greater activity during the summer.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR MAY 30

JONATHAN AND HIS ARMOR-BEARER

LESSON TEXT—1 Sam. 14:1-6. GOLDEN TEXT—For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.—Acts 2:39. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—1 Sam. 13:1-23.

PRIMARY TOPIC—A Story of a Brave Prince. JUNIOR TOPIC—How Two Men Put an Army to Flight.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Our Foes and How to Overcome Them. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Value of Initiative in Christian Work.

I. Israel's Reduced Condition (vv. 1-3).

The Philistine oppression had become so terrible that the king had only about 600 men, and they were completely disarmed, except that Saul and Jonathan had each a sword and spear. Lest the Israelites should make unto themselves swords and spears the Philistines took from them their smiths; they only left them a file to sharpen their instruments of husbandry. This left them under the necessity of going to the Philistines to have their tools sharpened. Saul himself was in hiding. Because he had presumptuously intruded into the priest's office God rejected him. While in this desperate condition God moved Jonathan to go against the Philistines.

II. Description of the Passageway Between Israel and the Philistines (vv. 4, 5).

Over against the way which Jonathan and his armorbearer had to traverse, on either side lay sharp rocks called Bozez and Seneh. The opposing camps were probably three miles apart. It required great effort to scale the cliff. The feat of Jonathan and his armorbearer was one of the most daring ever attempted.

III. Jonathan's Resolution to Go Against the Philistines (vv. 6-10).

1. Jonathan's summons to the young man (v. 6). Here the thought of verse one is resumed, verses two to five being parenthetical. Jonathan did not doubt but that the Lord was leading him. He recognized his covenant relationship with God, and therefore his claim upon him as against the uncircumcised Philistines, asserting that "there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." God is all-powerful, so with him numbers count no figure. Whatever he wills for us he can do. One with God is a majority. (Deut. 32:30).

2. The noble response of his armorbearer (v. 7). He was actuated by the same faith and courage as Jonathan and entered heartily into the undertaking. When two agree together as touching anything in the name of Christ it shall be done (Matt. 18:19, 20).

3. Watching for the will of God (vv. 8-10). Doubtless the same Spirit who had moved Jonathan to go had instructed him to watch for the Divine leading. The sign that God would deliver the Philistines into their hands was the invitation for Jonathan and his companion to come up to the Philistines. They did not go forward until the sign of divine leading was given.

IV. Jonathan's Marvellous Victory (vv. 11-16).

Being assured of the divine leading, Jonathan with his armorbearer sprang forward saying that the Lord had delivered the enemy into the hands of Israel. He did not say "into our hands," but "into the hands of Israel." This is a fine touch of humility; it shows that it was zeal for God, not selfish ambition that impelled him to go forth. God interposed by a great earthquake, causing consternation among the Philistines, moving them to destroy each other.

V. Saul's Foolish Behavior (vv. 17-46).

1. His carnal zeal (vv. 17-23). After the Lord had given the victory at the hands of Jonathan, Saul called for the ark of God to be brought, after which he went forth in pursuit of the enemy who had already been routed.

2. His foolish obligation imposed (vv. 24-30). It was that a curse would be upon any one of his soldiers who should stop to eat on that day. Fasting is proper at times, but it was the height of folly to demand strenuous service of his soldiers without the necessary nourishment.

3. His determination to kill Jonathan. Jonathan not having heard this rash oath, partook of the honey as he passed through the woods and was greatly refreshed. When this was reported to Saul he was about to take the life of his own son, who had so gloriously wrought in the deliverance of his people.

Evidence of Things Unseen. No pure and simple life, true to itself, true to its maker, was ever lived on this earth that was not a voice on God's behalf, however still and small, and that did not, in its sincere and humble way, declare a hope and reveal a faith which might well be the evidence of things unseen.—Alexander Gordon.

Doing Evil Deeds.

The disposition to do an evil deed is of itself a terrible punishment of the deed it does.—C. Mildmay.

Discovers Way to Balk Idiocy

Surgeon Perfects New Method of Treating Tumor of the Human Brain.

SAVES SCORES OF PERSONS

Discovery Is Result of Long Series of Experiments on Animals—Locates Tumors and Obstructions Every Time.

Baltimore, Md.—Dr. Walter E. Dandy, associate in surgery at Johns Hopkins hospital, has discovered a process by which purified air is pumped into the channels of the human brain, thus making possible a study of the living brain.

The discovery is regarded of tremendous importance in that it already has saved scores of persons from idiocy and premature death, by making possible the exact location of brain tumors, and thus their eventual removal.

The discovery of Doctor Dandy is the result of a long series of experiments on animals.

Fluid That Feeds the Brain. In each hemisphere of the brain there is a large ventricle or chamber connecting with an elaborate system of channels filled with a fluid produced apparently by one of the glands and delivered to the brain through the spine. This fluid passes slowly to

the surface of the brain, there to be absorbed by the brain tissue, and it might be described as the fluid on which the brain feeds.

An excess of this fluid is known as hydrocephalus, or water on the brain. Doctor Dandy has discovered that it frequently follows a tumor which blocks the passage of the fluid. Nature provides but one method of disposing of it, absorption. When that is prevented by a tumor, the fluid collects and presses against the brain, destroying it. Sometimes patients will live for years as imbeciles.

Trials So Far Successful. In every case where it has been used the method has been successful in locating tumors and other brain obstructions within a half's breadth. One of the most remarkable features of the discovery is that it is most efficacious when only a local anesthetic is used. It was discovered that the patient felt no ill effects and was able to give assistance to the surgeon.

In one case described by Doctor Dandy a patient was operated on half a dozen times for a tumor of the brain without success. Doctor Dandy used his process and located the tumor, which was removed from a point not considered by diagnosticians.

A photograph of the patient prior to the operation showed a face with sagging lines and the vacant stare of imbecility. A photograph a few months after the operation showed a man apparently in full possession of his senses.

AIR VIEW OF THE CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON



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