

HOUSTON APPEALS TO THE FARMERS

Asks Them to Join in Agriculture Preparedness Measures in Present Crisis.

FOOD SUPPLY IMPERATIVE

Washington, March 27.—The farmers of America were appealed to by Secretary Houston today to join in agriculture preparedness measures so that the country may not be handicapped by food shortage in its efforts to meet the international crisis.

"Both for economic and patriotic reasons," the secretary said in a formal statement, "the American farmer should strive this year for the highest standard of efficiency in the production and the conditions in which this country now finds itself, it is important that everything practicable be done to increase the efficiency of agriculture activities during the coming season. It is desirable that throughout the country farmers confer among themselves on matters affecting the production of needed crops and that they consult freely with county agents, state agricultural colleges and the Department of Agriculture."

Part of Mobilization Plan.

The secretary's appeal was part of the campaign undertaken by the Department of Agriculture to mobilize the nation's resources. Assistant Secretary Vrooman previously outlined the various sections which should become self-supporting through crop diversification and pointed out also that much food might be supplied by cultivation of vacant city lots and yards.

Mr. Houston urged particularly that as a means of preventing "conspicuous production wastes" of important staple cereals, proper attention be given to the selection and safeguarding of seed for planting, the preparation of the land and the care of the crop.

"Under existing conditions," he said, "every precaution should be taken (1) to reduce production wastes by testing seed sufficiently in advance to insure against the planting of dead seed; (2) to treat with disinfecting dips all seed subject to diseases that can be prevented, such as the smuts of wheat, barley, oats and rye, the losses from which are estimated conservatively at \$30,000,000 to \$60,000,000 in the average year; (3) to prepare especially thoroughly for planting these vitally important cereal crops and to care for them as may be necessary during the season."

Should Test Seed Potatoes.

The statement also declared it was especially important to reduce the risk of wastes in northern staple vegetables, such as potatoes, cabbage and onions. Pointing out that seeds stocks are low, Secretary Houston suggested that all seed potatoes should be treated for scab before planting and that equipment for plant spraying should be on hand, it being added that "a widespread outbreak of blight throughout the important potato producing districts (which fortunately rarely occurs except in restricted areas) might diminish production at the rate of 3,000,000 bushels a day during August and September if prolonged rainy weather should occur."

Preventable potato diseases, the secretary said, frequently reduce the crop from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 bushels.

"Some of the most conspicuous crop wastes," the statement continued, "occur with fruits and vegetables, of which, in normal years, larger quantities usually are grown than the producers can market profitably. Frequently these losses are due indirectly to disease and insect injury, which lower their market value without reducing their food value materially if they can be utilized promptly by drying, canning and other preservative methods. Under existing conditions every practicable step should be taken to protect these crops throughout the season and to utilize and preserve them as fully as possible when they have matured."

Should Be Systematically Saved.

The statement declared that fruits and vegetables, "which ordinarily it is inadvisable to attempt to conserve" should be systematically saved now. Canning, drying and preserving operations, it added, should not be delayed until late summer or autumn, and family gardens should be planned to supply an ample quantity of early maturing fruits and vegetables for preservation and fresh products for immediate consumption.

"Because of the scarcity of tin plate and the high prices of tin cans," Secretary Houston continued, "it may be necessary in the household preservation of food more extensively to pack fruit and vegetables in other containers."

He urged that plans be made to meet the shortage of sweet potatoes in the southern states, pointing out that about 10,000,000 bushels of the usual crop of 50,000,000 bushels goes to waste through decay.

Dry of Vegetables.

The secretary suggested the preservation by drying for soup stock of such vegetables as carrots, potatoes and celery, and drying of surplus sweet corn. Many crops grown usually for soil improvement or forage, he declared, possess large food value if utilized properly and their utilization for human food and oil production crops as soy beans, cow peas, peanuts and kafir were mentioned specifically in this connection.

The secretary's statement will be distributed through the country by the department in order to reach as many farmers as possible. It contains detailed suggestions which department officials believe will be of great value to many who heretofore have given little thought to the scientific side of farming.

Department Orders. Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram)—Mrs. Sarah Hanson has been appointed postmistress at Paola, Laramie county, Wyoming, vice Miss Clara E. Hanson, resigned.

Germany Will Win War and Get Indemnity, Says Socialist

Stockholm, (Via London), March 27.—Dr. Albert O. W. Suedekum, one of the best known leaders of the majority socialists in the Reichstag, in an interview here with the correspondent of the Associated Press said that whoever thought the submarine war was going to bring England to starvation in six months was deceiving himself. He added, however, that such a result was not necessary for German victory, which he declared was certain, with indemnity. Dr. Suedekum said he was convinced that England hitherto had been sending only enough troops to the continent to keep its allies contented, but that now it was necessary for it to change course. He declined to hazard a prediction on the result of the possible participation of America in the war on the side of the entente, but added: "Anyhow America has been virtually in the war practically since the beginning. If it had not been for American ammunition the war would have ended in 1915."

SENATE VOTES FOR NEAR BEER; GRANTS TIME TO SELL OUT

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same matter was offered by the wets and upon this amendment Senator Howell spoke, calling attention to the argument of the dry people and advising the senate to adhere to that proposition.

The vote on the amendment had about the same lineup, with the exception that Albert voted yes and Howell did not vote.

Section 3 was amended to allow liquor dealers thirty days to dispose of their goods after May 1 and to allow wine and cider to be manufactured on one's premises. This carried by a vote of 18 to 13, Henry and Howell both not voting.

Section 4 was amended by a vote of 19 to 14 to allow an unlimited amount of liquor on hand if purchased before May 1.

Section 5, the last considered during the afternoon, allows the sale of ethyl alcohol made unfit for a beverage. It passed by 20 to 13.

The senate then adjourned until tomorrow, when the bill will be taken up again.

Fight at the Start.

The fight was on from the moment the secretary read the index to the house prohibition bill and Robertson moved the adoption of his amendment striking it out. "An index is not proper for the senate to consider; that's up to the printer afterward," explained Robertson, the independent farmer-senator from Holt county. It started his fight on his own hook for the amendments he sponsored, and alone he made reply to the cleverly worded insinuations hurled by other senators, to the edification of the spectators, who tittered and chuckled at his supposed humiliation.

"I know why that amendment was introduced; it was to open up the bill for discussion," was Senator Beal's crafty retort. Since that was true, there was no argument.

Senator Beal launched into a talk on the evils of liquor, the genesis and the drafting of the prohibition law, and the influence of the liquor interests in Nebraska in the last thirty-six years.

First Poke at Robertson.

In the course of his talk Senator Beal mentioned "the man on whom we relied, who turned around and introduced amendments to emasculate the prohibitory bill." "That's not true," Senator Robertson shouted, rising and pointing his finger at Senator Beal. The chairman of the committee of the whole, Senator Tanner, mentioned senatorial courtesy and quiet was restored.

At that point Senator McMullen of Gage arose to explain what he thought was a "joker" in this first amendment, to get rid of the emergency clause so the law would not become effective until July 1. Senator Robertson, by way of reply, pointed to the emergency clause left standing in the title.

Senator Sandall of York explained that the joker was not in the index, but elsewhere, and he said the senator from Holt himself would not vote for all the amendments he sponsored. The motion at that point was on the adoption of the amendment.

Albert Puts Question.

"Why all this hysterical discussion on an innocent motion?" queried Senator Albert of Platte.

"It is unfortunate," he continued, "that the impression has gone forth as to the strife between 'wets' and 'drys.' That's not a proper classification for I have never heard a breath in the senate against defeating the will of the people as to a reasonable prohibition law."

"The difference between the factions is what is the best measure to pass. In that connection it is necessary to keep in mind this one fact, that no law is stronger than the sentiment back of it.

"The advocates of prohibition do not submit to the people a question of being 'bone dry,' and they pledged themselves not to interfere with personal rights. Applause from the gallery is not an element to be considered in this connection.

As to Disloyalty.

"Why this cry of horror, if the senate does not see it to accept the bill for line as it comes from the house. There is too much of this cry of disloyalty in the state and nation, if everybody does not see a thing like everybody else."

Senator Albert said the greatest furor had been raised over allowing liquor dealers thirty days in which to dispose of their stock of goods after May 1, outside the state or to druggists and lawful recipients within the state.

High School Boys, Radio Experts, Would Help U. S.

High school boys, only 15 and 16 years of age, have caught the preparedness spirit of the times and are talking of joining the navy reserve corps, so as to be ready to "do their bit" for Uncle Sam in case they are called upon.

Open Mind Is Best.

"Let us not join in this hue and cry that clouds the judgment and clogs the reason. Let us not be swayed by popular applause. Let us not condemn these amendments until we have investigated them."

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John holds an amateur license as wireless operator, which will become a first-class license within a few days, when he will have held it a year.

Harland is about to qualify for a license. Both boys have attended Central High school for only a year or two.

Their high school friends, who are likewise interested in the naval radio reserve, include Merle Hughey, 15, 2510 Ames avenue; Jack Bittinger, 15, 4114 North Twenty-first street, and Leslie Scriminger, 15, 4720 North Twenty-seventh street.

Third District Federation Opens Session in Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., March 27.—(Special Telegram).—The program for the first session of the Third district convention of the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs was opened here tonight with Mrs. S. F. Erskine of Norfolk presiding.

The delegates were welcomed by City Attorney C. H. Stewart and Mrs. George B. Christopher of the Norfolk Woman's club. Mrs. J. C. Mayford, president of the Central City club, delivered the response. The feature of the opening program was an illustrated lecture on "Geological Milestones," by Professor E. H. Barbour of Lincoln.

Among those on Wednesday's program are: Mrs. V. A. Orris, Stanton; Mrs. O. A. Williams, Neligh; Mrs. F. J. Burnett, Omaha; Mrs. J. R. Evans, David City; Mrs. E. A. Long, Madison; Mrs. K. R. J. Edholm, Omaha; Mrs. J. M. Paul, St. Paul; Mrs. H. L. Keefe, Walkhirst; Mrs. E. D. Penny, Fullerton.

Prof. S. B. Hrbkova will address the convention on "Naturalizing the Newcomer." Wednesday evening. The business session and election of new officers will be held Thursday morning.

LINER ST. LOUIS HAS EXCITING TRIP

Big Ship is Driven at Full Speed Through Danger Zone, With All Ready for Fight.

NO SUBSEA IS SIGHTED

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Monday, March 26.—(Delayed by Censor).—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived this morning. It carried a meager number of passengers—thirty-three all told—but its holds were filled to capacity with noncontraband freight. The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted, nor were there at any time any indications that German undersea boats were after the big liner. If any of them saw the St. Louis they made no attempt to destroy it, but kept carefully away from the guns of the American ship. But signs of war were not lacking and the last three days aboard were anxious ones for passengers and crew alike. On Friday, and again on Saturday, after the St. Louis entered the forbidden zone, driftwood was passed—apparently parts of destroyed lifeboats. Yesterday a great field of oil was encountered. Vague rumors of the sinking of ships either ahead of or near the St. Louis increased the nervous tension.

For three days and nights the captain did not leave the bridge and never in its twenty-two years of existence has the American ship been driven so furiously as it was from the time it passed into the zone until it was picked up by a pilot.

The journey was virtually without incident until the war zone was reached. Unusual precautions were taken as soon as the liner passed the Ambrose light, but as it neared the danger point even the life rafts and collapsible boats were made ready for immediate use. Reflectors were strung up fore and aft and carbide lights were tied along the rails for use in event the St. Louis became the victim of a torpedo or gun fire.

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Patriotic Women Prepare to Do Red Cross Work Here

Omaha Daughters of the American Revolution will soon be at work for the Red Cross society, rolling bandages, making hospital supplies, providing for beds and ambulances and preparing food for soldiers. At a meeting held in the public library Tuesday afternoon Mrs. C. H. Aull, state regent of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution, was put in charge of the work.

Mrs. W. L. Selby was elected head of a committee to secure a place of meeting, preferably a room in the city hall, which the mayor will be asked to provide.

In the mean time Mrs. R. C. Hoyt, who was elected chairman of the committee on materials, will purchase supplies, so that when the room is secured members can begin their work at a combined called meeting of Omaha and Major Isaac Sadler chapters, Daughters of 1812 and any other similar patriotic organization which is not already engaged in Red Cross work.

Mrs. R. E. McKelvey was made chairman of the publicity committee.

The patriotic women of Omaha who are thus organized will work under the direction of the Red Cross society, although not all the workers will be members of the Red Cross. Terms of membership in the bandage circle will be arranged at the called meeting. Omaha and the vicinity will make its report to John O'Connor, director of the Red Cross in Chicago. Other Nebraska women will have the Denver Red Cross director as their head. About fifty women were present enrolled for work at the next gathering.

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More Water for Irrigable Land on Low Line Canal

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, March 27.—(Special Telegram).—The secretary of the interior has announced that water will be furnished during the irrigation season of 1917 to irrigable lands not now covered by public notice in townships 21 to 23, north ranges 51 to 53, west sixth principal meridian, Nebraska from the North Platte irrigation system. These lands lie under what is known as the low line canal.

The construction charge will be \$55 per irrigable acre. Water right application must be made to the project manager, United States reclamation service, at Mitchell, Neb., upon forms provided for that purpose, and no water will be furnished to any of these lands except under such application.

The operation and maintenance charge for the irrigation season of 1917, and thereafter until further notice, shall be as follows: Thirty-five cents per acre foot for all water delivered to and including June 30; provided, that there shall be a minimum charge of \$1 per irrigable acre, whether water is used thereof or not. All operation and maintenance charges are due and payable on March 1 following the irrigation season, except that when the original water right application is filed after August 15 in any year, the first payment of such charge becomes due March 1 of the second year thereafter.

Plays No Favorites.

Looks as if Dave Robertson has again taken up the fine hitting with which he finished last season. The Giants' gardener is busting 'em all—high, low and wide.

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Shells for 250 Fire Bombs Made by Man On Interned Vessel

New York, March 27.—A statement admitted in evidence in federal court here today told of the alleged manufacture of 250 shells for fire bombs within twelve days on board a German merchant liner tied up at Hoboken.

Captain Charles von Kleist and five other Germans are on trial, charged with a conspiracy to destroy entente munitions-carrying vessels leaving American port in 1915. John J. Grugrevitch, a special agent of the Department of Justice, today identified a statement which he said George Praedel, one of the defendants made when arrested on the Friedrich der Grosse.

Praedel, an engineer on the ship, told of being paid \$12 or \$14 for making 250 bomb shells with lead pipe, according to the statement, but claimed he did not know to what use the bombs were to be put, although he was aware that his service had nothing to do with the German vessel.

Burlington Rushes Work On Yutan-Chalco Cut-Off

With the thawing out of the ground and the breaking up of the streams the Burlington has resumed active operations in the completion of the Chalco-Yutan cut-off, a short line from Omaha to Sioux City. About all that remains to be done is to surface up the grade constructed last season and do a small amount of work on the bridge over the Platte river. Completion of the bridge is being pushed and the steel is on the ground for the track across the structure.

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