

PREPAREDNESS ON FARM IS U. P. SLOGAN

President Calvin Announces Railroad Will Help Mobilize Resources of Midwest.

RUN PREPAREDNESS TRAIN

"Preparedness on the farm is to be the slogan of the Union Pacific from this time on," declares President Calvin of the Overland system.

"The Union Pacific will do everything in its power to assist in mobilizing the resources of the country that it serves," said Mr. Calvin, "and when the harvest rolls around next fall we want it said that the Transmissouri country, by keeping Uncle Sam's bread basket filled, has done as much toward winning the war as have the eastern states with their munition and shell factories."

"The Union Pacific is working out final arrangements for a 'preparedness' or 'conservation' train to be sent out through Nebraska. As soon as these arrangements can be completed this 'preparedness' on the farm campaign will start from Omaha. It is planned to get the program under way while it is possible to get the maximum work done in preparing the land for the crops that are to come."

"The idea of running this train is in accordance with the urgent necessities pointed out by the National Council of Defense and follows directly upon the heels of the report of the United States Department of Agriculture, in which it was pointed out that the estimate of the wheat crop for 1917 is some 50,000,000 bushels under that of last year."

"On the special train to be run by the Union Pacific there will be farm experts from the agricultural colleges of the big western states and in addition a number of successful and practical farmers whose farms are located along the line of the Union Pacific will give practical talks to their neighbors."

"The urgent demand of the National Council of Defense is that every possible acre in the great crop-producing states be put under cultivation."

President Calvin, who has already advised the government that the entire resources of the Union Pacific are at the services of those in charge of the preparedness campaign, holds to the opinion that work of the character indicated is the most important that can be done back of the firing line.

Ad Club Will Round Up

Canners Friday, the 13th

Defying any hoodoo or jinx that may be lurking in the neighborhood, Friday the 13th is the day chosen for the annual Ad club round-up of canners. The round-up will occur at the Fontenelle hotel starting at 6:30. Announcement of the event says "every man in Omaha should be a canner by thirteen minutes after 9 hoodoo night," and "thirteen reasons why you should come" are then advanced.

Bee's Information Bureau Called Upon to Answer Many Questions

Many questions have come to The Bee's information bureau at Washington recently dealing with the possible war strength of the United States. It is impossible to give any facts on the ultimate military efficiency of the country at this time, says the bureau, but statistics are available showing the immensely strong position we occupy financially and industrially, and the advantage our participation in the war will give to the entente allies. Thus the trade balance in favor of the United States for the last fiscal year was \$2,135,000,000, indicating that this amount of financial strength was added to our resources in that year alone.

The revenues of the government, without any burdensome taxation, reached the \$1,000,000,000 mark. In 1915 the United States produced more corn, wheat, oats, cotton, coal, petroleum, pig iron and steel and copper than any other country in the world—and all these commodities are primary necessities of warfare. We have already lent to the allies over \$1,500,000,000 and the amount could be doubled without straining our resources. As to the number of men available for military service, it has been calculated that after making all deductions for physical unfitness, the needs of war industries and dependence of families, the United States could put in the field 4,778,050 men of military age.

Among other questions answered by the information bureau during the last week were the following:

Ans.—The midshipman to be specially graduated from Annapolis rated as available to command any type of vessel.

Ans.—On graduation a midshipman becomes an ensign and an ensign may command a ship.

Are the Slackers Of Omaha Rushing To Marriage Altar?

Is there a crop of slackers—men who are getting married to avoid being called to the colors—springing up in Omaha, such as has been the subject of much comment and criticism in Chicago?

County officials are wondering. Leastwise the rush for marriage licenses the last few days indicates that something beside the spring weather is spurring the young couples on to the matrimonial goal.

Many of the couples no doubt are merely carrying out wedding plans made several months ago, but there are others—and they presumably don't care who knows it—who would rather face grocery bills and gas bills than bullets.

The rush at marriage license desk shows no signs of letting up. As many as four couples were waiting in line at one time Wednesday morning. County Judge Crawford was on the jump all morning marrying couples. He tied the knot for a half dozen lads and lassies. Marriage license records show a record number of the late certificates issued thus far this month. One hundred and eleven couples have taken out licenses in the seven working days of April.

mand a torpedo boat, a tug, a tender or a ship not rated. The latter class would include submarine chasers. It has not been announced to what duty the newly graduated ensigns will be assigned.

Is the Bank of England the richest bank in the world? The Russian State bank is the richest, as well as the only bank in the world with deposits and current accounts amounting to more than \$1,000,000,000. This simply indicates that financial power is more centralized in Russia than in England, not that the Russian government is as strong financially as the British. The deposits and current accounts of the Bank of England amount to \$625,000,000.

Is it true that the bulk of the wealth of the United States is in the hands of a few people? Answer—The following figures indicate roughly the distribution of wealth in this country: 2,000,000 people own 60 per cent of the wealth. 33,000,000 people own 35 per cent of the wealth. 43,000,000 people own 5 per cent of the wealth.

Where did the expression "Brother Jonathan" as applied to the United States originate?

Answer—During the revolution Jonathan Trumbull was governor of Connecticut. George Washington placed great reliance in Governor Trumbull and several times in moments of difficulty he remarked, "We must consult Brother Jonathan." The phrase came to be applied to New Englanders and thence to the whole country.

Can the diplomatic representative of a foreign power in the United States be arrested for a serious crime, such as murder? Answer—No. The diplomatic representative of another power is immune from arrest under all circumstances. Should he be charged with a crime the matter must be taken up diplomatically with his government.

The Omaha Bee information bureau will be glad to answer your questions on almost any subject. You need only enclose a 2-cent stamp for return postage with each inquiry. Address The Omaha Bee information bureau, Washington, D. C.

Queries put to prospective bridegrooms by "Cupid" Stubbendorf, marriage license clerk, as to why they were in such a hurry to procure certificates at this time, disclosed the fact that at least a half dozen of the males admitted it was the war.

"We'd rather get married than go to war," Stubbendorf says several of them asserted.

Rotarians Hear Talk On Public Taxi Service

A talk on taxicabs and taxicab service by Sam Houser was the feature of the weekly meeting and luncheon of the Rotary Club of Omaha at the Hotel Fontenelle at noon. Mr. Houser told of the great strides made by the taxicab business in the last few years and of how the old-time horse-drawn cab is now practically extinct.

R. B. Wallace, president of the Omaha Ad club, extended an invitation to Rotarians to attend the annual dinner of the organization on the evening of "Friday the 13th."

Jack Sharp acted as chairman of the meeting.

THE PARISIAN CLOAK CO. located at 315-317 South 16th St., must close out soon, for the building is going to be torn down, and new spring suits, coats, dresses, skirts and petticoats are selling at tremendous reductions. Buy your spring outfit here and save one-third, one-fourth and one-half off on some garments, for

The Wreckers are Coming Soon

He Eats Some Soap And Then the Cops Make a Hurry Call

"There's a shooting scrap down here. Come quickly," was the call the police got from a woman near Twelfth and Cass streets.

The patrol made a hurried trip to the scene and cops found Jess Fowler, colored, frantically writhing on the curbstone. Froth was issuing from his mouth, his eyes were rolling and he was rubbing with the palm of his hand a tongue that stuck out of his mouth fully two inches.

"I've been poisoned," he shrieked, "and I ate some grease." Fowler later told the police that he had been selling dope to negroes of the district. He charged that Jessie Reed, negress, gave him some of his own merchandise and he swallowed it be-

fore he was aware that it was dope. Police took away from Fowler one-third of a cake of soap which he was munching and which caused the latter that was profusely issuing from his mouth.

Fowler and the Reed woman were booked on the charge of vagrancy. Detectives will investigate Fowler's statement that he was a dope merchant.

City Administration is Peeved at State Solons

The defeat of the city hall civil service bill at Lincoln is being charged up to Henry Richmond and Jens Nielsen by T. J. O'Connor and other "administration leaders."

"I guess Henry wants to run for city commissioner at the next city election," remarked Mr. O'Connor.

Tender feelings do not seem to exist between the city administration and the "boys" they sent to Lincoln at the last general election.

Two Flags Stolen by Unpatriotic Thieves

G. H. Harris, 3119 Taylor street, believes the most unpatriotic thief in Omaha stole his flag which was flying on his flag pole in his front yard Tuesday evening. The flag was homemade, silk and 7x10 feet. He has asked police to recover it.

Rev. R. W. Taylor, pastor of the Parkvale Presbyterian church, bought a new flag and hung it on his motorcycle. When he came out of his house, 2408 South Thirty-second street, the flag was gone.

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