

PROFITEERING OF FARM LABOR AFFECTS CROPS

Workers Take Advantage of War Conditions and Ask High Wages; Farmers Must Change Plans.

Lincoln, Neb., April 16.—(Special.) Taking advantage of the war conditions, farm laborers are fast becoming profiteers, according to reports reaching the agricultural extension service of the University of Nebraska. With thousands of farmer boys called away to war, and the labor demand in the industrial world large, farmers are being asked as high as \$75 per month. Farmers indicate that labor profiteering will affect production this year, in that they cannot pay such wages.

"Farmers have told me within the last week that they will have to change their plans of farming because they cannot get labor at a reasonable price," said Prof. C. W. Pugsley of the extension service. "They said that some labor has been offered them, but at such a price that their business would not stand the strain. Farmers are willing to pay more than they ever have paid before and more than other industries pay in proportion to profits made."

Prof. Pugsley said he knew of a few cases where farmers are paying \$75 a month, but only for men of exceptional ability, men with life long experience in farm work and capable of acting as farm managers.

Expense of Country.

"There seems to be a tendency on the part of farm labor to take advantage of the shortage of labor and profiteer at the expense of the farmer and of the country," Prof. Pugsley continued. "Because food production is greatly needed by the United States and the world, and because there is a shortage of labor due to the demand of the military and industrial forces of our country, gives no reason for would-be laborers expecting to grow wealthy in a year or two.

"Few city people realize what the farm laborer really gets. A single man working on a farm always gets his room and board, and often his washing. Let us see what this amounts to. If he were working in town and secured as good a room he would have to pay from \$6 to \$10 a month. He could not obtain board in town for less than \$20 a month, and then his board would be inferior to that of the country. There would not be as much meat, as much good milk, cream and butter, or nearly as many fresh and wholesome vegetables. His washing would cost at least \$2 a month, and probably more. At the very least, then, he would pay out in the city at least \$30 a month for what he is getting in the country as a part of his wages. This would mean that \$30 a month in the country is as good as \$60 a month in the city. It would mean that \$50 a month in the country is as much as \$80 a month in town.

Seek Family Men.

"There is a growing demand on the part of the farmers for married men. Many farmers are now providing houses so that they can hire a man with a family by the year, and often in addition to the man his wife and his children for a portion of the year. Let us figure, however, on the basis of the man's employment alone.

"If this man is renting a house in town, he must pay at least \$15 a month. If he has a family of four, including himself, it is a safe guess that his groceries, including butter, milk and meat, will cost at least \$30 a month. In addition, he has water, light and fuel, and many other incidental expenses which are practically eliminated in the country. Let us estimate these at \$5 a month. This gives a total of \$50 a month which represents the cost of living in town, exclusive of clothing and other incidental expenses which would have to be met in the country anyway. A portion of the grocery bill exists in the country, such as certain kinds of flour, sugar, coffee, tea, baking powder, soda, flavoring extracts, etc., but the greater portion of the grocery bill will be met on the farm. These big items are milk, butter, meat, vegetables, eggs, poultry, and in most instances corn meal and whole wheat flour. These items constitute the principal living of practically every family, and as a rule are obtained free on the farm.

Makes Big Difference.

"In light of experience of married men who have gone to the farm, I would say that there could be added to the salary paid \$40 or \$50 a month before its equivalent would be reached in the city salary. For instance, if a married man were receiving \$50 a month on a farm, it would be necessary for him to receive \$90 to \$100 a month in town in order that his town salary will equal his country salary. A salary of \$75 a month would be equal to practically \$125 a month in town.

"I know of a Lincoln man who accepted a position at \$50 a month on a farm, who was receiving \$100 a month in Lincoln. At the end of the first year he saved more money from the \$50 a month on the farm than he was able to save from his \$100 a month in Lincoln, and lived better in the meantime."

Paroled Prisoner Plans Auto Theft at Kearney

Kearney, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—Frank Wernick, sentenced to the State Industrial school from York county for auto theft and paroled to a local auto dealer, has been arrested by the police and has confessed to a bold auto robbery which he has been contemplating.

Wernick admitted that he had planned to steal the J. M. Kilgore car, waylaying the owner Saturday or Sunday night, slugging him and making his getaway. He took a local boy into his confidence and his arrest and consequent confession resulted.

GOVERNOR TO LOOK AFTER STATE GUARD

Visit of Chief Executive to Camp Cody Said to Be in Interest of Officers Not Placed.

Camp Cody, N. M., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Keith Neville of Nebraska arrived here this morning and left immediately for the rifle range. He said his visit is largely to see the men and officers from Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—The visit of Governor Neville to Camp Cody is causing considerable comment since it has become known that the governor has no official connection with the Nebraska National Guard.

Attitude of regular army officers whenever a national guard officer has been given recognition, is pronounced by some to be the reason. The published statement that Colonels Paul and Mack were having trouble to hold their commissions is cited by some.

Colonel Baer of Omaha had trouble even from the start and is even now unassigned and Colonel Hall has been in several different positions.

Beaten, Then Arrested for Alleged Pro-German Remarks

Lexington, Neb., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—As a result of alleged pro-German remarks, Matt Lohbe was severely beaten by Ray Shanks, both of Cozad, and then summoned to appear before the County Council of Defense. That body unanimously voted to hold Lohbe for hearing before the state council.

Shanks is subject to draft. It is alleged that Lohbe said he "hoped the boats would be sunk as they crossed the water" within Shanks' hearing. The fight then started.

A. E. Porter, reported to be worth \$30,000, was summoned before the council and asked why he had not bought bonds, stamps or contributed to any Y. M. C. A. or Red Cross funds. When he gave no reason, he was ordered to contribute to each in liberal sums. He first refused, but when ordered to do so he relented and paid as he was ordered.

Government Makes Call For Skilled Workers

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—The government is issuing a call for skilled men for immediate service and through the governor is asking for considerable publicity of the same. About 12,000 men are needed for the work which covers various units of the army.

The call is for white men but colored men are wanted for the following work: Blacksmith and helpers, bricklayers, buglers, carpenters and helpers, joiners or pattern makers, chauffeurs, clerks, either general or railroad, cooks.

Any one desiring to enter these services may confer with their local exemption boards and receive all the information needed. Men of the draft age are wanted and the offer will not be good after April 27.

Fourth Baby Named After Governor Neville

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—Already three babies have been given the name of Keith Neville. Two pigs have also been tagged with the magic name.

Now comes a fourth baby and a letter to the governor today conveys the tidings that Keith Neville Bronson is the name of the new infant and that it weighs nine and three-fourths pounds. He is a son of J. L. Bronson who runs "Pat's Restaurant" at Amhurst.

Lieut. Governor Howard Issues Arbor Day Decree

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—Acting Governor Edgar Howard took occasion on his first day in the executive chair, to issue an Arbor Day proclamation setting forth the desires of his heart in relation to a proper observance of the day, April 22.

Thanks Expressed Donors To Nebraska Building Fund

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—A letter has been received from J. D. Tilford, Lt. Col. 314th Ammunition Train, Camp Funston, Kan., by the State Council of Defense offering thanks for the Nebraska building fund. Receipts were \$13,610.80; expenditures, \$12,497.62.

DYNAMITE FUSES FOUND NEAR BIG GRAIN ELEVATOR

High Explosives Located in Positions to Cause Great Destruction in Vicinity of Atlanta, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., April 16.—The discovery of three dynamite fuses, lying near an elevator containing thousands of bushels of wheat near Atlanta, Neb., was reported to the State Council for Defense today. Authorities are working on the theory that the fuses might have been dropped by persons who intended to destroy the elevator, but were frightened away before they were able to do so.

Republican Valley Editors To Meet in Franklin Monday

Franklin, Neb., April 16.—Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the annual meeting here Monday of the Republican Valley Editorial association. The program for the meeting has not been made public but it has been announced that one of the features of the coming session will be an address by Ross L. Hammond of the Fremont Tribune. Mr. Hammond was a member of the congressional party that visited the battlefields of Europe last winter and it is expected that he will have some interesting facts to tell the visiting editors. Invitations to editors asking them and their wives to attend the meeting are now being sent out by Karl L. Spence, president of the association.

Coal From Colorado Mines Direct to State Institutions

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—The state will receive at least a part of its coal for some of its state institutions direct from the mines and at the government price. The board of control through H. Bronson, local agent for the Victor American coal company of Colorado, made a contract for 14,000 tons today for the institutions at Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings and Norfolk. The mines are located in Routt county, Colorado and the coal will come direct from the mines and will probably cost around \$1.70 per ton.

Local Boards May Grant Furloughs for Farm Work

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—The governor's office is being flooded with applications from farm laborers in the military service who desire furloughs to return and work on the farm due to the publication of local orders that the men could be granted leave by application to the governor. The governor has nothing to do with the matter, local boards having full authority to act and any applicant desiring a furlough for farm work must apply to their local boards.

Son of Beatrice Man Killed While Flying in California

Beatrice, Neb., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—A. C. Reel received a telegram Tuesday stating that his son, Lawrence M. Reel, was killed shortly after noon in an airplane accident at Long Beach, Calif., where he had been attending an aviation school. Young Reel was 21 years old and was born near Beatrice. He left for California a year ago, and entered the aviation school in January. The body will be brought here for burial.

George M. Reed, Civil War Veteran, Dies in Fairbury

Fairbury, Neb., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—George Martin Reed, 71 years old, a veteran of the civil war, died here on Tuesday morning, while waiting for a passenger train to take him back to the soldier's home in Grand Island. He had been visiting his son, S. E. Reed.

Grand Island Gold Cure Institute Closes Doors

Grand Island, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—The oldest and last gold cure institute in the state, which for 26 years has been doing a successful business, closed its doors for the last time yesterday. The action of the government in the reduction of liquor manufacture, and the state wide prohibition was given as the reason for the dissolution. The building is to be converted into a rooming house.

Fremont Woman Dead.

Fremont, Neb., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. L. E. May, wife of a prominent Fremont merchant, died today at Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. May, with her daughter, had been at Phoenix for a year.

Ducks Drown in Omaha? So City Council Hears

The routine of city council meetings was broken when Clerk O'Connor read a communication from the Polish Citizens' club, complaining against the drowning of ducks at Twenty-seventh and Bancroft streets by waste water from a mill. "What kind of water do you suppose that was? I never heard of water drowning a duck before," remarked Commissioner Hummel. "Maybe the water was charged with gas," suggested an innocent bystander.

Revoked Grocers' Licenses For Excessive Sugar Sales

Washington, April 16.—Selling large quantities of sugar without restriction, which is said to have encouraged smuggling across the Rio Grande river into Mexico, has caused two Brownsville, Tex. merchants to lose their licenses, the food administration announced today.

American Red Cross Given Warm Welcome in Italy

Naples, Monday, April 15.—Officials of the American Red Cross were given an enthusiastic welcome at a meeting today.

Sisters Alleged to Have Followed Soldier to Camp

Des Moines, April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Two girls from Beacon, Ia., Mabel and Bernice Edwards, are being sought by their parents in Des Moines. Police officers are cooperating in the search. It is believed they came here to see a soldier at Camp Dodge with whom they were acquainted. They have not yet been located.

Pershing's Casualty List

Washington, April 16.—The casualty list today contained 65 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action, 2; died of wounds, 4; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 12; wounded severely, 7; wounded slightly, 37; missing in action, 2.

Officers named in the list are Lieutenants Benjamin P. Burpee and Frank K. Miller, missing in action; Lieutenant H. Bradshaw, severely wounded, and Lieutenant Proal Judson, Jr., slightly wounded.

Emperor Charles Should Lose Job, Say Italians

Rome, April 16.—"Emperor Charles should have resigned, but as it is not necessary for sovereigns to leave their posts even when they make blunders, Count Czernin was obliged to go," says the Giornale D'Italia, in commenting upon the resignation of Count Czernin, as Austrian foreign minister.

Grand Island Soldier Dead.

Camp Cody, N. M., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The base hospital here reports the death of Private Benjamin B. Deuel, Battery F, 127th heavy field artillery, Fourth Nebraska, of septicemia. His father, W. H. Deuel, resides at Grand Island, Neb.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR ESPIONAGE ACT VIOLATORS

Washington, April 16.—A bill to bring all persons charged with violation of the espionage act under the jurisdiction of the military court-martial, was introduced today by Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, chairman of the senate military committee.

Old Fifth on Hike.

Camp Cody, N. M., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The 134th infantry, Fifth Nebraska, is on a four-day "hike" to the vicinity of old Fort Cummings, a famous post in days of Apache Indian warfare, north of Deming. Colonel H. J. Paul is in command.

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