

### SURPLUS LABOR DECREASES IN LARGER CITIES

Nebraska Supply and Demand of Workmen Equal With Big Demand for Help On Farms In State.

Washington, April 18.—Despite the surplus of labor in many sections of the country, efforts of the United States employment service to secure labor for work on the farms has met with little success, says a statement made public today by the Department of Labor. Concerning the labor situation, the statement says reports for each week ending April 12 from 59 cities indicate an improvement in unemployment conditions. Reports from these cities show 36 having a surplus of labor in representative industries aggregating 97,900, as compared to a surplus over the previous week of 123,605.

Seven cities show a shortage aggregating 3,750, or 800 less than the previous week, while 16 show an equality of labor supply and demand. Of the 36 cities reporting surpluses, it is noticeable, says the statement, that 14 showed decreases and none shows a material increase. The report shows that the labor supply and demand in Colorado is equal. Nebraska reports conditions good with labor supply and demand equal, except for a shortage of farm hands.

"Improvement in labor supply and demand during the week have been better in the Pacific coast than in any other section of the country," concludes the statement.

### Foreign Trade With U. S. Shows Steady Increase

Washington, April 18.—Continued increase in the foreign trade of the United States was shown in statistics made public today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Exports in March were valued at \$605,000,000, as compared with \$588,000,000 in February this year and \$523,000,000 in March of last year. For the nine months of the fiscal year ending with March, the exports were worth \$4,991,000,000, approximately \$600,000,000 more than the corresponding period of last year.

Imports for March totalled \$268,000,000, as against \$235,000,000 in February and \$242,000,000 a year ago. In nine months the imports have been worth \$2,201,000,000, compared with \$2,083,000,000 last year.

### BRAVE AMERICANS

Portraits of Medal Winners, Made in France and Germany, by JOSEPH CUMMINGS CHASE, Official Portrait Painter of the A. E. F.



**SGT. GEORGE E. BURR, COMPANY C, 107TH FIELD SIGNAL BATTALION, 32D DIVISION.**—First-class Sergeant Burr was in action near Gerje August 2, 1918. In charge of a detachment he strung wire far in advance of the front lines, working through heavy fire to the point where his regimental post of command was to be stationed, 100 yards from the enemy lines. His companions say his smile never came off, and when finally he was ordered to leave one man at the instrument while the rest of the detachment returned to the rear, Sergeant Burr selected himself and remained alone for a long time in this most dangerous position. Behold the bar which shows that he was awarded the distinguished service cross.

### Ask Easter Offering for Sufferers in Near East

An Easter offering for the work of relief in Armenia, Syria and other near eastern countries is being asked by the Nebraska committee, in several thousand letters mailed out to Omahans this week. In the letter

is a blank check folder explaining that 400,000 people are in need, and that \$60 will give life to a child for a year. Blank pledge cards are also in the letter, with an envelope addressed to John C. Wharton, treasurer. Mr. Wharton says he expects Omaha people will give several thousand dollars this Easter to help the people of Armenia.

### FARM LABOR IS SHORT IN STATE AND MEN NEEDED

State University Experts Find Soldiers Returning More Anxious for Life in City.

Lincoln, Neb., April 18.—The farm labor situation in the state is critical, according to reports coming to the University of Nebraska department of rural economics and the university extension service. In spite of the fact that there are thousands of returned soldiers and sailors in the state the situation is about as acute as it was at this time last year. The general farming and grain growing counties of the state need men badly. In the stock raising counties the situation is not so serious.

In farm bureau conferences held this week at Grand Island and Holdrege, R. E. Holland, county agent leader, found the labor situation to be the foremost problem. "Where are all the returned soldiers?" was the question repeatedly hurled at him. County agents have been struggling with the labor problem in vain.

The shortage is not due to small wages, Prof. H. C. Filley, head of the department of rural economics, thinks. Farmers are paying an average of \$50 to \$60 a month, which is equal to at least \$90 to \$100 a month in the city. If the wheat crop continues according to present prospects farmers will probably pay more during harvest.

"We have been watching the situation with interest and despair," said Professor Filley. "It looks like the farmers will simply have to go ahead and do what they can and let the rest go undone. Farmers can't pay railroad wages and come out even. There are plenty of men, but they want city jobs, even though they can't make as much money there as they would if they went to the country."

### Gravity of Situation in Egypt Worries Britain

Paris, April 18.—(Havas)—News-papers here feature reports as to the gravity of the Egyptian situation, and it is said that there is great concern among British authorities over the nationalist movement. Dispatches state that mutinous conditions prevail at Cairo, Alexandria and Port Said, there being several mysterious deaths in connection with the disorders.

### Former French Envoy Returns After Long Service in War Zone



Colonel Robert L. Bacon, former American ambassador to France, photographed upon his return from overseas aboard the giant transport Leviathan, which docked recently at New York. Colonel Bacon has served in France since the early days of the war and proved one of the most able and valuable of American officers.

### Gould-Kelly Marriage Is Dissolved in Versailles

Paris, April 18.—A decision dissolving the marriage of Frank Jay Gould and Mrs. Edith Keely Gould was handed down Thursday in the civil court at Versailles. Mrs. Gould failed to appear in court, although she entered a claim for about one-half of Mr. Gould's fortune.

Frank J. Gould is the youngest son of the late Jay Gould, a member of various New York clubs and a director in several railroads. Mrs. Gould, formerly an actress well known on the New York stage, is his second wife. Mr. Gould's first wife, who was Miss Helen Margaret Kelly, obtained a divorce in 1909. Mr. Gould and Miss Edith Kelly were married in 1910.

### DANIELS VIEWS AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION

Secretary of Navy Watches Activity of Yankee Troops From Parapet of German Fortress.

Coblentz, April 18.—(By the Associated Press).—From a parapet of the fortress Ehrenbreitstein, more than 400 feet above the junction of the Moselle and Rhine, Secretary Josephus Daniels of the United States navy, had his first glimpse this afternoon of American marines on duty. Patrol boats were darting back and forth among the barges and tugs on the river, the American flag streaming from the stern mast of each little boat.

At the point where the Moselle joins the Rhine stands a heroic statue of Emperor William I, said to be the largest of its kind in Germany. Beyond the statue there are great piles of lumber which aroused Secretary Daniels' curiosity as he looked down upon the activity of Coblentz, which has been increased two-fold by the American occupation of the city. It was explained to him that the lumber was intended for new buildings which will serve as recreation centers and barracks for the American soldiers of the army of occupation.

Mr. Daniels was taken through the underground passages of the Ehrenbreitstein fortress, which were built up partly by labor for 20,000,000 francs which the Germans exacted from France, and was shown the accommodations of American artillerymen where but a few months ago thousands of German soldiers had been quartered. He also inspected the motorized equipment of the 17th artillery regiment, which under Col. E. W. McCaleb, former cavalry officer and commander of Ehrenbreitstein, is said to be the first American artillery unit fully equipped with motors.

Mr. Daniels will review tomorrow morning the second division, which includes a brigade of marines. He will go to Wiesbaden on Saturday and will return to Coblentz by way of the Rhine.

**Wants to Be Governor.**  
Yankton, S. D., April 18.—Lieut. Gov. W. H. McMaster today announced his candidacy for governor of South Dakota, subject to the decision of the republican convention in Pierre next November.

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