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CAMPAIGN FOR MORE FOOD

In response to the wish of the Department of Agriculture, Gov. Pleasant has appointed a food preparedness committee to organize a campaign in Louisiana for a greater production of food and more economy in the use of the available food supplies.

This will, no doubt, stimulate public interest in increasing the food supply, but more concrete methods will be needed to awaken the farmers both to the needs of the public and to their own opportunities.

In the various agricultural clubs conducted by the public schools, however, the food preparedness committee has a ready-at-hand means of reaching the farmer.

through them the farmers will learn not only of the nation's need, but of the chance

highest production attainable by their crops is the assurance that there will be a market for everything they grow.

The newspapers of Louisiana can carry the food crusade of the state to the farming population, and that they will do so hardly requires assertion.

FOOD "NOTIONS"

Many people have foolish notions and prejudices about food, otherwise nutritious and palatable, which they claim they cannot eat.

"Many of us carry around a whole set of prejudices on food that it would be well to get rid of at a time when the whole nation is under obligations to economize.

"For instance, there is oleomargarine. It is perfectly good food, as nutritious as butter. But there are people who wouldn't think of using it.

"Prejudice has been aroused against corn syrup by calling it 'glucose.' People often have the notion that glucose is an imitation sugar.

"It is a good thing to bring up children to like as many kinds of food as possible. Then it is advisable to substitute one kind for another because of temporary scarcity or the necessity of reducing the cost, they can meet the situation with little discomfort.

Hammond amateurs Friday night rendered a play called "A Womanless Wedding." The play must have been a novelty, whereas the manless wedding, wherein the bridegroom cannot be distinguished from the ushers, except by his unhappy expression, is common and conventional.

The end of the war may yet find all of the Guelph family off of the public pay rolls.

Former President Roosevelt was in Washington last week begging for a chance to raise an army division at once and rush to the French front.

LOUISIANA OPINION.

Bro. Price Catches Step

Lafourche Comet: Brother Jos. Price, the alert editor of the Lafourche Leader, of Lockport, is not only a newspaperman. He is also a successful gardener, and thus he has anticipated the work of Secretary Houston, who is urging the nation to plant every inch of ground and contribute to the support of the country during the present belligerent conditions.

But What Is the Test?

Alexandria Town Talk: There is a new kind of suffrage measure before the Wisconsin legislature. It is a bill providing for a woman's referendum to the suffrage question.

Patriotic Vigor in Acadia

Crowley Signal: Frank Barry is a Crowmade of the right stuff.

be wise enough to heed the advice of U. S. Attorney General Gregory to "keep his mouth shut." If he don't we hope he is close by where he can come in contact with Frank Barry's big hard fist.

Holding Them With Promises

Lafayette Advertiser: The kaiser and autocracy of Germany must see the handwriting on the wall proclaiming they have been weighed and found wanting for they are desperately trying to stem the tide of popular unrest and threatening revolt by glowing promises of reforms after the war.

Farming a Patriotic Duty

Monroe News Star: It is patriotic, of course, for men to go to the front, but it is equally patriotic and important that the farmers of the country grow sufficiently large food crops to keep the army in the field and supply those who are not so situated as to be able to produce anything to eat.

Dowry Law a Protection

Shreveport Journal: We doubt if the dowry law will ever be replaced outright; and we do not think it should be. It is a protection to the wife who has helped her husband develop his resources during the life of the community.

Ruston Leader: As a rule most women are loyal and very patriotic. They encourage the boys to enlist in the army, but, perhaps, a majority of them want some other mother's sons to enlist and do the fighting.

MAY FESTIVAL AT THE CITY PARK

Sunday, May 6, will be a red letter day in the history of the old and beautiful City Park, for it will be the scene of the annual May festival and official opening of the park.

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INTERMED MEN TO FARM

Washington, April 14.—Use of the crews taken from the German merchant ships in American harbors for farming and other work has been determined upon by the government.

ALL RAIL ROUTE THROUGH N. Y.

With the opening of the track Bell Gate bridge, which forms a part of the New York Connecting railroad, direct rail connection between the Pennsylvania and New Haven Railroad systems will at last have been completed.

Although the Federal Express, running between Washington and Boston, is the only train scheduled to operate on this new route at present, additional trains are to be transferred to it as soon as schedules can be adjusted.

It is the intention of the managers of the Pennsylvania and New Haven roads to utilize the New York Connecting railroad to the fullest extent possible both for the convenience of their patrons and for the operating benefits to be derived.

The construction of the New York Connecting railroad has attracted the attention of the whole engineering world. It represents a cost of \$27,000,000, and has been under construction for four years.

The New York Connecting railroad was built to replace the river service on the Hudson and East rivers, and aside from the tremendous importance of an all-rail route for through passenger traffic to all cities on the Atlantic coast, the outstanding feature of the help it will render in relieving freight congestion at New York.

This six-mile four-track railroad will eliminate the long car ferry from Port Morris, in the Bronx, to the New Jersey coast, as freight trains will be run across the Bell Gate bridge to Bay Ridge, Long Island, making necessary but a short car ferry to Greenville.

NEW YORK TAKES SERIOUS VIEW OF THE APPROACHING WAR

By Kenneth MacDugall, International News Staff Correspondent. New York, April 10.—New York has settled down to the serious business of securing soldiers for the army, navy and marine corps.

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In City Hall Park women filled with the enthusiasm of the moment are making every effort to bring men to the colors. The crowd listens; it makes no comment. Suddenly a man detaches himself from his fellows.

On lower Broadway, where the National Reserves are striving to fill their ranks at the President's behest, there is much the same scene. Sailors and marines from the navy yard walk up and down, patiently answering any number of foolish questions.

The spirit of the occasion grips me. The overcast sky seems in keeping with the situation. It is war, and war is serious business.

I journey uptown. At Twenty-third street the sign of the United States Marine Corps catches my eye. A grizzled sergeant of marines, veteran of many a skirmish, his coat adorned with the service stripes of twenty years or more, paces up and down, giving out circulars to the crowd.

SUFFRAGISTS TO RAISE FOOD STUFF

From the New York Evening Post. With the same serious spirit evident in the lower regions of the city, the suffragist is not unappreciated. There is no enthusiasm; men glance approvingly at the marine corps ensign proudly floating across the street and one by one sink away from the crowd surrounding the peace advocate.

A clean cut boy in his early twenties swings down Twenty-third street. He looks at the ensign, his eyes wander to the resplendent sergeant. On the roof of a building across the street a militia bugler blares out "Assembly."

"I want to enlist," he says in cold, passionate tones to the sergeant in charge. The sergeant looks him over, then, entering a private office, calls out: "Captain, here's a likely one."

The boy is a "likely one" and he passes with flying colors. He asks leave to telephone his relatives and then follows some other accepted applicants off to the training station.

I ask Captain Evans, the officer in charge, if he expects to secure the necessary quota of men. His face relaxes into a kindly smile.

The Marine Corps seems to be attracting a higher type, on the average, than that which applies at the army recruiting stations. The newly recognized Marine Corps Officers' Reserve is now examining college men for future commissions.

In the outside room of the recruiting station is a motley collection. Citizens of Italian, Polish, Swedish, Irish and occasionally German descent are anxious to serve the country of their adoption.

Few pass. Some boys, far too young, are advised to return to their parents. Physical defects bar others, but ex-service men have no trouble in re-enlisting in record time.

Determined to shake off a certain feeling of depression, I leave the office and walk over to Fifth avenue. Here the usually joyous throng goes quietly about its business.

The scene changes in a flash. Wild cheers ring out from the throng. The national emblem, surrounded by its color guard, passes by. Old men, bent and gnarled from years of toil, jerk painfully to attention. Tears moisten many an eye, and in an instant the whole street is transformed into a hysterical wave of patriotic men and women.

The atmosphere is again clouded with seriousness. It is war.

FIND ALFALFA CAN BE USED LIKE SPINACH

By International News Service.

Athens, Ga., April 14.—E. J. Crawford, clerk of the Superior Court, is saving the high cost of living and the scarcity of "green truck" by having alfalfa served at his table, declaring it a most succulent and palatable substitute for turnip greens or mustard greens and spinach.

The alfalfa is cooked as other greens with a little seasoning meat. A dozen neighbors have followed Crawford's lead and are pleased with the new edible.

RUSSIA GETS AMERICAN BOAT AT BIG PRICE

By International News Service. Manitowoc, Wis., April 14.—The Goodrich steamer Nevada soon after the opening of navigation will wind its way eastward, down through the St. Lawrence to the Atlantic seaboard, there to take on cargo for a Russian port.

M. Secklesch of Petrograd representing the Russian government, purchased the Nevada from the Goodrich company, the price is said to have been approximately \$250,000.

The Nevada was built here in 1915, is entirely of steel, 212 feet long, and can attain a speed of eight knots an hour. The craft cost the Goodrich company \$275,000, although it could not be duplicated to-day for that figure.

POTATO FAMINE SERIOUS MATTER

London, April 10.—"What," asks the English hostess, "will you have for dessert?"

That is not supposed to be a joke. The food shortage in England has got beyond the jesting stage. It is stern, serious business—the business of war.

From statistics compiled by E. L. Vinden, a London merchant with government connections, the supply of potatoes on hand now is just sufficient to furnish each person with half a pound per week for the next dozen weeks.

John W. Dennis, who was recently appointed Potato Controller by Lord Devonport, the Food Controller, has been busily engaged for the past few weeks investigating the potato situation.

Ireland was excluded in these figures, but the potato situation in Ireland is even worse than it is in England.

Potatoes have more than doubled in price the past year. In the coal mining regions of Wales potatoes have sold at as high as 85 per ton, but steps were taken by the Government to curb vegetable dealers in that district and prevent their milking the people.

Recently there have been lively scenes in cities of the British Isles. In Glasgow 2,000 women, aroused by speeches of Socialists, marched through the streets carrying banners bearing such inscriptions as: "No Potatoes! No Sugar! What Next?"

The people are becoming aroused to the menace of the potato famine and steps are being taken to cultivate every foot of vacant ground. Vacant lots, parks, unused fields and waste tracts will be put under cultivation. The plow and the hoe have been raised to the dignity of emblems, to which national homage is paid.

It is estimated by Professor Keeble, of the Royal Horticultural Society, that 1,000,000 tons of potatoes will be raised this year by small cultivators. As the reported total of the potato crop of the whole country is only a little above 2,000,000 tons, it will be realized that the house and allotment gardens are an important asset in adding to the food supplies which are so urgently needed.

The German submarine war has cut down the British food supply, but it has not been responsible for the potato dearth in the United Kingdom. Bad weather, the failure of the crop, inefficient cultivation and lack of foresight were the contributing causes of the potato shortage.

The Government, under the leadership of Premier Lloyd George, is giving the farmers all the help possible, in spite of the constant demand for shells, the Government has decided to lend men from the munition factories for work in the fields. When the planting season is over these men will return to the factories.

Women are being encouraged to enter agricultural work. The Government is keeping up wages and steps are being taken to insure the women healthful and comfortable living conditions.

All over the country in clubs and hotels "potatoless days" are being established. In some places there are more "potatoless days" than there are "meatless days."

FIGALLO'S 52 YEARS LIFE

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