That Is Basis on Which Government Is Handling Great Problem

MUST SUPPLY ALLIES

System, Conservation and Making Large Areas Self-Supporting Sought

WASHINGTON, April 19. America's war preparation, so far as conpervation of foodstuffs is concerned, is going forward on a three-years-of-war basis. Officials are convinced that the war may come to an end within a year if Germany is unsuccessful in her efforts to negotiate a separate peace with Russia. If she is successful, the war will run at least three years more, if not five. Whatever the turn of events, officials are determined that the United States shall not be hampered by the "short war" fallacy that proved so serious menace to Allied success early in the war. Preparations are being made therefore for three years of war with Germany.

During the first year America's task, as the President has pointed out, will be to finance and feed our Allies. Finance is an exact science. This problem will be worked out by experts. There is no question of its successful solution. Feeding is a more difficult problem—a problem for the na-tion. Planting of home gardens is being urged by the Department of Agriculture entirely as a means of supplying local needs and preventing shunting off of food that might go to the nations actively prosecutng the war to supply the American householder. The plan has met with phenomenal success, but the food problem is far from

Farmers throughout the country are seeding the grounds for bumper crops. For a year America will have Europe to feed. Overproduction is impossible. Highest prices are assured. The farmer, in consequence is planting every available acre.

With the planting season nearly over the department is now face to face with its first gigantic problem. It is that of cultiva-

The industrial boom that has swept and etill is sweeping the country has drawn thousands of men from the fields into the factories. The farm hand of yesterday s the munition maker of today. There is very real shortage of farm labor. How to relieve this shortage and provide men care for growing crops and for harvesting in the fall is the big problem now before the

Department of Agriculture. When France and England went to war their armies were recruited indiscriminately from every class. Men were taken from the mines and mills to fill the ranks. The result was labor shortage. England's mines, one of the mainstays of the Allies, were in danger of falling idle. Miners had to be rushed back from France and their guns replaced with picks and shovels.

America has not been blind to the moral of that experience. Workers in munition factories have been exempted from the operation of the conscription bill. But this is not enough, the Department of Agriculture feels. We have only half learned our lesson officials say. Wheat is as much a munition of war as sixteen-inch shells. Armies trave

CONSCRIPTION FOR FARMS The farmhand should be exempt from conscription, the Department of Agriculture believes, else our crops will rot in the fields. That is not enough. Other meas-ures must be taken—possibly conscription of labor for the farms. Secretary of Agri-culture Houston plans to lay this entire problem before the President at the next

Cabinet meeting.

In addition to the shortage of men there is a shortage of fertilizer. Potash, which sold for \$40 a ton in 1913, sells for \$475 today. The world supply of potash came from Germany. Phosphorus, another nec-essary fertilizer ingredient, is produced in large quantities in this country. We have the largest phosphorus beds in the world. But the cost of production has mounted owing to the increased cost of sulhuric acid, and phosphorus has gone to high prices in consequence. Chilian fil-trates, another valuable fertilizer ingre-dient, are being monopolized by the Government for munitions production, to which they are indispensable

Requisitioning a part of the Chilian ni-trate supply for use of the farmers is un-thinkable to the Department of Agriculture. Nitrates can be obtained from othe sources. An excellent fertilizing material containing a high percentage of nitrate, is produced as a by-product of the coke ovens. Prices for this material are being main-tained at a high level—and without excuse, in the view of the Department of Agriculture. Price fixing of this material may be resorted to as a remedy for the

THE PROBLEM OF TRANSPORT

When the labor and fertilizer problems have been disposed of, there remains another colossal question with which the De-partment of Agriculture must wrestle. It is the problem of transport. For a year American railroads have been unable to handle the volume of business thrust upon them. There have been embargoes and al-most constant freight congestion. There will be no improvement under wartime conditions. Government operation of railroads will not solve the problem. The simple fact is that the equipment of American railroads is insufficient. It was insufficient to handle boom trade in times of peace. ith troops to be moved and munitions to be hauled, improvement is not to be exted in time of war.

Officials shake their heads over the prob-lem. No solution has been advanced. One measure has been taken that will reduce the pressure on the railroads, but it con-tributes little to the ultimate solution of the transportation problem. Various sections of the country that have depended on other districts for their food supply, while divert-ing their own fields to nonedible crops, are being urged to make themselves self-sup-porting.

For the last two weeks Carl Vrooman Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, has been preaching this lesson to the South. Vroo-man returned to Washington today, believ-ing that his words had fallen on fertile ground and that the South, which up until this year has bought three-quarters of a billion dollars' worth of foodstuffs annually from the North, will this year raise enough produce to feed itself without outside assistance. Vrooman believes he has headed off a dangerous tendency to plant cotton and tobacco, which are selling at highest prices in history, instead of foodstuffs.

MAY REQUISITION AUTOS

Making the South self-supporting in the food line will relieve the railroads of the strain of carrying three-quarters of a billion dollars' worth of food from the North to the South, but it leaves the transporta-lion problem a long way from being solved. Department of Agriculture experts are seriously putting forward a proposal to requi-sition all American pleasure automobiles, fit them with truck bodies and with them carry the bumper crops from the West to the seaboard.

PATRIOTIC WINDOW DISPLAY WINS APPROVAL



There are many of these extensive exhibits about the city which are attracting a great deal of attention from

The Kid Has Gone to the Colors

THE KID has gone to the Colors
And we don't know what to say;
The Kid we have loved and cuddled

Stepped out for the Flag today.
We thought him a child, a baby
With never a care at all,
But his country called him man-size
And the Kid has heard the call. He prused to watch the recruiting, Where, fired by the fife and drum, He bowed his head to Old Glory

And thought that it whispered: "Come!"
The Kid, not being a slacker,
Stood forth with patriot-joy
To add his name to the roster—
And God, we're proud of the boy!

The Kid has gone to the Colors; It seems but a little while Since he drilled a schoolboy army In a truly martial style But now he's a man, a soldier, And we lend him listening ear,

For his heart is a heart all loyal. Unscourged by the curse of fear. His dad, when he told him, shuddered, His mother—God bless her!—cried;

His mother—God bless her!—cried;
Yet, blest with a mother-nature,
She wept with a mother-pride.
But he whose old shoulders straightened
Was Granddad—for memory ran
To years when he, too, a youngster,
Was changed by the Flag to a man!
—W. M. Herschell in the Indianapolis News.

Do not water frequently, but when you do so, do it thoroughly and as follows: First

draw about two inches depth of the soil

away from the tree for a foot or more all around, thus making a basin. Into this

pour one or two bucketfuls of water. After

all the water has soaked away (and not before) draw the dry surface soil back

again. In this way the water gets where it is needed and leaves the surface soil

HOW TO PRUNE

It is best to prune after the stock has

been planted rather than before. If you

plant in the fall, defer pruning until spring.

but be sure you do so before it starts to

grow. Spring-planted stock prune quick as planted, as follows: Standard and dwarf

pears, quinces, plums, cherries and apricots, orune back to three to five spurs four to

six inches long where you want the head. Prune off everything else. On peach and nectarines trim off all branches close to the

body, and cut the body down to the length you want the trunk—two or three feet is

high enough. Small fruits of all kinds cut back to a stub of six inches. On straw-

berries, pull off all the leaves except the two youngest. Also break off the flower stock if that appears. Inexperienced per-sons usually think this treatment too harsh,

but it is a fact that stock so treated is

much more likely to live and grows much faster than unpruned stock. Stock on which

the roots are preserved whole should have them trimmed back from one-third to one-

half also, but trees usually get as much root pruning as is good for them in the digging, and all that is necessary is to re-

move the mutilated roots and make a smooth cut where lacerated or torn.

Standard apples in feet. Standard apples and sweet cherries. 18 x18 Sour cherries plums, peaches, apricots and nectarines Dwarf pears, dwarf apples and quinces . 19 x19

GARDEN QUERIES ANSWERED

Planning for Large Plot

Making Over Poor Soil

MARIETTA. April 19.—In order to add to the productivity of the country in the settlement of the food question many farmers are not going to plant tobacco this year, but instead are putting out poistoes, corn and vegetables. The Manufel House

Proper distance to plant apart in feet.

quinces
Grapes
Currants and gooseberries
Red raspberries
Blackberries and black raspberries
Strawberries and asparagus

BERRIES, FRUIT TREES AND SHRUBS ADD TO VARIETY OF HOME GARDENS

Not Too Late to Make a Start on Luscious Fruits or Decorative Shrubbery-How to Handle Stock, Plant and Prune

By JOHN BARTRAM

I have been asked if it is too late to plant fruit trees and shrubbery, such as illacs, spireas, deutzia, etc. By no means. Right now is a good time. Dormant trees Right now is a good time. Dormant trees are on the market from March on, but the Watering trees and plants as usually done is a damage rather than a benefit. A little water applied to the surface gen-"safety-first idea" reserves the planting till the cold is out of the ground and the soil can be finely pulverized to go about the roots and permit them to strike down which in turn produces more evaporation. immediately through the mellow, friable

When stock is first received, unpack and look it over carefully, pruning off with clean cuts any broken or bruised roots. Then plant at once if possible, otherwise heel in, in a well-drained, shady place. Cover the roots thoroughly and pack the soil around them to exclude the air, that would tend to dry them. Strawberry and black raspberry plants are very perishable as the roots are young, soft and tender, more like vegetable plants than shrubs. They should be planted first and with the

Heeling in simply means to bury the roots at once in earth. Never allow the roots to lie exposed to wind or snow, as when the roots become dry the tree is likely

HANDLING THE STOCK

Should the stock arrive in a frozen condition, put the package in a cool, dark place and keep it well covered up where it will thaw out very slowly. Do not unpack until thoroughly thawed and the stock will come out all right. But if, owing to long delay en route in warm and dry weather, the stock appears dried and bark shrived then bury it, root, body and top, shriveled, then bury it, root, body and top, in the ground, well wet down, for four to six days, which will usually revive it. They should not lie in water but wet soil. If the ground or weather is at all dry

will pay you well to puddle the stock before planting, and especially so the more tender and perishable stock. The puddle is made of nine-tenths clay and one-tenth lear cow dung or well-rotted horse manure mixed and thinned with water to the con sistency of paint or cream. Into this dip the roots of plants and trees after they have received what trimming they need.

HOW TO PLANT

In digging holes for setting of trees keep the top soil in one pile and the bottom soil in another. When the tree is placed in the hole use the top soil first in throwing in the earth around the roots of the tree, and then fill up the top of the hole with the soil taken from the bottom. nole with the soil taken from the bottom. Prune off all broken roots with a sharp

knife and cut the tops well back before Make a good, big, generous hole and spread the roots out evenly and in their natural position. Never curl up the roots or otherwise crowd them in the hole. Work the dirt in with the fingers—the hand is the best tool ever invented for this pur-

pose.

Manure can be worked into the soil at the bottom of the hole if covered with earth well, so the roots will not come in contact with the manure. To surround the roots of a tree or shrub with manure will surely result in its death. Earth, only, must touch the roots.

When the hole is filled up do not raise the earth above the level of the surrounding land, but rather leave a slight depression to catch and hold water.

A covering of manure over the top of the soil will keep the earth cool and moist and supply plant food at the same time.

DIGGING THE HOLES

DIGGING THE HOLES the seaboard.

Roads across the continent should be built by army engineers, it is contended, if food can be transported in no other way than by automobile. As to the feasibility of the blan, the Department of Agriculture experts boint to the success of the automobile as a valide of transport in France.

On the success of the Department of Agriculture in solving the problems before and untramped. If you use any water at all in planting, pour it into the hole all in planting. City at least two years.

TO CLEAN STREETS

Administration Leaders Seem Determined to Create Separate Bureau

FAVORABLY REPORTED

City administration leaders apparently are determined to create a Bureau of Street Cleaning, thus preventing the further heavy fining of contractors for failure properly to perform their work.

Councils today received a favorable report on the plan to divorce street cleaning from the Highway Bureau work, Chief William H. Connell, who has imposed upward of \$25,000 worth of fines on Edwin H. Vare and other contractors this year, will be left in control of highway construction only under the terms of the report. The bill is scheduled for passage at the next regular meeting of Councils.

Robert Hicks, who now occupies a confidential position in the Department of Public Works, is said to be slated for the \$3500 place of chief of the new Bureau of Street Cleaning. Hicks has worked under Director George E. Datesman during the present administration and is considered an ideal man for the place, as he is thoroughly in accord with the head of the department on street-cleaning questions.

Many of the fines imposed by Chief Con nell have been remitted under orders issued by Director Datesman, and as he probably will complete his services as head of the contractors, who this year are receiving tremendous advances in pay for their work,

City Solicitor John P. Connelly, in dis-cussing Datesman's actions in remitting fines, declares that he stands ready at any time to contest any appeal to have fines remitted, but that his hands are and have been tied by announcements made by Di-rector Datesman that the Department of Public Works would not contest.

criticized because of his actions in regard to fining street-cleaning contractors, today declined to discuss the statement of the

POLICE BAND CONCERT STYLED MUNICIPAL NIGHT

"Hail Philadelphia," by Bandmaster, Feature Tonight at Metropoiltan Opera House

lovers who heard the band in the opening

The full program for tonight's concert is as follows:

Male chorus—(a) "Soldiers" Chorus, Gounod

(b) "Italian Street Song," Victor Herbert
Emily Stokes Hagar and chorus,
Scenes—"Pittoresque Nos. 3 and 4". Massenet
March—"Hall, Philadelphia, the Cradie of
Liberty"
Felix Trio in popular songs during intermission.
Overture—"Fra Diavolo"
Baritone solo—"My Old Kentucky Home."
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\$5340 Total for Day's Sale of Library NEW YORK. April 19.—The sale of the library of the late Joseph B. Learmont, of library of the late Joseph B. Learmont, of Montreal, Canada, brought \$5340.10 at the Anderson Galleries yesterday. The grand total thus far is \$25,92.35. T. E. Nobbs paid the highest price of the day, \$910 for "Biblia Sacra Latina" manuscript on 587 veilum leaves, executed in England toward the end of the thirteenth century. It is in

MAY CHOOSE HICKS

combined bureau in May, he will have but one more opportunity to pass upon the derelictions and neglect of the municipal

Director Datesman, who has been much

The second concert of the 1917 series of the Police Band will be given as "Municipal Night" tonight in the Metropolitan Opera House. City officials and bundreds of music concert last night will be present again for the second offering. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury will occupy the box they hold

Soprane sole—Emily Stokes Hagar.

Descriptive—"The Forge in the Forest."

Sypopsis: 1. Night. 2. Morning 3. By the Brook. 4. The Steeple Bell Strikes Five.

Male chorus—"What From Vengeance,"

"Lucia" Donizatti

March—"Semper Fidelis" Sousa

the end of the thirteenth century. It is in binding by Padeloup and is one of the smallest manuscript Bibles known.

IN ROCKEFELLER HOME

Nearly 300 Members of Wealthy Families Hear Sermon Pitched in Modified Key

NEW YORK, April 19. Billy Sunday, with Mrs. Sunday and Homer Rodeheaver, his choir leader, held services today in the home of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Nearly 300 members of New York's wealthiest families, comprised

Sunday preached a subdued sermon within the ivory and gold walls of the Rockefeller ballroom, and although he dropped much of his slang he took occasion to urge his hearers not to "play tag with God."

"I have "I have come to breathe the name of

Jesus Christ upon this wealth-mad city," cried the evangelist. "If you don't want to hear it, don't come out to my taber-Sunday asked the wealthy women present

"Send their servants to his meeting.
"Send them in your automobiles," he said. "Get your husbands' supper tonight yourseif, or come out and eat at our cafeteria."

GUGGENHEIM HOUSEBOAT STICKS IN THE WAYS

Mrs. Murray Guggenheim Smashes Champagne Bottle All Right, but Hull Is Obstinate

Mrs. Murray Guggenheim, wife of the

opper magnate, made a perfect smash with the bottle of champagne that christened her new houseboat Leonie when it slid down the ways of John Mathis & Co., at Camden, shortly after noon today; but when the hull arrived at the bottom and was about to strike the water it stuck.

Tugs were rushed to the scene and ropes
fied around the hull in an attempt to finish the launching. The ropes broke and diffi-culty was experienced in completing the job. The houseboat is the most expensive ever built in this country, it costing \$100 000 to build and \$50,000 to furnish. Mi-Guggenheim will use it for trips to Fbrida in the winter and around the Great Laices in the summer.

Among those in the launching party were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Guggenheim. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Guggenheim, Mrs. Lottis Geis, Clarence Meyer, W. W. Robinson and officials of the company.

FARMER SMITH ADVISES PITMAN SCHOOL CHILDREN

PITMAN, N. J., April 19 .- Farmer Smith poke to the pupils of the upper grades in ne public schools here today.

Farmer Smith received a special invita-

tion from County Superintendent Steelman, and was introduced to the boys by Supervising Principal Davis.

The principal point in the Farmer's adress was covered by the title of his talk. Back to the Soil." He pleaded with the boys and girls to keep busy during the coming summer and not to plant their gardens without forethought. "If everybody raises potatoes," the speaker said, "the price will drop so that it will be unprofitable to raise them."

The pupils were congratulated upon the

interest shown by the Parent-Teachers' Association of Pitman, which is offering prizes to the boys and girls raising the best crops luring the season of 1917.

Farmer Smith will conclude his "Back to he Soil" campaign in Gloucester County tomorrow, when he speaks to the high school tudents at Woodbury.

Organize "Motorcycle Minute Corps" LANCASTER, Pa., April 19 .- The motorcycle riders of Lancaster city and county are forming the "motorcycle minute corps." which will be offered to the Government for service as soon as the organization is per-fected. Henry C. Vollmer is at the head of the movement.

Save This Recipe for Coconut Snowballs

Drain milk from can of Baker's fresh coconut by empting coconut in piece of cheese cloth, press well to remove all the milk, now measure milk and add sufficient water to make 114 cups. Place in sauce pan and add four tablespoons of well washed rice, cook until rice is tender and water absorbed, then sweeten with six tablespoons of sugar and one-quarter teaspoon of nutmeg. Cool, mold into balls and roll in the coconut. Serve

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Tiny bottles of the magic fluid can now be had at any drug store for a few cents. You simply apply a few drops of this freezone upon a tender, aching corn or a hardened callus. Instantly the soreness disappears and shortly you will find the corn os callus so loose and shriveled that you life it off with the fingers. Not

ready for instant satisfactory than whole coconutr. In each can you will find the original milk and the julcy meat of selected nuts, ready grated. insipid kind-this moist and full-

Grated Cocenut is

Recipe Booklet on Request FRANKLIN BAKER COMPANY Philadelphia, Pa.

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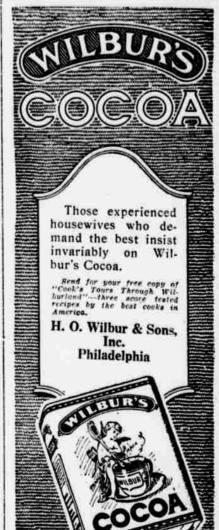
Many Arrive Before Dawn and Two Clerks Cannot Handle Applications

The Federal Building at Ninth and Chestnut streets has become almost a modern Tower of Babel. Speaking many different anguages, hundreds of aliens are flocking there daily, all eager to declare their intention to become American citizens and to obtain, if possible, more protection under the Stars and Stripes,

Three hundred aliens stormed the office of the Naturalization Court in the Federal Building today. Some went as early as 3 a. m. and waited patiently until the office opened.

The rush for naturalization papers in the Federal Building is so great that though the chief clerk, William Seltzer, and his assistant, Winfield Holland, are kept working like beavers, many are turned away

Many of those who apply comment on the fact that there are only two clerks. When the rush becomes too great many of the aliens are sent to apply at City Hall.



BILLY SUNDAY PREACHES NATURALIZATION COURT

Miss Marie Loughney, of Le been announced as the winner-ing contest of the National 2 Women's Music Clubs, held in Ala.

Miss Loughney, who has a voice pronounced by musical author pure in quality and rich in tone, won the State Federation contest, an active member of the Matines Club and is identified with the committee of the Philadelphia O The winning of the national primits Loughney a year's touring ment.

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