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U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION HELPS MORALE OF AMERICA AND ALLIES

Accomplishments of Hoover's Organization Are Shown in Review of Work Since Last April—Supplies Conserved and Distributed Among Nations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The accomplishments of the United States Food Administration since its inception some time after the beginning of the war last April have been slightly different from the popular conception of what they should have been, though on the whole they have been pretty much what the national and international American interest dictated they should be.

Summed up, the accomplishments have been these: The food administration has handled the available American food sources and supplies, with the supreme ultimate object of helping to win the war for America and the Allies by getting that food as abundantly produced, as carefully conserved and as economically and equitably manufactured and distributed to strategic food points in the American and Allied world as possible.

Its great task has been, and will continue to be, to administer America's food resources that American and Allied morale will not be lowered through lack of food. All other considerations have been, and will continue to be, predicated on this single object. It is the United States Food Administration's principal reason for existence.

To effect this, the food administration has had to do the best it could with the legs and other equipment with which it was invested and which it possessed. To the provisions of the food act the administration has added moral suasion and the powerful weapon of voluntary agreement based on personal interviews and discussions between its representatives and representatives of the business and community affected concerning specific food commodities and conditions.

With these utensils in hand and the world food problem reduced to clear facts and figures which showed it what specific things it must do to accomplish its supreme object, the food administration instituted an extensive campaign to acquaint the American public with the situation and to point out to it what its share in solution of the problem must be.

Primarily, however, the great task begun with this equipment was to eliminate waste, hoarding, profiteering and speculation in the manufacture and distribution of all basic food commodities. To do this, voluntary agreements to this end were made wherever possible through more than 300 conferences with representative food men of all basic branches. In addition, the food administration assumed, by presidential proclamation, absolute control through a system of licensing of all importing, exporting, storage, manufacturing, distributing and sales organizations, including retailers doing more than \$100,000 worth of business annually, of the twenty basic food products of the country.

Country-wide reports show that the elimination in this way of waste, hoarding, speculation and excess profit has stabilized certain prices between producer and small retailer and on some commodities, between producer and consumer. Incidentally in some instances this price stabilization has reduced prices to the American consumer. In the case of sugar, stabilization was effected between producer and consumer by fixing the price of sugar at the point of production.

In this and other branches of its work the food administration has built up volunteer, unsalaried organizations of men and women peculiarly equipped by their business or professional experience to put its plans and policies into effect. Its aim has ever been maximum accomplishment at minimum expense.

ORGANIZATION OF STAFFS This organization consists of divisional directors and their staffs at the national headquarters in Washington, and Federal State administrators and their staffs in the various States and territorial possessions of the United States. The food administration's relation with the public generally has been decentralized through the State organizations. Matters of international, national and sectional policy are decided cooperatively by the national and State administration chiefs.

WATER FAMINE SHUTS HARRISBURG PLANTS

One-third of City Dry as Result of Break at Pumping Station

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—Harrisburg's municipal reservoirs are dry and the city is without water except that pumped direct from the Susquehanna River into the mains in the lower portion of the city, which includes the business section and the residential district.

DEMAND MORE PAY FOR TEACHING STAFF

Convention of Superintendents at Shore to Act on United States Schools

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 24.—A national campaign to avert a grave loss of efficiency in the public school system by raising the pay of teachers throughout the country is to be one of the most important questions submitted to the annual convention of the National Education Association, to be held here.

VALLEY FORGE TRACT OWNER TO GET \$30,000

Park Commission Reaches an Agreement With Owner of the Thomas Cutler Property

NORTHWESTOWN, Pa., Jan. 24.—For the Thomas Cutler property, at Valley Forge, taken over by the Valley Forge Park Commission for park purposes, it has been decided the owner should be awarded \$30,000 damages. All parties agreed to the amount before any testimony was taken by a jury of view, which met for the purpose.

ARGENTINE STRIKES GROW

Labor Disturbances Affecting Whole Country—Shipping Stops

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 24.—There are labor disturbances throughout the country. The shipping in the port has nearly been paralyzed as the result of a strike.

Man and Horse Drown

STROUSEBURG, Pa., Jan. 2.—While crossing the Loyal Lick and all of the Charles Martin lost his life. Martin, with a team and plow, had proceeded half way across the ice when the ice broke through the ice, and in the scramble pulled the other horse and the plow with Martin down into about twenty feet of freezing water.

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PLAN TROLLEY MERGER IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Seven Companies Seek Approval of Public Service Board to Consolidate

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—The Public Service Commission has received an application for approval of a merger of seven Lancaster County street railways into a new corporation to be known as the Conestoga Traction Company.

The Philadelphia Railway Company submitted to the commission a petition for approval of an agreement with the city of Philadelphia for the release of the company from its obligation to keep in good order the streets traversed by the line. It agrees to pay a fixed sum of \$2000 annually to the City Treasury for repair work.

WYOMING VALLEY WATER SUPPLY COMPANY has applied for approval of amendments to charter giving the company the right to supply water to the public in Wright township, Luzerne County. The Carroll County company, a Delaware corporation, which has applied to the commission for right to do business in Pennsylvania, has also submitted for approval a contract with the city of Wilkes-Barre for lighting the streets and public places with incandescent gas and naphtha lights for a period of five years.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR BOY AVIATOR

Edgar B. Lloyd's Mother and Fiancee Attend Services at Collingswood

COLLINGSWOOD, Jan. 24.—Funeral services were held here this afternoon for Edgar B. Lloyd, the young aviator, who was killed last week with Lieutenant Johnson, during a practice flight at the aviation station, St. Charles, Pa.

The services, conducted by the Rev. Joseph B. C. Mackie, of the First Presbyterian Church, proceeded interment at Harleigh Cemetery and were attended by hundreds of persons. Members of the United States marine corps from the Philadelphia Navy Yard furnished the escort, firing squad and pallbearers.

Young Lloyd's funeral was the first in this part of New Jersey since the outbreak of the war to be conducted along strictly military lines. It also was attended by fellow members of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church of Haddonfield and of the Presbyterian Sunday school.

The fiancee of the young aviator, Miss Gertrude McKinney, of Manston avenue, Haddonfield, and his mother, Mrs. George Millspaugh, of the Tracy Apartments, West Philadelphia, were the chief mourners.

GRIEF FATAL TO ASSAILANT

Jersey Woman Lost Leg After Man Had Attacked Her

SALEM, N. J., Jan. 24.—Harry Finnegan, held at the county jail pending a hearing for assault with an ax on Mrs. Margaret Seaman, died suddenly at that institution. Death was attributed to grief.

Enraged one day in October, Finnegan, it is alleged, attacked the woman with an ax and so mutilated her left leg that it had to be amputated at the Cooper Hospital, Camden.

When this fact was communicated to Finnegan he began to grieve for fear the woman would die and also expressed fear of the punishment that would be given him.

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