

WAR GARDENS, MISS KELLY URGES

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War gardens must produce \$700,000,000 worth of food products this year, Miss Kelly, chief of the Department of Household Science of the National War Garden Commission, told the women of the School of Horticulture in Ambler today.

"Last year the National War Garden Commission did a great work in stimulating interest in planting all sorts of vacant land, and in offering pamphlets with instructions in planting, care and harvesting of the crops.

"This year our work must be doubled in any way meet the great demand caused by our entrance into the war," Miss Kelly said. "Nearly 15,000,000 bushels of foodstuff has been taken out of the channels of trade to be used as a reserve stock in the training camps in this country. Thousands of trained men have been drafted from the farms into military service and these certainly cannot be replaced by women, even though untrained. It falls on each one of us to do a little bit and thus relieve the situation.

"We must have five million food gardens this year. The vacant lot, the back yard and the community garden must all do a part to relieve the food shortage. They will do more. They will relieve the railroad congestion by releasing the cars that have been employed to carry food stuffs. They will reduce the high cost of living. And they will give a better balanced daily food. People will be able to eat more vegetables and in that way they will not only reduce the consumption of meat, but will improve their health.

"These war gardens are not only planned and planted this year. There must be no waste of seed or loss of effort. The seed shortage offers a menacing front if great care is not taken in the planting. A great deal of seed has formerly been imported from Holland, but that has nearly stopped this year. With careful planning and distribution we will have enough for this season, but each one will have to see to his own seed for the coming year.

"Home gardens with a little care and thought can be as efficient as those scientifically managed. Now is the time to do the planning for the spring planting. The war garden committee advocates the drawing of a map of the land that is to be used for the garden and then the consultation of some good manual or pamphlet on the proper amount of seed and the distribution of it. So many times a superfluous amount is put in the ground which does not increase the production but rather hampers. Conserve is the watchword of the time."

War's End Afar, Senator Warns

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absorb from the country more and more of its manpower and its resources. Convinced as I am that this prospect is surely before us, I am not satisfied that we have the kind of organization and machinery that can stand the strain.

Reviewing the findings of the army investigating committee, Senator Wadsworth assailed Republican "red tape."

"We found," he said, "that supply bureaus were further handicapped and very seriously, by a condition which springs from years of routine operation, regulated and checked to the point of crossing a T and the dotting of an I."

TOO MUCH RED TAPE

"The military channels through which a matter must proceed are so long and so tortuous and so numerous and minute are the formalities and departmental customs which must be followed that exceedingly grave delays have occurred. Some of the incidents might be regarded as unimportant, but the situation is less serious, in a word, we found the machinery slow and creaking, and in some important instances the engine stalled.

Senator Wadsworth enumerated the various branches of the Government engaged in war work.

"It must be apparent to every sensible man," he said, "that it is utterly impossible to get teamwork out of this conglomeration of ambitious and scattered agencies, official and unofficial, unless we create some agency that will guide and control them in all their matters in which teamwork is essential for the accomplishment of great results."

Describing the abuse of freight priorities, Senator Wadsworth declared that 88 per cent of traffic on one eastern railroad was made up of "war" goods. He told of one railroad tapping the anthracite region in Pennsylvania being ordered by the Government to ship a carload of salt to an Indian agency in Wyoming, "regardless of the fact that Wyoming has its own coal fields."

"Fine lumber," he said, "has been ordered shipped from Pennsylvania in western New York to the Carolinas, the home of the pine tree," he said.

"There are, for example, what has been the result? A hopeless jam and congestion of our railway transportation facilities. A million three hundred thousand tons of munitions and supplies are piled up upon the docks along the Atlantic coast billed to France and Italy alone.

LACK OF VISION TO BLAME

"The blame rests with our failure to formalize the efforts. We have manufactured and shipped millions of tons of the seaboard, better-sinker, pell-mell, with little or no thought as to how we could find the dockage or the ships to transport them across the ocean. Is it strange that the railway transportation system has broken down?"

Senator Wadsworth charges the coal shortage to a "lack of planning." He said that last summer some departments of the Government led the people to believe that coal prices would be reduced later and that for this reason

U. S. Must Increase Her Food Economy

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This is what I meant when I said that ours was a defensive position, with the enemy occupying strategically the offensive.

Nor did I mean to infer that the starvation plot had been reached in England, France and Italy. I meant what Hoover explained was his course in Belgium. He said: "So, these people are not starving at this very moment and it is my business to keep them from starving."

"As a matter of fact the people of England, France and Italy are, with rare exceptions, living on very reduced rations and these will undoubtedly, because of crop shortages, be further reduced before summer. Nothing will break down the morale of the civilian population quicker than this, and this is especially true of a people heretofore accustomed to an abundance of food."

"It is squarely up to the people of the United States, therefore, to furnish the deficiency between food enough and starvation. We have the food, but we are not saving enough daily to satisfy our Allies. We've got to stop this waste. Our Allies must be kept up to fighting strength physically, and we've got to supply this strength."

"The big hotels and restaurants in our cities have not done their part and their prosperity—some of them, I repeat, are being sacrificed. They have not encouraged them to cut down their menus, especially on staples.

"But, in the last analysis, it is to the homes and the cooking of the well-to-do that we look for real conservation and economy in staple articles. This responsibility must, to a large extent, be early assumed, as a law will probably soon be passed taking care of all public eating places."

Doctor Taylor, who is the guest of Jay Cooke, local food administrator, during his stay here, added that no plans for general rationing in the United States had been considered by the Washington authorities.

"Every official American," Doctor Taylor said in his speech last night, "ought to feel that every citizen member should go to Europe if only for a day, because at a distance of 5000 miles cannot see the flicker of fear in their eyes. There has been no serious strike in Germany. There will be no revolution in Germany. Six months ago—and you never heard of it on this side of the water—there were disturbances on the English docks ten times more serious than the coal strike in this country. Germany will not collapse. Germany is as cool now and as methodical if not quite as assured as she ever was.

"The strike in Germany were either trivial disturbances or else they were liberally arranged by the Government. Europe is dazed, misled by false hopes. The German firmly believes that half of London has been laid by Zeppelins. The average Englishman believes that people are dropping dead from starvation in Berlin.

"The tramps in the streets—almost all the tramps have been played by Germany. It will not do for us to deceive ourselves now as the Allies have been deceiving each other and even their own people. They made mistakes and they took things as they came, but they have had some time to make up for it. The difference of our present position is this—that we have no time to make any mistakes. If we make the mistakes that the Allies have made we lose—and if we lose the rest of the world will go down with us."

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STATE CAPITAL STORM—SWEEP AND FUELLESS

HARRISBURG, Feb. 5.—With the temperature 5 degrees below zero and a strong wind drifting a light snow, Harrisburg suburban street traffic is almost entirely tied up. Railway road schedules have been annulled on some lines and all trains are running several hours late.

Through a special order issued over the long distance phone by Administrator Butter, the Harrisburg Light, Heat and Power Company was permitted today to continue its operations, but the main line of the Pennsylvania at this point. This will be sufficient to run the city electric and steam heat plants until tomorrow.

If more coal is not procured by that time the plants will have to be closed, leaving Harrisburg powerless and lightless at noon tomorrow.

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PUBLIC WAITS AND FREEZES AND CONDEMNS TRANSIT SERVICE

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Thursday afternoon," said John T. Pedlow, president of the association. "What action will be taken I would not venture to say, but the situation out here has reached the point where something must be done. The directors will probably make some recommendation to the association and a meeting of the association may be called to discuss the matter. However, nothing may be done until the next monthly meeting, since it will be held in less than two weeks.

One Chestnut street business man today declared himself in favor of the suggestion that jitneys be put in operation to solve the transit problem. "They said the jitney were legislated out of business because they were a nuisance," he said. "Well, they may have been at that time, but they ought to be permitted to operate now because they are a public necessity. That's the way it seems to me, anyway."

Overlook citizens by reason marched as usual to the Market street elevated at Sixth street this morning. They have formed a marching club, which daily goes singing.

One prominent citizen in a car which was stuck on the elevated at Sixth street, said that he would have been glad to take a car to the Market street elevated at Sixth street. "I saw no car going in either direction for the last hour or so," he said. "The people along the line there was no chance of getting a car soon. When we got to Girard avenue and Sixth street, we met one of those one-truck cars—the yellow car with two trucks, but one of the little old-fashioned ones, a regular 'Fountain' make. It was stuck on the elevated for at least twenty-five minutes. At Calhoun we met a regular Route 48 car also northbound. We got to Market street and still there were no southbound cars. I had walked more than a mile and a half. The company once announced that it had sent some of the big green cars on this line to handle the crowds in rush hours, but it never did. The best it did was to have such a car occasionally switched from another route for a trip or two."

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German Militarists Retain Their Grip

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control of the situation into the hands of the military, cut off peace talks, stopped the strikes, and depend on a military victory on the west front to re-establish the confidence of her people.

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TENTH OF GERMANY'S WAR WORKERS QUIT

By JAN BRUNA
Written for the Evening Post

THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.—Germany's political strike reached its highest point of demoralization of German industry last Friday, according to very reliable information received here. On that date 10 per cent of all workers in war industries were out.

The future effect of the strike is problematical. It is certain, however, that the troops have created intense bitterness among the working class and the so-called "middle class" in Germany. The strike's demands for food were received with indignation by other workers, and the average middle-class salaries cannot afford. The food in Germany cannot be bought by the man of average means. His salary has not increased anywhere near the rate that of the workers has advanced.

From carefully compiled information received here the strike in Germany is spreading to Berlin and Hamburg. The percentage of workers out was much higher here than in other cities. In most of the employees were working. In the Rhine-land surrounding Saarbrücken only part of the miners were out. No important engineers' organizations joined the movement.

From authoritative reports it was learned that the Independent Socialists of the Central Empire had intended to strike simultaneously in Austria and in Germany under a part of J. W. W. leadership. But the careful telegraphic censorship of Austria prevented dispatch of a message.

From the explanation of the Social Democrats' policy of the strike, it is learned that the German strike "broke out spontaneously." Probably this means that the leaders abandoned the idea of a central Austrian strike, and the failure of the Austrian strike. It seemed they desired to await a more favorable moment.

But when the "spontaneous outbreak" did come, the adherents of Philip Scheidemann, majority Socialist leader, feared that the minority Socialist party, under the leadership of Hans Thomsen, would strike, which would bring about the strike, which would bring about a hold on the workers. Scheidemann and his associates, therefore, openly joined in the strike movement. They assumed a share of the responsibility and Scheidemann himself undertook leadership.

From the mass of rumors and reports received here it seems there were few excesses by the strikers. Lighting and heating in the cities was apparently unaffected. The gas workers and electricians did not join the strike.

DOUBT FURTHER UNION

Profound Germans here doubt that any collaboration will continue between the Socialist-adherents of Hans Thomsen and the Government. The Government Liberals and Center Party members, however.

As to the injection of peace demands into the strike situation, the opinion is prevailing in Germany that the annexationists are influencing the conduct of negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. Socialists in the empire are convinced that the German delegates would have been more successful if they had given the impression that Germany was serious when she said she was willing to permit self-determination of the Poles, Lithuanians, Letts and peoples of other Eastern provinces.

Foreign Minister Ruechmann's explanations before the main committee may have satisfied the Socialist members of the committee, but they did not convince the workers of Germany, whose mistrust was strengthened by General Hoffman's speeches. Though the German Government has an impression that the Bolshevik Minister Trotsky is dishonest, they believe his influence at Brest-Litovsk would have been much less if

Train Kills Three in Auto

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—Three persons were killed and several injured today when the Rock Island-Quakana express train struck the car. The motorists were driving to Fort Worth from Riverside, a suburb.

Want Warehouse Retained

DISSATISFACTION GROWS

The fact that the German Government will not declare open war against the Fatherland Party—the Junkerites supreme—has increased general dissatisfaction.

Professor Delbrück explains the Government's action on the ground that "so long as the party's actions do not conflict with the law, the Government must remain faithful to the imperial word of August, 1914, voting the belief there were no parties in Germany."

General discontent has likewise been fostered by the delay in constitutional reform on the part of the Prussian Diet and the main committee of the Reichstag. Reform has been promised, but so far withheld. The reason is the German conservatives understand they cannot fight reform openly—therefore they are trying to delay it by first discussing the whole matter in the upper house.

TOO COLD FOR PREACHERS

Zero Weather Causes Second Postponement of Methodist Meeting

Headless Monday, decreed by Pastor Garfield, caused a postponement of the regular meeting of Methodist ministers this week from Monday until Tuesday. Headless Tuesday, coming unannounced and decreed by nobody unless it was the weather man, caused a further postponement to a date not yet determined.

On Monday, the regular day for the meeting, it was comparatively pleasant outdoors, but there was no heat in the hall at Seventeenth and Arch streets, where the ministers are accustomed to congregate. Today it was the other way about. The hall was cozy and comfortable and a genial warmth came from the radiators around the edges of the room, but outside the bottom was doing its best to drop out of the thermometer.

The ministers apparently thought it was a good bet to stick indoors today and tomorrow, this week's business week, when perhaps—let's hope so, anyhow—there will not be any heatless Monday, or heatless Tuesday, either. Anyhow, they didn't come out, and the janitor, after waiting until 12 o'clock for the 11 o'clock meeting to begin, locked the doors and called it a day.

Forty Boats in Icy Flood

MISSISSIPPI Gorge Breaks, Sweeping River Craft to Destruction

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 5.—More than forty ice-locked steamboats and barges are being swept down the Mississippi River as a result of the breaking of huge ice gorge at Richardson's Landing. Many of the boats are wrecked and others are badly damaged. The fate of their crews is not known.

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