

GOV'T TAKES OVER 400 ACRES NEAR MIDDLETOWN FOR GREAT \$13,000,000 ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT

CONSTANT WORK FOR 5,000 MEN

More Than 25 Six-Story Concrete and Steel Buildings With Two Great Machine Shops to Be Erected; All Supplies Except Big Guns and Explosives to Be Assembled Here; Will Build Town Nearly as Big as Steelton Was When Schwab Came There; Plants Will Be Continued Permanently After War; 15,000 Men Temporarily Needed For Construction Work; Deal Closed Today

A city of 5,000 workmen is to spring up in the next few weeks on the site of the old Keystone State Fair grounds along the Susquehanna river between Harrisburg and Middletown. The United States government to-day closed negotiations with the Keystone Industrial Corporation, successor to the Keystone State Fair and Industrial Exposition Company, for the lease of 400 acres of its land for a period of three years, with the privilege of purchase at the end of that time.

Cost Over \$13,000,000

One of the sites acquired near Middletown, which adjoins the big aviation depot erected on a corner of the fair plot, will be erected enormous supply depot of concrete and steel to cost between \$13,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

A least twenty-five immense concrete and steel concrete buildings six stories in height and 350 feet in length will be erected. In addition there will be two immense concrete and steel machine shops. Great quantities of all manner of military supplies, exclusive of explosives, which will not be handled here, will be shipped to the local plant to be assembled. The thought is to make it a great military supply base even after the war and to maintain here a force constantly of at least 5,000 skilled workmen.

Temporary Force of 15,000

The plans are on a tremendous scale, it is said by those familiar with them and will require 15,000 workmen immediately during the period of the construction of the buildings. After that 5,000 men will be employed there regularly and the government's idea is to build on the land immediately adjoining a model town in which to house the permanent population, which, it is understood, will consist in the main of skilled workmen from civil life with a sufficient force to guard the big plant.

Many Competitors

Outline of the plans have been guarded with the utmost secrecy. The government has been besieged by owners of property and railroad managers from many parts of the country to have it located in the middle west and elsewhere, but the Harrisburg location was so eminently superior in every way that it finally came down to a question of just where the plant should be built in this vicinity.

The State Fair tract was chosen for the reason that it is within easy striking distance of Harrisburg and lies on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad and close to the various branches of the Reading, the Cumberland Valley, the North-Central and Philadelphia and Erie Railroads. No place in the eastern United States, it is said, is so well fitted, all things considered. Railroads and highways radiate from it in every direction. It has direct routes to Philadelphia, New

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HARRISBURG MAN'S PIES ARE TO BE EXAMPLES FOR NATION

Davenport Prepared to Tell Public How to Make 'Em, and Cakes, Too, Without Wheat

Manager Davenport, proprietor of the local restaurant of that name, who is concerned in a string of eating houses throughout the country, has had the gratification of receiving a special request from the Hoover forces to send to Washington a Davenport wheatless pie. Samples will therefore be shipped this morning for exhibit at the Housekeepers' Alliance display, which activity is under the direct management of Mr. Hoover.

ing a perfectly good piecrust out of corn meal and rye flour, determined to go further. In the last two days they worked out a formula which will be made public shortly for making doughnuts, crackers, coffee cakes, tarts and every sort of pastry without any wheat. This morning the regular patrons of this place were treated with wheatless pastry baked clear night and there was not one complaint, says Mr. Davenport.

President's Appeal to Every Household

MANY causes have contributed to create the necessity for a more intensive effort on the part of our people to save food in order that we may supply our associates in the war with the sustenance vitally necessary to them in these days of privation and stress.

The food administration has formulated suggestions which, if followed, will enable us to meet this great responsibility without any real inconvenience to our part.

In order that we may reduce our consumption of wheat and wheat products by 30 per cent.—a reduction imperatively necessary to provide the supply for overseas—wholesalers, jobbers and retailers should purchase and resell to their customers only 70 per cent. of the amounts used in 1917.

All manufacturers of alimentary pastes, biscuits, crackers, pastry and breakfast cereals should reduce their purchases and consumption of wheat and wheat flour to 70 per cent. of their 1917 requirements and all bakers of bread and rolls to 80 per cent. of their current requirements. Consumers should reduce their purchases of wheat products for home preparation to at most 70 per cent. of those of last year, or, when buying bread, should purchase mixed-cereal breads from the bakers.

To provide sufficient cereal food, homes, public eating places, dealers and manufacturers should substitute potatoes, vegetables, corn, barley, oats and rice products and the mixed-cereal bread and other products of the bakers which contain an admixture of other cereals.

In order that consumption may be restricted to this extent MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS should be observed as WHEATLESS DAYS each week and ONE MEAL EACH DAY should be observed as a WHEATLESS MEAL.

In both homes and public eating places, in order to reduce the consumption of beef, pork and sheep products, TUESDAY should be observed as MEATLESS DAY in each week and ONE WHEATLESS MEAL should be observed in EACH DAY, while, in addition, SATURDAY in each week should further be observed as a day upon which there should be no consumption of PORK products.

A continued ECONOMY in the use of SUGAR will be necessary until later in the year. It is imperative that all waste and unnecessary consumption of all sorts of foodstuffs should be rigidly eliminated.

The maintenance of the health and strength of our own people is vitally necessary at this time, and there should be no dangerous restriction of the food supply; but the elimination of every sort of waste and the substitution of other commodities of which we have more abundant supplies for those which we need to save, will in no way impair the strength of our people and will enable us to meet one of the most pressing obligations of the war.

I, therefore, in the national interest, take the liberty of calling upon every loyal American to take fully to heart the suggestions which are being circulated by the food administration and of begging that they be followed. I am confident that the great body of our women, who have labored so loyally in co-operation with the food administration for the success of food conservation, will strengthen their efforts and will take it as a part of their burden in this period of national service to see that the above suggestions are observed throughout the land.

WOODROW WILSON.

VICTORY BREAD, NEW CITY DIET, VERY PALATABLE BAKER EXPECTS U-BOAT DRIVE ON U. S. VESSELS

Harrisburg Bakers Say That Change Hardly Will Be Noticed by Consumers

Harrisburg bakers and Harrisburg householders are ready for Victory Bread. The maintenance of the health and strength of our own people is vitally necessary at this time, and there should be no dangerous restriction of the food supply; but the elimination of every sort of waste and the substitution of other commodities of which we have more abundant supplies for those which we need to save, will in no way impair the strength of our people and will enable us to meet one of the most pressing obligations of the war.

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Worms of "Great Submarine Offensive on American Lines to France"

Washington, Jan. 28.—Secretary of War Baker last night said that Germany not only is preparing for a big drive on land, but that the "most powerful offensive hitherto undertaken" is to be made by submarines.

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DRASTIC ORDER HITS RAILROADS; AFFECTS PASSES

McAdoo Swings His Economy Ax With Sweeping Results

Those who are carrying passes and receive free railroad transportation in Harrisburg, need have no fear of losing pass privileges, according to official interpretation announced to-day in this city. At the office of J. K. Johnston, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, it was said:

"We are issuing no passes except those allowed by law. The latest order from Director General McAdoo affects no passes which Congress provides for."

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CITY TO LIFT BAN ON USE OF WATER; BIG PUMP READY

Reservoir Rises to 22 Feet; Conservation Urged to Avoid Famine

The ban on industrial plants using water was lifted at a meeting of the citizens committee this morning. All plants are permitted to resume operations to-morrow. Officials expect to have about twenty-four feet in the reservoir by to-morrow morning.

With almost 22 feet of water in the main reservoir plans for lifting the industrial ban were made to-day by the citizen's committee at a meeting in the office of Commissioner Hassler. Household users of water from Saturday afternoon until to-day with the result that the two old pumps at the pumping station kept pouring water into the reservoir until it was almost filled to capacity.

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AUSTRIAN LEADER SENDS PEACE VIEWS TO U. S. PRESIDENT

WORST STORM OF WINTER TIES UP ALL TRAFFIC

Many Inches of Snow Covers Streets, Trolley and Steam Railway Lines

Street railway transportation, deliveries, mail, railroads, and nearly all business not suspended by Garfield's closing order, were paralyzed this morning by the worst of numerous, almost unprecedented, storms that have made the present winter one of the worst in the history of Harrisburg.

A moderate snow and snowstorm in the southwest and a cold wave in the northwest, meeting in the Susquehanna and Potomac valleys, are given by the weather man as the cause of the heavy snowfall which began shortly after one o'clock this morning and for a while promised to continue through the greater part of the day, or even into the evening.

Twenty-two inches of snow on the ground at 9 o'clock this morning, is the record of the present winter. Harrisburg, which has caused optimists to forget to prattle about "old-fashioned winters" while they discuss the unheard-of severity of the present winter. Up until 9 o'clock this morning, seven inches of additional white had been piled on the already heavy blanket which had been entangling all Harrisburg traffic for weeks. Four inches was the

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American Aviators Bomb Germany; Return Safely

By Associated Press With the American Army in France, Sunday, Jan. 27.—Four American aviators attached to a French squadron have participated in a daylight bombing raid over Germany. All returned safely.

Because the weather was foggy the aviators were unable to determine just what damage was done, but as they flew fairly low over the targets, it is believed the results were good. After recrossing the lines the bombers were fired upon vigorously by enemy anti-aircraft guns. They then ran into still heavier fog and some of the aviators were forced to land before reaching their hangars.

W. S. S.

See the Sign On Market Square

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DO IT TO-DAY!

WHAT IF THAT GROUNDHOG IS FROZEN COLD AND STIFF

Weaner Prognosticators Are Looking to February and the Little Rodent to Settle Fate of Winter

"If the first of February be clear, half the winter will come that year." This ancient and well-substantiated proverb is on the lips of countless persons this week. For the first of February falls on next Friday and many an old timer is going to prognosticate on the year's weather from the way that next Friday conducts itself.

LATE NEWS

P. R. R. ANNULS ALL TRAINS

Harrisburg—All passenger train service on the Pennsylvania Railroad out of Pittsburgh and New York, at noon to-day, was annulled until further notice. Two trains that left Philadelphia some time this morning were expected here about noon. Only one train will go west. Trains now on the road will be kept moving. Altoona local was scheduled to leave Harrisburg at 1:30 this afternoon. Express and mail is being held up for further orders. Working forces have been increased on each division, and every effort possible will be made to get trains in motion by this evening.

O'NEIL SAYS HE'S IN FIGHT TO STAY

Harrisburg—Highway Commissioner O'Neil issued a statement to-day in which he reviews the harmony conferences of Republican leaders in Philadelphia Saturday and says he is in the fight for the gubernatorial nomination to the end. He calls Senator Sprout a Penrose candidate and says "it would be well for the alleged harmonizers to scrutinize the rest of the state before attempting to speak for the millions in the Keystone Commonwealth." "This I have to say to the people," O'Neil concludes, "in my political lexicon there is no such word as compromise with political crooks when the people's welfare is at stake. I am making this fight for the people," he says.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC ANNULLED

Chambersburg—All freight traffic was annulled to-day. Trains are running but from three to five hours late. Branch roads are closed but trains are expected through by 4 o'clock this afternoon. All electric lines are tied up, no cars running in any direction.

MCCORMICK GETS RULING

Harrisburg—Donald McCormick, county food administrator to-day received notice from Howard Heinz, state administrator of the new cereal orders designed to save wheat. Mr. McCormick is calling upon wholesale and retail dealers, restaurant keepers and housewives to aid in the campaign.

TRAINS ARE STALLED

Philadelphia—Due to the biggest snowstorm of the winter the tie-up on the Pennsylvania railroad is said by officials of the company to be the worst from any cause in years. Reports reached headquarters here that six of the Pennsylvania's fast through trains were stalled in the mountains. Four are indefinitely held up at Altoona. The passengers on these trains were taken to Altoona hotels.

UKRAINIANS AND BOLSHEVIKI CRASH

Amsterdam—Heavy fighting has been in progress for several days between Ukrainians and Bolsheviki troops, according to press dispatches from Ukrainian sources.

BRITISH CASUALTIES

London—British casualties reported during the week ending to-day were 8,588, divided as follows: Killed 6,000; wounded, officers, 25; men, 1,714. Wounded missing, officers, 128; men, 6,721.

FINNISH REVOLUTION BREAKS

Stockholm—The long-threatened revolution in Finland is proceeding in the eastern provinces, according to sparse reports reaching Haparanda and forwarded here. The railway station at Helsingfors is reported to have been occupied by the Russian "red guard." Sharp fighting has taken place at Viborg. Russian soldiers are said to be aiding the "red guard" and reinforcements are reported to have been sent from Petrograd.

RAIN OR SNOW TONIGHT

Harrisburg—The noon weather forecast showed that warmer weather and rain or snow could be expected to-night. Colder weather is promised for to-morrow. Few trolley cars were able to run after 11 o'clock.