

### IRISH FORGET ALL ELSE BUT CONSCRIPTION

Meetings of Protest With Clergy Taking Part Held in 100 Parishes

London, April 16.—Meetings to protest against conscription were held Monday in 100 parishes in Ireland, all classes of the population participating, says a dispatch from Dublin to the Times. The clergy took a leading part in all the meetings. Resolutions of protest are pouring in from public bodies and Sinn Fein clubs are very active.

"Unquestionably," the dispatch adds, "the present temper of Nationalist Ireland is very deplorable. The country has lost all sense of proportion and has forgotten, not merely home rule but the war. It is a country of contradictions, however, for in Dublin and some other towns voluntary recruiting has been remarkably good in the past few days."

The committee in charge of the drafting of an Irish home rule bill, says the Times, includes J. Austen Chamberlain, former secretary for India. This, it adds, is a "fact which suggests that he already is or is about to become a member of the war cabinet."

The same paper prints an appeal from Unionist members of Parliament urging the immediate introduction of a measure of home rule "as generous as can be devised, by the light of the recent discussions of the Irish convention and in harmony with the ultimate goal of federal devolution."

### HIGHSPIRE

The School Board of Highspire is determined to enforce the compulsory attendance of school children as required by law. A number of persons have been taken before Justice H. D. Long and upon conviction were sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution. The board members declare the children must attend school, and if the parents will not take heed when notified by the attendance officer prosecutions will follow.

Mrs. Ira Buser entertained Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Detweiler on Tuesday at her home, Second and Mill streets.

Mrs. Ira Buser and sisters, Mrs. D. L. Kaufman, of town, and Mrs. Jennie Detweiler, of Middletown, spent Wednesday at Enola, the guests of Mrs. William Troup and family.

On Tuesday evening the board of trustees of the United Brethren Church will meet at the parsonage.

On Tuesday evening the W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. O. A. Helm.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet in the United Brethren Church on Tuesday evening.

Miss Josephine Mathias, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Mathias, of 183 Second street, left for Washington, D. C., where she is employed by the United States government in the general procurement division, packing container section.

Private S. J. Sides, of Camp Meade, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Sides, Second street.

Use McNeil's Cold Tablets. — Adv.

### WAR GARDENS IN STATE INCREASE

State Authorities Are Taking Steps to Help Out People Who Want to Plant

Thousands of acres of vacant land owned by manufacturing, coal, lumber and other companies, as well as large tracts of land adjacent to cities and held for real estate development will be turned into "war gardens" this summer in what officials of the State Department of Agriculture expect to be the greatest movement ever known in the state to increase foodstuffs. According to reports which have come here there will be a tremendous acreage of land worked by men and women who have gained an hour of daylight through the enactment of the "day-light savings" law and backyard gardens will replace many flower beds.

Unfortunately, no data that would summarize the activities of the "war gardeners" of Pennsylvania last year is at hand, but the belief is that there must have been tens of thousands of such gardens. This year thanks to systematic arrangements made by chambers of commerce, corporations, railroads and other large employers of labor; philanthropic citizens and committees the gardening is to be on a greater scale than ever and, presumably, because of the lessons learned last year will be more profitable. It is well established that thousands of bushels of corn, turnips, potatoes and other foods were lost by neglect of gardeners, being allowed to remain untreated for pests or caught by early frosts. The loss to the farmers of the state alone was a couple of million dollars, chiefly in corn, tomatoes and other late products so that what happened to the gardens conducted by persons unskilled must have been very serious.

However, it is the opinion of officials here that many thousands of dollars of foodstuffs was raised by "war gardeners" and much of it either preserved or canned. It was such a great addition to the food supply that the State Department of Agriculture is issuing booklets giving advice and warning against the ill to which the untrained "war gardener" is heir. Steps have also been taken to supplement the activities of farm bureaus and to furnish statements from experiences or experiments.

Instances of what big employers are doing to stimulate the "war gardens" are furnished by the Middlevale interests which have set aside large tracts near their steel mills at Coatesville and asked for tractors which are rented by the state to plow the land for employees to have

### Fair Food Prices

The following statement, revised to April 16, regarding fair prices for food necessities, was issued to-day by the local Federal Food Administration.

Consumer prices are figured on a quotation "cash-and-carry" basis. Credit and delivery prices may be higher. The Federal Food Administration has no authority to fix prices. It may, however, determine what are fair prices, based on reasonable profits to the wholesaler and retailer. Your retailer charges more on a "cash-and-carry" basis than the prices named below, report him by letter to the Federal Food Administration, Chamber of Commerce.

	Retailer	Consumer
	PAID	should PAY
BEANS		
Navy (pea), lb.	14 to 14½c	14 to 15c
Gray (marrow), lb.	14 to 14½c	14 to 15c
Lima, lb.	15½ to 16c	15 to 16c
White (marrow), lb.	17½c	18 to 19c
BUTTER		
Creamery, lb.	50 to 55c	50 to 55c
City Market, 1 lb.	51c	48 to 50c
CORNMEAL		
Package of 2½ lbs. pkg.	17c	18 to 20c
Bulk, lb.	6½c	5½ to 6c
City Market, lb.		7c
EGGS		
Fresh, doz.		40c
City Market, doz.		35c
FLOUR		
Corn Flour	6c	7½c
10-50 War Flour	78 to 80c for 12½-lb. bag	\$1.18 to \$1.45
Winter, 24-lb. bags	\$1.25	\$1.70 to \$1.80
Spring, 24-lb. bags		
Pure, lb.	28 to 31½c	30 to 32c
Substitute, lb.	23 to 24c	27 to 28c
COUNTRY		
Potatoes		
Pennsylvania, No. 1, bushel (60 lbs.)	90c	\$1.00
City Market, bushel		\$1.00
SUGAR		
Granulated, cwt.	\$7.55	lb. 8½c to 9c

Complete list has been made of the local Food Administration that flour and other commodities sold in bags and marked to contain certain quantities have not been holding out as net weights. We suggest that consumers experiencing this trouble get in touch with their local Weight and Measure Bureau.

The following are the authorized substitutes for wheat flour: Hominy, corn grits, cornmeal, barley flour, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour and soya bean flour.

### Justice Mestrezat Is in Critical Condition

Philadelphia, April 16.—Suffering an attack of heart trouble and a severe attack of la grippe, State Supreme Court Justice Stephen Leslie Mestrezat is seriously ill at the Aldine Hotel. It was reported last night that he is extremely weak and his condition is regarded as critical. With him is his sister, Mrs. H. N. Hudson, of Uniontown, Pa.

Justice Mestrezat was taken ill here more than a month ago. Until last week he was supposed to be on the road to recovery. A few days ago he suffered a serious relapse. Dr. Alfred Stengle is attending him.

Justice Mestrezat is the only Democrat on the State Supreme Court bench. He is seventy years

old. He was for many years the counsel for the Connelleville Coke and Iron Company, the H. C. Erick Coke Company, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and other large corporations.

He was elected to the Supreme Court bench in 1900. His term will expire in 1921. He is a member of the Art Club of this city and the Uniontown Country Club.

**TO ATTEND SUPPER**  
The weekly supper of the oldest boys' Bible class of the Central Y. M. C. A. will be held in the assembly room to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock.

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gardens. The gardens will be assigned so that every applicant gets what he can care for. The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company is donating use of large sections of its land in Schuylkill county, and plowing for employees. The Pennsylvania Railroad is doing the same thing. Other manufacturing and coal companies are not only giving employees use of vacant tracts, but are interested in such companies have made donations either of their own unused lands and given plowing, seeds and tools. It is one of the finest examples of aiding people to raise foodstuffs ever known.

Other companies are going into farming business to plant their own corn and oats for their livestock, a line of activity which is being extensively planned in eastern counties. In central counties and vicinity of Philadelphia committees have been formed to help men get land plowed and planted just as in Mercer and other western counties tractors have been bought by commercial organizations and services rented. This is the plan pursued by the State Department of Agriculture, through the State Defense Commission. In

Lackawanna county a dozen tractors were bought by citizens, their services given at a nominal sum.

While the movement is greatest in industrial communities, it is said that in Lancaster and York counties, which are the richest in agricultural products in the state, if not in the country, farmers have been asked by people living in small towns and owning automobiles to lend them use of vacant lots to be used as gardens, especially in the southern Pennsylvania section is going at the "war garden" business in a very vigorous manner and is setting an example by reason of the yield obtained last year in the way of corn, cabbage, beans, peas, tomatoes, potatoes and other vegetables from little gardens and half acre plots which is attracting attention. To aid such gardeners there have been made up "war garden" seed collections, while in Reading and Allentown clubs have been formed by men owning or getting use of vacant lots to buy seeds in bulk and distribute them, while community buying of cabbage and tomato plants for setting out has been arranged.

### WAR SECRETARY BACK HOPEFUL FOR ALLIES

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Secretary said he cared to make until his return to Washington, where he promised a broad review of his voyage and its results. Those who returned with the Secretary said they did not doubt but that they reflected Mr. Baker's feeling when they said there was complete optimism and confidence among the people of the entente nations that the war would be won.

**Trip Home Is Uneventful**  
Apparently in perfect physical trim, with color in his cheeks and eager to plunge into his duties at Washington, the Secretary stepped ashore at 8.30 o'clock this morning from the deck of a ship which once sailed the seas as a German merchantman. His trip from Europe had been undisturbed by any submarines which might have lurked in ocean lanes. The weather had been ideal, the voyage a beautiful one, Mr. Baker said.

Accompanying the Secretary were Major General W. M. Black, chief of engineers, United States Army; Colonel M. L. Brett, ordnance department, United States Army, and Ralph Hayes, Mr. Baker's private secretary.

Questions asked of the Secretary by newspapermen remained unanswered. "Not a word," he said, in reply to queries as to his opinion regarding the present situation, aircraft production and the appeal of Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, for the United States to hurry troops to France.

Mr. Baker first learned to-day of the death of Senator Stone, of Missouri. "I must express my deep regret," he said.

**Will Tell President of Army**  
Mr. Baker said he would be prepared to discuss later the historical voyage which took him to England and France where he conferred with the entente war leaders, military and political, and General Pershing, commanding America's forces in France and assembled military facts which he will present to President Wilson.

The Secretary left American shores about six weeks ago, arriving at a French port on March 16. At Paris he conferred with Arthur J. Balfour, British foreign secretary, and General Poch of the French army. The great engineering feats which Americans have accomplished to accommodate the accumulating arrival of American soldiers in France were inspected by the Secretary. He toured the American lines of communication, at one point narrowly escaping from a German shell. He visited the Belgian front and met King Albert. He inspected the military facts which Premier Lloyd George and American Ambassador Page.

Returning to France Mr. Baker conferred with General Pershing at American headquarters, approving the American commander's action in placing his troops at the unqualified disposal of General Poch.

Early this month Mr. Baker went to Venice, inspecting the ruins caused by Teutonic air raids; visited Italian army headquarters and was welcomed by the American ambassador and Italian officials. He conferred with Premier Orlando and the foreign war ministers, returning to Paris on April 4, he attended the ceremony held in celebration of the anniversary of America entering the war. He was received by Premier Clemenceau.

The Secretary's departure for America was shrouded in the same secrecy as that which attended his embarkation when he left for Europe and until his arrival here to-day nothing had been published regarding his voyage.

### Labor Ministers Urge Home Rule For Ireland

London, April 16.—The labor ministers of the cabinet in an interview with Premier Lloyd George last night pressed the premier to grant self-determination to Ireland on the basis of the majority report of the Irish convention before conscription is put into operation. It is understood that the conference had satisfactory results, and there will not be a cabinet crisis.

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