

URGE FARMERS TO SELL POTATOES

This is the Advice of the Food Supply Department of the Committee of Public Safety.

WILL BE A GLUT OTHERWISE

For the Past Thirty Days Many Provident and Thrifty Householders Have Been Buying Potatoes to Last Through Entire Winter.

Harrisburg.

Farmers who are in touch with market conditions are taking advantage of the present desire on the part of the consumer to lay in the winter supply of potatoes.

For the past 30 days householders have been purchasing enough potatoes to carry them through the winter.

The Food Supply department of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety advises that the time to sell potatoes is when the movement into storage is taking place.

This is the logical time therefore, regardless of price, for farmers to dispose of half or all of their crop.

If at least 50 per cent of the potatoes raised this season in Pennsylvania were transferred from the farm to the cellars of consumers...

Transportation facilities are not going to improve during the winter.

The thing that the food administrators of the various states want to avoid is food hoarding.

Plans Drive for Safety.

A new educational drive for safety in the industries of Pennsylvania, a plan for members of the Department of Labor and Industry to convey verbal messages of carelessness and caution to employees in mass meetings...

This intensive verbal drive for safety is to supplement the motion picture entertainments and other meetings for safety conducted by the department.

Soft Drinks Show Power.

Use of beverages of unusual power for "soft drinks" has resulted in eight actions by the state dairy and food authorities in Jefferson county.

Farm Wages Go Up.

Although wages for farm labor have during the past six months been about double the former scales, farmers of Pennsylvania and New Jersey are offering further advances of from 15 to 20 per cent.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

The pear yield of the state is below what it has been the last four years.

The farm and mill of the estate of H. Kalbach, Bernville, were sold for \$12,454.

Laborers are so scarce around Pottstown that 32 1/2 cents an hour is being offered them.

Students at Franklin and Marshall college have organized a brass band of 21 members.

James B. Haag, who was a school-teacher at Lancaster 40 years, is dead.

Harry C. Blank, an Allentown newspaper man, has been appointed publicity agent for the United States army recruiting service.

Farmers in Lycoming county face serious losses to crops due to a shortage of farm labor.

Estimates made by state officials from reports of apple growers show that the state apple crop has fallen considerably short of the average.

A large flock of wild geese was observed over the Susquehanna at Dun-cannon.

French and Spanish will be elective branches at Newport school, open to the entire town.

The site for a \$5,000 monument to Col. Henry Boquet has been selected on the Bushy Run battlefield.

The strike at the Butler strippings, at Ebervale, where a recent wage adjustment caused dissatisfaction.

When fire destroyed a double block of dwellings at Eckley the families of Vincent Ballet and Anthony Yerkush were rendered homeless.

Having finished the tomato season the Quarryville cannery is now canning apples.

McAdoo sportsmen stocked up the streams south of the borough with trout and bass fry for next spring's fishing.

Main line canning clubs have announced a series of cut price sales to the people of main line communities.

The 135 acre Kalbach farm, near Bernville, was sold to Andrew Klopp for \$6,210.

Warren Steff, a Reading optician, was sent to jail for three months as a result of a collision between his auto and a horse which was carrying Charles Rowe.

Easton had another bank sensation when formal announcement was made that William P. Horn, the young cashier of the First National bank, was missing.

Poultry associations and fanciers met at the state capitol, Harrisburg, to form a state association and appoint county committees to stimulate breeding.

The contract for a state aid road between Scottsdale and Greensburg has been awarded by Commissioner O'Neil to Fimonti Gallardi of Conneville.

For the first time in its 18 years' existence as a borough Avondale has a contest for Burgess.

W. J. McConnell, a farmer in Lower Oxford, gathered 234 bushels of wheat from six acres.

Mount Joy voters will on November 6 decide whether to issue bonds to the extent of \$20,000 for improving the water supply.

Medical officers from the state department of health placed quarantine regulations on the Indian school, Carlisle, because of appearance of smallpox on an Indian from Cayuga reservation.

S. Taylor North, former congressman from the Twenty-seventh district and former legislator, is dead at Punxsutawney, aged sixty-four.

James P. Butler, a seventy-year-old Schuylkill county teacher, died in his armchair at Pottsville while waiting for his morning paper.

Proposals to buy potatoes with municipal funds and retail them at cost have been considered by a number of towns in the hard coal region.

Harry C. Henry, S. E. Gutshall, Warren R. Sheaffer and Edmund Book captured a raccoon weighing 18 pounds on the mountains south of Blain.

FOOD MAN HOOVER MAKING PROGRESS

Many Distributors Show Praiseworthy Spirit.

COOPERATION IS TELLING

Candy Manufacturers Promise To Reduce Consumption Of Sugar During Present Period Of Temporary Shortage.

Washington.—While it has become very apparent that, in spite of the supposed rigors of the Food Control Law, Mr. Hoover, the food administrator, has practically no authority over the retail dealers with whom the consumer comes in closest contact.

The shortage in sugar, which has become so threatening as to suggest fears of a famine, has led the candy manufacturers to realize that they must do their part.

The hotel men and keepers of restaurants in New York are manifesting a similar spirit of co-operation.

It was also reported that beginning last Wednesday no wheat was used in any French pastries and pies served at the Biltmore, the Manhattan and the Ansonia hotels.

When tea or coffee is served in the rooms in some of the New York city hotels, three pieces of sugar are served to one person.

One New York city hotel supply company reports that since meatless Tuesday has been inaugurated, its tonnage has dropped 12,000 to 14,000 pounds as compared with the average Tuesday of August.

The Department of Agriculture will also make strenuous efforts to further the work of conservation by efforts to instruct women in the cities in the work of promoting food production.

Congress made an appropriation at the last session for women city agents of the Department of Agriculture, who are to carry on the work of conservation.

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DASH BY FRENCH ROLLS BACK FOE

Seven Thousand Prisoners Taken and Many Guns.

DRIVE OF NEARLY TWO MILES

7,500 Prisoners Fall To Victors. Twenty-five Heavy Cannon Part Of Spoils—Germans Scatter Helter-Skelter.

Paris.—In one of the swiftest and most dashing blows of the war, the French troops smashed through the German lines north of the Aisne to a depth of more than two miles.

Several important villages also fell into the hands of the French, according to the War Office announcement.

"North of the Aisne the attack developed under extremely brilliant conditions. Notwithstanding mist and rain, our troops attacked with admirable enthusiasm formidable organizations of the enemy which were defended by the best troops of Germany, supported by heavy artillery.

"In their first dash our soldiers captured the line indicated by the Quarries of Fruy and Bohery. A little later Malmaison Fort, in the center, fell into our hands.

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PERSHING'S ARMY FIGHTING SOON

Baker Says Allies Will Not Wait for Spring

WINTER CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Week's Resume Says Recent Russian Invasion Was To Bolster Up German Morale—No Winter Quarters.

Washington.—Military experts here do not expect winter to halt the great Allied drive against the Germans in Flanders.

The review touches for the first time upon the American expeditionary forces in France, declaring the men, after three months' intensive training, are in efficient fighting trim and splendid physical condition.

In dwelling upon the importance of the battle to Flanders and its effect upon the morale of the Germans, the War Secretary declares it apparent that the German high command planned the recent expedition against the Russians in the Riga sector in order to bolster up morale and meet impending internal difficulties.

"The health of our men overseas is reported as excellent. The week just closed has been one of relative quiet on all fronts.

"Bad weather already prevails along the western front, wintry conditions will soon set in and the terrain will become increasingly difficult for attacking troops.

"If the enemy had any confidence in being able to stem successfully the tide of the Allied advance in the west, he would throw every ounce of his strength into the balance in Flanders, and, if possible, by crushing the Allied armies bring about peace with victory," which the German has often stated as his objective.

"Germany by extending her lines in the east has merely added to the length of her line of communications. Thus, the events in Russia today should cause us to have increasing confidence in final Allied victory.

"It is evident that the terrible punishment by Allied artillery fire is beginning to have a very decided effect along the western front. Never before in any series of engagements have so many German divisions, after brief encounters, been withdrawn and replaced by fresh troops.

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THE NEW RULES FOR THE DRAFT

Classification of Every Man Who is Drafted.

BACHELORS COME FIRST

Those Awaiting Draft Are Divided Into Five Classes—Men Habitually Failing To Support Their Families Cannot Escape.

Washington.—The five classifications into which men awaiting draft will be divided, under the new regulations approved by President Wilson, have become public much before the time planned by the Provost Marshal General's office and are here published.

It was discovered that what was to have remained an official secret for a week or more was divulged Saturday night at a dinner in New York, which Secretary Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder attended.

The Provost Marshal General discussed the new regulations without intending to make public the classifications, but some members of a New York local exemption board, thinking to elucidate the General's speech, printed the classification on the back of the menu card.

The classifications are as follows, and show every man registered, to which class he belongs and in what order the different classifications will be called to service:

CLASS I.

- 1. Single man without dependent relatives.
2. Married man (or widower with children) who habitually fails to support his family.
3. Married man dependent on wife for support.
4. Married man (or widower with children) not usefully engaged, family supported by income independent of his labor.
5. Men not included in any other description in this or other classes.
6. Unskilled laborer.

CLASS II.

- 1. Married man or father of motherless children, usefully engaged, but family has sufficient income apart from his daily labor to afford reasonably adequate support during his absence.
2. Married man—no children—wife can support herself decently and without hardship.
3. Skilled farm laborer engaged in necessary industrial enterprise.
4. Skilled industrial laborer engaged in necessary agricultural enterprise.

CLASS III.

- 1. Man with foster children dependent on daily labor for support.
2. Man with aged, infirm or invalid parents or grandparents dependent on daily labor for support.
3. Man with brothers or sisters incompetent to support themselves, dependent on daily labor for support.
4. County or municipal officer.
5. Firemen or policemen.
6. Necessary artificers or workmen in arsenals, armories and navy yards.
7. Necessary custom house clerk.
8. Persons necessary in transmission of mails.
9. Necessary employes in service of United States.
10. Highly specialized administrative experts.
11. Technical or mechanical experts in industrial enterprise.
12. Highly specialized agricultural expert in agricultural bureau of state or nation.
13. Assistant or associate manager of necessary industrial enterprise.
14. Assistant or associate manager of necessary agricultural enterprise.

CLASS IV.

- 1. Married man with wife (and or children) dependent on daily labor for support and no other reasonably adequate support available.
2. Mariners in sea service of merchants or citizens in United States.
3. Heads of necessary industrial enterprises.
4. Heads of necessary agricultural enterprises.

CLASS V.

- 1. Officers of states or the United States.
2. Regularly or duly ordained ministers.
3. Students of divinity.
4. Persons in military or naval service.
5. Aliens.
6. Alien enemies.
7. Persons morally unfit.
8. Persons physically, permanently or mentally unfit.
9. Licensed pilots.

SHIPYARD STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Portland Workers Vote To Return To Work.

Portland, Ore.—The shipyard's strike in the Portland district was officially declared off, a majority of the unions involved having voted to return to work.

More British Ships Sunk. Increase in Number of Victims Of Submarines.

London.—An increase in the loss of British merchantment through mines or submarines is noted in the admiralty report for the current week.

In the previous week 12 British merchant vessels over 1,600 tons, six under that tonnage and one fishing vessel were sunk.

Charles Brooks Shot When Companion's Gun Goes Off.

Winchester, Va.—Charles Brooks, of Winchester, was shot and almost instantly killed by the accidental explosion of a gun in the hands of a hunting companion, Howard Doleman, on Dr. Lewis M. Allen's farm near Gaylord, Va., where they were employed.

British Warship Torpedoed, But No Lives Lost.

London.—The British merchant cruiser Orama has been torpedoed and sunk, it is announced officially.

The London Times' correspondent reports a state of anarchy spreading through the Russian provinces.

WILSON URGES GRANT OF SUFFRAGE

Declares Votes For Women Issue in Every State.

A QUESTION OF DEMOCRACY

Thinks It Demanded By Issues War—Addresses New York Delegation in Names of Party and Himself.

Washington.—President Wilson gave full indorsement to woman suffrage as an immediate issue in every state.

Addressing a delegation of 100 members of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, who called at the White House to obtain an expression in support of the campaign in that State, the President in emphatic terms declared that woman suffrage is one of the fundamental questions of democracy whose proper settlement is mandated by the issues of the war.

"I believe," he said, "that just cause we are quickened by the questions of this war we ought to be quickened to give this question of woman suffrage our immediate consideration.

Speaking as "one of the spokesmen of a great party," the President pledged his hearty support and added: "I want to speak for myself, and that it seems to me that this is time for the states of this union to take this action."

Explaining his leaning toward suffrage as a state rather than national issue, he said: "I perhaps may be touched a little too much by the traditions of our fathers—traditions which lay such stress almost entirely upon the state but I want to see communities decide themselves quickened at this time show the consequences of the quickening."

BRAZIL MAY JOIN ALLIES.

Parliament Will Vote On Decision of War.

Rio Janeiro.—Parliament will Friday on the question of authorizing the Government to declare that a state of war exists between Germany, Brazil, and also on all necessary legislation for the carrying on of war.

The President of the Republic, Wenceslao Braz, has sent a message to the Congress declaring that it is impossible to avoid noting already state of war which Germany has posed on Brazil. He proposes seizure of a German warship on the port of Bahia.

THIRTY SUNK IN WEEK.

The Combined Losses Of England and Italy By U-boats.

London.—England, France, Italy, between them, lost thirty ships during the week ended last Sunday. Ten of these ships were more than 1,000 tons.

The figures show a marked increase in the U-boat activity, losses were distributed as follows: England—Over 1,600 tons, 17, 1,600 tons, 8.

France—Over 1,600 tons, none under 1,600 tons, 1.

Italy—Over 1,600 tons, 3; 1,600 tons, 1. Total, 30.

U. S. TROOPS ASTONISH ENEMY.

Zeppelin Crews Didn't Know Status Were In France.

Washington.—The presence of American troops in France is a great astonishment to the crews of the Zeppelins L-49 and L-50, brought down by the French last Saturday while returning from a raid on land.

Official dispatches to the State Department said the prisoners declared that not one of them knew of the landing of any American expeditionary forces.

REMEMBER, IT'S NOVEMBER

Government Orders 3-Cent Stamp New Postal Rate.

Washington.—The Postoffice Department has placed an initial with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for 868,000,000 3-cent stamps in anticipation of the new postal rate which becomes effective November 1.

Requisition also has been made for 3-cent stamped envelopes and postal cards.

WILL STAND BY RUSSIA.

Lord Robert Cecil Spikes Rumors Of Separate Peace.

London.—In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Education, gave a categorical denial of rumors circulated by Germany that Western Powers were contemplating separate peace at the expense of Russia and Roumania.

The Red Cross War Council printed \$70,200 for 10 portable lighting plants for use in connection with the Red Cross base hospital in France.

Christmas presents and other gifts from home for American soldiers in France must be restricted to a value of not more than seven pounds.

Importation of raw materials from the United States passed the dollar mark for the first time in the fiscal year 1917.