

MUST INCREASE FOOD EXPORTS

America Called on by End of War to Supply Added Millions.

ECONOMY STILL NEEDED.

Over Three Times Pre-War Shipments Required—Situation in Wheat and Fats Proves Government's Policy Sound.

With the guns in Europe silenced, we have now to consider a new world food situation. But there can be no hope that the volume of our exports can be lightened to the slightest degree with the cessation of hostilities. Millions of people liberated from the Prussian yoke are now depending upon us for the food which will keep them from starvation.

With food the United States made it possible for the forces of democracy to hold out to victory. To insure democracy in the world, we must continue to live simply in order that we may supply these liberated nations of Europe with food. Hunger among a people inevitably breeds anarchy. American food must complete the work of making the world safe for democracy.

Last year we sent 11,820,000 tons of food to Europe. For the present year, with only the European Allies to feed, we had originally pledged ourselves to a program that would have increased our exports to 17,500,000 tons. Now, to feed the liberated nations, we will have to export a total of not less than 20,000,000 tons—practically the limit of loading capacity at our ports. Reviewing the world food situation, we find that some foods will be obtainable in quantities sufficient to meet all world needs under a regime of economical consumption. On the other hand, there will be marked world shortages in some important commodities.

Return to Normal Bread Loaf.

With the enlarged wheat crops which American farmers have grown, and the supplies of Australia, the Argentine and other markets now accessible to shipping, there are bread grains enough to enable the nations to return to their normal wheat loaf, provided we continue to mill flour at a high percentage of extraction and maintain economy in eating and the avoidance of waste.

In fats there will be a heavy shortage—about 3,000,000,000 pounds—in pork products, dairy products and vegetable oils. While there will be a shortage of about three million tons in rich protein feeds for dairy animals, there will be sufficient supplies of other feedstuffs to allow economical consumption.

In the matter of beef, the world's supplies are limited to the capacity of the available refrigerating ships. The supplies of beef in Australia, the Argentine and the United States are sufficient to load these ships. There will be a shortage in the importing countries, but we cannot hope to expand exports materially for the next months in view of the bottle neck in transportation.

We will have a sufficient supply of sugar to allow normal consumption in this country if the other nations retain their present short rations or increase them only slightly. For the countries of Europe, however, to increase their present rations to a material extent will necessitate our sharing a part of our own supplies with them.

Twenty Million Tons of Food.

Of the world total, North America will furnish more than 60 per cent. The United States, including the West Indies, will be called upon to furnish 20,000,000 tons of food of all kinds as compared with our pre-war exports of about 6,000,000 tons.

While we will be able to change our program in many respects, even a casual survey of the world supplies in comparison to world demands shows conclusively that Europe will know famine unless the American people bring their home consumption down to the barest minimum that will maintain health and strength.

There are conditions of famine in Europe that will be beyond our power to remedy. There are 40,000,000 people in North Russia whom there is small chance of reaching with food this winter. Their transportation is demoralized in complete anarchy, and shortly many of their ports will be frozen, even if internal transport could be realized.

To Preserve Civilization.

At this moment Germany has not alone sucked the food and animals from all those masses of people she has dominated and left starving, but she has left behind her a total wreckage of social institutions, and this mass of people is now confronted with absolute anarchy.

If we value our own safety and the social organization of the world, if we value the preservation of civilization itself, we cannot permit growth of this cancer in the world's vitals.

Famine is the mother of anarchy. From the inability of governments to secure food for their people grows revolution and chaos. From an ability to supply their people grows stability of government and the defeat of anarchy. Did we put it on no higher plane than our interests in the protection of our institutions, we must bestir ourselves in solution of this problem.

OUT OF MANY RACES RED CROSS MAKES ONE

ONE of the greatest services which the Red Cross is performing in this war is the unification of the many races of which America is composed through the Home Service, which, through its 10,000 committees, is looking after the welfare of the soldiers' families in every corner of the country. America has always been called the Melting Pot, and truly, but the process has been slow. The war has accelerated it. The Indians of the west, the negroes of the south, the Italians and Eastern Europeans of our industrial centers, the Mexicans of the Southwest, Armenians and Swedes and Norwegians and Japanese and Icelanders—all are now enlisted under one flag, and were whole heartedly in the war because it was America's war and they are Americans.

That they feel this is patent to those who have seen and talked with these men. Witness the Italian, who in the assembly hall of one of our mobilization camps was waiting with a group of his fellows to take the oath of allegiance. He stepped forward suddenly with tears in his eyes and with a vivid gesture pressed a corner of the American flag that hung over the desk in front of him to his lips. A group of native born soldiers who had been looking on with amused indifference broke into applause and cheers. From then on these Italians were their brother Americans.

Such work as this is valuable not only for the morale of the men; it is binding the nation into one organic whole as it has never been bound before. To give concrete expression to this unity the Red Cross plans through its Christmas Roll Call, to be held the week beginning December 16, to increase its membership from 22,000,000 to the limit of available membership. It wishes to give in this way notice to the world that every American, irrespective of creed or birth, stands squarely and uncompromisingly for the principles for which we have been fighting—that America is one and indivisible pledged solidly for honor and mercy and good faith.

SICK FOLKS HUSTLE FOR THE RED CROSS

Through the National Tuberculosis Association and the Journal of the Outdoor Life, its official magazine, a campaign is being organized to get tuberculosis patients of the country to enlist every fellow "cure chaser" as a member of the Red Cross during the coming Red Cross Christmas Roll Call.

Special campaigns have been organized in all of the large sanatoria, of which there are nearly 600 scattered throughout the United States. Efforts will be made to enroll one hundred per cent. in each institution and also to go after all patients and enroll them as well. Every patient in the sanatorium will be responsible to get one more patient. The movement will be a contribution of the tuberculosis patients of the country to the Red Cross.

Since the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated agencies are being supported by the Red Cross through direct appropriation during the year 1919, this effort of the tuberculosis patients is considered to be an unusually appropriate one.

RED CROSS CARRIES TONS OF FOOD TO BELGIANS

American Red Cross trucks are constantly in action along the Belgian front. This report of the work of these trucks was recently received by the Commission for Belgium:

"In the last two weeks we handled 240 tons of foodstuffs and a large quantity of salvaged material.

"We have been saving the effects of people in the shelled towns, Furnes, Abeele, Coxyde, La Panne, Alveringhem, Oost-Dunrick, the Trappist Farm, St. Jeanle-Blezen and Renlingheist. On nearly all occasions when work was in progress in the last named it has been shelled, but fortunately without injuries to trucks or drivers."

For Better Drinking Water.

Because of the necessity for better drinking water in Italy the American Red Cross is manufacturing a large number of water sterilizers and disinfecting plants which are to be turned over to the Italian military authorities at Rome and used according to their discretion.

RED CROSS AIDS FARMING IN ITALY

Through efforts of the American Red Cross scientific farming is now being taught the younger generation of Italy, thus eliminating considerable waste and replacing old-fashioned implements with modern American-made machinery.

Schools of agriculture have been established, and the Department of Civil Affairs of the American Red Cross, co-operating with a similar Italian organization, known as the "Comitato per gli Orfani de Constadini Morti in Guerra," has opened a school of farming, conducted by Salesian Fathers, in fields just outside the Porta Furba, one of the historic gateways of Rome.

The boys of the school, all orphans of peasant soldiers, are given training in scientific and practical farming, the object being to strengthen their attachment to the soil, also to convert them into good and intelligent farmers. Lectures and classroom instruction are accompanied by field work with modern tools under the direct supervision of the younger Fathers of the institution, who work side by side with the boys in the fields, teaching and demonstrating.

BISHOP JOHN J. O'CONNOR TELLS OF RED CROSS APPEAL

Bishop John J. O'Connor of Newark, thus expresses his approval of the Red Cross Christmas roll call:

"A citizen of the United States can offer no valid excuse for failure to enroll himself in the American Red Cross Society. An organization whose one great principle is humanity has the right to call all men to its standard. The Red Cross appeals to the common human in us. It aims at giving fine words, like sympathy and pity and mercy, some practical value. The world has waited a long time for an organization which could give to vague feelings of sympathy wide, practical application. The American Red Cross fulfills every requirement of a broadly humanitarian association. It accepts only universally admitted principles. It limits its operations to no particular class. It sides with no party. It asks of its members but two things—that they have pity on suffering wherever found and that they have the will to relieve misfortune.

"The appeal of the Red Cross for an increased membership should be instantly heeded. The man who fails to heed this call places himself outside the pale. He does not feel with his native land. He is not one with his kind. Here is our opportunity to join in a work which gives to religion and its teaching present value. Place your names on the rolls of the American Red Cross."

WHY AMERICA NEEDS CHRISTMAS ROLL CALL

George E. Scott, general manager of the American Red Cross, thus explains the necessity for the Christmas Roll Call:

"The response that the people of the United States make when the Christmas Roll Call summons them to a universal membership in the American Red Cross will, if that response is nation wide, accomplish these things:

"It will give exalted purpose and high resolve to the Soldiers and Sailors of America.

"It will give encouragement and renewed devotion to those who are working here at home.

"It will give inspiration and courage to those of our people who are laboring overseas."

When the Soldiers Are Getting Well.

The convalescent soldiers are being cared for in Italy by the American Red Cross. There are sixteen hospitals already in operation and twenty-nine others in process of construction. At these hospitals, in addition to the care of their wounds and their general health, the soldiers are being taught useful trades. There are typewriters, sewing machines and tools for cabinet making at each hospital, and the soldiers find that, in addition to supplying them with a useful trade when they are well, the use of these "toys" gives them hours of pleasure during the tedious period of getting well.

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NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS.

Notice is hereby given to the parties named below and all persons that may be concerned as mortgagees that the undersigned purchased at a delinquent tax sale in Columbus, Polk county, N. C., on the 6th day of May, 1918, land listed and described as follows: 1 lot less 1 foot on the back in the town of Saluda, N. C., listed in the name of M. A. Damon, taxed for the year 1917; 1 town lot in Tryon, Tryon township, less 1 foot on back of said lot, listed in the name of Mrs. M. H. Gilbert, taxed for the year 1917; 1 lot less 11 feet in the town of Columbus Columbus township, N. C., listed in the name of Maggie Geddie taxed for the year 1917; 1 1/2 acres of a 2 acre tract in Tryon township N. C., listed in the name of Robert Booher Est., taxed for the year 1917. Notice is further given that application will be made to the sheriff of Polk county by the undersigned for deeds for said property after the 6th day of May, 1918.

L. L. TALLANT, Purchaser. This, January 3rd, 1919.

North Carolina, Polk County. To: A. L. Pitman, Entry Taker for Polk County.

The undersigned, J. T. Henderson, of Polk county, North Carolina, enters and lays claim to the following described piece or parcel of land in Columbus township, Polk county, North Carolina, the same being vacant and unappropriated land and subject to entry, viz: Adjoining the lands of Tom Clark T. P. Rice and G. P. Hamrick, and containing 50 acres more or less.

Entered this 30th day of December 1918. J. T. HENDERSON, A. L. Pitman, Entry Taker Claimant

NOTICE OF SALE.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by George A. Gash to Milner Waters on the 1st day of November, 1915, and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Polk County in Book No. 11 at page 53, default having been made in the payment of the debt and interest therein set forth, the undersigned will sell at public auction on the highest bidder, for cash at the court house door of Polk county, on Monday the 3rd day of February, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described tract or parcel of land conveyed and described in said mortgage, to wit: Lying and being in Tryon township Polk county, State of North Carolina and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a stone at the southwest corner of a tract of land formerly owned by W. A. Hipp, and runs thence with the line of said tract of land north six degrees west, one hundred and five feet to a stake; thence north 64 deg. east 152 feet to a stake; thence south 33 deg. east 103 feet to a stake; thence south 64 deg. west 197 feet to the place of beginning containing 18096 square feet, more or less.

This 2nd day of January, 1919. MILNER WATERS, Mortgagee. J. J. Cantrell owner of debt and assignee of mortgage. Walter Jones, Attorney.

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