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NITRATE FOR SOUTH'S LANDS

TEN MILLIONS VOTED BY SENATE TO IMPORT NITRATE OF SODA FOR FARMERS.

Washington, May 1.—The senate today adopted a resolution offered by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, directing the president to procure or aid in procuring stocks of nitrate of soda for increasing food crops. For carrying out the purposes of the resolution the sum of \$10,000,000 is appropriated.

Senator Smith explained that it is impossible to get Chilean nitrates at a price the farmers can afford to pay. His purpose is to have the government send ships to Chile for the supplies of nitrate of soda. He said that in this country certain large fertilizer handlers have stocks of nitrates that the government can secure with the understanding that similar amounts will be returned as soon as they can be had from Chile.

The Southern senators were unanimous in their support of the resolution of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, providing for the bringing of nitrates from Chile to be used in growing food crops this year.

"The need for this particular sort of fertilizer," said Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, "exists now. The need for more will exist to an even greater extent later on. The need is for corn, cotton and truck. Cotton seed has become a staple for food for cattle and for hogs as well.

"Corn is already planted in the South, but the fertilizer sought will be used as a side dressing within a short while, and then again in June and July. The first application makes the stalk and the second the fruit of cotton and corn.

Supply Here Insufficient.

"The present situation is this: There is in this country a supply of nitrates but not enough to meet the demand. That there is in the hands of people who will turn it over to the government for the farmers who need it with the understanding that they will get it back later on."

Senator Borah asked if it is not too late to bring this material from Chile for the crops of this year.

"There is probably not enough in this country to go round," said Mr. Simmons. "But what is here we can get if this measure is passed. The rest needed can be brought from Chile on government vessels in a short time. The trouble has been a lack of ships. I understood that the government can dispatch a ship at once for Chile and bring nitrate of soda to repay that which is borrowed from persons holding it here now and an additional supply for sale to farmers for use in June and July.

"The government would be out of this money but a short while. Cash is needed to get the nitrate of soda from Chile. The material is expensive. The sort of fertilizer in demand in the South costs from \$45 to \$50 a ton in normal times. It is now costing from \$95 to \$100 per ton. The demand for this nitrate of soda cannot be overstated. If we are to do our share of food producing we must have it. It makes but little difference how much corn or cotton or truck we plant if we do not have this fertilizer. Its value is well understood in every state of the South, especially in those that border on the ocean. A proper application of the nitrates will add from 33 to 100 per cent in the production of food crops. It would require at least twice the acreage to make up for it.

"Some well-to-do farmers are buying the nitrate of soda at the present high prices, but the poor man is not able to get it. Only the rich can afford it under the present circumstances. If the poor man were willing to take the risk he could not get the credit necessary to use it. The bulk of our farmers are poor men. This bill, if enacted into law, will help them get it.

Many Appeals For Action.

"My mail is full of appeals for action by Congress on this important question. Nitrates are high in this country but not so high in Chile. I believe that it is possible for the government to procure them in Chile and bring them here and let the farmers have them at from \$45 to \$65 per ton. Of course, we will have to pay more for the material in Chile than we paid in normal times, but there has always been a great profit to the middleman in it. That will be eliminated. The freight has been so high that nitrates were not shipped from Chile in great quantities. That has kept the price there down.

"The farmer is willing to pay as much as \$65 for his nitrates. The passage of this resolution should not be delayed."

Senator McCumber asked Mr. Simmons if he had ever heard a senator from the North ask for government aid to reduce the cost of Paris green to kill potato bugs.

"I am disappointed that any senator," declared Mr. Simmons, "should

argue that one section will be benefited by this legislation. Every agency for the good of this country is calling upon the farmer to plant more food crops. The farmers of my section of the country want to respond to that call but one of the obstacles in the way is the inability to get sufficient quantities of nitrates, which can be secured without risk to the government. The government is making a demand for more food crops; it can help the farmer of the South feed himself and produce a surplus for other portions of the country.

"The measure before the senate has merit, and it should not be turned down on the ground that it is unusual or unconstitutional or sectional. I hope that it will pass."

Mr. Simmons made a strong appeal and was goaded into a fiery retort by Senator McCumber, who seems to have been eating red pepper or gunpowder recently.

**ARE TWO VALIANT
LITTLE BROTHERS.**

Costa Rica with its message of support and sympathy, Guatemala with its action in breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, are evidences from Central America that the policy of President Wilson for honest and fair dealing with the Latin-American republics is bringing results at the time when every bit of aid counts.

With many of the countries of Central and South America voicing their position as endorsing the action of the United States, with Brazil, the greater of South American countries, standing up to be counted with this country, it is to be seen that in the war with Germany it is Pan-America. The action of two of the republics of South America is heartening in the cause of democracy.

Yesterday it was announced that Guatemala had broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and had handed his passports to the German minister. Both Guatemala and Costa Rica are small countries, but their action is that of good cheer. And in taking position with the United States little Rosta Rica speaks up as would a loyal little brother to his big brother who is entering into conflict. Here is that splendid message of sympathy and understanding:

The Costa Rica government considers that it is the duty of all American republics to support, at least morally, the noble attitude assumed by the United States in defense of the highest ideals of law, of right and justice, and of democracy.

The republic of Costa Rica regrets that because of its lack of material strength it cannot in this crisis tender to the United States a more substantial co-operation; but if it might be permitted to demonstrate its solidarity with the government and the people of its great sister republic of the north in such manner, for instance, as by permitting the use of its waters and ports for war needs by the American navy, that form of co-operation would be undertaken with the greatest satisfaction.

**BLOOD FLOWED IN
THE BATTLE OF ARRAS.**

The battle of Arras still rages with the issues remaining in doubt. For six days torrents of blood have flowed and the armies of Britain and Germany yet struggle for the mastery in a conflict which baffles superlatives.

Tens of thousands of reserves have been hurled against the British battle front by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in a supreme effort to check the British advance but so far without avail. Almost literally foot by foot General Haig is forcing his stubborn foe back. Both sides are fighting with a resolution as grim and savage as any the war has shown and it seems to be a question as to which can sustain its ghastly sacrifice the longest.

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**REQUIRES ALL TENANTS
TO GROW PLENTY OF CORN.**

"When August comes, if you haven't made enough corn to feed your family and mule during the winter, I don't want you to come to my house. Go on off the place some other way. Don't even come by my house when you leave," is the way one Wake county farmer expressed himself over the growing of food and feed crops this year. He was outlining the year's work with his tenants. This man works a ten-horse farm, considerable of it being for "halves" or share crop.

In making it imperative that all tenants grow enough corn this year to feed themselves and horses, farmers generally will be doing a great service to the county, state and nation. Feed and food crops first. After that cotton and tobacco are profit. They are not profit by any means, however, until enough of the food and feed crops have been provided. This Wake county farmer put up enough meat last winter to last him during the year and next winter, too, if need be. He says that it could be sold now at a handsome profit but he is waiting to see how he comes out this year before letting any of it go. His neighbors or the stores in Raleigh would buy all he has to sell if he would bring it in tomorrow, but he has an idea and a correct one, that meat and other food is going to be higher later on than it has been since the war between the states.

Other farmers should draw a lesson from this man's preparedness measure and take steps to put their own farms on a war basis.—Raleigh News and Observer.

More Food Crops.

Mr. A. J. Hudson, of Route 3, says his neighbors are thoroughly aroused to the importance of raising food crops, and many of them are planning to reduce their tobacco acreage and greatly increase the acreage of grain, vegetables and forage.—Reidsville Review.

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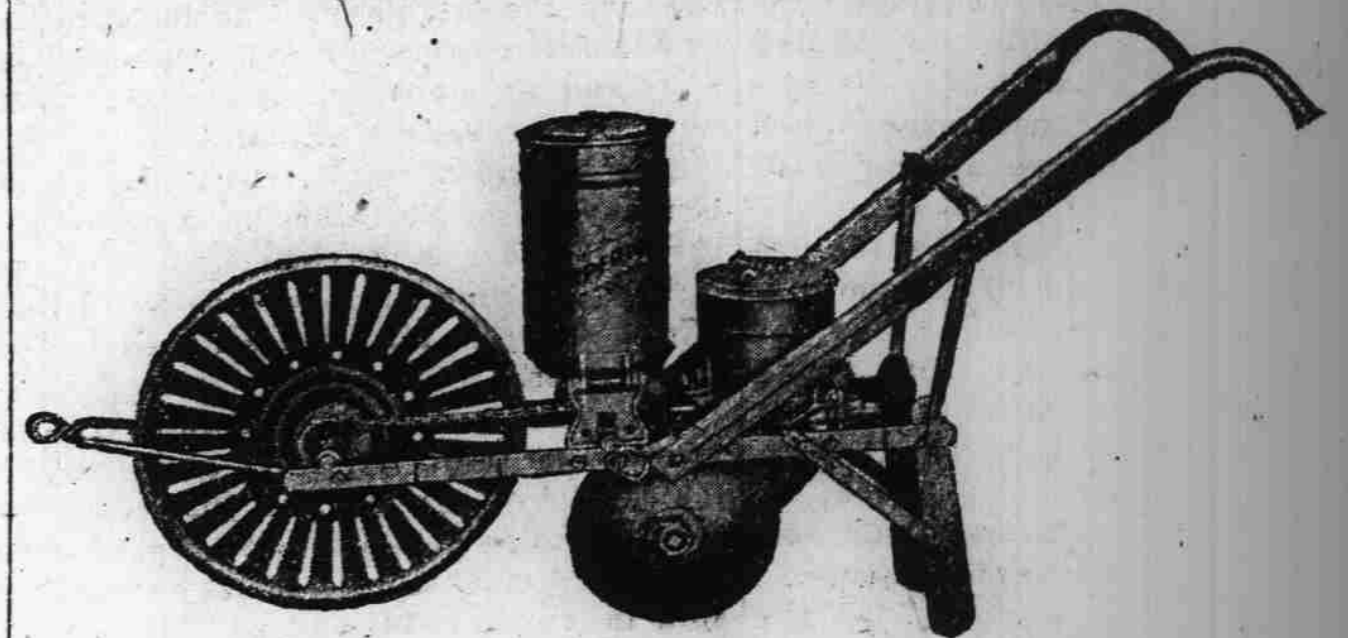
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