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GOOD CROP PROSPECTS

Given favorable weather, this section of North Carolina will produce the greatest yield of foodstuffs in its history. According to persons who travel about the country--who pass along the highways and journey across the hedges--there was never anything like it. Revenue officers inform the Record that nearly everything is planted this spring.

The Record also is told that farmers who have been in the habit of buying kraut in winter have hundreds of cabbage plants out and that this juicy pickle will be in abundance in many homes next winter. Heretofore sauer kraut put up in Ohio has been cheaper than the variety to be obtained here, though the imported brand is not as good.

Lima or butter bean seeds have run short and there are none to be obtained in this section, it is said. Great quantities have been planted. The number of acres put in corn has been largely increased. It is also said that there will be a larger number of pullets raised in this section this year than in other years.

With the excellent facilities for storing and shipping eggs, the farmers will be able to obtain good prices at a time when hens farther north are not active. The Irish potato crop promises to be fine and there is a great demand for sweet potato slips. No bets are being overlooked by our piedmont patriots.

With the fruit crop in this section larger and more promising than in many years, there is more or less anxiety as to how the peaches and apples will be preserved. Thousands of cans could be utilized and then not begin to take care of the fruit. Peaches soon will begin to ripen, but the first peaches of course are not suitable for preserving. It is really a problem and if it could be solved successfully, there would be no lack of canned goods in North Carolina next year.

Various sections of the country are furnishing outbreaks against the draft law. Anti-draft agitations are not to be wondered at, however, because there are many people who conscientiously oppose conscription and thousands of others whose first interest is in some other country. New York furnished the principal draft riots in the civil war, we believe, but other towns will be on the map in the present crisis.

The censorship section of the espionage bill, fathered by Representative Webb in the house, has been killed again. As for the Record, it would be glad to obey any instructions or regulations of the government, but unfortunately there are papers which would care more for "scoops" than for the lives of the men who are fighting the battles of democracy.

A newspaper is simply a clearing house for the news of the community and the world. You give your news to the reporters as you would your money to the tellers in banks and the rest is done for you. The whole community shares in the information. The Record always is glad to employ items, but it is too poor to employ a staff of reporters, and must depend on its friends.

Baltimore, Louisville and Denver, which failed to secure a reserve bank, are practically promised branch banks in the near future, and it will be surprising if those cities do not make the main banks move to keep ahead.

Hickory people are doing their bit for the Red Cross and they will be interested in hearing Dr. Boyer tell what it is all about tonight in the Academy of Music. The public is invited.

They may be escaping across the Texas border or leaving for Cuba by way to Florida, but the Catawba folks are waiting to register next Tuesday.

The North Carolina coast artillery is one branch of the national guard that is enlisted to full war strength. These gallant youths also might see some fighting.

Beans are in bloom in most gardens and it will not be but a few days until the Record is announcing the first mess of the season. Tell us about it.

The union that Lincoln foretold has existed for a long time, but the fact has not been more observable than in the last few months.

The Time Element in Russia Columbia State.

In regard to Russia the old adage that "no news is good news" holds true. For every day that the new Russian government manages to retain its rather precarious grasp on the reins improves the chances that eventually it will be able to bring the chaotic republic to a reasonable basis. Every day that the government stands gives another day in which the democratic influences of France, Great Britain, and, most powerful of all, America, can work to prevent the disastrous consummation of a separate peace with Germany or the equally disastrous division of Russia into two openly hostile camps with complete paralysis of the military arm.

If the Lvoff government can retain its seat but a little while, if it can be brought to a sufficient degree of stability to enable America to negotiate with it in full safety, the first steps toward rehabilitating Russia and restoring her to the actual combatant ranks on the side of the forces of freedom will have been achieved. Once let the provisional government secure a firm enough hold to become the connecting link between the organized democracies of the west and the inchoate radicals of Russia, and the problem will be near solution.

When that time comes--and every day without renewed outbursts seems to bring it nearer--America, by showing practical sympathy in money and supplies, will be able to impress its stand more deeply on the Russian people. It is hard to calculate how far this aid would go in making the Slavs understand that they are really engaged in war on the side of a nation whose very name has been much to say that wide spread dissemination of the knowledge that America is in the war, heart and soul, against Germany, in the war for the sacred cause of freedom, and that America is extending a helping hand to the newest of republics, would hold the masses of Russian people true to the purpose of the government which now is directing affairs.

Were that assured, the task before America would loom much less large than it does. With Russia reorganized, her armies striking hard at the eastern gates of the central empires, what America would have to throw in to the balance would be far less than with a passive or disrupted Russia. The situation is still full of peril. At any moment there may come the news that counterrevolution has broken out, or that the ill according views of radical and moderate have brought on open clash, with perhaps a fallen Russia.

But whether that news comes or instead there continues a steady process of rehabilitation for the Slavic armies, America must count on supplying the final weight to turn the scale. Whether Russia gives up or fights on will only determine the extent and the nature of the assistance which proves necessary for the securing of American safety and world freedom.

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