

MUST RESUME HIGHWAY WORK WITHOUT DELAY—SECRETARY.

Worthy Projects Would Furnish Employment of Readjustment Machinery for Program is Ready Now.

Cooperate highway construction under the Federal aid road act must be resumed as quickly as possible in full measure, the Secretary of Agriculture D. F. Houston, stated at a conference of editors of agricultural journals held recently in Washington.

From unexpended balances of Federal appropriations for the last few years, from State funds beyond what was necessary to meet the Federal allotments, and from amounts available during the current fiscal year, approximately \$75,000,000 will be available for expenditure during the calendar year. Next year, if all the balances should be expended during this year, and we should have to rely solely on the funds accruing next year, there will be about \$20,000,000 from Federal appropriations, and probably more than this amount from State sources, according to the Secretary's statement. The States, in addition, will expend sums in excess of what they have assigned, or will assign, for Federal aid road projects.

Would Furnish Employment. "It seems to me," said the Secretary, "that we should take a further step—take this step not only because of the importance of good roads, but also because of the desirability of furnishing worthy projects on which unemployed labor during the period of readjustment may be engaged. There will be many things suggested for which Federal and State funds will be sought. Some of these will be unworthy. Clearly such public works as roads are worthy, and it would be in the public interest to make available larger appropriations from the Federal Treasury to be used separately or in conjunction with State and local support.

Machinery Now Exists. "There need be no delay in the execution of such a program. The Nation has already provided the machinery in the Department of Agriculture and in the State highway commissions. The Federal aid road was fruitful of good legislation, and each State in the Union now has a central highway authority with power and funds to meet the terms of the Federal act. The two agencies, in conjunction, have been engaged in devising well-considered road systems and in making surveys, plans, and specifications. The task will be one of selection, and those roads should be designated for improvement which are of the greatest economic importance, with due regard to such military and other needs as are proper for consideration. There is no necessity for any departure from this scheme. The suggestions made have been canvassed with the President, the Secretary of War, and the Postmaster General, and they are in accord with the view that additional funds should be made available to this department and that they should be expended through existing machinery.

THE PREACHER'S POOR PAY.

The special article in a recent number of the Literary Digest, which was reprinted in full in the Standard for September 14, has aroused some very striking comment in the secular press. From a leading Minneapolis paper we quote the following: "Not long since the teamsters of Minneapolis receiving \$2.50 per day demanded a higher wage. Now a teamster drives his employer's horses but eight hours a day, and if he tended them also, he works not to exceed ten hours. If he knows enough to guide two horses and keep them from harness galls and colic, he is conceded to have earned more than the average clergyman, who is asked to guide 200 human souls, keep a whole community from harness galls and labor indefinite hours and think wisely and well for those who think amies."

Continuing, the writer in the Minneapolis daily says: "Never before has the world had so great need of good clergymen, and never before have the churches been so well able to pay them according to their worth. Men who work with their hands are receiving from 25 to 200 per cent advance in wages. There is every reason why the clergyman also should share in this general advance." What is your church going to do about it?—Chicago Standard.

FOURTEEN MISTAKES OF LIFE.

- 1. To set up your own standard of right and wrong and judge people accordingly.
2. To measure the enjoyment of others by your own.
3. To look for judgment and experience in youth.
4. To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.
5. To labor for perfection in our own actions.
6. To worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied.
7. To refuse to yield in immaterial matters.
8. To refuse to alleviate so far as lies in our power, all that which needs alleviation.
9. To refuse to make an allowance for the infirmities of others.
10. To consider everything impossible that we cannot perform.
11. To believe only what our own finite minds can grasp.
12. To expect to be able to understand everything.
13. To live for time alone, when any moment may launch us into eternity.—Selected.

"Then this," asked rejected James "is absolutely final?" "Quite," was Dorothy's calm reply. "Shall I return your letters, James?" "Yes, please," answered poor James. "There's some good material in them that I can use again."—Aygyan.

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INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRANCE.

George T. Tunstall, formerly assistant Red Cross worker in Dunn, N. C., now with the Y. M. C. A., writes the following: "I am at home at a short interval since the close of the war. On September 16th I left New York for France, and arrived in Paris by way of London, on October 12th. In Paris I had the misfortune to hurt my back a little while helping to unload some of our wounded men who were being taken to American Red Cross hospitals. This little wrench I gave my back while trying to get a fellow out of the crowded freight car in which he had been with many other wounded friends for 24 hours, without a fresh dressing or food, caused me a delay of a few days in Paris before I could get permission from the doctor to leave, but I would have been willing to have done almost anything to have helped hurry those poor fellows to a place where they could get food and medical attention. The experience of that one night made me feel that it was worth coming to France for. We unloaded several hundred, wounded in every conceivable manner, and many of them gassed, and during the whole night we moved them from the cars into the receiving stations—where they were checked up and given whatever medical attention was necessary—and then took them out and placed them in Red Cross ambulances to be taken to the various hospitals of the city. I did not hear one single man utter one groan or word of complaint. This was suffering more like our Master suffered than anything I have ever witnessed in my life. 'Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearer is dumb, so He opened not his mouth.' I cannot describe how I felt. I know that mothers and sisters and sweethearts would gladly give their lives to have the privilege of being where I was—with their own. It was a holy mission; it was a holy hour; and it has left on me a holy impression of unselfish service and heroic Christian sacrifice that our boys are making every day for us and for the world. If you could have seen these boys that night you would not complain any more about your sugar ration or say ugly things because you couldn't take your car out for a joy ride on Sunday afternoon, and you would count it the greatest privilege that you could have back at home to see one of the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. boys doing everything possible for your boys just when they most need help. Our boys call the Red Cross 'Angels of Mercy,' and they are ministering angels. You should have seen the boys smile as they were told that they were going to be taken to an American Red Cross hospital. May I tell you just about about one brave lad. We found his stretcher from the car, and he came through the Record room and brought him out to place him in an ambulance, and these ambulances carry five men on stretchers, and were crowded. We knew that he had hit in the leg, but we did not know how badly he was hurt, and we wanted him to pass through the ambulance. Our man said in the ambulance, 'I have your bag so that you can get anything you like.' I looked at him and said: 'Don't worry about them if they are both gone.' One of the men said, 'Wait a minute, and let me get his arms tight and cover him up good.' He tucked his left arm down by his side and was around to cover his right arm and said: 'Never mind, that's gone too.' I wonder if you wouldn't claim it a privilege to cross the ocean to stand and look into the face of a lad like this. I wonder when you read this if you won't thank God that you gave all that you could to the Red Cross that is going to give this lad the best that medical science can do to help him as far as possible to live again. I am delightfully located, but have not heard from home yet. I shall try to write you about our local 'Y Hut' before long. With loving greetings, G. T. TUNSTALL.

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN FARMERS.

"Perhaps no branch of the public service is in position to recognize so promptly and appreciate so fully as the Bureau of Crop Estimates what has been accomplished by the farmers of the United States since the breaking out of the world war," says the annual report of the bureau. From the reports of its thousands of voluntary crop reporters and its field agents who travel over each State and report weekly and monthly their observations, the bureau is in constant touch with the progress of crop production monthly and year by year. It has seen the supply of farm labor steadily decrease from heavy drafts made upon it by other industries, especially since beginning of war, and it has noted the decrease in the supply of commercial fertilizers. It has noted also the steady rise in farm wages, and in prices of farm machinery and everything else that farmers have to buy. With an unbounded faith in the patriotism and determination of farmers to do their utmost to help win the war by maintaining the production of food and raw materials, it nevertheless has marveled that the farmers of the United States apparently have accomplished the impossible by continuing to plant larger areas and to harvest larger crops in the aggregate with each year of the war in spite of the difficulties of securing farm labor, supplies, machinery, and other necessary articles.

"The planting and cultivating of 32,000,000 acres more in 1917 than in 1914 by the farmers of this country is comparable with anything that has been accomplished by any other industry. This production of food crops on an enlarged scale, at greatly increased expense of time, effort, and labor and by fewer men, steadily and without publicity or the inspiration that comes from large bodies of men working together, has done as much to insure the winning of the war against the military despotism of Europe as any other one factor."

GERMAN AVIATOR TELLS OF HIS FIGHT WITH AND DEFEAT OF ROOSEVELT.

With the American Army of Occupation, Saturday, Dec. 30. (By the Associated Press.)—Christian Donhauser, a youthful German aviator, who claims to have defeated Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt in the fighting in the air in the region of Chambray, an observant, serving on various fronts

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which resulted in the death of young Roosevelt today told the correspondent that the day following the combat his commander informed him the American he had downed was Roosevelt. Immediately afterward German aviators began arranging the details for the funeral of Lieut. Roosevelt. Donhauser's home is Hamburg, Al though still in the German army Donhauser is planning a trip to the United States. Furthermore he says he hopes eventually to take out American citizenship papers and join the American aviation forces.

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