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## State Agent Plans For Safe Farming

**HE'S A WISE FARMER**  
This Year Who Produces Food and Feed Stuff At Home, for the Situation is Abnormal Now in the United States.

When a farmer has staked his hopes on one crop for producing the money necessary for him to live and keep his family in comfort, he is taking a gambler's chance, according to Mr. C. R. Hudson, who, through the medium of the County Agricultural Agents, is planning a "Safe Farming" campaign. It is not safe to plant one crop any one year. After the time and labor has been given this crop, it may bring a good price and repay for all effort, but it may not bring a good price and then all is not well. It has been estimated that the Southern States have been importing annually from other sections of the country over seven hundred million dollars worth of food stuff. While North Carolina does not head the list of Southern States in this practice, still, it is estimated that our bill is around fifty to sixty million per year. This seems unreasonable yet it is very true and true in a section of country that has as fertile soil, as fine a climate and intelligent set of farmers as

Cotton brought a good price last year, but it is wondered how much food the money from a bale of cotton would buy, now, with all kinds of foodstuffs higher than ever before in the history of the country. The food and feed situation is abnormal now in the United States and the wise farmer is he who produces food and feed at home this year. He may get a good price for both tobacco and cotton, but the money received will not go very far in purchasing those necessities of life which could easily be produced at home.

Mr. Hudson is having the County Agents of the Agricultural Extension Service encourage all farmers to plant gardens. Spring oats and Irish potatoes also need immediate attention. A few acres planted now to Apples or Burt Oats will help out very much in the feeding of stock. The Irish potato crop was short last year, and a good crop should be planted, at once, to this important and valuable food crop.

### RAILROAD STRIKE PLANNED FOR SATURDAY.

Washington, March 13.—Complete plans of the four railroad brotherhoods for a nationwide strike to be inaugurated next

Saturday evening unless the railroads grant their eight hour day demands were ratified here today by local union leaders from southeastern territory, and by a similar conference of representatives of the southwest held at St. Louis. The brotherhood heads will tell the railroad conference committee in New York Thursday that if an agreement is not reached this week for the establishment of an eight-hour basic day with time and a half for overtime strike orders already issued to local organizations will become effective. The demands are just what they were last fall, when President Wilson averted a strike after the call was out by inducing Congress to pass the Adamson law, which never has been put into effect, pending a decision on its constitutionality by the Supreme Court.

Dance tunes are said to help penmanship. Now if some one will invent a pocket phonograph we may be able to read some of the letters we get.

## WILMINGTON TO HAVE LIVE STOCK SHOW

A meeting which is expected to increase interest in livestock in Eastern North Carolina and serve also, to break down the old time prejudice against the stock law, will be held in Wilmington March 28-29 when there will be a gathering of those interested in stock raising to witness an exhibition of breeding stock.

This meeting has been arranged co-operatively between the North Carolina Experiment Station, the Extension Service, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and the Southern Settlement and Development Company.

Among the speakers will be Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Prof. Dan T. Gray, Director B. W. Kilgore, Prof. C. B. Williams, Mr. T. B. Parker, Mr. R. S. Curtis, Mr. A. J. Reed, and Dr. F. Owens.

The feeding and pasturing of livestock will be discussed by Prof. C. B. Williams and Prof. Dan T. Gray. A system of feeding will be discussed which has been found to do away with the softness in the bodies of the hogs caused by feeding on peanuts and soy beans, and yet to retain the grain that the soy beans can give.

## OTHER NATIONS TALK OF BREAK WITH GERMANY

**Washington Hopeful That China's Example Will Be Followed.**

Washington, March 14.—Hope for more or less general action among the neutrals of the world to break off relations with Germany as a protest against submarine ruthlessness was revived in Washington tonight. Reports to the state department and the navy department that China had broken with German government, led to the hope that President Wilson's desire for a general break by the neutrals, expressed in his original address to congress on the German break, might yet bring forth fruit. Administration officials believed that a concerted cutting off of relations by several of the important neutral nations would soon bring the German submarine campaign to an end and possibly avert the war which daily approaches more closely to the United States.

The Chinese break, officials believe may open the way for further neutral action, and tonight it was suggested that certain South American nations were considering following the lead of the United States in combination with the neutrals.

Ignorance is a great blessing to some people.

## Plot News Came From Carranza

### ASSASSINATION PLOT

**Under the Report that President Wilson Got First News from First Chief, Carranza Fled to Guadaluara for Protection.**

El Paso, Texas March 10.—First Chief Carranza himself disclosed to President Wilson Germany's offer of a coalition with Mexico and Japan against the United States.

A plot was formed against Carranza's life as a result of this offer but it was discovered in time and the first chief fled to Guadaluara for protection.

These facts were disclosed to the president by investigators for American capitalists who have interests in Mexico.

According to the agent's reports no sooner had Carranza received Dr. Zimmermann's note offering Germany's backing for Mexico in a war with the United States than Mexico's executive council dispatched a special messenger to Washington with the German plenipotentiary's original letter.

The first chief's move was discovered by Mexican agents of the German legation in Mexico City. The assassination plot was said to be carried out when it was discovered.

Carranza's action in warning President Wilson of the German intrigue is said to explain the change of front on the part of the American administration to-

wards Mexico and to mark the beginning of new phases in the relations between the two countries.

German agents in El Paso and Mexico are said to have given up all hope of winning over Mexico as a result of Carranza's warning to President Wilson.

### Von Bernstorff's Opinion.

London, March 13.—In the course of an interview granted to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch, Count von Bernstorff, interrogated as whether he thought there would be war between Germany and the United States, replied: "That depends on our U-boat warfare. If we sink an American ship we shall get war. If not I suppose we can avoid it."

"And if," asked the correspondent, Germany sinks any British ships with American citizens aboard?"

To this Count von Bernstorff replied: "That is all the same."

## RUSSIA SENDING MUCH GOLD TO THIS COUNTRY

New York, March 12.—According to reports current in the financial district today, the Russian government is contributing largely to the continued heavy imports of gold for account of the entente powers.

The \$41,000,000 which came last Saturday from Canada was said to have contained a considerable amount of gold shipped from Petrograd by way of the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Valhivostok to Vancouver. Some French gold also figured in this particular consignment, according to report.

It is understood, without official confirmation, that the French and Russian governments are sharing more importantly in the recent shipments of gold to this country. Part of the Russian gold is said to have come from France, where Russia is believed to have large reserves.

J. P. Morgan & Co., to whom all the gold has been consigned as the fiscal and commercial agents of the British and French governments, declined to discuss the matter. Other heavy shipments of foreign gold are said to be in prospect.

The man who always wants to borrow will be the last to lend.

## BIG RESERVOIR NOW GUARDED BY RESERVES.

**Alleged Plot to Blow Up Dam Brought Out the Armed Guards.**

New York, March 14.—A force of police under command of Major Joseph Noston was sent tonight to Bonton, N. J., by the Jersey City authorities to guard the seven billion gallon reservoir which forms the water supply of Jersey City. The reservoir has a shore line of eight miles.

This step was taken immediately upon the disclosure of an alleged German plot to dynamite the dam of the reservoir which holds in check enough water to flood the entire Rockaway and Passaic valleys.

So urgent did the Jersey City commissioners consider the situation that they telephoned to the governor and implored him to send the militia for guard duty.

They told the governor that if the dam were dynamited the waters released would wipe out all the municipalities and munition factories in that territory.

Full details of the alleged plot were also sent to the federal authorities at Washington.

Governor Edge gave the Jersey City commissioners authority to organize an auxiliary force from policemen and firemen of the city who had seen military service. He then ordered the commander of the national guard to furnish the men with rifles and other military accoutrements as a preliminary step toward protection of the dam, until further measures could be taken.

### Spreading Out the Civil Service.

Postmaster General Burleson has announced that the president has decided to put all first, second and third class postmasters under the civil service by an executive order to become effective on the first of next month. President Taft before he left his office placed the fourth class postmaster within the rule and if the president sticks to his determination all postmasters hereafter will be appointed by competitive examinations instead of by political preferment.

The change will be almost revolutionary in its effect upon local political machines throughout the country. And as exclaimed by the Postmaster General, the effect will be felt speedily, for the president's plan is not to include present incumbents, but to have examinations for each office as the terms of incumbents expire. Congressmen said they (continued on page two)

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