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Urgent Need of Greater Food and Feed Crops

Union, S. C., March 18, 1918.
Mr. Editor:

The National Food Administration and the Council of Defense are urging upon the farmers of the nation, and especially the farmers of the South, a greater production of food crops. Union County and, in fact, the whole State of South Carolina, made a splendid response to this appeal last year, but we are called upon to produce even more largely this year than last. Where we planted four acres of corn last year, we must plant five this year, preparing and fertilizing it better than we did last year. Let not our people be deceived by the present high price of cotton, for this may be very easily changed. Last year there was a very short crop in Texas and Oklahoma, and it is probable that the cotton crop in these States will be very much larger this year. The submarine has not been conquered yet, and it may be that less cotton can be exported this year than last. If so, the price of the staple will inevitably fall. The food supplies of our allies, France, England and Italy must come more and more from this country, as their labor supply grows less. Our railroads are taxed to the utmost to handle the freight offered, and as our country increases its armies, the railroads will be required more and more to handle government business, so that it is possible that the State, or section, that does not produce its own food, will go hungry another year. Besides all this, cotton has not advanced as much in price as other farm products during the past two years. A bale of cotton at 30c per pound will not buy as many bushels of corn or oats or as many pounds of meat or lard as it would two years ago at 12c per pound.

Understand, I am not urging the cutting down of the cotton crop, for we and our allies need it, but I am emphasizing the fact that there will be suffering in South Carolina if we do not produce an abundance of all the foods and feeds necessary for both man and beast. After doing this, plant every acre of cotton that can be prepared, fertilized and cultivated well. We hear so much about economy, let me give you some figures that will save 11c per day in the feeding of every horse and mule in the county: 100 lbs. of cotton seed now sell for \$3.55; it can be exchanged for 150 lbs. of cotton seed meal, making the meal cost \$2.37 per 100 lbs. Corn now cost, at \$2.25 per bushel, 4c per lb. The average work animal requires 12 lbs. corn per day, which makes his grain cost 48c per day. By cutting his corn to 8 lbs. per day, and adding 2 lbs. cotton seed meal, we have a better balanced ration and one upon which the animal will do better work at the following cost: 8 lbs. corn, 32c, 2 lbs. cotton seed meal, 5c, total 37c per day, a saving of 11c per day for each animal fed.

The food administrators in each section are urged to cooperate with Mr. Carwile, county farm demonstrator, and with Miss Alsie Smith, in their efforts to increase food production in our county, and in every way possible impress upon our people the absolute necessity of increasing food production this year.

Lowndes Browning,
Food Administrator for Union County.

Italy's Fifth War Loan

Rome Feb. 6.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"A man must be either a fool or a traitor to refuse to subscribe to a war loan," declared Prime Minister Orlando in connection with Italy's fifth loan which has brought in about \$500,000,000. "The nation needs the money to carry on the war and if there are enough fools and traitors among us not to subscribe, then the government will simply take what it needs by high taxes."

The result of the new loan, however, proved satisfactory and the extreme measures of unusual taxes will not have to be applied. War loans have come to be quite a customary proceeding and the Italian republic has each year made new subscriptions in response to the advertising campaigns of the secretary of the treasury and the banks.

One of the features of the war loan has been the frankness of the newspapers and particularly of Secretary of the Treasury Nitti regarding financial facts. "There's no use trying to fool the public regarding national finance," he said. "We need the money. We are paying six per cent interest to get it. It's a good investment. The Italian government will always pay its debts. It's an international fact that it does so. As far back as

1866, when it had to offer eight and ten per cent interest, it adopted the policy of standing by its pledges, and it will always do so."

Confidence in the Italian loans have for several years been shown by the Americans living in Italy.

To the present time the war has cost Italy about \$4,000,000,000, two-thirds of which money has been spent on the army or land forces and the other third on the navy. Of this \$4,000,000,000, \$1,500,000,000 have been raised by war loans, \$500,000,000 by taxes, and about \$2,000,000,000 by special treasury bonds placed principally in England and the United States for the purpose of paying for war purchases.

Collection and Shipment of Worn and Surplus Articles

1. All articles collected should be assembled, inspected and packed in space provided for that purpose. No part of this work should be carried on where articles of standard chapter production are handled.

2. Only articles appearing on the list of "Garments Needed" will be accepted. Such articles must be of strong, durable material but need not be in perfect repair.

3. Articles should be inspected only to determine whether the condition warrants their acceptance and to eliminate those not wanted. Final inspection and assortment will be done by the commission in its own warehouses.

4. It is not necessary to pack shipments for direct overseas dispatch, but only in such containers as will insure their reaching the warehouses of the commission intact.

5. For each shipment chapters will prepare four typewritten copies of the form of shipping memorandum accompanying these instructions. Of these copies, one will be retained by the chapter, one will be put into case or package, and two will be mailed to the Commission for Relief in Belgium, 165 Broadway, New York City.

6. Chapters should number their packages, bales or crates with serial numbers in direct sequence, putting under the number the name and address of the chapter from whom it comes.

7. All shipments will be consigned f. o. b. cars as follows: Shipments from the New England, Atlantic, Pennsylvania, Potomac and Southern Divisions will be consigned to "The Commission for Relief in Belgium, New York City."

The exact address has not been given us yet. Look for it in next number of "Briefs."

March 12, 1918.

Idleness

(Contributed)

Some say idleness is the root of all evil, others money, but money seems to have the advantage, not because it represents the base of our worldly transactions but because of much good. Idleness, per contra, is a double quick pace in the wrong direction. It permits one's store of energy and usefulness to ebb, invites criminality, and is an example of great strength for the weaklings. The sheriff of Texas has been doing some thinking along this line and reached the happy conclusion that idlers are slackers and poor assets particularly at this time when we are at war. He is taking upon himself to see that everybody works in Texas and thereby merits great commendation. There are too many drones in our hive. It has been computed that if everybody worked as they should at the various vocations our working day would be shortened to about six hours and much more would be accomplished, but unfortunately a comparative few are doing the work while others stand idly around or knocking. This seems true in every phase of life and the day when we will have a rigidly enforced vagrancy law by which the idler can be made to work will open up a new era of prosperity for the world. This applies not only to our immediate section but the whole world; it is certainly time for us to be up and doing.

Mardi Gras Uncelebrated In Parisian City

Paris, Feb. 13.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Mardi Gras again passed uncelebrated and almost unperceived in Paris. The traditional pancake, victim of M. Boret's flour restrictions, was absent this year, and the high cost of paper made confetti rare. The children and the recruit of the contingent of 1918 celebrating their acceptance by the medical examiners had the streets to themselves. The only real celebrations were among the Chinese munition workers whose celestial New Year came with



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the opening of the carnival. Several thousand of them, divided into groups, were treated to free exhibitions at the circuses and cinemas, while real Chinese celebrations were organized at the refectories of the different contingents. Chinese feasts were served and presents distributed as nearly in accord with custom at home as possible. But the Chinese celebrate too quietly to make their festival at all resemble the Mardi Gras of other days in Paris.

To the People of Union And Union County

We, the undersigned, wish to say to you that we have been entertaining U. S. soldiers in our homes and shall continue to do so inasmuch as we have found these soldiers to be as perfect gentlemen as are the previous boys who belong to our own home circle and are now in the service of their country. We open the doors of our home and our hearts to these boys and pledge our loyal and continued support to these boys during this war and after it is over, welcoming all who may come back from "over there" and with every breath we pray "God bless them every one."

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Oetzl,
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If Trotzky is not a first-class scoundrel he has good grounds for a heavy damage suit against the persons who print his picture in the papers.—Newberry Observer.

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