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COUNTRY NEEDS MORE FISH SAYS STATE'S EXPERT

One-Eighth of all Food Consumed Comes From the Waterways.

An important food production movement has been launched by the Connecticut State Board of Fisheries and Game. A report signed by John M. Crampton, superintendent of the board, commenting on the importance of propagating fish in the Connecticut river and estuaries has been sent to the allied armies in Europe. One-eighth of the world's food, the report states, is fish. It declares that a California company shipped 5,000,000 cans of shad to the allied armies in 1915. The report calls attention in a general way to the successful experiments in fish propagation in California and elsewhere. It states that appropriations made in other states for the carrying on of this work and finally as a practical suggestion urges an increased appropriation for the Connecticut lobster hatchery.

Speaking of fish propagation in California, the report says: "Lack in the eighties, Doctors Bean and Everman took up the matter of shad propagation in the rivers of that state and several small quantities of shad fry were taken from our Connecticut river and placed in the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers and a close season was enacted until 1901, when they commenced fishing and with most wonderful results. There was not a shad seen from our Connecticut river until after this experiment and today there are millions of them as far north as Vancouver and Seattle and a seven-pound shad sells in the markets of San Francisco for 10 cents each.

"In the year 1915 (this is taken from every reliable source) the Sacramento Packing company, under the management of its president, F. H. Booth, had a daily average of packing shad, 15 ounces to the can, as follows: 70,000 pounds of roe shad, 10,000 pounds of buck shad and 5,000 pounds of shad roe. This was being done also by six other concerns of about the same capacity. In total this amounts to 27,720,000 pounds of roe shad, 3,960,000 pounds of buck shad and 1,980,000 pounds of shad roe, during the season of 1915.

"The California packing houses furnished to the English and Russian government 5,000,000 cases for their armies. These statistics were given out by the president of the largest packing concern during the national convention in San Francisco.

"We would also call your attention to the striped bass. After two, unsuccessful attempts being made, less than 300, weighing about one-quarter of a pound each, were taken and placed in the waters of California. In the year 1916 over 1,000,000 worth were sold in the state of California alone.

"It is not many years ago since Pennsylvania awoke to the fact that their lake whitefish were diminishing almost to the point of extermination and all fishing was at a very low ebb. Legislative action was immediately resorted to and by consulting their annual report by Dr. Halprow, who we understand fought the matter all single-handed, you will find the

results of careful management in this direction. "Our Connecticut river alone should produce an enormous value in food but for the fact that our rivers and estuaries have been silted so much that the result is much like the Hudson river, which was valued 28 years ago at \$78,000 while last year, it is less than \$5,000, not enough to supply the New York market for one day, while years ago almost the same conditions existed here as exist now on the western slope."

Connecticut Appropriates Least. In the list of fish appropriations by states, Connecticut is shown as having appropriated least, only \$6,000.

Wisconsin	\$105,810
Montana	25,000
New Jersey	14,016
Minnesota	14,072
Vermont	9,284
Maryland	18,600
New Hampshire	21,000
Kentucky	70,000
Massachusetts	31,800
Maine	75,000
Louisiana	150,000
Indiana	13,664
Pennsylvania	200,000
North Dakota	29,000
Delaware	25,000
Iowa	56,000
Connecticut	6,000

"We would further ask for your careful consideration relative to the lobster hatchery. We are propagating from eight to ten millions each year and think this is a very important feature in our work. The amount appropriated for this is \$8,000. We would like to extend the propagation to a very much larger degree. We have asked the committee on fisheries and game to recommend a license fee of \$2 for each person that would enable us to considerably enlarge the output.

"Another recommendation is that the lobsters be sold only within the borders of our own state except with a permit or license to cost about \$25—as a large portion of our lobsters are shipped to New York markets, which seems to us entirely wrong. We feel confident that very inadequate laws are in force relative to these matters and for this reason we are bringing the same to your attention for your consideration as representatives of the people and not of any particular class."

WILLIAM T. MEYER GRAND CHIEF RANGER OF FORESTERS OF STATE

New Haven, May 11—William T. Meyer of Bridgeport was elected grand chief ranger of the Foresters of America, Connecticut grand court, as the closing session of the bi-annual convention here yesterday. Others grand officers chosen were: Grand sub chief ranger, Matthew M. Meskill, New Britain; grand treasurer, James J. Walsh, Meriden; grand secretary, Thomas O'Loughlin, Naugatuck; grand recording secretary, Albert C. Kallenbach, Hartford; grand lecturer, Frank J. Murtha, Norwich; grand senior woodward, Walter J. Connor, New Haven; grand junior woodward, James J. Fitzgerald, Waterbury; grand senior beadle, A. A. Brooker, Putnam; grand junior beadle, Roger J. Leahy, Derby.

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GENERAL WOOD FAVORED ARMY TO GO ABROAD

A few hours before General Leonard Wood departed for Charleston, S. C., to take command of that military district, he is reported to have said to personal friends that in his view there were two activities which should immediately stimulate the participation of the United States in the European war. First, he believed that it would be not only expedient, but of the highest value if the United States were to send immediately, or as soon as possible, a small army of from 10,000 to 12,000 men to France. In his view this army should be one already trained and equipped for service. He was persuaded that the moral effect of the appearance of an American army in France, even though it were no larger than 10,000 men, would be of great value and would be an object lesson to the central allies of Europe, many of whom people do not yet realize that the United States has entered into the war.

After these troops have been sent abroad, good progress can be made in the creation of a large army. There is no need of great haste in the organization of a large army, although it should be done as speedily as possible, in General Wood's view.

The next step, and one which General Wood regards as of prime importance, will have been taken when we begin to provide ships with the certainty that the number of them will be steadily increased, and also provide certain submarine destroyers as rapidly as possible. For he is certain that the prime need of the allies is now supplies, and the United States is the only country that is able adequately to meet this demand.

General Wood had scarcely reached Charleston before information came to this city that the views which he privately expressed have really been adopted in general principle, if not in detail, by the administration at Washington. The minds of the president, his cabinet and the great majority of the members of congress, and the minds of the English and French commissions, it is believed here have met in common understanding so that the commissions will return to England and to France able to carry messages which will be enthusiastically received by the governments not only of England, France and Italy, but also of Russia.

ly advanced as possible. Those who are familiar with the shipbuilding industries in the United States are confident that within six or eight months we shall have added a large number of vessels, so built as to have a capacity of at least 3,000 tons. In the south there is great activity in the shipyards, and from Newport News to Texas, along the coast, the shipbuilding industry is not only active, but will be rapidly increased. President Twitty of the Brunswick, Ga., board of trade, in speaking a few days ago of the part the south will take in facilitating the building of ships referred for example to the activity now in progress at Brunswick, New York capital has already established a large shipbuilding plant there, and is now making ready for an additional plant which will double or triple the capacity. Brunswick will be able to furnish before the end of the year a good many ships. Throughout the south, the work of shipbuilding is facilitated by the adequate supply of lumber that is peculiarly adapted for wooden ships.

Having provided ships, the next problem will be the rapid loading of them with supplies and raw materials, and upon this depends to a certain extent the perfecting of what is to be practically the consolidation into a single unit of the railroads of the United States, at least those that can be usefully employed in transporting food and other supplies. In the financial district it is reported that this work of railroad co-operation and co-ordination is proceeding very satisfactorily, and may be so perfected in a short time as to make it possible to compare it with the perfect mechanism and machinery by which our financial strength is adequately utilized for service almost on the instant.

Every day information comes to this city from other parts of the country, and from Washington, which justifies the hope that the crop this summer will, with the possible exception of wheat, be so large as to provide abundant surplus for export. It is too early to make accurate forecast of crop conditions, but unless climatic misfortunes occur the very great activity of people in the farming sections of the United States, and the ease with which farmers can find financial assistance, make it certain that nothing but bad weather can prevent a very large harvest.

One of the most encouraging of all the efforts now under way for providing a large amount of food is the disposition all over the country to cultivate garden crops. Frank A. Vandorlip recently stated that already garden cultivation is being undertaken upon a large scale and will be an important factor in the food supply of this year. This work is being done not only in the smaller villages, but also in the suburbs of the larger cities. Labor for garden work will be more easily secured than labor for the great farms.

There is no doubt that the government has plans well under way whereby the submarine menace can be met and, if not entirely overcome, nevertheless reduced to a minimum.

TIRE MILLS INCREASE WAGE. Danielson, May 11—Eight big cotton establishments and tire fabric mills yesterday posted notices of a substantial increase in wages effective June 4. Seven of the mills are in Danielson and one in Wauregan. About 3,000 hands are affected.

PROMOTED TO CORPORAL. William C. Turner, private in the United States Army Recruiting station on Fairfield avenue, and for the last 15 years an enlisted man in the United States army yesterday received promotion to corporal.

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