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The Farmers And Food Control.

An illuminating side light on
the food situation is contained
in some expressions inserted in
the Congressional Record re-
cently by Senator Smith of
Michigan. These were from
farmers' organization and in-
dividual farmer, and they with-
out exception endorsed the food
control measures before con-
gress.

These expressions give us a
pretty clear idea as to whence
come the present panic prices.
We are told with great uncti-
on that this is the first time in our
history that the farmer has
received for his products what
they were really worth.

But let us see. What is the
object of food control? Whence
comes the insistent demand?
Plainly, the demand is the di-
rect result of food prices that
are out of all proportion to
wages and to prices in every
other line. It is reasonable to
believe that if the farmers were
receiving anything like the
present retail prices—minus, of
course, a reasonable per cent of
middlemen's profit—they would
not be willing to kill the goose
that lays the golden egg?

The plain truth is, the farm-
er is not benefitted by the pre-
sent high prices of food in any
degree to recompense him
for what he is injured by ex-
travagant prices in other lines.
He is paying vastly more for
every purchase he makes, from
a plow point to a traction en-
gine. What he gains from his
small profits on his sales of food
stuffs is more than offset by
the enormous increase in the
cost of everything that he must
buy to operate his farm. This
the farmer knows, and this is
why they are, almost without
exception, heartily in favor of
government food control—a
control which will establish a
minimum as well as a maxi-
mum price.

The speculating food pirates
will have to hunt some other
scape-goat for their sins instead
of the farmer and his "inter-
ests".

It is interesting to speculate
as to what would have been the
outcome of the East St. Louis
affair had it occurred after our
troops had been sent to France,
or even had they been in camp
in the far south. And the
thought serves to emphasize the
fact that the day is coming
when troops will not be avail-
able for every local disturbance
that may crop out. Coincident
with the formation of an army
for foreign service, should be
the organization of home guard
companies. These should be
composed of exempts entirely, but
should be trained by competent
officers, and should be gotten
into shape for active duty at
as early a date as possible. The
community that has not such
a unit should get busy at once
and organize one. How about
a home guard for Big Stone
Gap?

Beverly-McChesney Wedding

One of the most beautiful
home weddings that have taken
place in the Gap was the wed-
ding of Miss Virginia Eloise
Beverly, the only daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beverly, of
the Gap, to Lieutenant Samuel
Hutton McChesney, of Company
H, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Lee McChesney, of Bristol, last
Wednesday at High Noon.

The impressive ring ceremony
was used by Rev. J. B. Craft,
the officiating minister, who is
the bride's pastor.

In the parlor an improvised
altar was formed under an arch
twined with marguerites and
ferns, over which was draped
two large American flags.
Pedestals twined with white
crepe paper, on the top of
which were crystal candelabras
holding cathedral candles,
shaded with red, formed the
aisle to the altar, back of which
was a large mirror. Before the
entrance of the bridal party
Prof. Rudolph A. Kratochwill, the
famous violinist of Bristol, who
was formerly the bride's violin
teacher, accompanied by Mrs.
Procter Brown, of Bristol, on
the piano, played an appropriate
selection. Then to the beau-
tiful strains from Lohengrin's
Bridal Chorus, played by Mrs.
Walter Pennington, of Penning-
ton Gap, the bridal party en-
tered the parlor. First came the
groom, Mr. McChesney, with
his best man, Capt. G. G. Mc
Ferran, of Company H. Then
entered the maid of honor, Miss
Jess McCorkle, who was beauti-
ful in an exquisite dress of tur-
quoise blue chiffon, carrying an
arm bouquet of sweet peas and
wearing a black lace picture
hat, followed by the bride on
the arm of her father, Mr. W.
S. Beverly, who gave her in
marriage. The bride, who is
an attractive young lady of
blonde type, was never more
lovely than in her traveling
smart suit of buff velvet cloth,
with paisley trimmings and
small buff hat with paisley
trimmings, wearing two toned
buff pumps. Her bouquet was
a corsage of orchids and lilies
of the valley.

Immediately after the cere-
mony a delightful reception
followed. The bridal party en-
tered the dining room to the
strains of Mendelssohn's Wed-
ding March, well rendered by
Mrs. Pennington. The dining
room was beautifully decorated
with streamers of the national
colors of red, white and blue.
The large wedding cake, in
which were the symbols, was
used as the center piece for the
table, surrounded by crystal
candlesticks. A two course
luncheon was served.

After the reception, amid a
shower of rice and good wishes
Lieutenant and Mrs. McChesney
left for Clinchport, where Lieut.
McChesney is stationed. An
extensive honeymoon trip was
planned, but due to the fact of
Lieut. McChesney only being
able to obtain a twenty-four
hour leave of absence they will
spend their honeymoon in
Clinchport.

The out of town guests pres-
ent were: Mrs. J. E. Agee, of
Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. T.
Thompson, of Louisville; Mrs.
Procter Brown and Miss Nancy
McChesney, of Bristol; Mr. and
Mrs. W. R. Pennington, Mrs.
Mildred Dabney of Pennington
Gap; and Mr. Marks, of Clinch-
port.

Stone Gap Colliery Company Changes Hands.

The Stone Gap Colliery Com-
pany, owned by New York cap-
italists, has sold its plant at
Glamorgan to the Ruan Steel &
Iron Company, of Chattanooga,
Tenn. We are reliably in-
formed that the purchase price
for the plant was \$350,000, cash
in hand.

The new company owns sev-
eral iron furnaces and will use
its entire outfit of coal and coke
in its own furnaces. The com-
pany will make extensive im-
provements, as it has plenty of
capital behind it.

No doubt this means a great
deal to the town of Wise, as it
is generally understood that
the new company will be in-
terested in the extension of the
Norton & Northern railroad
north from Wise to some point
on Turkey branch, a distance
of about three and one-half
miles. In that section the com-
pany has under its control one
of the best tracts of coal land in
the county and in the event the
extension is made will put in
another plant at that point.—
Wise News.

Miss Jule Bullitt Weds in New York.

Of much interest to society
in Virginia and the south was
the wedding, beautiful in its
simplicity of Miss Jule Bullitt,
youngest daughter of Major
J. F. Bullitt, to Lieutenant
Willis Richardson Slaughter,
oldest son of the late Mr. and
Mrs. M. R. Slaughter, of Lynch-
burg, which took place in St.
Thomas' Episcopal Church in
New York City Saturday after-
noon at three o'clock.

The bride, who is very lovely,
was unusually charming in her
smart tailored suit of white
wool gabardine with access-
ories and carrying a shower
bouquet of lilies of the valley.
Her only attendant was her
sister, Mrs. J. K. Taggart, of
Roda, who was matron of hon-
or, while Mr. Sam Slaughter,
of Lynchburg, acted as his
brother's best man.

Preceding the wedding was a
lovely breakfast at the home of
Mr. Slaughter's sister, Mrs. Dr.
Morton, in New York for the
bridal party.

Owing to the press of duties
of Lieutenant Slaughter, Twen-
ty-Third United States Infantry,
who is a graduate of this year's
at West Point, he was unable
to obtain sufficient leave of ab-
sence to come the Gap, where
the wedding was to have taken
place, so he was met in New
York by Miss Bullitt, accom-
panied by his mother, Mrs. M.
R. Slaughter, and Mr. Sam
Slaughter, of Lynchburg; Major
Joshua F. Bullitt, of Big Stone
Gap, and Mrs. J. K. Taggart,
of Roda. Outside of the im-
mediate families the only
guests at the wedding were:
Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and Miss
Alma Nix, of New York, and
Mr. Byron Rhoads, Jr., of Big
Stone Gap.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Slaughter
will make their home in Syr-
cuse, N. Y., where the Lieuten-
ant is stationed, until further
orders of the government.

Mid-Summer Dance at Hotel Friday Night.

The Big Stone Gap Cotillion
Club gave a mid-summer dance
at the Monte Vista Hotel Fri-
day evening from 9:30 until
2:00 o'clock. Carter's Saxo-
phone Orchestra, of Knoxville,
furnished the music for the
evening.

Those dancing were: Miss
Mary Ferguson, of Richmond;
Miss Evans, of Loudon; Misses
Rebecca Ware, of New Orleans,
Louise Goodloe, Christine and
Margaret Miller, Caroline
Rhoads, Margaret and Adelaide
Pettit, Ruth Prescott, Jess Mc-
Corkle and Janet Bailey; Mr.
and Mrs. J. Thompson, of St.
Charles; Messrs. H. Davis, of
Burtnett, of Roaring Fork;
Paul Horne, of Clinchport; Will
Jones, Tip Polly and John
Coles, of Appalachia; Dave
Baker, of Knoxville; Jas.
Reynolds, Dr. C. B. Bowyer
and F. S. Wombwell, of Stone-
nega; L. T. Winston, John
Jones, John Fox, Jr., W. M.
Dale, Layne Miller, Donald
Prescott, J. Rubenstein, Sam
McChen, Baylor Blanchard
and J. W. Rush. Mr. and Mrs.
B. E. Rhoads, Mr. and Mrs.
Hinkle and Mrs. H. L. Miller
chaperoned the dance.

BILLION BUSHELS INCREASE.

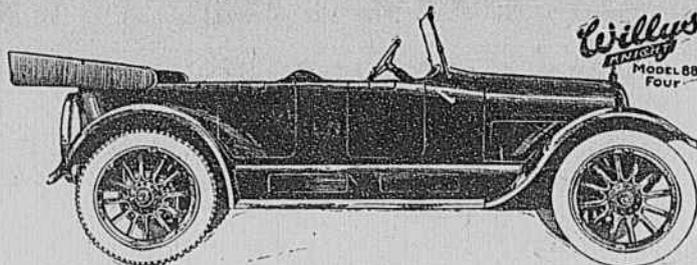
Forecast Indicates the Pro-
duction of 6,093,000,-
000 Bushels Principal
Crop.

A Washington dispatch says:
A billion bushels increase over
last year's production in the
principal food crops is the re-
sponse American farmers have
made to President Wilson's
mid-April appeal saying that
upon them "rest the fate of
the war and the fate of the na-
tions."

The extent of the farmer's
response was disclosed today
when a production of 6,093,000,
000 bushels of principal food
crops was forecast in the De-
partment of Agriculture's July
crop report. It shows this
year's corn crop will be the lar-
gest in history except one, and
that four, and possibly five oth-
er crops will make new records.
The corn crop, which with
favorable weather from now on
may equal the yield of 1912,
shows an increase of 541,000,000
bushels over last year with a
total of 3,124,000,000 bushels.
The acreage is 14 per cent
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fairs. The very boys who manned the guns and dared the wild cavalry rides
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000,000 bushels more than last
year's with a total of 678,000,000
bushels.

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year's crop by 291,000,000 bush-
els, the total production being
forecast at 1,453,000,000 bushels.

Courtesy For Miss Cochran.

Miss Sarah Cochran, of Big
Stone Gap, Va., was the honoree
at a party given by Mrs. Ben
Cochran yesterday afternoon.
For the entertainment the home
on Highland avenue was pretti-
ly decorated throughout in
sweet peas and gladioli.
Amusement was afforded by
a game of bridge in which the
prize, a pair of silk hose, was
won by Mrs. George M. Warren.
The hostess' gift to Miss
Cochran was a set of playing
cards and the consolation gift
went to Mrs. Edwin Powers.

After the game quite a num-
ber of guests, who do not play
cards, came in and spent a
social hour when refreshments,
consisting of a salad course, ice
cream served in cantaloups, and
cake, was passed.

The out of town guests at the
party were: Miss Virginia El-
lis, Misses Barbour and Brown,
of Martinsville, Va.; Miss Bev-
eridge, of Wisconsin; Miss
Dorothy Amis, of Vicksburg,
Miss., and Miss Mary McCue.—
Bristol Herald Courier, July 18.

Appalachia Items

The Appalachia M. E. Church,
South, was dedicated Sunday
morning at the 11 o'clock ser-
vices, and despite the inclement
weather the pews were well filled.
Rev. T. S. Hamilton, pastor
of the Bland Street Metho-
dist Church, Bluefield, W. Va.,
preached the dedicatory sermon
in a most forceful and impres-
sive manner. Rev. Hamilton is
one of the finest preachers, as
well as one of the best men in
the conference today. Brother
Hamilton in his sermon paid
high tribute to the members of
this church for the perseverance
and hard work they have
done to build and maintain
their church. The building is
one of the best and most expen-
sive in the Holston Conference
and is constructed of native
stone, well built and modern,
and as Mr. Hamilton said, is a
lasting monument to the faith
and labors of the Appalachia

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Methodists. Rev. Roy E. Early,
as the pastor, stood at the head
of the trustees and on this oc-
casion he announced that every
pony had been paid on this
edifice, which was very grati-
fying indeed to members of this
church.

Misses Cecil Moody and Cor-
dia Everage returned Saturday
night from Radford, where they
attended the summer session of
the Radford State Normal
School.

Mr. and Mrs. Britt F. Smith,
of Big Stone Gap, were the
guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P.
Hendricks Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kaylor
and children have returned
from a visit to relatives in
Bristol.

Mrs. J. H. Thomas is spend-
ing a few days at her former
home on the farm near Speers
Ferry.

R. C. Bray has returned from
Richmond, where he passed the
state examination for register-
ed pharmacist. He is connected
with the Intermont Drug Com-
pany at this place.

S. P. Miller, Appalachia cab-
inet maker, made a business
trip to Dante the past week.

G. E. Knight, telegraph op-
erator at the L. & N. depot, left
Thursday night for Pittsburg,
Pa., where he is spending the
week at the big Moose Con-
vention as delegate from Appa-

lachia Lodge 1131.

V. J. Johnson, who is taking
osteopathic treatment in Bris-
tol, is spending a few days here
with his family.

Mrs. Kyle Milkiff, who has
been indisposed for several
days, is improving.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of near
Kelly View, was shopping in
Appalachia Saturday night.

The handsome new residence
of J. W. Guntner, near the
public school building, is near-
ing completion.

Rev. Hamilton, who came
down from Bluefield to preach
the dedicatory sermon at the
M. E. Church, South, Sunday,
remained over and filled the
pulpit Sunday night and preach-
ed a splendid sermon. While
here Mr. Hamilton was the
guest of his aunt, Mrs. M. J.
Holley.

Little Miss Virginia Thomas,
of Corbin, Ky., is visiting the
Sullivan girls and the family of
Mr. and Mrs. Houston at the
St. James Hotel.

Little Miss Gladys DeBell,
who had an arm and one of her
legs broken in an automobile
accident about two months ago,
is able to be up and walk
around and is improving nicely.

Tony, the cute little black
bull dog of Mr. and Mrs. C. L.
Chapman, is no more. It is said
he was poisoned. His owners
lament his demise.