

# TO THE FARMERS OF MISSOURI.

State of Missouri, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
John T. Fitzpatrick, Commissioner

Jefferson City, Mo.

## Greeting:

To properly enable this Department and its Free Employment Offices to assist in supplying you with the desired kind of "help" at the "right time" and to expedite the work of distributing harvesters, etc., you are respectfully requested to answer the accompanying "questionnaire." Please use pencil.

Might it interest you to know that this office has supplied the farmers of this State for the first quarter of this year with approximately four hundred farm hands who, by expressions received from those employing them, are giving satisfaction and making good in all of the various branches of farm work, and were sent out in response to requests for single men, man and wife, families, etc.

Why not make use of this service for yourself and benefit accordingly?

Yours for Missouri,  
John T. Fitzpatrick,  
Commissioner.

Fill out the following and return to

JNO. T. FITZPATRICK, State Labor Commissioner, Jefferson City, Mo.

1. Are you in need of help now? Yes No.
  2. If not now about what date? .....1915.
  3. Particular duties or knowledge .....
  4. Kind of work .....
  5. About how long will employment last?
  6. Will employment become steady, permanent? Yes No.
- Character of Help Desired.
7. What Nationality preferred?.....Age.....Are you particular as to size, etc?.....Single, married, with family, would you object to children or babies?.....
  8. Will your "Help" be required to furnish anything besides their wearing apparel?.....
  9. Do you provide living quarters for "help" in your home, or have you a house for them?.....Kind of water, cistern, well or spring.....How far from the house?.....Will you permit your help to have chickens, pigs, cows, horse, garden, etc. ....
  10. How often do you pay your "Help"?.....
  11. What wages will you pay? \$.....Day, \$.....Week \$.....Month:
  12. About how many hours is considered a day's work?.....What work on Sunday? .....
  13. In case of illness or injury when necessary do you furnish a physician or surgeon? Yes No. Do wages stop during idleness from injury or illness? Yes No.
  14. How far are you from town?.....Size of nearest town Name?.....How far from school?.....Church?.....Railway Station?.....Main wagon road.....

Use these lines for explanation and information not covered above.

Name.....Town.....R. F. D.....County.....



THE "PRUDENT MAN" HAS FIRST OF ALL A BANK BOOK

Having a bank account and constantly ADDING to it is the one sure way to make life a success.

We offer to those who are not yet banking with us the services and safety of our bank. Whether or not you are banking with us, feel free to come and consult us about any investments you are figuring on. Without charge we shall cheerfully give you our opinion.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank

Missouri State Bank  
THE OLD RELIABLE

# ITALY PREPARED FOR HOSTILITIES

Rome Newspaper Says War Has Virtually Been Declared Against Austria.

## BRITISH ON NEW OFFENSIVE

Sir John French Reports Big Gains in West—Progress in Dardanelles Battle—Turks are Desperate.

Rome, May 18.—The Giornale d'Italia, which has been a strong supporter of the Salandra cabinet and among the first to advocate military preparations, publishes a significant article today.

"War," the paper says, "virtually is declared by concord of the king, the government and the nation. The wonderful secret dream which for half a century has strengthened Italy in its long wait is about to be transformed into radiant reality.

"Italy is about to engage not only in a war to liberate the remainder of the Italian provinces under foreign rule, but in a war for civilization."

The Giornale d'Italia urges a union of all parties and the cessation of all conflicting passions.

## New British Offensive.

London, May 18.—Field Marshal Sir John French in a message tonight informed the British people that their troops again had assumed the offensive after a fortnight spent in hurling back the German attacks and had swept across and captured all German trenches to the south of Rheboourg-L'Avoue over a two-mile front.

This movement, which resulted in the capture of numerous prisoners, many of whom surrendered in bodies, still is under way and gives indication of being as important in the matter of territory won as was the recent French advance.

## Allies Gain at Dardanelles.

Athens, May 18.—The correspondent for the London Morning Post writes:

"Fighting in the Dardanelles continues vigorously and the losses on both sides probably are very heavy. The allied forces are concentrating their efforts on the capture of two heights that overlook the approaches to the narrows. The Turks are offering a desperate resistance, but the steady advance of the Allies and the terrible fire from ships are said to be weakening the morale of the Ottoman troops and their confidence in their German preceptors.

## Force Germans from Yser.

London, May 17.—Hardly had the German attacks on the British lines around Ypres exhibited themselves and the French offensive to the north of Arras shown signs of coming to an end than the British became the aggressors to the north of La Bassée, and the French and Belgian troops commenced their attempt to throw the Germans back from the Yser canal.

These attacks, according to the French official account, which, however, does not agree with that from Berlin, were successful, and again compelled the Germans to counter attack—the most costly of all operations in siege warfare. Fighting at both points is still in progress today, as well as in Artois, where the French added a further slight gain to those made during the week, which combined constitute the biggest forward movement of either army in the west since the battle of the Marne.

## Little Change in East.

There does not appear to be much change in the general position in Galicia, although the Austro-German armies have been able to make an additional slight advance by the withdrawal of the Russian rear guards, which have been holding off the victorious troops until their own armies could get into new positions behind the San river. This territory promises to be the scene of another big battle, for the Russians, strongly reinforced, will make a desperate effort to stem the tide which has been running so strongly against them.

## Italy to Help Allies.

The fact that the king of Italy has refused to accept the resignation of Signor Salandra and the premier and his whole war cabinet retain office, it is confidently believed here foreshadows the almost immediate entrance of Italy into the circle of belligerents on the side of the allies.

Action, however, may be delayed until the meeting of the chamber of deputies on Thursday, when the premier will announce his policy and will receive the support of a majority of the deputies.

## More Bodies to Queenstown.

Queenstown, May 17.—The bodies of three men, three women, two small boys and one child, a year old, all victims of the Lusitania disaster, were brought to Queenstown today by the tug Flying Fox.

## A Terrorist Victim in Reno, N.

Reno, N. H., May 17.—A female school teacher named Mrs. ... (text is partially obscured) ... was killed by a ... (text is partially obscured) ...

# MAY CHANGE BOTH SEA ZONES

Concessions by Allies Possible as Result of American Note of Protest to Germany.

Washington, May 17.—Without word from Ambassador Gerard as to the attitude of the German government toward the recent American note, official Washington attached much significance to the intimations in diplomatic quarters here friendly to Germany that the latter country in its reply might offer to suspend attacks without warning on merchant ships, while the United States renewed its informal proposals for the unrestricted passage of foodstuffs to civilians in Germany.

Officials have been reticent about discussing the idea of arbitration or the proposal with reference to foodstuffs, but it was indicated that the situation had progressed to the point where the United States would not be likely to be satisfied with any conditional acquiescence in the American position. The latter, it was pointed out, is based on legality and humanity and no stipulation could be considered which presumed any recession by the United States from its rights under international law. It was intimated, however, that if Germany accepted the American point of view the natural tendency of the United States of its own initiative would be strongly to press its contention on the right to ship foodstuffs to Germany, a matter still under diplomatic discussion.

There is a likelihood, too, that some understanding might be reached through the medium of the American government whereby Germany could be definitely assured that no merchant ships leaving the United States would be armed, making it possible for submarine commanders to exercise the right of visit and search with impunity.

Whether Great Britain would consent to disarm all her merchant vessels carrying contraband, is a matter of conjecture.

That the question of permitting Americans to travel on armed merchantmen may shortly be taken under consideration is intimated in well-informed quarters. On the other hand, some officials believe there will be little necessity for this as Great Britain already has informally agreed not to arm her vessels plying between British and American ports.

## YAQUIS ATTACK AMERICANS

Colony at Esperanza, Mexico, Fight Desperately While Awaiting Help From the Outside.

Nogales, Sonora, May 15.—With 500 Mexican soldiers and a band of armed Americans reported as trying to rescue them, a colony of sixty-five Americans, including women and children, were striving yesterday to fight off Yaqui Indians from their homes near Esperanza, south of Guaymas. Their condition was reported as critical.

Governor Maytorena of Sonora has promised Frederick Simpich, American consul here, that he will make every effort to drive back the Indians.

The relief troops are proceeding to the aid of the Americans with difficulty, as the railroad over which they are traversing is only partly repaired. Several of the Americans have been reported killed and wounded in the fighting.

Los Angeles, May 15.—The navy department, according to a message received here yesterday, has instructed Admiral Howard to send a warship to Tobari bay, Mexico, to succor the American colony at Esperanza, who have been attacked by Yaqui Indians.

## TWO DIED WHEN CAR BURNED

Oil Pool in Oklahoma Road Became Ignited and Set Fire to Machine.

Drumright, Ok. May 18.—Geneva Hilton, 28 years old, and Rachel Hadcock, 17, both of near Drumright, were burned to death and Fred Swan, 25 years old, of Cleveland, Ok., was dangerously burned when the motor car in which they were riding set fire to a pool of oil seepage last night.

The three were riding to Drumright from Ollton and were off the main road, their route laying through the thickest of the old field. In the darkness they plunged into a pool of seepage and the car and the pool of oil at once burst into flames.

Swan saved his own life by tearing off his clothing. He is severely burned, however. Both the women were caught in the flames and burned almost beyond recognition. This is the third tragedy of the kind in this oil field. Six or seven persons have lost their lives through the ignition of oil seepage by the cars in which they were riding.

## Pitched Ball Killed Boy.

Hanover, Pa., May 15.—Fifteen-year-old William E. Crawford was killed in an amateur baseball game here yesterday. He was at bat and was struck in the temple by a pitched ball, dying a few minutes later.

# Rich Hill Stock Show

September 21-22, 1915

Rich Hill, Mo.—The officers of the Rich Hill Stock Show are working hard to make their third annual show bigger and better than any show in this part of the country. They realize that they have set a big task for themselves but the people have made it easier for them by subscribing over \$1,000.00 and every cent will be given away as premiums.

The officers are endeavoring to select the most suitable farmers for their Superintendents and they believe that those men will vie with each other to make their respective departments the best exhibit.

There is one exhibit to be featured and that is—The Boys Corn Contest. All boys 15 years and under are eligible providing they have planted, cul-

tivated, raised and gathered the corn they are exhibiting. A prize of \$5 will be given for the 10 best ears of corn, \$3 for the 10 second best ears of corn and a ribbon for the 10 third best ears of corn.

Remember the motto: "For Farmers not Fakirs."

## "Save Kiddies," Last Words.

London, May 12.—"There is one incident the world will remember in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania," said the Bishop of London today, while presiding at a meeting of the Waifs and Strays Society. "When Alfred G. Vanderbilt was face to face with death he said to his valet: 'Come and let us save the kiddies.' The words will run around the world in a way no millionaire's millions ever could do."

Mrs. Spendthrift—

# Oh Mrs. Good Buyer

"Where did you get all those pretty dishes I see in your china cabinet?"

Mrs. Good Buyer—"Why you know I used to have the grocery man come to the house every morning and take my grocery order and I had to pay 30c and 35c for a package of coffee and get nothing but a fair quality of coffee either."

Mrs. Spendthrift—"Well I have them come to my house and take orders too, but how about the dishes?"

Mrs. Good Buyer—"Well I saw in the paper that I couldn't afford to have a man come take my grocery order when I was paying for my telephone, so now I just 'phone 77 every morning and when I order a pound of 30c coffee they send me a package of the best coffee that I ever used and a handsome dish with each package and one day they sent me this nice 7-piece set with one package of coffee. I call 77 and get

- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2lbs nice dried Peaches... 15c | 4lbs good Rice..... 25c       |
| 3 cans Salmon..... 25c         | 3lbs Navy Beans..... 25c      |
| 3 cans Corn..... 25c           | 3 packages Spaghetti..... 25c |
| 3 large cans Tomatoes..... 25c | 3 packages Macaroni..... 25c  |
| 3 large cans Kraut..... 25c    | 2 Grape Fruit..... 15c        |
| 3 large cans Hominy..... 25c   | 3 cans good Pumpkin..... 25c  |

Mrs. Spendthrift—"Whose 'phone is 77 anyway?"

Mrs. Good Buyer—"Why don't you read the papers that's

# Gosnell's Grocery 'PHONE 77

Mrs. Spendthrift—"Oh that's where I see such fine Strawberries, Oranges, Bananas, Lemons, Grape Fruit, Lettuce, Radishes, Asparagus."

Mrs. Good Buyer—"That's the place always so clean and nice."

# Keep Cool While Ironing

This wonderful Iron makes ironing just like play. It makes a kitchen fire unnecessary. You can iron in a cool kitchen, on the shady porch, in the yard, anywhere where it's cool. No tiresome tramping from hot stove to ironing board. The iron is self-heating. It heats evenly, uniformly, just right for easy ironing and perfect work.



The Improved "Easy" Iron is truly one of the world's weight in gold to every housewife who dreads ironing day. It saves work, saves time and saves fuel. One cent will do an ordinary ironing. Pays for itself in a few weeks in fuel saving. Costs little and will last a life time. Fully guaranteed. Write a postal today, saying, "I want to know more about the Improved 'Easy' Iron" and we will be pleased to call and show it to you.

C. C. Smith, Local Representative, Spruce, Mo.

6m-504\*



# The World's Best Wagon

The Peter Schuttler Wagon runs lighter—with less strain on your horses—than any other wagon in the world.

The Old Reliable  
**Peter Schuttler**  
The One Best Wagon

Saves time, harness, horses, pays for itself and gives perfect service. It is built in the careful, honest, old-fashioned way of the highest grade materials (thoroughly air dried) in the most complete wagon factory in the world. That's why it has maintained its reputation as "The World's Best Wagon" for over 75 years.

Don't forget that we have the Peter Schuttler, Milwaukee and John Deere Binders, Mowers and Lawn Mowers and Royal DeLaval Cream Separators and other fine machines. Write for our catalogue and price list today.

Bennett & Co.