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**Food Conservation
Program for Farms**

America's Food Pledge Requires Additional Savings From Limited Supplies—Source of Food Losses on Farms and How These May Be Reduced.

Columbia.—From a harvest less in aggregate production than last year, the United States must export at least 17 1/2 million tons of foodstuffs overseas during the coming season. This is about 12 million tons more than average pre-war exports, or nearly two tons apiece for the average American farm where most of this food originates.

Rigid conservation of food and food stored in granaries, cribs, barns and similar buildings—also products now in the fields—are essential to properly maintain our own population and to meet increased foreign needs. Animal feeds, though in a crude form, must be considered as food, since they are the basis for meat, milk and poultry products.

The vast quantity of feed stuffs stored on farms makes opportunities for saving them correspondingly large. Following are common sources of food losses with suggestions for reducing them:

FIRE—Remove inflammable rubbish, plow fleguards, use care with matches, lanterns and stoves. Supplement these safety measures with fire fighting equipment kept in a definite place for instant use. In brief, consider a farm as a food munition establishment.

SHELTER—Prevent spoilage and deterioration by putting all foodstuffs possible under adequate shelter. Full utilization of storage space and prompt repair of roofs help greatly in preventing food losses. By sheltering foodstuffs on farms conservation is effected at the source.

RATS AND PESTS—Regard rats and similar pests seriously, as the direct enemy of starving humanity. Exclude them with concrete floors and destroy their breeding places. Rats must not eat holes in our bulwarks of national defense.

STOCK LOSSES—More than a million tons of our food exports must comprise meats, fats, dairy products and poultry products. The quantity of this class of food depends largely on comfortable housing and the care which animals receive. Needless exposure and irregular attention may result in reduced production and mortality. Thorough farm conservation demands that livestock be kept comfortable and in healthy condition, thereby securing maximum results from the feed consumed.

In complying with these suggestions, and extending them to cover additional sources of loss, farmers are asked to consider this program necessary until next harvest, even should peace come before that time. Besides feeding ourselves, the United States is pledged to feed the Allies, and we must also supply the people in territory now being recovered from German dominion. We must realize that peace will bring no additional food, but instead increased obligations, Poland, the Balkans and other parts of Europe now isolated from relief, will clamor for a share of our present and future reserves.

Thus strict conservation in all foods and feeds stored on farms is imperative in addition to the food program for homes and public eating places. Compliance with these requests will enable the United States to fulfill present obligations and be ready for new responsibilities.

**CAREFUL SHIPPING WILL
SAVE LIVE STOCK LOSSES**

Columbia.—The attention of live stock shippers is called by the Food Administration to the necessity of careful loading of live stock, particularly hog shipments. While there is no available data at hand giving exact figures, the number of dead or crippled animals arriving at market is large, and, therefore, serious. It is not only a waste of money but a terrific waste of foodstuffs, and during the present crucial period when it is so vital to eliminate waste, it does not reflect favorably on those engaged in the live stock industry to permit such waste. While it has always been customary to lay the blame on the railroads, the Food Administration feels that, although the railroads may have been responsible for a great deal of loss in the past, it has not been a one-sided affair by any manner of means. The utmost care in loading live stock will result in cutting down the losses, and the co-operation of all those engaged in the live-stock industry is asked by the Food Administration.

**MUST NOT SLACKEN NOW
IN FOOD CONSERVATION**

Columbia.—By increasing the monthly allowance of sugar from 2 to 3 pounds per person, the Food Administration emphatically declares that this must not be taken as meaning that the conservation of foodstuffs generally is not now fully as important as it was at the height of the sugar shortage. The United States must increase food exports by one-half from a harvest no larger than last year's. This will call for the most rigid economy and for patriotic co-operation of the American housewife and continued food conservation.

TO BRING TROOPS BACK

German And Austrian Liners To Be Put In Service.

New York, Nov. 15.—Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, announces here tonight on the eve of his departure for Europe that the government intends to return to this country speedily a large part of the American Expeditionary Forces. The purpose of Mr. Hurley's trip to Europe is to arrange the details for their transportation.

To offset the loss of transport tonnage through the withdrawal of British ships hitherto engaged in carrying American soldiers overseas, Mr. Hurley hopes to utilize twenty five or thirty German and Austrian liners, with accommodations for 1,000 men each. In compensation for the "loan" of these vessels, he said, food would be sent to the people of Central Europe on their return voyages.

Mr. Hurley said the shipping board would be able to bring troops back at the rate of 300,000 a month. "If the War Department wants them returned as fast as that," he would meet Gen. Pershing at American field headquarters, he added, to discuss the details of their home coming.

While he will go abroad with Herbert Hoover, federal food administrator, to cooperate in arrangements for the shipments and distribution of foodstuffs to the regions liberated under the armistice terms and in a degree later to be determined to Germany and Austria, Mr. Hurley said his mission had primarily to do with "getting the boys back home."

Convalescent wounded, including many who would have returned to the battle front had the war continued, would be the first troops brought out of France, he said. They would be followed by units of various branches of the service, following plans already partly worked out by Secretary Baker and the General staff.

On future developments in the internal affairs of Germany and Austria and their relations with the Allies, the shipping official added, together with the trend of European events in general, would depend the number of troops to be brought to this country within the next few months, but he was preparing, he stated, to transport large contingents.

There are sixty-seven transports flying the American flag, Mr. Hurley said, and it is hoped that these, with German and Austrian liners which he anticipates using temporarily, will suffice to bring American soldiers home as rapidly as the military authorities desire. If their capacity proves inadequate, he added, the shipping board has 125 double-deck cargo vessels, some of which can be transformed for transport work. He is reluctant, however, to withdraw these from freight service except in an emergency.

Mr. Hurley said he would take up with the Allied maritime transport council in London, which would in turn confer with the German and Austrian maritime authorities, the question of utilizing some of the idle tonnage of the Central Powers. There were fifteen liners at Hamburg and Bremen, he stated, and ten or fifteen in Austrian ports, which could carry in the aggregate 100,000 on each voyage to American ports, returning with food or other necessary cargoes.

GOOD TO THE LAST DROP
MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE
ASK YOUR GROCER

British transports, he stated, which have carried 60 per cent of the American troops bound overseas since the military program was increased last summer, will be utilized to convey English Dominion and Colonial troops back to their home countries.

Lieut. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., a youthful American member of the LaFayette flying squadron, who escaped last summer from imprisonment in Germany, arrived Friday on his way home to Westbury, L. I. He reached Switzerland August 23, after tramping 100 miles through German territory following his escape from guards who were transferring him by train from Lachfeld to Rastatt. Hitchcock was shot through the thigh and his machine disabled in a fight with three German planes March 6, last, and was forced to descend within the enemy lines. Lieut. Col. Chas. W. Whittlesey, leader of the famous "Lost Battalion" of the Seventy-seventh division, who sent the Germans word to "go to hell" when after surrounding his battalion in the Argonne forest, they demanded surrender, arrived on the same steamer with Hitchcock.

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LEE COUNTY FAIR
To Be Held at Bishopville November 27, 28, 29, 30

The Third Annual Lee County Fair will be held at Bishopville from Nov. 27th to 30th. The Association promises one, if not the best, of all Fairs yet held. Many improvements have been made in the grounds and all exhibits will be housed in the main exhibit building with the exception of stock and poultry.

Agricultural, stock, poultry, swine, woman's work, boy's pig and corn club, home demonstration work and school exhibits of a character and quality not surpassed by any section of the world will be on exhibition.

The Pet Bee section of South Carolina this year has produced a crop in quantity and quality second to none and competition for premiums in all departments will be lively.

The Horse Show, an event which is looked forward to by horsemen, will this year present many new show and

harness horses. The racing, which is always of the highest class, offers this year purses which will attract the best of horsemen and the several events will be of interest to all lovers of the sport of gentlemen.

A county fair is an institute which shows the progressiveness of its people and as an educator has no equal. The Lee County Fair has in the past two years grown to be the leading county fair in the South and the association promises that the standard of the two previous fairs will be maintained this year.

The Smith Greater Shows, the attraction for the amusement of the people, is the most up to date and refined amusement combination now touring the country.

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