

FOOD AND FUEL BOTH PLENTIFUL

COMMERCE COMMISSION AND RAILROAD MEN SAY THERE ARE ADEQUATE STOCKS.

Washington, February 23:—No actual food or fuel shortage exists anywhere in the country and high prices should not be attributed to the present freight congestion, it was stated by the Interstate Commerce commission and railroad authorities today. Reports indicated that all localities are supplied with adequate stocks of living necessities for immediate domestic consumption, and the tie-up on railroads will improve steadily.

Conditions today were believed far better than twenty-four hours ago, since good weather and a suspension of spring over yesterday's holiday permitted railroads to rush hundreds of empty freight cars westward from the congested yards of the east. These will be reloaded, largely with foodstuffs destined for consumption in the east or for export, but both the Interstate Commerce commission and the Car Service commission of the American Railway association are seeking to give preference in car allotments to goods for domestic needs, rather than to export demands.

On February 10, 165,274 cars, loaded and empty, were involved in the freight congestion, having increased by more than one-third in two weeks, the commission's report showed.

Chicago's lack of empty cars for eastbound shipments is no greater proportionately than in other localities. According to the commission, whose reports show that city has received 200 cars daily, half of these were used for export grain.

WOMEN WOULD ASSIST.

Willing to Serve Their Country in the Event of War.

Washington, February 25:—A nation wide movement to organize women for war service was planned here today at a mass meeting called by the National American Suffrage association addressed by Secretary Baker and attended by Secretaries Daniels and McAdoo. A note adopted by the executive council of the association to be sent to President Wilson says:

"We devoutly hope and pray that our country's crisis may be passed without recourse to war. We declare our belief that the settlement of international difficulties by bloodshed is unworthy of the 20th century and our confidence that our government is using every honorable means to avoid conflict. If, however, our nation is drawn into the maelstrom, we stand ready to serve our country."

The statement added that the association had "no intention of laying aside our constructive, forward work to secure the vote for the womanhood of this country."

To unify the efforts of all women's organizations and cooperate with government authorities the associations plans to form a central committee composed of representatives from "each national organization of women willing to aid in war work if the need arises." The suffrage association itself expects to establish a bureau to work out plans for employing women in positions left vacant by men who might go to war.

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Taylor-Bryant Wedding.

Andrews, February 22:—One of the prettiest and most interesting events of the season here, was the wedding of Mrs Oshana Taylor of Andrews, R F D 1, and Mr E L Bayant of Morrisville, R F D 1, which was solemnized at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of the bride. The color scheme was effectively carried out in the decorations of the reception hall. Festoons of smilax intermingling with pink and white roses and carnations were used. The drawing room was decorated in white and green, only bride roses and white chrysanthemums being employed with smilax. Here was an improvised altar formed of palms and ferns lighted with white candles. The guests were welcomed at the door by Mrs Mabelle Orvin, of St Stephens, a sister of the bride. The bride entered with her brother, Mr Henry Browder, preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Lutisher Barfield, and bridesmaids, Misses Ethel Cox and Mary Ellen Browder, who were gowned in white silk crepe de chine with over dress of plaited tulle, carrying bouquets of pink bride roses. The bride was lovely in a gown of blue charmeuse. The veil was arranged to fall over her face and to the end of her train, caught to her hair with sprays of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of bride roses and lilies of the valley. The bridegroom was attended by his nephew, John Cox, as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Rev M E Powell.

Those attending from other points were as follows: Mrs Ida Barfield and daughter, Miss Lutisher Barfield, and Mr A K Browder, all of Lanes; Miss Mary Ellen Browder of Sumter, Miss Craig Hyatt of Lake City, Miss Liney Godwin of Scranton, Mrs Mabelle Orvin of St Stephens, Mr Money Ard of Leo, Misses Lena and Bessie Sports of Morrisville.

Mr and Mrs Bryant will be at home after a short trip and will be welcomed by many friends.

Test Your Eggs for Hatching.

Before placing a great number of eggs in an incubator for hatching they should be tested for fertility; that is, some of them should be tried under hens to see if a good per cent of them are fertilized and strong enough to hatch well. If they are not good it is time something should be done to remedy the matter. Change meals for a time, at least, and see if that does not remedy the trouble. Very often you are not feeding enough green stuff, or your hens are too closely confined and do not get the proper exercise. It takes the pink of condition and a good deal of exercise upon the part of both the male and the female to give us the best of eggs for hatching. Many of us do not realize this and for that reason our eggs fail to give us good lively chicks in sufficient number.—*Southern Ruralist.*

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