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o-German editors are still tently in the interest nreign overlords and agains' try that has been to them r followers a haven of refuge the oppression to which they ted under the military of Germany. They con heir systematic and evidently m-directed effort to shake the se of the people in the honand the loyalty of President to the best interests of the States. They are stirring ur en, creating discontent and the German sympathizers to alty. Their purpose seems to be to bring about a condition of domestic strife and to fight the battle of Germany in America by divding our ople into hostile camps. The doctrine they are preaching is pernicious and treasonable, leading inevitably to a whole train of evils. They are sow ing dragons' teeth in a fertile so that will produce a harvest of fright fulness in the near future. The pro testations of loyalty to America firs of all with which these German agitators premise every disloyal and un-American tirade against President Wilson and the government deceives no one they are enemies of America and American institutions, and no more to be trusted than the tories of revolutionary days. Men who condone bomb plots, conspiracies, incendlary fires in this country and applaud Zeppelin raids and submarine outrages are not to be trusted.

THE CALL TO SERVICE.

President Wilson has made the first call on the men of America to rally for defense of the country against the aggressions of a foreign foe. The na vy is short of men, twenty-six thousand are needed immediately to mat the ships, and it is the duty of those who feel the responsibility of serving the country in the defense of their homes and the protection of their and sisters to respond to the and preventing the enemy from gain noble young woman who has left this ing a footbeld in this country. The sarthly sphere.

men of the navy will be the first line of defense and if this line is made strong and impregnable the country will be spared the horrors of warfare that Europe has suffered. The post of honor and the post of duty at present is on the decks of our warships and the men who have the patriotism and the enterprise to desire to be in the forefront and near the flashing of the guns will quickly answer the call of President Wilson. The president says the men are needed and needed now. Therefore, the call is to the men who have been saying that when the need for men became urgent they would be roady to go. The need is urgent and the call to duty has been sounded. Who will answer the call?

GUARD AGAINST HUNGER.

It seems to the writer that steps should be taken by the business men of Sumter to inaugurate a movement to bring about concerted action among the farmers of the entire county for the planting of a large acreage in food crops, to the end that enough food may be produced, even under the most adverse weather conditions during the coming summer, to make certain that there shall be harvested this fall a sufficient quantity of corn. peas, rice, potatoes and other foodstuffs for man and beast to afford abundant sustenance for every living thing in this county until the next year's crop can be made, Sumter county and every other county in South Carolina, should bend every effort and use every possible means available to render the county absolutely independent of the balance of the world nsofar as food is concerned. We have before us the planting season and the entire productive period of the year and in the face of the conditions now confronting the United States and the unknown and unknowable conditions that may speedily arise, it is but common sense to put our house in orde and prepare for anything that may come. If the people of Sumter county utiline the opportunity that they now have they will be fortified against hunger and want in time of trouble Under ordinary conditions South Car olina would suffer hunger and a statbordering on famine would prevail i communication with the west should be cut off for a few weeks. It lies within the realms of possibility that such a condition could be about and without a store of food within the State sufficient for ou needs there would be untold hard ships in a country that should be land of plenty. Now is the time to prepare for the future and the me' who occupy positions of leadership should lose no time in planning to are upon the advice of the president and the secretary of agriculture to mobilize our agricultural resources. Seed time is at hand and now is the time to prepare for the harvest.

DEATH OF MRS. P. K. TALLON.

The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Tallon were pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Tallon which occurred at an early hour Sunday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. New man, 308 West Oakland Avenue.

Mrs. Tallon before her marriage was Miss Itasca, more endearingly known as Miss "Tassie" Newman, and was in her thirty-sixth year when she died.

She is survived by her husband and one child, her parents, four sisters Mrs. S. E. Angle, of Wirtz, Va., Mrs Bunyon Tallon, of Kershaw county Mrs. Wesley A. Brown, and Mrs. Wal ter G. Cleaper, and one brother, Mr. Charles B. Newman, the last three of

The funeral services and inter ment were held at Wells church, Le county, at noon today in the pres ence of a large number of sorrowin relatives and friends of several coun-

The death of Mrs. Tallon is pecullarly sad owing to her being taken away just in the prime of her useful. Christian, and devoted lifework of motherood, wifehood, relative and friend to hundreds to whom she en deared herself by her sweet an sympathetic disposition, and by he womanly traits of character. She wa a devotee of the beautiful principle of charity, in thoughts, words and

For several years she had been in failing health, and her fortitude and Christian character helped her to bear her sufferings, and by her faith and her uncomplaining acceptance o God's decrees, she was a shining ex ample of forebearance to others While she is mourned, and her life' sufferings are at an end, she is among the heavenly souls who earned their reward by living as Christians should but she will be greatly missed, and reverently and lovingly remembered as one of the sweetest and most lov able, kind-hearted, and brightest of women who have made the world bet call of the President. Upon the navy ter that they had lived. The sympawill fall the burden of defending the thy of hundreds of friends goes out coast of the country against attack to the grief stricken family of this

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GROW FOODSTUFFS AT

FARMERS URGED BY DR. LONG AND DEMONSTRATOR WIL-LIAMS TO RAISE FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THEMSELVES.

Mr. Williams Points out the Great ficient to Sustain People Living on for canning purposes.

and Southron.

Inc. sed you will find a letter from Mr. Long to all demonstration agents, which explains itself. Sometime ago you told me that you would come beyond your reach. I am planning to produce enough food crops to take care of as many people as are engaged upon my farm producing crops and of course to take care of my labor. If every farm in Sumter county would do this a wall could be built around the county and we would not suffer much if nothing could be shipped into the county. It would be very poor living without gasoline to give us exercise, but before we see the end of the catastrophe confronting us, we may look upon some of the necessities at present as very great luxuries. Our farmers certainly will not be taking any chances to grow a large supply of food crops this year. It makes me' tired to hear farmers talking about the high prices of things that are produced and should be produced on farms in Sumter county.

Prof. H. E. Savely, field agent in charge of five Southern States in the form demonstration work, four of which are in boll weevil territory, said that government made a survey of a number of farms in the Mississippi delta, some of the richest land in the world, and that they found on those farms the farmers who were growing all of their home supplies were nearly all out of debt and not one who depended upon cotton to purchase his Call your bankers, merchants and supplies, but owed money and in farmers in conference so that the many instances this class of farmers most powerful influences may be put owed money and had their farms mortgaged to the farmers in the delta sary food crops for man and beast." growing their home supplies. The same is true in a large measure in Sumter county. Those farmers who despise these small things that bring them in a small income all during the year are handicapped with debt and find out that it takes more than they can produce of cotton to pay their debts no matter how high the price of cotton is. For when cotton is high other things are high in prorortion. Cotton will not purchase as

was worth ten and twelve cents. On his recent visit to Sumter County Prof. Savely said that the velve bean grown on every acre of our lan in corn would double the value of the sides furnishing ten dollars worth of fertilizer. He also stated that the farmers in Alabama grew beans in all of their corn or practically all of it and that it was no longer a question out there of keeping the animals fat in the winter, but it was their only problem to keep them in good endition in the summer. He said that the bean was a success planted both n the drill and the middles of corn. if the beans were planted before the irst of May. Velvet beans are the cheapest seed that can be purchased oday. They can be laid down in Sumter at \$1.50 per bushel or less and a bushel of beans will plant from our to six acres. So plant veivet

> J. Frank Williams. County Agent.

W. W. Long of Clemson, director of cooperative extension work in ag ciculture and home economics i South Carolina, has addressed to al' the demonstration agents in the State men and women, a letter urging then to impress on the people the need of growing vegetables for home con sumption.

The letter is as follows:

"The conditions, as being reported of the food crops of the world if no clarming are serious. This is especally true when we realize that the reserves will be exhausted at the enof this crop year.

"It is reported that the English wheat crop is exceedingly backward The Dutch crop is small. The French crop is very much less than usual and what is most alarming Argentina wil have little wheat or corn to export The Australian wheat crop is re ported 50,000,000 bushels less than last year's. The statement is madthat the English government has con tracted for the entire surplus of thi year's wheat crop of Canada. Wheat in the winter growing States in ou country has suffered much for the want of moisture. Early veretable

stroyed by recent freezes. Coming nearer home, the prospects for whea and oat crops in South Carolina are the most discouraging in years. The season is very backward and, therefore, little gardening has been done in this Stars.

"The country is virtually in a state of war and we have every reason to expect that in a short time thousands Return from Planting Velvet Beans of young men may be called from the in Corn Fields-Dr. Long Tells of fields to arms. Therefore, it is neces-Conditions in State Which Make sary to impress upon all classes of Imperative That Every Farmer our people the urgent need of grow-Grow More on His Place Than Suf- ing all vegetables for table use and

"You should take this matter up not only with the farmers but with Editor Sumter Item and Watchman the officials and residents of cities and villages and bring about organizations for the cultivation of vacant lots in food crops. Chambers of commerce, women's clubs and every agency should be appealed to assist in out and stay with me if paper kept this most important work. The pro going up and the price of food soared duction of forage crops on large areas. particularly the velvet bean, sorghum, Soudan grass, cow peas and soy beans, is urgent. The acreage in corn should be greatly increased.

"The greatest care should be taken with spring pigs. Hogs are now selling in the Northern markets at 15 3cents a pound on foot; beef cattle from 10 to 12 cents a pound on foot with every prospect of increasing. The acreage of sweet potatoes should be increased many fold. Every farmer should plant a crop of fall Irish potatoes-the Lookout Mountain variety if obtainable.

"With the food supply of the world in its present condition, we may be assured of a profitable demand for all food crops. We owe it to ourselves and our country to produce the necessary supplies for the family and in the event that war is declared, for the men who are performing their patriotic duty. The indications are that for the first time since the Civil war we will be unable to purchase supplies from other countries. Therefore, it is imperative that we produce them at home. This possibilty of shortage may bring some of our people to actual suffering.

"If you think wise have this article published in your local paper.

Director.

COUNTIES JOIN FOR FERRY.

Orangeburg and Clarendon Men Arrange Crossing for Santee-Meeting of Committees.

Elloree, March 23 .- In response to a telegram from a committee from Manning looking into the advisability of operating a ferry on the Santee much feedstuffs or food at the prest river E. F. Irick, W. M. Fair, and ent prices as it would when cotton P. P. Hungerpiller, president, vice president and secretary respectively of the Elloree Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture met with J. K. Breeden, Smith and Burgess of Manning in Sumter on Tuesday night vield of the land planted to corn be and discussed plans for operating this ferry. The Manning committee re ported something like \$1,500 subscrib ed and the Elloree committee some thing like \$500, each committee as suring the other that more would be forthcoming. The plan so far is to reach the river on the Clarendon side at a point where there is no swamp crossing in a motor boat sufficiently large to carry several automobiles. buggies, etc., motoring down stream to a point on the Orangeburg county side to a point where there is no swamp. After going over several plans it was deemed that this is the best one, and there is no doubt that it will be put into operation at a very early date unless something better is brought forward.

Another meeting has been arranged and there is no doubt that the project will materialize. If put into operation it will serve as a common good to both the people of Clarendon and Orangeburg counties, who these many years have been so near and yet so far away, as well as being of Statewide benefit to motorists and

WANT TURKEY CREEK OPENED.

A largely signed petition will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners and Supervisor at their next meeting asking that steps be taken towards improving the Turkey Creek drainage proposition. The potion has been signed by members o City Council, members of the Board of Health, citizens owning property in the district affected and a large number of other persons interested in securing better drainage facilities in that section of the county and therefore better sanitary conditions the eastern part of the city

The petition states that while the Turkey Creek problem has been discussed by the Board of Commissioners, no action has been taken and the situation is getting worse all the time. The Board is asked to consider the problem and take such steps as will in the Southern States have been de remedy present conditions.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

In Session This Week at Littleton Street Methodist Church.

The Sumter District Conference met in Lyttleton Street Methodist Church Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Dr. H. W Bayes, the Presiding Elder of the District presided over the sessions of the Conference and Rev. G. P. Watson, pastor of the Bishopville church was elected secretary.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. S. W. Henry, pastor of the Oswego charge. Dr. J. W. Wolling, pastor of the Elloree charge preached Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, and Dr. R. S. Truesdale, pastor of Sumter First Church preached at the evening

Rev. F. H. Shuler, Commissioner of Education; Rev. H. Z. Nabors, superintendent of Epworth Orphanage; Rev. W. C. Owen, Conference Sunday School Secretary; Dr. D. D. Peele, of Columbia College; and J. C. Guilds of Carlisle School were present and represented the various institution: with which they are connected.

The reports of the preachers of the various charges in the district evi- from The Hague.

spiritual and numerical growth of the church, and there is a hopeful outlook for future progress,

Manning was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting. The following delegates were elected to the Annual Conference which

will meet at Bishopville; A. J. Beattie, Charlton DuRant, J. W. Hamel, Dr. J. E. Wannamaker. The following four alternate were elected: J. R. Griffin, S. W. Fairy, L. R. Rollings, Dr. F. M. Zemp.

A collection was taken for Epworth Orphanage at the Wednesday evening

Twenty clerical and about thirty lay delegates were in attendance upon the

T. H. Tatum, of Bishopville, Conference lay leader, was present at the last session and made a talk on finances.-Camden Chronicle.

KAISER IS NERVOUS.

London, March 23 .- Private messages have reached the Hague that Emperor William has suffered a severe nervous breakdown, and has been ordered to take the cure at Homburg, according to a dispatch

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