

ENGLAND'S ECONOMIC STATE.

BONAR LAW DEFENDS WORK OF GOVERNMENT.

Great Britain in Last Year Placed Eight Hundred Thousand Men in Army and Employed Seven Hundred Thousand at Home and Eight Hundred Thousand Women at Home.

London, Feb. 13.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and government leader in the house of commons, replying to criticisms of the government with respect to its home policy, said that in 1917 the national service department has put into the army 820,645 additional men and placed in employment at home 731,000 men and 804,000 women.

Referring to the food production he said that the cereal production in England in 1917 amounted to 850,000 tons, and in addition the country had produced an extra 3,000,000 tons of potatoes.

England, said the chancellor, was the only country in the war where there had not been a diminution in food production. A million additional acres were being put under the plow. This year 800,000 acres more had been cultivated in England and 400,000 more in Scotland and Ireland. The total stocks of wheat in Great Britain at the end of December, 1917, exceeded those at the end of December, 1916, by 1,000,000 quarters. In 1917 there was built in Great Britain 1,163,474 tons of shipping and 170,000 tons were obtained from abroad. The chancellor explained that the premier's estimate of ship construction was not realized because the government had arranged to have a large quantity of tonnage built in America but when America came into the war she preferred, as the British would have preferred, to take the tonnage herself. But the tonnage was there.

Emphasizing the value of the shipping controller's work, Bonar Law said that, in spite of the diminution in ships and in spite of the fact that Great Britain had lent 1,500,000 gross tons for the use of her allies in September, October and November, the nation had actually imported the same amount as has been imported from February to April.

It had been suggested, said the chancellor, that because America had entered the war, Great Britain ought to have to spend less. America has given great help not only to Great Britain's allies but to Britain herself, for which Britain could not be too grateful.

SEVEN BILLION TIN CANS WANTED.

Tin Plate Makers Asked to Prepare for Great Drive in Food Conservation.

Boston, Feb. 12.—Tin plate makers have been asked to anticipate a demand for 7,000,000,000 cans for fruit and vegetables in 1918. Henry Burden, president of the National Canners' Association, stated in addressing the opening session of the annual convention of that organization. In 1916, he said, the pack was 4,000,000,000 cans and in 1917 it reached approximately 5,000,000,000 cans.

KING GEORGE SPEAKS.

Great Britain Will Fight the War to End for Principle.

London, Feb. 12.—In his speech opening parliament today King George said that the war struggle has reached a critical stage, which demanded more than ever the full use of the country's energies and resources. Until recognition is offered of the only principles on which honorable peace can be concluded, the king declared, it is the duty of the British to prosecute the war with all the vigor they possess.

TRADE WITH UKRAINE.

Imports Syndicate of Specialists Secretly Formed.

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, announces the formation of an import syndicate with a board of officials made up of trade specialists. The syndicate will have a capital of 600,000 marks and will organize for the purpose of distributing imports of Ukraine iron ore, oil, flax and wheat among German consumers. It also will organize a system of German exports into the Ukraine. The newspaper says the syndicate was secretly formed.

Columbia, Feb. 13.—The mobilization of the remainder of the first draft of registrants for South Carolina at Camp Jackson which has been held up because of quarantine regulations at the camp was today ordered completed at once by Captain R. E. Carville, in charge of the selective service for this State. A notice to this effect was sent to all of the county boards.

Good News For Tobacco Growers!

WE are now able to offer the trade in unlimited quantities the old, reliable and popular brands,

Bonanza Tobacco Guano 8-3-3

Orinoco Tobacco Guano 8-2 1/2-3

Farmer's Bone 8-2-2

No crop is more dependent upon POTASH than tobacco, and those who have been reducing or cutting out POTASH will find it to their interest to return to their old standards. NEBRASKA POTASH has been thoroughly tested by State Agricultural Department and other experts and pronounced equal to, or, if anything, superior to the German Potash. We have an ample supply of this Potash to give any desired analysis to users of

ROYSTER'S F.S.R. FERTILIZERS

Please remember! WE HAVE THE POTASH, but it will do you no good if you wait so late that the overworked, congested railroads cannot haul it to you. A ton of fertilizer on your farm is worth two in our factory. Order now.

F. S. ROYSTER GUANO COMPANY, NORFOLK, VA.

Read the following interesting letters from Royster users:

COLUMBUS COUNTY. R. F. D. No. 1. Tabor, N. C., Sept. 6, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used no other goods but Royster's because I got the best results from it. I had three acres of tobacco which I got \$70.00. I have six acres of cotton, which I will get six bales or 3,000 lbs. of cotton. My corn is as good as I expect. I want Royster's next year. Yours very truly, W. FIPPS.

VANCE COUNTY. Henderson, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1, Sept. 17, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used six tons of Royster 8-3-3 tobacco fertilizer. I am proud to say I got twelve barns off twelve acres. I will average a thousand pounds to the barn. I am expecting \$4,000 more for my whole crop. I don't want anything but Royster 8-3-3. Your friend, W. E. WELDON.

FORSYTH COUNTY. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I used 800 pounds of ROYSTER'S HIGH GRADE fertilizer this year, and find it to be the best I have ever used. I never fail in my crop of tobacco or wheat when I use Royster's. I have not sold my tobacco yet, but it is the best I have ever raised, and I expect a good price for it. I can't speak too highly of the F. S. R. fertilizer. Your truly, W. P. STRUPE.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY. Reidsville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2, Sept. 26, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I wish to tell you that I used your 8-2-2 fertilizer for tobacco this year and have the best crop for some years, both in color and body, and shall continue its use if I can get it. MR. W. J. JARRELL.

SURRY COUNTY. Rockford, N. C., Sept. 27, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have been using your fertilizers for 15 or 20 years, and think it is the best there is. I have used other guanos in the same fields under my tobacco, and the part where F. S. R. was used was better from the first. I could get better cures on it than I could on the tobacco where I used other brands, and when I sold, the tobacco grown on F. S. R. averaged more in the hundred. I raised ten barns myself this year and I have good cures on all of it. My tenants used it this year, and they say they are going to use F. S. R. again next year. I expect to use your brand as long as I can get it. Respectfully yours, H. T. DINKINS.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY. Whitakers, N. C., Sept. 3, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: I have been using your fertilizers for a number of years and believe that we get better results from it than any other brand that we have ever used. It seems to be peculiarly adapted to our soil, and especially for tobacco. We take great pleasure in recommending same to farmers of Eastern Carolina. Yours very truly, T. L. RICKS.

CASWELL COUNTY. Pelham, N. C., Sept. 1, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used two tons and a half of Farmers' Bone, and I received better results from this brand than any I have ever used. I think my crop will turn out about 9,000 lbs. Will use the same brand next year. I remain, Yours respectfully, THOMAS BLACKWELL.

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I bought DELTA TOBACCO GUANO from Mr. J. J. Patterson, your representative here, last spring for my tobacco crop. It made me a splendid crop; my entire sales so far have averaged from \$35 to \$40 per hundred. I have sold \$35 to \$40 per hundred. Will use the same brand next year. Yours very truly, W. H. OWEN.

PITT COUNTY. Greenville, N. C., Sept. 21, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: For the past four years I have used your tobacco fertilizer, and this year used it exclusively. My tobacco has been about the best in my neighborhood. I used this year with unfavorable seasons. I sold my crop in the rough, ungraded, for \$6,000, which is at the rate of \$200 per acre. I consider Royster's absolutely the best. J. E. BREWER.

GREENE COUNTY. Hookerton, N. C., Sept. 14, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I purchased some of your guano this year from Messrs. Edwards & Pines and used it under my tobacco. My tobacco grew off better from the start than any crop I have ever had before. In quality and quantity the crop was in every way all that I could ask for. I shall use your fertilizers again. Respectfully, W. A. MORRIS.

FRANKLIN COUNTY. Mapleville, N. C., Sept. 21, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I have the best crop of tobacco I ever grew. These prices I shall get over \$200 per acre. I used ROYSTER'S guano and will again. Your truly, J. J. DRIVER.

PITT COUNTY. Greenville, N. C., Aug. 25, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: You will doubtless be interested in knowing how we are getting on with our Mill Brook farm, and our opinion of your fertilizers, which we have used exclusively on this farm for all crops for two years. With an average application of 1,000 pounds per acre for tobacco of your 8-3-2, we produced last year 850 pounds per acre. This year our crop will easily yield 1,100 pounds per acre. Considering that the two seasons have been the count of excessive rains and that the soil on this farm is in a very poor state of fertility, owing to neglect of former owners, we are more than pleased with the results obtained. With kindest personal regards and best wishes for the continued success of your valuable firm, we are, Very truly yours, GORMAN & JENKINS, Props.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: As I have used your guano for two years, I take pleasure in writing you in regard to your brand. I tried last year to get a picture of a lot of tobacco I had on some part of my horse grass land. I had turned out for cow pasture, but could not get a man to take one large enough. I got one at last to take one this week. I have 55,000 hills in this lot with 200 pounds of 8-3-2 on it, and it is as good as I have ever seen and you will agree when you see the picture. I think Roysters is the only guano to use. J. J. ELLIS.

WAKE COUNTY. Sebulon, N. C., Oct. 27, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: Your goods gave entire satisfaction this year. I made the best tobacco I have ever made with your goods. I shall recommend Royster's goods hereafter. Yours truly, C. W. HOCUTT.

FRANKLIN COUNTY. Henderson, N. C., R. F. D., Sept. 4, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I've had better success using your guano than any fertilizer I've ever used. It did not have any disease in my tobacco this year. Yours sincerely, GEORGE W. MASON.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY. Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 4, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: It gives me pleasure to say a word of praise for Royster's fertilizers. I have noticed very carefully this year where different fertilizers have been used, and especially tobacco, and it seems to me I've the best tobacco I have seen since Royster fertilizers were used. Except for the damage by the July rains I have never grown a better crop and I used Royster's fertilizers. H. D. BAKER.

LUNENBURG COUNTY. Fort Mitchell, Va., Sept. 22, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: Will say I have seen using your goods for the past fifteen years and it is a very easy matter for me to say that it is better especially the Bonanza, which I have not been able to find for the past two years, which needs say that I have ever cultivated. It grew tobacco faster, and I had better results from that than any I have ever used. J. A. YOUNG.

PITT COUNTY. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sirs: Having used your fertilizers for the past two seasons and having obtained such highly satisfactory results, I feel that you might be interested to know how I feel about them. I grow thirty-nine acres of tobacco this year under very adverse conditions that will sell for over \$10,000. I also find your goods equally good for other crops and shall use them again. With best wishes, I am, B. E. ALBRITTON.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY. Pinnywood, Va., Sept. 17, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I have been using your guano for several years and I can say that it is all O. K. for all crops. I expect to use it again. I used it beside some other grades, and find that my tobacco was much better and ripened up ten days earlier from your guano than it did from the other grade. Very truly, J. B. BURNS.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY. Rawlins, Va., Aug. 28, 1917. F. S. Royster Guano Co., Norfolk, Va. Gentlemen: I used your guano this year for the first time, and compared it with other guano on three different pieces of land. I find that yours is far ahead. I used 8-2-2. I can heartily recommend this brand to anyone who has tobacco on light sandy soil. I shall always get it hereafter. If it is possible I can do so. Yours most sincerely, L. B. FITCHETT.

SHIPYARD NEEDS MEN.

Tillman Asks Mechanics of State to Help Build Ships to Win War.

Columbia, Feb. 13.—Many recruits are coming in from all parts of the State and Horace L. Tighman is in charge of the work of preparing an eligible list of men available for work in the shipyards of the country. Mr. Tighman's office is in the National Union Bank building, Columbia. He feels optimistic about getting the 4,000 men needed from South Carolina. Tonight, William Banks editor of the Columbia Record, who is assisting Mr. Tighman in this work, received the following message from Senator Tillman, in Washington, chairman of the senate committee on naval affairs: "On America rests the responsibility of placing her almost infinite stores of men and munitions and food quickly on the western front to crush,

once for all, the strength of the German junkers. America now has the trained men and resources to accomplish this end. Only one thing is lacking to place those resources where they will prove decisive, and that thing is ships. "She has the materials, she has the plants to produce them, but to produce them she must have the men, preferably trained mechanics, ready to assume the task and with willingness and enthusiasm push it to a successful conclusion. Can the response for a moment be doubted?"

The registration places are open. It is for the mechanics of America, whose stake in this war is perhaps greater than that of any other class, to come to the colors, not as fighters on the front line trenches, but, just as vital at the moment, as fighters in the shipyards of America. With their aid the end cannot be doubted. "I think if we have any men in

South Carolina who can help build ships they ought at once to make up their minds to go to work for the government and enlist in that great cause. General Pershing and his gallant army need reinforcements and any one who can contribute in the least ought to get to work immediately."

FRENCH CABINET MEETING.

Finance Minister Klotz Reports Financial Situation Satisfactory. Paris, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—The cabinet met today to discuss the military and diplomatic situation. Finance Minister Klotz submitted a report on the inter-allied finance commission held in London last week, which he reported highly satisfactory. Premier Clemenceau approved the measure combining under one head the anti-espionage, intelligence and secret police departments.

BASEBALL IN ITALY.

American Aviation Camp, Southern Italy, Jan. 19 (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The two chief events of the New Year at the camp have been the arrival of some baseballs and bats and the opening of the Young Men's Christian Association room by Dr. Walter Miller. Time had begun to hang heavily on the hands of the young men being trained for officers, particularly at nights and during wet or windy weather, or on days when there were not enough machines to keep all busy. In the latter case the students for whom there were no machines had to go through infantry drill or do other duties of an unexciting kind. It was a good deal the same for the forty or more men who had passed their examinations and been declared ready to receive their commissions. Although the "piece" as is called

the big flat body of land used for training, is generally pretty well crowded, room has been found for the baseball players and life for them has once more become interesting. The Young Men's Christian Association room provides a place to write letters home and above all to read books and magazines. For months there was hardly a fresh American periodical or newspaper in camp, and all the old ones were falling apart from much thumbing. Added to the old-fashioned diseases of loneliness and homesickness to which youths hardly over twenty are subject was added also the discomfort of the cold, raw weather without any heat, and this lack the Young Men's Christian Association also filled by providing a good hot fire.

It is said that Tillman eats an onion every day. Who said he wasn't strong.—Clinton Chronicle.