

GOVERNMENT ATTACKS ON BIG SCALE TASK OF MAINTAINING FOOD SUPPLY

\$11,346,400 to Be Spent in Stimulating Production and Protection and Conserving of Crops—Farm Help Activities to Be Extended—Marketing Assistance to Be Extended to the Producers.

Washington.—The task of maintaining during the war an ample supply of food will be attacked on a still larger scale by the United States department of agriculture through a score or more of projects, under the provisions of the food production bill just enacted by congress.

While most of the projects will be extensions of present activities, some of them will represent new undertakings. The task will be to find just where the country stands in so far as the adequacy of the present food supply is concerned, to speed up the production of food crops wherever this can be done, and to stop as many as possible of the leaks through which hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of edible products annually is wasted. Eleven million three hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred dollars are made available for the work in the food production bill. This money is for emergency use in addition to the funds appropriated in the regular agricultural appropriation bill for the usual activities of the department. The bill also is distinct from the food control bill, a measure having to do chiefly with the regulation of the distribution of food.

To Increase County Agent Force.

One of the most important steps to be taken in the emergency agricultural work will be the extension of the existing force of county agents, the joint field employees of the department and the states, who come into most direct contact with farmers. With the addition of the new county agents, an agent will be situated in practically every agricultural county in the United States that will co-operate to advise and assist farmers in every way possible on matters of production, conservation and marketing. The number of woman county agents in rural counties will be considerably increased and other woman agents will be placed in a number of the larger towns and cities. These women will stimulate the production of garden truck, poultry and other products by women and children, and will advise and instruct in regard to the most efficient methods of food utilization and conservation.

Labor and Food Problems.

Under the food production bill the office of farm management of the department, in co-operation with the United States department of labor, will extend the farm-help activities through which farm laborers and the farmers who most need them have been brought together during the present season.

The third of the more important of the emergency projects to be carried out by the department of agriculture is a quick survey of the food situation. This activity will be for the purpose of ascertaining as accurately as possible the condition of the country's food

ONLY FEMALE ARMY SURGEON



Doctor Markland is the only female surgeon in the British army. Doctor Markland is a most unusual miss, and the distinction which she holds has been won by her great skill as a surgeon.

She holds a reputation in her private practice which makes her one of the foremost women surgeons in the world.

Doctor Markland will render service very probably in one of the hospitals behind the firing lines in France. She has won the commendation of many physicians in Great Britain, and when she offered her services to the army, she was accepted after some deliberation as to whether a woman doctor could serve in the army ranks.

There is little question, but that Doctor Markland will prove that women doctors in the field can be of considerable service, and soon many more of her sex will be seen in the ranks.

TURKISH HORDES LOOT JERUSALEM

Ottoman Butchers Slay Inhabitants, Seeing Their Own Doom Is Sure.

WOMEN'S FATE IS TERRIBLE

Situation in Palestine Most Serious Since War Began—Germany Exercises No Restraining Influence on Her Turk Allies.

Cairo, Egypt.—The situation in Palestine is the most serious since the war began. A scheme for the looting of Jerusalem is already being executed and throughout the country the Turk has embarked on a calculated policy of plundering and killing the native inhabitants, so that if they are forced to vacate the country they will leave behind them a desert. The only thing that can save them, the only hope that buoy them up, is that the British armies now hammering at the gates of the Holy Land may soon drive out the Turks.

Information about conditions in Palestine is received here from many sources, some more or less direct, but most of them roundabout. The following statement of the situation is given to the Associated Press by an official in touch with all these sources: "The attitude of the Young Turks toward the unfortunate non-Turkish races within their empire has always been harsh and oppressive. During the war it has been an open campaign of robbery, exploitation and massacre, for the Young Turks, realizing that the partition of the lands under their rule is unavoidable, have determined to get as much as they can out of the inhabitants while they are in possession."

Hate All Subject Races.

"The stupendous wickedness of the extermination of the Armenian nation cannot be dismissed as a mere device of Oriental statecraft or as a particular measure aimed at one particular race, for it is Turkish policy towards not only Armenians, but Arabs, Greeks and Jews—in fact all peoples who are subjects of the Turk, but are not themselves of Turkish blood."

"While there was some prospect of being able to retain or even enlarge their empire, the Turks, although treating their subject races badly, did not actually seek to destroy them. Today, knowing themselves doomed, it is their calculated policy to kill off the inhabitants of Palestine and extort the last ounce of money and goods from them, so that if they are forced to vacate the country they will leave behind them a desert—a poverty-stricken and depopulated land."

"Their policy is not consistent with military or economic needs and is not supported by even the slenderest pretexts for its necessity. It is dictated solely by a savage brutality. The Turk has in the past shown some aptitude for diplomacy, if little for statesmanship, but the modern Young Turk of the committee of union and progress is an infinitely worse tyrant than his predecessors, and all the native savagery and blood lust that are his heritage now find vent in deliberate and organized crimes. He works untrammelled by diplomatic convention and reckless of the inevitable consequences. Germany has exercised no restraining influence and indeed shares largely in the Ottoman guilt."

"Palestine is somewhat cut off from the world and news of the dreadful happenings within its borders reaches civilization slowly. It is usually impossible to learn the fate of individuals, but a good general idea of the situation is in our hands."

"The disaster that befell the Armenian nation is being meted out to the mixed non-Turkish population of Syria and Palestine. Families are being massacred, towns and territories evacuated, communities plundered and given over to pillage."

"Recently the town of Gaza was ordered evacuated. In pursuance of the order the inhabitants were forced to set out upon their journey with nothing but the clothes they wore. All their belongings were left in their homes and these were immediately delivered over to the Turkish troops for loot. There were the usual scenes of wanton destruction and willful defilement; no women were spared the customary accompaniment of a Turkish visitation."

Looting of Jerusalem Thorough.

"Gaza having been pillaged and the soldiers not yet being sated, it was proposed to carry out the same program at Jerusalem. The head notables, however, protested that, having seen the exhibition at Gaza, they preferred to chance the risks of war to enduring the certain agony of a forced evacuation. This answer and protest displeased the pasha so much that he promptly had the deputation transported to Anatolia and is taking special measures to see that his scheme for looting Jerusalem is not hindered by organized passive resistance among the inhabitants."

"The system of oppression in Palestine is thorough, but it is also stupid and wasteful. Cavalry horses are allowed to graze on such of the scanty young crops as the wretched inhabitants have been able to grow, so that there will be no grain this year in a country which is already well-nigh bare of corn."

REPRESENTATIVES OF OLD SCOTCH FAMILY



THREE SPARKLING MAJOR LEAGUE STARS.

The good old family trees of the Smiths and the Joneses have been pretty well represented in baseball for a number of years. But neither the Smiths nor the Joneses have ever been able to claim the distinction of having three sprouts from their family trees in the major league spotlight at one time, such as the family Burns claims today.

Three major league stars who are in the midst of their baseball careers represent the old Scotch family. They are George J. Burns, Giant outfielder; Eddie Burns, Philly catcher, and George Burns, first baseman of the Detroit Tigers. Every one of this trio is a star, and unless the war claims one or all of them, or injuries interfere with their baseball activities the Burns trio will be good for some years to come in the big show.

Burns of New York.
George Burns of the Giants, has often been rated as the greatest all-around outfielder in the National league, and of the three he is perhaps the most valuable player. So far this year his fielding and throwing have been superb, and he is keeping in the race for batting honors. Hughie Jennings recently declared

that all the stars in the Giant constellation Burns stands out as the brightest, and this, coming from the famous Tiger manager, is some tribute.

Burns of Detroit.
First Baseman Burns of the Tigers is serving his fourth full season as a member of the Detroit Club. Although he is seldom ranked as an equal of Hal Chase in the art of covorting around the initial station, he is a ball player any big league club would be glad to grab and he is only twenty-four years old.

Burns of Philadelphia.
Eddie Burns, catcher with the Phillies, is now in his fourth full season as a member of the Quaker-town club, and although an injury early in the season kept him back, he is considered one of the most valuable players on Pat Moran's team. Eddie is a glutton for work, and if it wasn't for the fact that Moran has a star in Bill Killifer, Eddie would get all and perhaps more work than he could handle. The Philly backstop isn't as heavy a stick as the other two representatives of the Burns family, but he makes up for it in every other way.

DIAMOND NOTES

Like the baseball returns, we all like to read that the U-boat battlers shut the enemy out without a hit.

Cardinal fans should know by this time that they cannot injure Umpire "Lord Byron" with pop bottles.

As a fly catcher, Benny Kauff, the Giants' center fielder, beats all the glue-covered paper in the world.

Nevertheless there is no reason to suppose that the baseball players who go into the army will try to steal home.

Mike Gonzales, the clear Habana backstop of the Cardinals, is showing the regular article for the Huggins outfit.

Frank Schulte is not doing much in the batting line for the Phillies. He has been sent in as pinch hitter several times.

Walter Rehg, who has been in and out of the big show several times, has become a member of the Stallings Rescue league.

All N. L. baseball admit Hornsby has improved immensely in the last year, but he still takes a cut at many a bad ball.

Adam Debus, the Pirate infielder grabbed from the Cardinals on waivers, already is being hailed as another Arthur Devlin.

Big league ball players should not get excited over the draft. Most of them came from the minors via the hat-drawing route.

Minneapolis continues to take on former Northern leaguers. Another addition is Pitcher-Lester Stevenson, who was with Winnipeg.

With Johnson and Smith on the Seals, Henry Berry possesses the only team in organized baseball with two redskin pitchers on the staff.

Another pitcher who is attracting considerable attention because of the fine brand of ball he is delivering is Jim Bagby of the Cleveland.

If you don't believe that Zach Wheat's injured ankle will keep him out of the world's series this fall just look at the National league standings.

King Lear, the former Villanova baseball star, who had a trial with the Athletics at third base a few seasons ago, is playing clever ball on the Bridgeport team.

CENTER FIELDER DROPS FOUL

While Playing for Brooklyn Fielder Jones Muffed Ball Just Over Left Field Line.

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Americans, believes he is the only major league center fielder that ever received an error for muffing a foul ball. Years ago Jones was playing the middle garden for Brooklyn. Joe Kelley was in left and Willie Keeler in right field. A left field hitter of



Fielder Jones.

the McInnis type came to bat and the outfielder shifted so sharply that Jones was really playing left field. The batter sent up a long fly, which threatened to drop close to the left foul line. Kelley and Jones raced after the ball, and the latter got his hands on it, but the sphere fell from his grasp into foul territory.

COAST PLAYERS COME HIGH

Big Prices Paid by St. Louis Browns for Pacific Coast Stars—War Won't Interfere.

Phillip Ball, the former Federal league magnate, who now is the owner of the St. Louis Browns, is ready to spend big money for new players. Ball already has purchased two Pacific Coast league stars, Pitcher Speed Martin and Outfielder Kenneth Williams. Robert Quinn, the business manager and scout, has received authority from Ball to buy up all the best players in the minor leagues regardless of cost. The Browns' owner says that he does not believe the war will hurt baseball, and that a winning American league team in St. Louis will yield large profits. The success of the Cardinals probably has induced Ball to loosen his purse strings.

UMPIRE'S HARD LIFE

He is Arm of Authority Which Dignifies Sport.

Arbiter Can Make Game Spectacle Fit For Eyes of Women or by His Weakness Permit It to Degrade into a Riot.

In a recent article dealing with the lives and troubles of professional baseball umpires, H. Perry Lewis of Philadelphia.

In this generous world, which, despite pessimists and kultur, we believe is getting better every day, a man is prone to discount the mistakes of his fellows. Our prisons are no longer punitive establishments, but are founded on the principle of reformation. Our employees (if we are fortunate enough to have them) are forgiven when they err; our employers overlook our mistake (sometimes). The business or professional man who slips up is an object of sympathy; the calf is still killed for the prodigal son; the errors of the ball players are forgotten. Verily, mankind is patient and forgiving to all but the baseball umpire.

Here is the man around whom the whole game revolves. He is the arm of authority which dignifies the sport; his is the voice which decides the fate of ball clubs in which are invested millions of capital. He can make the game a spectacle fit for the eyes of our mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts, or by his weakness allow it to degenerate into a riot besmirching the fair name of sport. Surely much rests on the shoulders of the umpire—the much vilified, constantly abused umpire.

You who see the umpire out there on the ball field with apparently nothing to do but stand behind the catcher clad in a nice cool mask and protector and calls the balls and strikes, or assume a Napoleonic attitude on the bases and occasionally make a decision, pause for a moment and consider the duties and the life of an umpire.

For about seven months of the year he leads a nomadic life, journeying from city to city, and never knowing four days ahead what his next move will be. One thing he does know, and that is that unless he "calls them right" 90 per cent of the time his next move will be out of the league, with absolutely no chance of working his way back.

His position is unlike that of the ball player. The latter spends half of the playing season on the road and half in the town in which he is playing. Therefore he has a chance to make his home where he is employed and of being in it half of the time. Not so the umpire. For seven months the only opportunity he has of seeing his family is by having them meet him somewhere on the road, usually at considerable expense.

AFTER STOLEN BASE RECORD

Joe Evers of Richmond Club in Central League Is Burning Up Paths of That Circuit.

Fired with an ambition to again place the name of Evers in the baseball world, Joe Evers, second baseman of the Richmond club of the Central league, is burning up the paths of the circuit, and in 64 games has hung up a total of 40 stolen bases, within seven of the mark reached last season by Gygil of Terre Haute. The stolen-base record of the league was set by Blount of Fort Wayne, who stole 7 in 1909. Evers hopes to better Blount's performance. Joe is a brother of John Evers, former star of the Chicago Nationals, who recently went to the Philadelphia Nationals.

"CHIEF" JOHNSON GETS EVEN

Pitching His Last Game for Vernon Indian Lets His New Teammates Down With Two Hits.

Vernon asked waivers on Chief Winnebago Johnson and San Francisco claimed him. Johnson, pitching his final game for Vernon, before joining



"Chief" Johnson.

the Seals, shut out his new team with two hits, just to show what he could do when he wanted to do it. San Francisco can now claim to be the only team in organized ball with two Indian pitchers, Johnson and Casey Smith.