

## FARMERS CRY HELP! AMIDST LABOR FAMINE

Corn and Wheat Suffer While  
Men Flock to Factories  
in Indiana.

### HIGH PAY VAIN LURE

"Back to the Farm" has been changed from advice to appeal in Indiana, and upon the answer depends the continued prosperity of the state's great and richly fertile agricultural districts.

Conservative estimates secured at the Indianapolis stockyards from ten men, picked haphazard from the day's visitors, indicate that the labor supply on the farms of the state is from 25 to 35 per cent below normal and that as a result thousands and thousands of acres are unplowed, much land here tofore devoted to corn being left to grass.

This necessarily means a great falling off in the state's corn crop, it is pointed out.

Here are a few of the representative expressions of opinion:

"The farm hand is now the boss."

"We pay what they ask and let them work as they please, and even then we can't get them."

"Neighboor after neighbor of mine is without help, and each is trying to do at least two men's work himself."

"Home Missionary society of Fletcher Place Methodist church will meet with Mrs. W. E. Gobin, 323 South Noble street, Wednesday afternoon. Election of officers will be held."

"I think it is if at least one-fourth of the ground will be left unplowed because of the lack of labor."

**GOOLYMO FORECAST  
GIVEN BY OTHERS.**

This man refused to allow his name to be used, but his gloomy forecast was thus borne out by the Levee act.

**S. E. MICHIGAN COUNTY.**—Our man-power is at least 25 per cent lower than the normal in pre-war times.

"It seems the labor we used to get is all going to the cities."

"Many a neighbor of mine has to do all his work himself."

"Conditions are a trifle better than last year, but the best inducements we can offer—double those in the past—fail of effect."

**A. C. PAYNE, BOONE COUNTY.**—"I think it is safe to say that from 25 to 35 per cent of our land will be left unplowed."

"We can't get the men we need even at \$80 a month, which is about free in the way of housing and board, although we will let them work practically as they please."

**L. T. LANE, HANCOCK COUNTY.**—"Present conditions are exceedingly tough, both on the renter and the owner."

"There is no improvement over last year, though we were then just emerging from the war."

"Our labor supply is from 25 to 35 per cent below normal and this means a big corn shortage when we consider that conditions everywhere in the state seem to be about the same."

"Many in the county have been compelled to turn their cornfields into grass."

**FRANK TROTTER, MORGAN COUNTY.**—"You can put it all into one sentence—the farmhand is the boss. He used to get \$25 a day and now is satisfied with \$20. Our labor supply is full 20 per cent off and I fear 40 per cent of our corn land will be turned into grass."

**E. S. WALLACE, PUTNAM COUNTY.**—"We also have felt the labor shortage, but out corn crop, I think, will be about normal, because of the increase in the use of tractors."

"The only really will be the eventual solution of the man-power problem, but certainly something has to be done if production is to be maintained."

**IDLENESS HURTS.**

**CORN AND WHEAT.**

**C. C. MATHER, HARRICKS COUNTY.**—"Our labor supply is fully 25 per cent."

"Some of our corn land can't even be turned into grass because of its present condition."

"Moreover, Hendricks will show a fall off in wheat because of the fear that adequate prices could not be obtained."

**GLENDE WILDRATH, DELAWARE COUNTY.**—"We can't get men even at \$2.50 to \$3."

"The supply is fully one-fourth below the normal."

"Hardly any corn has been planted, you might say."

**FRANK LEONARD, MADISON COUNTY.**—"We are way late on corn, especially on the smaller farms, because we have an average of only three men when we should have four."

"Our oats also have suffered, there being quite a lot still to sow, two weeks late."

"The cities won't give men to the farms we are going to feed them?"

**L. A. DICKS, PUTNAM COUNTY.**—"I am a sample of the city's life from a companion at his own fireside, saying:

"One of my best boy friends, barely 16 and going to high school, put in his savings working in a mill at \$3.50 a day. If I had to pay to that for farm work I'd be on the county pretty soon."

**WILSON SIGNS DEFICIENCY BILL.**

**WASHINGTON, May 8.**—President Wilson today signed the urgency deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$300,000.

**A FINE  
Deafness Treatment  
FREE**

Did you realize that the earlier Cataract is treated, the better? This does not mean that all cases are hopeless, but generally speaking, the sooner the disease is treated, the easier the process. The Eustachian Tubes are gradually closed through inflammation causing the membranes to become thickened and the Cataract, or cataract, to form which may extend their entire length. The quicker the treatment, the sooner the hearing is restored.

Mr. Specialist Sprout has established and maintains a special treatment for Cataract Deafness which if you can't trouble you ever so slightly, you may have this opportunity. Sprout offers a 4-day sample treatment Free of Charge.

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Naturally many cases which may interest you in relation to your own. Then—if you wish to pursue the Method—the next steps necessary will be to send your sample treatment to Mr. Specialist Sprout, who will then give you the complete treatment. Sprout offers a 4-day sample treatment Free of Charge.

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