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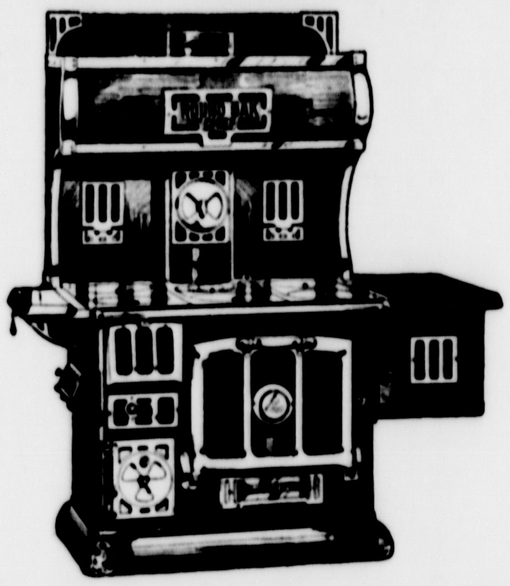

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PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON URGES THE FARMERS TO SOLVE THE FOOD PROBLEM

Points Out Necessity of Growing Large Acreages—Blames High Prices On Middlemen—Tribute To Agriculurists.

President Wilson blamed middlemen for the high cost of foodstuffs last week in a speech welcoming to Washington the convention of the National Grange, the first formal speech he has delivered since the election. Urging that farmers increase their output, the President said:

"We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as if the supply was so short that the middleman could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the rest of the world in respect to its food supply.

The President did not mention recent petitions to him to declare an embargo on exportations of foodstuffs from the United States to the rest of the world, and he did not refer even indirectly to the outcome of the Presidential election. His address was interrupted frequently by applause from the farmers attending the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Grange.

Farmers To Play Big Part.

"It seems to me," said the President, "that some of the most interesting problems of our life and the life of the world lie before us, problems in connection with which the farmers of the United States will play a part such as they have never played before.

"It goes without saying that the physical life of the nation has always depended upon the farm. It goes without saying also, that to a large extent the physical life of the world has drawn its sustenance from the great areas of farm land in the United States. We have sent food to all parts of the world, and the American farmer has contributed to the life of all the countries of the world. But you know that as our own population has increased the proportion in which we could help foreign countries as contrasted with our own has decreased and there are problems that are comparable with the problems of statesmanship lying ahead of the farmers of the United States.

"In the future we have got to bring more of the area of the United States under cultivation than is under cultivation now. We have got to increase the product at every point where it is susceptible of being increased.

"One of the things that has most interested me about what has been done directly by legislation for the benefit of the farmer is the question why it was not done long before. It is astonishing that the assets, the valuable, available assets, the visible assets of the farm, should not have been available as a basis of credit in the banks on the same terms as the assets of commercial undertaking and manufacturing industry. Cattle are just as valuable and tangible as goods in warehouses and goods on trains.

Intelligence Mobilized.

"We have liberated the credits of the banks, and we have mobilized the Department of Agriculture the scientific intelligence of the world. With this combination, every nation in the world ought to come to us to learn how to raise big crops. We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as if the supply was so short that the middleman could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the world in respect to its food supplies.

"I wish that all problems of government were displayed in as clear lines of duty as this problem of government with regard as to how the farmer ought to be treated is displayed. I wish, for example, that foreign affairs were as simple as agriculture. The great satisfaction about what you have to discuss is that when once your duty is determined, we have got a great force of intelligence to go forward in the line of duty.

"The things that make a free country vital is the large number of people who get together to do important things without asking leave of the government to do them. The striking thing about a great country like the United States is that if the Government neglected everything the people would do it, that you do not beckon to the people of the United States, they command you to go on, and things that are neglected they have got plenty of brains to get together and do for themselves."

QUEEN ANNES COUNTY WILL OBSERVE THANKSGIVING DAY NEXT THURSDAY

Is Always A Day Of Pleasurable Events—Many Events—Family Reunions In All Sections—The President's Proclamation.

Next Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day.

In all parts of Queen Annes county extensive preparations are being made for the National holiday. Hundreds of Queen Annes county boys and girls will come trooping home to spend a day under the paternal roofs; friends from the city will visit friends in the country; at many homes family reunions will be in order, and everywhere a spirit of hospitality and good cheer, second only to the Christmas season will prevail.

Already the turkeys are in the fattening pens. The biggest pumpkins are waiting to be sliced into delicious brown-edged pies; the celery is bleached white and clean; turnips have been kissed to a delightful sweetness by Jack Frost; the cranberries are blushing with red-cheeked plumpness, and all the other epicurean delicacies of Thanksgiving Day dinner are ready for the big annual feast.

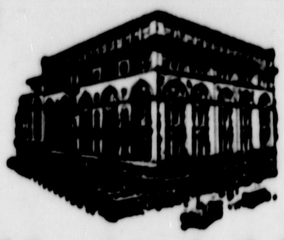
Friday afternoon of last week President Woodrow Wilson issued the annual proclamation setting aside next Thursday, November 30th, as the Nation's day of Thanksgiving. His proclamation differs from those of preceding years, in that he asks for a realization of conditions in other countries while Americans are enjoying the blessedness of peace at home. The proclamation follows:

"It has been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and of the peoples upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking also of their pitiful distress.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the 30th of November, as a day of National thanksgiving and prayer, and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure. And I also urge and suggest our duty in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their suffrings. Our people could in no better way show their real attitude toward the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this 17th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first."



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