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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 20.—The centralization of power in Washington, which nearly all members of Congress deplore in their speech and then support by their votes, steadily increases. The latest report is that the Federal Employment Service will have a bureau in every state and the District of Columbia. The farmer who was the shining example of sturdy independence has intrusted the government with finding him a market. Now the wage earner is to look to the same source to find employment. Individual self-reliance is disappearing and local self-government is being undermined.

A revolution is taking place which will leave the people dependent upon the government and place the government where it must decide questions that are far better left to the people to decide for themselves. Finding markets will develop into fixing prices, and finding employment will develop into fixing wages. The next step will be to furnish markets and employment, or in default pay a bounty and dole. Those who look with apprehension on these tendencies do not lack humanity, but are influenced by the belief that the result of such measures will be to deprive the people of character and liberty.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 22.—It is long since we have heard much agitation for a movement back to the land. But now when there is distress in industrial centers a home on a farm begins to look attractive.

One reason the appeal subsided was because recently the wage earner was supposed to be better off than the farmer. This conclusion resulted from the constant demand for farm relief. Some have thought our experience would parallel the English where agriculture greatly declined and the people gathering around the factories imported food. The late James J. Hill thought we would become a food importing nation.

It is likely to grow more and more apparent that there is no safer place of existence than the moderate sized farm home. It may turn out that it is not often practical to employ a large amount of machinery and a large area of land in attempting to turn agriculture into the manufacture of some single great staple. But the family that makes the farm an old fashioned home with diversified crops, fruits and domestic animals sufficient to meet the household needs will still find agriculture one of the most satisfactory forms of existence.

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