

RAPID PROGRESS ON FOOD BILL IS MADE IN SENATE

Under Limited Debate Agreement, Control is Limited to Necessities.

TENTATIVE ACTION EXPECTED TO STAND

Reed's Attempt to Keep Hoover Off Commission Voted Down.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The administration food control bill today approached final form in the senate.

Making rapid progress under a proposed sixty to sixteen amendment drafted at joint conferences of democratic and republican leaders to limit government control to food, feeds and fuel including kerosene and gasoline, and to vest the administrative authority in three salaried members instead of a single individual.

Although the action was tentative and will be subject to re-consideration before Saturday's final vote, it is expected by the leaders to stand and to be accepted by the house in conference.

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Elaborate System for Drawing Whole Army With Few Numbers Has to Be Abandoned—Simpler Process Will Take Over Ten Hours to Complete.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Plans for the drawing which will be held tomorrow to fix the order of military liability for nearly 10,000,000 registered men throughout the country were materially changed late today and the intricate method of double drawing worked out by officials to lessen the physical task was abandoned.

Instead of a process requiring not more than an hour and involving one set of numbers from one to 1,000 and another from 0 to 10, it will be necessary to draw one at a time at least 10,263 numbers. Probably, to make certain that every registrant in the largest district is placed, 10,500 drawings will be made.

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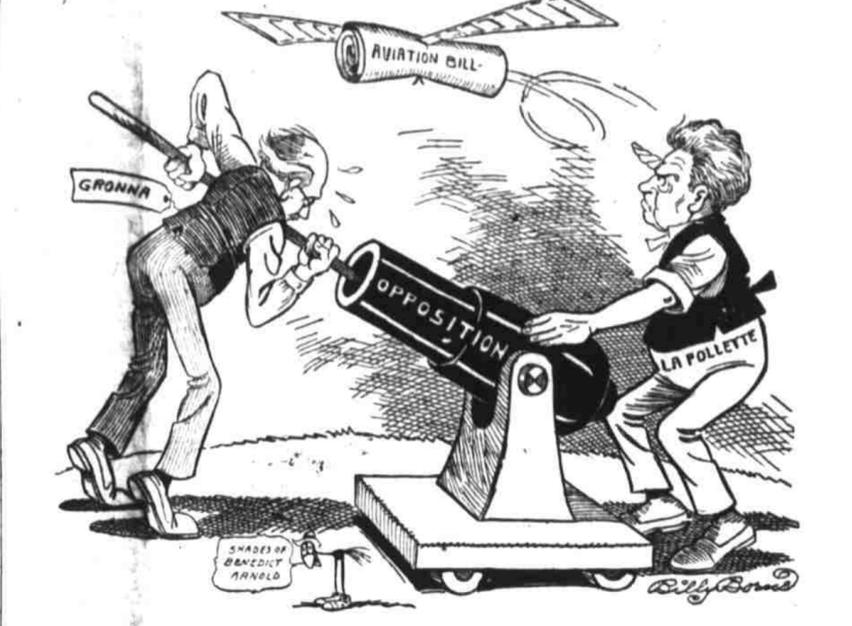
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The Anti-Aircraft Gun



CONGRESS TAKES COGNIZANCE OF ROW BETWEEN GOETHALS AND DENMAN AND CALLS ON PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION

Resolution Passed Without Debate in the Senate Calls on Shipping Board for Information as to Contracts and Other Matters in Order to Assist Congress in Passing on Requests for Appropriations—Men Still Apart

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Congress took note of the shipbuilding row today when the senate passed without debate a resolution offered by Senator Smoot calling on President Wilson to furnish information concerning the government's ship construction program.

The resolution asked for facts from the shipping board on building contracts let or pending names of contractors and contract prices, together with other information to assist the senate in considering requests for further appropriations.

Meanwhile, members of the shipping board and Major-General Goethals, manager of the board's emergency fleet corporation, continued discussion of General Goethals' plans for building two government ship plants and for commandeering tonnage building in private yards.

Chairman Denman announced tonight that the board seeks further information concerning the general's program and that no decision as to approving the program will be made until the subject has been given full consideration.

Persons in close touch with the situation still see possibilities of difference between General Goethals and the board, which will be hard to settle. There have been intimations that the board may disapprove of parts of the general's scheme.

Friends of General Goethals say he may refuse to accept the board's suggestions if they involve radical changes in his plans.

Chairman Denman's statement tonight indicates that the board does not agree with General Goethals as to sites for the government plants, and that it will insist that they be placed on government-owned land.

The shipping board, it is understood, is determined that profits in building the fabricated ships be held down and that there shall be no dou-ble profit on manufacture of the steel.

"We are rapidly acquiring full information as to the contracts proposed to be let by General Goethals last Monday. We expect to receive tomorrow facts as to the amount of the estimated \$160 per dead-weight ton per ship which is to be spent in the government yards, and the amount which is to be spent of the total product in the private yards where the ships are to be fabricated.

"The matter of commandeering is a matter for discussion with the state department, which probably will be decided, almost immediately.

"We are receiving every assistance and co-operation from General Goethals that his great ability can give us. The government fabricating yards will be built on government and not on leased property, and no agreement looking to the giving up of any of these yards to private interests will be entered into at this time.

"Adequate compensation will be paid to interests who will be asked to assist the government whose services can be accepted for the rapid construction of ships. These men are not of the type to ask stimulating profits beyond a fair return for their abilities and enterprise, and with General Goethals' assistance we have no doubt contracts will be shortly closed."

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MOTIVE FOR THE TRIPLE SHOOTING AT JOHNSTOWN STILL REMAINS MYSTERY

Authorities State That Tompkins Has Confessed Murder.

NO DETAILS GIVEN.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 19.—Although, according to authorities, Geo. E. Tompkins, of Philadelphia, has confessed that he murdered his business associate, Edward I. Humphries, Philadelphia coal operator, Mrs. Humphries and their son, Edward, Jr., on a country road near Carrolltown last Sunday, there is still much mystery as to the motive for the triple shooting.

At the request of Tompkins' counsel, it is understood, Warden Kneese, of the Cambria county jail, at Ebensburg, where the man is confined, will permit no one to visit Tompkins. Those conducting the investigation, which ended today with Tompkins' alleged voluntary confession, stated several days ago a motive for the murders had been uncovered, but they refuse to disclose this information.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST SEVERAL COMPANIES AND OPERATORS DISMISSED

"Prior Jeopardy" Grounds Said to Have Confessed to for the Dismissal of the Indictments.

THOSE AFFECTED.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Indictments against several Virginia and West Virginia coal corporations and operators dealing in smokeless and bunker coal, charging them with conspiring to fix prices and restrain trade, were dismissed by Judge Grubb in Federal court here today upon the ground of "prior jeopardy." The same individuals and companies were among those recently acquitted of similar charges in relation to semi-bituminous coal. Those against whom indictments were dismissed were: The Houston Coal company; New River Coal company; Smokeless Fuel company; Castner, Curran and Bulliet, Inc.; Crozier Pocahontas company; Flat Top Fuel company; Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency company; Leckie Coal company, Inc.; Pocahontas Fuel company; West Virginia Pocahontas Coal Sales corporation; White Oak Coal company; C. G. Blake Coal company; George H. Caperton, Justus Collins, Frank Ellison, Thomas E. Houston, Kuper Hood, Thomas F. Farrell; Robert H. Gross, T. B. Crockett, Oscar H. Deyerle and John J. Tierney.

NEGROES RESCUED FROM MOBS LODGED IN JAIL AT LYNCHBURG FOR SAFETY

Said to Have Confessed to Killing of White Farmer.

NARROW ESCAPES.

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 19.—After being rescued from mobs, one at the point of guns and the other by persuasion, Albert Barrett, colored, and his fourteen-year-old son, Aubrey, charged with the murder Monday at Red Gap, Charlotte county, of A. T. Roach, a young farmer, were lodged in jail here this afternoon for safe-keeping, by Sheriff R. L. Ferrow, of Campbell county, and J. C. Friday, of Charlotte county. The negroes were captured early this morning near Mt. Zion, about fifteen miles from the scene of the crime, the mob immediately starting towards Red Gap with them. Five men in an automobile with Aubrey were overtaken after the machine had stalled, by three members of the sheriff's posse and forced to give up their prisoner. A crowd of 300 armed men were debating the fate of Albert Barrett when the two sheriffs traveling another road, reached Red Gap. The crowd quickly swelled to 500, some urging that the negro be burned while others favored hanging, but their hostile attitude disappeared after Sheriff Ferrow, Commonwealth Attorney A. H. Light and other citizens had appealed to them to let the law take its course, and the negro was promptly surrendered.

SPEED BEST PROTECTION AGAINST SUBMARINES

Few Vessels of Twenty Knots or More an Hour Are Sunk.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Danger from submarines is virtually non-existent if the vessels attacked can attain a speed of twenty knots an hour, according to charts displayed at a shipbuilding conference held here today under the auspices of the chamber of commerce of the state of New York. The chart showed that 100 per cent of vessels with a speed of five knots or less which have been attacked by submarines have been sunk. The percentage of losses decreases steadily as the speed of the ship increases. At sixteen knots an hour the percentage sunk has been about twenty-five.

"If the present rate of sinkings is maintained without full force of our industrial efforts, there can be only one conclusion, and that is that we shall lose the war," declared E. H. Outerbridge, president of the chamber, in outlining the seriousness of the submarine campaign.

REFUSES TO PLEAD. PHILADELPHIA, July 19.—Captain Max V. Thierichens, former commander of the German sea raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, stood mute in the Federal court here today when called upon to plead to indictments charging him with smuggling and violating the Mann act. The court directed a plea of not guilty be entered. He will be tried in September.

PHILADELPHIA, July 19.—Thierichens refused to plead on advice of counsel, who said he wanted to preserve certain rights for the prisoner under international law.

POTATOES STILL FAILING. CHICAGO, July 19.—Potato prices have been nearly cut in two this week. A new slash of \$1 a barrel was made today, reducing quotations to \$4.50 a 75 bushel as against \$7.50 a 75 bushel on July 13.

AMERICAN PATROL HAS BATTLE WITH MEXICANS

More Than 500 Shots Exchanged Across Border During Engagement.

MISSION, Texas, July 19.—Approximately 500 shots were exchanged across the Rio Grande today at Ojo De Agua, eight miles southwest of Mission, between a small American border patrol and a number of unidentified Mexicans. There were no American casualties, but latest reports here say two or three Mexicans were seen to fall during the engagement, which started at 11 o'clock this morning and ceased at 5 o'clock, when the Mexicans withdrew from the river.

The Americans were under command of Corporal Kent and the fighting started when several shots were fired from the Mexican side. The outpost at Ojo De Agua, hearing the Americans returning the shots, immediately sent reinforcements under Sergeant J. C. Henderson. The fighting continued six hours. Late today Colonel B. F. Delamater reached the scene with 100 men from K and M companies of the Second Texas infantry from nearby posts.

A strong patrol has been thrown out along the Rio Grande in the affected section as a precaution against a possible attempt at border raiding.

GERMAN CASUALTIES. LONDON, July 19.—The German official lists during June, but not as having occurred in June, are given out by the war office here as follows: Killed and died of wounds, 28,819; Died of sickness, 3,215; Prisoners and missing, 38,606; Wounded, 95,906. The totals of the German official lists since the war began are as follows: Killed or died of wounds, 1,033,800; died of sickness, 72,960; prisoners and missing, 593,966; Wounded, 2,825,581. The naval and colonial casualties are not included.

ENSORSHIP BEING RIGIDLY ENFORCED IN GERMAN EMPIRE

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