

ARMED TREASON REVEALED IN TEXAS

Food Control In U. S.--Lull In Europe's Fight

AMERICA NOW HAS A FOOD DICTATOR TO TAKE THE HELM

Harold C. Hoover Named By President to Head The New and Vital Work

ACCEPTANCE BASED ON CONGRESS' ACTION

Issues Statement to The People Defining What to Expect and What They Should Do. "Do Not Ask The American People to Starve."

(By United Press.) Washington, May 19.—Herbert C. Hoover, tonight accepted the appointment as head of the new food administration, tendered him by President Wilson, but his acceptance was "entirely upon the assumption that Congress will grant broad powers to the President on which a competent administration can be set up."

"The broad powers" Hoover said, would be necessary only in minority cases. "The essence of all war administration" said Hoover, "falls into two phases: "First, centralize a single responsibility."

"Second, the delegation of this responsibility to decentralize administrative organs. "We do not ask the American people to starve themselves," he explained, "but that they should eat plenty, wisely and without waste."

Mr. Hoover announced a plan to mobilize the American women under a pledge system to carry out instructions of the food administration. His plan includes complete co-operation with the allies.

"I have no instinct to be a food dictator," he said. "My ambition is to see my own people solve their own problems. I recognize the difficulties and possibility of failure, and I appeal to the patriotism of my countrymen for their support."

Mr. Hoover issued the following statement: "In accepting President Wilson's request that I should become head of the new food administration it is entirely upon the assumption that Congress will grant broad powers to the President on which a competent administration can be set up."

"I hold strongly to the view that while large powers are necessary for minority cases they will probably need but little application, for the vast majority of the producing and distributing elements in the country are only willing and anxious to serve our national necessities. I have represented to the President the cardinal principles of food administration."

"First, that the food problem is one of wise administration and not expressed by the words dictator or controller but food administrator. "Second, that this administration can be largely carried out through the coordination and regulation of the existing legitimate distributive agencies supplemental by certain emergency bodies composed of representatives of the producers, distributors and consumers."

"Third, the organization of the community for voluntary conservation of food stuffs. "Fourth, that all important positions, so far as may be, shall be filled with volunteers."

"Fifth, the independent responsibility of the food administration directly under the President, with the cooperation of the great and admirable organization of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Federal Trade Commission and the railway executives."

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"In a general way it may be stated (Continued on Page Seven.)

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR GOVT. CONTROL FOOD SITUATION

(By United Press.) Washington, May 19.—Herbert C. Hoover, according to a statement issued by the President tonight, has expressed willingness to serve as head of the new food commission, "on condition that he is to receive no payment for his services and that the whole of the corps under his exclusive of clerical assistance shall be employed, so far as possible, upon the same volunteer basis."

"The proposed food administration," the President says, "is intended only to meet a manifest emergency and to continue only while the war lasts. Since it will be composed for the most part of volunteers, there need be no fear of the possibility of a permanent bureaucracy arising out of it. All control of consumption will disappear when the emergency has passed."

The President urges that all associations of producers and distributors of foodstuffs mobilize and volunteer in the work of co-operation necessary. With Mr. Hoover's appointment a definite policy of food conservation is expected to take form immediately. The President has already urged prompt action by Congress on the food control legislation he has drawn.

The attitude of the government on the embargo question is coming to light. Steps will be taken immediately to prevent supplying food to Germany through the Scandinavian countries and Holland, it was learned today. The House and Senate conferees on the Espionage bill have agreed to let the embargo section of the bill, making such action possible, remain in the measure.

The President's proclamation follows: "It is very desirable, in order to prevent misunderstandings or alarms, and to assure co-operation in a vital matter, that the country should understand exactly the scope and purpose of the very great powers which I have thought it necessary in the circumstances to ask the Congress to put in my hands with regard to our food supplies. Those powers are very great, indeed, but they are no greater than it has proved necessary to lodge in the other governments which are conducting this momentous war, and their object is stimulation and conservation, not arbitrary restraint or injurious interference with the normal processes of production. They are intended to benefit and assist the farmer and all those who play a legitimate part in the preparation, distribution and marketing of foodstuffs."

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CONGRESS REPLIED TO WAR'S DEMANDS WITH BIG WORK

Senate Yesterday Adopted Greatest Budget in History of Country.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON NAVY ENLISTMENT

Fine Progress Made on Taxation Bill and House Committee Considers Moon Amendment Tomorrow

(By United Press.) Washington, May 19.—Responding to the war spirit which filled the air in Washington today, Congress completed some big jobs. The Senate adopted the greatest budget in the history of the country to finance the war. The President was authorized in the bill to spend \$400,000,000 immediately, and if necessary commandeer every ship producing plant in the country, to get a merchant marine.

The Senate and House adopted the conference report increasing the enlisted men of the navy to 150,000 and the enlisted men in the marine corps to 30,000. The bill will be signed by President Wilson probably Monday.

The Senate finance committee made rapid headway in re-drafting the great taxation bill and conferees on the espionage bill approached an agreement on the measure and expect to report it Monday or Tuesday.

Only two measures loom up ahead as blocking speedy consummation of the war emergency program—food legislation and the revenue bill. Both will require vast discussion.

The dispatch with which the Senate today adopted the huge \$3,342,364,131.22 budget, however, was taken by some as an indication that figures no longer paralyze the solons and prompt action may be expected on the \$2,245,000,000 bill than was at the first of the week's developments.

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THOSE WHO WILL STAND IMMUNE IN THE CALL TO ARMS

Skilled Workers and Tillers of the Soil Will be Exempt From Service

ALSO MEN WHO HAVE FAMILIES.

President Will Probably Issue Statement on the Subject—Many Men Will Be Needed at Home.

(By United Press.) Washington, May 19.—Persons with dependent families; men in vital government tasks; men in munitions plants and other war work factories; needed tillers of the soil; makers of the real, vital necessities of life—these classes in so far as possible will be freed from fighting duty. The governmental workers, and the tillers in the factories and the farms, however, will be "selected" for other than purely military service.

For instance, customs men, workers of the mail service and in kindred posts will be needed at home. Munitions experts and farmers must stay on the job. Technical men, whose services would be advantageous to the nation, must serve in their own niches, not fight in the trenches.

The chief exemptions will come, however, from mths class and those with dependent families. No definite statement as to this is obtainable yet, though President Wilson is authorized by the bill to free such persons, and the National Defense Council stated such a policy will be followed in so far as possible.

Men with dependent wives or children, and men with dependent mothers, very close kin, will, as a rule, be freed, according to present plans. Some official statement or proclamation concerning exemptions is anticipated next week.

DR. STOCKTON AXSON JOINS THE MARINES

(By United Press.) Washington, May 19.—President Wilson's brother-in-law, Dr. Stockton Axson, has made application for enlistment in the marine corps at Houston, Texas, and is now en route to Washington for approval. Axson is professor of English at Rice Institute, Houston.

(By United Press.) Norfolk, Va., May 19.—The American steamer Ardmore, which went ashore near Middle Ground, in Chesapeake Bay yesterday, had not been floated at a late hour tonight. Several tugs are pulling on the helpless steamer.

BATTLE HALTS IN WEST WAR FIELD; RUSSIA FIGHT ON

Only Isolated Raids Mark Day In France, But Italians Keep Up Attack.

SEPARATE PEACE REFUSED BY RUSSIA

War Minister to Leave Front to Stir Army to Action—Ministry Declares War Will Be Vigorously Prosecuted.

(By United Press.) London, May 19.—The western front fighting tonight has simmered down into scores of isolated raids, brief attacking interchanges and occasional outbursts of artillery. The real fighting center in Europe was on the Austro-Italian front.

BRITISH BRING DOWN FOUR ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

(By United Press.) London, May 19.—Increase of air activity in inverse proportion to the fighting on the ground was indicated in Field Marshal Haig's report tonight. "Northeast of Epehy, on both banks of the Scarpe, there was hostile artillerying," he said.

"Two enemy aeroplanes and two balloons were brought down by our forces yesterday. Five of our aeroplanes are missing."

UPRISING AGAINST ARMY BILL NIPPED IN BUD BY OFFICERS

Organization Existed to Fight The Conscription Bill In Texas

PLOTS UNEARTHED BY SECRET SERVICE

Propaganda Had Been Spread In Many Counties—Said to Have Been Financed by German Money—Detectives Attended Meetings.

(By United Press.) Dallas, Texas, May 19.—An armed uprising against the selective service law has been nipped in the bud in west Texas, through the vigilance of United States authorities, it became known here tonight. Seven men, said to be ring leaders of the plot, were arrested and brought here from Snyder, Scurry county, tonight.

Feeling in Scurry county against the alleged plotters was so strong that the seven men were removed to the jail here tonight for safe keeping. Since Thursday Snyder has been alive with cowboys and citizens armed with rifles and pistols, assisting Federal authorities in running down alleged plotters.

The seven men are all farmers, or farm laborers. The Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association, according to Secret Service officers, who have attended their meetings for the past four months, claims organizations in many Texas counties. The society was organized for the "possible opposition to conscription and in opposition to the declaration of war between the United States and Germany" late in 1916, according to Secret Service Men. Its extent was "tipped off" to United States authorities some months ago by loyal farmers.

The organization is said by United States officials to be a branch of the Industrial Workers of the World, and to be financed by German money. According to United States agents, once a man attended a meeting he would have to swear to take the initiation pledge, which was briefly as follows: "Each member to provide himself with a rifle and 100 rounds of ammunition. "To pledge that he would oppose conscription by force. "That he would shoot conscription officers. "That he would aid any member of the society under arrest to the extent of killing officers and dynamiting jails."

More Arrests Made. Abilene, Texas, May 19.—Twelve alleged conspirators against the government were arrested at Rotan, Fisher county, Texas, tonight by State Ranger Montgomery. Two have confessed, according to information received here. "T. A. Hickey, editor of the Rebel, a Socialist newspaper, was released on \$1,000 bond under a Federal charge of conspiracy. The arrests, it is said, constitute the first of a series of actions in west Texas toward the breaking up of an alleged wholesale anarchist movement throughout that section. Additional arrests in this section are expected."

MRS. GABRIEL WADDELL TO LUMBERTON WOMEN

(Special to The Dispatch.) Lumberton, N. C., May 19.—Mrs. Gabriel De Rosset Waddell, of Wilmington, addressed a meeting held under the auspices of the local Women's Club this afternoon on the work of the Red Cross and National Aid societies, and another meeting will be held in the High school auditorium Monday afternoon for this purpose.

MR. DONALD M'RAE MADE VICE CONSUL

Given The Office That Was Resigned By Dr. James Sprunt Year Ago.

It was authoritatively learned yesterday afternoon that Mr. Donald MacRae had been appointed as British Vice Consul here, this office having been vacant since the resignation of Dr. James Sprunt, which was made about a year ago. The Dispatch made a special effort to get the details of the appointment from Washington, but was unsuccessful, it being impossible to learn anything other than that Mr. MacRae had been appointed to this office and would look after British interests here in the future. News of the appointment will be learned with genuine pleasure by the many friends of Mr. MacRae, who is and always has been identified with everything of a progressive nature.

HAD FIXED GERMAN STEAMER TO BLOW UP

(By United Press.) New York, May 19.—How two barrels of explosives were stuffed into the high pressure cylinder jackets of the seized German ship, Koenig Wilhelm II by the Kaiser's sailors so she would blow up when Uncle Sam started the engines, was disclosed when the vessel was dismantled in dry dock here today. Similar arrangements were employed by the Germans on others of the 65 seized Teutonic vessels.

WILMINGTON THE FIRST TO ANSWER

Responded at Once to Governor's Call—State's Portion of Selective Army.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—Wilmington headed the list of cities above 30,000 population and turned into Governor Bickett today the registration officers who will handle the drafting for the War Department. Governor Bickett issued letters to 100 counties appointing their sheriffs, clerks of court and county physicians, or whole time health officers, where possible, as registration officials. To those few cities of 30,000 special registration arrangements are provided. Wilmington responded by 2:30 o'clock with the names of her officers. Governor Bickett is greatly pleased with the business like way in which his letter has been met. Between the ages covered by selective draft 194,000 men are available. The first call will get from 12,000 to 14,000.

WILL LIKELY START RECRUITING THIS WEEK

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—National Guard officials here expect that Governor Bickett this week will make a move towards having the Guard of the State recruited up to its full strength, so as to be in such condition when registration day, June 5, rolls around. This move will likely be in a formal call for volunteers by the Governor. It is estimated that it will require between 5,000 and 6,000 men to attain the desired number.

GOLDSBORO LOSES GOOD MAN BY DEATH

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, N. C., May 19.—J. F. Manley, Jr., a prominent young man of this city, died at his home here last night at 7 o'clock. Deceased was taken to Richmond several months ago, where an operation for a serious malady was performed, but this proved of no avail. He returned home, where he was confined until death claimed him last night. Mr. Manley was an exceptional man, who, although young in years, had until he was taken ill established for himself a career in the business life of Goldsboro and he will be greatly missed. The funeral services were held from his late home this afternoon at 4 o'clock and were largely attended. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

YOUNG MEN MUST SHOW CREDENTIALS.

(By United Press.) Albany, N. Y., May 19.—New York policemen will be instructed to stop conspicuous young men on the streets after June 5 and make them show credentials to prove they have registered for army duty. This was officially announced in a proclamation from Governor Whitman's office here tonight.

POWDER CO. WOULD INCREASE ITS STOCK

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., May 19.—The Western Carolina Powder Company today filed with the Secretary of State application to amend its charter, so as to increase its capital stock from \$300,000 to \$4,500,000 and remove its headquarters from Hickory, N. C., to Charlotte.