

WARNING SOUNDING FOR THOSE FIGHTING THE BIG FOOD BILLS

They Must Be Prepared to Shoulder the Burden, Declares President

WILSON IN TRENCHES FOR THESE MEASURES

Champion of Bills in House Greeted by Applause As He Swats the "Food Crooks" — Senate Gets Ready to Take Action

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—The Food bill was pushed to the front in both Houses of Congress today and, with the personal influence of President Wilson pressing for their immediate passage, it was more than likely that something else would be done until they were disposed of.

While the bill was being explained in the House by Representative Lever as a measure which would harm no honest business man, but would drag "crooks" and speculators into the sun, a letter from President Wilson to the Representative Borah was made public in which the President warned members of the bills that should they make the responsibility for food conditions and prices which were predicted to follow.

The great majority of the House voted the opening of debate with the bill of applause and approval, but the opposition was silently making ready for its attack.

In the Senate the opposition also was ready. Led by Senator Reed of Missouri, Senator Smith of Georgia, and Senator Gore of Oklahoma, all Democrats, it was contended that the Food bill, already passed and now pending conference with the House, contained provisions to check speculation and price fixing which made the bill unnecessary.

The Senate debate was delayed, however, while other business was taken up, but the Food bill was on the calendar for debate later in the day.

Reverence of the House War Tax bill by the Senate Finance committee, to proceed with less speed than the Food Control legislation, has precedence in the Senate.

Because of the absence of several members, the committee today postponed action upon Senator Penrose's motion to consider the five per cent. profit tax proposed for publishers.

"To bring food crooks out into the sunlight," but not to injure business, is the aim of the food control bill, Chairman Lever of the Agricultural committee declared today in opening debate on the measure in the House.

The wave of applause greeted his statement adding strength to his prediction that the bill will pass the House by a large majority, perhaps by the end of the week.

Opponents of the bill, under the leadership of Representative Haugen, of Iowa; former Speaker Cannon, of Illinois, and Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, were ready to lead an attack.

The contest between German autocracy and American democracy, "will be determined in the end by the character and strength of the organization which one can put against the other," a House joint, unorganized democracy has no ghost of a chance in a contest with such an autocracy as is Germany. Organization is the only weapon with which organization can overcome. An organization, as the term is used here, means not only the shaping into shape the man-power of the nation, the money of the nation, but as well every resource of the nation which may be used in the contest.

Anticipating attacks on the giving of the President extraordinary powers, Mr. Lever contended the situation warranted them.

"We must either confer the so-called autocratic powers upon the constitutional head of our government or be prepared to have them assumed by the German Kaiser," he said.

PARIS QUARTERS OF OUR TROOPS

In Barracks With Those of Many Countries—How They Fare

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 18.—The American enlisted men who came to France with Major General Pershing are having experience with foreign habits, languages and ration which indicate what the main body of American troops will find when it arrives. The Americans are quartered at the Pepiniere barracks, a huge quadrilateral on Place d'Augustin, one of the central locations of Paris. There are housed troops from all the entente allied nations, including Russians, Serbians, Belgians, Rumanians, Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders, with 60 American troops, engineers and automobile drivers among the latest arrivals. The vast central court presents a strange sight in the mingling of the uniforms and flags of the various nations.

Each contingent has its own drills and its own living and eating quarters, but when the men are off duty, the court is crowded with the soldiers, speaking many languages and attempting to make themselves understood with signs. The American troops are on French military rations, which they like better than American or British rations, for in addition to an abundance of well cooked food, they embrace the regular French allowance of wine, which, however, may be discontinued when the American rations are established.

The chief novelty for the Americans is the continental breakfast, restricted to bread and coffee. Lunch and dinner are served in canteens with plenty of meat and vegetables. The mealtimes days do not apply to the military, as the French policy is to limit the restrictions on meat, sugar, etc., to civilians, in order that the fighting forces may be kept up to the full measure of energy.

The sleeping quarters are plain and comfortable, with good beds, clean sheets and ample sanitary arrangements. The Americans are on a regular schedule, with reveille at 6 o'clock in the morning, breakfast at 7, inspection at 8, and then a round of duties, concluding with taps at 10 p. m.

GREAT INCREASE IN PLANT ACREAGE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Almost 61 per cent. increase in the peanut acreage this year is indicated in the preliminary report of the Department of Agriculture. The total acreage is 2,001,000 acres. All Southern States, except North Carolina and Tennessee, show greater acreage this year than last. Georgia, with 426,000 acres, shows an increase of 121 per cent.; Texas, with 600,000 acres, shows an increase of 118 per cent.; and Alabama, with 268,000 acres, shows an increase of 97 per cent.

AMERICAN AVIATOR MADE GALLANT FIGHT

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 18.—Archibald Johnson, of Pittsburgh, a member of the Lafayette Flying Corps, which is composed principally of Americans, has been made a sergeant after a gallant fight single-handed against two German airplanes, in which his machine was riddled with bullets. The engagement occurred over the Chemin-des-Dames, on the Aisne front. The American aviator attacked a German flyer, who was soon reinforced by another. Johnson held his own with both until his machine was almost shot to pieces, but was able to return to the French lines.

BRAVELY MOTHER DIES WITH HER CHILDREN

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., June 18.—Mrs. Frederick Bullock, of near Suffolk, nearly lost her life today while vainly trying to save her three children, Dorothy, Katherine and Frederick, aged 14, 13 and 3, respectively, from drowning. They lost their lives in a creek while trying to bail water from a leaking boat. The mother swooned, after being rescued.

GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYED

(By Associated Press.) London, June 18.—An official statement issued today by the British admiralty says that a German submarine has probably been sunk by Japanese warships in the Mediterranean.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK BY U-BOAT

Only One Life Lost—Balance Rescued By British Steamship

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 18.—News of the destruction of the big French freight steamer Mississippi by a German submarine, with a loss of one of the merchantman's crew, was brought here yesterday by officers of a British freight vessel that arrived from a French port.

The Mississippi, of 6,677 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk about 145 miles off the port of Brest, France, on June 2, according to officers and seamen from open boats. They had been aloft for a short time.

The British officers refused to disclose the details of the sinking as related to them by the French crew. The only sailor lost was drowned while the crew was taking to the boats. The British ship landed the survivors at Fayal, Azores.

The Mississippi, owned by the General Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, of Havre, was last reported at New Orleans, on March 31.

A news dispatch received by wireless in New York last November from Berlin alluded to reports declared to have been published in French newspapers to the effect that the Mississippi had sighted and fired upon a German submarine without scoring a hit, in the English channel, on November 8, while on a voyage from New Orleans. The Berlin dispatch said the U-boat "neither before or after the attack attempted to molest the liner," and the incident was cited by Germany as "furnishing contradiction to the affirmation of the entente governments that the armaments of merchantmen are for defensive purposes."

At that time the United States government was considering the status of entente armed merchantmen in relation to their right to enter American ports.

CAMPS MAY NOT OPEN SEPT. 1ST

No Definite Date Set For Start of Cantonments—Officers Out In August

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Unless there are unforeseen developments to hurry construction of the 16 cantonments for training the new national army, the first increment of 650,000 troops will not be in training by September 1, as generally has been supposed, and in fact may not get into training for six weeks thereafter.

War Department officials said today that no specific date ever had been set for the opening of the training camps. Secretary Baker, however, in a letter to Senator Jones, several weeks ago, answering a suggestion that some of the troops be used for harvesting, spoke of September 1 as the probable date of opening the camps, and pointed out that most of the harvesting would be over by that time.

War Department officials generally, had fixed September 1 in their minds as the time training would begin. The first body of officers for the new army, now being trained in camps throughout the country is to be turned out in August, to make room for the next body. This was arranged on the plan of having the draft complete, exemptions disposed and troops ordered into training camps by September 1.

JUDSON CLEMENTS OF RATE-MAKING BODY DIED TODAY

Well Known Member of Interstate Commerce Commission Has Passed Away

HAD SERVED FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS

Native of Georgia Was Appointed by President Cleveland and Re-named By Taft and Wilson

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Commissioner Judge C. Clements, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, died here today. His home was in Rome, Ga.

Commissioner Clements had served on the rate-making body since 1892 and once had been chairman. He was 60 years old, a native of Georgia, and before going on the commission had served five terms in Congress representing the district of which his home, Rome, Ga., was the center. He was a Democrat, first appointed by President Cleveland, but was re-appointed by President Taft and again by President Wilson.

AIRCRAFT PROGRAM OF WAR DEPARTMENT

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Full approval has been given by the War Department to the air supremacy program of the defense council's aircraft board, and President Wilson has been asked to put the administration's support behind the government project, for which an appropriation of \$600,000,000 is sought.

Under the plan the United States would become immediately a great elementary training base for all the allies, and enormous numbers of training machines would be turned out while American plants are developing a serviceable battle craft type. By next spring the board proposes to have the allies ready to literally drive the Germans from the air.

"The War Department is behind the plans with every ounce of energy and enthusiasm at its command," Secretary Baker said. "The program seems by all means the most effective way in which to exert America's force at once in telling fashion."

RUSSIAN DUMA VOTES FOR RENEWAL OF WAR

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, June 18 (Via London).—The Duma, in secret session, has passed a resolution for an immediate offensive by the Russian troops.

The resolution declares a separate peace with Germany or prolonged inactivity on the battle front to be ignominious treason toward Russia's allies for which future generations never would pardon the Russia of the present day.

KEET KIDNAPING BEFORE GRAND JURY

(By Associated Press.) Springfield, Ill., June 18.—An investigation into the disappearance and death of 14-month-old Lloyd Keet and other alleged kidnapping conspiracies is to be started by the Green county grand jury today, according to Paul O'Leary, county prosecutor.

GERMANY TO PROPOSE ARMISTICE TO RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, (Via London), June 18.—The German government, which has been endeavoring by means of semi-official communications, statements by the imperial chancellor concerning peace overtures, telegrams by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to the council of workmen and soldiers' deputies, Socialist negotiators of the Scheidemann type, and in other ways to come to a separate arrangement for peace or an armistice with Russia, is considering a new move, namely an offer of an armistice for the period of the elections to the Russian constitutional convention.

ESCAPED GERMAN OFFICER CAPTURED

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., June 18.—Arnold Henckel, the German who was arrested in Danville, following his escape, the government spread its net for him. He effected his escape by sawing the bars from his cell window. He was captured in a tobacco hoghead in a warehouse surrounded by 1,000 civilians and officers.

GIANT SUPPLIES ORDERED FOR THE AMERICAN NAVY

Secretary Daniels Buys Coal and Oil at Prices to Be Fixed Later

PURCHASED UNDER ACT OF CONGRESS

Government Commission Will Settle On the Price—Steel For Ships Also Being Bought

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Secretary Daniels has ordered coal and oil products to supply the enormous quantities needed by the navy at prices to be fixed later by the President, when the Federal Trade Commission has determined a fair rate. The navy will rise 1,750,000 tons of coal and 50,000,000 barrels of oil purchased under this application of the authority granted by Congress.

Similarly, steel for the entire navy building program is being bought at a rate fixed by the department when Secretary Daniels rejected the proposals of the steel makers as too high. Mr. Daniels said today that the coal operators proposed to furnish navy coal at a rate of \$2.95 a ton at the mine. The navy was then paying \$2.88 a ton, delivered. The secretary directed the companies to ship immediately, the orders being pro-rated among the producers, agreeing to pay a tentative price of \$2.33 at the mines pending a report the department will make on the coal situation. If \$2.33 is too high, however, payments on future shipments will be curtailed to bring the entire purchase up to the commission's rate. The \$2.33 rate is being advanced by the government "on account" at present.

Oil quotations submitted, Mr. Daniels said, ranged from \$1.58 to \$1.86 a barrel, delivered at Port Arthur, although the present rate is \$1.89 a barrel at that point. The department directed the producers to fill its orders for 50,000,000 barrels, leaving the question of price to be determined by the trade commission.

The arrangement regarding steel orders, the secretary said, leaves a "handsome profit" for the producers. A basic price of \$56.20 a ton was fixed for steel plates in contracts for ten steel ships signed today by Chairman Daniels of the shipping board. Future contracts will be let at that price, instead of \$95 paid for steel in some earlier contracts.

ACREAGE IN MELONS AND CANTALOUPE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Watermelon and cantaloupe acreage in the principal producing States show an increase over last year. The watermelon acreage is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 98,100 acres, an increase of 12 per cent., and the cantaloupe area at 46,500, an increase of 17 per cent.

Georgia shows a heavy increase in both watermelon and cantaloupe. All other Southern States showed increased watermelon acreage. Most showed decreased cantaloupe acreages, except Arkansas and Alabama.

OTHERS MAY HAVE MET LIKE FATE

Investigation of Other Disappearances in New York—To Ask Extradition

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 18.—In a three-fold investigation in connection with the murder of Ruth Cruger, the 18-year-old school graduate, whose body was found buried in a cellar here on Saturday, the grand jury today began examining witnesses. Among those who testified was Helen Cruger, a sister. Police Commissioner Woods today started an inquiry into the alleged laxity of the police in failing to find the body. Mrs. Grace Humiston, a woman lawyer, whose efforts were responsible for its discovery, will co-operate with the commissioner in an investigation of her charge that 22 missing girls in this city might have suffered a fate similar to Ruth Cruger.

WILL SEEK EXTRADITION

Washington, June 18.—At the request of the State of New York the State Department has requested the Italian government to hold Alfredo Cocchi, now at Bologna, Italy, in connection with the murder of Ruth Cruger, a New York High school girl, whose body was found Saturday beneath Cocchi's shop.

MACEDONIA MAY NEXT BE SCENE OF STORM IN EUROPE'S BIG WAR

BRITISH RETIRE IN ORDER TO MAKE THRUST ALONG THE VARDAR

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—Contracts for ten more steel merchant ships complete and for 24 additional wooden hulls were announced today by Major General Goethals, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The vessels will be delivered in 1918.

RED CROSS WORK BEGINS TODAY

The Campaign to Raise One Hundred Million Dollars Inaugurated

Washington, June 18.—The big drive for the \$100,000,000 Red Cross war fund began at sunrise today, everywhere in the United States, with elaborate organization plans for making a reality within the next seven days.

In great cities and towns, organized machinery began gathering in the great fund which is to care not only for troops on the firing lines in Europe but for the destitute of the war zones of France, Belgium and Poland.

The great fund will be disbursed under the direction of the Red Cross Council, recently created by President Wilson, to which some of the country's best known financiers and business men are giving their talents for organization.

NEW YORKERS WORKING EARNESTLY

New York, June 18.—The campaign to raise \$40,000,000 set down as this city's share of the \$100,000,000 Red Cross war fund began today with a small army of men and women assigned to 30 teams competing for the honor of bringing in the largest total contributions during the week. The 20 teams of men and 10 teams of women are composed almost wholly of persons whose names are familiar in almost every household. Co-operating with these 30 committee are hundreds of sub-committees and aides, so that not one citizen of the city will lose the opportunity of contributing to what Henry B. Davison, head of the national campaign, has called "the heart of the nation."

On Saturday, two days before the actual beginning of the campaign, more than \$11,000,000 had been pledged.

CHICAGO'S GOOD START

Chicago, June 18.—William Wrigley, Jr., of the executive committee, engaged in raising Chicago's quota of \$8,000,000 for the \$100,000,000 Red Cross war fund, today increased the amount in hand by \$100,000. Already \$1,300,000 has been subscribed.

GOT VERDICT FOR A GIANT AMOUNT

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 18.—A verdict of \$225,000 in favor of Miss Honora May O'Brien, 28 years old, in her breach of promise suit against John B. Manning, a retired banker and millionaire, 85 years old, was awarded by a State Supreme Court jury in Long Island City today. The plaintiff, Secretary to a New York newspaper man, alleged that the defendant, father of grown children, broke his promise to marry her.

ROTARIANS GIVEN A BIG WELCOME

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., June 18.—Delegates to the eighth annual convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs were welcomed in Atlanta today at the opening of the five days' meeting. The first session included an address by Arch Klumph, of Cleveland, Ohio.

GENERAL PERSHING KEPT HAND AT WORK

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 18.—Major General Pershing was hard at work in his office today. He has completed the round of social functions in connection with his arrival and has a busy week ahead of him in dealing with important questions regarding arrangement for the arrival of American troops.

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ATTACK BY GENERAL SARRAIL LIKELY

(By Associated Press.) London, June 18.—The British army and navy show signs of activity in the near future. Germans Air-Raid Bases—British at Arras Subjected to Counter Attacks

Developments of some importance apparently are impending on the Macedonian front, following the recent clarification of the military situation in Greece coincident with the abdication of King Constantine.

The most pronounced movement is a withdrawal by the British, without pressure, of their advanced positions established some distance east of the Struma river on the extreme end of the front. Several towns have been evacuated by them, and occupied by the Bulgarians.

Simultaneously comes news of pronounced reconnoitering activity by the entente forces in other parts of the front, notably along the Vardar in the central sector.

It has been frequently pointed out by military observers that virtually the only practicable route for a successful advance to cut the lines of the central powers in the Balkans and reclaim Serbia, is up the Vardar valley, along the railway line there.

The present activities, which they have not developed far enough to make the thing a certainty, none the less point to the probability that an offensive by General Sarrail in the only likely sector—that embracing the Vardar—is imminent.

Had this been decided upon, it would be a natural move for the British to relinquish the advanced ground they held along the Struma and withdraw, as they have done, to the bridgehead near the river, thereby strengthening the entente right flank for defensive purposes, while the offensive stroke was delivered by the center. An aggressive move, it would seem, has now been made possible by the removal of the menace to the Allies from the rear, which existed as long as Constantine was on the Greek throne and his pro-German political advisers in control of the Greek military situation.

Both the Russian army and the Russian navy are giving more evidence of aggressive intent. Recent German and Austrian statements have instanced increasing activities by the Russian military forces in various sectors, notably Volynia and Galicia, where the great Brusilov offensive was in full swing at this time a year ago.

The Russian naval arm also has been so largely in evidence in Baltic waters that Berlin announces it has been found necessary to carry out extensive air raiding operations on Russian bases in this area.

In the Arras battle area the British were subjected to a heavy counter attack this morning on the new position they won last Thursday east of Monchy le Preux. They hold fast to the main point, the important Infantry Hill, but had to fall back from some positions they had established farther in advance.

BRITISH REVERSES

London, June 18.—The British have fallen back from some of their advanced posts in France, according to an official statement issued by the war office this morning. The main new positions are still held.

The statement follows: "Early this morning, the enemy delivered a strong local attack, under cover of a heavy bombardment up to the positions captured by us on the morning of June 14, east of Monchy le Preux. After severe fighting, our troops were compelled to fall back from certain positions in northern France, which had been established by us in front of our main new position which we still hold on Infantry Hill."

"There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the night north of the Scarpe. Hostile artillery activity continues in the neighborhood of Ypres."

CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED BY SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 18.—The conference report on the Glass-Owen bill amending the Federal Reserve act and designed to strengthen the national banking system, was adopted today by the Senate by the vote of 51 to 14, and now goes to the President for his approval.