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FOOD CONTROL BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

ONLY FIVE MEMBERS CAST VOTES AGAINST ADMINISTRATION MEASURE.

PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Forbids Making Use of Foodstuffs in Intoxicants.—Dry Victory Came After a Long Preliminary Struggle—Carries \$152,500,000 Appropriation.

Washington.—The administration food control bill, giving the President broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed and fuel for war purposes and appropriating \$152,500,000 for its enforcement and administration, was passed by the House after far-reaching prohibition provisions had been written into it.

The vote was 385 to five. Representatives McLeary, Slayden and Young, of Texas, democracy, and Meeker, Missouri, and Ward, New York, republicans, voting in the negative.

The prohibition provisions adopted would prohibit the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, and would give the President authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand. They were put into the measure during the evening in committee of the whole and when the bill came up in the House proper the anti-prohibition faction did not demand another vote.

Few important changes were made by the House outside the prohibition section. The control powers of the President were limited to articles specifically mentioned in the bill, instead of giving him blanket authority; voluntary aids in control work were made subject to the penal provision; all persons in the food administration except those serving without compensation were placed under civil service, and the President was required to make an annual report on the operation of the bill.

After several hours of parliamentary sparring, during which the prohibition proposals were thrown out successively on points of order, the

INCREASED NUMBER OF VESSELS LOST

TWENTY-SEVEN BRITISH SHIPS HAVE BEEN SENT DOWN DURING WEEK.

BRITISH RE-TAKE POSITION

Germans Gain Foothold in French First Trenches in Champagne Region.—Huge Activities Along Many Fronts.

The weekly report of losses to British shipping sunk by submarines or mines has again reached alarming proportions.

It shows an increase over the reports of the past six weeks to tonnage destroyed. The latest figures, twenty-seven vessels of over 1,600 tons and five under 1,600 tons, place the losses in the first category higher, except during the weeks ending April 21 and April 23, than during any similar periods since Germany's intensified submarine campaign began. During the latter weeks forty and thirty-eight merchantmen, respectively, were sent to the bottom.

On the fighting fronts in France, the British forces of Field Marshal Haig have recaptured important positions from the Germans east of Arras, while the Germans in the Champagne region have gained a foothold in French first-line trenches.

The British gain was made east of Monchy-le-Preux, where Monday the Germans, under cover of a violent bombardment, drove back the British and occupied their trenches. Between the Ailette river and Moulin de Lafaux, the Germans in a strong attack in which huge explosives were used, captured a section of a trench held by the French. The attack was followed over a front of about two-thirds of a mile and followed a violent bombardment of the French line.

Near Lens, the Canadians, in an assault on a position held by the Germans which was barring the way to Coal City, routed out the defenders and recaptured their trenches and mines.

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More than \$2,000,000 up to and including \$6,000,000, twenty-five per cent but not less than \$600,000 in any one instance. Subscriptions in this group totalled \$234,544,300. Allotments will total \$58,661,250.

More than \$6,000,000 up to and including \$10,000,000, twenty-one per cent. Subscriptions in this group totalled \$46,474,150; allotments will aggregate \$9,591,600.

Two subscriptions of \$25,000,000 each were received. The allotments to these subscribers will be at the rate of 20.22 per cent and they will receive bonds of the value of \$5,055,000 each. One subscriber to \$25,250,000, the largest, will be given 20.17 per cent or \$5,093,650.

NO SERIOUS DELAY IN CANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION

Baker Thinks All Will Be Ready September 1st.

Washington.—There will be no serious delay in construction of the sixteen cantonments for the national army, said Secretary Baker and all of the establishments probably will be ready about September 1, the tentative date considered for armoring to the colors the first 325,000 men.

The process of selecting the men, the secretary indicated, probably will be set in motion early in July.

Regulations for the exemption and selection processes have been prepared and will be made public next week. President Wilson is understood to have approved the general scheme worked out by the war department to secure fair and equitable allotments.

EARLY PASSAGE OF FOOD CONTROL BILL

PERSPECT FOR PASSAGE BY JULY APPEARS MUCH BRIGHTER NOW.

FEW IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS

Senate Leaders Tentatively Agreeing to Compromise is Designed to Quickly Expedite Consideration.—House is Making Progress.

Washington.—Prospect for passage of the administration food control bill by July 1, as earnestly desired by President Wilson, appeared brighter after the House had rejected important amendments which promised to delay final action, and Senate leaders had tentatively agreed to compromises designed to greatly expedite consideration.

Section in the House on a point of order of proposals to include shoes, clothing, farm machinery and cottonseed under the regulation food provisions cleared the way to passage to such extent that a final vote is expected soon. Prohibition proposals and Representative Lusk's amendment to strike out the licensing feature of the bill constitute the only apparent obstacles to a final vote at that time.

To pass the measure with as few additions to the original text as possible in order to expedite conference consideration in the plan of Representative Lusk in charge of the measure, the House that minor changes could be made at leisure while it now is in the midst of importance that the food control machinery be started.

House republicans are rallying generally to support the bill. One of the speeches in its behalf was delivered by Representative Ollie of Massachusetts, an anti-republican leader.

The benchmark debate was postponed in the Senate, substantial progress toward compromise differences.

Elimination of provisions authorizing fixing of wages, including those of farm laborers.

Elimination of specific authorization to regulate consumption by rationing or control of individual meals; Exemption of "staples" stored by producers from the anti-hoarding penalties.

Provision for control of foodstuff purchased in this country to prevent competition in buying between the allies and the United States; and Further provisions to prevent hoarding or speculation in foodstuffs.

With these tentative agreements, senators believed the chaotic condition in the Senate is clearing, with a prospect of an ultimate complete compromise except on a few basic points.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Boston.—Sinking of the British steamers Bay State and Elere and the Dutch steamship Bemdik by German submarines were reported here in cable messages. The Bay State, a Warren liner, was en route from Boston to Liverpool with a cargo valued at \$2,000,000. She was armed. Her crew of fifty were all saved. The Elere was bound from Boston to Halifax with general cargo. The fate of her crew of fifty is not known here.

AMERICAN JACKIES RECEIVING GOOD FARE

Pass of American Fleet in British Waters—Jackies of the American patrol flotilla are getting the best of care and fare as one result of the adequate equipment of the flotilla's mother ship and the efficiency of the men who man it. "It is really marvelous what you Americans can do," remarked a British officer. "The ship not only keeps the fleet in trim, but makes the bread and performs innumerable other services for the men."

GIVE PLACE ON GEN. PERSHING'S STAFF

Paris.—General Pershing announced that he had appointed Major Grayson L. P. Murphy head of the American Red Cross mission to Europe. A member of his staff, General Pershing's personal representative through the

ASHEVILLE CLAIMS GARDEN RECORD

CHALLENGES THE STATE TO SHOW A BETTER RECORD IN MATTER OF GARDENS.

600 BOYS AND GIRLS WORK

Making Gardens in Back Yards, Vacant Lots and All Other Available Places in Town.

Asheville.—The city of Asheville challenges the state to show a better record in the matter of gardens than is being made here. More than 600 boys and girls are employed in making gardens in back yards, vacant lots and other available places. The call of Governor Bickett and the State Food Conservation Commission has been heard and needed. The products raised in the city gardens this year will reach a value of several thousand dollars. A large part of the credit for the mobilization of the boys and girls for this purpose is due to Mr. Halston Fleming, who is head of the School Garden Committee of the Asheville Board of Trade.

There will be a very considerable surplus of products from the hundreds of gardens in and adjacent to Asheville and Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, head of the Home Demonstration Work at Raleigh, is to be here this week to advise with the County Home Demonstration Agent and other leaders with regard to the conservation of these surplus products. Asheville people are thoroughly alive to the importance of making and saving every pound of foodstuff possible.

The Asheville Board of Trade and the Buncombe County Food Conservation Commission have also vigorously pushed a campaign for increased production of food and feed stuff in the county. At this time Buncombe farmers are being urged to plant corn, potatoes, cow peas, sorghum or buckwheat upon the several thousands of acres in the county from which small crops are now being harvested.

American National Council on Home Economics, H. B. Lohman, of Kentucky, is Vice-Councilor.

The other officers elected are as follows: Charles Reimer, of Maryland, National Treasurer; George H. Davis, of Maryland, National Conductor; Sam W. Plyler, of South Carolina, National Warden; Wilbur F. Cannon, of Colorado, and W. F. Lambert, of West Virginia, National Inside Sentinel; Jas. R. Mansfield, of Virginia, and Mr. Briggs, of Oklahoma, National Outside Sentinel; Rev. M. D. Lichter, of Pennsylvania, National Chaplain.

Milwaukee was named as the next meeting place. The council meets every two years.

Following the election of officers, the council took up the question of levying a special tax on the members to provide an additional fund of \$50,000 for the orphanage of Tiffin, Ohio.

Bishop Kilgo Going to China.

Durham.—Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church, will leave his Charlotte home next week for a four-month sojourn in China, Japan and Korea. By appointment of his office as one of the nine bishops of the Southern Methodist denomination, he goes to the Orient as the presiding church official in the East. Bishop Warren C. Chandler, of Atlanta, Ga., will preside over the North Carolina Conference that meets in Greenville in November, and Bishop J. T. Atkins, of Asheville, will convene the Western North Carolina Conference in the absence of Bishop Kilgo.

Charged With Burning Hotel.

Asheville.—Nat Young, who has been in the United States army at Fort Oglethorpe, was brought back to Asheville by Deputy Fire Insurance Commissioner Frank Jordan on the charge of burning the Avery hotel at Elk Park, Avery county, three years ago. The young man has confessed to the actual burning of the hotel.

Frosts in Watauga.

Lenoir.—Reports from Watauga county show that a heavy frost occurred in many sections of the county recently, doing most severe damage to vegetation. The bean crop, which is a very late item for the county, has been almost totally destroyed, while the Irish potato yield will be greatly diminished on account of the severe frosts. Visitors coming in from Blowing Rock report that many large fields of potatoes in and around that section have been charred and fixed to the ground and will be almost a total loss.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVER THREE BILLION

TREASURY DEPARTMENT MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL TABULATION.

ALLOTMENTS TO BE MADE

Secretary McAdoo Announces That All Subscriptions of More Than \$10,000 Will Be Paid Down.—New York District Led.

Washington.—Liberty loan subscriptions totalled \$3,935,226,850, an over subscription of nearly fifty-two per cent.

The final tabulation has been officially announced, showing that more than 4,000,000 persons bought bonds. Ninety-nine per cent of subscriptions, or those of 3,866,300 persons, were for sums varying from \$50 to \$10,000, while twenty-one subscribers applied for allotments of \$5,000,000 each or more.

The New York federal reserve district led the list with subscriptions totalling \$1,186,783,400, or more than three times the amount subscribed in the next district, Chicago, \$387,195,950. The other districts sent subscriptions as follows:

Boston, \$332,547,600; Cleveland, \$258,123,700; Philadelphia, \$173,309,260; San Francisco, \$173,323,800; Richmond, \$108,737,163; Kansas City, \$91,758,860; St. Louis, \$84,284,794; Minneapolis, \$79,285,590; Atlanta, \$77,573,550; and Dallas, \$45,343,250. These subscriptions include those sent direct to the treasury and apportioned among the various reserve districts.

Allotments will be made, Secretary McAdoo announced, as follows:

An subscriptions up to and including \$10,000, full amount. These subscriptions totalled \$1,186,783,400.

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