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GOVERNMENT ASKS POWER OVER FOOD SUPPLIES

Department of Agriculture Wants Authority Over Nations Food And All Food and Agricultural Plants.

Washington, April 29.—(United Press)—The department of agriculture has asked authority to place the country's food supply under the strictest government regulation.

Besides the nation-wide investigation, the food market department has asked authority "to license and supervise the operations of all plants, mills, packing houses, canneries, slaughter houses, breweries, distilleries, storage houses, and all other establishments, in which food, feeds, agricultural implements, machinery, fertilizers, insecticides, serums, toxins and any other place where articles for agricultural purposes are manufactured, prepared, kept for sale or distribution."

The authorization requested is the most sweeping in the history of this country. It is more drastic than any power asked by European belligerents except possibly Germany.

After a thorough investigation, the department wants to establish grades and standards of farm products. It wants power to operate plants, and supervise the handling of all crops and to deal in food supplies in an emergency.

GENERAL MURRAY IS MARCHING ON HIS WAY TO JERUSALEM

London, April 20.—(United Press)—The complete route of the Turkish Eighteenth Army Corps and further advances in Mesopotamia were reported officially.

General Maude reported the passage of Shatt Al Adsam. General Murray resumed his march toward Jerusalem and defeated the Turks again. "He captured the Turkish position on the front at Nix," the report reads.

Official statements show General Haig is driving a wall closer to the Cambrai-St. Quentin line of communication.

Union News Items

Union, Ore., April 19.—(Special)—The large barn belonging to Wm. M. Dobbin was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Mr. Dobbin's seed grain was stored in the barn and this was entirely destroyed. Insurance was \$2500. The barn and contents were valued at \$2500.

A meeting was held at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening and thirty-eight additional names were secured for the Citizens' Guard, between the ages of 18 and 30. After completing the organization, time was spent in drilling. Recruiting officer from La Grande was in attendance at the meeting. Paul Crouter, a graduate of O. A. C., is drilling the men. The boys are drilling with rifles be-

longing to the G. A. R.

A high school cadet team has been organized recently and will begin work tomorrow under the supervision of Paul Crouter, formerly a cadet at Corvallis. At present there are thirty members.

The high school patriotic farmers consisting of about thirty-five members has already begun work, and has secured several vacant city lots. Each day new members are being added and more ground reported to be secured. The object of the organization is to see that every available piece of ground in the city will be utilized this coming season. It is following the leadership of President and Mrs. Wilson, who will raise lettuce and onions in their back yard.

C. A. Adcock, of Elgin, is in the city today on business.

GERMAN LOSSES ON WESTERN FRONT ARE STAGGERING

BY HENRY WOOD

With the French Army Afield, April 20.—(United Press)—Seventy square mile of territory were regained from Germany the last five days.

General Nivelle progressed over a front of forty miles depth and from three quarters to four full miles. Scores of villages and towns were captured.

The German losses are staggering.

Two complete divisions of forty thousand men were literally wiped out in the counter attack on Juvincourt.

Demoralization is spreading among the Germans, even among the officers. Great masses of reinforcements, hurriedly rushed to the line, fail to stop the advance.

General Haig Strikes Against Cambrai.

London, April 20.—(United Press)—General Haig struck against Cambrai last night. "He gained ground in the neighborhood of Villers and Guislain," was reported.

HONOR GUARD GIRLS TO DO SERIOUS WORK

TOWN LOTS WILL BE LISTED—AUTO MECHANICS TO BE STUDIED UNDER L. C. SMITH.

Several new phases of work was discussed at last night's meeting of the Honor Guard. All vacant lots in the town are to be listed and vegetables are to be planted in them, the girls intend to plant vegetables that the general outline of the work will be similar to that of the schools of the city. Another interesting work that is to be taken up is that of automobile mechanics. Mr. L. C. Smith will oversee this work which will be done in his garage. It will consist of ten days study of the automobile three hours each day beginning Monday at 3 p. m.

Mr. Smith is one of the oldest automobile men in the state. He acquired the knowledge of mechanics in college and has been in the automobile business since its inception. He is familiar with all makes of cars and has probably sold more automobiles than any other man in the state. It will be a picturesque sight to see Mr. Smith teaching his class of girls. The latter it is understood will don overalls and jumpers and really aim to master the intricacies of automobile construction.

Squads were also appointed with corporals to have charge of them in the parade Sunday. Corporals Peterson and Williams drilled the girls last evening for the event and they will march like regulars.

An excellent talk was delivered by Miss Kirtley on the vital questions pertaining to girl life. The girls will wear the white caps presented them by the business men in the flag raising.

The Union Pacific has issued a beautiful folder advertising the scenic advantages of its system for the benefit of the teachers who will attend the National Education convention in Portland next year. La Grande and Hot Lake receive favorable mention.

Attempt To Blow Up Ohio Capital

Columbus, April 20.—(United Press)—It was learned this morning that an attempt to dynamite the capitol was made last night. W. H. McCann, a teamster found a man planting the explosive and chased him away. It was a home-made contrivance for firing high explosives. The building was put under guard.

THE WEATHER

Protland, April 20.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Rain; unsettled."

PRESIDENT STRONGLY OPPOSES ROOSEVELT DIVISION

Washington, April 20.—(United Press)—Despite all the administration's attempts to annihilate it, the Roosevelt division idea is holding its own.

Its most formidable obstacle in the path is conscription. Although semi-officially stated that the war department would prevent the Roosevelt division, betting favored the idea that Roosevelt would get into the trenches with volunteers weeks before the first American Conscription Division gets shrapnel fire.

The President admitted he strongly opposed the division.

Government Will Start Flow of Gold.

Washington, April 20.—(United Press)—The government won't wait the sixty days required to put the war loan into operation.

When the House passes the bill the treasury certificates will be issued immediately so that the flow of gold to finance the war can begin, so Secretary of Treasury McAdoo announced today.

FOOD TRAIN IS HERE FOR PUBLIC TO SEE

"FOOD PREPAREDNESS" CAMPAIGN IS ON—PROMINENT O. W. R. & N. OFFICIALS AND O. A. C. EDUCATORS TO INSTRUCT PUBLIC.

The Food Preparedness train arrived in La Grande last evening from their successful trip up the Branch line. Since their arrival in the city very active work has been carried on. This morning the Home Economics class of the L. H. S. held a special session in the food preparedness passenger coach. This afternoon all grade children of the La Grande schools from the fifth grade up marched to the exhibit car in a body where they spent two hours viewing the exhibits. Both evening sessions at the car and Salvation army hall will be open tonight and tomorrow evening, the home cooking and canning lectures by Misses Cowgill and Johnson offer special attractions to the ladies. The lectures held at the coaches are of great interest to men interested in vegetable growing and poultry raising. The greatest good derived from this work comes from the active services of a permanent local garden committee which will look up the land of their community and put it into cultivation or poultry raising, etc.

General Passenger Agent William McMurray arrived this morning in his private car to see the close of this successful campaign. He will accompany the party while they are in La Grande and Baker. Mr. McMurray is very much interested in the work and has just left a similar preparedness train which is operating on his line in Eastern Washington in connection with the Washington State College. The Food Preparedness campaign has caused so much interest in this section that a similar campaign is well under way in Western Oregon under the auspices of the Southern Pacific and the O. A. C. Extension Service.

Farmer Smith, agriculturist of the O. W. R. & N., is also here. Tons of literature on corn raising gardening and other topics are being given out.

Conference on Food Situation Called

F. L. Meyers, president of the State Bankers' Association of Oregon, received the following telegram from President Kerr of the O. A. C. inviting him to a conference on the food situation to be held in Portland Saturday:

Corvallis, Ore., April 19.—(To F. L. Meyers, Pres. State Bankers Ass'n., La Grande, Ore.)—To further campaign initiated by the National government I am calling a conference of representatives of different organizations throughout the state to meet at the Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Saturday, April 21, at 2 p. m. to consider present serious food situation and devise means for securing most helpful and effective co-operation in

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REVOLT IN BRAZIL IS REPORTED GROWING

Airtight Sensorship Prevails---Government Troops Fight The Germans-Brazil Will Not Cooperate With The Allies.

Buenos Aires, April 20.—(United Press)—With an airtight Brazilian censorship, the Paraguayan reports declared the German revolt in Brazil was growing.

Refugees are pouring into Uruguay reporting fighting between the government troops and armed Germans.

They reported conditions serious in at least three provinces. Uruguay hurried troops to the frontier to prevent violation of neutrality.

Rio de Janeiro dispatches quote the Minister of War denying that Brazil would send a commission to the United States to co-operate with the Allies against Germany.

Rio De Janeiro Hears of Peace Rumor.

Buenos Aires, April 20.—(United Press)—The Spanish legation at Rio de Janeiro received a cipher message declaring Russia and Germany had signed an armistice, according to a dispatch here from Rio de Janeiro.

OPPOSITION ARISES TO SPY AND CENSORSHIP BILLS

Washington, April 20.—(United Press)—Because of the possibility that opposition to the administration's spy and censorship bills might block all other war legislation, the Senate leaders suddenly switched their plans and announced consideration of the President's elective conscription measure will be shoved ahead of everything.

Espionage legislation, the most drastic ever proposed, held the spotlight in Congress. The Senate entered the third day of bitter debate. Influential senators are bitterly attacking the bill.

Elgin Personals

(From the Elgin Recorder.)

Mrs. Hattie Mays was a visitor in La Grande during the week.

Sheriff Lee Warnick was in town Thursday afternoon on his second official visit.

E. E. Kiddle, well known business man of Island City, was in Elgin Saturday on business connected with the local flouring mill.

Rev. H. L. Ford, of La Grande, will begin a series of revival meetings in the local Christian church Monday evening, April 16th.

Contractor G. Bekkers is engaged in building a two-room addition and spacious porch to the residence owned by H. F. Shoemaker.

Prof. A. E. Clawton and daughter, Miss Isabel, were visitors, in Enterprise over Saturday night, arriving home late Sunday night on the delayed passenger.

J. F. Bater, superintendent of the local flouring mill and Elgin band director, has been suffering with a severe cold for several days and is barely able to look after business duties.

Owners of the lots on Front street where the recent fire occurred, state that the work of clearing away the debris will soon be commenced. That

one or two modern business structures will be erected there this summer is now quite probable.

Faye, the young daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Willson, was taken to La Grande Monday, where she submitted to an operation as the result of an abscess having formed in one of her ears. The operation was performed by an ear specialist of that city, assisted by Dr. Kirby, of Elgin. The patient was brought home that day and is slowly improving. The abscess resulted from a severe cold in the head. Monday evening Dr. Kirby performed a like operation on the young daughter of John Christiansen.

Clem Henry, who recently submitted to an operation in the Grande Ronde hospital at La Grande for hernia and appendicitis, is rapidly recovering and will be able to return home by the latter part of this week or the first of next.

Teachers Meet at Elgin.

The last Teachers' Institute for Union county for the present year will be held in Elgin, Saturday, April 21. The institute, which will be held at the high school building, is for all citizens of the county as well as for teachers. Subjects of vital importance to parents, patrons, teachers and students will be discussed and no one can afford to miss this meeting.—Elgin Recorder.

STARS AND STRIPES FLOAT GAILY OVER PARLIAMENT HOUSE

For First Time in History American Flag Is Placed Beside the Union Jack—Royalty Attend Ceremonies At St. Pauls in Honor of America Entering the War.

London, April 20.—(United Press)—Today the American Stars and Stripes are hanging everywhere. Formal ceremonies were held at St. Pauls in celebration of America entering the war. Royalty, all members of the British cabinet, scores of prominent Britishers attended. This is the first time in history that a foreign flag floated beside the Union Jack over the Houses of Parliament. It was the Stars and Stripes.