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M McNARY BILL BARS PROFITEERING.

Plans Fixed Price On Many Commodities.

Profiteering in the necessities of life will be put under the ban if a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Charles L. McNary, and amending the food control law is enacted. The measure has been read twice and referred to the committee on agriculture and forestry. The senator is pressing its passage and hopes to have it reported from committee and presented to the senate for consideration at an early date.

"During the consideration of the food control bill I took the position that a law to be effective should be comprehensive in its application in order to prevent profiteers from gaining control of those commodities not coming within the operation of the statute," said Senator McNary following the introduction of his bill.

"This measure empowers the president to fix prices of petroleum and its products; hides and skins and their products, such as shoes, etc.; hemp, jute, cotton and wool and their products, for example clothing, farm implements and machinery, wheat substitutes, corn, rye, barley, oats and their products or the joint product or products of two or more of said materials, livestock and its products."

Provision is made in the bill that the president whenever he deems it necessary for the efficient prosecution of the war may fix the price for the products covered by the bill and that such power may be exercised through the federal trade commission. If any producer or dealer fails or neglects to conform to the prices fixed or regulations prescribed the president may requisition and take over the plant or business belonging to such dealer or producer and operate it during the war or for such time as deemed necessary.

Any dealer or producer whose plant or business is requisitioned is to be paid a just compensation for the use thereof during the period it is requisitioned. The compensation may be fixed by the president or by the federal trade commission.

If the prices fixed or if a plant or business is requisitioned and the compensation prescribed is not satisfactory 75 per cent of the amount determined shall be paid and the dealer or producer shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover whatever sum, which added to the 75 per cent, will make a just compensation.

WILL READJUST AIR- CRAFT PROGRAM.

New Man Will Likely Be Given Charge.

Washington, April 25—A readjustment of the aircraft program has been decided on definitely by President Wilson and Secretary Baker has been directed to carry it out. It was indicated today that a man not heretofore mentioned will be given full charge of production.

Secretary Baker was working today on reorganization plans and an announcement probably will be made within two or three days. It was not indicated today what changes in personnel might be made or whether the aircraft board itself would be reorganized. It was intimated, however, that production would be put in the hands of one man whose name was not given.

8000 Medical Men To Be Added To U. S. Army

San Francisco, April 25—Eight thousand medical officers are needed immediately if 800,000 men are to be added to the army during the next year, according to Major Henry C. Jump, medical reserve corps, Washington, D. C., in addressing a meeting of physicians here last night.

Fight Preliminary To Big Sea Clash.

London, April 22—Further indication of an approaching clash between the grand fleets of Germany and the allies was given Saturday when British and German light forces clashed in the waters east of Helgoland. After the exchange of a few shots at long range, the German warships took refuge behind their mine fields. One enemy destroyer was observed to be hit. All the British ships returned without casualties.

Chehalis Man Buys Ore. Paper.

Chehalis, Wash., April 23—H. H. Palmer, who has been editing the Lew- is County Advocate in Chehalis for E. McBroom, has purchased the newspaper at Glendale, Or., and a small fruit orchard. He expects to take charge within the next week or two.



REMEMBER THE TUSCANIA. BUY A BOND

GUATEMALA AT WAR WITH GERMANY.

National Assembly De- clares Republic's Posi- tion Is Same As That of U. S.

Guatemala City, April 22—The national assembly at its session today declared the republic of Guatemala to occupy the same position toward the European belligerents as does the United States.

Guatemala broke diplomatic relations with Germany in April, 1917. The action now taken is apparently intended to constitute a declaration of war against Germany and Austria-Hungary with whom the United States is now at war.

Hindenburg speaks of a "strong German peace." A strong human peace will satisfy Wilson.

ASK THE KAISER TO TAKE NEW CROWNS

Liberals Want To Include Russian Provinces.

Amsterdam, April 22—Berlin newspapers report that the National Liberty party leaders have decided unanimously to send a telegram to Emperor William recommending that he accept the crowns of the former Russian governments of Estonia and Livonia.

According to the Rheinische Westfalsche Zeitung, of Berlin, negotiations are proceeding between the German government and the Reichstag, with a view to obtaining official recognition by the majority parties of the peace resolution of last July.

It is the official view that the government should be unhampered and that it is inadvisable for the Reichstag to take a definite attitude, either in the eyes of the people or of foreign countries.

Josephine County Pioneer Passes At Williams.

Mrs. E. E. Topping, a resident of Josephine county for nearly 60 years passed away at the family home in the Williams district, 17 miles from Grants Pass on Wednesday, April 17. Mrs. Topping was born in Illinois December 23, 1841. In 1869 she came to Oregon, making the western trip on the first through train on the Union Pacific, landing at Redding, Cal., and commencing the journey to Josephine county by stage. She has lived on Williams creek on the original donation land claim taken up by her father, John L. Powell, for nearly 60 years. She is survived by two sons, F. A. Topping of Williams, and George P. Topping of Bandon, and by one daughter, Mrs. James Turvey, of Williams, and by 13 grandchildren and two great grand children.

Swiss Neutrality Is Violated 586 Times.

Geneva, Switzerland, April 22—The neutrality of Switzerland had been violated 586 times up to the end of January, according to an official announcement today. In 418 instances aviators were responsible. Switzerland has received little satisfaction for the protests made.

Alaska's First Draft To Be Called May 1.

Juneau, Alaska, April 23—Alaska's first draft will be called May 1, instead of June 30, originally planned. It was announced here today. Men called from Southeastern Alaska will report at Seward; men from Southwestern Alaska at Fort Liscom and men from the interior at Fort St. Michael. The men probably will go to Camp Lewis, Wash.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Pleads Guilty By Mail.

Oregon City, April 20—George Guistena, a Molalla sawmill operator, was arrested yesterday by Game Warden Roy Brommer on a charge of throwing sawdust in Rock creek. Mr. Guistena pleaded guilty by mail and paid his fine \$25, also by mail.

Chinook Salmon Are Caught.

Roseburg, Or., April 23—Catches of Chinook salmon are being made in both the South and North Umpqua rivers. Some of the fish have been caught from bridges, as well as from boats the usual places for trollers.

New Business Block in Bend.

Bend, Or., April 20—Contracts were let and building permits issued here yesterday for the erection of a brick and stone business block. The building which is to be 50 by 70 feet will be built by W. E. Koeppner of Walla Walla.

Round-up Star Killed.

Pendleton, Or., April 22—Dell Blacett, a Roundup star, was killed in action on March 30, while fighting with the Canadian forces in France, according to a wire received here from the Canadian director of records. He is the first Pendleton man to meet death on the battlefields of Europe.

Burned Mill Is Rebuilt.

Cottage Grove, Or., April 22—The Brown Lumber company, whose mill was destroyed by fire last year, has resumed operations and soon will be operating upon a larger scale than before if the necessary help can be secured. At present the entire output is being used in building docks and erecting other buildings for the mill. Shipments will start in two or three weeks.

Factory Is Being Reconstructed

Cottage Grove, Or., April 23—The Cottage Grove Manufacturing company is tearing down and reconstructing a large part of its present building with the view of greatly increasing its output. The location of the machinery will be completely changed and several new machines added. Electric power will be used for power. C. A. Stevens of Oakland, recently became interested in the company and will soon arrive to take charge of operations. Many orders are already on hand.

Belladonna Culture to be Tried by Lane County Man.

Eugene, Or., April 24—Eugene may become the center of belladonna culture if experiments now being made by A. Hagedorn, of this city, prove successful. Mr. Hagedorn will plant two acres to this medicinal plant this spring and believes that the experiment will be a success. He has been informed by medical and scientific men that the climate of the Willamette valley is excellent for the growth of the plant. A large percentage of the drug used in the United States comes from France, where the plant is successfully grown. As the price of belladonna is now very high, owing to its scarcity, caused by the war, Mr. Hagedorn will reap a small fortune off his two acres of land if the experiment proves successful.

Joy Water At Dance brings

Sorrow to Polk County boys

Dallas, Or., April 23—Mike Branch, of Rickreall, and John Weeks, of Amity, were arrested by Sheriff John W. Orr at a dance at Rickreall, Friday night on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in their possession. Branch had a quantity of home-made wine and Weeks had a bottle of hard cider. Between dances the two, with their friends, would leave the building and partake of the "joy water," and it was during one of these periods that the sheriff made the catch. The men pleaded guilty. Branch was fined \$100 and Weeks \$15.

Everything to and from Europe except our troops and food and munitions can wait a few weeks.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promot- ing Development of Oregon.

Portland—8900 tons steamship Westgate, built by Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, checked by up government inspectors and gear complete in every detail, first steel sold yet laid down to fulfill requirements without additional inspections.

Hood River—Pacific Power & Light Co. spans Columbia with cable bringing White Salmon power to Oregon side completing improvement started last summer and insuring continuous service.

Astoria—Crown Willamette Paper Co. extending McGregor Malone railroad into Young's river district for spruce.

Clatskanie—Portland capitalists buy 5500 acres of Columbia river bottom land near here for \$300,000.

Oregon claims the record for greatest speed in launching ships under government contract.

Waldport to build a \$12,000 water supply.

Lane county farmers planting lightly for fear of labor shortage.

Marsfield—Anvil Mountain mine will be operated to obtain molybdenum ore, a metal worth \$5.50 a pound. \$9000 road has been built to mine.

Portland—Six modern ships launched here last week.

Portland—Federal labor officials report that work at good wages goes begging while 8000 idle men shy past the jobs offered.

Reedsport Lumber Co.'s new mill about ready for operation.

Florence—S. P. Co. ordered to rebuild county road between Cushman and Mapleton.

Gold Beach—Contract for construction 5 miles of new road in Floras creek district let for \$12,345.

Milton—30,000 bushel elevator to be erected here. Ground broken.

Stanfield—140-acre ranch on The Meadows sold for \$20,000.

Toledo—Thorsten Hindrickson Lumber Co. cutting railroad lumber for use on new railroad to spruce belt. Mill to put on two shifts immediately.

Brownsville Canning Co. receive biggest order. Prospects for most successful season in history bright and figures show scope of work.

Rogue River—Seaborg cannery to be operated. New interests take ownership.

Silverton—After having suspended business for several months pending construction of more railroad into logging camps, and numerous improvements, at mill, Silver Falls Timber Co. resumed work April 15.

Roseburg—Green Canning plant to start season in few days.

Joseph—Wallowa Lake stocked with 5000 Blueback salmon.

Union—800 acres Sunnybrook Farm near here sold for \$20,000.

Toledo—Construction work on railroad from here to Lower Siletz begun.

Tidewater—New industry started. Dryer established for drying fox glove leaves.

West Yaquina—Brewer mill operating full time. Capacity of plant 35000 feet per day.

The Dalles Co-operation Elevator Co. lets contract for construction of a 50,000 bushel concrete grain elevator, cost \$25,000.

Congress Passes Act To Melt Silver Coin.

Washington, April 22—The administration bill authorizing the melting into bullion of 350,000,000 silver dollars to pay trade balances was passed by the house late today without amendment. It had been passed by the senate and now goes to the president.

Child Said To Have Been

Abducted Is Brought Back.

Lebanon, Or., April 23—Winard, the 4-year-old child taken from the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bahrke, of this city, by his mother, on Sunday, April 14, was brought back here on Sunday of this week by her, after she had consulted her attorney in Portland.

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