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MAY WHEAT TRADING IN CHICAGO IS PROHIBITED

CHICAGO, May 11.—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago board of trade tonight. The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjudicated either by delivery of the property or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee appointed for the purpose.

It was rumored that action by the federal authorities in the last few days—and particularly earlier in the day—had hastened the action of the board of directors. None of those at the meeting would confirm or deny that it had been intimated some action to curb soaring prices of wheat should be taken or government officials would close the board.

It was admitted that a number of board of trade members had been summoned to the office of the federal district attorney but it was said no threats had been made or intimated.

"The board of directors were prompted in reaching their conclusions by what they deemed to be their patriotic duty to the country in this hour of national stress," said Joseph P. Griffin, president of the board of trade. "True, this action is without precedent in the history of this exchange, although other exchanges in the country have taken similar action. It should be understood that the board of trade is neither a buyer nor a seller—it is merely a market place where meet daily the millions of producers and consumers throughout the country."

"I should like to emphasize that speculation has nothing whatever to do with the action of the directors in deciding to abandon trading in May wheat, nor is speculation in any sense responsible for the high prices prevailing for May wheat or the cash article. Generally speaking, the speculator is not interested in May wheat, his operations being confined to the future. Practically the entire interest in May wheat is speculation by the farmers, grain dealers, millers and foreign governments."

"The recent hysteria over the food situation has caused a stampede of consumers in every direction, and while it is regrettable it is nevertheless a fact that even the leading governments of Europe seem to have become fearful as to their future requirements. The largest buyers of wheat for present and future delivery at this time in the market are the governments of Europe, not speculators."

NEW YORK NEWSPAPER SAYS CONGRESS FAILS IN DUTY TO COUNTRY

NEW YORK, May 16.—Under the heading "A Slacker Congress," the New York World Tuesday said editorially:

"Congress is the one branch of the government which has broken down in the war and failed of its duty."

"Although the declaration of a state of war was adopted April 6, the United States is still without a military establishment, thanks to the folly of congress. It is anything but a pleasurable spectacle, and if there is any leadership left in congress it cannot assert itself too soon. Otherwise the American people will find themselves with a broken down government in the midst of the most calamitous war known in history."

ALAS! POOR HARRY K. BACK TO BUG HOUSE WILL HE STAY THERE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 16.—The insane asylum again claims Harry K. Thaw. Presiding Judge Martin today signed a decree authorizing Thaw's removal from St. Mary's hospital to the Pennsylvania hospital for the insane here. Thaw is in the hospital recuperating from razor wounds self-inflicted while detectives were trailing him on charges of flogging Frederick Jump Jr. of Kansas City, in New York.

Socialists Want Republic Oppose Human Slaughter Cry Peace in Reichstag

BERLIN, May 16.—The Socialist leader, George Ledebour, declared in the reichstag yesterday that it was impossible for Germany to win a war of subjugation, and expressed the conviction that a revolution must happen in Germany, as it had happened in Russia.

"We shall propose a constitutional committee," he said, "to take preparatory steps in the direction of introducing a republic in Germany." Ledebour said: "The chancellor doubtless desires annexations both in the east and west. With the exception of extravagant visionaries, nobody believes that Germany can win a war of subjugation. The Russian Socialists have made an offer which opens up the possibility of peace. This is what the chancellor forgets. It is true that a separate peace with Russia cannot be achieved, but the Russian government can convert the entente, and in this direction we ought to assist it."

"Herr Scheidemann must take up cudgels against the government if he does not want strong words, which do not shrink even from the announcement of a revolution, to be followed by deeds. We are convinced

that events must happen in Germany as they have happened in Russia. That is what those in power are working for. We must soon introduce a republic in Germany, and we shall propose that a constitutional committee take preparatory steps in that direction."

Phillip Scheidemann, in introducing the Social Democratic Interpellation, said: "Peace by agreement would be good fortune for Europe. Ninety nine per cent of all the peoples look with hope and longing to Stockholm. If France and Great Britain renounce annexation and Germany in states thereon, we shall have a revolution in the country."

"It has not gone so far as that yet; the enemy does not renounce annexation. A peace just to all parties should be concluded. I am firmly convinced that no peace can be concluded without an alteration of frontiers and that must be arranged by mutual understanding. I am bitterly opposed to the slaughter of another million men simply because certain Germans desire peace that would follow conquests. Long live peace! Long live Europe!"

STATE FAIR MAY BE "FOOD TRAINING CAMP" TO AID DEFENSE PLAN

SALEM, Or., May 16.—A. H. Lea, secretary of the state fair board, today announced that he had tendered the use of the state fair to Secretary of Agriculture Houston as a "food training camp" for the increase of crop production, and the elimination of food waste, and that the slogan of the fair this year would be "food preparedness." The government is asked to cooperate in the movement by providing lecturers, demonstrators and exhibits.

"If the war is to be won, working America must furnish the allies with food and clothing, and the slogan of the state fair this year will be 'Food Preparedness,'" said Secretary Lea in making the announcement. "Primarily the object of the state fair is educational, and the fair board feels that it can render material service in the nation-wide campaign for the increase of food production, and the elimination of needless waste."

"Military camps are being established throughout the country to train men in military science, and the board proposes to call the great rank and file of food producers and users into a central training camp after the harvest season, for a brief course of instruction in efficient methods for food production and conservation."

"Since the elimination of waste is a material part of the campaign, arrangements are being made to offer a series of demonstrations and lectures by food specialists in the woman's department. The children are also being enlisted in the cause, and in connection with their exhibits instructive demonstrations will be conducted."

GENERAL DIAZ MEXICAN LEADER KILLED, REPORT

EL PASO, Tex., May 11.—A Mexican arrived here today from Southern Mexico reported to the Mexican government secret service officials that General Felix Diaz, nephew of the late General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, had been shot and killed by General Calmayer, a former Zapata leader, following a dispute as to the supreme command of the revolutionists in the state of Oaxaca. This statement was made officially today by Andres Garcia, inspector general of Mexican consulates in the United States.

The killing was said by the refugee to have occurred near Salina Cruz, in the state of Oaxaca, where Diaz and Calmayer had their revolutionary commands encamped. The dispute followed a conflict of orders.

Inspector General Garcia also officially announced that a partial confirmation of this report had been received by the Mexican secret service bureau here from New Orleans.

AGED ASYLUM INMATE DIES

SALEM, Or., May 14.—At the age of 98 years, Rachael Parsons, committed to the asylum from Coos county in 1879, died at the institution last night.

FIGHT FOR NATIONAL WAR PROHIBITION HAS NOT REACHED CRISIS

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The fight for "war prohibition" has only started in congress.

Striking from the Gregory espionage bill late Monday of the Cummins amendment was done merely on the grounds that the measure as it stood was unconstitutional and did not properly belong on the so-called spy bill.

The dyes are determined to force prohibition as a war emergency measure and several bills are awaiting introduction.

The next effort will be made in an attempt to add a prohibition clause to the food conservation. Falling in that, the dyes will put up a separate bill and demand action.

Many senators friendly to this legislation voted against the Cummins amendment because they thought it out of place. They will favor adoption of a measure similar to that offered by Senator Gronna which would conserve all foods during the war by prohibiting their use in manufacture of liquors of any kind. According to present plans, the authority, however, for shutting off these foodstuffs will be left to the discretion of the president. This is the plan favored by the administration.

Meantime, congress is flooded with protests from the big liquor districts, who fear thousands of men will be thrown out of work if prohibition is put into effect.

Commenting on this, Senator Cummins declared "it does not move me much."

"This government is about to bring into service 1,600,000 men," he said. "They will be drawn from all industries everywhere in the country."

"There will be thousands of places for men to work, thousands of men will be needed on the farms, in the factories and elsewhere. There will be work enough for all and to keep all busy."

PETITIONS MUST BE FILED BEFORE SATURDAY NIGHT

SALEM, Or., May 15.—Secretary of State Olcott stated Monday, for the benefit of those who are circulating referendum petitions against laws passed by the last legislature, that all such petitions must be filed in his office before 5 o'clock next Saturday afternoon or they cannot be accepted.

"This is due to the fact that May 20, the day preceding the day on which the laws which did not carry an emergency clause will go into effect, falls on Sunday. The new laws will go into effect at midnight next Sunday night."

CITIES AND TOWNS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY ARE TO GROW FOOD

One feature of the agricultural preparedness that is being exploited by the agricultural department of the government is the conversion of the resources of the cities and towns of the country and while it is along the same lines as the farmers defense yet it is under different supervision and direction.

For such a survey of the cities and towns of Clackamas county Mr. Fred Peterson, who has the title of district leader on food campaign, arrived in Oregon City on Saturday and will remain here at least a week, making his headquarters in the publicity department of the Commercial club. His first work is to organize local clubs for food conservation, which he finds already exist in Oregon City and Canby, and explain to these organizations in what directions they should exert their energies.

Generally speaking it is to cultivate all the vacant lands in cities and towns so that they may be practically self supporting with products of the soil in order that the large acreage, tilled by the farmers may go into the great warehouses of the country for distribution throughout the world.

The Oregon City committee that will assist Mr. Peterson in the work is composed of Mrs. C. W. Evans, Mrs. O. Brown, George F. Johnson, F. J. Toose, O. D. Eby, Mrs. W. P. Tipton, and O. E. Freytag.

WAR PRICES WILL CAUSE STATE INSTITUTIONS TO FACE DEFICIT, SAYS KAY

SALEM, Or., May 15.—With the state board of control preparing to open bids June 12 for supplies for state institutions, State Treasurer Kay predicts that every state institution will be forced to incur a deficiency in its appropriation before the end of the biennium, on account of war prices.

Last June, he pointed out, the state let contracts for supplies which aggregate about \$300,000. The coming June the state will buy approximately the same amount of supplies and he expects the contract prices will run up close to \$500,000.

Another difficulty which the institutions are having is to keep employees at the wages which the state has been paying. Already the state board has been forced to allow increases in wages of farm hands.

As the appropriations for the institutions were based on estimates of cost of supplies about the first of the year, the tremendous advance in the cost of foods and wearing apparel will exhaust the amounts authorized months before the end of the biennium, according to Mr. Kay.

Billion Dollars For Shipbuilding Big Fleet to Run Blockade Party Leaders With Wilson

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Leaders of both parties in congress at a conference with President Wilson today promised to support the administration's billion-dollar shipbuilding program. Bills will be introduced immediately to give the shipping board \$500,000,000 for construction of a great steel and wooden cargo fleet to run the German undersea blockade and the remainder of the money will be appropriated whenever needed.

The shipping measures will be completed within a few days. They would empower the government to take over shipyards and the output of steel mills if necessary, but the administration

believes such a power will not have to be exercised.

The shipping board plans to clear shipyards of construction actually under way, then to let contracts for standardized steel cargo vessels, all built alike and of a design permitting a minimum time for completion. It probably will adopt one of four designs already submitted. One of these, for a ship of 8500 gross tonnage, is especially favored. It has been built successfully already on the Pacific coast.

Building operations will be under the direction of Major-General George W. Goethals.

HIRAM JOHNSON MAKES ATTACK ON ESPIONAGE BILL IN THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California began his drive in the senate this afternoon to kill the gag section of the espionage bill. He warned the senate that the censorship provision would "make a crime of truth" and that it would "harness inefficiency and incompetence upon democracy and an incursion into autocracy."

It was Senator Johnson's first speech since he entered the senate, a little over a month ago. He aroused the senate from the lethargy which has pervaded the upper house for weeks, and for more than an hour he held the attention of bias senators as no member has in recent years. There was hardly a stir in the chamber throughout his address.

"The mischief that we seek to remedy here by amendment and modification can only be reached by the elimination of the entire subject-matter of this provision," declared Senator Johnson. "I wish to say at the outset that I do not speak for the metropolitan press of the nation. I am not concerned with the attitude of the newspapers. They are sufficiently powerful, rich and influential to take care of themselves."

"I have no doubt that, no matter how we may legislate here on this matter, they will go forward as they see fit and in full accord with their traditions. It is for the sacred American right of a man to express himself as he sees fit that I plead. I am talking for the right of free speech—the right that belongs to every man in this land."

PREPAREDNESS PILOT RESIGNS HIS PLACE TO FIGHT REAL WAR

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Representative A. P. Gardner of Massachusetts, pioneer champion of military preparedness and early advocate of the cause of the allies, has resigned his seat in congress to go to the front against Germany.

Gardner's resignation through Governor McCall of Massachusetts, was announced in a letter from Gardner to Speaker Clark, which was read in the house today. Gardner is a reserve officer in the United States army.

TEST LAND GREAT BILL

SALEM, Or., May 12.—(Special)—A demurrer was filed in circuit court here today to the complaint brought by Max Gehlar, district attorney for Marion county, to test the validity of the Bean Oregon & California land grant bill. The demurrer is general in its nature, attacking the complaint on the grounds that it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action.

UNITED STATES HAS NOT AGREED ON PEACE TERMS

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary of State Lansing today denied published reports that the United States had an agreement with the entente allies not to make separate peace with Germany by saying: "There is no agreement, written or unwritten, relative to peace."

Interest in the attitude of the government springs from announcements that the German chancellor soon is to make another offer of peace terms.

ONE HUNDRED MILLION LOANED TO RUSSIANS TO CONTINUE IN WAR

WASHINGTON, May 15.—A treasury warrant for \$100,000,000—America's first loan to the new Russian republic—was turned over by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to C. Onou, charge of the Russian embassy here, shortly after noon today.

The consummation of the loan came at the end of a long series of conferences between Secretary McAdoo and Russian diplomatic officials in which state department officials participated.

During these conferences, it was learned today, the United States was assured that if the hundred million dollar loan was made Russia's continuation in the war on the side of the allies was assured.

The Russian government following understood that the loan was made contingent on her rejection of all German offers of a separate peace. The turning over of the treasury warrant to Mr. Onou was witnessed by Counselor Polk of the state department and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby. It is a short time loan to be converted later into longer term bonds. The loan is made at 3 per cent.

The Root mission, now ready to depart for Petrograd, will have much to say in the spending of the American loan by the Russian government. A large part of the money will be spent for railroad supplies in the United States.

ELECTION PAMPHLETS MAILED BY OREGON TO 331,692 VOTERS

SALEM, Or., May 11.—Election pamphlets for the special election June 4 have been mailed to 331,692 registered voters of the state, the postage on them costing \$3116.92. These pamphlets were mailed in the last 16 days and the entire registration so far reported has been caught up with by Secretary of State Olcott, although the law allows the pamphlets to be mailed up to 10 days before the election. Mr. Olcott said that particular speed has been attempted that the voters will have all the time possible to read the arguments.

All registered voters will receive the pamphlets as fast as their names are sent in to the secretary of state's office from the respective county clerks.

THREE AUTOISTS ARE TAKEN UP BY SPECIAL COP

J. J. Bronaugh, son of Judge E. C. Bronaugh, of Jennings Lodge, was taken into custody Sunday afternoon near Oak Grove, by motorcycle officer H. E. Meads, on a charge of exceeding the speed limit. Monday afternoon Mr. Bronaugh appeared before Justice John N. Slevers and paid a fine of \$10, the first fine to result from the activities of Clackamas county's new speed regulator. Officer Meads, who was formerly a member of the Portland motorcycle police squad, was added to the county's police force Saturday afternoon to regulate the speed of motor vehicles in this county.

G. F. Nickerson of Gladstone, arrested on the same charge by Meads, will appear before Justice Slevers this morning. Miss D. Shirley was also fined \$10 Monday by Judge Kelso of Milwaukie for speeding near Milwaukie Sunday afternoon.

DESTROYER FLEET HAS BRUSH WITH SUBMARINE

QUEENSTOWN, May 16.—A squadron of American torpedo-boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is patrolling the seas in war service.

The American navy's actual entry into the war zone already has been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German underwater boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public.

The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voyage across the Atlantic, but almost immediately after a formal exchange of greetings with the British naval officials, put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

A crowd of several hundred persons, some of them carrying tiny American flags, lined the waterfront and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock.

After the exchange of shore greetings and the British commander had congratulated the American officers on their safe voyage, he asked: "When will you be ready for business?"

"We can start at once," the American commander replied promptly.

This response, so characteristically American, surprised the British commander, who said he had not expected the Americans would be ready to begin work on this side so soon after their long voyage. When he had recovered from his surprise he made a short tour of the destroyers and admitted that the American tars looked prepared.

"Yes," replied the American commander, "we made preparations on the way over. This is why we are ready."

The equipment on board the destroyers was found to be of excellent condition and remarkably well suited to the requirements on this side of the ocean. It was said by the British officer that the only thing lacking in the equipment was heavier clothing. It appears that the Americans are wearing clothing too light for the varying conditions of weather they will encounter in these waters. This lack, however, was quickly provided for.

After the formalities had ended and the needs of the men were attended (Continued on Page 4.)

BARBER WIELDS SHEARS IN ALLEGED ATTACK ON FELLOW PRISONER'S LIFE

SALEM, Or., May 15.—Monday afternoon M. H. McCall, a life-terminer at the state penitentiary, attacked Edward Bartholomew, another life-terminer who was sent up a few months ago for the "green trunk" murder in Portland in 1916, by throwing a large pair of tailoring scissors at him.

The attack was made in the prison tailor shop, where both were employed. The scissors struck Bartholomew on the head, inflicting a scalp wound. Prison officials say that McCall had threatened to kill Bartholomew.

McCall, who was a barber, was sentenced from Multnomah county for killing another barber. Prison officials say they do not know the cause of the enmity between the two convicts. McCall is in solitary confinement.

COFFEE AND SINKERS

RAH! FOR IDLE RICH

PLAN TO LIVE SIMPLY

NEW YORK, May 16.—Fifty prominent women have organized a committee pledged to curb waste and extravagance in their own households and to aid in showing others "a more modified and simple plan of living." The committee, which includes Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. George J. Gould, Mrs. Herman Oelrichs, Mrs. E. H. Gary and Mrs. Oliver Harrison, will be known as the "first fifty."

They have cut their own mid-day meals to two courses and their evening meals to three courses.