

H. C. HOOVER, AS HEAD OF COMMISSION, SAYS FORCE IS NOT NEEDED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Herbert Hoover, who was today formally appointed food administrator, tonight issued a statement outlining the government's purposes in administering the food legislation. It follows:

The hopes of the food administration are three-fold:

First, so to guide the trade in the fundamental food commodities as to eliminate vicious speculation, extortion and wasteful practices and to stabilize prices in the essential staples.

Second, to guard our export so that against the world's shortage we retain sufficient supplies for our own people, and to co-operate with the allies to prevent inflation of prices.

Third, that we stimulate in every manner within our power the saving of food, in order that we may increase exports to our allies to a point which will enable them properly to provision their armies and to feed their peoples during the coming winter.

The food administration is called into being to stabilize and not to disturb conditions and to defend honest enterprise against illegitimate competition. It has been devised to correct the abnormalities and abuses that have crept into trade by reason of the world disturbance and to restore business as far as possible to a reasonable basis.

The business men of this country, I am convinced, as a result of many hundreds of conferences with representatives of the great forces of food supply, realize their own patriotic obligation and the solemnity of the situation and will fairly and generously co-operate in meeting the national emergency.

"I do not believe that drastic forces need be applied to maintain economic

distribution and sane use of supplies by the great majority of Americans and I have learned a deep and abiding faith in the intelligence of the average American business man whose aid we anticipate and depend on to remedy the evils developed by the war which he admits and deplores as deeply as ourselves. But, if there be those who exploit this hour of sacrifice, if there are men or organizations scheming to increase the trials of this country, we shall not hesitate to apply the full, drastic, the coercive power that congress has conferred upon us in this instrument.

"In forcing the measures of this act it is not our intention to proceed with a host of punitive measures, but rather by co-ordination with the various trades to effect such constructive regulations as will render gambling, extortion and other wasteful practices impossible and will stabilize prices.

"Indulgence in profiteering in this hour of national danger is far from the wish or the will of the vast majority of our business people, and I am convinced that, while we must have ready in reserve the corrective powers given us, we shall by these powers free the great majority from necessity to compete with operators whose sole effort is to inflate prices and bring into disrepute the majority of honest traders. We hope within the next few days to announce the method of wheat and flour control.

"This co-operation and service I ask of all in full confidence that America will render more for flag and freedom than King-ridden peoples surrender at compulsion."

GRAIN CONTROL WILL REST WITH BOARD TO BE NAMED SHORTLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Creation of a grain control board within the food administration to supervise distribution of wheat and manufacture and sale of flour will be announced within a few days. To the board will be delegated authority to carry out regulations governing wheat and flour announced last night by the food administration.

President Wilson will issue a series of executive orders giving the food administration powers conferred on the executive under the food control bill. The first will deal with wheat and flour and will direct the food administration to proceed September 1 with the enforcement of the regulations announced last night.

Wheat and flour are taken up first, it was said today at the food administration, because the wheat crop is beginning to move, making that the most difficult problem to handle now. The movement of most other food-stuffs is about the same month by month.

TENT LIFE DID NOT AGREE WITH HEALTH OF CHILD, SAYS WIFE

Mrs. E. A. Drake filed suit Monday for a divorce from Frank Drake because she says that in 1910, Drake deserted her in Portland. The Drakes were married in Portland in 1900, and according to the complaint there are no property rights involved in the suit. Because Elmer H. Hitchman did not provide a fit place for his wife, Ella Hitchman to live, she asks that the court free her from all marriage bonds and give her the custody of the two-year-old child. According to Mrs. Hitchman's complaint they were married in Skamania county, Wash., Nov. 27, 1913, and since that time her husband has forced her to live at the home of his parents, but provided only a tent for her to live in. The cold winters made the proper care of their child almost impossible, she says, and in addition to making her live in a tent, he refused to let her buy sufficient clothing to keep the child warm.

Mrs. Hitchman asks the care of the child and half of their land in the J. C. Toner D. L. C. T. S. R. 2 E., W. M. William Iseensee is suing to collect on a \$1473 promissory note dated April 1910, and asks, besides the principal, attorney's fees of \$150.

NEW YORK'S BOARDS HAVE EXAMINED OVER 60,000 CONSCRIPTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—The revised figures of the work of the 139 exemption boards as far as the various districts had reported up today show 60,152 men had been examined, of which 40,867 qualified. Of this number 13,478, or about 22 per cent, had been apparently accepted.

The district draft board, of which Charles E. Hughes is chairman, today began hearing exemption claims appealed from local boards. This board will have about 25,000 cases to decide. Mr. Hughes will personally hear the first few cases.

E. D. MATLOCK LIVES ALTHOUGH BACK IS BROKEN

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 10.—E. D. Matlock, victim of a motoring accident, now is believed to have a chance for recovery, although his back is broken. Since early Monday the patient has hovered near death at Good Samaritan hospital, but a distinct change for the better was noted yesterday.

The accident, in which Mr. Matlock received his injury, resulted in the instant death of Miss Ollie Marquis, of Eugene, and the injury of four others, near New Era last Monday. No hope was entertained of Mr. Matlock's recovery when he was brought to this city for treatment.

FORMER FRENCH CONSUL IS DEAD; AGED 80 YEARS

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 13.—Blaise Labbe, formerly French consul in Portland, a resident here since 1865, died in Seaside Sunday night, at the residence of his son, E. B. Labbe. The present French consul, C. Henri Labbe, is his nephew. Blaise Labbe established a grocery store in Portland in 1865 in partnership with his brothers, Antoine and John Labbe, of whom he was the surviving member. Mr. Labbe was born in France some 80 years ago.

Besides his son, there are five nephews and one niece surviving. Mr. Labbe resided on Portland heights with his son. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

POSTAL CLERK SAID TO HAVE TAKEN BIG SUM IS APPREHENDED

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 10.—Walter D. Coakley, a postoffice clerk, who fled following the disappearance of a \$10,000 package of bills from the local postoffice July 30 last, was arrested today at Lebanon, Ind., charged with theft, according to a telegram received by the postoffice authorities today.

GOVERNOR SAYS, "SHORT CROP" SALE, OR., Aug. 14.—Governor Withycombe predicts that Oregon will not have more than 65 per cent of a grain crop this year.

FEDERAL FARM LOANS SHOULD NOT BE LET RUN OVER 36 YEARS

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The federal farm loan board has recommended that all of the federal land banks limit their mortgages, so far as possible, to 36 years. Under the law mortgages are permitted to run from five to 40 years, at the option of the borrower, but the 36 year maximum has been recommended by the board because it will greatly simplify the keeping of the records.

A mortgage given for 36 years at 5 per cent may be wiped out during that length of time by annual payments equal to 6 per cent of the principal. The average interest rates on farm mortgages throughout the United States, under the old regime, has been 7.4 per cent. That rate was for interest alone. At the expiration of those mortgages the entire principal fell due. Under the farm loan act annual payments of only 6 per cent will take care of both the interest and the principal and the borrower will never have his mortgage fall due, and never be compelled to meet any payment in excess of 6 per cent of the principal.

The federal farm loan board has also recommended that these amortization payments be made semi-annually, which means that 3 per cent on the principal will be paid every six months.

The minimum loan granted under the farm loan act is \$100. To retire a mortgage of \$100 in 36 years the borrower would make semi-annual payments of \$3 each. With that as a basis any borrower or prospective borrower in the United States is able to compute his semi-annual payment on a mortgage of any size up to \$10,000, the maximum permitted under the act. For instance: If the proposed loan should be for \$1500, the borrower would simply divide \$1500 by 100. The result would be \$15. He would then multiply 15 by \$3. The result would be \$45 as the semi-annual payment, to retire, interest and principal, a 36 year mortgage of \$1500 at 5 per cent.

It should be borne in mind that any borrower under this act is permitted to pay off all or any part of his mortgage after it has run five years. So the borrower who takes his mortgage for 36 years gets the benefit of smaller payments during the first five years and then has the privilege after five years, of paying all or any part of it in amounts of \$25 up on any interest paying date.

ALASKAN TRADE SETS NEW MARK IN LAST YEAR

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—The commerce of Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30, set a new record with a total of \$115,000,000, according to official figures just compiled. This is an increase of \$19,000,000 over the previous year, which was also a record. Vastly increased shipments of copper, as a result of the war, and the exportation of \$16,000,000 in gold are largely responsible for the big total.

THREE BIG CANNING COMPANIES CHARGED WITH GRABBING FOOD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Evidence of a conspiracy among large packing interests to corner the entire tomato output of the Pacific coast has been discovered, it was said today at the offices of the federal trade commission.

The commission's investigators in California reported today that three large canning concerns are involved—Armour & Co., Morris & Co., and Libby, McNeill & Libby. These companies, they declared, have attempted to purchase the entire California tomato crop from local canners and prices consequently are jumping.

Although at 92 1/2 cents a dozen local canners are assured of a good profit, the three packing companies, according to the trade commission, have sent the prices up to \$1.30 and higher. The retail prices, investigators report, say, also are taking an upward turn.

Trade commission officials are of the opinion that the California situation should not appreciably affect prices in other parts of the country as the total California output is only one-twelfth of the entire country's pack.

HUNTER IS MISTAKEN FOR DEER AND SHOT BY HIS COMPANION

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 15.—While going to hunt deer on Sain creek in the mountains 10 miles from Cherry Grove, with John Miller, Tuesday afternoon, James Thompkins, a native of Washington county and a brother-in-law of Charles F. Miller of the internal revenue department of Portland, was instantly killed when he was mistaken for a deer. The body will be brought to the city today, where an inquest will be held by Coroner Hyde of Hillsboro. It was necessary to carry Thompkins on an improvised litter for three miles to get to a road. Local friends went into the mountains for the body at 1 o'clock this morning, and Ralph Bacon, a relative, has gone with an automobile to meet them.

James Thompkins was 45 years of age and was largely known in this and Tillamook county. He lived at Tillamook for 10 years. After returning to this county he purchased a farm in Scroggins valley. His father, William Thompkins, was well known in the early days as an expert trainer of race horses. He died about 10 years ago.

Surviving Mr. Thompkins are: One brother, Robert Thompkins, of Cherry Grove, and four sisters, Mrs. C. F. Miller of Portland, Mrs. N. J. Meyer of Tillamook, Mrs. Nancy Bacon of Cherry Grove and Mrs. Anna Denver of Warrenton.

Thompkins and Miller left for the mountains Tuesday and had not planned to begin hunting until today.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES MUST BE PROVIDED FOR, SAYS SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—America must not be disgraced by failure to provide for the families of the soldiers it sends to the trenches, Secretary McAdoo says in a statement urging support of the war insurance bill now in congress.

When American troops go to the battle lines, or to train for the lines, he said, their wives and children in many cases will be thrown upon the charity of their neighbors unless otherwise provided for.

"In September," he said, "approximately 800,000 men will be sent to the army camps throughout the country to train as soldiers for the greatest war of all time, America's chance of winning the war—and it is the power and resources of America that must win this war—will be increased immeasurably if the war insurance bill pending in congress is promptly enacted into law.

"As soon as these men go into camp an immediate and pressing problem will confront the country. Their wives and children, or mothers and fathers, who are dependent upon them for support may be thrown upon the charity and generosity of the communities in which they live. This must not be done.

"America must not be disgraced by failure to provide for the support of the families of the men it takes from their homes and places upon the battlefields. This is the time to hear the heart as they enter upon this supreme service of sacrifice for the nation. This is the time to enhance their morale and to sustain the comfort of those who are left behind and are required to make sacrifices as great as those who die on the field of battle.

"I earnestly hope that the measure now pending in congress will be supported by such an unmistakable expression of public opinion that it will be enacted into law, before the first soldier of the new national army begins active duty."

SHERWOOD MAN IS GIVEN ARMY RESERVE POST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Sigfried Maurer, of Eugene, Oregon, has been appointed a first lieutenant of infantry, officers' reserve. He is now training at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Richard Kendall of Sherwood has been appointed a second lieutenant of the infantry, officers' reserve, and is training at Fort Riley, Kan.

OREGON SOLDIERS IN SAN MATEO HELD FOR DEATH OF WATER

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Louis Ferrari, 31 years old, head waiter at Hotel Richelieu, of this city, was killed and three other men, hellsboys, were slightly injured shortly after midnight this morning when an automobile in which they were riding was run down on the state highway near Burlingame by a car occupied by six soldiers stationed at Camp Fremont, Menlo Park.

William Demopolus, a hellsboy at Hotel Richelieu, sustained severe bruises of the head and face. All injured are at St. Luke's hospital.

In the soldiers' car were Oris Fletcher, driver; Walter Reisschneider, Frank R. Patterson, Homer T. Snyder, James Burns and Angelo Landas, all members of Company E, 3d Oregon infantry, Portland. They will be held by the San Mateo authorities pending an investigation of the accident.

The soldiers, the police say, had not been drinking.

The hotel men hired a car from a local garage keeper last night to drive to San Jose. They drove to the beach, later driving to a point eight miles beyond San Mateo, where the party decided to return to San Francisco.

When a mile north of Burlingame the soldiers' car struck the hired automobile a "side swipe." Ferrari and Demopolus were in the rumble seat and were thrown to the pavement. Ferrari suffered a fractured skull.

TRAINING CAMP AT PRESIDIO IS CLOSED AFTER THREE MONTHS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The first officers' reserve training camp at the Presidio will break camp today, after having been in existence exactly three months.

The men are jubilant over the breaking up of the camp. The last three months have been months of constant study and drill. While acquainting themselves with intricate military problems, the embryo commanders have had to put themselves in the fittest possible physical trim. It has been all work and no play for the men and they are heartily glad that the course of instruction has been finished and that a respite from their arduous duties is in sight.

Nearly all of the men in camp have been granted a 12-day leave, which will start with the breaking up of the camp. The furlough will give the majority an opportunity to visit their homes and put their affairs in order.

Most of the men have been ordered to report to American Lake, Wash., for duty on August 27. This is the date on which the second reserve officers' training camp will be opened here. A few of the men successful at the first camp will act as instructors in the second camp.

It is believed that many of the regular army officers who have acted as instructors at the present camp will be withdrawn from duty and assigned to active service with the national army or returned to their original organizations.

The students have already turned in their kits and equipment to the headquarters. Their uniforms are about all they have retained.

Pledging themselves to maintain their part of the war free from hatred, brutality or graft, more than 1200 men of the camp have signed pledges placed in their hands by Ben Charrington, Y. M. C. A. secretary, who was assigned to the camp by the National War Work council of the Y. M. C. A. The pledge is as follows:

"We undertake to maintain our part of the war free from hatred, brutality or graft, true to the American purpose and ideals.

"Aware of the temptations incident to camp life and the moral and social wreckage involved, we covenant together to live the clean life and to seek to establish the American uniform as a symbol and guarantee of real manhood.

"If we become officers, we pledge our example and our influence to make these ideals dominant in the American army."

FORD GETS TERM OF SIX MONTHS ON HIS PAST POOR BEHAVIOR

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 9.—William Ford, the I. W. W. organizer who has admitted that he is responsible for the recent labor troubles in the northwest was sentenced to six months in the county jail by Municipal Judge Ross of vagrancy.

Ford was arrested last week, but the evidence at that time was not sufficient to convict him of the charge. Since that time Ford has been continuing to agitate and has caused several innocent members of the I. W. W. to be sent to jail. Deputy District Attorney Richard Deich has also looked into Ford's record and found that he has been in trouble with the police for two years. He was convicted of a felony February 22, 1916. At that time Judge Stevenson paroled him to Public Defender David Robinson.

The police also found that Ford was mixed up with a number of other I. W. W. members in the theft of a Southern Pacific train from the Brooklyn yards in East Portland about a year ago. Deputy District Attorney Deich showed that Ford had been loafing about the north end of the city for some time and that he had never held a job with the exception of his organization work.

It was brought out in the trial this morning that Ford's true name is Bruno Koslowick and his parents live at 5903 Forty-sixth avenue Southeast, Portland. It was shown that he had made no effort to help support them.

HOME OF MONTREAL EDITOR IS BLOWN UP BUT HE IS NOT HURT

MONTREAL, Aug. 13.—The summer home at Cartierville of Lord Athelstan, publisher of the Montreal Star, was dynamited last night. Lord Athelstan was in his residence at the time but was not injured. The house was badly damaged. The Montreal Star has been a warm advocate of conscription.

OREGON FIR AND SOUTHERN PINE CLASH; FIR WINS

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 10.—In competition with Southern pine and cypress, a repeat order for fir lumber for use in constructing the United States army cantonment at Des Moines has been awarded to Pacific Northwest lumber producers. The initial order for 9,000,000 feet of fir several weeks ago went to Western Washington mills and the order received yesterday for 4,000,000 feet will be filled by Portland mills. A meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association will be held Monday in this city to apportion the order to the member mills.

A price concession was made to the government through patriotic motives, a figure between \$18 and \$19 a thousand and having been quoted, it is understood. It will require about 40 cars to move the lumber to the cantonment in Iowa.

Oregon lumber for constructing cantonments in Palo Alto and San Diego, Cal., is being furnished by the dealers of that state, whose stocks are becoming depleted. Restocking from mills in Portland, on the lower Columbia river and Coos Bay, has commenced.

LARGE ARMY OF MEN READY FOR SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER FIFTH

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Two hundred thousand physically perfect American men are ready for the first mobilization day, September 5. According to reports to Provost Marshal General Crowder, the September 5 contingent could move tomorrow if transportation facilities were available. It is believed the full quota of 687,000 men will be accepted and willing to serve before the end of this month.

With America's first draft army due in camp by the first week in October the second increment—probably 750,000—will not be called for duty until next spring or summer. In all probability it was learned today. It will be called up for examination immediately after the first unit is completed, however. In some districts this examination already is going on.

Training officers for the national army already have been drawn from reserve camps and some regular army majors and other officers will go too. Many noncommissioned officers from the regular and national guard armies will assist.

It will be impossible, according to indications now, to get the first national army into condition for service abroad before next spring or summer.

Tomorrow was to have begun entrainment of guard troops for southern camps. Construction work, however, has been slow and these forces will be delayed from two to four weeks getting under way. Many of these will see service in France this fall.

M. H. HOUSER IS MADE REPRESENTATIVE OF HERBERT C. HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—M. H. Houser, of Portland, today was named as northwestern representative of the food administrator by Herbert Hoover, in all matters pertaining to the marketing, transportation and purchasing of wheat under government direction or control.

At the same time Theodore B. Wilcox, of Portland, was appointed Pacific coast member of the United States millers committee, which is to co-operate with the food administration in negotiating voluntary regulation of the milling industry of the country. Both Mr. Houser and Mr. Wilcox will serve without compensation.

In making these appointments Mr. Hoover recognizes Portland as the wheat and milling center of the Pacific northwest, and the official designation of Portland as the primary market for that section means that when the government applies to next year's wheat crop the \$2 minimum price fixed in the food law that price will prevail at Portland and minimum prices elsewhere in the Inland Empire will be \$2, less the cost of transportation to Portland. Just what the duties of Mr. Houser and Mr. Wilcox will be the food administrator's office does not at this time definitely outline.

ATHLETICS HELPED CHESTER FEE EVIDENTLY

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 15.—Chester Fee's javelin throwing arm and his shot putting proved the undoing of James A. Johnson, colored, who attacked City Attorney Alger Fee at the conclusion of a police court case here. The city attorney and the negro rolled to the pavement and the latter fastened his teeth in the attorney's leg until the blood came. The younger Fee arrived at this juncture, lifted the colored man to his feet, and sent him down twice with rights and lefts.

JAPAN'S ENVOYS ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 13.—A Japanese mission to the United States arrived here today. It was headed by Viscount K. Ishii, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and was received by a state department staff headed by Breckinridge Long, third assistant secretary of state, and by city officials.

Graham has two good banks and is growing fast.

C. GRAHAM IS IN THE MEDICAL ENLISTED RESERVE CORPS NOW

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Names of the medical enlisted reserve corps of Oregon, who have been organized into active service at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., announced today at the headquarters of the western department of the army include the names of C. Graham of Oregon City, and G. Grimm of Hubbard, Oregon.

20 CENT HOPS OFFERED. NORTH YAKIMA, WASH., AUG. 13—BUYERS HERE ARE OFFERING 20 AND 25 CENTS PER POUND FOR HOPS BUT SO FAR AS CAN BE LEARNED ONLY A SMALL TONNAGE HAS CHANGED HANDS AT THESE FIGURES AND SOME GROWERS SAY THAT THE PRICE IS "ONLY CONVERSATIONAL."

POLLUTED WATER KILLS CHILD

BEND, Or., Aug. 15.—Dysentery has attacked the families of laborers in this vicinity, who have depended upon Tumalo creek for their drinking water. Today the death of four-year-old Violet Stipp was announced as the first victim.

PORTLANDER DIES AT ALBANY

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 13.—A. J. Kibbe, aged 54 years, a resident of Portland, died here yesterday as the result of an accident at Saddle Butte quarries near Shedd. He was a foreman in the construction work on a railroad, building from Shedd to Saddle Butte. His son had the contract on the road. Mr. Kibbe was a contractor and leaves a widow and three grown sons—G. E. of Portland; Dr. Oral A. of Canton, Minn., and Dale, of Chicago. He was a Mason.

ESTACADA YOUTH TO WED

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 14.—A marriage license was issued here today to Theodore Ahlberg, 23, Estacada, and Elva Adams, 20, 1041 Hassalo St.