## BOARD OF TRADE TO **ASK CONGRESS' AID**

President to Be Requested to Take Summary Action With Railroads.

### FOOD SHIPMENTS DELAYED

Demoralization Said to Be Extending to All Commodities as Result of Preference Given to Moving Munitions.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21,-President Wilson and Congress will be asked to appoint a special board with temporarily dictatorial powers to take transportstion problems out of the name.

Interstate Commerce Commission and the Commission has outlined and the railroads, it was authoritatively the railroads, it was authoritatively vestigatilion to cost that sum and to cover a period of from six to eight stated here today, unless adequate ac-tion to solve the car shortage situa-tion had been taken by Friday. This would virtually place the rail-

This would virtually place the rail-roads on a war basis.

In a public statement this afternoon
J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago
Board of Trade, asserted that in addi-tion to 40,000,000 bushels of grain in Chicago awaiting shipment there are from 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 more in country elevators held up because of the congestion here.

Intervention Called Harmful. Intervention Called Harmful.

"I have no hesitancy in declaring that both the commission and the railroads are completely overwhelmed and have lost grasp of the situation," said Mr. Griffin. "As a matter of fact, the intervention of the interstate Commerce Commission has been harmful, rather than otherwise, and the method of relief insisted upon or offered by them was fanciful and without any substantial results."

The statement asserts that unless a remedy is found the demoralization will extend to all commodities. It concludes:

Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco attorney, who now has charge of the Commission's new print paper investigation.

SANTINGENCE SS.75 IN YEAR DISTRIBUTION ONIONS RISE \$8.75 IN YEAR Potatoes Advance \$3 in Same Period at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Federal investigation of fresh vegetable prices, under the direction of United States District Attorney J. W. Preston, reclared the following comparisons:

"I am willing to predict that within less than 30 days the commerce of this country will be prostrated unless some large and more influential power than the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission is placed in control of the matter." of the matter."

Grain Comparatively Cheap. Mr. Griffin said that grain is today the cheapest food commodity in the world. He said that prices here at present are but 20 per cent above the level which has ruled during the war, while "potatoes and produce generally are selling from 200 to 1000 per cent higher than the level of a year ago."

"The distress of consuming routes" "The distress at consuming points," he continued, "is clearly demonstrated by the prices prevailing for spot grain While the value at Chicago and other

While the value at Chicago and other Western markets is moderate, grain for immediate delivery in the East is seiling at a premium of from 5 to 20 cents a bushel above Chicago parity, freight conditions considered."

His attention was invited to the official statement that the car shortage of the country is now 109,000 cars.
"I don't know just what those figures mean," he said, "but I do know that we could use 20,000 cars in Chicago right now." cago right now.'

Telegrams along the lines given in this statement were sent by Mr. Grif-fin to presidents of Eastern railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission earlier in the day.

sind the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Griffin Solten and the Southern Facilities has been or careful in the day.

Discrimination is Charged.

In these he asserted, among other things that a continuance of the present situation will lead to the danger of anarchy and rioting. He asserted that the root of the trouble lies in the use of a disproportionate number of cars on Eastern roads for carrying manufactured articles bringing the railroads a higher revenue than grain and foodstuffs. He said that munitions of war formed only a part of 200 or 300 articles which were given preference in the matters of cars.

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### HOUSEWIVES CRY FOR AID

(Continued From First Page.) roughly handled and had to call for reserves to rescue them. "We are not criminals," the women shouted when the reserves attempted to disperse them. "We want bread."

Food Suggestions Made.
The department of health began issuing bulletins containing suggestions de-signed to aid housewives in meeting the present high prices. The first of the bulletin pointed out that a pound of rice costs six cents and contains 1610 food units, whereas a pound of potatoes costs seven cents and contains only 370 food units.

Three committees representing East

city government had authority to ap- Representative Humphrey was ill and propriate \$1,000,000 for the purpose the absent women requested, but pending a de- Mr.

### Dandruff Surely Destroys the Hair

Girls-if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, ellky hair, do by all

it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger

cision he directed an investigation of conditions.

The women pointed out that the city had authority to buy food for patients in hospitals, and declared it had equal power to appropriate sums to be used to buy food for persons ill for want of nourishment.

The Mayor asserted that state and National sourishments were the only

National governments were the only authorities proper to deal with the food situation, and urged the commit-tees to use their influence on the State Legislature Representatives to enact laws which enable the city to establish public markets, so that food specu-lators would be eliminated and the city

be given power legally to control food prices.

Three women were arrested in the Three women were arrested in the Bronx tonight for attacking another woman who had emerged from a grocery store carrying a bag of pota-toes. Housewives who had volunteered as pickets were posted in front of grocery and vegetable stores in some of the proper sections of the city toof the poorer sections of the city to-night, determined to enforce a boycott against potatoes, onlons and cabbage until the prices were lowered.

FUND FOR INQUIRY AWAITED

No Move to Be Made Until Congress Acts on Food Prices.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—No move will be made by the Federal Trade commission to begin the food cost investigation ordered by President Wilson, it was learned today, until Constitution, with was learned today. gress appropriates money with which to conduct it. The President approved a request for \$400,000 for the inquiry and the Commission has outlined an in-

The President has let it be known that he will insist that the appropria-tion be made before Congress adjourns. The House appropriations committee failed to include it in the sundry civil bill, but when the bill reaches the House the provision will be offered as an amendment

If the inquiry is undertaken on the scale planned it is considered likely that it would be under the direction of Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco attorney, who now has charge of the

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Federal investigation of fresh vegetable prices, under the direction of United States District Attorney J. W. Preston, revealed the following comparisons:

Onions, today \$11 per sack; one year \$25 per sack

Onions, today \$11 per sack, one year ago. \$2.25 per sack.

Potatoes, today, \$5.25 per 100 pounds;
one year ago. \$2.25.
Carrots, turnips, parsnips and cabbage were 4 cents a pound today, just twice their cost one year ago. Spinach remained the same price, 5 cents a pound.

the Commission and drew a promise freely.

Assertions in the message were declared "erroneous" by the Commission, insofar as they reflected upon steps taken by the Commission to relieve the situation at Chicago.

Commissioner McChord, replying to a portion of the telegram not made pub-

MATERIAL REDUCTION TO CALI-FORNIA POINTS ORDERED.

outhern Pacific Instructed to Publish New Schedule by March 4. Merchants Are Pleased.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 21 .-Special.)-According to word received today by the Klamath Commercial Club from Bishop & Bahler, traffic attorneys of San Francisco, a material reduction in class freight rates to all California points on the Klamath Falls branch of the Southern Pacific has been or-dered by the California Railroad Com-

AMENDMENT DECLARED BLOW AT SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Unholy Alliance Between Prohibition ists and Brewers Is Further Charge.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 21. — Representative Mc Arthur alone of all Northwestern mem bers of the House voted today against the acceptance by the House of the Three committees representing East the desired women were admitted to the Reed bone-dry amendment to the post-Mayor's office after an attempted demonstration by housewives at the door of the City Hall was prevented by the police.

The Mayor said he did not believe the members, voted for the amendment, city government had anythority to an experience by the House of the Reed bone-dry amendment to the post-Mayor's office appropriation bill. Representatives Hawley and Sinnott, of Oregon; Johnson, LaFollette, Hadley and Dill, of Washington, and the two Idaho members, voted for the amendment.

> Mr. McArthur explaining his vote Mr. McArthur explaining his vote said the amendment will make bone dry 15 states, which while prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor, now permit its importation. Such legislation, he says, strikes at the root of local self-government, and establishes a policy which if continued will make mere provinces of the states.

Mr. McArthur said the amendment was spensored by those who are op-posed to the use of liquor and by brewmeans get rid of dandruff, for it will starve your hair and ruin it if you don't.

It doesn't do much good to try to brush or wash it out. The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve hose the use of liquor and by brewers, the latter favoring it because they hope through this legislation to bring about a reversal of public sentiment and the repeal of state "dry" laws.

He denounced the unholy alliance between the real prohibitionists and the

brewers.
Mr. McArthur said the vote of his

Woman Ordered to Pay \$4500.

By morning most, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop, and your hair will look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive and four ounces is all you will need, no matter how much dandruff you have. This simple remedy never falls.—Adv.

Woman Ordered to Pay \$4500.

J. M. McIntire received damages of \$4500 from Laura W. Krebs by the verdict of a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Gantenbein yesterday. A logging outfit in Tillamock County, leased to Mr. McIntire alleged this was a breach of his contract with Mrs. Krebs. He asked damages of \$11,383.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Cities and Towns of Middle West Face Loss of Light, Heat and Power.

GAS COKE STORES SMALL

Interstate Commerce Commission Tra ing to Get Railroads to Act. Chicago Trade Board's Head Message Causes Wrath.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. - Drastic measures of precaution were adopted today by the chief railronds of the East to meet varying emergency needs for coal and foodstuffs from the Mississippi River to Maine, due to the acute shortage and congestion of freight cars. Chief of these measure was the dispatch of orders to all railroads conchief of these measure was the dispatch of orders to all railroads concerned for prompt transportation of gas, coal and coke to 18 towns and cities in the Middle West, where it was announced "possible interruption of light, heat and power service would result unices the shortage was relieved ing in Exile. at once.'

Indianapolis Without Fuel. The shortage was said to be most acute at Indianapolis, where the coal supply of gas was reported to be only three days shead of requirements. Chicago's 100,000 - ton emergency

operation with the railroad men. Griffin Telegram Stirs Ire.

A telegram from President Griffin, of the Chicago Board of Trade, appealing for relief and asserting that riots would result unless an embargo were placed immediately on all products out of Chicago except fuel and foodstuffs, stirred up considerable indignation at the Commission and drew a prompt really

portion of the telegram not made pub-lic, which apparently charged that he had ruled Chicago could not expect relef from the commission, declared the telegram contained "many statements which are not true."

Riots Not Discussed. That portion of the telegram referring to possible food riots was not specifically answered and officials declined to comment on it. Members of the commission are understood however, to regard the situation as depicted by Mt. Griffin as highly improbable. Commissioners declined also probable. Commissioners declined also to comment upon dispatches from Chicago indicating that the Chicago Board of Trade might request President Wilson and Congress to take the entire car shortage and congestion situation out of the commission's hands

Figures compiled by the American Railway Association was made public showing appreciable diminution at New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore of the number of cars of expert freight on hand and the number of bushels of wheat held in elevators and

In this connection it became known that a week ago virtually every town and city in New England faced a flour tricts of Roumania and Serbia.

the rails and that it would be impossi-ble to get them out and was told to use dynamite if necessary.

Announcement that towns and cities in the Middle West were threatened with a suspension of operations of their light, heat and power plants because of a shortage of coal and coke came with unexpected force and surprise at a time when the situation was apparently clearing in other quarters. The threat-ened foodstuffs shortage in New Eng-land and the larger Eastern cities was believed safely past the crisis, and the roads were concentrating their efforts toward stripping congested yards of empties, dispatching them West and otherwise reducing the congestion in

ENGLAND'S RESERVE FOOD DE-CLARED DEPLETED.

Monthly Arrival of Shipping Reduce by 2,000,000 Tons, Says Imperial Vice-Chancellor.

BERLIN, Feb. 19 .- (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Feb. 21.)—The address of Dr. Karl Helfferich, the imperial tce-chancellor and secretary of the Imperial treasury, before the German agricultural council's convention in Berlin is reported today by the Over-seas News Agency. Dr. Helfferich in

alluding to the German submarine war-fare declared:

"We are sure of success and shall al-low nothing and nobody to wrest this success from us. The tonnage in Brit-Mr. McArthur said the vote of his district indicated that a majority of his constituents are not in sympathy with this radical legislation.

Woman Ordered to Pay \$4500 tary operations are depleted to such a coint that she more than ever before is dependent upon plentifully assured importations. England more than ever

before has to rely upon her own soil.

German soil is now fighting sgainst
English soil."

Dr. Heifferich said he recognized the
capabilities of British agriculture and British willingness to endure priva-tions, but pointed out that natural lim-itations could not be escaped. For in-stance, he said, Germany's normal crop of bread grain before the war was 230

kilograms per head, while England's was but 30; Germany's potato crop was 650 kilograms per head and England's only 150, while the stock of cattle per thousand inhabitants in Germany was 320 and in England 260, and pigs in Germany 370 as against England's 80

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"If all do their full duty—and every German does his duty—then the year 1917." concluded Dr. Helffertch, "will bring the turning point of the age; then the year 1917 will crush our British enemy on the seas and open for the German nations the doors leading to a free, great future."

SPY SUSPECTS TO RETURN

Britain to Surrender Prisoner to Testify in America.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Federal in-dictments against A. Sander and Kari W. Wunnenberg, officials of the Cen-tral Powers War Film Exchange, for alleged violation of the neutrality laws in sending men abroad to obtain British war secrets for the German military authorities, will be brought here next

Priday. George Vaux Bacon, of Duluth, under arrest in England, and two other sus-pects detained in Holland, will be sent back by the governments of England and Holland, Federal officials have been assured, on condition the three men become Government witnesses against Sander and Wunnenberg, or others im-

ing in Exile.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 .- One-third of the Armenian population either has been massacred or died of starvation or supply of gas was reported to be only three days shead of requirements.

Chicago's 100,000-ton emergency store of gas coke has been cut to 23,000 tons, barely sufficient for three weeks' service, although Chicago was said to be better supplied than any other city on the list.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is working to meet the situation in coperation with the railroad men.

onflict. Armenia has suffered more in conflict, Armenia has suffered more in this war than any devastated land in Europe. She is like a victim met by troops on the march, beaten and stabbed, and left to die. There is noth-ing in her misery to make a headline or a battle cry. It is just dumb suffer-ing lying by the road."

DRY LAW QUERIES PILE UP

Attorney-General Brown Says He Will Issue Blanket Opinion.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—
Scores of inquiries as to the operation
of the new "bone-dry" prohibition law
are lying untouched on the desk of
Attorney-General Brown as his office
has been "head over heels" in work
during the legislative session which
just closed.

Mr. Brown stated today that it is

Mr. Brown stated today that it is his plan to allow these inquiries to collect to a certain extent, and will issue a blanket opinion in the near future covering all of the points in-volved. Many of the questions are duplicated in the various letters and

AID FUND GIVEN TO JEWS American Ambassador at Vienna Delivers \$275,000.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Feb. 21.)—Frederick C. Penfield, United States Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, has handed to the Vienna Jewish Association \$250,000, collected by the New York relief comna Jewish Association \$250,000, cted by the New York relief com-be. This sum, says the Overseas mittee. News Agency, is destined for the re-lief of Galician Jews and Jewish ref-ugees from the occupied territory of

The Ambassador also turned over to the association \$25,000 to be used for

Fixing of Morgue Fees Asked. Suggestion was made to the County Commissioners yesterday by Coroner Dammasch that the county morgue fees be fixed at \$15 for embalming and \$5 for handling bodies not embalmed, but urned over to undertakers. Such fees yould result in the operation of the norgue without increase of the funds set aside by the county for the conduct of the office, in the opinion of Dr. Dammasch, based on two years' experience

as Coroner. Junction City Stores Robbed. valued at \$25. The Kalser general mer-chandise stere at Junction City was robbed three days ago. A quantity of merchandise was taken. Authorities eral Staff bill or of any other par-

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 21.—The "bone-dry" liquor bill, already passed by the Lower House of the State Legislature, was adopted by the State Senate today and will become a law upon the Governor's signature, probably this week.

Suit of Alexander Bain against the Emerson Hardwood Company for \$10,-000 damages due to injuries received while moving bundles of hardwood veneer, May 22, 1915, resulted in a veneer, the defendant in the Circuit Court this week. Kansas Enacts "Bone Dry" Law.

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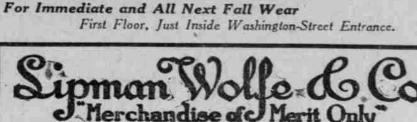
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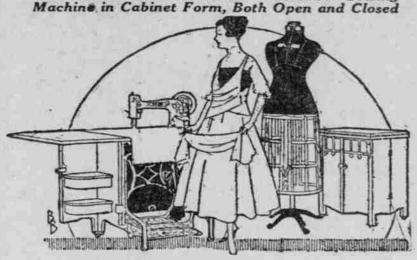
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## STAFF BILL IS DUE SOON

PRESIDENT CONSENTS TO INTRO-DUCTION OF MEASURE.

Advocacy of Any Particular Plan No. Indicated, but Indorsement of Training Is Possible

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-Recent indications that the Administration has determined to indorse the broad principle of general military training were strengthened today when Secretary Baker announced after a conference EUGENE, Or., Fb. 21.—(Special.)—
Fryer's pharmacy at Junction City was burglarized last night, according to word received here this morning. The thief obtained \$6.45 in cash and cigars

believe both robberies were committed ticular measure.
by the same persons.

Secretary Bak Secretary Baker would not indicate what recommendations, if any, will be sent to Congress with the General Staff COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 21.—W. F. Stevenson, of Chesterfield, Democrat, was elected to Congress today from the Fifth South Carolina district for the farm beginning with the next ession of the seminary with the next ession of the seminary with the next ession of the seminary will be made to attach a universal training provision in some form.

Defendant Wins Damage Suit.

## For Tired Eyes

If you used the fingers of your hand incessantly or walked all day without resting, the muscles would become stiff

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