

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 transportation problems out of the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the railroads.

In a public statement this afternoon J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, asserted that in addition 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 Requested 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.

"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."

Grain Comparatively Cheap. Mr. Griffin said today that the cheapest food commodity in the world is grain. He said that prices here at present are but 20 per cent above the level which has ruled during the war.

His attention was invited to the official statement that the car shortage of the country is now 100,000 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."

Discrimination Is Charged. In these lines, 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.

Referring to a Washington despatch which said only a part of Mr. Griffin's telegram had been received in Chicago, and therefore was being withheld by the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Griffin said he had sent two telegrams; that the second or supplementary telegram was statistical; that he had not given it out on that account and because it was of minor general importance.

HOUSEWIVES CRY FOR AID (Continued From First Page.) "We are not criminals," the women shouted when the reserves attempted to disperse them.

Food Suggestions Made. The department of health began issuing bulletins containing suggestions designed to aid housewives in the use of the present high prices. The first of the bulletins 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 Side women were admitted to the 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 city government had authority to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the purpose the women requested, but pending a decision 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 governments were the only authorities proper to deal with the food situation, and urged the committee to use their influence on the State Legislature.

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

STEPS TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE BRASS

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

GAS COKE STORES SMALL

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

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 Congress appropriates money with which to conduct it.

The President has let it be known that he will insist that the appropriation 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.

Onions Rise \$8.75 in Year. Potatoes Advance \$3 in Same Period at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Federal investigation of the San Francisco market under the direction of United States District Attorney J. W. Preston, revealed the following comparisons: Onions, today \$11 per sack; one year ago, \$2.25 per sack.

Potatoes, today, \$5.35 per 100 pounds; one year ago, \$2.35. Carrots, turnips, parsnips and cabbage were 4 cents a pound today, just twice their cost one year ago.

KALAMATH RATES LOWER MATERIAL REDUCTION TO CALIFORNIA POINTS ORDERED.

Southern 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 for the Klamath Falls branch of the Southern Pacific has been ordered by the California Railroad Commission.

Reduction of the rates between San Francisco and Klamath Falls does not mean necessarily that the rates between San Francisco and Portland will be reduced, say railroad officials.

M'ARTHUR BONE-DRY FOE AMENDMENT DECLARED BLOW AT SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Unholy Alliance Between Prohibitionists and Brewers Is Further Charge.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 21.—Representative McArthur, of all Northwestern members of the House, voted today against the acceptance by the House of the Reed bone-dry amendment to the post-office appropriation bill.

Mr. McArthur explaining his vote said the amendment will make bone dry States, which while prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor, now permit its importation.

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 Gantenbeln yesterday.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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STAFF BILL IS DUE SOON! PRESIDENT CONSENTS TO INTRODUCTION OF MEASURE.

Advocacy of Any Particular Plan Not 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 with President Wilson that a training bill drawn up by Army General Staff and War College experts would be sent to Congress later this week.

Defendant Wins Damage Suit. 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 verdict for the defendant in the Circuit Court this week.

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Advertisement for a sewing machine, 'The Free' Sewing Machine, highlighting its adjustability and ease of use.

Advertisement for a dress form, offering it for free with the purchase of a sewing machine.

Advertisement for a staff bill, discussing the proposed military training measure.

Advertisement for Charlie Chaplin's movie 'Easy Street', featuring a photo of Chaplin and promotional text.

Advertisement for eye care, specifically for 'Pink-eye' and other eye conditions, mentioning Dr. Dallas and Kryptok Specialist.