

FOOD BILL STIRS UP HEATED DEBATE

Mr. Cannon, in House, and Mr. Reed, in Senate, Lead Fight on Control of Supply.

ALLIES BLAMED FOR PRICE

Senator Declares Hoover Is Worth Millions to Bulls and That \$20 Flour Prediction Has Influenced the Market.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Consideration of the Government's first food bill, providing for a survey and measures to stimulate production, got well under way today in both houses of Congress. It will be kept under debate almost continuously until passed.

Speech-making today was confined largely to the opposition, vigorous if not widespread, with Senator Reed and ex-Speaker Cannon as the chief objectors.

Senator Reed declared that any law which sought to interfere with supply and demand was essentially wrong, while Mr. Cannon insisted that the whole survey programme was ill-advised and unnecessary.

Mr. Cannon made an unsuccessful effort to have stricken from the bill the section authorizing the department of agriculture to conduct an investigation of the food situation. The vote in the committee of the whole was 71 to 41. Chairman Lever of the Agricultural Committee agreed to an amendment giving witnesses the right to refuse to testify at a point more than 300 miles from home.

Shot Taken at Trusts.

An amendment prohibiting the employment by the Government of anyone who has been connected with an organization that has violated the anti-trust laws of the United States also was adopted. It is aimed at certain organizations which have offered their services to the Government.

Indications tonight were that the House might finish consideration of its bill tomorrow. Prospects of final action in the Senate were uncertain.

Senator Reed opened the debate with "a statement as to the real condition of the wheat situation." There has been no abnormal hoarding of wheat, Senator Reed declared, adding that it was only after the price of wheat had fallen that the price became high.

He quoted figures to show a world shortage of 100,000,000 bushels and an artificial shortage amounting to approximately 300,000,000 bushels, due in part to the shutting off of Russia because of the war and a lack of ships to carry wheat from Australia.

Ally Also Blamed.

Large future purchases by the allies were, in his opinion, responsible for a large measure in the rapid rise of prices.

"I do not charge the allies with gambling," he explained.

Senator Reed said such a condition could be remedied by negotiations between this Government and the allies putting an end to the situation.

He said another cause for the recent advance in the price of wheat was the statement attributed to Herbert C. Hoover that flour may advance to \$20 a barrel and wheat to \$5 a bushel.

"Hoover has been worth millions of dollars thus far to the bulls," the Missouri Senator declared, adding that Americans must expect to pay high prices as long as Government officials announce to the world that it is about to starve to death.

Arbitrary Power Opposed.

Consideration of a "food dictator" and the hoarding of food by speculators had helped to raise prices also, he declared.

"We must regulate by law and not by lodging arbitrary power in one man's hands," declared Senator Sherman, of Illinois, Republican. "You can't stop gambling in bread wheat as long as there is one bushel of wheat on the market."

In the House, where debate was proceeding at the same time, Republican Leader Mann assailed Assistant Secretary Vrooman, of the Department of Agriculture, for saying that the time might come when the United States would be grinding potatoes for flour.

Mann said such statements were unwelcome.

Representative Lever, of South Carolina, in charge of the bill, retorted that a food administrator is absolutely necessary.

Representative Emerson, of Ohio, declared that the greatest menace and the greatest criminal was the "food baron."

"SPY" IS PLAIN DESERTER

Federal Authorities Say Fels' Stories All Proved Untrue.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—"Baron" Friedrich Fels, alias Lieutenant Frank Fels, alias Frank Wolf, arrested here May 19 as a German spy, is nothing more than a common deserter from the United States Aviation Corps at San Diego, Federal officials declared here today when they turned him over to the military authorities for prosecution as a deserter.

Fels, or Wolf, as he was known in the German hospital here, where he was employed as a dishwasher, told lurid tales of German spy plots in America, and implicated Rudolph Flammendings, who until 10 days ago was under arrest in Los Angeles as the suspected head of the spy organization on the Pacific Coast. He was released.

Federal authorities declared that after checking up the Fels stories they proved "true in every particular."

Airplanes Need Declared Vital.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Vital importance of immediate establishment of airplane stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was urged in a letter to Speaker Clark today by Secretary Daniels.

License to Wed Issued at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Edith Smith, Centralia, and Guy M. Phare, Ellensburg, was granted a marriage license here today.

AMERICA'S FIRST OFFENSIVE OF THE WAR—\$2,000,000,000 LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE STARTS.



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STATES' AID ASKED

War Department Wants Re-ruits' Morals Guarded.

OBLIGATION DUE PEOPLE

Only Way to Train Efficient Army Is to Remove Temptation and Peril From All Camps, Says War Secretary.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Secretary Baker made public today a letter he has addressed to the Governors of all states calling for co-operation in keeping the Army mobilization camps free from improper surroundings and immoral influences.

"Our responsibility in this matter is not open to question," the Secretary wrote. "We cannot allow these young men, most of whom will have been drafted to service, to be surrounded by a vicious and demoralizing environment, nor can we leave anything undone which will protect them from unhealthy influences and increased forces of temptation."

"The greater proportion of this force probably will be made up of young men who have not yet become accustomed to contact with either the saloon or the prostitute, and who will be at that plastic and generous period of life when questionable notions of indulgence easily serve as outlets for exuberant physical vitality."

Efficiency Is Necessary.

"Not only have we an incalculable responsibility in this matter to the families and communities from which these young men are selected, but, from the standpoint of our determination to create an efficient Army, we are bound as a military necessity, to do everything in our power to promote the health and conserve the vitality of the men in the training camps."

"I am determined that our new training camps as well as the surrounding zones within an effective radius shall not be places of temptation and peril. We are not going to be able to obtain the conditions necessary without the full co-operation of the local authorities. Will you give earnest consideration to this matter in your particular state?"

Camps May Be Moved.

"I would suggest that your council make itself responsible for seeing that the laws of your state and of Congress in respect to these matters are strictly enforced. This relates not only to the camps established under Federal authority, but to the more temporary mobilization points of the National Guard units. It relates, too, to the large centers through which soldiers will constantly be passing."

"If the desired end cannot be easily achieved, I propose to move the camps from those neighborhoods in which clean conditions cannot be secured."

Progress of the War.

FROM Piava, on the Isonzo, to the Adriatic Sea, the Italians and Austrians are fighting bitterly and the troops of General Cadorna are making steady progress, especially on the southern end of the 21-mile front.

North and south of Jamiano, eight miles south of Gorizia, the Italians have driven the Austrians back and taken additional important positions. The gains here are a direct menace to the defenses of Trieste. The fighting is made harder because of the barren, hilly country. Cadorna's men, however, have taken two strongly fortified hills

north of Jamiano and reached the outskirts of Versico.

The Austrians have attempted to check the Italian advance on the southern Carso by making violent counter-attacks south and east of Gorizia, and along the Vodice sector. At all points of attacks the Austrians were driven back with heavy losses and east of Hill 842 on the Vodice, the Italians captured the position from which the Austrians emerged to the attack.

Local infantry attacks by the British and the Germans and intensive artillery and aerial activity on the Arras front may indicate a renewal shortly of the intensive fighting there. Around Loos and Bullecourt, the northern and southern ends of the Drocourt-Queant switchline, both armies have made attacks but with no great success yet reported.

Near Bray-en-Laonnois and east of Craonne, on the Aisne front, the French and the Germans have again been at grips. In the region of Pantheon, northwest of Bray, the Germans, after an artillery bombardment, gained a foothold in the French lines after several attempts. Immediate counter-attacks by the French, however, drove the forces of the German Crown Prince from most of the captured elements.

General Petain's forces have occupied most of the Chevrete wood, east of Craonne, after inflicting heavy losses on the Germans and taking 30 prisoners. Two German battalions were almost annihilated by the French.

DAMMASCH IS CALLED

ORDERS RECEIVED TO REPORT AT PORT RILEY.

Commission as First Lieutenant, Medical Section, Officers' Reserve Corps. Held for More Than Year.

Dr. F. H. Dammasch, Coroner of Multnomah County, who is a First Lieutenant in the medical section, Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army, has been called to the colors and will report to Fort Riley in Kansas the first week in June.

Dr. Dammasch, who has held his commission for the last year and a half, received orders to report last night. The summons requested him to reach the fort as soon as possible around June 1.

Dr. Dammasch is married and has three children. He lives at 292 East Twenty-second street. He announced last night that he would shape his affairs and be ready to move in four or five days.

Dr. E. S. Smith, chief deputy, probably will take charge of the office of Coroner.

Fort Riley was established in 1852 at what is considered the geographical center of the United States. It was originally named Camp Center. It is located on 19,899 acres of land and provides a station for United States Cavalry troops and the post-graduate school of the Field Artillery, United States Army. It has accommodations for 50 officers, 1350 men and 1000 horses.

RATS IN PORTLAND ARE ILL

City to Investigate Epidemic Discovered by Killing Rodent.

The city will be asked to investigate an apparent epidemic among rats in Portland as the result of the killing of a large rodent on Second street near Burnside street last night in the stairway leading to a restaurant. The rat was killed by William Quinn, of Lent, with the aid of several firemen whom he called. The rodent measured considerably more than a foot in length and offered little resistance. Mr. Quinn believes the rat showed evidences of being diseased and reported the matter to the police.

VIGIL FOR SPIES IN U. S. IS REDOUBLED

Leak Revealing Flotilla's Departure for Britain Startles Washington.

SECRET RADIO SUSPECTED

Cable Message Escaping Censors Regarded as Possible Means of Sending Information to foe. Department Asks Aid.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Startling information, revealing that German spies not only still were at work in the people know of the activity and success of Teutonic spies, and to emphasize the necessity for absolute secrecy in connection with naval operations or shipping movements.

The destroyers, now aiding in the hunt for submarines in European waters under the direction of Admiral Sims, put into port at Queenstown on May 15.

Place of Departure Is Secret.

How long they were in crossing the Atlantic or from what port they sailed never has been announced, and until word of their arrival came by cable only a few persons in the United States even knew of the government's decision to send warships to Europe.

No official word comment tonight on the possible means by which the news was conveyed to Germany. If it did not go from a secret wireless plant, it must have been carried in some dispatch that had called cable censors passed as innocent.

The result will be to redouble the vigilance of the censors and of every agency of the Government engaged in routing out the spy system. Every German known to have been connected with the espionage work of his government already is under arrest or under surveillance.

Gallows May Be Penalty.

Other arrests may follow at any time, and now that the country is at war and the revelation of its secrets may mean death to its sailors and soldiers, swift punishment undoubtedly will be dealt out to any convicted spy.

Men now in custody operated when the United States was a neutral. Spying now is a very different thing, and is likely to lead to the gallows instead of to comfortable detention quarters.

In announcing Admiral Sims' dispatch the Navy Department, through this committee on public information, said:

"The department calls attention to this fact as proof that the German spy is still at work in the country, making imperative the need of secrecy in connection with our naval operations. The premature publication of ship movements is particularly a source of danger."

M'ADOO GIVES WARNING

HEAVY AND DEADLY ARTILLERY NEEDED TO END WAR.

Realization of Necessary Barren, He Says, Must Be Brought to Every Man and Woman.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 25.—Secretary William G. McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, appealed to business men and bankers here today to subscribe to the Liberty loan because it would insure the greatest amount of service possible by American troops sent to Europe.

"We must give our sons the best that we can, the latest and newest rifles, the heaviest and deadliest artillery and the finest accoutrements," he said. "We must not fight on paper. We have not entered the conflict for sport. We intend to destroy military autocracies."

"The more quickly we bring to every man and woman in this country, a realization of the burden of the war, the quicker we will end it."

Submarines have crossed the Atlantic Ocean of which no mention has been made in the news. Secretary McAdoo told an audience at Kansas City, Kan., late today. His remark came while he was speaking of the fact that new inventions, principally the undersea craft and the airplane, had destroyed American isolation and made the world a more unified place.

The remark was unexplained and he made no further reference to it, either in his speech or in private talks later.

DIKE REMOVAL SANCTIONED

Cost of \$31,000 to Be Borne by Columbia River Interests.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—The Chief of Army Engineers today advised Senator Chamberlain that he has no objection to the removal of the dike in the Columbia River, near Holbrook, or two dikes near the mouth of the Willamette.

There are no Government funds available, but if local interests can raise the necessary \$31,000 the Department will sanction the work.

CAR SHORTAGE BILL PASSED

Measure Is Sent to President for His Approval.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The bill giving the Interstate Commerce Commission further power to prevent car shortages was sent to President Wilson for approval tonight.

The Senate accepted minor changes in phraseology made by the House.

CARGOES LIE IN TACOMA

16,000 Measurement Tons of Shooks Await Ships for Hawaii.

TACOMA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Sixteen thousand measurement tons of box shooks are on the docks here

awaiting bottoms to carry them to Hawaii. The lack of shipping has caused the piling up of immense cargoes here.

The steamer Hyades, which left here a few days ago, took 4000 tons of shooks, an equivalent of 79 carloads.

Orders are coming to the mills rapidly from the islands. Tacoma furnishes the major share used in the Hawaiian fruit-packing industry.

Medical Reservists Called Out.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—First Lieutenants George H. Buck and Donald V. Trueblood, of the Medical Reserve Corps, have been ordered to report respectively at Portland and Seattle to examine applicants for the Engineer Enlisted Reserve Corps.

Fine Silk Hosiery

A Prerequisite

Yes, nothing but the finest kind of Silk Stockings will complete the Summer wardrobe of the fashionable woman. They may be all white or solid colors or black; plain or daintily embroidered with charming designs, but they must be of silk in order to meet the dictates of fashion. Bronze, gold-brown, suede and silver are the popular colors. Our collection affords a broad choice of the latest styles and shades—qualities that will be hard to duplicate in the future.

80c, \$1.15 to \$1.50 Pair

Women's Spring Suits

Trig Norfolds—Girlish Pleated Models—and the Severely Cut Styles for Slender Figures

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Belted and the Most Fashionable Models for Stout Figures

An unusual sale—appealing strongly to women of limited means, but who are no less exacting in their demands for smartness and individuality in Suits. Here are the three smartest groups ever drawn together—on that you can assure yourself by actual comparisons. Rich linings, superb tailoring and finish—excellent quality fabrics and correct, new colors—they outlive those shown in the most exclusive Eastern fashion centers.

Sale Imported Organdie Collars

Dainty and Beautiful Styles, with Picot Edge or Lace Trimmed, Priced at, each **35c**

Three for One Dollar.

Here's another one of those extraordinary underpriced offerings that are never found outside of this store. It's a special purchase and sale of fine sheer Organdie Collars, in dozens of dainty and beautifully embroidered styles—others lace trimmed or finished in the Picot edge—all brand new goods.

Special Sale Two Tone Shoes

Shoes with 9-inch top, Louis heel and flexible soles. They come with white rein-skin top with vici kid vamp. Battleship gray, with gray cloth top; also with black kid vamp, with silver gray top. All sizes. Most fashionable models for women, pr. **\$7.00**

Misses' and Children's Pumps

Two Strap and Bar Styles

Sizes 5 to 8 on sale...**\$1.50**

Sizes 8½ to 11 at...**\$1.75**

Sizes 11½ to 2 at...**\$2.00**

Sizes 2½ to ½ at...**\$2.50**

Boys' and Misses' Sandals

Willow Tan Calf Sandals in Two Strap Styles

Sizes 5 to 8 on sale at...**99c**

Sizes 8½ to 2 on sale...**\$1.10**

Sizes 2½ to 6 on sale...**\$1.50**

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Also Mollie King in "The Mystery of the Double Cross." Last times today at the

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