

SENATORS ARGUE 4 HOURS WITH HOOVER

Recess Follows Later Brief Discussion.

FOOD CONTROL IS OUTLINED

Administrator Insists Act Is Needed to Protect Public.

LOW BRITISH COST CITED

Flour Is Twice as Expensive in America—Quizzing by Opponents to Be Renewed Friday—Foes in House Lose Strength.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—While both branches of Congress continued desultory debate on the Government's food control bill today, Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, spent four hours at the Capitol emphasizing to a score of Senators gathered informally to hear him, the vital importance of the legislation to success in the war.

Under sharp and argumentative questioning by a group headed by Senators Gore, Reed and Varian, opposing the legislation, Mr. Hoover outlined his plans for conserving the Nation's food supply, increasing production and cutting off the excessive profits of speculators. He did not conclude and will return to the Capitol Friday for further examination in an effort to clear up Congressional and public misconceptions and hasten action.

Senate Takes Recess.

The Senate had only a brief discussion of the bill and took a recess until tomorrow. With but a handful of members attending, House debate continued until late tonight. Opposition there appeared to be waning and leaders hoped to conclude general debate tomorrow, planning then to consider amendments and pass the bill by Friday or Saturday.

Food conditions which face the allies and this country were explained by Mr. Hoover. Without Government food control, he said, success in the war may be imperilled. Such control, to a great degree in actual administration, he explained, will be voluntary and not enforced—a "mobilization of the spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice" in preventing waste of foodstuffs.

Rationing Not Contemplated. That the rationing or other enforced regulations of the American dinner table is proposed was denied by Mr. Hoover. Also he said requisitioning of factories or regulation of wages is not contemplated and that distribution of food largely by voluntary co-operation of business interests involved is the prime object of the bill.

Four basic measures of food control planned, Mr. Hoover said, are export regulation, control of distribution, including speculation, mobilization of America's women and men in a campaign for economy, and participation of the states in administration work.

Economy Is Needed Here. Asserting that the allies' food supply will be 40 per cent deficient even with today and tonight. Representative Haugen, of Iowa, the only member of the agriculture committee to file a minority report against the bill, said there would not be 50 negative votes on final passage.

English Prices Lower.

He said he would vote for it himself, although he would make an effort to return to a list of necessities, shoes and clothing, as originally proposed by the Administration. Representative Graham, of Illinois, speaking in favor of the measure today, submitted a comparative list of American and British prices on staples received by him from Ambassador Spring-Rice on last May 19. Some of the English prices were lower than the American prices, despite the fact, as Mr. Graham said, "that England is surrounded by submarines."

The prices follow: English—Beef, 44 cents a pound; butter, 40 to 56 cents a pound; potatoes, \$3.10 a bushel; bacon, 48 cents a pound, and flour, \$18.29 a barrel. The American prices on the same day were: Beef, 42 cents a pound; butter, 42 1/2 cents a pound; potatoes, \$3.75 a bushel; bacon, 45 cents a pound, and flour, \$17.60 a barrel.

Protection of Own People Is Aim.

Chairman Gore, of the Senate agriculture committee, and Senator Reed, of Missouri, leading the opposition to the bill, took a leading part in questioning Mr. Hoover. "The resort to these extraordinary powers is only because of the war," asked Senator Gore. "To provide not only more food for (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)"

COUNTESS BLINDED BY LOVE AWAKENS

MARRIAGE WITH RUSSIAN NOBLEMAN PROVES FAILURE.

Former Eleanor Medill Patterson, of Chicago, Seeking Divorce, Gives Sensational Testimony.

CHICAGO, June 19.—The Countess Eleanor Patterson Giszka, formerly Miss Eleanor Medill Patterson, of Chicago, was an all-day witness in her suit for divorce today, telling a story of neglect and unhappiness on the lonesome Russian estate of her husband, Count Josef Giszka, that finally won from Judge Charles M. Thompson the announcement that he was satisfied that she should receive her decree.

The ancestral estate of the Russian nobleman, which he had described vividly before their marriage in Washington in 1909, proved to be a tumble-down, ramshackle castle, surrounded by peasants' huts and five miles from a railroad, Countess Giszka testified. The imposing array of 10 servants promised proved to be a horde of Russian peasant boys and girls, who received no pay but their food, and a trifling present at Christmas.

She declared that her husband's life was centered on hunting, drinking and women, that his father died insane, that the servants lived in constant terror of him and that he had married her solely for her money. All her income of \$20,000 a year had been used to maintain her titled husband, she testified.

The Countess stated that she wished to be known as Mrs. Giszka, and wanted to lose her title forever.

FOOD HELD IN STORAGE

New York Investigator Charges High Prices to Retailers.

NEW YORK, June 19.—A statement saying every available cold storage place in this city is full to capacity and charging that retailers are maintaining high prices in spite of affluence of food was issued here tonight by Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures.

The British government has ceased buying food supplies here, the public is living more economically, the storage space is at a premium, Mr. Hartigan asserted, yet wholesalers complain that retailers are charging exorbitant prices.

DRY NATION IS FAVORED

Washington Health Officers Ask Protection of Soldiers in Camp.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 19.—The Washington state convention of county health officers, which has been in session here, adjourned today, after passing resolutions favoring National prohibition and asking for special protection of soldiers from diseases arising from camp life.

The 13th meeting of the convention will be held in Seattle, in accordance with custom. The association has no officers, the conventions being called by the State Health Commissioner under a state law.

120,923 ENLISTED IN NAVY

56,248 Enrolled Since War; Army Adds More Than 120,000.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Since the beginning of the war 56,248 men have enlisted in the Navy. The total now is 120,923.

Recruiting today and yesterday brought 1203.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—War recruiting for the regular Army reached a total of 120,135 yesterday, when 1551 men were enlisted throughout the country.

HASTY WORDS REGRETTED

Man Who Cursed Red Cross Makes Public Apology.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., June 19.—Gorden H. Jensen, who Sunday night interrupted a Red Cross speech at a local theater, cursing the order and the speaker, this morning in court begged an opportunity to apologize for his action publicly and tonight at the Federal building saluted the American flag and made public apology.

CAR SHORTAGE CUT THIRD

Improvement Under Railroad War Board Is Noted.

NEW YORK, June 19.—The country's shortage of freight cars has been reduced about one-third since the railroad war board took the situation in hand on May 1, it was announced here tonight by the American Railway Association.

On that date the shortage was 158,627 cars. On June 1 it was 105,127.

INTERRED GERMAN FLEES

Escape Made From Guard on Way to Dentist in New York.

NEW YORK, June 19.—George Bergman, formerly second officer on the German steamship George Washington and interned at Ellis Island after the United States entered the war, made his escape today. He was on his way to a dentist in company of a guard.

COMMONS FAVORS VOTES FOR WOMEN

Large Majority Retains Clause in Bill.

RESULT IS NOT UNEXPECTED

Franchise Qualifications Will Probably Be Same as Men's.

DECISIVE VOTE WEDNESDAY

Government Takes No Part in Discussion—Proposal Will Be Made to Limit Vote to Women of 30 Years and More.

LONDON, June 19.—The House of Commons tonight, by a large majority, passed the final reading of the clause in the electoral reform bill dealing with the question of women's suffrage. It is expected that a proposal now will be made that the franchise be conferred on women on the same basis as men.

The majority by which the House of Commons reaffirmed its adherence to the principle of woman suffrage astonished the warmest supporters of the measure. They anticipated a victory, but none seemed to imagine that there would be such a sweeping triumph.

The members evidently felt that the subject long ago had been exhausted and that nothing further could be said than had been uttered in the debates on the woman suffrage bills, which already had passed the House at various dates on second reading.

The government left the question to the unfettered judgment of the House, not attempting to influence opinion on it in the least degree. The front benches on both sides lacked most of their leading figures and the air of foregone conclusion hung over the whole of the discussion.

The opponents of the measure, among other arguments, made the best they could of the reports received here of the attitude of Miss Jeanette Rankin, the only woman representative in the American Congress, on the question of the entry of the United States into the war.

Sir Frederick G. Bantury, Unionist, for instance, described Miss Rankin as having been hysterical and unable to vote, but this and other pleas against the ability of women to exercise the franchise fell on deaf ears, and when the division was called the members trooped into the House with the aim of putting an end once for all to a question which they had made up their minds no longer was an academic one by voting upon it as a live issue.

So assured were the supporters of the measure of the outcome of the division that even the magnitude of the vote was not a matter of concern.

WILLAMETTE RISES BUT OTHERS FALL

23 FEET REACHED HERE, BUT SNOW MAY BE NEARLY GONE.

Warm Weather of Next Day or So Will Determine Whether There Is to Be High Water.

"Nothing but warm weather in sight," was the Weather Bureau report last night in connection with the freshet situation. While the 23-foot stage was attained in the Willamette River here at 7 o'clock, gaining three-tenths from the same hour in the morning, yesterday's fall of six-tenths of a foot at Kamiah, on the Clearwater, and three-tenths at Lewiston, on the Snake, may mean much of the foothill snow has melted.

"As the gauge registers 23 feet here tonight, I look for 23.5 feet tomorrow and 24 feet Thursday, the Willamette remaining nearly stationary Friday and Saturday," said Assistant District Forecaster Drake. "The maximum temperatures were from 74 to 82 degrees in the eastern part of the district today, which is about four degrees above normal, and that should mean more water. I don't know whether the fall at Kamiah indicates that snow in the foothills has run off, but if that stream continues to drop with present temperatures prevailing, I will feel sure the snow on the lower levels is gone. Should the snow be out of the Snake district to the same extent, we might have a fair chance of not getting much higher water."

The Upper Columbia is expected to be stationary at Umatilla today. The official readings at various points yesterday were as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Stations, Flood Stage, Height (ft), Change in 24 hours, and Change in 72 hours. Rows include Wenatchee, Kamiah, Lewiston, Umatilla, The Dalles, Eugene, Salem, Oregon City, and Portland.

BANK ROBBERS CAPTURED

Iowa Motorcycle Bandits Caught Three Hours After Crime.

PERRY, Ia., June 19.—Within three hours after they had held up the cashier of the bank at Arcadia, a small town near here, and obtained \$7000, two men were captured by a Sheriff's posse near Manila late today, when one of their motorcycles broke down.

The money was recovered. The men said they lived at Botna, Ia., and gave their names as M. P. Eastler and Tom Eckler.

FRENCH AVIATORS ARRIVE

Twelve Men Direct From Front to Instruct Americans.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Twelve French aviators, all commissioned officers of the flying corps and the majority wearing one or more war decorations for distinguished service, arrived here today to serve as instructors in American flying corps now training for duty in France.

All of the men are direct from the front, having received only four days' notice to sail for this country.

U. S. ARMY TO BE FINEST IN WORLD

Physical Perfection Is Requirement of Draft.

COMMUNITIES TO NAME MEN

Federal Government to Let States Raise Quotas.

SIX FEET IS HEIGHT LIMIT

War Department Expects to Examine 1,250,000 to Obtain Quarters of Million Who Will Meet Standard.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(Special.)—The finest army, physically, the world has ever seen. This will be the result of the policy determined upon by the President and the Secretary of War in connection with the operation of the draft.

Moreover, and this is important, the army will not be conscripted by the Federal Government in the sense generally given to that term. It will be raised by the states themselves and offered to the Government for the prosecution of the war.

Communities to Select Men.

In other words, the Government is not going into a home in Oregon, pick out a member of the family and haul him to the colors. It prefers the different and essentially patriotic procedure of having each community itself select the men for military service and hand them over to the Federal authorities for training and battle duty.

Here is recognition of self-government. Here also is appeal to local pride. The iron hand of Washington does not appear in the picture. It, of course, is there and it will be employed against slackers. But as a result of the course determined upon, officials here do not believe there will be disorders or dissatisfaction through the directions to the men selected to report for service.

Governors to Suggest Boards.

The procedure to be pursued will be strikingly different from that observed during the Civil War. Then it was Federal agents who enforced the draft. Men not known in a community sought out those designated for duty. It made no difference who they were, how valuable they might be for war purposes at home. They were called and they had to respond.

In connection with the enforcement of the existing law, exemption boards must be created. These boards will consist of local men, recommended for appointment by the Governors of the states. The President and Secretary of War will make no appointments without state designation. If any men (Continued on page 3, Column 1.)

BOY'S THROAT CUT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

SON OF H. C. MELBY THROWN THROUGH WINDSHIELD.

Baby Also Is Catapulted to Pavement and Injured When Car Hits and Others Are Hurt.

John Melby, 6 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Melby, 1051 Alameda Drive, was badly injured last night at 8:30 o'clock when he was thrown through the windshield of an automobile driven by his father, which collided with an automobile driven by O. J. Gregorie, 371 East Fifth street North, at East Forty-eighth and Hancock streets. Young Melby's throat was cut from the windpipe to behind the ear, narrowly missing the jugular vein.

Others in the Melby car at the time and who were more or less injured were Everett Melby, 4 years old, and Mrs. Melby, and their baby daughter in arms. The baby was thrown to the pavement and suffered a bruised head, and possible internal injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Longshore, 700 East Fifty-eighth street, and their son were also thrown out but not seriously hurt. Mr. Melby is business secretary at the Y. M. C. A. and Mr. Longshore is credit man at the Northwestern National Bank.

RAIDS TO HELP RED CROSS

Liquor Trunks Are to Be Sold at Auction by Police Bureau.

Twenty-seven trunks, confiscated by police in liquor raids, are to be sold at auction and the profits turned over to the Red Cross. Many trunks, of all sizes and values, have been intercepted at the depots. The liquor found in them has all been destroyed, but the trunks have been accumulating in the police station until there is little room left for storage.

Arrangements for the auction are in the hands of Public Defender Robinson and Deputy District Attorney Ryan.

Sailors With Bombs Held.

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—Heinrich Jahn and Emile Bepolein, members of the crew of a merchant ship now in port, were arrested today after Federal authorities had found six bombs and other explosives at their lodging.

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RED CROSS DIAL IS AT HALF-PAST MARK

First Report of Gifts Totals \$93,144.

RESPONSE IS MADE READILY

Contributions Many Times Are Larger Than Expected.

EVERYONE TO BE ASKED

House-to-house Canvass of City to Begin Today and Continue Rest of Week—Citizens Urged to Be Ready for Solicitors.

RED CROSS CLOCK GOES ALMOST HALF AROUND DIAL.

Previously announced, \$29,500.00. Team reports yesterday: Adams 4,321.00; Almsworth 2,861.00; Burns 5,500.00; Colt 2,302.50; Cookingham 1,029.00; Devers 1,054.00; Honeyman 6,500.00; Kerr 840.00; Long 2,025.00; Lewis 2,145.00; Meler 1,026.00; Newbegin 2,526.00; Smith 1,335.00; Selling 845.00; Thompson 1,603.50; Talbot 1,142.00; Woodward 2,329.00; Wheelwright 2,406.00; Wilcox 2,654.00; Yeon 2,586.00.

Team total \$46,444.00.

Willamette Iron & Steel Works 2,000.00.

Kerr, Gifford & Co. 2,500.00.

Peter Autzen 2,000.00.

Grant Smith & Co. 2,000.00.

Rodney L. Gilman 2,000.00.

Anonymous 2,000.00.

J. T. Barron 1,500.00.

Walter McKay 1,000.00.

Rotary Club 200.00.

Individual gifts total \$16,200.00.

Grand total yesterday \$93,144.00.

Half Day's Work Recorded.

And thus, yesterday noon, was the result of the first day's endeavor in the local Red Cross drive made known. The 20 committees, under leadership of Chairman and their cohorts, were commissioned to call upon \$200 in prospects in Portland, had worked a half-day. To the amount pledged the previous day, the field workers added \$46,444, making a grand total of \$93,144.

The reports of the teams were made at luncheon at the Portland Hotel. Team seven, captained by T. D. Honeyman, led in the day's work with a total of \$6500, of which \$6000 was the individual subscription of R. D. Inman, one of the team members.

Canvassers Circle Clock.

They made a hurried luncheon, those captains and their cohorts, their impatience to march away to the Red Cross clock and make the hand perform. With a volunteer quartet warbling recklessly at "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," the 200 workers marched to Sixth and Alder streets, and joyfully wound up the clock by circling about it in ever-deepening formation. Then the hand was moved to its resting place for the day, and the crowded streets gave it great acclaim.

It is estimated that the personal canvass workers saw less than 25 per cent of the 3200 prospects on their lists. But one of their working days has been expended. The remaining men and days must yield to the cause with equal alacrity. Portland's quota of \$205,900 is almost half subscribed.

"Something From Everyone" Slogan. "Something from everyone!" became the officially adopted slogan for the week by unanimous vote yesterday. The oddest things happen in this campaign for the Red Cross, things that are as tonic to renewed endeavor, as a burst of sweet, clean air from the high hills. Nobody seems to be satisfied with the amount required of them. They insist, dear Gaston, on giving more. Here is a covey of stories that have winged into headquarters:

First Check Too Small.

He wrote a check for \$1000, did Rodney L. Gilman, gloomed at it and tore it up. Attitude of deep thought—business of seeing the light. In the second act he wrote another check for twice the original amount, smiled, and did not tear it up.

Peter Autzen, who gave \$3000 yesterday for the fiscal drive, had previously given \$2000 to the Washington Red Cross drive. He has timber and sawmill interests in Washington.

There was just \$200 in the service (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

HELP THE CAUSE THAT SERVES ALL HUMANITY.

