

SENATORS ARGUE 4 HOURS WITH HOOPER

Food Administrator Insists Control Measure 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.

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the allies but for ourselves," Mr. Hoover replied. "Even if we had not gotten into the war, we would have been up against this tremendous demand from Europe and probably driven to some legislation to protect our own people."

Mr. Hoover expressly disclaimed authorship, personal interest or responsibility for the bill's provisions extending to fuels, declaring he was only interested in food.

The provisions for commandeering factories, mines and other plants, he added, would not be necessary in administering food questions.

Senator Reed referred to a section which he contended would permit the Government to take from cribs and bins grain stored there in excess of the amount actually needed by the farmer and asked Mr. Hoover's opinion regarding the enforcement.

"As far as I am concerned, I would not attempt to execute it as far as the present situation appears," replied Mr. Hoover.

One Amendment Acceptable.

Senator Gore asked Mr. Hoover if he would deny to the farmer the right to judge the amount of crops he should grow.

"If the Government guaranteed a minimum price," Mr. Hoover replied, "we might not get the beneficial result for the farmer unless we also have the power to limit imports."

Mr. Hoover said "possibly" the bill should be amended to give farmers the right to determine their own production.

"We don't propose to go to the extent of fixing consumers' rations," Mr. Hoover added, "except as to hotels, restaurants, etc., regarding the amount of bread portions to be served and the like. England did a foolish thing in trying to fix maximum prices, a failure wherever tried."

"Do you contend that under the bill you can say to Senator Reed, for instance, that he shall eat a soup bone or a steak on certain days," asked Senator Kenyon.

"I don't think we have any such right nor should we have it," Mr. Hoover replied emphatically. "But we should have the right to suggest the use of a soup bone and see if we can reach any agreement voluntarily."

Law Needless, Says Mr. Reed.

Senator Reed insisted that legislation is not needed to effect such voluntary arrangements, but Mr. Hoover said a law should authorize the food administration to that end.

Mr. Hoover said with all wheat imported, bread prices in Belgium were 60 per cent less than in New York City, while those in England and France are 30 to 40 per cent lower with producers realizing the same prices.

"We have now a high cost of living," he continued, "and a blizzard of certain sections of the population to withstand and to secure proper nourishment from the war. Unless we can ameliorate this condition and unless we can prevent further advances in price we must confront further an ever increasing unemployment wage level with all the hardships and social disturbances which necessarily follow. We shall in this turmoil experience large numbers of unemployed at a time when we can least afford to lose the energies of a single man."

Self-Denial Is Purpose.

"We propose to mobilize a spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice in this country in order that we may reduce national waste. If democracy is worth anything, we can do these things by co-operation. If it cannot be done, it is better that we accept German domination and confess the failure of our political ideals."

"We have no hope of complete success, but we do hope that we shall succeed so far as to enable this country and the allies to remain constant in this war."

Mr. Hoover denied that the millers have been the speculators in the grain market and said that what action they might have taken in that regard was purely for self-preservation.

Mr. Hoover warned against legislation to prevent dealing in futures.

"If you pass legislation of this kind you might demoralize the trade of the country," he said.

Future Shortage Is Question.

"The real question," he said in a prepared statement preliminary to Senatorial questioning, "is whether the shortage will continue next year and what will be the requirements of the allies and America. Despite the reduced consumption of the allies they will require a larger amount of cereals next year than ever before. The allies are more isolated in food resources. It takes three times the tonnage and double the trouble to get Australian wheat. Crop failures in the Argentine give no hope of relief from there before next Spring."

"The allies are dependent upon North America for the vast majority of their food imports. We should be able to supply 60 per cent of what they require. The other 40 per cent must be made up by further denial on their part and saving on ours."

"We can increase our surplus. The

situation for them next year means increased privation. Without an adequate food supply no European population will continue to fight and we shall find ourselves alone against Germany."

Speculation Is Rampant.

"The Russian revolution was a food riot, and even yet that ally is temporarily paralyzed. Responsibility rests on our Government for failure of democracy through a shortage of food."

Turning to domestic conditions Mr. Hoover said this country had been experiencing "unprecedented prices and rampant speculation, citing now mid-diemer and all other persons in the distribution business have been purchasing increasing supplies to avert individual shortages."

Mr. Hoover cited the canning trade as an example where the entire output of vegetables and fish for 1917 has been disposed of already before it has even reached the canners. He predicted further high prices. Thousands of men, he said, who heretofore have never owned a dollar's worth of food-stuffs are now speculating in necessities.

"The average prices to the consumer in countries where food administration is now in effect are lower than those now prevailing in the United States," he said.

Bread Lower in England.

"In England the price of bread is even 25 per cent below the price we pay. I believe that unless some administration of our food is taken we will look back at these prices as being moderate."

"Provisions for the Government to buy and sell commodities will be necessary for use only as a very few prime commodities. The aim is to stabilize prices and thus eliminate speculation. The balance wheel for stabilizing prices is gone. We need an artificial balance wheel. By setting up a wheat commission we can buy wheat, regulate its storage and transportation and handle it until exported or sold in this country. If we do not do this wheat prices may collapse on account of our not being able to store and carry it, with speculators securing the sole benefit and farmers bearing the loss."

"We can contract tomorrow with the allies for a certain return for every bushel of wheat we can sell. If we do not stabilize prices at interior terminals we can assure millers their supplies and simplify transportation."

Reduction Is Foreseen.

"We feel confident consumers' prices of sugar and flour will be reduced as well as others through our co-operation with leaders of other trades."

"We must have power to license grain elevators so that they may play their part in the team work of the Government."

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ZURICH, via Paris, June 19.—The Polish Deputy Dazinski declared in the Vienna Reichsrath that more than 20,000 Poles have been hanged by order of the German authorities, according to the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung.

At these words all of the Slav and Polish members rushed upon Helms and the President was obliged to suspend the sitting in the midst of a tremendous uproar.

COPENHAGEN, via London, June 19.—The revolt of the Poles in the Austrian Parliament is declared by the Vienna correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung as having produced a Cabinet crisis.

The Vossische Zeitung correspondent, however, points out that the defection of the Poles in Parliament is sufficient to turn the scales against the government. The Poles indicate the seriousness of their intentions by a decision to vote against the budget, being the first Parliamentary group in any of the warring countries to have done so.

SENATE HONORS McNARY

OREGON MEMBER GETS ASSIGNMENTS EXTRAORDINARILY GOOD.

Various Colleagues Resign in Favor of New Lawmaker and Another Place Set for December Session.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 19.—Senator McNary, by resolution of the Senate, has been assigned to membership on the following committees: Public lands, Indian affairs, Philippines, irrigation of arid lands, public health, Pacific railroads, manufactures and expenditures in the Department of Commerce. He also has been assured that in December he will be made a member of the committee on agriculture.

These assignments are extraordinarily good for a new Senator, and peculiarly so considering Senator McNary's record in the Senate in the past of a session. An additional place was created for him on the public lands committee by resolution of the Senate and various Senators resigned in his favor from the other committees named.

The quality of Senator McNary's assignments is indication of a desire on the part of the Republican Senate membership to hold the Oregon senatorship at the next election.

DEATH OF GIRL PROBED

ADOPTED ORPHAN FOUND DISMEMBERED IN FIRE RUINS.

Nebraska State Officials Take Up Investigation on Ranch at Keeline, Wyo.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 19.—The State Board of Control, in charge of the Nebraska Home for Dependent Children and other state institutions, today ordered an investigation into the death of Tressie McCrossin, the 17-year-old ward of the state, recently reported burned to death on the ranch of Mary Harlan, Keeline, Wyo.

Information reaching the board indicates the dismembered and decapitated body of the girl was found in the ruins of the burned ranch house.

Tressie McCrossin was adopted by Mrs. Harlan and was known as Irene. She lived with Mrs. Harlan and the latter's brother, a man named Donahue, who is 65 years old.

WASHINGTON OPENS ARMS TO RUSSIANS

Throughs, Cheering Mission as it Passes Through Streets, Give Great Welcome.

BUSINESS BEGINS TODAY

Party to Be Received by President and Department Officials and Message From New Government Will Be Delivered.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Washington received the Russian diplomatic mission headed by Ambassador Boris Bakhtmetief today with warmth and enthusiasm.

Greeted by Secretary Lansing and other officials and escorted through streets lined with cheering people and honking automobiles, the mission received a welcome expressive of this country's response to the mighty democratic upheaval in Russia.

Having rested during the afternoon from their five weeks' trip, the visitors dined quietly tonight at the home placed at their disposal.

Tomorrow they will pay their respects to Secretary Lansing and go with him to the White House to be received by President Wilson and to present a message from the new Russian government. Lieutenant-General Roop will convey the greetings of the Russian army to Secretary of War Baker.

The following are members of the special embassy in order of their rank: Ambassador Boris A. Bakhtmetief and wife, Lieutenant-General Roop, representative of the Russian army, Professor Lomomsoff, member of the council of engineers and representative of the Ministry; Professor Borodin, representative of the Ministry of Agriculture; M. Novitsky, representative of the Ministry of Finance.

WOMAN AUTOIST ARRESTED

Reckless Driving Charged When Car Runs Into Theater Entrance.

Mrs. Nellie Smith was arrested on a charge of reckless driving last night by Patrolmen Helms and Maxwell after her automobile had run into the entrance of the American Theater, First and Main streets. Mrs. Smith sustained a broken nose in the accident, and T. R. Alder, a laborer, sustained a scalp wound. He was standing near the theater and was knocked down by the machine. The automobile was so firmly wedged in the theater entrance that several men were needed to back it out by hand.

W. A. Wright was arrested by Patrolman Myers at Twelfth street and Hawthorne avenue and charged with driving an auto while intoxicated.

GERMAN TITLES BANNED

King George Asks Subjects to Adopt English Surnames.

LONDON, June 19.—The following official announcement was made today: "The King has deemed it desirable in the conditions brought about by the war that those princes of his family who are subjects and bear German names and titles should relinquish these titles and henceforth adopt British surnames."

"At the same time and consequent upon his decision the King has been pleased to confer the honor of knighthood on the following: The Duke of Teck, marquis; Prince Alexander of Teck, earl; Prince Louis of Battenberg, marquis; Prince Alexander of Battenberg, marquis."

DEATH HALTS HONEYMOON

Sister of John Noble, Killed in Spokane, Is on Wedding Trip.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—A sister's honeymoon in California was cut short yesterday by news of the death of John Noble, following an accident Saturday when he was run over by a train in the Spokane yards. Mrs. John Stahl, of Fresno, the sister, is a recent bride and was on her honeymoon trip.

Mr. Noble was the son of an executive assessor, was a member of the Oddfellows, and was born and reared in Oregon City. The body was sent to Portland for burial. His wife in Spokane, his parents in Fresno, his brother, E. J. Noble, Oregon City; two sisters, Mrs. Stahl, Fresno, and Mrs. W. K. Glen, Spokane, survive.

Klamath Falls Sends Invitation.

BALEM, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—W. H. Mason, of Klamath Falls, chairman of the committee having charge of the celebration over the discovery of the first dirt for the new Straborn railroad into Central Oregon, has sent through Secretary of State Olcott a general invitation to all employees in the State Capitol building to attend the celebration, July 3 and 4.

Lewis County Farm Home Burns.

CHEHALIS, Wash., June 19.—(Special.)—T. J. Long's farmhouse on his place, 12 miles southwest of here, burned today, entailing a loss of \$1500, partially covered by insurance. Sparks from a fire on the roof caused the blaze. Half of the orchard was destroyed. T. W. Long, son of T. J., occupied the place.

Intoxicants Are Defined.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Any drink containing alcohol was defined by the

Postoffice Department today as intoxicating liquor within the meaning of the law forbidding mailing of liquor advertisements into dry territory after July 1. Mevlyth, wood and denatured alcohol are excepted. The department ruled also that the prohibition against advertisements applies to liquor for scientific, sacramental, medicinal and mechanical purposes.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT MADE

J. M. Keele Drinks Carbohic Acid in Home of Divorced Wife.

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The police say that Keele, who is the father of five children, has been trying to persuade his ex-wife to return to him. He went into the house last night, and threatened to drink poison. The family ran to call the police, and found him unconscious on the floor when they returned.

DEFECTIVE LIGHTING FOUND

Volunteer Medical Inspection at Eugene Discloses Eye-Strain.

EUGENE, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—A system of volunteer medical inspection in the Eugene schools, in which all physicians who are members of the Eugene County Medical Association give their services free, has disclosed that the eyesight of children attending the Patterson grade school has been impaired by defective lighting in the building, according to a report made by City Superintendent of Schools W. R. Rutherford at the annual meeting of the school district patrons yesterday. He recommended an immediate change in the lighting system.

E. L. Smith, chairman of the First National Bank, and Dr. Grant S. Beardsley were elected School Directors at the annual meeting held yesterday.

FIRE CHEATS RED CROSS

Meeting at Halfway Breaks Up When Audience Fights Blaze.

BAKER, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—Halfway residents ran from a Red Cross meeting to aid their neighbor in his attempt to save his home from flames, but without avail. John I. Rand, W. H. Strayer and Judge Gustav Anderson, of Baker had just concluded their appeal for Red Cross contributions when the alarm was sounded and all went to fight flames that were licking up the home of Ernest Evans.

The blaze had such a start that other houses were threatened and the crowd could only prevent the spread of the flames. The loss is estimated at \$3000.

TALKING COSTS \$1500

Woman, Falsely Arrested for Theft of Cow, Wins Verdict.

It cost J. S. Hawks, a rancher of the Greenham country, just \$1500 to accuse Minnie Young of the theft of his cow. A jury sitting before Circuit Judge Phelps yesterday returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff this amount. She brought suit for false arrest.

The plaintiff averred that Hawks had her placed under arrest last October on a charge of stealing a cow and a calf from him. He signed a Justice court complaint charging her with the theft and later had the charge dismissed.

FEW SOCIALISTS GATHER

THREE FROM AMERICA ARRIVE AT STOCKHOLM.

Delegates Declare for No Separate Peace, Saying This Is American Socialist's Attitude.

STOCKHOLM, via London, June 19.—One of the three men who have come to Stockholm from the United States to participate in the international Socialist Peace Conference, succeeded, by his own admission, in leaving the United States and ultimately reaching Sweden after his passport had been taken up by the American State Department, and he had failed in an effort to have it returned.

This man is Boris Reinstein, of Buffalo, who says he is empowered to represent the Socialist labor party at the conference, but refused to say whether he is an American citizen.

The others who accompanied him are Dr. Max Goldfarb, of the New York Forward, and D. Davidovitch, a Russian subject, who comes as a representative

NEW DIRECTORS NAMED

G. M. Rice and M. Friedly New Members of Pendleton School Board.

PENDLETON, Or., June 19.—(Special.)—G. M. Rice, vice-president of the First National Bank, and Manuel Friedly, real estate man, are the two new members of the Pendleton School Board named yesterday. Mr. Rice first declined the place, but at the last minute consented to be a candidate and had the comparatively large vote of 1000.

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Kansas Allows Big Bond Issue.

TOPPEKA, Kan., June 19.—The State of Kansas today authorized the issue of bonds at par value of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company permission to issue \$12,500,000 in bonds for the purpose of retiring, redeeming and refunding a like amount of bonds at par value of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company, dated May 1, 1917, and due May 1, 1917, which have been assumed by the company.

Mall Clerk Sentenced.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 19.—Elton Hockett, railway mail clerk formerly on the Southern Pacific run between San Francisco and Oakland, Or., was sentenced today by Judge Van Fleet to serve four years on McNeill's Island. He was convicted on eight counts charging him with the theft of \$1000, which he had secured through the use of a false check.

"Buffalo Bill's" Friend Dies, Too.

NEWARK, N. J., June 19.—Colonel John A. Bell, former chief of the Federal Service Bureau in Washington, and once chief of police of Newark, died here today. The recent death of Colonel William B. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," with whom Colonel Bell had been associated in business and on the plains, had depressed him, according to friends.

Canada Names Food Controller.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 19.—W. J. Han- has been appointed food controller for Canada, it was announced in the House today by Premier Borden.

Advertisement for Colgate's "Handy Grip" shaving stick. The ad features the headline "The New Shaving Stick COLGATE'S 'HANDY GRIP'" and includes several illustrations of hands using the product. Text describes the product as combining economy, convenience, speed, and comfort. It also includes a testimonial from Eugene, Or., about defective lighting in schools. The ad concludes with "The Last Word in Shaving Convenience & Economy."

Advertisement for People's Floral Shop. The ad lists the shop's address as "SECOND AND ALDER STS. MARSHALL 5922." It describes a special sale of house plants and cut flowers every Wednesday and Saturday. It also mentions a Boy Scouts fund-raising event.

Advertisement for Red Cross Service. The ad is framed in a decorative border and features the headline "Service" and "Red Cross". It states "Is the supreme word of the hour. Our young men who join the colors perform service of the very highest order." It encourages subscription to the Red Cross and includes the text "THIS WEEK IS THE TIME THIS CALL IS OUR OPPORTUNITY". The U.S. National Bank logo is at the bottom.

Advertisement for corn treatment. The headline is "It Works! Try It" and the text says "Tells how to loosen a sore, tender corn so it lifts out without pain."

Advertisement for a medicinal product. The text says "Good news spreads rapidly and drugists here are kept busy dispensing freeze, the other discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers. Ask at any pharmacy for a quarter ounce of freeze, which will cost very little, but is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callus. You apply just a few drops on the tender, aching corn and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the adjoining tissue. This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corners.—Adv."

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Advertisement for Santiseptic. The headline is "AN EASY WAY TO GET RID OF WIND AND SUNBURN". The text describes the product as a lotion that relieves wind and sunburn, and is easy to use. It says "This is a lotion called Santiseptic, which can be procured at most drug stores for 50 cents, or 25 cents, stamps or coin, sent direct to the manufacturer, The Euboeot, Laboratory, at Portland, Or. Will secure, postpaid, a large-sized introductory bottle. Santiseptic is a truly remarkable remedy for all kinds of skin troubles. It is equally effective for scalded skin, for freckles, pimples, white and free of discoloration, and discolorations, giving the skin an exquisite, clear whiteness and beautiful coloring. Delightful after shaving."