FOOD BILL MAY NOT PASS IN TWO WEEKS

General Debate Will Be Resumed in Senate Today on Amendments.

HOOVER OFFERS ADVICE

Final Agreement Cannot Be Reached Before July 15, Even Should Senate Finish This Week.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—A formidable mid-Summer legislative programme with food, prohibition and revenue the major measures, still confronts Congress in its war session, which began three months ago tomorrow.

With business congested in the Senate and the House marking time in recess, Senate leaders hoped tonight to make rapid progress on the food control bill, with its provision prohibiting the manufacture of distilled spirits and send it to conference by the end of the week.

Launching of the war revenue bill, practically re-written from the House draft and reduced from $1,800,000,000, to $1,652,170,000 by the Senate finance committee, also is planned this week. Several weeks of revenue debate probably will follow disposal of the food-liquor measure.

Food Control Discussed.

Members of the Senate agricultural committee and Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, were in conference today discussing amendments and measures to expedite the food control legislation. Many administrative changes were suggested, and will be presented to the Senate by Senator Chamberlain, but none were said to materially restrict or enlarge the scope of the measure.

Except for a sharp but probably brief fight expected late this week the prohibition issue seems virtually settled. Administration leaders are positive the Senate will adopt Senator Chamberlain's substitute for the House's "bone-dry" sections.

Hoover Offers Suggestions.

Among the changes in the food control features of the bill proposed by Mr. Hoover were application of the legislation to farmers' and gardeners' co-operative associations and modifications of the committee amendment prohibiting Government employes or agents from selling their own products to the Government. The latter, Mr. Hoover said, should be so amended that while preventing a member of a voluntary advisory commission from selling his own products to the Government, it still should permit use of his services in advisory capacities in respect to products in which he has no interest.

The committee agreed to remove exemption of grain elevators of farmers' organizations used for public purposes, but retained the exemption clause as to associations not organized or operating for profit.

Two Weeks More Will Be Needed.

General debate will be resumed in the Senate tomorrow, with discussion of amendments. With the House recess until July 9, even should the Senate dispose of the bill this week, a conference agreement and final enactment probably will not come until near the middle of the month.

The Senate finance committee plans a final vote on its revision of the House war tax bill tomorrow.

Further hearings will be held this week on the bill appropriating $600,000,000 for the aircraft programme.

The Administration bill regulating "trading with the enemy" will be taken up when the House reconvenes next week.

Progress of the War.

THE soldiers of New Russia have assumed the aggressive. For the first time since the revolution last March Russian troops have begun an attack on an extensive scale. Along a front of 18½ miles in the region of Brzezany, Galicia, Russian troops have stormed the German positions. Berlin says the Russians suffered heavy losses and were compelled to retire before the German fire. The attack was made in the section southeast of Lemberg, where the artillery firing has been heavy recently.

The Russians also made night attacks on both sides of Brzezany and near Zwyzyn and Berlin reports assaults between Zlota Lypa and the Narayuvka. The artillery arm of the Russian forces has been active and from the Berlin report it is learned that an intense duel has been in progress from the region of Brzezany to as far northward as the middle Stokhod in Volhynia, a distance of about 175 miles. Brzezany is one of the keys to Lemberg, the Galician capital.

Berlin declares that the Russian attacks, which it says were powerful, were brought about through the pressure of the leading entente powers.

Field Marshal Haig continues to tighten his grip on Lens. On the north bank of the river Souchez British troops have captured German positions on a front of half a mile southwest and west of Lens. The British army during June captured 8686 German prisoners, including 175 officers and 67 guns, including two heavy guns, as well as much other war material.

The French and Germans continue to battle at various points on the front from Cerny to the Verdun region. East of Cerny the French have repulsed German attacks and in the region of Prunay, east of Rheims, a German surprise attack was thrown back with heavy losses. On the left bank of the Meuse the fighting has brought no change in position.

Two German submarines were fired on by the gun crew of an American liner during a voyage from the United States to England, and the sailors believe one periscope was shattered. A third submarine was sighted but the American gunners had no opportunity to fire, as it immediately submerged.

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DAY'S OUTING IS ENJOYED AT BONNEVILLE.

The Dalles Lodgemen Join With Portland in Flag-Raising and in Festivities.

Almost 1000 Elks and their families and friends attended the fourth annual picnic of Portland Lodge of Elks yesterday at Bonneville and enjoyed the pleasant weather.

A special trainload of Elks from The Dalles arrived in time for the flag-raising ceremonies. Fred W. Wagner and Cary Houseman raised the flag, while Mrs. Herman Politz, prima donna of "The Sultan of Sulu" last week, sang "Star-Spangled Banner"; Judge Henry McGinn delivered the oration of the day and it rang with patriotism.

Races of all kinds were held and a baseball game between the girls' team of Kirkpatrick Council, Knights and Ladies of Security, and the Portland Elks' Lodge nine was played, but just what the final score was no one seems to know.

More than 50 automobiles made the trip and the special train which left the Union Depot at 9 o'clock had a full load.

The famous All-Elks band of Portland Lodge was in attendance and dispensed music for the dancing and singing. Mrs. Charles Sherman Botsford sang "America, My America," the song which recently was dedicated to the Portland Elks' regiment.

LABOR IS ONE PROBLEM

WOODEN SHIPS DEPEND ON MEN TO BUILD THEM.

Government, Says F. C. Knapp, Will Give Pacific Coast All Contracts That Can Be Filled.

"The Government is going to give us all the ship contracts that we have the men and the lumber to build," said F. C. Knapp, president of the Peninsula Lumber Company and of the Peninsula Shipbuilding Company, upon his return last night from a stay of more than two months in Washington and other Eastern cities. While in Washington he conferred with General Goethals and other Federal officials.

The Peninsula plant now has contracts for four Government vessels and Mr. Knapp says they will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

"There need be no fear whatever that the wood ship industry will not be recognized by General Goethals and others in charge of the Government programme," said Mr. Knapp. "All must take into consideration the labor problem. The Government does not want to cause an abnormal movement of labor from one part of the country to another. We will get all the business that our available supply of labor can handle."

RUSSIA IS AWAKENING

NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOWS GREAT ACTIVITY.

Better Organization of Supply and Distribution of Food Is Main Item of Government's Programme.

PETROGRAD, June 29.—(Delayed.)—Great activity is being shown by the provisional government with the object of improving Russia's financial and economic condition. The main items of the government's programme are better organization of the supply and distribution of food and raw material, resorting where necessary to state monopolies; the increase of national revenue and productivity, and the creation of new specialist state organizations to relieve or extinguish overlapping departments.

Bills establishing monopolies in minerals, fuels and sugar were submitted yesterday by the government. The Minister of Supplies had approved a bill authorizing the local authorities to requisition for public use agricultural machinery which is not being effectively employed.

MEN NEEDED FOR BIG GUNS

Two New Batteries of Artillery to Be Recruited.

Two new batteries of Oregon Field Artillery are soon to be recruited, if present plans are carried out, and one of these at least will be raised in Portland. With Battery A, the oldest artillery organization in the West, Oregon then would have given a complete battalion of field artillery to the service.

Captain Cicero Hogan, in charge of recruiting for the Oregon National Guard, at 106 Fifth street, asks especially for saddlers, horse-shoers, blacksmiths and cooks to join the proposed batteries.

At the Oregon National Guard station 10 men were enlisted yesterday.

Lad Eats Strychnine Pills.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 1.—(Special.)—Johnny William, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duckwall, of the Odell district, is recovering from a serious case of strychnine poisoning. The little boy, discovering a box of pills used by his grandmother for heart trouble, ate a generous quantity.

LUMBER ACTIVITY IS GREATEST IN DECADE

Survey of Conditions in Northwest, by Federal Reserve Bank, Shows Progress.

PATRIOTIC CALL IS HEEDED

Importance of Shipbuilding Industry Asserted and Promising Condition of Varied Food Crops Is Declared Satisfactory.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Lumber activity in the Pacific Northwest is declared to be more active and remunerative than at any other time in the past decade, in a resume of general business conditions issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of the Twelfth district. Mills are said to be operating almost to capacity and the demand is so great that many large producers are reported to be completely out of the market.

The survey in detail is as follows:

"Maximum production and minimum necessary consumption of foodstuffs is a sound war principle. At least in production this district is putting forth a splendid effort. The Fall and Winter were unfavorable for grain and the Spring was cold and backward, but, in spite of this and because of the spurs both of patriotism and of promise of high prices there has been a large increase in the acreage of Spring planting, amounting to 32 per cent more than last year in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The Government report, June 1, indicates a yield in this district of wheat, barley and oats in excess of that of last year.

California Conditions Promising.

"In California the deficiency in precipitation has been offset by cool weather during early Summer which has been ideal for many crops. Hay, which was generally short last year, will show a greater tonnage this year. Alfalfa will exceed 6,000,000 tons against 5,000,000 last year.

"Growers of deciduous fruits have been greatly relieved by the announcement that such fruits will be classed as necessary food and not as a luxury, assuring greater demand, better prices and more cars for moving the crops. A generally larger yield is indicated.

"The crop of navel oranges, during the season just closed, has been one of the best in years, aggregating 27,153 cars as compared with 22,225 cars last year. Shipments of Valencia oranges are just beginning and likewise promise to be larger.

"Shipbuilding is probably the most active industry on this Coast. Seattle shipyards have $80,000,000 of contracts, while those of Portland and Tacoma have as much more. The contracts of the Puget Sound district are believed to exceed those of the San Francisco district.

Crude Oil Is Scarce.

"In California during May, petroleum production averaged 261,004 barrels per day and shipments 305,300 barrels, resulting in a reduction of stored stocks of 1,255,318 barrels. The increasing shortage of crude oil is rapidly creating a critical fuel situation on this Coast. It is reported that the Southern Pacific Railroad, using crude oil as fuel for its locomotives, is unable to supply its requirements and that by September 20 per cent of its motive power will be out of commission unless new supplies of crude oil become available.

"Not in 10 years has the Pacific Northwest lumber market been so active and remunerative as at the present time. Demand has been such that many large producers are now absolutely out of the market. Lumber production is near the maximum possible.

"Food production in this district promises to be unexpectedly large and materially greater than seemed probable a month ago, although not of record volume.

"Trade is active. Bank deposits, clearings and building permits all show increases."

CHINA HAS NEW CABINET

Further Steps Toward Restoration of Order Are Taken.

WASHINGTON, July 1. — Further steps toward restoration of order in China through a coalition Cabinet were reported in Pekin dispatches to the legation here yesterday, which said that three more Ministers appointed by Premier Li Ching Shi had accepted office. The new Cabinet now is virtually complete.

The new Ministers are: Justice, Kiang Yung, formerly Vice-Minister; communications, Lung Kiang Chang, formerly civil Governor of Kwei Chow, and agriculture and commerce, Li Sheng Tau, formerly Minister to Japan.

DR. COHN GIVES PEACE VIEW

Socialist Member of Reichstag Would Postpone One Dispute.

COPENHAGEN, July 1.—Dr. Cohn, Socialist member of the Reichstag, who visited Copenhagen to confer with the Danish Socialists, has furnished the Associated Press with a statement of the peace views of himself and his associates.

The only novel point in his statement is the suggestion that the question of Alsace-Lorraine should be excluded from the peace negotiations and its settlement be deferred several years until the passions engendered by the war have cooled.

AVIATION STUDENTS 1004

Five State Universities Are Training American Youth to Fly.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The number of military aviation students in courses at the Military Institute of Technology, Cornell, Ohio State, Illinois, Texas and California Universities, was announced yesterday as 1004. Courses will be opened Monday at Princeton with 32 students, and at Georgia School of Technology with 50.

A campaign will be started soon to obtain recruits for aviation training.

Russian Industry in Peril.

PETROGRAD, July 1.—Arthur Henderson, member of the British war council, and the labor member of the British delegation now visiting Russia, has transmitted to the Russian Foreign Minister a document in which the directors of a number of important undertakings, mainly British, working in Russia, point out the serious position of industry. The directors ask security for property.

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HOPE OF LABOR FAILS

SWEDISH LEADER DISAPPOINTED IN AMERICAN FEDERATION.

Herman Lindquist Says Purpose of International Conference Was to Discuss After-War Problems.

STOCKHOLM, July 1.—The refusal of the American Federation of Labor to participate in the international congress of trades unions, called to meet in Switzerland in September, is a great disappointment to the Scandinavian labor federations and particularly the Swedes, who issued the call. This disappointment is voiced by Herman Lindquist, president of the Swedish Federation of Labor. In a statement to the Associated Press he said:

"Officials of the labor federations of the three Scandinavian countries have met frequently during the war, and it has been our constant wish that an international trade union conference might be held. Our purpose never was to assume any attitude whatever toward or even to discuss the war, either as to its conduct or the responsibility for its origin. What we wanted was simply to get the world's labor men together to discuss problems which must be faced by labor after the war and to formulate the demands of international labor for a period when, more than ever before, it will be necessary for the world's workingmen to stand united.

"I could understand how labor federations that are at the same time political organizations might possibly refuse participation for governmental reasons, but the American Federation is not a political organization and its attitude cannot be understood and is regretable."

WILSON CALLED HYPOCRITE

German Majority Socialists Scold Germany and United States.

COPENHAGEN, July 1.—The German majority Socialists have returned from Stockholm and are indulging in an outburst of scolding against Germany, and particularly criticising the United States for not favoring the German majority Socialists' particular brand of peace.

Richard Fischer, the Socialist leader, in addressing a mass meeting in Berlin, said regarding the Stockholm conference that the whole world, except the British, French and Italian governments and "that arch-hypocrite, Wilson," was arrayed for peace.

MORE MEN NOW AT WORK

Governor Campbell, of Arizona, Has Reports of Improved Conditions.

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 1.—Reports of improved conditions in the Warren (Bisbee) district were received by Governor Campbell and the State Council of Defense yesterday. More men are at work in the larger mines there than at any time since the beginning of the strike, the reports said.

Replying to a recommendation by the Governor to the Department of Labor for the appointment of a conciliator to visit Bisbee, a telegram from the department says J. F. Meyers, of El Paso, has been directed to go to the troubled camp.

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