

## FIXING OF PRICES DECLARED FAILURE

Senator Lodge Attacks Fuel  
Administrator Garfield as  
Unnecessary Agency.

## BIG PROFITS ALLOWED

Food Administrator Dealt With in  
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Policy" Declared to Be Cause  
of "Artificial" Sugar Famine.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Government price fixing as a method of preventing profiteering has proved a failure, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, declared today in giving the Senate the conclusions he had drawn from the recent investigations of the coal and sugar shortages.

In the case of coal, Senator Lodge said price fixing had only served to curtail production while the Food Administration's price plan for sugar had kept Western beet sugar from the Eastern states and in the meantime retailers of coal and sugar had profiteered.

Blame for the coal shortage Senator Lodge laid to the Fuel Administration's price-fixing plan, together with railroad difficulties and the closing order he described as a "complete confession of impotence and failure." He denounced the Fuel Administration as an "unnecessary agency," which was "composed largely of amateurs."

**Sugar Famine Largely Artificial.**  
The Senator dealt in a milder manner with the Food Administration and although asserting the fixing of the price of sugar was a "mistaken policy," and the sugar famine largely artificial, he added:

"In justice to Mr. Hoover, he made every effort to get rail distribution and get sugar. I am sure he was thwarted by the railroad situation. I do not know, but I am certain that if he had been efficiently aided, instead of being crossed by other commissions, there could have been no sugar famine in the Eastern states."

Senator Lodge denounced conferring of vast powers upon state fuel administrators.

"So far as I can learn," he said, "the only qualification of these gentlemen is that they should be Democrats."

## Price Reduced Production.

Discussing the procedure of the Fuel Administration, Senator Lodge said: "They fixed a price which made it impossible to work many mines. They frightened the producer and tended to reduce production."

"Not content with this, they also set to work to change the whole system of distribution. No more reckless experiment could have been better calculated to make railroad difficulties almost insuperable. At a single blow they partially paralyzed all the machinery of distribution. Only ignorance of economic laws could be offered as an excuse."

## Railroad Difficulties Added.

"The result of the Fuel Administration's policy was to add to the already existing railroad difficulties by creating chaos in distribution and adding to all this suspense, alarm and uncertainty due to fixing an arbitrary price."

"The system adopted by Mr. Hoover had at least the merit of maintaining production. The system of making a different coal price at each mine was impracticable. Even if they kept prices down, which is purely guess work, they brought a coal famine with this nominal fixed price."

Declaring that he did not believe the railroad problem could have been solved, Senator Lodge continued: "But nothing can be more certain than that the policy of the Fuel Administration, its attempt to substitute a new scheme of distribution, its reckless price fixing, brought on a coal famine in a country which has more coal than any in the world."

## TEUTONIC FRICTION GROWS

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to secure the triumph of Prussian imperialism.

An official note of the 15th had announced that Austria, for her part, would continue to conduct the war as terminated with Russia, and would abstain from taking part in the operations planned by the German command. A second note of the 19th repeated the same statement.

"When asked to give further particulars at the sitting of the Chamber on the 22d, the Austrian Premier formally stated:

"The words uttered by different deputies have proved that the explanations which have been furnished up to the present by me have not been sufficient."

**Roumanian Premier Respected.**  
"I repeat, therefore, that Austria-Hungary will participate in no way in the military action which is now being carried on by Germany against Russia."

"I repeat that there is no question of having our troops penetrate into Ukraine, with whom we are at peace."

"I repeat that an armistice exists between Austria-Hungary and Roumania and that we are considering only entering as early as possible into peace negotiations with this country."

"These declarations are serious. With-

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out a doubt, in his speech on February 19, Seydler pleaded his fidelity to the alliance. But more and more Germany runs the risk of seeing Austria, and, after her, Bulgaria and Turkey, take a positive attitude and, practically withdrawing from the struggle, witnessing as spectators the continuation of hostilities."

## SLAVS THREATEN RESISTANCE

Stirring Call to Arms Follows Refusal to Grant Armistice.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Russian revolution will defend itself against Germany, says an official Russian statement sent out by wireless, and which announces that Germany has refused to grant an armistice. The announcement reads:

"A peace delegation is now on the way to Brest-Litovsk. We expect any moment news that it has arrived at the place appointed for peace negotiations, but there is no armistice. The German government has formally refused an armistice and German detachments continue to advance. We are prepared to sign their peace of surrender. We have already declared this, but there are many indications that the German Imperialists do not desire peace at the present moment, but rather an immediate strangling of the workers' and peasants' revolution."

"Resistance to the German hordes thus becomes the principal task of the revolution—brave, heroic, obstinate and pitiless resistance. Every position, every railway station, every locomotive must be defended. Every possible obstacle must be put in the way of the enemy."

"Our greatest strength is in our wide territories. Enemy detachments, still very small, have occupied Reval and Pskov. Even Petrograd itself, can in no way decide the destiny of the revolution. The people's commissaries can, and if need be must, retreat, must gather its forces and must appeal to the country to use its whole strength for the defense of the revolution. Should the threat to Petrograd increase, the government will remove to Moscow or any other city of Russia."

"If German's plundering raid should advance, the task of the government would be to destroy the possibility of a simultaneous catastrophic decision by the Germans. They are attempting to crush the authority of the councils and are in search of it on the routes leading to Petrograd."

"We will bar these routes by everything we can interpose as obstacles. This, at the moment, is the principal task of the heroic Petrograd proletariat and its revolutionary staff."

"Even if they think they can reach Petrograd by a narrow military promenade, we will prove to them that they will have to disperse themselves all over Russia before they can reach and crush the authority of the councils."

"Will they have adequate forces to carry out such a task if we defend ourselves heroically? No. They never will have forces enough. Such an enterprise inevitably will resolve itself into an adventure and will fail. However deeply they penetrate Russia, then the more surely they will meet about the outbreak of a revolution in Germany. Patience and firmness are necessary."

"The first symptoms of panic created by the German's raid have become bygone events. The cowards are in flight and have made room for the brave, who are rallying themselves in hundreds and thousands for the defense of the Socialist fatherland."

"If peace with the revolution is not the aim of the German Imperialists, they will see that the revolution knows how to defend itself."

## WAR LOAN INTEREST HUGE

German Budget Calls for 2,875,000,000 Marks Increase.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 27.—Count von Roeder, the imperial secretary of the treasury, in the budget debate in the Reichstag said that the additional requirement of 2,875,000,000 marks over 1917 was due mainly to the increase in the interest on war loans. He declared that no funds for war costs were asked in the present budget.

Dealing with the principal items in the budget, Count von Roeder said that the yield from war profits tax, with an additional levy, would exceed 5,000,000,000 marks and that the coal tax produced 70,000,000 a month. He added:

"We hope, in consequence of the votes of recent years, to emerge from the war without uncovered deficits. Fresh taxation proposals will be submitted to the Reichstag by Easter."

"Whether they will represent the first step in extensive financial legislation necessitated by the war or whether there might again be temporary legislation for the duration of the war is still uncertain."

"But in any case our enemies on the west front would not be left in doubt regarding our will and power to stand a final battle on this front too."

"Deposits in German credit banks again have increased during the past year by several billions and savings banks credits, after writing off all war loan subscriptions, have risen 5,000,000."

## PETROGRAD MAY BE EASY PREY

Russian Soldiers Refuse to Fight.

Many Germans in City Now.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—If special dispatches from Petrograd gauge accurately the situation there, the Germans are likely to find little difficulty in occupying the city with trained troops. Russian soldiers frankly refuse to fight and say "We have had enough of fighting. If the Germans come let them take us."

There is a stiffer attitude among the workmen, from whom, if at all, resistance to the Germans must come. Even though for lack of trained troops, resistance should prove of little value, they are said to be enrolling with enthusiasm in response to the call of the Bolshevik leaders.

"All sorts of preparations are in progress," says the correspondent of the Daily Express. "One cannot help thinking, however, that the state of siege in Petrograd will be merely technical, as Germans, with or without uniforms, are already in the capital. A great many Austrians are here, too."

The Germans in Petrograd already have organized to police the city, the correspondent of the Morning Post reports.

## TWO SLAV REGIMENTS TAKEN

Further Progress of German Invasion in Russia Announced.

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press.)—Novo Tcherkassk, capital of the territory of the Don Cossacks, has been captured by the revolutionary troops. This announcement was made officially today.

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## LITHUANIA MAY BE ANNEXED

Prince Frederick Christian, of Saxony, Candidate for King.

ZURICH, Feb. 27.—Negotiations are in progress for the union of Lithuania and Saxony, according to a dispatch from Dresden, with Prince Frederick Christian, second son of the King of Saxony, as King of Lithuania.

The four parliaments indicate that the wishes of the Poles for a renewal of the old union between Poland and Lithuania will not be fulfilled.

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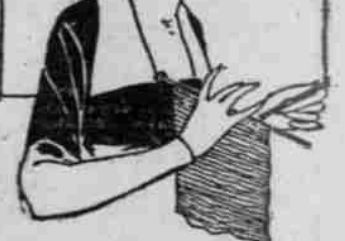
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