

STEEL MILLS MAY BE COMMANDEERED

Government Operation Held Probable if Production Does Not Speed Up.

BIG INTERESTS TO RESIST

All Depends on Whether Joint Committee of War Industries Board and Manufacturers Reach Agreement.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Government operation of the steel mills of the country may be sought if the joint steel committee appointed today representing the War Industries Board and the American Iron and Steel Institute fails to agree on steps to increase production for the Government and the allies' needs and restrict non-war consumption.

Chairman Baruch and his chief aides, J. Leonard Replogle, director of supplies, and Alexander Legge, chairman of the requirements division of the War Industries Board, are understood to be prepared to ask President Wilson to take drastic action the moment they are convinced that this is the only way to get increased steel production.

The steel men understand the situation, although the subject has been considered by officials so delicate that it has not been touched on in the conferences.

Seizure to Be Last Resort. That serious consideration has been given commanding developed today, although it was said such action would be taken only as a last resort to meet an impossible condition.

Despite the cloak of secrecy that has been thrown around the activities of the War Industries Board in handling the steel question, it is known that most members of the board, particularly Mr. Replogle, feel that the steel shortage is real and not merely a matter of fuel and transportation.

They are said to hold that drastic curtailment of all lesser essential industries is imperative.

Any move toward government control will meet with determined opposition from the steel men and even certain officials of the war-making agencies who are anxious to believe to a degree in "business as usual."

Big Interests Will Resist. Big interests, notably the passenger automobile manufacturers, already are preparing to fight further curtailment of their industries which the War Industries Board is known to have planned.

Differences of opinion arose in today's conference as to what the steel needs of the Government will amount to, and also whether or not there is a real shortage.

Mr. Replogle, who is director of the steel supply and an authority on steel production, reiterated his contention that unless immediate steps are taken to protect the steel and pig-iron resources, in a few months America will be seriously hampered in its war preparation.

The steel men took issue with this and insisted that if they were given exact facts as to the war needs, means could be found to meet them.

Survey to Be Made. As the result of their request for detailed information, the joint committee was appointed for the purpose of making a thorough survey of steel and iron resources, war demands, manufacturing facilities, commercial consumption and the extent of drastic industrial curtailment.

The committee was instructed to act promptly.

ARGENTINA IS AT PEACE

GERMANY SATISFIES CLAIMS FOR SINKING OF SHIPS.

Closer Relations With Mexico Told by President Irigoyen in Message to Congress.

BUENOS AIRES, Thursday, May 15.—Argentina is at peace with all nations and has no reason to change her present policy of neutrality, declared President Irigoyen in his annual message at the opening of the 57th Congress session today.

The message referred again to the satisfaction by Germany in the cases of the Argentine vessels Monte Progresso and Porto, after their sinking by German submarines and noted the visit of a Mexican delegation paid to Argentina within the past few months, stating in this regard that the relations between Mexico and Argentina were growing closer daily, with resulting benefits to both nations.

The appointment of a high commissioner to Washington on financial questions was alluded to largely as an attempt to solve the exchange problem.

The fact that Argentina had recognized the new governments of Russia, Finland and Costa Rica was laid before the Congress.

The government, it was stated, will attempt to solve the tonnage problem by transforming obsolete warships into merchantmen as well as by buying "several large vessels," which are generally believed to be German interned steamers.

LANE DRAFT ANNOUNCED

NAMES OF 71 TO BE CALLED SOON GIVEN OUT.

Men Will Be Summoned to Eugene and Will Leave for Fort McDowell May 27.

EUGENE, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Names of 71 Lane County men who will be called in the next draft and who will entrain for Fort McDowell, Cal., Wednesday, May 27, were announced late today as follows.

Charles L. Sigman, Eugene; Leonard Milton Brown, Astoria; Fred John Ullrich, Eugene; Guy T. Applewhite, Eugene; James E. Mansur, Cottage Grove; George T. Nelson, Veneta; Marvin E. Chase, Eugene; Thor A. Johnson, Prescott; Johnnie Peterson, Irving; Alvin Lewis, Crow; Solomon A. Banta, Marcola; Clyde A. Wendell, Astoria; Richard Vanderwall, Albany; Alvin E. Chase, Eugene; Asa A. Rhinevaull, Winberry; Ethel V. Callaway, Eugene; James G. Sutherland, Cottage Grove; Elbert Leiv Bennett, Wendling; Axel Kylio, Wilsonville; Roy G. Glick, Eugene; Joe H. Garman, London; Victor M. Peterson, Glendale; Harold Claggett Kerns, Eugene; John Watson, Eu-

gene; James Christensen, West Lake; John C. Tello, Cottage Grove; Robert Charles Stratton, Wendling; Ernest Anderson, Eugene; Wilson V. Haak, Black Rock; Arthur Anderson, Lake-side; Thomas Franklin Brumbaugh, Letabon; Joseph Dwight Wilson and Antwine L. Redd, Blachley; Elmer A. Lowe, Westlake; Roy Stinson, Wood-ruff, Eugene; Fred C. Watts, Crow; Harry Taylor, Coburg; John Bowman, Notti; Murray Trunnell, Cottage Grove; Walter E. Gunnan, Cottage Grove; Francis M. Snyder, Fall Creek; Fred Buss, Tillamook; Richard W. Beeson, Coburg; Walter Drey, Coburg; Vernon A. Cushman, Cushman; Roy Fremont Maxwell, Eugene; James Loren Freden-berg, Hoquiam, Wash.; Christian John-son, Point Terrace; William F. Blake, Eugene; Asa E. Michael, Oak Ridge; Ralph J. Smith, Veneta; Earl Ellison, Eugene; Emmett P. Innis, Creswell; Ben-jamin F. Chilson, Vida; Stanley A. Thomas, Junction City; Thomas A. Adams, Corvallis; Lester Burton, Sloan, North Bend; Christian M. Miller, Irving; Leon A. Vogel, Marcola; Buewl Weidman, Florence; Vernon H. Haw-worth, Eugene; Durland M. Hawes, Marshfield; Jasper Simons, Eugene; Henry F. Fawver, Junction City; Walter J. Noffinger, Eugene; William Madison Ham, Elmira; Bruce C. Fiegel, Eugene; Clarence Leroy Sut-ton, Eugene; Richard L. Moon, Eugene; Wiley Columbus Ham, Eugene.

FARMER KILLS NEIGHBOR

JOHN WILSON, BREWSTER, WASH., SHOOT'S WALTER ADAMS.

Slayer Says He Shot When Other Man Refused to Stop Beating Cows and Started to Draw Revolver.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—John Wilson, the Brewster pioneer and stockman, who shot and killed his neighbor, Walter Adams, yesterday, will face a jury the second time on the charge of murder. Years ago Wilson was arrested for killing a man by the name of Ives, of Pateros. After having fought a long and bitter case, he was brought in of not guilty. Feeling against Wilson in Brewster and vicinity is running high. Wilson is accused of having an almost unquenchable temper.

The slain man bore a good reputation among his neighbors. There had been trouble between Adams and Wilson. Adams had surrendered to the local authorities, he was taken to Okanogan and placed in the County Jail.

The shooting took place because Adams was beating one of Wilson's cows. Wilson said that he asked Adams to desist, and that Adams started to draw a revolver, whereupon Wilson drew his revolver and shot Adams.

The shooting took place five miles west of Adams. Wilson made the first shot, that Adams was an I. W. W. and he had ordered him off the place. The cow had wandered into Adams' field and Adams had been beating her with a club. Adams is survived by a widow and two children.

The other murder case in which Wilson was involved elicited the sympathy of the stockmen throughout the country and current rumor has it that the stockmen furnished the funds for his defense.

SOCIALIST HEAD HELD

EMIL HERMAN IS ARRESTED ON FEDERAL WARRANT.

Bond Is Held Insufficient and Accused Man Is Remanded to Custody of United States Marshal.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Emil Herman, secretary of the Seattle Socialist party, recently indicted for alleged violation of the sedition act, was rearrested Friday forenoon on a bench warrant issued by United States District Judge Jeremiah Neterer.

Herman's bond when first arrested on a complaint filed by Assistant United States Attorney-General Clarence L. Beames was fixed at \$2000 and was immediately furnished by him. After the Federal grand jury returned an indictment against Herman he was ordered to furnish a new bond, but when Herman presented himself with sureties for examination, Assistant United States Attorney Ben Moore reported to the court that the sureties were unable to qualify for the amount fixed by the court.

Judge Neterer immediately directed that a bench warrant be issued and that Herman be remanded to the custody of United States Marshal John M. Boyle until a new bond with approved sureties is filed by him.

MUTE THIRD TIME BRIDE

Infirmary No Serious Handicap for Tacoma Woman.

TACOMA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Dumb and dumb wives seem to be multiplying in Tacoma. Mrs. Annie Suterlick married her third, Thomas Howard, today. Justice Linnick, who performed the ceremony, had to put the questions to the 56-year-old bride in the sign language, one of her sons acting as interpreter. Howard cannot communicate with his wife in the sign language, but the language of love needs no spoken words.

The bride was born in Lewis County and is of Indian blood. The bridegroom is of the same extraction and gave his age as 41.

"I will make a good wife for me," said Howard. "I can do the talking for both when we are with others, and I will soon get to know her sign language."

KANSAS CITY EDITOR HONORED

WASHINGTON, May 17.—William P. Harvey, of Kansas City, today was appointed one of the two joint field representatives of the National War Labor Board. He was selected by Frank E. Walsh, one of the joint chairmen of the board. Ex-President Taft, the other joint chairman, will select the second field representative. Mr. Harvey is publisher of the American Oil Journal and formerly was managing editor of the Kansas City Post.

FLORIDA POSTOFFICE CLOSED

ASTORIA, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Postmaster Barlow, of Warrenton, has received notice from the department in Washington that the postoffice at Flavel will be officially closed on May 21. There has been no postmaster at Flavel for several weeks and the town's business has been handled temporarily through Warrenton. Beginning June 1 all mail for Flavel will go to the Hammond postoffice.

St. Francis Hotel Clerk Indicted. SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Joseph P. Robinson, a clerk at the St. Francis Hotel here, was indicted today on charge of embezzling \$10,000 entrusted to him to deposit in a bank. Robinson disappeared after leaving the hotel with the money on his way to the bank. At the bank it was alleged he changed the \$10,000, which was in checks and drafts of large denominations, into smaller currency.

SHIPPING TE-UP DESIGNS OF I. W. W.

Attempt Made Last Summer to Defeat War Measures Revealed at Trial.

THREAT SENT TO WILSON

Progress of Operations Shown to Have Been Reported to Haywood by Phillips, Man Detailed for Ugly Job.

CHICAGO, May 17.—To James Phillips, secretary of the marine transport branch of the I. W. W., was assigned the duty of tying up Atlantic and Gulf Coast shipping last Summer unless public opposition to the organization ceased, according to evidence produced today at the trial of 123 leaders of the organization.

Incensed over the lynching of Frank Little in Montana, Phillips called a mass meeting in Boston, August 6, and wired President Wilson through Solidarity, an official organ, that officers on I. W. W. controlled boats "were forced to treat the men with respect."

"One on the I. W. W. blacklisted may as well quit the sea, as cats (sabotage) in these parts are awful wild," he wrote.

Soon after the declaration of war on Germany, Phillips wrote Haywood that "the shipping companies threaten us with government interference, but we are ready to enforce our union laws no matter who interferes."

Before beginning his activities in the East Phillips was assigned in North Dakota and Montana, for some time making his headquarters in Minot, N. D.

Quick Revolution Favored. The membership of the Industrial Workers of the World were advised through the official organ, Solidarity, on July 15, 1917, that by a quick, concerted revolution, the American Government could be overthrown and the workers rise as leaders, according to evidence introduced today.

"In Russia they did not wait for democracy to come to their rescue," said the article written by Joseph Graber, an Eastern organizer, and introduced by Claude H. Porter, Government attorney. "They took matters into their own hands and with quick action overthrew the government."

"The same thing can be done in America through the I. W. W. We, the workers, produce everything necessary to the existence of the entire world, but for the benefit of the few. It is up to the workingman to defend himself and he has power to overthrow the power of the capitalist."

ST. PAUL, May 17.—The state Supreme Court today dismissed proceedings to restrain Secretary of State Schmal from placing on the Republican primary election ballot the name of James A. Peterson, a Minneapolis attorney, as a candidate for the United States Senate.

Candidate Under Sentence. Peterson was recently sentenced to four years at Fort Leavenworth for violation of the espionage act. He has announced his intention of asking for a new trial. He was charged with assisting the Government's military programme in public addresses.

"Peterson is not disqualified under the provisions of the Federal Constitution," the court held.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 17.—Dr. W. C. Langhorst, of Aurora, Ill., arrested here last night under the espionage act, charged with circulating an alleged seditious book, "Reduced Privileged Class Education," which bore his name as author, was held in default of \$5000 bail today when arraigned before United States Commissioner Stephen G. Long.

BILLINGS, Mont., May 17.—Herman Bausch, a well-to-do-naturalized German rancher, in the District Court here today received an indeterminate sentence of from four to eight years in the state penitentiary.

German Victory Desired. Bausch was tried under the new state sedition law on a charge of declaring he cared nothing for the Red, White and Blue, and that he desired Germany to be a victor over France and England. He was arrested shortly after his refusal to subscribe to the third liberty loan.

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill., May 17.—Judge Louis Bernreuter, presiding in



Hats—

- \$4 Pearls
\$5 Greens
\$6 Browns
Olives

Ben Selling Leading Hatter Morrison at Fourth

The Madison County Circuit Court in the trial of 11 men charged with the murder of Robert Paul Prager, today adjourned court until next Monday after the state and defense had accepted four men to act as jurors out of 335 names examined. One other man was tentatively accepted by both sides.

SALT LAKE CITY, May 17.—An attempt to make a dash for liberty from the war prison compound at Fort Douglas was frustrated late Thursday night, when one of the guards fired into a crowd of 40 enemy aliens, it became known today when one of the prisoners, wounded, was taken to the post hospital for treatment.

Prisoners Attack Guard. According to Colonel George Eyrum, prison commandant, the prisoners, armed with rocks, had attacked the guard, who fired twice in the air in an effort to stop the rush. When the prisoners refused to halt the guard

fired into the mob. The prisoners then retreated.

THREE SLAYERS CONVICTED Alleged Draft Evaders Who Killed Officers Will Serve Life Terms.

CLIFTON, Ariz., May 17.—Thomas Powers, John Powers and Thomas Sisson were found guilty by a jury in superior court here today of murder in the first degree for killing three

Graham County officers who attempted to arrest the Powers brothers on February 19, as alleged draft evaders.

Under the state law, the verdict carries a sentence of life imprisonment, capital punishment having been abolished in Arizona.

Indians in Draft. YAKIMA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—The Yakima draft board has sent questionnaires to 14 Yakima Indians who have been included in the second draft.

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GOOD CLOTHES FOR BOYS Norfolk Suits \$6.50 to \$20. Children's Wash Suits \$1.50 to \$7.50. Ben Selling Leading Clothier Morrison Street at Fourth.

Why America's Army Will Decide the Battle in France. That America must furnish the reserves to win the final battle is a truth recognized not only in allied countries but in Germany also.

Irish Conscription As the British Press Sees It. All Phases of the Vexing Problem Shown in This Comprehensive Article. An Unlimited Army for Victory. A Nation of Bond-holders. U-Boat Delusions.

National Crisis Brings Motor-Trucks to the Fore. The story of how the motor-truck is solving the problems of freight congestion, of increasing farm production and conservation of farm labor.

The Literary Digest. May 18th Number on Sale To-day—All News-dealers—10 Cents. FUNK & WAGNALLS COMPANY (Publishers of the Famous NEW Standard Dictionary), NEW YORK.