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Officials May Admit Excess
Aliens in June.

BAD PRECEDENT FEARED

Commissioner Declares Steamer
Companies May Defy Law if
Present Rule Succeeds.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—Both house immigration committee members and officials of the labor department worked today to straighten out the first difficulty under percentage law resulting from immigrants numbering about 8000 arriving at various ports in excess of the quotas fixed for June.

Confidence between Secretary Davis and the attorney-general confirmed the opinion previously held by Assistant Secretary of Labor Hanning that the secretary of labor has authority to admit the excess immigrants under bond and charge them against the quota for the fiscal year. This, however, officials said, is a precedent the department desires to set only as a last expedient.

Resolution is to be changed.
The resolution introduced in congress by Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee proposing to admit the immigrants to be charged against the quota for the fiscal year, was discussed today by the house immigration committee, but no conclusion was reached as to whether its passage was advisable. The Italian embassy made a protest in behalf of the immigrants, asking the labor department that they be admitted.

Pestilence is feared.
Fear was expressed today by Commissioner-General of Immigration Hanning that should the excess immigrants be admitted, it might result in ship companies continuing to disregard the quotas as they are fixed by bringing in more immigrants than the law authorizes. The "human element" in the situation was given by Secretary Davis as his reason for attempting to relieve the situation instead of compelling the ship companies to take back the excess immigrants as the law provides. Holding them on board vessels for this length of time might result in pestilence breaking out, he said.

SLOW TRADE FORECAST

BUSINESS PICK-UP IN FALL IS
DECLARED POSSIBLE.

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Report
Says America's Prosperity
Depends on Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—Immediate return to prosperity is in sight, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the committee on statistics of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, declared in his semi-annual report today on business and crop conditions. There need be no delusion about a resumption of wartime volume of business, Mr. Douglass said, adding that things will be quiet during the summer, the termination of harvest may bring somewhat better business and a slow and gradual improvement in evidence, showing that purchasing power is still high, despite many untoward conditions.

WIDOW CLEARS UP MURDER

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the cap" under arrest. They are searching for him. Immediately after word of Mrs. Kaber's confession was telegraphed to Cleveland, the spiritualistic midwife was arrested.

"The woman of arsenic" had already been arrested.
Mrs. Kaber and her daughter were taken from police headquarters to the West Thirtieth-street station about 3:30 o'clock this morning, after making their statements. They were placed on the 9:45 A. M. train for Cleveland at Grand Central terminal in the custody of Chief Christensen.

They had been released from the Tombs on extradition papers yesterday afternoon, but had been taken to police headquarters for examination by the New York homicide experts. Counsel was not present at the examination. When the district attorney's office asked the women Thursday if they had received advice of counsel, they replied their lawyer in Cleveland had told them not to resist extradition.

DAUGHTER CONFIRMS STORY

Two Foreigners Did Killing, Declares Mrs. Kaber.

CLEVELAND, June 10.—Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber has confessed that her husband, Dan F. Kaber, was murdered with her knowledge in their Lakewood home two years ago, and Marian McArdie, Mrs. Kaber's daughter,

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THREE GENERATIONS IN JAIL

Mother, Daughter, Granddaughter
Facing Charge of Murder.

CLEVELAND, June 10.—With the arrival from New York late tonight of Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, widow of Daniel B. Kaber, wealthy Lakewood citizen and her daughter, Miss Marian McArdie, three generations were in the county jail here facing trial for the first degree murder of Mrs. Kaber's husband, Dan F. Kaber, who has been in jail several days in default of \$5000 bail.

In addition to the other women and a man, incarcerated by Mrs. Kaber in a confession in New York early in the year, were in custody, while the police sought two other men in connection with the crime.

STANFIELD MAKES DEBUT

MAIDEN SPEECH IN SENATE
DENOUNCES NORRIS BILL.

Packing Measure Held to Tend
Strongly Toward Nationaliza-
tion of Industries.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—Senator Stanfield delivered his maiden speech in the senate today, denouncing the Norris bill to regulate the packing industry as socialistic. He said that he would be glad to support the bill as it passed the house, but declared that the senate substitute "tends strongly to nationalization of industries."

He said:
"I am opposed to this legislation as a principle. It is socialistic and tends strongly to nationalization of industries. Most unfortunately the proponents of this legislation have taken that I believe to be our greatest and most perfect of all essential industries for their experiment. The general public seems inclined to support the bill, but I believe that the packers are owned by hundreds of thousands of stockholders who have aggregated their capital for the upbuilding of their great industrial organizations and they have in turn perfected the best system in the world of supplying our principal food-meats products—under this individual control and ownership."
"Development of efficiency and economy is characteristic of individual ownership and control, whereas the government ownership and government control of industries has in most instances proved quite the opposite. The price of government ownership and unnecessary interference in order and well organized business is inefficiency, while it has been demonstrated, as in the case of the packer, the greatest industrial organization and the greatest economic efficiency is developed under private ownership and personal direction."

MINERAL BILL HELD UP

War Relief Measure in Senate Goes
Over Until Today.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—On objection from Senator Jones of Washington, a bill to relieve war mineral claimants went over in the senate today. The bill was designed to aid those who produced minerals especially needed during the war, but accepted newspaper advertisements and placards as sufficient authority for their undertakings.

When the war was over and the time came to settle, the attorney-general refused to aid those who had a specific request from the war department were entitled to receive compensation.

Oregon was second among the states in the number of such claimants because of the rich deposits of chrome in southern Oregon and in the John Day country.

IMPORTANT.

Earlier Leaving Time Pendleton
Local.

Effective Sunday, June 13, Pendleton local train No. 2 will leave Portland Union station at 7:15 A. M.—Adv.

Coal Bids, All Alike, Rejected.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 10.—(Special.)—The county commissioners yesterday rejected all bids for coal. The bids were all for \$15 a ton. Commissioners said they could buy coal independently for \$11 a ton.

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Western Lines Concur.

"They also propose to establish, effective September 1, a rate of \$1.50 a hundred pounds on apples, with storage in transit privilege, from Pacific coast terminals and intermediate points to destinations east of Chicago and the Mississippi river."

"It is understood that all the western lines have agreed to these reductions and that eastern line representatives will meet in New York to take action with respect to their concurrence in these reduced rates."

"The present rate on vegetables and melons is \$2.08 to New York and \$1.52 to Pittsburgh on apples. The rate from the Pacific coast to both Pittsburgh and New York is \$1.65."

This announcement came just after representatives of some of the Pacific fruit and vegetable growers gave out a statement quoting C. S. Whitcomb, president of the Pacific Producers' association, and vice-president of the California Fruit Growers' exchange, as saying:

"We plan to ship about 10 per cent of the domestic production of fruit and vegetables from the Pacific coast and the northwest through the Panama canal as a permanent proposition. The shippers of heavy commodities from the Pacific coast desire to have refrigeration placed in sufficient ships to handle this freight. Large quantities of perishables for export will also be handled in this manner."

Plan Favorably Received.

"The plan has been received with favor by shipping companies with which I have been in communication. The Pacific Producers' association intends to extend this service to all Atlantic ports where the business grows of the entire coast section and will justify its establishment. Extension of this service to handle as much as 25 per cent of the heavy tonnage commodities is planned."

"The Pacific Producers' association represents farm interests of a total investment of \$300,000,000, covering the deciduous fruit and vegetable growers of the entire coast section and with plans to include the fishing interests of the northwest."

It is understood that the concessions offered by the railroads as announced by Commissioner Alchese will remove much of the handicap experienced by northwest fruit growers last season in moving their apple crop. The Mr. Ford mentioned by Commissioner Alchese as attending the conference with the railroads is a former member of the commission, who has been holding rate hearings on the Pacific coast.

VETERANS WANT BRIDES

Bonus Provides for Home and Now
Soldiers Ask for Wives.

BEND, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—Following the success of the soldiers' bonus bill at the special election two ex-service men of this city, planning to start home building, have asked Mrs. V. A. Forbes, home service secretary of the Red Cross, to aid them in finding life mates. Mrs. Forbes reports that she has not made public the names of the matrimonially inclined men, but is making a careful search for brides to fill the unusual need.

HERO MEDAL PROPOSED

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30 Cents Average Price Paid
for Food Supply.

SPECULATORS LOSE CASH

Chicago Dealers in Futures Are
Caught by Slump When Hens
Begin Raid on Market.

NEW YORK, June 10.—(Special.)—Consider the eggs of the nest. They tell not, neither do they spin, and yet they play an important part in the American breakfast, and they are worth millions to the farmers whose hens produce them. Individually the egg is unimportant under ordinary circumstances, but collectively eggs mean new dresses for thousands of farmers' wives and daughters and luxuries and such luxuries to speculators who deal in them and guess correctly on the future movement of the market.

According to the figures compiled daily by the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture, more eggs are in storage now than ever before at this time of the year. The hens began laying early in the season when eggs are stored for use the next winter begins about May 1. This year it began about April 1 and was at its height by April 15. According to the bureau of markets figures, there were 2,382,591 cases of eggs in storage in the four big cities, distributed as follows: New York, 590,217 cases; Chicago, 907,320; Boston, 230,498; Philadelphia, 204,556. A year ago the four cities had 1,123,459 cases in storage.

Sterilized Eggs Good.
As each case contains 360 eggs, it means that already close to a billion eggs are under refrigeration for use next fall and winter, when the hens are taking a vacation. If the eggs are in good condition when they are placed in the coolers—and they usually are—they come out the next fall entirely edible, and only an expert could discern that they were not fresh. The eggs are kept in the coolers, not by his palate, for the taste of an egg kept at a temperature of about 28 degrees—the temperature in which eggs are stored—does not change.

In recent years many eggs that go into storage have been "sterilized"—that is, dipped in a fastidious solution only composed at a temperature of about 220 degrees, which hermetically seals the pores in the shell. This treatment will make the eggs keep without any shrinking of the volume of the contents, and will prevent the white from becoming thin and watery.

Sterilized eggs that have been in storage have been sold in New York at Christmas time as "strictly fresh," and the buyers never knew the difference. Of course, the retailer knew; he could figure in his profits.

Hens Live on Scraps.
A large percentage of the eggs that reach the big city markets come from farms where only a few hens are kept. These home flocks, which live on scraps and what they pick up, yield a profit, because they are no expense. Pampered hens that live in fine houses and eat "boughten" food do not always show a profit. Indeed, they often show a loss, and agricultural papers are filled with advertisements of hen ranches for sale.

Farmers gather the eggs as they feel like it. The eggs are taken in a basket to a store and traded for sugar or coffee, or are sold to egg men who ride around in buggies or autos and buy them. The grower who buys them keeps them until he has enough for shipment, and then he sends them to a larger town, where the eggs are bunched with others until there is a carload—usually 400 cases—which is started to the city market. From the time the egg is laid on a farm in Iowa, Ohio or Texas, until it reaches New York, it is a matter of three or four weeks. This is not important when the weather is cool, but it is important in July and August, because of that, few eggs that reach the markets in those months are stored.

Future Market Problem.
What will these billion eggs now in storage sell for at retail next winter? No one knows, any more than the dealers knew two months ago what they would pay for the eggs that they stored. They can only guess. If they guess right they make money; if they guess wrong they lose. Some have already guessed wrong. Chicago buys and sells eggs on "futures," just as wheat is sold. In January options were sold on April eggs, storage packed, at 40 cents a dozen. That was the opening. A few days later the price had advanced to 44 cents, and that was what the wise egg man in Chicago believed to be the right price.

Hens Break Market.
But hens began laying. There were more hens than anyone had suspected, and they laid more eggs than anyone had calculated. Soon April eggs were selling at 35 cents in Chicago, which meant a loss of from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a case, or \$600 to \$1000 a car. The price continued to drop, but hesitated for a time to enable the "longer" to take their losses and unload on others. They finally sold in Chicago around 25 cents and most of them that actually went into storage cost less than 20 cents.

A year ago the eggs went into storage around 44 cents. Two years ago the price was 33 to 34 cents, and in April, 1914, before Kaiser Bill set out to lose his job, eggs went into storage at 18 and 19 cents.

With eggs going into storage at 25 cents they will cost, when storage, insurance and interest are figured, about 35 cents in the fall and early winter. Anything above that price is profit for the storer. He can get a profit of \$1 or \$2 a case, the retailer can get a fair profit, and these storage eggs can retail at less than 45 cents a dozen next November. If they sell for much less than that someone is losing money and if they

Building Active in Salem.
SALEM, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—Ninety-eight building permits, aggregating expenditures of \$129,632, were issued in Salem in the first five months of the present year, according to a report issued today. Local mill owners said the figures represented 25 per cent of their finished lumber now is being used in the construction of homes in this vicinity.

Strawberries Forced Down.
SALEM, Or., June 10.—(Special.)—Additional strawberries confronted strawberry growers here today when a number of large producers were compelled to accept prices as low as 2 and 3 cents a pound for their product because of a shortage of containers. These low prices were made for bulk offerings.

Weeks Calls for Reports.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—Chiefs of war department branches and the commanding generals of corps areas and independent stations were ordered by Secretary Weeks today to start home building, have asked properties under their supervision to be imperatively necessary to the war department after June 30.

Ryan's Jury Disagrees.
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