

WHEAT AT \$2.05 PORTLAND PRICE

Schedule May Cause Hoover to Quit.

CHICAGO PARITY DEMANDED

1918 Figures Repudiation of Assurance Recently Given to Delegation.

PRESIDENT'S ACT AMAZES

Federal Food Administrator Makes Promise That Justice Will Be Done.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 23.—Two dollars and five cents per bushel is to be the Portland and Seattle wheat price for the 1918 harvest, the same as last year's price, under a general proclamation issued by the President today. The same proclamation fixes the Chicago price at \$2.20 and the New York price at \$2.28.

In addition, new primary markets have been established at Spokane, Pocatello, Salt Lake and Great Falls, Mont., at each of which places the price is to be \$2 flat.

Storm Centers Develop.

Following the general proclamation of the President today fixing the prices that are to prevail for the 1918 crop of wheat in the United States, two formidable storm centers developed.

One of these is purely economic and directly concerns the Pacific Northwest, which has been unfairly treated in the establishing of a price of \$2.05 a bushel at Portland.

Mr. Hoover May Resign.

The other disturbance is political and may eventually result in the resignation of Mr. Hoover as Food Administrator.

It has been apparent for the last day or two that the relations between Mr. Hoover on one hand and Secretary McAdoo and Chairman Hurley on the other have become strained.

Mr. Hoover today declared, in the face of President Wilson's proclamation to the contrary, that Portland should be placed on a parity with Chicago in the matter of price for wheat.

Action Forces Crisis.

It is believed that this action of the Food Administrator will serve to force a crisis in the differences existing between him and the heads of the National transportation system, which can apparently have but one result, that of forcing the retirement of one who has antagonized Mr. McAdoo.

Northwest Schedule Disappoints.

This schedule of Northwest wheat prices is not at all in conformity with assurances given last week to a delegation of Northwestern wheat growers or to the Congressional delegation.

SEAMEN'S BRAVERY WINS DISTINCTION

TEDFORD H. CANN REWARDED FOR SAVING U. S. SHIP.

Ora Graves Honored for Heroic Action on Cruise Pittsburgh Following Explosion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Details of the acts of bravery for which Seaman Tedford H. Cann, naval reserve force, and Seaman Ora Graves, United States Navy, have been awarded the Navy's much-prized medal of honor and gratuities of \$100 each, were made public tonight by Secretary Daniels in a general order to the service.

Cann, who is a well-known New York athlete, 500-yard swimming champion of America, and son of the physical director of New York University, is the first reservist ever to win the medal. When the U. S. S. May almost was swamped by a leak last November, Cann volunteered to enter the bilge flooded with eight feet of water, located the opening in a pipe connection to the sea, returned to the hatch for pieces of cork and, going back into the bilge water, stopped the leak, saving the ship.

Graves remained in a casement of the cruiser Pittsburgh in South American waters last July to remove powder and burning waste after the explosion of a three-inch saluting charge mixed with empty shells had killed one shipmate, seriously wounded another and had for a time stunned Graves. Besides the powder there were a number of saluting shells threatened by the fire that followed the explosion.

Graves enlisted at San Francisco, and his mother lives at Maxwell, N. M.

INDIAN FIGHTER PENSIONED

Relief Is Granted to Captain O. C. Applegate, Veteran of Modoc War.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 23.—Through the efforts of Representative Hawley, Captain O. C. Applegate, of Klamath Falls, Or., has been granted a pension of \$20 per month from March 4, 1917. Captain Applegate commanded Company B of the First Brigade of Oregon Mounted Militia and participated in the severe fighting with the Modoc Indians in Southern Oregon after the massacre of General Canby and others.

In recent years he has been indefatigable in urging relief for the men who participated in the fighting against the Indians since 1850 and finally forced their surrender.

Captain Applegate supplied Representative Hawley with many arguments and incidents of this warfare that eventually secured the passage of the act of March 4, 1917, under which the veterans of the Modoc War against the Indians since 1850 are being granted relief.

RUSSIAN POLE IS SHOT

Peter Tatilowski, Said to Be Pro- German, Wounded at Necanicum.

SEASIDE, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Peter Tatilowski, a Russian Pole, alleged to be pro-German, received a number of gunshot wounds as the result of an attack on L. Horceny at Necanicum yesterday.

Mr. Horceny was on his way home when accosted by the Pole, who started an argument. Enraged, Tatilowski beat Horceny over the head, severely wounding him, and received a shotgun charge in the arm and shoulder in reply.

Both men are being held by Marshal McCauley for investigation.

RABIES FEARED AT UNION

Mad Dog Goes on Rampage and Se- rious Results Are Expected.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—An epidemic of rabies at Union, following the rampage of a mad dog, was reported today to State Veterinarian Lytle by Dr. A. G. Paddock, of that city. He said the stricken dog bit half the dogs in Union, compelling large numbers of them to be killed, and also attacked a man and some cattle.

The dog was killed, but developments are feared from the other animals.

M'ADOO THROWS BLAME ON HOOVER

Railroad and Food Men Lock Horns.

GRAIN IS DECLARED MOVING

Transportation System Is Vig- orously Defended.

SPECIFIC CASES DEMANDED

Director of Railroads Says Mr. Hoover Deals in Generalizations and Does Not Give Specific Information Called For.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Prompt adjustment of railroad transportation to the country's food needs as Food Administrator Hoover may demonstrate them, was promised today by Director-General McAdoo, who reiterated his statement of yesterday that practically all food offered for movement by farmers and food dealers is being transported.

Railroad administration officials pointed to the report that virtually no ships in New York harbor were held up by lack of food cargoes as proof that the movement of foodstuffs is satisfactory. Some ships are detained at South Atlantic and Gulf ports, they said, because grain merchants of the West are not loading cars as rapidly as had been expected.

Reports to the Food Administration told of shortage of cars, however, particularly for the transportation of grain products Eastward from Western primary markets. The Railroad Administration explained that if this condition exists it must be caused by the failure of shippers or the Food Administration to make specific requests for cars.

Food Shortage Less Emphasized.

The danger of a serious food shortage in the East was emphasized less today by the Food Administrator. Replying to a letter from Mr. McAdoo promising to provide for every food shipment to which his attention was called by the Food Administration, Mr. Hoover said:

"I am certain that this assurance from you will greatly quiet the growing apprehension in the country of the last few weeks."

Mr. McAdoo replied to this letter by saying that Mr. Hoover had failed to point to specific cases of the failure of railroads to move food shipments, and repeated his request of yesterday.

Both officials explained that their relations were entirely friendly and that their efforts to clarify the food and transportation situation did not represent a controversy either a fact or in spirit. Mr. McAdoo said he was only trying to help Mr. Hoover and to do the best possible for the country, and that his only antagonism was for the Kaiser.

Hoover Faces Future.

Mr. Hoover, after giving out a copy of his letter to the director-general, offered this comment:

"I have nothing more to say. My face is toward the future and not toward the past."

Subordinate officials of the food and railroad administrations, however, did not display the same degree of friendliness.

Congestion on Eastern lines was only slightly improved today over yesterday.

Mr. Hoover's letter to Mr. McAdoo on the food movement was as follows:

"I am grateful for your note of the 22d, and I wish to express the great relief of myself and my colleagues at the Food Administration."

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KELSO, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Captain W. H. Davolt, of the Kalama Home Guard, and about 20 members of the organization came to Kelso this week to attend the show, "Who Leads the National Army" pictures of training camp scenes, and gave a drill on the street in front of the theater preceding the show. The Kalama Guard has assumed the duty of guarding the Kalama Lumber & Shingle Company mill at that place.

GERMANY OFFERS PEACE TO RUSSIA

Frontier Lines to Be Readjusted.

WARSHIPS MUST BE INTERNED

Guarantee of Favored Nation Treatment Demanded.

ANTI-HUN AGITATION TO END

Forty-eight Hours Specified as Time Limit for Acceptance—Ratifi- cation to Take Place in Two Weeks.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A Russian wireless government statement received here tonight says:

"Germany will renew the peace negotiations and will conclude peace on the following conditions:

"Both to declare the war ended.
"All regions west of the line indicated at Brest Litovsk to the Russian delegation, which formerly belonged to Russia, to be no longer under the territorial protection of Russia.
"In the region of Dvinsk this line must be advanced to the eastern frontier of Courland.
"Intervention Must Cease.
"The former attachment of these regions to the Russian state must in no case involve for them obligations toward Russia. Russia renounces every claim to intervene in the internal affairs of those regions.
"Germany and Austria-Hungary have the intention to define further the fate of these regions in agreement with their populations.
"Germany is ready, after the completion of Russian demobilization, to evacuate the regions which are east of the above line. So far, as it is not stated otherwise, Livonia and Estonia must immediately be cleared of Russian troops and Red Guards.
"Livonia and Estonia will be occupied by German police until the date when the constitution of the respective countries shall guarantee their social security and political order. All inhabitants who were arrested for political reasons must be released immediately.
"Peace With Ukraine Demanded.
"Russia will conclude peace with the Ukrainian people's republic. Ukraine and Finland will be immediately evacuated by Russian troops and Red Guards.
"Russia will do all in its power to secure for Turkey the orderly return of its Anatolian frontiers. Russia recognizes the annulment of the Turkish capitulation.
"The complete demobilization of the Russian army, inclusive of the detachments newly formed by the present government, must be carried out immediately.
"Russian warships in the Black Sea, the Baltic and the Arctic Ocean must immediately either be sent to Russian harbors and kept there until the conclusion of peace or be disarmed. Warships of the entente which are in the sphere of Russian authority must be regarded as Russian ships.
"Arctic to Stay Blockaded.
"Merchant navigation of the Black Sea, and Baltic Sea must be renewed, as stated in the armistice treaty. The clearing away of mines is to begin immediately.
"The blockade of the Arctic Ocean is to remain in force until the conclusion of a general peace.
"The Russo-German commercial treaty of 1914 must be enforced again. In addition there must be guarantee for the free export, without tariff, of...

CHICAGO AVIATOR WINGS HUN PLANE

BIG 2-SEATED MACHINE SHOT DOWN OVER ENEMY LINES.

Total of 135 American Airplanes Fly 882 Hours in Day—Five U. S. Flyers Are Killed.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Vernon Booth, of Chicago, of the Lafayette Flying Corps, brought down a German airplane in a fight several miles inside the German lines.

Booth was on patrol duty when he sighted his adversary in a two-seated machine and attacked him at a height of a mile. Several rounds were exchanged and soon the Germans began to descend. Booth followed the hostile airplane down until it dropped into a forest just inside the German line.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 23.—All previous records for a total number of flying hours were broken at Kelly Field when a mark of 882 was attained Friday. This was obtained with 135 airplanes and an average of eight hours each. This is the highest record made by any school in the country. Altitude records were broken during the week at Kelly Field when Major H. B. S. Burwell, officer in charge of flying, went up 18,000 feet.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Edward J. Loughran, of New York, flying on the French front in a French quadrigle, was killed 10 days ago in an aerial combat.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 23.—American Cadet Franklin Fairchild was killed today when his airplane fell near Everman Field. Fairchild came here from Pelham, N. Y., February 1. He was the son of a New York Representative in Congress.

Horace Higginbotham, former all-American football star from Yale, and a cadet aviator at Hicks Field, near here, was killed this afternoon when the airplane in which he was flying fell 1000 feet. Ensign Frank Lynch, also of the Naval Flying Corps, who was piloting the plane, was probably fatally injured in the crash.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 23.—Civilian Flying Instructor Guy H. Beagel, of Chicago, and Cadets Robert Gray, Jr., of Long Island, N. Y., and James H. Webb, Rome, Ga., were killed at Park Field, near Memphis, today when the airplanes in which the men were flying collided and fell about 500 feet.

DRIED POTATOES ORDERED

Salem Company Gets Contract for 600 Tons of Dehydrated.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The Salem Kings Products Company today received telegraphic advices that the Government has awarded it a contract to furnish 600 tons of dehydrated potatoes for the Army. This represents 6,000,000 pounds of potatoes in their original state.

Just how much this contract amounts to in money was not given out, but all told the company expects to receive about \$250,000 worth of contracts for dehydrated products, including potatoes, carrots, onions and other vegetables.

SENATOR STILL IMPROVING

Mr. Chamberlain Reported Making Good Progress Toward Recovery.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Senator Chamberlain's condition continues to improve, following his recent operation for appendicitis. He is regarded now as well on the way toward recovery.

The Senator was reported today as able to take light nourishment.

ABERDEEN DRAWS CHECK

Y. W. C. A. Receives \$825 of New War Chest Fund.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The first check drawn upon Aberdeen's new war chest fund was issued today to the Y. W. C. A. for \$825. Hereafter all drive levies assessed to the city will be paid out of this war chest fund, subscriptions to which amount to about \$6000 a month now.

KAISER'S DREAM WORLD EMPIRE

Gerard Paints Picture of German Monarch.

EUROPE'S RUIN IS PLANNED

"Others Failed, but My Mailed Fist Will Succeed," Is Ruler's Proud Boast.

WOE BROUGHT ON WORLD

Ambition of Triumphant Entry Into Fallen Cities Great Obsession of William II.

Mr. Gerard's second book, written since his departure from Berlin upon the severing of diplomatic relations with imperial Germany, has been secured by The Oregonian for exclusive newspaper publication in Oregon. It will appear simultaneously in its daily installments in this and other newspapers licensed by the Public Ledger. Any infringement of the Public Ledger's copyright will be prosecuted.

BY JAMES W. GERARD.
American Ambassador at the German Imperial Court, July 23, 1913, to February 4, 1917. Author of "My Four Years in Germany." Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Company.

To the American mind the Kaiser is the personification of Germany. He is the arch-enemy upon whom the world places the responsibility for this most terrible of all wars. I have sat face to face with him in the palace at Berlin where, as the personal representative and envoy of the President of the United States, I had the honor of expressing the viewpoint of a great nation. I have seen him in the field as the commanding general of mighty forces, but I also have seen him in the neutral countries through which I passed on my return home and in my own beloved land—in the evidence of intrigue and plotting which this militaristic monarch has begotten and which is today "the Thing," as President Wilson calls it, which has brought the American people face to face with kaiserism in the greatest conflict of all history.

What manner of man is he? What is his character? How much was he responsible for what has happened? How much his general staff? What of the Crown Prince and what of the neutral peoples and their rulers whom Germany has intimidated and would fain subjugate if it suited her purpose? These are the questions "I shall attempt to answer out of my experiences in Germany and my contacts with the rulers of other countries in my journeys to and from Berlin and Washington.

Incident Hitherto Unpublished.
To illustrate the craft of the Kaiser, I believe I can perform no better service to Americans than to reveal

IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS CARTOONIST REYNOLDS FOUND MATERIAL WHEREON TO BASE THE SKETCHES BELOW.

