U. S. MAY HAVE TO EAT LESS WHEAT

Food Authorities Contemplate Further Restrictions on Consumption in U. S.

VISIBLE SUPPLIES SHORT

Allies Have Been Promised 90,000,000 Bushels of Grain Between January 1 and July 1, and They Will Receive It All.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—While the food administration was making plans today to meet the critical wheat shortage by a further reduction in consumption, the Senate again took up and debated legislation to increase production by raising the price on the 1918 crop.

The food administration was stirred to action by reports from the Department of Agriculture showing that the supply of wheat on farm and in country elevators is far less than it was a year ago.

The Senate considered a bill by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, to fix the price at $2.50, or 39 cents a bushel more than set in a recent proclamation by President Wilson. In the House today also a bill was introduced by Representative Morgan, of Oklahoma, to appropriate $200,000,000 to compensate producers for the losses they sustained when the Government established its 1917 prices at a figure lower than the then market price.

Senator Williams, of Mississippi, Democrat, opposed price-fixing legislation, declaring farmers should be allowed a free market for their products.

Flour Stocks Below Normal.

The seriousness of the situation was shown today by a frank admission at the food administration that existing flour stocks are only 39 per cent of the normal quantity needed until July 1.

Food Administration officials thought the department's estimate of 180,000,000 bushels of wheat in elevators and on farms March 1 was optimistic and said their best information was that 125,000,000 bushels was the greatest amount that could be expected.

The allies have been promised 90,000,000 bushels of grain between January 1 and July 1. There is no intention of failing to carry out this programme which is regarded as the most important duty now confronting the American people.

Owing to shortage of transportation, the greater part of the export programme remains to be carried out and the wheat must be obtained from the scant supply in this country by curtailment of individual consumption.

Wheat Holdings Smaller.

Wheat holdings at country mills and elevators on March 1 were estimated today by the Department of Agriculture at 48,972,000 bushels. That is about 20,000,000 bushels less than was held March 1 last year and 56,000,000 bushels less than in 1916.

Statistics of holdings by country mills and elevators by states show that in Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Washington and Oklahoma the supplies are much lower than last year.

State.	1918.	1917.
Pennsylvania	3,183,000	4,189,000
Ohio	3,703,000	2,202,000
Indiana	3,317,000	1,944,000
Illinois	2,128,000	1,316,000
Michigan	1,217,000	1,204,000
Minnesota	6,936,000	4,226,000
Missouri	2,479,000	1,600,000
North Dakota	6,180,000	3,112,000
South Dakota	5,207,000	2,482,000
Nebraska	826,000	3,812,000
Kansas	3,297,000	6,510,000
Oklahoma	1,670,000	2,002,000
Montana	2,471,000	6,014,000
Washington	3,814,000	10,161,000

New Methods Considered.

The decline in grain stocks presents one of the most serious problems facing the Food Administration, which is considering new methods of conservation to protect this country and the allies against an actual wheat famine.

Whatever is done to save the situation will have to be done by the public, in the opinion of officials, as the saving will have to come out of American allowances. The allies are using as little wheat as is consistent with health.

Hoarding is the danger most feared by Food Administration experts, who believe the available supply will tide over the shortage if wisely distributed. Heavy individual purchases in the past have upset supply arrangements.

PRICE-FIXING POWER LACKING

Chamberlain Notified in Regard to Wheat Substitutes.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 16.—The Food Administration today advised Senator Chamberlain that it is without authority to fix prices on wheat substitutes.

The Senator laid the matter before Mr. Hoover on advice of J. R. Chapman, of Salem, who stated that speculative holding on the various substitutes had forced up the price unjustifiably.

WHEAT ALLOWED TO WASTE

Louis Fellwock, Wealthy Farmer, Held to Grand Jury.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 16.—Louis Fellwock, wealthy Gage County farmer, charged with permitting large quantities of wheat to go to ruin on his farms, was bound over to the Federal grand jury late today by United States Commissioner Whitmore under a section of the National food control law.

WEST IS ELIMINATED

BEN W. OLCOTT BARES POLICY IF ELECTED GOVERNOR.

Candidate Says He Would Not Appoint Former Governor U. S. Senator in Event Office Is Vacated.

SALEM, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—If Ben W. Olcott is elected Governor, he will not appoint Oswald West to the United States Senate, should a combination of circumstances arise which would make it his duty to name a United States Senator. He also gives assurance that he would make such choice from among the members of the Republican party.

These statements are contained in a letter addressed to Elbert Bede, editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel, in response to a personal query from Mr. Bede. Mr. Bede, who is a candidate for State Senator from Lane County, also is an avowed supporter of Gus Moser for Governor, in return for favors extended to him by Mr. Moser during the last session of the Legislature.

Bede wrote to Secretary Olcott asking him point blank if he would be willing to say that he would not appoint Mr. West to the United States Senatorship, in event a contingency should arise requiring appointment of a Senator.

Mr. Olcott's reply to Mr. Bede's letter follows:

"I will say, should I be elected Governor, all appointments will be made on the basis of merit and efficiency.

"Should a vacancy occur in the office of United States Senator, while I am Governor, the people of Oregon may depend upon me to use the greatest care in making a selection to fill the place. I would expect to choose a man of patriotic purpose, of broad, forward-looking vision, of wide practical experience which would fit him to give the state and the Nation the best possible service. In such stressful times as these I would make certain that my appointee would truly represent the people of Oregon by giving unqualified support to the successful conduct of the war.

"As to Mr. West, in justice to him and to myself, will say I am sure he would not accept the appointment at my hands, even if it were tendered him. So it is unnecessary to give further consideration to that feature of the question. I would consider it my duty to the party which elected me to make my choice from among the members of the Republican party."

Reports have been heard frequently to the effect that a plan was incubating whereby, in event Olcott were elected Governor, Senator Chamberlain would resign as Senator to accept a Federal judgeship or a Cabinet position and that Olcott would appoint ex-Governor West to succeed Senator Chamberlain. Statements contained in Mr. Olcott's letter of today indicate that the stories in question are erroneous.

SCHOOL TEACHER FIGHTS

SERIOUS CHARGE PREFERRED AGAINST SUPERINTENDENT.

Director of Portland School Board Involved in Evidence Given by Miss Teulah Russell.

SALEM, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—In the course of a hearing today on a complaint filed with the State Superintent by County School Superintendent Alderson asking for the revocation of the certificate of Miss Teulah Russell, teacher of Fir School on the Fairview road in Multnomah County, Miss Russell charged that when she asked Mr. Alderson to assist her in securing a position in the Portland schools he had made suggestions of improper relations with a certain director as a means of obtaining such position. Miss Russell asserts that Superintendent Alderson then offered her the use of his telephone with which to make a date with the director.

Superintendent Alderson made a vigorous denial, stating that when Miss Russell came to him he informed her that he had no influence to exert and advised her to go direct to the Portland School Board. He had offered her the use of his telephone for the purpose of calling up one of the directors and making an appointment for an interview.

In reply to a question Miss Russell said she had made no protest at the time nor complaint later.

The charge made against Miss Russell is gross neglect of duty, in failure, after notice, to have removed indecent writings from the school doors and immoral pictures from the walls. Miss Russell stated that she attempted to remove a part of them without success and had also asked the board to have them removed.

Superintendent Churchill has taken the matter of revoking the certificate under advisement.

MEDFORD MAN MUST WORK

Bert Rippey Convicted on Charge of Violating Fish Laws.

MEDFORD, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—Upon his promise to go to work in the shipyards, Bert Rippey, convicted yesterday for illegal fishing at the Gold Ray dam, was given six days in which to make good his promise. His sentence of 100 days in jail was suspended. This was Rippey's third conviction in the justice court for the same offense in the last year.

When first arrested he pleaded guilty, and the second time a jury in justice court found him guilty. He appealed to the Circuit Court and was acquitted.

Deputy Game Warden Walker arrested Rippey and two companions at the Gold Ray dam a week ago for fishing in a fishway and using a gaffhook.

Conference Game Clever.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 16.—Sums secured by the "Yellow Kid" gang of alleged confidence men from a score of western bankers through the sale of alleged fake steel stocks here will amount to close to $2,000,000 instead of $500,000, as originally estimated, according to the police.

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MOVE TO CONDEMN C. C. DILL IS LOST

Democrats Stirred by Resolution Alleging Washington Representative Disloyal.

NEAR-RIOT PRECIPITATED

V. T. Tustin's Charges Arouse Storm Among Delegates at Spokane Session and Fists Are Shaken and Imprecations Are Hurled.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 16.—(Special.)—After a riotous session here today, representatives of the Democratic party from Eastern Washington defeated the effort of a large faction in the party to adopt resolutions condemning C. C. Dill, Representative in Congress from the Fifth Washington District, for his attitude toward the war. The resolution was defeated by a vote of two to one.

Introduction of the condemnatory resolution by V. T. Tustin aroused a storm of heated debate and narrowly precipitated several fist fights. The entire meeting was thrown into a turmoil when the resolution was proposed by Mr. Tustin, who said he based his opposition to Representative Dill upon his record in the House of Representatives.

Resolution Causes Furore.

The resolution condemning Representative Dill read as follows:

"Dill gave aid and comfort to the enemy, and did all within his power to defeat America and render her impotent in the emergency with which she was then confronted."

Opponents of Representative Dill aroused such animosity as to bring strength to his cause and resulted in the overturning of the previously arranged programme, which in the earlier stage of the meeting, seemed sure of adoption.

Charges of "German spies," "paid agents of Germany," "Bolsheviki" and "tin horn lawyers," were hurled during the course of the debate.

Mr. Tustin, a former ardent Dill supporter, in closing the debate for the adoption of the resolution of censure, shouted out to the Dill men:

"On your side are the spies and the paid agents of Germany."

Instantly there was a rush for the speaker's desk. A committeeman from Hillyard shook his fist under the nose of Mr. Tustin, challenging him to fight, while Mr. Tustin stood his ground and insisted that he had not referred to this committeeman or any other in particular.

Calmness Is Advised.

Assistant United States District Attorney Thomas A. Scott, who had counseled against the adoption of the Dill resolution, then mounted a chair and waving his arms urged the delegates to be calm. Chairman Del Carey Smith at the same time pounded the desk for order, using a large ink well for a gavel, and threatened to clear the house unless all parties were seated. It was a near-riot for a moment.

Police Sergeant Daniels stepped to the side of Mr. Tustin s 12 or 15 men were advancing toward the speaker. H. M. Cockerell, in advance of some of the others, was taken by the arm by Sergeant Daniels and the majesty of the law was exercised firmly but effectively.

At the conclusion of Mr. Tustin's talk in favor of the resolutions G. W. Dow, who was one of Representative Dill's supporters during the last campaign, moved that the resolutions be laid on the table.

Upon a second made from the audience, the chairman called for a vote and the motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost.

Rollcall was demanded by several committeemen, who sought recognition of the chair. H. D. Merritt requested Mr. Dow to withdraw the motion to lay the resolutions on the table with the statement:

"We might as well debate this motion in public and settle it."

Mr. Dow agreed to this. J. H. Simpson was recognized by the chair and spoke in defense of Dill. Later the vote was taken and the resolutions were adopted.

EX-CZAR GROWN DULL

FORMER EMPRESS THINKS MIND IS AFFECTED.

Whilom Monarch Has Ceased to Think About Crown, and Only Wants to Be Allowed to Live in His Own Way.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Imprisonment has affected greatly the mental capacities of the former Emperor Nicholas II, according to a letter from the former Empress Alexandra Alix, written from Tobolsk to one of her former maids of honor in Petrograd, which has been intercepted.

In it the former Empress gives a detailed account of the royal family's life in Tobolsk.

The former Emperor, she writes, seems to have grown dull and unsociable. He does not evince the slightest interest in current events, has ceased to think about the crown and only wants to be allowed to live in his own way. His only regret is that he cannot live in his old palace at Livadia, in the Crimea. Nicholas dresses in civilian clothes and spends much of his time with his son, Alexis. He corresponds only with his mother.

BUILDING FEAT IS MARVEL

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consisted of marshes on October 1 last. The ground has been filled in from dredgings in deepening the waterfronts and ships are already alongside some of these new berths.

On other parts of the frontage concreted warehouses are going up, and a great system of switches has been laid or is in the course of being laid.

"I like to come out here once a week," said a Colonel of the engineers to the correspondent, "and see how different things look from what they did the week before. I almost lose my way."

This new dockage, with two other new frontages that are being developed in connection with it, will allow 46 large or 60 medium-sized steamers to be unloaded simultaneously.

Mr. Baker's questions were frequently penetrating and often technical when the engineers were explaining the railway plexus connecting the various ports with the bases in the interior. He asked particularly about grades, so as to estimate the requirements in engine power and the heaviness of loads. He rather astonished the engineers by the detailed character of his questionings, which touched the very problems that bother them most.

At a heavy artillery training camp Secretary Baker saw a battery of long-range, large-caliber guns put into position. They were swung over by automobile tractors and shallow recoil trenches were quickly dug, but with unerring methods.

Mr. Baker took a stand close to one of the great pieces and followed the explanations of the Major in command. It was one of the new guns from a French workshop and of a type with which the American artillerists are already making a reputation on the front.

The Secretary has been told by French officers of the skill of the American gunners in handling this weapon, in the management of which the French artillerists heretofore had considered themselves unexcelled. Mr. Baker became so interested that he mounted the chief gunner's stand and looked through the master sight and watched the adjustment of the piece to the range markings.

Important Town Visited.

The Secretary's train arrived at an important town near the port at 8 o'clock in the morning. The prefect of the department, the French General commanding the district and numerous American officers were there to welcome him. His reception was simple.

The band, as Secretary Baker and General Pershing issued from the station, sounded the salute to the colors, and a battalion of American soldiers stood at salute. That was the only ceremony of the day except a small review of the troops at the artillery camp.

Official lunches and dinners are, by the Secretary's request, omitted from his programme.

GILL RETIRES MONDAY

TRANSFER OF ONE PAPER TO MARK CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT.

Ole Hanson, Mayor-elect, to Retain J. F. Warren as Chief of Police. Council Holds Caucus.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—(Special.)—Promptly at noon Monday Ole Hanson will succeed H. C. Gill as Mayor of Seattle. There will be no ceremony of inauguration. Beyond the transfer of the retiring to the incoming Mayor of one official paper, the bond of the City Controller, and the exchange of usual social pleasantries, there will be no formalities to mark the change in the head of the city government.

James Crohan, secretary to Mayor Gill, will remain in the office for the present in order to familiarize the new Mayor with municipal routine.

It is expected that a number of appointments will be announced by the new Mayor when the council convenes Monday afternoon. These probably will include a Health Commissioner and a Chief of the Fire Department. Chief of Police J. F. Warren will be retained in office by the new Mayor.

The City Council will organize at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon by the election of Councilman T. H. Bolton, formerly president of the Seattle Central Labor Council, as president.

The members of the council held a caucus yesterday, when plans for the organization for the ensuing year were determined upon. The voting on the presidency was by secret ballot, and the first ballot showed six votes for Bolton, two for Judge Moore and one for President Fitzgerald.

The chairmanship of the committee on harbors and public grounds was given to R. W. Cotterill, the new member of the Council. The other chairmanships will be the same during the coming year as they have been during the past.

Mayor Gill will resume the practice of law with the firm of Gill, Hoyt & Frye, an appeal having been taken to the Supreme Court from the ruling of the State Bar Association committee in disbarring the firm.

ALIEN SUBJECT RELEASED

Medford Man Freed After Investigation by Officials.

MEDFORD, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—August Faske, proprietor of a local woodyard, returned yesterday from Portland, where he was taken by a Federal officer on a charge of being an enemy alien. Investigation showed that Faske was not an enemy alien, for his mother had married an American citizen after the death of his father. This naturalized the minor children. The German army rifle carried by Faske, and bearing the imperial German seal with the royal "W," for Wilhelm, was returned to Faske.

William Schultz, a barber arrested with Faske for the same offense, has been released on parole.

Because of the extreme low water in Red River, from which Fisher, Minn., gets its supply, the residents of the town will be allowed to take baths only on days designated by the Council.

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PROGRESS IS MADE

Organization of U. S. Shipping Board Perfected.

KENNEDY ARRANGING STAFF

New Official Familiarizing Himself With Systems Used in San Francisco and Puget Sound Offices. Much Detail Work Involved.

In the organization of the Oregon division of the operating department of the United States Shipping Board, C. D. Kennedy, who took charge last week, is proceeding slowly and for a time will be assisted by Starr Ballard, of the Seattle office, who was assigned here temporarily to handle vessels until Mr. Kennedy was appointed.

Since his appointment, Kennedy has familiarized himself with the system in vogue at the San Francisco and Puget Sound offices, which involves an enormous amount of detail work. In arranging his office staff and outside workers, such as the men who will look after the fitting out and loading of vessels, Mr. Kennedy will select only practical and thoroughly experienced men.

When the new vessels under construction are accepted by the Shipping Board they will be turned over to the operating department and all things lacking are then to be supplied, which will include the force to man them, also the assembling of sea stores and getting the cargo aboard. The task in the case of each ship will necessitate speedy and accurate action in the interest of quick dispatch of the carriers toward their first destination.

Offices of the operation division, while separate from the construction headquarters of the wooden and steel district, are adjoining on the fifth floor of the Northwestern National Bank building, so all interested can keep in close touch with the general work. In the main it is thought the ships will load full cargoes on the river but at times may be sent to Puget Sound to finish, just as the steamer Westlake, arriving yesterday from Seattle, was sent here to take the last of her load.

Each branch of the operating organization will be under a subordinate, so the gathering of crews, purchases for main ship purposes and for the steward's department, loading of cargo and the like will be taken in charge by an individual to be held personally responsible.

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