

EXPERT BUSINESS MEN WILL AID IN PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES FOR WAR

Committees of Five to Be Named in 14 Cities With Purchasing Departments.

PORTLAND TO HAVE BODY

Men Will Work to Prevent as Much as Possible Excess War Profits in Event of Hostilities.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—The business end of preparation for possible war, that of purchasing all supplies, will in future virtually be in the hands of expert business men.

Secretary of War Baker, responding to a suggestion by the council of national defense, today asked the United States Chamber of Commerce to name an advisory committee of business men to assist the quartermaster's department in this work.

This plan is the first definite step of the council of national defense, created by the army appropriation bill, to mobilize the business men of the nation to the needs of the country.

Under the plan the Chamber of Commerce in each of the 14 cities supporting a purchasing depot of the quartermaster's department, will appoint five business men to assist in the work of their particular depot.

Each member of these committees will be a specialist in the line in which his depot specializes. The men will be charged with the task of assembling and standardizing supplies at economic prices so that should the country be suddenly faced by war, the committees will know exactly where to turn for additional war materials.

Secretary Baker believes economic disturbances following a declaration of war will thus be minimized and probably altogether averted out.

The plan calls for granting private plants, called into the government service, a small profit, but exorbitant "war" rates will meet with speedy rejection by the business men committees.

Cities having supply depots and which will appoint committees are: New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, Kansas City, Jeffersonville, Ind., St. Louis, Boston, San Francisco, New Orleans, San Antonio, Omaha and Portland, Or.

Bascom Little, Cleveland, chairman of the national defense committee of the United States chamber of commerce, was one of the leading figures in getting favorable action on the plans.

French Attempt to Regain Lost Ground

Berlin, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—(Via Bayville wireless)—French guns are pounding the newly won ground of the Germans south of Ripont in Champagne. The military critic of the Overseas News Agency stated today that the important position captured by the Germans at Hill No. 185 is shown by the ferocious efforts the French have made to recapture it.

Secretary McAdoo's Daughter Engaged

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Mrs. McAdoo, daughter of the president, this afternoon announced the engagement of Mr. McAdoo's daughter, Nona Hazelhurst McAdoo, to Ferdinand de Mohrenschildt, second secretary to the imperial Russian embassy in Washington.

The Parent-Teacher association of the Lincoln school, Medford, has brought about the leveling and filling of the school grounds preparatory to surfacing with decomposed granite.



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MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF DEFENSE WHO WILL HELP TO PREPARE THE COUNTRY—Top row, left to right, Bernard Baruch, chairman of a committee which will catalogue national natural resources; Samuel Gompers, president of American Federation of Labor, chairman of the committee which will direct labor organizations to the best interests of commerce. Center, Julius Rosenwald, of Sears Roebuck & Co., who will direct the committee on general supplies. Bottom row, left to right, Howard E. Coffin, Detroit automobile magnate, head of committee on munitions; Daniel Willard, president of the B. & O., will select a committee to lay the foundation of the railroad organization.



SIR EDWARD CARSON ASKS 400,000 MORE MEN IN BRITISH NAVY

Calls U-Boat Menace Grave and Growing but Is Confident of Its Solution.

London, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, today asked for 400,000 more men for the British navy.

In requesting that the commons vote this additional force, Carson declared the men were needed because of naval expansion.

He congratulated the country upon having Sir John Jellicoe in the admiralty as first sea lord, the admiral who had been returned to the admiralty staff, as president of a board of inventions. This inventions board, he said, was part of an anti-submarine department which had been established, he explained, "with the best and most experienced personnel."

During the period from February 1 to 18, the admiralty lord said, 6073 vessels had arrived at ports of the United Kingdom, and 5873 had left—and this despite the German submarine blockade. This was a total of 11,946 ships to and from British ports.

"Since the war," Sir Edward continued, "we have examined either on the high seas or in harbors 25,874 ships. This constitutes our Germany blockade."

Carson announced that the number of armed ships had increased 47.5 per cent during the last two months. An increase in the number armed for defense against submarines is noted each week, he said.

The admiralty lord said 8,000,000 men and 742,000 tons of explosives and materials had been moved across the seas to October of last year and during this time only one or two untoward incidents had occurred.

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General Observance Of Ash Wednesday By Two Churches

Preparatory to Easter, the greatest feast of the Christian year, Lent, with its 40 days of fasting, began today, this being Ash Wednesday in the church calendar. The day was generally observed in the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches of the city. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient custom of rubbing ashes on the brows of the penitent. The Lenten season, being as it is a solemn preface to the celebration of Easter, is observed usually by curtailment of social activities.

Farmer Fears Having to Fight Brothers; Suicide

Halstead, Kan., Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Herman Dittmann, a wealthy German farmer living near here, took two kinds of poison today from the effects of which he died, rather than go into the United States army and fight two brothers in the German army, as he believed he would have to do. He leaves a large family.

Pat's Wish

From the Rochester Evening Times. When Patrick McGinnagan became a member of the police force a delegation of his friends burst in upon him while he was at dinner and presented him with a handsome truncheon in honor of his popularity and their esteem.

Completely bewildered by this unexpected token, the new policeman, nevertheless, struggled to his feet and stammered his appreciation. "Friends, ye have upset me wid y'r kindness," he said, flourishing the truncheon. "O'it'll try an' do my duty wid this little shillaly, an' I hope an' trust that ivry mon here'll live t' feel its inflooince."

Style Show Tonight Gowns courtesy Eastern Outfitting Co.

HELFFERICH ASSERTS U-BOATS HAVE MADE BRITISH FEEL RESULT

Reserve Stocks, He Says, Being Exhausted and Shipping Near Danger Point.

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—"We are sure of success and shall allow nothing and nobody to wreat this success from us," declared Secretary of the Treasury Helfferich to the German agricultural council, discussing the submarine war.

"Already the navigation which links the British Isles with the rest of the world has been depressed to the danger point," he continued, according to the official press agency report.

"The tonnage which arrived in British ports," Helfferich continued, "was in December last only 2,200,000,000 tons, net, while the monthly average of the last year of peace was 4,200,000,000 tons. "Already England's reserve stocks of most important things needed for life

FIRST OF RURAL CREDIT MONEY WILL BE READY WITHIN 10 DAYS' TIME

At Today's Meeting of State Land Board Clerk Directed to Prepare Blanks.

\$50,000 IN THE FUND NOW

Treasurer Kay Says State Will Buy Up Short Term Bonds With Industrial Accident Trust Funds.

Salem, Or., Feb. 21.—Within 10 days' time \$50,000 will be available for lending to the farmers of the state at 5 per cent interest under the provisions of the rural credits law.

At a meeting of the state land board today, Clerk G. G. Brown was directed to lose no time in preparing application blanks for loans, which will be sent to the state land board attorneys in each county in the state along with detailed instructions.

State Treasurer Kay estimated that \$1,500,000 rural credits bonds will be sold the first year, making a fund of that amount available for lending to the farmers of the state.

First Issue Five Years. The first issue of \$50,000 bonds will be five-year bonds, and will be purchased by the state with the state industrial accident trust funds. This will assure immediate disposal of the bonds without the delay that would be incidental to advertising, etc., if the bonds should be sold in the open market.

Another reason for the state taking the short term bonds is to assure them being disposed of at par. The rural credits bill, as finally passed, provides that 10 per cent of the bonds issued each year shall be for a term of five years, and 10 per cent for a term of 10 years, and the balance may be long time bonds, not to exceed 25 years.

State Will Buy Bonds. As the short time bonds would have less demand in the bond market than the long time bonds, Mr. Kay said the state will take the short time bonds, as long as there are trust funds in the industrial accident fund.

The bonds will draw a 4 per cent interest and the loans will be made to the farmers at 5 per cent interest.

Mr. Kay said it will be necessary for the state land board to employ two special agents to travel over the state to see that the money loaned from the rural credits fund is spent as specified in the loan and to check up various applications for loans.

and warfare are exhausted to such a point that England, more than ever before, relies upon the assurance of plentiful importations.

"The British world empire, which has been already shaken to its foundations, is now the object of the powerful merciless strokes of our submarine navy, which has been increased in members and efficiency.

"And this will continue until the day will have dawned for which every German heart ardently waits.

"But already we are close to acknowledging that England more than ever has to rely upon her own soil. German soil is now fighting English soil."

Important Bills Up For Final Passage

Olympia, Feb. 21.—Final action by the state legislature on a number of bills may be expected today as under joint rules the house session today will act exclusively on bills that heretofore have passed the senate, and the senate will similarly act on house measures.

The senate bills up for final passage are these: Emergency appropriation for public service commission so it can work with federal authorities on present valuations of railroads in this state; extending the slashing and burning permit requirement to all clearing operations; providing for alternate jurors for protracted trials, to act in case one of the regular jurors becomes sick.

Twelve house bills are on the senate calendar including the following: The industrial insurance commission first aid measure; emergency appro-

riation to continue pending highway construction; emergency appropriation so the secretary of state may buy license plates for this year's use; state taxes to be based on assessment of 15 per cent of true value; state board of equalization to apportion assessments of railroads, telegraph and telephones as to the several counties.

Flyers Must Keep Away From Forts

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Aeroplane must keep away from all fortifications around San Francisco bay, according to an order issued today by Major General J. Franklin Bell. Bell said a passenger on an aeroplane had taken photographs of some of the fortifications.

SHIPS MUST STOP AT ALLIED PORTS TO BE EXAMINED IN FUTURE

Britain Issues Order Threatening Capture and Condemnation as Alternative.

London, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—An order in council announced today provides that vessels carrying goods to and from enemy ports are liable to capture and condemnation, unless they call at an allied port en route to permit examination of their cargoes.

The blockade of Germany is apparently made complete by the order-in-council which is evidently directed at shipping in the Baltic sea and the North sea, where commerce between Scandinavian nations and Germany has been more or less unrestricted in the past. "From now on such shipping must put into British or Russian ports for examination.

It was explained that the order was issued as a result of the German blockade, which the order itself characterized as "a flagrant contradiction of international law."

Not Always in Disguise. From the Charleston News and Courier. "Is Penrose a nuisance?" asks the Montgomery Advertiser. Not to the Democrats. To them he's a blessing.

Advertisement for Sipman Wolfe & Co. featuring 'The Last Call' overcoats and 'The Free' sewing machine. Includes images of a man in an overcoat and a woman at a sewing machine.

Advertisement for Lumbermens National Bank, featuring a 'Nine-Year Story of Our Growth' and 'RESOURCES' table.

Advertisement for Bill Hart and Max Linder at the Columbia Theatre, including showtimes and promotional text.