

EARLY ACTION ON FIXING OF WHEAT PRICE ADVOCATED

McNary and Sinnott Seek Assurance to Farmers Before Crop Planting Time Comes.

DIRECTOR BARNES OPPOSED

Head of the Grain Corporation Thinks Time Not Ripe for Decision—Appeal Is Possible.

Washington, Feb. 4.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Recog-

ning that the farmers of the Northwest should receive some assurance as to the price of wheat for the coming year by March 1, so that they may plan their crops, Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott...

Reports have reached Washington that in the Far West the government was reported to have already fixed the price of wheat...

Information sought by Farmers. Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott attempt to convince him that he is mistaken.

Another appeal to the White House may be made this year if the food administration fails to respond to the efforts now under way to secure consideration for Portland as a primary market.

The food control act as it stands is generally interpreted to guarantee a \$3 price of wheat at the "principal price markets" in 1918...

Wheat Price May Be Higher. This may be a fair guess, but it is only a guess, as the food administration has made no announcement beyond the fact that Mr. Barnes thinks it is too early to act.

Under a guarantee that wheat will be not less than \$2 a bushel, that it likely will be as much as last year, or \$2.20, and that it may be \$4.00 or \$2.50, the view in food administration circles is that the farmer ought not to worry, but can go ahead with his planting...

Move Grain, Growers' Plea. Washington, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Del-

egations of grain growers and elevator owners from the wheat and corn belt of the country told Director General McAdoo, it was announced Sunday, that there are millions of bushels of wheat, corn and oats ready for shipment to the Atlantic seaboard if terminals can be provided.

peachment if he did that," interrupted Senator Gallinger, the Republican leader. "No; I believe he would be within his constitutional right," answered Senator Williams.

WILLIAMS HURLS HOT REPLY AT HITCHCOCK

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Americans Doing Great Work. "If the president is a fool, how are you going to give him brains by an act of Congress," said Senator Williams. "If the president is a fool, he cannot perform his functions he can't be lent brains."

Get Together to Win, He Pleads. "What's the use of standing up here and muckracking the administration?" Senator Williams demanded. "Shoes? We bought too many shoes. What if we did we can sell them later. The senator from Nebraska tells we sent munitions abroad that had to be sent back again."

Senator Williams declared "proudly" that there has been no charge of moral crookedness in this war. "Who's the use of all this? They are holding up and help win this war? There isn't a Republican in this house who isn't with the president, except a few few pacifists, whose political future is settled for them anyway."

Stimulus Made. "Doesn't the senator think that the president would come mighty near im-

Hitchcock Refuses to Give Figures. Senator Hitchcock, continuing his discussion of the shipping problem, declared that he had been informed that the efficiency of the ship yards had dropped 30 to 60 per cent because of inefficient loading by the quartermaster department.

Blunders Surpass Belief. Senator Hitchcock said, however, Secretary Baker "worked desperately hard" and threw the blame almost entirely upon the system of government.

Lack of Ships Due to Congress. Senator Williams declared that the lack of ships was not an executive fault, but the fault of congress. He declared that almost ruined Lincoln.

Up to Congress to Make Change. Senator Hitchcock called America's transportation system "a gigantic wreck." More than 2,000,000 tons of freight awaits shipment to Europe.

Hitchcock Denies Baker's Statements. Secretary Baker told the military affairs committee last Monday that the United States would have 500,000 men in France by early 1918.

Whitlock on Belgium. Brand Whitlock's recital of German atrocities in Belgium in The Sunday Evening Journal beginning Sunday, February 11.

Shipping Board Alone Knows. "Now figuring up what total tonnage of shipping, in constant and effective operation, would be necessary to supply a million men in Europe supporting we could get them here, we would need for a supply alone it will require five million tons of shipping in constant use."

Present System Is Obsolete. "We found in the present system," he said, "such an obsolete and cumbersome organization as to make efficiency well high impossible."

"We found thousands of men drilling with wooden sticks for weeks and months because of mistakes and delays in ordering rifles last spring. We found men sent to France without opportunity for rifle or machine gun practice. We found a distressing amount of sickness in the camps and unnecessary mortality due to lack of clothing and overcrowding. We found camp hospitals without drainage, plumbing or heat and sick men without nurses."

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HOOVERIZED WEEK GIVEN DAY BY DAY. MONDAY—Wheatless. A meatless meal. Tuesday—Wheatless—meatless meal.

STRIKE IN GERMANY IS FAILURE, IS INDICATION

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Conditions are normal in Essen," the newspapers said. The Vorwarts said, discussing the first quartermaster of strike agitators in Moltke, a suburb of Berlin, the building was heavily guarded by troops...

Austrian Trouble Renewed. The first case called was that of Heinrich Schults, an independent Socialist. He received six months imprisonment for distributing strike literature.

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Strikes Believed Subsiding. Washington, Feb. 4.—The industrial strikes in Germany have reached their zenith and are now subsiding. This is indicated in neutral press expressions reaching the state department.

Baker Contractor Secures a Big Job

Baker, Or., Feb. 4.—Contractor J. A. Hawkins of this city has returned from Ontario, where he signed the contract recently awarded to him at approximately \$150,000 for the construction of the drainage system of the Ontario drainage project, which will drain about 10,000 acres in close proximity to that place.

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Early Resident of Union Passes Away. La Grande, Or., Feb. 4.—Funeral services were held Wednesday at Union for Mrs. Caroline Dewey Blakelee, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Oliver, here Monday night. Mrs. Blakelee, who was past 80 years of age, came to the Grande Ronde valley in 1855.

Milk Producers Put Embargo on Chicago

New York, Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—Coyote producers, angered by the 12-cent-a-quart price fixed by the milk commission, have reduced the city's supply by thousands of gallons.

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John Keen Asked to Serve. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—(I. N. S.)—The cabinet has asked John Keen, Liberal member in the provincial house, to become speaker of the assembly. It has been announced here.

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. An Interesting Sale of New Spring House Apparel. 98c - \$1.19 - \$1.48 - \$1.98 - \$2.95 - \$3.49. Apron Dresses 98c. Dresses and Aprons \$1.48. Combination Dresses \$2.95. Miss Sammy at \$3.49.

Leopold Godowsky in his concert tonight at The Auditorium will use THE KNABE piano. "The World's Best" Exclusive Dealers Lipman Wolfe & Co.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 4. NOT A day of fasting, or of extreme self-sacrifice, but a day in which to take an inventory as to what extent you are observing thrift, and just what readjustment you can make for increasing it. Thrift is the most important habit you can cultivate—the most profitable and most satisfactory. Thrift of food, thrift of time, thrift of clothing, thrift of money, are just a few forms.