

AMERICAN TO BE DICTATOR OF THE FOOD SUPPLY FOR PRACTICALLY WHOLE WORLD

HOOVER IS MENTIONED FOR POSITION.

U. S. TASK OUTLINED

President Will Be Given Power by Allied Commission to Appoint One or Two Men to Handle Food Problem of War.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—

New developments in today's session of the Allied commission here, indicated that some one American, possibly Herbert Hoover, or Secretary of Labor Wilson, will within the next few months become food dictator of the world. Mr. Hoover is considered eminently fitted for the position because of his work as chairman of the commission for the relief of Belgium. He has recently been asked to take charge of a movement for the solution of food problems arising in this country, following the cessation of the commission's work in Belgium.

The Allied War Council's proceedings are crystallizing into a monumental campaign to feed the Allies, finance and shipping problems being considered comparatively unimportant.

To Give U. S. Control.

It is considered certain that the Allies will entrust the United States with absolute control of certain phases of the war. The problem of food which is being left entirely with the United States, and it is probable in this connection that President Wilson will be given power to appoint one man, or a small group of men with absolute control of the production and distribution of all food for the United States, England, France, Italy, Russia, Cuba, and other Allied countries.

It is deemed probable that the step will involve the formation of an Allied Food commission, headed by an American, and having a member representing each of the countries involved.

LETTERS OF GERMANS REVEAL DESPERATION

Recruiting is Progressing to Last Stage and Serious Shortage in Supplies is Made Known.

(By William Phillip Sims, United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 26.—Germany's evident intention of trying for a "sharp, short, decisive struggle" as chronicled by neutral observers in Berlin, is daily making itself visible in black and white out here. Here is an extract from a captured letter, dealing with recruiting:

"There is a general clearance now; everyone who can move his legs is passed fit for service in the field. Everybody is now being called up. Even those who at first were declared quite unfit for service, have been taken."

The reason for this levee en masse seems to be indicated in the following letters, also taken from captured Germans: "ALTONA—Want is now only beginning—the hunt for coal and the shortage of food. Every day turnips, not even cabbage. A serious epidemic of virulent small-pox has broken out in Hamburg, but has not reached Altona yet."

"BERLIN.—We still have no coal here and last week there was no bread to be had without a struggle. I stood in the snow and cold wind for an hour and a half and was about the tenth in the queue. Suddenly the women rushed through the door like beasts of prey and splinters of glass flew about. I got in with the second batch and secured half a loaf—the very last piece of bread."

Many out here, with such documents constantly being brought to their attention, are of the opinion that the domestic crisis in Germany is responsible for her defiance of the United States and the world at large. They say it is hunger asserting itself, empty stomachs crying out to be filled regardless of the consequences.

U-BOAT CONTINUES FIRE AS CREW OF SHIP LEAVES VESSEL

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Submarine gunfire sank the American schooner, Percy Birdsall, the State Department was rescued. Nine or 10 shots were fired, seven striking the vessel. Most of the hits were below the waterline. The firing was without warning, and continued while the crew was launching the ship's boats.

CITY TEACHERS RECEIVE RAISE

\$5.00 A MONTH ADDED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD TO INSTRUCTORS' SALARIES TO MAKE UP FOR ADVANCE IN LIVING COST

Because of the advance in the cost of living, the Bend school board, without request on the part of the instructors in the city schools, last night raised the salaries of all teachers with the exception of the principals and the city superintendent, \$5 per month. The raise will go into effect on all contracts signed for next year.

The board selected Iva Gertrude Hanks as superintendent of primary work, and named Miss Alice Blackford principal of the grades in the high school building.

Although today marked the end of the time limit in which contracts for the coming school year might be signed, only three such agreements had been completed up to this noon. This was due largely, however, to the lack of contract blanks, practically all of the teachers having announced their willingness to sign up for next year's work. It was announced that Miss Helen O'Neal has resigned, to take special training in domestic science.

PRICE PROBE FINDS COSTS EXORBITANT

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Results of the first Congressional authorized price probe were reported today. The investigation was conducted in Washington, but the situation is identical in many cities of the country. "There is no just ground for such high prices," was the conclusion of the report.

PLANS FOR HOSPITAL ARE FINISHED HERE

Plans for the proposed hospital to be erected here by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, were completed today in the office of Architect Lee A. Thomas, and were placed on display for a few hours, before being mailed this evening to Nazareth, Kentucky, for approval. The plans include eight sets of drawings.

PORTLAND WHEAT IS NOW AT \$2.60 MARK

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) PORTLAND, April 26.—Actual cash sales of wheat made on a basis of Portland delivery, went as high as \$2.60 a bushel, far above any previous coast record, this afternoon. May bluestem brought a bid of \$2.60 in Chicago.

\$58,852 TURNOVER IS MADE ON COUNTY TAX

The second turn-over on tax collections was made today from the office of Sheriff S. E. Roberts to Treasurer Clyde McKay. The amount was \$58,852.62, the first installment paid over being \$16,000.

TO ADVERTISE MAY 1 FOR HUGE BOND ISSUE

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—National advertising for the war bond issue will begin May 1, the Treasury Department announced today.

DEFEAT SOUGHT OF LAW CHANGE

PERSONAL LIABILITY CLAUSE SCORED.

Amendment Shifting Responsibility for Accidents Caused by Defective Walks, Declared to Be Vicious—Election Monday.

Whether it's an oversight, or just the common, ordinary, garden variety of joker which slips into ordinances and legislative acts when nobody is looking, is unknown, but section 16, proposed as an amendment to city ordinance No. 98, is arousing considerable antagonism among Bend property owners since its real meaning was discovered last night by Vernon A. Forbes. The amendment will be up for a popular vote at a special election to be held Monday, April 29.

The offending section reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of property owners to keep in repair and in a safe condition for public use, all sidewalks abutting upon their property, and such property owners are here declared liable from any damage arising from their fault or negligence in failing to keep such sidewalk in repair or in a safe condition for public use."

That the amendment, if passed, will prove the seed from which a crop of ambulance chasers and blackmailing damage cases will spring, was the declaration of Mr. Forbes this morning, when he summed up the arguments of the opponents of the measure.

"There is no saving clause which would give the private property owner the same right of notice as is granted the city. The municipality is liable for personal damages for personal injury, and a plaintiff can always be assured of a good, stiff fight, but when a private individual is the defendant he will often settle rather than go into court. The absentee owner has no chance at all, and it would be highly dangerous for a resident to leave the city overnight. His sidewalk might be broken and an accident result in his absence for which he would be personally liable."

Mr. Forbes declared that the amendment, if carried, would greatly retard the sale of property in Bend, prospective investors refusing to buy because of the large responsibilities involved.

"I don't know how the thing ever got into the amendment measure, which primarily is for the purpose of absolving city officials from blame in such cases. At least three of the members of the city council did not know it existed, and they don't know how clause number 16 became connected with the measure."

By voting "305 X No." at the polls Monday, the little joker will be squelched. To let it live, vote "304 X Yes."

LIQUOR PROBE HAS NEW TREND

MUCH WHISKEY SEEN BY WITNESSES.

Demijohn at Old Pilot Butte Varied From One to Two Gallons, According to Testimony—Perjury is Intimated.

Investigation as to alleged violations of the prohibition law at the time of the Pilot Butte Inn opening on March 17, was resumed today, and took a new angle when witnesses took the stand telling of seeing and helping to consume large quantities of whiskey, and intimating that much of the testimony which had gone before was untrue. The public investigation before Judge J. A. Eastes, concluded this morning, but District Attorney H. H. DeArmond intimated that there were several witnesses whose testimony he would take privately as part of the matter to be turned over to the grand jury next fall.

Demijohn On Tap.

T. L. Carriger, employed as fireman at the new hotel at the time of the opening, was the first witness, declaring that he had been invited to a room in the old inn, where a two gallon demijohn of whiskey was on tap practically all evening. He said that no one in particular seemed to be serving the liquor, and that no payment was required, but that the room was well-filled during the entire evening. Outdoors, and in the new Inn, Carriger said he saw several quart and pint bottles of whiskey, and some champagne, in active use. He did not know the owners of the liquor, nor how it had been brought to the Inn.

The testimony of L. D. Fox was in substantiation of that given by Carriger, with the exception that it was a one gallon demijohn instead of a container of twice that size, which he saw in the old Inn.

Says Testimony Perjured.

Ross Farnham made serious criticism of the testimony given on the first day of the hearing, when he intimated that it was largely perjured. "Fifty-nine liars have been on the stand, and I am going to be the sixtieth," he quoted a prominent Bend business man as saying. He admitted that he had not been a guest at the opening, and actually had no first-hand information.

Dr. Dwight F. Miller and H. E. Allen were sworn, but knew practically nothing of interest in connection with the case.

SUSPEND BLACKLIST AGAINST THE U. S.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) LONDON, April 26.—The British government announced today the suspension of the American blacklist.

ALLIES WIN IN VIOLENT LINE STRIFE

GERMANY'S LOSS THE GREATEST OF WAR.

LEVEL LIVING WALL DEBATE IS LIMITED

Teutonic Troops in Heavy Masses Furnish Victims to Deadly Allied Fire—French Wedge is Object of Attack.

(United Press Staff Correspondent) LONDON, April 26.—General Haig today announced the complete repulse of a violent German counter attack against the new British positions around Gavrelle.

Germany is suffering the most appalling losses of the war in the desperate endeavors to stop the British advance by the sheer weight of human masses. North of the Scarpe River, where the British fought inch by inch, the German carnage is the greatest since the beginning of the war.

Dispatches from the front indicate that the Germans realize that no trench system could stand the shock of the terrific fire of the British artillery.

The foe is seeking to make a living defense wall of human beings against the allied advance. Firing into closely packed troops, the allied artillery did terrific work. Thousands of human bodies, mostly those of Germans, are flung over the battlefield along the Scarpe.

British losses are surprisingly low, considering the ferocity of the fighting. Statements from the military prisons, show that the morale of the Germans is badly undermined.

Germans Attack Wedge.

A statement given out by General Nivelle, commanding the French forces, is to the effect that the greatest German efforts are being made in the attempt to drive back the French wedge which is crumbling the base of the Hindenburg line. Violent counter attacks were repulsed, and the great German push south of Laon, delivered in two powerful smashes, thrown back.

Thirteen hundred Germans were made prisoners, and 180 machine guns captured in one grand sweep by the French soldiers. A total of 11 cannon and 3200 prisoners was taken in the fighting around Villieux Bois.

HORSE MEAT MUST HAVE RIGHT LABEL

Heavy Fine Results From Marking Flesh of Cart-horse as Pie-Beef in English Market.

GRIMSBY, England, April 26.—If old Dobbin drops between the shafts and is sold to the butcher to take his place between the crusts of a meat pie, he has got to be labelled "horse-flesh." Charles Robinson, who runs a string of local meat markets received this information from the bench of the police court at a cost of \$125.

Food inspectors prowling around for pre-war bread and historic eggs, happened on Robinson's meat counter with its display of "pie-beef."

"What is pie-beef?" asked one of the inspectors.

"Pie-beef," returned the clerk. "Oh, pie-beef is a sort of beef, you know. It's for making beef-pies. Hence the name, pie-beef. Quite simple."

There was no mention of the late lamented cart-horse, so the inspectors bought liberally.

Borough analysts got busy in their laboratory and revealed the ignominious fate of a once more or less gallant steed.

There is no objection to the sale of ex-horse in England, the magistrate said in pronouncing the fine. But never may horse be sold as cow, or anything else but horse.

STEEL MAKERS TO CUT PRICE FOR THE U. S.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Steel manufacturers today offered to fill government orders at prices from one-third to one-half below present market quotations. Heads of the United States, Republic and Midvale steel corporations agreed on the terms this afternoon.

DRAFT BILL IS CERTAIN OF PASSAGE

HOUSE TO TAKE VOTE TOMORROW.

DEBATE IS LIMITED

Senate Vote Will Be Saturday—The Treasury Department to Loan \$100,000,000 to Farmers—Root Heads Commission.

(By United Press to the Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26.—Conscription seems almost certain to pass.

Under an arrangement reached by the leaders of the House, debate will end tonight, and the representatives will vote on the army bill tomorrow. The final debate will be made tomorrow by Chairman Dent, of the House Military committee, opposing conscription, and Representative Kahn, favoring the draft system.

When the Senate heard of the action taken by the House, it also agreed to limit the time of debate, and will vote on the question Saturday.

To aid the farmers of the nation in meeting the food situation, the government has decided to throw resources totalling \$100,000,000 into the breach, it was made known today. The Treasury Department announced that postal savings deposits would be made immediately available for loans to farmers.

Root Heads Commission.

That Elihu Root, ex-secretary of state, has accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia, was learned this afternoon. Root conferred for several hours with the President, but when questioned, refused to discuss the mission on which he is being sent.

The names of the other commissioners were not announced. It is expected that the party will leave immediately.

EASTERN OREGON TO INCREASE ACREAGE

BAKER, April 26.—Eastern Oregon will rally to the food preparedness movement. Practically every available acre will be planted to grain. Because of the lateness of the season, however, many farmers will resort to the earlier maturing grains, such as oats, rye and barley, to a greater extent than ever before. Farmers fear that wheat planted now will be frosted before it matures. For this reason, the increase in wheat acreage, if any, will be slight.

TO CONFER ON ARMY-Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITIES

At the Methodist church this evening at 7:30, W. W. Dillon will lead a conference on the subject of the organization of Y. M. C. A. activities among the recruits in the new army. Mr. Dillon was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work with the troops on the Mexican border last summer and is now engaged in preparation for the work with the large army to be raised in the United States.

SPECIALIZING FOR WOMEN IS ADVISED

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—Women should specialize in the line in which they have the most natural ability was the preparedness advice of Mrs. A. S. G. Forbes, vice president of the Women's Navy League of California today.

"Reduce the number of club memberships you hold," she said. "Practice economy, get into the uniform of war time, dress simply and put your learning to some definite use for your country."

WILL AID FARMERS

Over the teller's window in the First National Bank, and framed by a rake and a hoe, indicative of the spirit of the words, has been hung a placard bearing the following:

"It is the patriotic duty of every banker to help to bring the agricultural preparedness which, with peace, is necessary for the well-being of the nation. This bank will give preference to farmers desiring loans for livestock or agricultural purposes."



Photos by American Press Association. In New York city women have shown remarkable activity in getting recruits for Uncle Sam. The two pictures above are of women who are "doing their bit" in the recruiting campaign.