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SAYS STORAGE FIRMS DESTROY FOOD STUFFS

Senator Stone Says This Is Done To Make Fictitious Values.

Washington, May 4.—Charging that cold storage concerns in the United States are actually destroying food in their plants and on the farms in order to keep up prices, Senator Stone, Missouri, today suggested that the government commandeer these plants during the war or place them under supervision.

Stone's revelation came during a wide range discussion of the embargo provision of the administration's espionage bill.

"I am reliably informed—so reliably that I believe it is actually true," Stone said, "that cold storage managers not only take food out of their own plants and destroy it in order to keep up prices, but go out into the country and buy food in the field and garden and allow it to rot in the ground."

"Should it not be made a crime for these and other buyers to destroy healthful foods of any kind before they had been properly inspected and condemned?"

Taken with Senator Borah's strong denunciation of the packing interests, it is now obvious that the senate is in the mood to take the most drastic action in the history of the country to curb speculation in the price of food-stuffs.

The bills will be introduced empowering the government to commandeer packing and cold storage plants during the war appeared assured today.

The food situation is paramount, in the minds of the senate now. It ran intermittently through the entire debate today.

Reed, Missouri, took exception to the drastic panaceas suggested by Stone and Borah.

"The question to solve is not high prices or low prices, profits or losses—but the question of production and how to deliver it," Reed declared.

Let Ammunition Makers Set The Example

If They Will Give Their Goods to the Government Free, the Editors Will Do the Same

Rather Humorous to Call the Copper Man a Patriot Because He Accepts From the Government 300 Per Ct. Profit and Ask Newspaper Editors to Work for Nothing

Mr. Courtland Smith, President of the American Press Association:

My Dear Mr. Smith:—

You have noticed, probably, that the managers of the copper trust have been called patriots because they consented to sell copper to the government for 16 to 17 cents a pound. The annual report of one of the biggest copper companies shows it costs them 5 cents a pound to produce it.

Copper men, steel men and others are called "patriots" because they take only from 300 to

1,500 per cent profit from the government, and at the same time the small editors of the country who really represent the government and do whatever is done to protect the people against such extortion are expected to give to the government free the only thing that they have for sale. The proposition is too preposterous to bear discussion.

But here is something, in my opinion, that ought to be discussed.

The government is going to spend thousands of millions for the allies. This country gives the money to the allies, and the allies will spend it with our ammunition makers and various raw material trusts, copper, steel, etc.

The first little loan will be \$7,000,000,000.

Washington is discussing the advisability of increasing the postoffice charge for carrying newspapers through the mails and incidentally the withdrawal of the very wise provision which enables, not the editor, but the reader, to have his local newspaper carried free in the country.

Where could you get from the government \$1 in this way you could get several dollars by cutting off the exorbitant profits of the trusts in their sales to the allies.

As long as the United States is going to furnish the money through taxation to pay these trusts for goods supplied to the allies, why would not the United States government regulate the prices at which the goods shall be bought and act as purchasing agent?

In other words, instead of taxing the people \$7,000,000,000 in order to enable the allies to buy of our trusts at 500 per cent profit, why not cut 450 per cent off that profit and save the money that way?

I think editors throughout the country would find it worth while to write to their congressmen and senators on that subject.

And I have no doubt that the president himself, busy as he is, would be interested if his mail included many letters from local editors, suggesting that under his direction the United States government make itself the purchasing agent of the allies and spend wisely and economically the money that the allies are going to borrow from us, instead of handing that money over to the allies and letting them pay our trust gentlemen \$4 in American tax money for one dollar's worth of goods. Yours very truly, A. BRISBANE.

Oregon Weekly Industrial Review.

Tenmile—New hotel to be built here.

Florence has good prospects for shipyard.

Hepner—Farm on Rhea Creek sells for \$10,000.

Corvallis—Contract let for new brick building here.

Oregon City—Contract let for new \$5,580 auditorium.

Florence—New shingle mill to start operations here soon.

Coos Bay—North Bend Mill buys river boat Wolverine.

Klamath Falls—35,000 feet capacity mill to be built here.

St. Helens—Nearly one mile of pavement will be laid here.

Coquille—Robert Dollar Co. sawmill here to double output.

Astoria—\$35,000 improvement work to be done on six streets.

May 7.—Portland—\$35,000 deal for business corner closed here.

Oregon City Manufacturing Co. have new looms in and mill starts.

Eugene—\$400,000 contract awarded to canning interests here.

With increasing war taxes and high cost of living cities, counties and school district officials can serve their country by reducing fixed charges and "overhead."

Portland firms get slice of Alaska Railways supply contracts.

Oregon City—Contract let for new chautauqua auditorium at Gladstone Park.

Oregon City—Willamette and West Linn school districts plan union high school.

Roseburg—Local contractors to build hospital for Soldiers' Home at cost of \$20,845.

Pendleton—Bridge across Umatilla River at Mission and Thorn Hollow now assured.

Columbia river points are being viewed for site for government nitrate plant.

Klamath Falls to start work on California & Eastern railroad between here and Day.

Oregon-California land grant decision throws open 800,000 acres of agricultural land in Oregon.

Philomath—Beaver Wood Products Co. to start here. To manufacture tool, brush and broom handles.

Coos Bay—Kruse and Banks shipyard is using 70 electric horsepower and will increase to 150 soon.

Marshfield—Plant to utilize wood waste from sawmills for manufacture of chemicals to be built here.

Beld—Shevlin-Hixon Lumber Co. increases capital from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 to expand lumber business.

Hood River—Bridal Veil Lumber Co. purchases plant from Wind River Lumber Co., this will double their capacity.

Roseburg—\$100,000 worth of improvement work to be done on road through Canyon Creek Canyon. Government to aid.

Portland—1200 trainmen of the Portland Railway Light & Power Co. in on big salary raise. More than \$90,000 a year added to payroll.

Marshfield—Construction of by-products plant, shipyards, standard oil distributing plant and Donaldson block to begin soon.

Roseburg—Douglas county wants \$555,000 bond issue in addition to state measure. People to vote on it June 4.

Toledo—Lincoln county votes \$428,000 port bonds insuring \$836,000 improvement for Yaquina Bay bar making that port one of best on coast and assuring development of vast timber and other resources.

There is much uneasiness among the allies about the reported friendliness between the German and Russian troops on the Russian border.

A powder explosion in Japan last Sunday killed fifty persons and injured many more. Four thousand residences and over 30 factories and warehouses were destroyed. (German plot?)

The Independence Monitor says that "Skunker" is a new word originated by Speaker Champ Clark, and is defined as being a man, too old or unfit to be drafted, who advocates conscription.

It seems that the French officials are wasting a great deal of time in receptions and banquets when they should be attending to business. In such a crisis as they represent there is no time for such foolishness.

It appears that the only way devised by the United States to combat the German submarine is to build ships faster than the Germans can destroy them. This may meet with the approval of ship-builders, but how about the dear people who will have to pay for this spectacular display of "fireworks."



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THE NEWS CAN SUPPLY YOU.

If the postoffice department really wants to do a real Christian act, one that would materially reduce the expenses of that department, they would discontinue the franking privileges granted Senators and Congressmen on all the bunk sent out through the mails.

The Powers That Be, would do well to profit by Russia's experience. The Russian people were forced into a war in which they had no grievance, a quarrel among the nobility. Trouble in Germany is rumored from the same cause. The people are beginning to wake up and inquire into the cause of war. They want to know wherein the cause of justice, liberty or humanity has been trampled on, or will be benefitted by the slaughter of millions of their fellow men before they engage in it.

Gold That Blackens.
Blackening of cuffs and shirt fronts by the rubbed off gold is a matter of much annoyance to jewelers when their customers come back, thinking they have bought brass. The skin on the neck as well as on the fingers is frequently discolored by 14 carat, 18 carat and, some say, pure gold.

An expert says, even in the case of pure gold, this coloration of the skin is not due to any particular properties of the metal, but is the result of chemical changes in the body or, rather, in the perspiration and natural oil of the skin.—Exchange.

Kindness Paid.
Mr. Leatherby sold children's shoes. Business became dull, so he had Mrs. Leatherby send out invitations to a birthday party for little Lewis Leatherby, aged six. She sent the invitations to all the children in Lewis' class at school.

Immediately the mothers of the invited children rushed downtown and bought new shoes for their little girls and boys to wear at the party. It was the liveliest week that Mr. Leatherby's store had had in many years. Kindness always pays.

DEADLY LILY OF THE NILE.

There is Poison in Its Touch, and to Taste It is to Die.

One of the very unusual flowers of the world is the lily of the Nile, a member of the Araceae family. It is not uncommon in Egypt, however, where it grows rankly in marshes and stagnant water. But not many people living in other parts of the world have seen the flower; even the best botanists tell little or nothing about it.

Merely to handle the peculiar and treacherous plant is to risk poisoning your skin, and to take any part of it internally would be certain death. A skillful and careful botanist who preserved a specimen that grew in a Los Angeles private garden received a severe headache that lasted for a week.

The bulb at the base of the flower, as large as a croquet ball, is a bowl of rank poison. The food of the plant is not drawn from the water and dank earth in which it roots so much as it is from the insect life lured into its magnificent "parlor" and eaten alive! It is said that the plant actually assimilates mice.

Fortunately, it blooms only once a year. And do not imagine that it is a snow white lily of purity rising from the black soil. Instead, it has an immense, gorgeously purple enveloping leaf or spathe that surrounds a tall clublike spadix as thick as a woman's wrist. The shape of the whole is like that of the little jack in the pulpit that we marveled over in our first nature study days. The big leaf spreads and crinkles like a wonderful shell of royal purple velvet and shades to red down in the heart of the bloom, and the rigid, upright "club" in the center is as smooth, as spotted and as repulsive as a snake. Snakelike, too, it sheds its skin when the blooming is over.

But the worst thing about this treacherous lily, aside from its poisonousness, is the horrible odor that rises from it during the first few days of its opening, while it is shaking out a fine black powder—its own satchet, as it were. It is the odor of decayed meat—the lure that doubtless attracts the carrion feeding insects.—Youth's Companion.

Expert Pearl Divers.
In an investigation conducted by the Australian government of the reasons for the almost complete absorption of the pearl industry by the Japanese it was unanimously agreed that, while European divers

compare favorably with other races, so far as the actual diving is concerned, they do not, on the other hand, possess that special faculty which enables the Asiatic diver to discover shells on the ocean bottom. This faculty is comparable to the remarkable powers of observation which aboriginals exhibit in trailing man or beast over a country, when a European would fail to notice a single trace.

Saw No Difference.
"People who seek books from the fiction section make some funny breaks," says a librarian of the Library of Congress. "I have made note of a number of these, but none of them amused me more than the request of a sour looking spinster. She sternly demanded of me a copy of 'The Recollections of a Liar.' I told her that I didn't know it, but that I could give her 'The Recollections of a Married Man.'"
"That will do," she said acidly. "It's practically the same thing."

Her Idea of It.
The sitting room carpet was being taken up preparatory to house cleaning, and little Dorothy, aged three, was watching the operation with a great deal of childish curiosity and interest. Taking up carpets evidently was something new to her infantile mind. Finally, after some hard thinking on the subject, she looked up at her mother and asked:
"Mamma, is you goin' to let the floor go barefooted?"—Exchange.

Two In One.
"What do you want?" demanded Mr. Newlywed, as he confronted the tramp at the door of his little week end cottage down in the country. "Breakfast or work?"
"Both, sir," replied the tramp.
"H'm!" said Mr. Newlywed, and disappeared momentarily into the house. Presently he returned carrying a large piece of his wife's homemade bread. "Then eat that," he exclaimed savagely, "and you'll have both."—Pearson's Weekly.

Not Surprised.
"Funny thing about Boliver," said Wiggins.
"Wha's that?" asked Bjones.
"Why, they operated on him for appendicitis the other day, and, by ginger, when they came to look there wasn't anything there," said Wiggins.
"Well, I'm not surprised," said Bjones; "I never could see anything in Boliver myself."