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## OREGON WEATHER

+ Tonight and Wednesday +  
 + partly cloudy; light frost west, +  
 + heavy frost east portion to: +  
 + night; easterly winds. +

## THE FOOD CONTROL PROBLEM

A news item comes over the wire that is of interest to every citizen throughout the length and breadth of the land. The administration has asked, and a bill, already introduced in congress, would grant the right to federal authorities to regulate the prices of foodstuffs.

What the law, if passed, might provide is a matter of conjecture; but certain statements in a letter issued by the department of agriculture, in whose hands the administration of such a law would rest, are illuminating. We read:

"We have suggested that congress confer power on the government to fix minimum and maximum prices if the emergency requires them. The object of a minimum price to producers would be to stimulate production of certain staple products by assuring farmers that these products would not be disposed of below a certain level which would give them a reasonable return. It is suggested that maximum prices be fixed to producers, but that power to fix such prices governing the distribution of products be given to the government to be used if necessary to control uneconomic speculation and manipulation in the handling of food products."

This is one of the most important problems facing the government in these busy days. Its solution will indicate in no small degree whether our handling of these great problems is to be efficient.

## OREGON'S QUOTA

Oregon is responding splendidly to the appeal for men in both army and navy. It will furnish its quota.

In another most important way is Oregon helping to gird on the nation's armor. An immense fleet of ships will be necessary to transport supplies and men to Europe. Steel shipyards are working full capacity twenty-four hours of the day. Their maximum capacity is far from enough. Wooden ships are to be built by the hundreds, yes thousands. Douglas fir is the best shipbuilding wood available. And this state will furnish the same.

There is the third opportunity for service facing the people of Oregon—food production. A splendid campaign of warning, instruction and appeal is being made. It will be successful just to the degree that the individuals making up our 750,000 people respond.

Did anyone anywhere ever hear of any too many beans? And anyhow, there cannot be any too many this year. And Josephine county is a fine bean section.

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QUALITY FIRST

Patriotism, like religion, lies more in the spirit than in the deed. If every boy who raises a garden this summer, plants and hoes with the same thought of doing his part as the older boy carries with him to the firing line—he is as patriotic. What an army of patriots this country could have if every boy raised a garden.

In these days when the common citizen is thinking of armies of millions, appropriations by the billions and nations leagued with nation against other nations—we can still find time to give a little thought to that very small but quite important problem—the common house fly. Don't forget to swat: nor that the best swats are the first.

We are curious to learn what attitude the British government will take on the suggestion from Washington that, to be consistent with the principles enunciated by the allied nations as those for which they are fighting, Irish home rule should be granted. Not a bad thought—America bringing freedom and justice to a country of Europe.

It is our understanding that the offer of the local water company to donate a certain amount of water for gardening purposes, as reported in yesterday's Courier, is only a part of the plan for a water supply for city gardens this summer. A second announcement may follow soon.

PACT WITH GERMANY  
KEEPS CHILE NEUTRAL

Buenos Aires, May 1.—Germany and Chile negotiated a secret treaty guaranteeing Germany a foothold in South America in 1913, when Prince Henry of Prussia visited Chile, according to an article published in Revista today by Jose Molins, one of the foremost authorities on South American relations. Molins declared Chile was powerless to sympathize with the United States or Brazil, because of this pact.

According to Revista's article, the secret agreement between Chile and Germany guaranteed German influence in South America, "regardless of future developments."

In return, Chile was pledged German aid in maintaining her supremacy in western South America—including an ambitious plan for Chile ultimately to seize Patagonia from Argentina.

"Chile is powerless to express her views with the United States, lest Germany reveal this treaty," declared Molins in conclusion.

CENSORSHIP ORDER  
ISSUED BY WILSON

Washington, May 1.—The United States government today locked the censorship upon cables, telegraphs and telephones, applying the cable prohibitions to all lines, but operating against telegraphs and telephones only along the Mexican border.

President Wilson ordered the censorship by proclamation and left it to the war and navy departments to work out regulations. These regulations were completed and the censorship ordered into immediate effect. The censorship naturally hits newspapers and press associations chiefly, but it also involves messages, incoming and outgoing, of American business concerns and individuals.

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The objects of the censorship are officially defined as being to prevent military information reaching the enemy; to prevent spreading of information prejudicial to the interests of the United States or of interest to Germany; to prevent circulation of false reports or reports prejudicial either to military operations or to the relations with foreign powers.

It constitutes America's first taste of real, war time, ironclad military censorship and the regulations are sufficiently broad to give the government censors the broadest powers of deleting or withholding messages.

## IS SINGING A LOST ART?

For the People at Large It Certainly Is, Says This Critic.

Singing, as far as most people are concerned, is a lost art. Thousands attend operas, recitals and musical comedies; tens of thousands wind up phonographs. But, as for singing themselves informally at their work or play, they have forgotten how. In times past people of all ranks sang together as a matter of course. Sailors sang at their work; peasants, shepherds, cowboys, all had their favorite and appropriate songs. The songs of children at games, the lullabies of mothers, are in the collected ballads and folklore of many peoples.

"The pastimes and labors of the husbandman and the shepherd," says Andrew Lang, "were long ago a kind of natural opera. Each task had its own song; plowing, seeding, harvest, burial, all had their appropriate ballads or dirges. The whole soul of the peasant class breathes in its lullabies as the great sea resounds in the shell cast up on the shore."

Nowadays the whirl of machinery makes all the noise. The workers in mills might find it unsatisfying to sing at their work, but it is doubtful if they would sing even if their voices could be heard, while singing in an office or store would pretty surely be stopped by the "boss" or the police. Thousands congregate every night in the silence of moving picture theaters, and even in the churches where singing by the congregation used to be customary the attendants now usually listen in silence to a paid singer.

Singing in this age is largely confined to the professional performer, drunken men and phonographs.—Indianapolis News.

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DEADLOCK ON THE  
BRITISH FRONT

London, May 1.—A deadlock was apparent along the British front today. Field Marshal Haig's only report of fighting was of a night raid, successfully carried out, by his forces, north of Ypres, where a few Germans were taken prisoner. Elsewhere he reported "nothing special."

With the British Armies in France, May 1.—British and German forces alike took a "breathing spell" today.

Worn out and cut to pieces by their repeated and reckless counterattacks of the past few days, the German infantry quieted down.

The British, for their part, settled down to artillerying. Their guns roared in never-ending chorus, and the German cannon replied in thunderous echoes.

The Germans were nervous, fearing a British attack south of Oppy, and for this reason they were spraying shells along the entire Oppy-Gavrelle line. The Germans were particularly jittery during the night and kept star shells constantly shooting upward toward the sky, watching carefully any movement across No Man's land, while their shells pounded away at the British lines. In only one spot did the Prussians counter-attack. This was at a British post to the west of Havrincourt. The attack carried them over the British positions for a moment, but they were immediately driven out.

1141 MEN PORTLAND'S  
CONSCRIPTION QUOTA

San Francisco, May 1.—The Pacific northwest must furnish 14,692 men for every 500,000 troops of the new American army, when the conscription bill goes into effect, according to estimates today by army officers here.

Registration of men within the eligible ages preparatory to operation of conscription may begin within a week, it is said. No exemptions will be made during registration.

Every eligible male citizen must register and those refusing to do so will be subject to arrest and imprisonment.

After registration, farmers, munition workers and men needed in home industries for the good of the country, will be exempted. All others will be subject to call. Approximately 1,141 men will be conscripted from each congressional district. Portland's total will be 1,141. Seattle city and Kitsap county must furnish the same number. Estimating on the basis of 1,141 for each congressional district, the four northwest states will furnish quotas as follows in the first 500,000 troops:

Oregon, 3,423; Washington, 5,705; Idaho, 2,282; Montana, 3,282.

It is expected that registration will be completed by June 1 and that recruits will be called into service a month or six weeks later. It is understood that the best officers from each state commissioned following the closing of the coming officers' reserve training camp at the presidio will be placed in command of the conscripted troops from their own states. This is merely speculation, however. The conscripted troops will probably be mobilized at some point in the east.

PLAN TO SEND TROOPS  
EARLY, GAINING GROUND

Washington, May 1.—The French commission argument, urging that troops, possibly militia, be sent within six weeks to the European battle fields, is having its effect at the White House, it was generally believed today.

In congress, the idea is spreading fast and if this growth continues as rapidly during the next week as it has developed during the past few days, congressional pressure may force the plan into operation.

The question of sending troops to Europe quickly, remains one of the biggest yet to be settled. That it will be settled within a day or two and an announcement made as soon as practicable, is taken for granted.

The question of troops, it is believed, and, possibly, the Irish question were discussed by British Foreign Secretary Balfour and President Wilson at two lengthy conferences.

BAKERS' STRIKE  
A GERMAN PLOT

Chicago, May 1.—Federal officials today began a rigid investigation into charges that the bakers' strike, which has tied up the city's entire bread supply, was the result of pro-German plotting.

Immediately upon receipt of orders from Washington, United States District Attorney Clyne assigned several special investigators to the case and union leaders were being questioned today.

It is known that union leaders at Washington signed a statement pledging themselves not to embarrass the government by strikes during the war, but the striking bakers here assert that the pledge was made "over their heads."

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, will arrive in the city shortly to attempt to end the strike.

While actual shortage exists, Chicago, as yet, has not suffered a real bread famine. Restaurants and hotels are struggling along on "reduced rations," while retailers have issued "one loaf only" announcements to their customers. The new 17-cent prices are being demanded.

Fifteen of the city's largest bakeries and more than 50 smaller ones, employing one thousand bakers, are closed. The Schulse company, supplying bread to the Great Lakes naval training camp, however, is operating enough independent workers to fill their contract with the government. Strikers thus far have not interfered with the delivery of bread on trucks marked "U. S. Navy."

## Would Be a Donkey.

There was a mighty uproar in the nursery, and papa rushed upstairs to inquire into the cause. "Now, then, children, what's all this noise? Stop it at once!"

"Boohoo!" sobbed Eva. "Billy has kicked me!"

"Billy kicked you? Billy, how dare you kick your little sister? You coward, to kick a girl! Don't you know it's only donkeys that kick? If I hear of this again I'll give you fit for fat and kick you!"—Exchange.

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CREW OF SUNKEN STEAMER;  
PART SAVED; PART MISSING

Washington, May 1.—The government got its first official news of the sinking of the American steamer Vacuum today in a cablegram to the state department. Official announcement from the department said:

"A telegram to the department of state from the American consul-general at London, says the American vessel Vacuum was destroyed by a submarine. The mate and 17 of the crew, including three naval gunners, were rescued and landed. These were all in one boat. Other boats with the master, naval lieutenant and the remainder of the crew are still missing."

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