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## GIVE HOOVER LARGE POWER OVER FOODS

SENATE IS WILLING TO GRANT FOOD ADMINISTRATOR WIDE AUTHORITY

### WILSON ASKS FOR QUICK ACTION

Bitter Opposition Develops to Authority for Fixing Prices and Regulating Liquor

Washington, May 21.—Fixing wide powers for Herbert Hoover, the country's war food administrator, was the task before the senate today. Spurred on by urgent word from the White House that immediate action should be taken to enable Hoover to assume his stupendous task, administration leaders were prepared to give the food control bill the right of way until it is disposed of.

In order to accelerate action on the measure, Senator Gore, in charge of the bill, will rush through only the most vital features of the food legislation and those features upon which the least objection will be raised. These include:

Granting general war powers to the president for carrying on the work of stimulating, conserving and distributing food during the war.

Providing the authority and an application for a complete and detailed survey of the whole food situation in the United States.

Adopting measures prohibiting storing of large quantities of food during the war.

Providing means of preventing conspiracies to hoard foodstuffs during the war, designed to prevent cooperation between American and Canadian distributors, for instance, working to "corner" necessities.

Licensing distributors of all kinds. Providing that the government may establish standards for flour milling, etc., if found necessary.

The question of fixing maximum and minimum prices on foodstuffs during the war will await solution by the senate, pending action by the house. Bitter opposition has arisen in both branches of congress to granting this particular authority to the president, and it was deemed inadvisable to endanger the whole bill by including it in the "immediate emergency" program, now before the senate.

The same situation arises about the authority sought by the president to prohibit the use of grains and

## RAISING FORCE OF RAILROAD MEN

Local Railroad Company Co-operating in Forming Division for Immediate Service in France

A call is out for railroad construction or operation men for enlistment in the new army but for immediate service on the French front.

Under a call from the president issued a few days since, there are to be 12 divisions of practical railroad men organized for work behind the fighting lines on the western front. One of these divisions is being raised by Colonel Kavanaugh, of San Francisco.

The builders of the California and Oregon Coast railroad are co-operating in this work actively and the local manager, Preston Delano has been asked to assist in the raising of a company for this western division. Full information can be obtained at the company's office in this city where those interested should apply. Only experienced railroad men are wanted. Applicants must have letters showing experience and character and must pass army requirements physically. Enlistment is for duration of the war. It is hoped to have the company raised within 10 days as they are wanted for immediate service in France.

Enlistment in this branch of work excuses men from service or draft in other branches of the army.

## FRENCH AND GERMAN SMALL BOATS CLASH

London, May 21.—An "outpost engagement" between German and French torpedo boats Sunday morning was reported in Berlin and Paris official statements received here today. One French torpedo boat was slightly damaged, according to the Paris report.

Berlin described the brush as a "short outpost engagement off Flanders." According to the enemy version "French ships were repeatedly hit, but ours were undamaged."

A. M. Heston went to Gray Sunday and will spend the summer at the Moon & Williams mill.

foodstuffs in the manufacture of intoxicants.

While the senate worked on the food bill, the house continued its efforts to iron out the \$2,300,000,000 tax bill and Representative Kitchin, in charge of the bill, hoped to have the measure read before the senate by Wednesday.

## VEEXING IRISH PROBLEM TO BE SETTLED

BRITISH PREMIER PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FACTIONS

### CONSTITUTION TO BE DRAFTED

Movement Will Doubtless Result in Genuine Home Rule for Troubled Little Island

London, May 21.—Premier Lloyd George revealed his scheme of settlement of the Irish question to the house of commons today. The proposed conference to decide the exact form of home rule to be applied to Ireland will be composed of all parties and all factions in the island, he said. Even Sinn Fein adherents will be represented. The chairman of the committee, however, will be nominated by the king.

The premier explained that the suggested Irish convention would be expected to submit to parliament a complete draft of an Irish constitution. Sir John Lonsdale, an Irish member, said he would lay Lloyd George's proposal before the Ulster unionist council, but he was not sanguine as to any result. John Redmond, nationalist leader, declared this was the first time in Ireland's history that she had been asked to settle the problem of government herself. He felt sure all sections of the island and all factions would participate in the conference.

## ASK SHIPBUILDERS SPEED UP ON BOATS

Washington, May 21.—To speed up construction of 24 combination mine sweepers and sea-going tugs, Secretary Daniels today conferred with a delegation of 12 shipbuilders representing all of the principal shipbuilding yards in the country. Daniels explained the necessity of quick work on the boats and called upon shipbuilders for aid. He assured the builders that the government would co-operate with them in procuring labor and material. Already the government has arranged to furnish certain plates and other steel needed by expediting shipment. The new mine sweepers will be of one thousand tons. They are to be sturdy, powerful boats. Although officials refuse to comment, it was said the new boats might be used to co-operate with the British fleet of mine sweepers.

## BITTER FIGHTING WINS MORE LINE

Paris, May 21.—General Nivelle's troops started another offensive today. Capture of several lines of German trenches in the Moronvillers sector on the northern slopes of Cornillet, with 800 prisoners taken, was announced in today's official as the first net result. The war office told of a resumption of active, bitter fighting on the greater part of the whole front.

Along the Chemins des Dames an artillery struggle continued throughout the night. A strong German attack was made near Froidmont farm and repulsed.

## THREE MORE MEMBERS OF WAR CABINET

SENATE PREFERS WORK OF WAR PREPARATION BE DONE BY CABINET

### OPPOSES COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Three New Portfolios Handling Food, Supplies and Transportation Will Be Created

Washington, May 21.—President Wilson's cabinet will soon be increased by three new portfolios—secretary of food administration, secretary of munitions and supplies, and a secretary of transportation—according to official belief here today. Action by the senate in limiting the powers of the council of national defense so that much of the work now being done by the advisory committee of the council will be shifted back directly to the shoulders of the cabinet, has made new posts in the cabinet imperative, officials declare.

Secretary of War Baker, as a result, is left not only with the work of raising an army, but also with the work of raising supplies and munitions for the army. "This is not as it should be at all," one of the foremost officials of the government told the United Press. "Secretary Baker has all he can do to take care of the army work itself. The work of mobilizing munitions should be turned over to another executive."

The same is true of Secretary Daniels. The work of getting supplies and munitions must be centralized. So must the problem of transportation. This can be done only by placing men with the same authorities as cabinet members in charge of the work.

## SAYS GERMANY HAS AMPLE FOOD SUPPLY

Washington, May 21.—That an exaggerated impression regarding the scarcity of food in Germany was inspired by the Navy and Agrarian parties in Germany, was stated in authentic dispatches reaching here today. The dispatches were from "a reliable observer," who traveled through the country late in April. He declared that the food situation is much better than generally supposed.

The observer was unable to find any serious shortage of food except in the larger cities. In these, conditions are mending, because of improvement in distribution.

The information confirms statements by Herbert Hoover, new food administrator. As a result of improved food transportation facilities the potato ration has been increased and the meat and fat ration practically doubled.

## M'ADOO SAYS TEN BILLIONS NEEDED

Des Moines, Iowa, May 21.—Ten billion dollars will be required to finance the first year of war, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo said here this afternoon. Addressing bankers and business men on the "Liberty bond" issue, he said: "We do not intend to be dragged at the wheels of any military autocracy as Belgium has been."

## NUNN TELLS OF COUNTY ROADS

State Highway Engineer Will Recommend Pavement of Roads Here if Bond Issue Carries

Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, was the principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon today. Mr. Nunn made it plain that the work of the commission was dependent largely upon the success or failure of the pending \$6,000,000 road bond issue. If that fails, he said, there will be but little money for good roads during the next two years save funds as are largely under control of federal authorities. Mr. Nunn strongly urged the adoption of the bond issue plan.

Among several statements in Mr. Nunn's excellent talk, were:

(1) The highway commission had definitely taken a positive stand against the Tiller cutoff. If anything is done on that route, it will be by United States officials independent of the state commission.

(2) We consider the Pacific highway the most important road in the state, and the first work done will be along that route. There is no division of opinion among road men in state positions on that point.

(3) We look to southern Oregon for a splendid vote on the road bond measure for they are especially benefited by it. This vote will be needed for there is heavy opposition in the upper valley on account of misunderstanding the measure.

(4) This county has right now about eight miles of road in shape to ask for pavement from the state fund, and which Mr. Nunn would approve for that purpose. Reference is made to the Pacific highway be-

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## SLIGHT TROUBLES ON MEXICAN BORDER

Washington, May 21.—A clash between American border troops and Mexicans was reported officially to the state department today.

The message said that a group of filibusterers crossed to the American side near Nogales and were captured by American army men and customs officers. Included in those captured were George Holmes, designated as an American and Manuel Gonzales, formerly secretary to Hipolito Villa. Another message told of firing from a house on the Mexican side near Nogales upon an American soldier. He returned the fire and the trouble ceased.

## RESUMPTION OF OFFENSIVE MARKED BY FRENCH AND BRITISH SUCCESSES

London, May 21.—British and French forces struck another joint offensive blow today. Field Marshal Haig's tommies took additional sections of German Hindenburg line positions and General Nivelle's poilus achieved a brilliant success in capture of "several lines" of German trenches on the north slopes of Mont Cornillet.

The British advance was registered in the sector embracing Bullecourt and Fontaines-les-Croisilles, the foundation for the Oppy-Queant part of the Hindenburg line. It was made despite massing of formidable fresh German divisions from the Russian front.

The French gains were all in the Champaign district. In that section from Rheims east to Auberive, where six weeks ago General Nivelle started the general offensive timed with the British drive on Douai.

Resumption of the offensive by the allies comes after a week's lull.

## HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING ON ITALIAN LINES

WITH SHOUTS AND SONGS ITALIANS PUSHING ON MID ALPINE CRAGS

### AUSTRIAN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Terrific Artillery Fire Prepares Way for Hand-to-Hand Encounters Along Rocky Front

Rome, May 21.—Climbing seemingly impossible heights, weathering clouds of enemy shells and singing patriotic songs all the while, Italian troops today were still pushing forward north of Gorizia. The fighting is now reaching a climax of intensity, with numerous fresh Austrian divisions, transferred direct from the Russian front, thrown into action.

Along the Mount Cuicco sector today General Cadorna's singing soldiers captured a whole row of underground barrack spaces. The dug-out had been recently furnished for Teuton officers. They were luxuriously fitted up and stocked with a huge supply of wines and other comforts.

Rome, May 21.—Austria started a counter-offensive movement in the Trentino today, designed to relieve the ever-increasing Italian pressure on Trieste, in the Isonzo fighting section. Dispatches from the Trentino front declared the enemy artillery fire had increased to great violence, particularly against the Zugna and Posina valley sections, the Asiago plateau and the Sugano valley positions held by Italian troops. These artillery attacks were followed in some places by infantry assaults. By such an offensive the enemy gained a foothold in the Posina region, but was driven out with heavy losses in men and supplies.

The fighting was of the hand-to-hand order, the war office reported. The enemy attack was in dense masses along the whole front of the Pasubio.

### CONTRACTS MADE FOR 38 MERCHANT BOATS

Washington, May 21.—Contracts for 38 merchant vessels have been executed to date by the emergency fleet corporation, United States shipping board, it was announced today.

## STRONG CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE LIBERTY LOAN

New York, May 21.—America's first offensive of the war, the two billion dollar Liberty loan drive, is in full swing today. Reports gathered by the United Press from every part of the country showed the nation's energies concentrated in a tremendous effort to make the issue a winner.

Millions of people are engaged in the mighty campaign. In scores of cities and towns the walls are plastered with slogans—"Buy a Bond for Baby," "Ring the Liberty Bell Again," "Finance Your Boy on the Firing Line," and "Put a Bond in Every Home."

Some cities report slow sales, due to an idea that the loan is over-subscribed. Headquarters here declare it is not half subscribed.

Capital and labor are allied, bankers and toilers have joined hands and every art of advertising, as well as sermons, speeches, parades and patriotic revivals are being used to

make America's hundred millions realize the bond must be made a success by their united efforts.

Pittsburg's pledge is \$30,000,000 of an allotment of \$50,000,000. New York took too powerful short-arm punches at the Liberty loan today. Billy Sunday delivered one and the big department stores the other. Liberty loan "booths" in red, white and blue were opened in the Fifth avenue and down-town shopping center stores with pretty and efficient young women in charge taking subscriptions.

In St. Louis, the "bond in every home" slogan originated. The total subscriptions in the Cleveland federal reserve district are estimated at \$100,000,000. Private subscriptions are going slowly there. Detroit subscribed \$100,000 as an example to other municipalities.

The best slogan in Chicago is "Are you willing to finance your boy at the front line?"