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SENATE TALKS LYNCHING FOR GAMBLERS

GRILL FOOD GAMBLERS AS PIRATES

Unrestrained Wrath of the Senate Poured Upon Speculators in One of the Most Remarkable Scenes in History of Chamber—Amendment to Espionage Bill Would Close All Produce Exchanges—Principle Favored, but Another Bill Desired.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The amendment to the administration espionage bill proposed by Senator Thomas to suspend stock exchanges and boards of trade dealing in futures in foodstuffs during the war was rejected today by the senate 49 to 24.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The unrestrained wrath of the senate was poured down today upon food gamblers and speculators today in one of the most remarkable scenes in the history of the chamber.

"Pirates" and "robbers" were terms frequently applied to those who profit by speculations in food in the hour of the nation's need. The likelihood of food speculators being hanged to lamp posts was hinted at.

The storm broke when Senator Thomas, democrat, of Colorado, proposed as an amendment to the administration espionage bill, a provision to suspend for the duration of the war all boards of trade, stock exchanges or chambers of commerce which permit speculation in futures in food.

In Another Way. Senators who opposed it did so on the ground that it would stifle commerce. The great majority of opinion favors some drastic action to stop food gambling and speculation.

Senator Lewis, another democrat, said he thought legislation such as proposed by Senator Thomas would work injury to many and should not be passed without deliberation.

"If this is adopted," said he, "you will force the grain in the bins into the hands of those that fear at the present they will be caught in the isolation of darkness that some members of the administration unnecessarily are holding out to the country. I believe in the need of economy but not in parsimony. If the people understand the truth they would not be holding grain out in fear, timidity and terror. What is needed at this hour is a provision of law authorizing the president on evidence satisfactory to him that food is being unnecessarily held, to seize such food and order its distribution with compensation to the owner and a just market price assured the people."

To Stop Speculation. "I think," said Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, that means ought

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BRITISH FIGHTING THROUGH LINES OF HINDENBURG

Bullecourt and Roeux Taken After Weeks of Fighting—German Submarine Base at Zebrugge and Naval Stronghold at Wilhelmshaven Assaulted From Sea and Air.

Through blazing oil, poison gas and every other horror known to modern war, the British are stubbornly fighting their way to the Drocourt-Queant line, the gate to Douai and Cambrai, and the principal link in the fetters welded on northern France by the Germans.

Quant, the south end of the line is very pocketed. To the east, west and south the road is clear to the British, as far as natural barriers are concerned, except for part of the village of Bullecourt, from which the British have half driven their foes.

Zebrugge Raided. A ray of sunshine has also fallen on British arms at sea. The great German submarine base at Zebrugge and the naval stronghold at Wilhelmshaven have been assaulted from sea and air, with notable success.

The only incident of moment in the other war areas is an unknown report of a great aerial bombardment of the Italians. This may mean that the long inactivity of General Cardona is about to be broken. The Italian situation has been wrapped in considerable obscurity and there have been uncomfortable rumors that the chaos in Russia was inspiring the central powers to mass forces for a great drive against Italy.

Bullecourt Taken. (From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, May 14.—British troops have just about completed the absorption of two important villages to which the Germans have clung desperately ever since the battle of Arras began. One of these villages is Roeux on the north bank of the Scarpe and the other is Bullecourt, which lies directly in the Hindenburg line just to the west of Quant.

As a result of steady fighting during the last 48 hours the Germans' foot-hold in Bullecourt has been reduced to two isolated posts, where bombing fights are continuing. A very similar condition exists in Roeux. Since the British victory on Saturday the German counter attacks have lacked much of their recent fierceness. The number of prisoners taken during this time has been exceptionally large for the character of the operations and the number of troops involved.

These may merely be coincidences or it may be that the Germans have become tired of sending so many of their troops to their death in massed formation. The German soldiers have been fighting very stoutly since reserves were thrown into the Arras area. The heat wave in the fighting

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RUSSIAN WAR MINISTER QUILTS POST IN DISGUST

Socialist Council Wanted All Orders Presented to Committee for Its Endorsement—Says Conditions Are Threatening Consequences Fatal to Defense and Existence of Nation.

PETROGRAD, May 14.—General Guchkoff, minister of war, has resigned.

The resignation of General Guchkoff follows that of General Korniloff commander of the Petrograd garrison and probably is due to similar reasons. General Korniloff said his position had become impossible on account of the efforts of various organizations to control the garrison, the last straw which led to his resignation having been a demand by the executive council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates that all his orders be presented to the committee for its endorsement.

Nation Threatened. In advancing his resignation at year's meeting of the congress of delegates from the front, M. Guchkoff read the following letter sent by him to Premier Lvoff:

"In view of the condition in which the power of the government has been placed, especially the authority of the minister of war, in relation to the army and the navy, a condition which I am powerless to alter and which threatens to have consequences fatal to the defense, the liberty and even the existence of Russia, I can no longer exercise the functions of minister of war and marine and share responsibility for the grave sin being committed against the country."

Armistice Denied. The semi-official news agency today gave out the following:

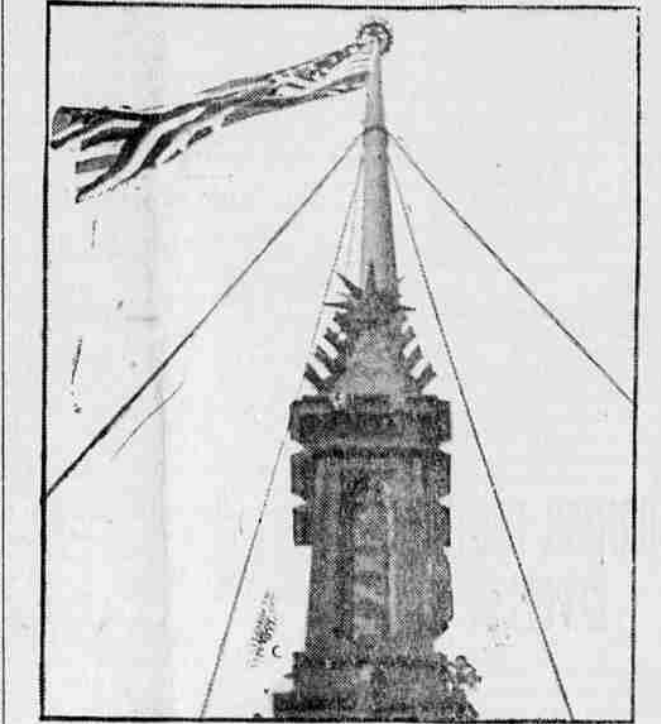
"The report that the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates has called for an armistice is denied. The question of an armistice has never been raised by the council, which on the contrary is engaged at present in drafting an appeal to the soldiers at the front, pointing out the inadvisability of a separate peace or of fraternizing with the enemy."

13 YEAR OLD GIRL BELIEVED A SUICIDE

CHICAGO, May 14.—Three days' investigation has convinced the police that 13-year-old Garce Hagermann killed herself either because of jealousy of her chum, Doris Anderson, or because of unrequited affection for a school boy friend.

Doris Anderson, who has been held since the tragedy, in the belief that she might have been instrumental in the death of her friends, insists that Grace killed herself accidentally, thinking the pistol not loaded.

ENGLAND FLIES OLD GLORY FOR FIRST TIME



For the first time in history, the United States flag is flying over the British houses of parliament, in recognition of the entrance of Uncle Sam in the war on the side of the allies. Old Glory is here shown flying from the house of lords.

THREE KILLED IN BATTLE WITH BANK BANDITS PITTSBURG

PITTSBURG, May 14.—Three men were killed and four wounded soon after noon today when an attempt was made to rob the First National Bank of Castle Shannon, a suburb.

D. H. McLean, cashier, and his assistant, Frank Erbe, were shot and killed when four men entered the bank and ordered them to throw up their hands. The robbers gathered up all the money in sight and ran into the street where an automobile waited. George Belthoover, a magistrate, who had heard the shooting, reached the bank with a shotgun just as the men emerged, he raised his gun to fire and discovered it was unloaded just as one of the bandits fired at him and another knocked him down with a bag of money.

Two of the bandits then fled in the automobile while the other two were pursued on foot by a number of citizens, one robber being shot and killed and the other escaping.

Meantime a posse overtook the automobile and wounded and captured its occupants.

The robbers secured \$10,000 most of which has been recovered.

PRESS CENSORSHIP AGAIN DEFEATED

WASHINGTON, May 14.—In another and probably final vote on newspaper censorship, the senate this afternoon defeated a motion to restore a modified censorship provision in the espionage bill. The vote was 48 to 34.

DUNNE NOT TO TRY MRS. MOONEY ON MURDER CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne today denied a motion seeking his disqualification to sit on any of the bomb murder cases now pending, on affidavits filed by bomb defendants attorneys alleging bias and prejudice. Judge Dunne announced that because he had "been maligned and abused" he would voluntarily refuse to try any of the cases. He denied bias or prejudice against the five bomb defendants.

Trial of Mrs. Rena Mooney for murder as the result of a bomb explosion here last July, which killed ten persons and for which her husband, Thomas J. Mooney, is under sentence of death, was postponed one week.

Many verbal clashes between defendants' counsel and the court marked the attempt to disqualify Judge Dunne because of remarks he made several weeks ago in which he accused Warren K. Billings, bomb defendant already sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, of perjury.

It was announced that a country judge probably would be asked to try Mrs. Mooney.

BRITAIN ORGANIZES NEW NAVAL STAFF

LONDON, May 14.—The formation of a naval staff of which Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, first sea lord, will be chief, was announced in the house of commons today by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty.

BOARD OF TRADE CALLS HALT IN WHEAT TRADES

All Deals, Save to Close Up Existing Contracts, Stopped—Meeting is Called to Allow Representatives of Boards Upon Various Grain Centers to Check Speculation.

CHICAGO, May 14.—Drastic action to curb speculation in grain was taken here today by the directors of the board of trade and by grain commission houses acting independently.

The most important action was taken by the brokers themselves. Three of the biggest houses announced that until further notice they would accept no buying orders for wheat, corn, oats or provisions. Others promised similar action.

Forbid Other Grains.

The board of trade followed up its action of Saturday in eliminating speculation in May wheat by forbidding trading in May corn and oats. It also prohibited trading in July and September wheat until Wednesday, pending a conference of grain exchanges called to take place here tomorrow.

Similar action was taken by the exchanges at Minneapolis, Kansas City, Toledo, and Duluth.

Traders by the board's ruling were allowed to sell futures and to adjust existing trades at prices under a maximum of \$1.61 1/2 for May corn and 73 1/2c for May oats. The maximum for May wheat was fixed Saturday at \$3.18.

The result on prices of the various rulings was to send wheat prices down 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c during the forenoon, while corn advanced 7 1/2 to 11c and oats 6c.

Prompt Action Taken.

CHICAGO, May 14.—All trade in wheat except to close up existing contracts was ordered stopped for two days by directors of the board of trade today. Saturday's closing figures were given as the maximum at which settlements may be made. All trading in corn and oats for May delivery was ordered discontinued. May wheat was eliminated last Saturday.

Extreme declines of from nine to 12 cents in July and September wheat came as a result of the order of the board.

The period of two days for the cessation of trading was given to allow time for representatives of the boards of the country to come for a meeting to discuss action to check runaway tendencies of grain prices. Telegrams were sent last night urging the boards to have representatives here by tomorrow.

Only boards where futures are traded in were invited, as follows: Duluth, Minneapolis, Toledo, Kansas City, St. Louis and Winnipeg.

Official Statement.

The official statement of the meeting given out by President Griffin follows:

"At a special meeting of the board (Continued on Page Two.)"

THRICE BEWARE KAISER BEARING OLIVE BRANCHES

Deadly Offer of Peace Now in the Wind—Germany Proposes "No Indemnities, No Annexations," Believing It Will Fascinate America—Only Breathing Spell for New War.

(By Charles Edward Russell.) WASHINGTON, May 16.—The war's first great testing out for this nation will come about four weeks hence.

It will not be on the battlefield; it will be right here at home.

It will not be a test of physical courage, but of our good sense, clearness of head and steady purpose.

We have had most of the other exams and come out A1 and as good as the best.

Our grouches and other people's used to say we were not a nation, but just a lot of selfish kale grabbers from all the lands on earth. They used to say we could never unite on anything, put anything over or care for anything but the long green.

Nation Stands Together.

The first three weeks of the war applied all that stuff. The nation stands together, we have voted an army, we have voted the money and when the deliberate gentlemen on Capitol Hill have wind-jammed long enough we shall get the other things we need.

We are ready to meet our enemy man to man and beat him to a fare-you-well. But are we ready to understand that he fights with lies, tricks, chicanery, plausible pretense, smiling bunk and infinite con games still better than with guns.

That's the question, but it will not be a question very long. The quiet tip from the neutral chancelleries of Europe (being the places where the inside dope is gathered), is that within a month the German government will announce Germany's peace terms and that when they come along look out for trouble.

Kaiser's Cunning Trick.

Licked on the battlefield and licked at home by the starving of his people, the kaiser is going to pull on the world his most cunning trick. He is going to propose universal and immediate peace on terms that will everywhere catch the half-witted and half-hearted.

That is to say, "No annexations, no indemnities," everything to be restored to the geography and the conditions existing previous to July 28, 1914, and all be good fellows together.

This from the man who started this war and who pushed his followers to the most shocking and gruesome savagery against womankind, mankind and childhood—against the world.

Rhetorical Humblings.

To this he will add some rhetorical humblings about disarmament and if that doesn't land 'em, says the kaiser, nothing will.

Peace at once and "No annexations, (Continued on Page Five.)"

WHAT WAR LOOKS LIKE AT CLOSE RANGE—WONDERFUL PICTURE OF THE GREATEST BATTLE IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD WHERE THE BRITISH ARE POUNDING THE HINDENBURG LINE



This remarkable picture comes direct from the western front in France where the British are pounding the Hindenburg line in the greatest battle in the history of the world. Thousands of British cavalrymen are shown assembled for a rush attack.