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LACK OF SUPPLIES HALTS ORGANIZATION OF DRAFT ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 17.—In response to a suggestion by Senator Jones, of Washington, that the new selective draft army help harvest crops, Secretary Baker today disclosed that it is not expected to call out the first 500,000 men before September 1, because of the "depleted state of our supplies," and that there will therefore be no "appreciable interference with the labor supply of the country until that date."

After stating that the labor question was receiving serious attention from all departments, Secretary Baker wrote to Senator Jones: "Owing to the depleted state of our supplies it will not be practicable to call out the first 500,000 men to be raised under the provisions of the bill now pending before congress until about September 1 so there will be no appreciable interference with the labor supply of the country until that date. When these men are called they will have to be continually trained with the colors until they are sent abroad. As the period of training before they are sent abroad will be at the best all too short, in justice to the men it must be intensive and continuous."

MILITARY HIGHWAY ALONG THE COAST

SEATTLE, May 17.—A direct appeal to President Wilson in behalf of the military road along the Pacific coast will be made on May 31. The Pacific Coast Defense league, through the efforts in the matter before congress in making each commercial organization, business man and state, county and city official on the coast to send a telegram to the president on the date named, asking him to seek action by congress.

This appeal to the president has been suggested by members of congress from the coast state who have taken a great interest in the road legislation. The initial move in the campaign is for an appropriation for a survey of the proposed route by army engineers, and a bill making the appropriation is before the senate.

NATIONAL GUARD STILL MILITIAMEN

WASHINGTON, May 17. It will require between 30 and 60 days after President Wilson signs the army bill to bring the national guard into the federal army under the draft provisions of the national defense act. This can be stated authoritatively although the war department is withholding announcement as to details of the process to be followed with the state troops until the bill has been signed.

National Guard troops now in the federal service retain their status as militiamen and it will require the exercise by the president through proclamation or other executive order to draft the force as a body into the federal army when its militia status ceases.

Within the past few weeks over 20 Japanese laborer have arrived in the city to work in the sugar beet fields in the valley. More are coming daily. R. Saito, the local Jap merchant, is acting as contractor in bringing the laborer into the valley. He now has agents in California and other Pacific coast states seeking Japanese for work in the valley.

A BONEHEAD BUNGLE.

THE Tri-State Good Roads association administered a deserved rebuke to the Medford Commercial club for sending out letters threatening the defeat of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue because of the Rogue River fishing bill referendum.

To use the Commercial club for such purposes destroys its usefulness, if it has any left. The club should be exerting every effort to secure the passage of the bond issue, instead of threatening reprisals in village fashion, to "get even" on some unrelated proposal. Time was when the Commercial club fathered the good roads propaganda so essential for community and state development.

It seems incomprehensible that letters should be sent the state highway commission threatening an attack upon the road bonds in the name of the Medford Commercial club for something that has no connection with the bond issue and of which the state road builders have no knowledge, but the following letter actually was sent:

Medford, April 18, 1917. Mr. E. J. Adams, State Highway Commissioner, Eugene, Oregon. Dear Mr. Adams: You no doubt are aware of the effort being made in regard to submitting the Rogue River fish bill to a vote of the people. This as you no doubt are aware, was passed at Salem after a hard fight, by our representatives. This is being backed by Portland people. We now understand that the Portland Chamber of Commerce desires having much to do with it. We want to explain to you that there is a very strong feeling in regard to this in southern Oregon, and we are asking you to use every effort that you can to down this deal before it comes up to a vote. It is commonly remarked here, that if Portland and the north end of the state want us to help them on the six million dollar bond issue for good roads, they don't want to try to block things we're doing down here, when it don't hurt them. We're putting things up to you just as they are and trust you will do the best you can for it.

Yours very truly, THE MEDFORD COMMERCIAL CLUB, By H. A. Latta, Secretary.

It is true that the members of the club never authorized such an assinine threat, nor did the directors—and the secretary's statement is that it was sent out at the request of some fish bill advocate. But by whose authority? Who runs the Commercial club and where and when are the club meetings held? And are the members ever consulted?

A referendum upon the Rogue river fish bill was to be expected. No other course was open to the canning interests to sustain their contentions before the legislature. It was a matter of self-protection, if they desired to continue operations. Otherwise, they contend, they would have been forced to close by the exactions demanded by the gill-netters, who doubled the price for fish when they figured they had the canneries at their mercy.

A referendum was a matter of self-protection, and within the law. That is what the statute is for—to appeal to the people against alleged injustice by the legislature—and it is a poor law that will not work both ways.

The fish bill advocates brought the referendum upon themselves, and they should not threaten the good roads program in consequence. The fish bill was forced through the legislature against bitter opposition and a referendum was to be expected. But why try to browbeat the good roads advocates on account of it?

The bond threat only adds to the bungles the local sportsmen have made—the only result of their "no-compromise" strenuous program to close the river being the doubling of the open season for Grants Pass commercial fishermen.

But whether the fish bill referendum was right or wrong has nothing to do with the question of voting a good roads program for Oregon. It is beside the mark entirely and the two proposals cannot be linked together in any way.

TALK INSTEAD OF DEEDS.

WITH EACH passing day, congress in its inactivity, takes itself more seriously. Its dignity grows with its dilatory tactics. Wednesday for five solid hours, behind closed doors, the senate poured its vials of wrath upon the head of the president and the council of national defense for trying to act promptly to prepare the nation for the war it has declared.

The council of national defense, composed of cabinet officers, its civilian advisory commission, and the government shipping board, were special targets of senatorial wrath, and President Wilson himself was sharply criticized. The council was charged with usurpation of authority and with unlawfully delegating power to the advisory commission. The shipping board was assailed for alleged interference with private shipbuilders and for insisting upon its wooden ship program. The president was attacked for alleged lack of co-operation and consultation with congress.

One of the graver charges against the president was the failure of the administration to inform congress officially of the presence of the British and French commission, and of the advice and suggestions they brought for the benefit of this country.

Suppose the president should tell congress every little thing—would any action result, save that of comforting the enemy? Indeed it seems probable that is the reason some of the senators want to know all war secrets—so as to make them public for Germany's benefit.

The president has outlined a complete program covering all branches of war activity and submitted it to congress in the shape of legislation desired. Save for the financial measure, not a single bill has been enacted into law in the six weeks and a half that congress has been in session.

As for the president and cabinet, the council of national defense, and the various government departments, all have been busy raising our army and preparing for a vigorous war while congress has talked—and talked—and talked. The president was elected by the people commander-in-chief of national forces. In time of war, he should be given a free hand and his measures supported—for no nation ever yet won a war by talk. No wonder the kaiser sneers at America in war.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 17.—(By) of great value. The Spokane river is threatening to destroy bridges but no great damage has been done so far today an immense property.

FOOD SHORTAGE CALLS FOR PLANTING EVERY ACRE IN CROPS

Oregon, with her enormous surplus crops of wheat, oats, barley and potatoes in 1916, is not in position to realize the seriousness of the food shortage, but nevertheless the shortage of food for human beings and for livestock is acute and reports on the winter wheat crop of the United States for 1917, only serve to spur us on to greater production.

The time for seeding spring wheat, except in the higher altitudes is practically past. We still have opportunity for putting in a large number of acres of barley in sections where the seed is available. Every section of the state capable of producing early corn should grow that crop. Also, thousands of acres of summerfallow land in eastern and western Oregon can well be devoted to the culture of corn which will relieve the stork feed situation enormously and which will help materially in other lines. There are still two to three weeks in which corn of such early varieties as Minnesota No. 23, Oregon Dent, Gold Nugget, Hartman Yellow Dent, Walla Walla Dent and Minnesota No. 18, will mature satisfactorily. Hundreds of acres of western Oregon land which are now devoted to unproductive pasture might well be put into some crop such as corn.

Also, regardless of yield or price, there is every indication that we shall need, for food purposes, every bean that Oregon can produce and that there will be profit in their production. If you cannot secure Lady Washingtons, or Mexican tree beans or Red Mexicans, grow any other kind of bean that is known to mature successfully in your locality. The agricultural college has a new bean bulletin which will give directions. Pound for pound, ton for ton, acre for acre, there is practically no crop that will render more assistance in winning the war than beans.—G. R. Hyslop, Professor of Farm Crops at O. A. C.

ALLIES WIN BIG DRIVE.

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Russia in a military way for a long time to come.

On Italian Front.

LONDON, May 17.—An official statement issued by the Austrian war office on Wednesday admits gains for the Italians in the fighting on the Isonzo but claims the repulse of the majority of the attacks and a total capture of 2,000 soldiers. The statement says:

"The fifth day of the Isonzo battle was no less violent than on previous days. The enemy repeatedly and with great tenacity sent his masses to the attack. Thousands of Italians were sacrificed and our arms again came out of the struggle with complete success.

"Between Auzza and the Isonzo canal, the Italians gained ground on a small sector of the Isonzo but were unable to extend their gains. The also gained a temporary footing on Mount Guk but were dislodged after fierce fighting. Earlier Italian efforts to conquer Monte Stanto and Monte Garbriole and capture Austrian lines east and southeast of Gorizia failed. The number of prisoners brought in by our troops was increased to two thousand, including about fifty officers. Increased artillery activity is reported in the Tyrol.

German Official Report.

BERLIN, May 17.—The ground which was captured by the Germans in the village of Rooux yesterday morning was later lost, following a strong British attack, says the German official statement.

So far during the month of May, says the official statement issued today by the German war office, the Germans on the western front have taken 2300 English prisoners and have captured 2700 Frenchmen.

Sugar King Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—Chas. A. Farwell, head of the firm of Milliken & Farwell, one of the wealthiest men in the sugar industry of the south, died here early today after a month's illness.

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REICHSTAG ENDS SESSION, ADJOURNS UNTIL JULY 5

AMSTERDAM, May 17.—The reichstag has adjourned until July 5. The social-democrats deputies voted against the military and other budgets, both factions of the party uniting in their opposition.

BERLIN, May 17.—Press comment today on the chancellor's speech almost unanimously underscores the reference to Russia as the outstanding feature of the premier's utterances. The speech as a whole is generally commended as one of the boldest and best that Von Bethmann-Hollweg has made yet in parliament and personal criticism of the chancellor is conspicuously absent.

"The chancellor has won adherents and camp followers," says the Vossische Zeitung, "and for the first time he yesterday became a leader."

The Lokal Anzeiger offers the most hopeful criticism of any Berlin paper. It says:

"The national fervent desire for a leader in whom the country may trust as the army trusts Von Hindenberg has this day been fulfilled by Von Bethmann. There is bitter disappointment throughout the land."

The Vorwarts is not hopeful of any return from Von Bethmann's invitation if it includes the possibility that Germany is attempting to lure Russia into a separate peace, in order to make conquests in the west. The Vorwarts continues:

"We do not pretend to assert that such is the government's intention and are rather inclined to believe that the opposite is true. Yet the chancellor's speech failed to remove the suspicion and this suspicion is today the greatest hindrance toward ending the war."

COMMONS REJECTS WELCOMING PEACE IDEAS OF RUSSIANS

LONDON, May 17.—The house of commons after application of cloture voted down without discussion a resolution proposed by Philip Snowden, socialist, welcoming the repudiation by the Russian government of all proposals for imperialistic conquest and aggrandizement, and calling on the British government to issue a similar declaration in behalf of the British democracy.

The necessity of this voting down the resolution was explained by Lord Robert Cecil as a technicality, inasmuch as it presented an amendment to the consolidated fund bill, and expressions of regret that the house should thus be compelled seemingly to slight Russian aspirations were voiced by Lord Robert, former Premier Asquith and others, who declared their sympathy with Russia but deprecated the views of a small body of pacifists moving the resolution in such a manner as necessitates its rejection.

Lord Robert Cecil, on behalf of the government, and Mr. Asquith were emphatic in their statements that it was impossible at the present stage to enter into negotiations with Germany and declared that the war aims of the entente allies as previously announced still held good.

Mr. Snowden who was supported by a small group of pacifists, said that it was perfectly clear that the mind of the Russian democracy was now concentrated on peace and this object would be pursued. He contended that the Russian democracy was expressing the desire and will of all democracies of the belligerent countries.

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The Submarine Question. The latest dispatches are that the U. S. government had solved the submarine question. The Crater Lake Motor Co. wishes to inform the public that they had nothing whatever to do in solving that great problem. They do admit that they have solved the automobile question to a great extent, where economy, good workmanship and service are concerned. You have only to come once to assure the Crater Lake Car Co. of your patronage. Welding and all kinds of gas engines repaired, country trips made to repair spray engines. Open until 11 p. m. at nights.

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