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## GAMBLING IN CEREALS PROHIBITED

### Administration Food Bill Adopted by Senate Empowers President to Put the Ban on Speculation in Futures—Public Lands to be Opened Under 640-Acre Homestead Tract—\$11,101,000 for Investigation of Food Resources Appropriated.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The administration food bill today was adopted by the senate by an aye and nay vote.

The bill appropriates \$11,100,000 for an immediate investigation of the food resources of the country and for other measures to stimulate agriculture and facilitate the distribution of farm products. A similar measure has been passed by the house appropriating \$14,770,000 for the purpose. The bill will now be sent to conference.

### Prohibit Speculation.

By a vote of 37 to 17 the senate today included in the food bill an amendment by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, empowering the president to prohibit speculation in futures which unduly enhances prices of wheat and other food cereals. If the warning is not observed the president could close an exchange during the war.

Senator Fall's amendment to the food bill providing that all public and unreserved lands in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and South Dakota, be opened under the 640 acre homestead act was adopted 31 to 13 in the senate today. It was opposed by Senators Walsh of Montana, Nelson of Minnesota, and Husting of Wisconsin. The Minnesota senator said he feared the amendment would be a vehicle for "cattle men to secure and monopolize land that might be cultivated."

### For Use of Convicts.

The senate accepted an amendment by Senator Newlands to permit paroling during the war of federal convicts who have served 90 days imprisonment, providing they are employed in industry or agriculture.

An amendment by Senator Borah to include Idaho in the area affected by the 640 acre homestead act was adopted as well as one by Senator Jones of New Mexico prohibiting creation of forest reserves in New Mexico and Arizona except by act of congress.

Senator Thomas re-introduced his amendment to regulate food speculation but it was rejected. One by Senator Husting empowering the secretary of commerce to buy and sell fish also was voted down. It was similar to the one by Senator Fletcher rejected yesterday.

## OFFICERS RECRUITS TO LEAVE PRESIDIO

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—Eight hundred men now in training at the officers' training camp here will be sent away within a month for intensive training in special branches at other posts, it was announced here today at army headquarters.

Two hundred men will go to Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, for training as coast artillery officers, 150 will go to Vancouver Barracks, Wash., for training as engineer officers and 450 to Douglas, Ariz., for training as field artillery officers.

The selection of the men has not been completed.

## FAIR WEATHER FOR COMING WEEK

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Weather predictions for the week beginning June 3, issued by the weather bureau today state:

Pacific States—Generally fair weather with normal temperatures.

## ALLIED DRIVE FINALLY CHECKED—ASSERTS KAISER

### Hindenburg Reports That French and British Spring Offensive Has Come to an End—God's End Attained by German Incomparable Super-Human Troops Declares Emperor.

BERLIN, June 2.—The French and British offensive on the western front has come to a definite conclusion, according to a report from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to Emperor William. Official announcement is made that the emperor has sent the following telegram to the empress at Homburg castle:

"According to a report from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, the great British and French spring drive has come to a certain conclusion. Prepared since autumn and announced since winter, the attack of the British and French armies, supported by powerful masses of artillery and technical resources of all kinds, has failed after seven weeks of hard struggle. God's aid has granted our incomparable troops super-human force to accomplish these excellent acts and endure successfully the mightiest battles ever seen in the history of war. All our heroes by their deeds command the respect and gratitude which every German feels. The Lord be praised. Glory for His help and thanks for such magnificent people in arms."

Emperor William also has sent a telegram of congratulations to Emperor Charles on the Austrian resistance to the Italian attack on the Isonzo front, saying:

"In a tenacious struggle the Isonzo army defied the mighty and stubborn enemy and caused him to fail. I congratulate you and your brave troops on this great success. God will be with us further."

## INDICTMENTS FOR CHICAGO BUTTER EGG SPECULATORS

CHICAGO, June 2.—Indictments against twenty individuals and firms charging attempts to create monopolies of butter and eggs in the Chicago market were returned before Judge Landis in the United States district court today. Fourteen persons alleged to have conspired to foment rebellion in India also were indicted.

Among the alleged plotters of revolt the indictments named Baron Kurt Von Reiszewitz, former German consul at Chicago, Gustave H. Jacobson and Albert Wehde.

The egg men, operating on the Chicago butter and egg board, are charged with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Sixteen individuals and nine firms are named.

It is charged that the whole country accepts the Chicago quotations as the basic price of eggs and that the defendants, by fictitious dealings on the butter and egg board, after they had obtained huge supplies of eggs, established quotations higher than would have been the case had the law of supply and demand been allowed to take its course.

The revolt indictments name fourteen persons. Von Reiszewitz left the country with former German Ambassador Von Bernstorff. Jacobson, Wehde and others are under arrest, the others named are:

George Paul Boem, Heramba Lal Gupta, Jodh Singh, Dharendra Nath Sen, Jnanendra Nath Sanyal, Chandra Kanta Chakraborty, Ram Chandra, Bhagwan Singh, Samtoth Singh, Gopal Singh and Adolph Scholtz, alias Sterneck. It is charged that the German defendants employed the Hindus to foment a rebellion against the British government. A number of confessions in this city have been made and the details published from time to time. Wehde was brought here from Hawaii.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 2.—A nation wide search for Lloyd Keet, the 14-months old boy kidnapped from his parents' home three days ago, began today. Pictures of the child have been sent to all parts of the country by his father, J. H. Keet, a local banker.

## WAR BUDGET AGREED UPON BY BOTH HOUSES

### Conferees Reach Full Agreement for Expenditure of Three Billion of War Funds, Including \$75,000,000 for Merchant Ships—Civil Sundry Appropriation Cut to \$140,000,000.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The three billion dollar war budget, including provision for \$75,000,000 for an American merchant marine, was today completed by the senate and house conferees who reached agreement on all questions.

The shipping legislation was reshaped so the president will direct and be responsible for the acquisition of the merchant vessels, but specifying that the emergency fleet corporation, headed by General Goethals, as well as the government shipping board, must be used in the work.

The application of \$10,000,000 to be spent in the discretion of the secretary of war was stricken out. Today's action is final and complete.

### Civil Sundry Bill.

Agreement was reached by senate and house conferees today on the sundry civil appropriation which was reduced in total to below \$140,000,000. The appropriation of \$10,500,000 for flood control work along the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers was reduced to \$400,000 and \$250,000.

A house provision affecting western irrigationists was stricken out by the conferees. It would have permitted application of money, received thru sale of water power from reclamation service plants to the construction account.

## FRENCH TRENCHES TAKEN IN SURPRISE ATTACK BY TEUTONS

BERLIN, June 2.—French positions over a front of about 1000 yards northeast of Soissons were captured by the Germans in a surprise attack yesterday, the war office announces. The statement says Portuguese soldiers were taken prisoner by the Germans in the western front.

During the month of May, the official announcement says, the Germans captured on the western front 12,500 rank and file and 237 officers, including one general. They also took three heavy guns, 211 machine guns, 434 quick loaders and 18 mine throwers.

The artillery duel in the Wyschaete bend on the Belgian frontier, which became violent Thursday, increased in intensity yesterday, the statement adds.

The German report contains the first official announcement that Portuguese troops were participating in the fighting on the western front, although American correspondents reported the arrival of Portuguese forces last January.

## H. C. L. MAY CAUSE NORWAY REVOLUTION

CHRISTIANIA, via London, June 2.—Parliament has decided to increase the tax on war profits to 30 per cent. Socialist deputies declared that unless more effective steps were taken to counteract the rise in prices a revolution would occur.

The government has been authorized to raise a loan of eighty million kroner at home and abroad.

## FRENCH SUBMARINE DESTROYS U-BOAT

ROME, June 2.—The French submarine Circe has torpedoed and sunk a large enemy submarine as it was coming out from Cattaro, escorted by a torpedoboot. Although attacked by airplanes, the Circe returned undamaged to its base.

## HARVARD BOYS LEARNING TO DIG TRENCHES



Harvard university recruits are here shown learning to dig trenches under direction of French army officers. They are learning the arts of modern warfare in the open plain near the university at Cambridge, Mass.

## KANSAS TORNADO CAUSES 23 DEATHS, \$1,000,000 LOSS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 2.—Twenty-three deaths, the probable injury of more than 200 persons and property damage estimated at more than a million dollars was done in four states—Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, by a series of tornadoes late yesterday and last night according to incomplete returns received today. At Colgate, Okla., eleven persons were killed.

Coffeyville, Kan., reported three deaths, more than 30 injured and a property loss estimated at more than \$500,000.

At Drake, Okla., five persons, all members of one family, were killed. One person was killed at Montana, Kan.; two at McCune, Kan.; three at Morse, Kan., and one at Bartlesville, Okla.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., June 2.—A toll of three lives, the injury of more than thirty and damage estimated at more than \$500,000 was exacted by the tornado which swept over this city late yesterday. More than 100 houses were destroyed.

The dead are:

Dale McDonald, 25 years old.  
Mrs. J. K. Love, 35.  
The 11-year old daughter of Chas. Peterson.

Relief work was taken up immediately by the local Red Cross. National Guard and Boy Scouts patrolled the devastated sections.

## RUSSIAN WORKMEN WANT 260 RUBLES

PETROGRAD, June 2.—Representatives of the workmen in the Donetz coal and metallurgical region have demanded a minimum wage of 250 rubles a month. They presented their demands at a conference with the assistant minister of labor, who was delegated to try to effect a settlement of the labor troubles in the district. The workmen's representatives declared that the sum mentioned represented the average cost of living for a family of four.

Prior to the war the Russian ruble was equivalent to about 51 cents in American money.

## 713 AIRPLANES WINGED IN WEST IN MAY

LONDON, June 2.—The morning papers figure that 713 airplanes were shot down on the western front in May, of which 442 were German and 271 British and French. The total losses in April were estimated at 709.

## REVOLTING SERBS ARE MASSACRED BY CENTRAL ALLIES

UDINE, June 2.—Fragmentary news has already been received here thru neutral countries of widespread insurrectionary movements in Serbia. This news is now supplemented by the statements of Austrian prisoners captured in the recent Italian advance, giving details of the merciless methods of repression used to crush the uprising.

The insurgents were gradually surrounded by Austrian, German and Bulgarian regiments and all who fell into their hands, chiefly old men, women and children, are declared to have been massacred. In spite of this procedure, fierce resistance was offered for three weeks and heavy losses inflicted on the invaders, especially Bulgarian. The insurgents finally succumbed to superior numbers and the Serbians were hanged by thousands.

According to the prisoners, the Bulgarians were guilty of such atrocities, especially against women and children that even their Austro-German allies termed them barbaric.

## COALITION CABINET OFFERED CANADA

OTTAWA, June 2.—Premier Borden has called upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the opposition leader, and asked his assistance in forming a coalition ministry.

It was reported that the premier offered to allow Sir Wilfrid to name half the members of the new government and to grant the Liberals authority equal to that given the Conservatives on all question of administration.

The condition attached to the proposal was that, if voluntary enlistment after a fair trial, did not provide the number of men necessary to keep the fine Canadian divisions now in overseas service up to full strength, conscription should be put into effect.

## BRITISH PACIFISTS FOLLOW RUSSIAN LEAD

LONDON, June 2.—The extreme pacific socialist organizations, including the independent labor party, have arranged for a big mass meeting at Leeds on Sunday to proclaim their sympathies with the work for a peace without annexations or indemnities, and to demand that the British government support that formula in harmony with the Russian government.

## ITALIANS RESUME DRIVE ON TRIESTE, MAKING GAINS

### Advance for Distance of 400 Yards on Two and Half Mile Front—Germans Capture 1000 Yards French Positions but Are Expelled From All but Advanced Trenches.

ROME, June 2.—Italian forces on the Julian front yesterday advanced for a distance of 400 yards along a two and one-half mile front to the south of Castagnavizza, on the road to Trieste, says the official statement issued today by the Italian war department.

General Cadorna has set his effective military machine in motion again, his report today showing a renewal of the Italian thrust in the direction of Trieste.

The new advance was scored on a two and a half mile front south of Castagnavizza, along which the Italians pushed something like a quarter of a mile near their goal.

### Germans Advance.

The Germans announce today the capture by surprise of a French position about 1000 yards long northeast of Soissons. In reporting this engagement last night the Paris war office declared the Germans were expelled from all but a few elements of the advanced trenches in which they had gained a foothold.

British bombs were again dropped by the ton last night upon German bases along the Belgian coast. This was the second successive night in which extensive bombing operations were carried out by aircraft against Ostend and Bruges and also Zebrugge, one of the chief German submarine bases.

The taking of more than 12,700 prisoners on the Franco-Belgian front during May, together with three guns, 211 machine guns and other war materiel is claimed in the German official statement.

### Vimy Bombed.

LONDON, June 2.—Vimy and Bullecourt, two of the most important positions taken by the British in the battle of Arras, were under heavy German fire last night, the war office announces.

PARIS, June 2.—Lively cannonading in the region of the Chemin-Des-Dames is reported in the official statement, which says that a few feeble German attacks were repulsed during the night.

## PRINCE UDINE PREDICTS AMERICA WILL WIN WAR

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Prince Udine and the Italian mission visited the house of representatives today and were received with a great demonstration. William Marconi, who has been ill since the mission came here, made his first public appearance and addressed the house briefly.

America's great industry, the prince told the house amid thunderous applause, would end German autocracy.

"You possess a great and magnificent industrial organization," said the prince. "You, more than anyone else, are in a position to put an end to the enemy's barbarous dream and to create with your energy much more than he can destroy."

"In the name of the soldiers of Italy, one of whom I am proud to be, in the name of all those who are fighting on the mountains, on the plains and on the treacherous seas, in the name of those to whom your words of friendship have brought a message of hope and faith across the ocean, I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The prince spoke at length much in the same vein as he did in the senate earlier in the week.

COPENHAGEN, June 2.—A semi-official communication to the German press expresses the fear that recent numerous fires in munition factories and establishments engaged in war work may be attributed in part to peace at any price advocates, who have taken this means of hastening an end to the war.

## ROYALIST RIOTS CAUSE ARREST OF GRAND DUKE

### Grand Duke Nicholas, Former Commander-in-Chief of Russian Armies in Custody—Minister of Commerce Resigns to Let Socialists Rule—Anarchists Active.

LONDON, June 2.—The arrest of Grand Duke Nicholas, former commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, in consequence of royalist riots at Tiflis, is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatches quoting advices received from Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, June 2.—A delegation from the Kronstadt council of soldiers and workmen's delegates has arrived here and been received by a committee from the Petrograd council. Altho declaring themselves in agreement with the Kronstadt body, the report of the Kronstadt delegation indicates that they do not fully comprehend the relations between the government and the Petrograd council.

Delegates of the Petrograd council are going to Kronstadt Sunday to investigate the seizure of the fortress by the Kronstadt delegates.

### Wants Socialist Cabinet.

PETROGRAD, June 2.—A. I. Konovotoff, who resigned yesterday as minister of commerce and trade, is quoted today by the official news agency as saying in explaining the motives for his resignation that the present government should make way for a homogeneous socialist government.

### Anarchists Active.

LONDON, June 2.—A Petrograd dispatch to Reuters says that a few score anarchists, accompanied by some soldiers and sailors, marched thru the Nevsky Prospect and other main thoroughfares at midday on Friday carrying black banners inscribed: "Down with authority," "Down with capitalists," "Long live the social revolution and the commune." They were armed with rifles, revolvers, daggers and grenades.

The paraders stopped outside the Kazan cathedral and harangued the crowd of spectators. One sailor proclaimed that they were only dangerous to capitalists and not to the poor. Subsequently agitators went from one assemblage to another along the Nevsky, inciting them to rob banks and declaring that the social revolution would be proclaimed on the occasion of the approaching municipal election.

Grand Duke Nicholas, who commanded the Russian armies in the early months of the war and subsequently was sent to the Caucasus, was designated as supreme commander by Emperor Nicholas on the abdication of the emperor, but his appointment was opposed by the Russian revolutionaries and he retired. Early last month it was rumored that Grand Duke Nicholas had arrived at his estate in the Crimea.

There have been several arrests in connection with reported royalist movements since the revolution but no previous intimations have been given of any disorders in this connection.

## BRITISH MINISTER ARRIVES AT PETROGRAD

PETROGRAD, June 2.—Arthur Henderson, member of the British war council and minister without portfolio, has arrived here.

Countess Panin, well known for her organization of popular philanthropy, has been offered the post of assistant minister in the new department of public welfare.

## NO AUTHORITY FOR REFRIGERATOR CARS

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The interstate commerce commission held today that it is without authority, in the absence of undue discrimination, to order railroads to acquire equipment of a special type or to require the transportation of refrigerator cars on passenger or special train.