

FOOD PROBLEM SUBORDINATE TO THAT OF SHIPS

Lloyd George Pays Tribute to Hoover But Declares Success of War Depends Upon Ship Building Program—Food Supply Assured for Two Year Period.

LONDON, July 25.—The government gave a dinner this evening in honor of Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, Victor Boret, French minister of provisions and Dr. Silvio Crespi, Italian food minister.

J. R. Clynes, the British food controller who presided, said that owing to assistance from the United States, bacon and ham hereafter would be sold without coupons. He referred to Mr. Hoover as a man who "could deliver the goods."

Premier Lloyd George paid a growing tribute to Mr. Hoover. He said that thru him America had achieved a great triumph in securing a large number of people in Europe from want and starvation. There was now no fear whatever, he declared, that the allies would be starved.

Skeleton at Feast

After comparing Great Britain's abundance of food with Germany's scarcity, Premier Lloyd George said he regretted the necessity for bringing in a warning as a skeleton at the feast. It was not altogether a question of food. It was a question of tonnage. America was sending hundreds of thousands of men monthly. It was a great and valiant army which already had appeared in great numbers on the battlefield and had added fresh laurels to those crowning the brow of the American republic. More were coming and next year it would be a gigantic army and it was a question of bringing supplies for that army.

This would absorb more tonnage than carrying the men themselves. America was building ships at a great rate and her program was a great success. Great Britain also was building as fast as she could, but in addition to building she had to keep her gigantic fleet repaired and most of the repairs to American ships must be done in Great Britain. Consequently there was a limit to the number of ships which could be turned out.

While the number of ships was increasing enormously, the premier continued, the demand on shipping was greater and the essential need of economy in food and every other commodity must be kept firmly in mind.

No Longer Foreigners

"We are learning many things in this war. When it began we were foreigners to each other. We shall never meet as foreigners again. We talk to each other now as tho we were old friends and we are beginning to discuss things as tho we were members of the same cabinet. There is a common cause, a common table, a common larder and a common coal cellar. We are making shipping common as far as possible.

"From the common struggle and common sacrifice we shall have a common triumph and a common brotherhood, which will be the surest guarantee of peace on earth and good will among men of all races, creeds and nationalities to the end of time."

Mr. Hoover said that the only problem now was that of ships and that that problem had been helped greatly by the solution of the food problem, adding:

"I am happy to say that food supplies are assured for the period of the war and I do not think it necessary to estimate for more than two years hence. In less than two years the result will be victory."

CLOSE INSPECTION FOR CLASS OF 1919

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today informed state draft executives that more than 50 per cent of the 744,500 registrants on the 1918 class are expected to be placed in class one as physically qualified for general military service and instructed them to give "special scrutiny to the report of any local board which fails to classify this percentage."

"The national average should be much higher than 50 per cent because industrial, agricultural and dependency deferments and physical rejections had been much lower," General Crowder's message said.

ALLIES PUSH LINES GRADUALLY AHEAD AGAINST TEUTONS

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FRANCE, noon, July 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—With the capture today of the town of Oulehy-Le-Chateau the allies are nearing the summit of the plateau overlooking Fere-Eu-Tardenois. Farther north the capture of Villesmontoire was effected after fighting of the most desperate character in the streets and in the deep caverns nearby.

To the east of Rheims the French under General Gouraud have gained virtually the entire line of advanced posts which they abandoned when the Germans made their first onslaught on the night of July 14. The famous Main de Massiges which marked the eastern extremity of the German offensive line, is again in allied possession.

Everywhere this region is covered with German bodies which the enemy has been unable to bury since he suffered such terrific losses when he was concentrating for his assault on the French lines.

May Fall Any Time

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, July 26.—(By the Associated Press, morning.)—The entire German position within the Marne salient is such that it may fall at any instant as the result of some sharp forward move by the allies affecting a vital part. It is for this reason that the German commanders have ordered their men to hold on at all costs while a defensive position is prepared upon which the German armies can fall back.

Day by day the allies, now the French, now the Americans, and now the British, are encroaching upon the triangular salient, at some places making deep dents in the enemy positions, and at others progressing more slowly.

Every line of communication within the German salient is under bombardment night and day, either from the allied artillery or airplanes. Enemy troops are suffering terrible privations, owing to the uncertainty of obtaining supplies.

Since the allies control virtually every road and every path the fatigued German units cannot be relieved.

PARIS, July 26.—A Havas review today says the newspapers believe that the moment when the Marne pocket dug by the Germans will be so reduced that the position will be intolerable is approaching nearer and nearer.

INDICTED FOR THEFT OF BEEF FROM U. S. ARMY

NEW YORK, July 25.—Twenty-one persons were indicted here today by the federal grand jury on a charge of being implicated in the theft of beef consigned to the United States army.

The defendants who include butchers, purchasing agents, government checkers and truck drivers, are accused of violating the United States criminal statute which has to do with conspiracies to embezzle and dispose of government property without authority.

All of the defendants except one have been arrested and they were held in jail of from \$1000 to \$10,000 each.

According to E. Paul Yaselli, assistant United States attorney, the plan of operation was for checkers to tell foremen at the delivery depots to give receipts to drivers for a smaller amount than had been loaded upon their trucks. The surplus beef, it is charged, thus withheld from the government, was bought by the accused butchers who disposed of it at a big profit.

WARNS AUTOISTS TO LOOK AFTER PROPERTY

Chief of Police Hittson calls attention to the carelessness of many Medford auto owners who leave their cars stand all night on the street in front of their homes or on business streets, with new tires in the racks and robes and other valuable property on the seats.

For some time now under the chief's instructions the night police have been taking a record of the numbers of all such cars with a view to making proper comment whenever something has been stolen from a car and the owner comes wild-eyed and indignant to the police station to report his loss and comment on the lack of vigilance by the police.

"Anyone who leaves his car stand on the street all night unlocked, with extra tires loose in the racks and other valuable stuff on the seat simply tempts thieves," says Chief Hittson.

Speaking of "Hooverizing," you don't find the young couples wasting coal and electricity.

JAPAN OFFICIALLY ACCEPTS PROPOSAL TO ASSIST CZECHS

LONDON, July 26.—It is announced here officially that Japan has decided to accept the American proposal to assist the Czech-Slovak armies in Siberia.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—News that an official announcement had been made in London that Japan had decided to accept the proposal of the United States to give military assistance to the Czech-Slovak army in Siberia did not alter the course of the government in declining to reveal the status of the negotiations.

Various published accounts of the negotiations were denounced as speculative and as possibly giving information to the enemy.

President Wilson's statement on the subject has been drafted but will not be issued until all the details have been closed.

The problem involved in arranging an international entente regarding Siberia and Russia is very complex. The American proposal was of such a nature that it was not possible to render a simply affirmative or negative response. Therefore the Japanese government was under the necessity of seeking further information. This now is being imparted but some time is required for the necessary diplomatic consultations.

However, it may be stated that the entente, Japan and the United States are fully agreed on the broad principle that assistance must be afforded the Czech-Slovak forces in Siberia, and that the exchanges now going on relate to the best means to accomplish that end.

ALMOST A SHADOW, AFRAID TO EAT

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WILSON DECRIES MOB SPIRIT.

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weak? Every mob contributes to German lies about the United States, what her most gifted liars cannot improve upon by the way of calumny. They can at least say that such things cannot happen in Germany except in times of revolution, when law is swept away.

Asks Law Enforcement

Therefore, very earnestly and solemnly beg that the governors beg the law officers of every community, and, above all, the men and women of every community in the United States, and all who revere America and wish to keep her name without stain or reproach, will co-operate—not passively merely, but actively and

watchfully, to make an end of this disgraceful evil. It cannot live where the community does not countenance it.

"I have called upon the nation to put its great energy into this war and it has responded—responded with a spirit and a genius for action that has thrilled the world. I now call upon it, upon its men and women everywhere, to see to it that its laws are kept inviolate, its fame untarnished. Let us show our utter contempt for the things that have made this hideous among all the wars of history by showing how those who love liberty and right and justice and are willing to lay down their lives for them upon the bloody fields and at the same time demonstrate their loyalty to the things at home which they wish to see established everywhere as a blessing and protection to the peo-

ples who have never known the privileges of liberty and self government.
"I can never accept any man as a champion of liberty either for ourselves or for the world who does not reverence and obey the laws of our beloved land, whose laws we ourselves have made. He has adopted the standards of the enemies of his country, whom he affects to despise. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

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