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## WITH FOOD ABUNDANT PRICES BREAK RECORD

### Hoover Addresses Senate On Situation—Points Out That Prices Are Higher Here Than In European Countries That Have Adopted Food Control—To Stop Speculation and Eliminate Waste the Object—Must Conserve Our Food Supply or Accept Germany's Terms

By Robert J. Bender,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, June 19.—Warning that food control alone can prevent further tremendous increase in food prices, Herbert Hoover addressed members of the senate today.

"We now have a range of living cost in this country," he said, "that is beyond the ability of thousands to meet. We are threatened, as a result, by a loss of national efficiency and labor."

"Yet, it is my belief unless some control be inaugurated that we shall look back at this moment as one of comparatively moderate prices."

Hoover read this statement while fifty senators, many of them those who are vigorously opposing the food control bill, listened. His explanation of the measure and the situation facing the country was designed to hasten action on the food bill.

"We are facing the amazing situation in this country," he said, "of having a great and sufficient supply and yet the highest prices in our history. The average prices to consumers in those countries where they have food control are much lower than prices in the United States."

Hoover dissipated the "illusion" that the food control bill is directed against the producer, provides fixing of prices and authorizes a food dictator.

**Regulation a Necessity.**  
"The bill merely is a means of regulating the distribution machinery to a war basis," he said. "It is designed and it is our purpose to mobilize the spirit of self denial, to eliminate waste in the country. We can do this by self sacrifice on a patriotic, volunteer basis."

"If we can't do this, we might better accept German domination."  
But there is always, Hoover said, some who refuse to co-operate and it is to force these—giving support to the patriots who fall into line—that legislation is necessary.

"It is the intention to work the whole program on a voluntary patriotic basis if possible."

The paramount necessities facing the country now, according to Hoover, are: Control of exports, instrumentalities set up to regulate legitimate as well as illegitimate speculation in foods, mobilizing the housewives of the country to aid in national conservation and creation in every state of food administration departments.

"Unless there is control of exports," Hoover said, "the tremendous pill of this vacuum in Europe may leave this country next spring without supplies."

**To Control Speculators.**  
To show the need of control of speculators, he offered wheat and flour as an example.

Forward selling of flour should be eliminated because that necessitates forward buying and selling of wheat, Hoover explained. "This could be stopped by setting up volunteer co-operation to the various links from producer to consumer."

"A vast majority of these men are moved by patriotism and are ready to do this. I have heard of no great distribution agencies against the food control."

**ABE MARTIN**



It's all right 't' be poetic if you kin spare th' time. A mother is a great institution, but a father nearly alius has 't' interfere when she buys clothes for a little boy.



WHERE WAR MAKES NEED—THE RED CROSS SERVES

## GIRL IS ATTACKED WHO GAVE CLUE TO CRUGER MURDER

### Consuelo Larue Found Hysterical and Maimed in Vacant Lot

### JUMPED FROM WINDOW TO ESCAPE ASSAILANTS

### Chauffeur Who Drove Cocchi Night of Murder Caught and Identified

By George Martin  
(United Press staff correspondent)

New York, June 19.—Deeper channels of crime apparently opened today as police, private detectives and the district attorney's office delved into the sordid pools of lust and murder which swept the pretty school girl, Ruth Cruger, to her death. Shortly after midnight this morning Consuelo Larue, a young woman, who said she has furnished Mrs. Grace Humiston with the information which led to the finding of the Cruger girl's body, was found, hysterical and maimed in a vacant lot beside an apartment building at 115 West Eightieth street.

Screams brought a policeman running to the spot, Miss Larue was half dead. Her left leg was broken in two places. She had jumped from a second story window.

"He's up there," she moaned. Asked what she meant, she said: "The men. Two men came and said they had a telegram for me. One grabbed me by the throat and said: 'I guess you'll not tell any more.' I jumped out of the dining room window. I preferred that death to the kind they gave Ruth Cruger."

**She Tipped Off Crime**  
Then the young woman asked that Mrs. Humiston be notified that the "girl" who gave her the tip on where Ruth Cruger's body would be found, wanted her. Mrs. Humiston was notified. One report is that the lawyer went to the hospital where Miss Larue was taken but was ordered from the room at once by the police. She is said to have declared she had known Miss Larue for some time. At the hospital all information was refused early today and from police sources came the suggestion that the Larue girl's mind had been unbalanced by reading of the Cruger crime.

In addition to this glimpse of the head of the white slave ring which Mrs. Humiston asserts is trapping, debauching and murdering girls like Ruth Cruger in New York every day, strong

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## Report Found on Officer Describes Helplessness Caused By Control of Air

By William Philip Stums  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

With the British armies in the Field June 19.—Wing officers out here are more than ever convinced that the war will be decided largely in the air. For that reason news of the American project to build and man a huge sky armada was enthusiastically received today. The airman were agreed that the United States is capable of an enormous and rapid output of machines. More over, they hold Americans are naturally fitted to be topnotchers as fliers—only needing two or three weeks' actual battlefield experience to make them headliners in the fighting game.

That the Germans are keenly alive to the importance of the air branch to military science is revealed in a report found on a German officer captured recently. It covered the period of the Somme battle.

**Admits Air Control**  
The report frankly admitted that the British and French hold mastery of the air. The Germans, it was asserted, were unable to fly over the enemy lines and German balloons were forced to remain hidden on the ground. Thus, at decisive moments in the fighting, the German artillery was blinded, while the Prussian infantry was harassed by war planes constantly swooping low and machine gunning the men in the trenches.

**Makes a Suggestion  
As To Subscriptions  
and Basis of Giving**

How much ought I to give to the Red Cross war fund? is a question so often asked the members of the committee, that campaign manager O. B. Gingrich, dug deep into the gray matter, commonly presumed to reside behind the cranium, and evolved the following schedule of "probable expectation. It is to be understood of course, that the amounts are merely suggestive, and represent neither the maximum nor the minimum. It is up to the conscience and the loyalty of every individual subscriber. A hundred dollars income may mean to one man, a considerable "edge," and to another represent only a bare living for himself and family; much depending on the demands which the income must supply.

But "Ginre's" schedule (Ginger being a nickname Mr. Gingrich has earned in the last few days, by his invulnerable effervescence) is as follows: Wage earners, such as day laborers and men solely dependent on wage earning ability, one day's income. Salaried clerks, stenographers, craftsmen, receiving from \$50 to \$100 a month, \$5 to \$20. Salaried men receiving from \$100 to \$175 a month, from \$20 to \$40. For men of income beyond this, there is no limit except the bright and beautiful blue sky—and even that might be exceeded, if anyone gets excited.

**CRISIS IN AUSTRIA**  
London, June 19.—Affairs in Austria have reached an acute crisis through a formal break by the Poles with the government, according to dispatches received here today via Switzerland. Fall of the ministry and possibly even more far reaching results may come, it was reported.

One dispatch described a tumultuous scene in the Vienna reichstag when a Polish deputy vehemently denounced Germany for mistreatment of the Poles, charging that hundreds had been executed.

The Poles have formally announced they will not deal with the present cabinet.

**Strong Attack Repulsed**  
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**Oakland Will Build  
Sixteen Steel Vessels**

Oakland, Cal., June 19.—The Moore and Scott Iron Works has been awarded contracts for building 16 steel cargo ships of the new United States emergency fleet, it was announced today.

The work involves between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Within sixty days five thousand men will be working on the ships. In order to handle the contracts the number of slips will be doubled and new boiler and machine shops will be built immediately.

## USING ALCOHOL AND INK ON RUSSIAN SOLDIERS

### Despite All Efforts to Stop Communication Between Trenches Much German Liquor Finds Its Way to Russians and With It Piles of Letters—Fighting On Western Front Is Negligible—Russian Prisoners Returned

By William G. Shepherd,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Petrograd, June 19.—Germany is using alcohol and ink instead of powder on the east front. The propaganda of booze and notes is relied upon more than bullets just now to undermine the strength of the Russian army.

Despite all efforts to stop communication between the two sets of trenches, German liquor seems to appear on the Russian side and every morning there are hundreds of neatly printed or carefully written notes and letters deposited near the Russian trenches.

Reports from the front detailed today an increasing betterment of morale among the Russian soldiers. General Brusiloff, commander in chief of the army who is on a tour of the battle lines to stir his soldiers up to fighting spirit and to restore rigid discipline again, is meeting with enthusiastic receptions everywhere.

The congress of the old Greek church party, at Moscow today, adopted resolutions firmly insisting that Russia should make war to the bitter end against Germany. The meeting telegraphed Minister of War Kerensky: "You are Russia's foremost outpost in the field of liberty."

Ukrainian delegates in the Balacia iron and coal mines have met and adopted resolutions declaring their independence and repudiation of Russia's war debts.

**American Mission Busy.**  
Members of the American mission have been exceedingly busy in conference with various provisional government heads. Major General Scott, the military chief of the mission, was to leave today for a visit to the Russian front. Rear Admiral Glennon was with the Russian battle fleet in the Black sea. The members of the railroad commission, headed by John F. Stevens, have been in almost uninterrupted conference with Russian transportation experts. Stevens himself has been ill from ear trouble and unable to participate but was expected to be up and about again within a few days.

Former Senator Root and the other civilian members of the diplomatic commission have been engaged in a series of conferences with various members of the ministry.

**Just a Little Raiding.**  
London, June 19.—Fighting on the British front was confined to raiding operations, according to Field Marshal Haig's report today.

"Southeast of LeVorguier and in the neighborhood of Bapume-Cambrai we raided enemy positions at night," he said. "Several of the enemy were killed; dugouts were destroyed and 11 were taken prisoner."

**Returning Prisoners.**  
Stockholm, June 19.—Germany is planning shortly to return a large number of Russian prisoners, in the hope of increasing the separate peace sentiment in Russia, according to word received here today.

**Withdrawal for Health.**  
London, June 19.—A new allied offensive on the Macedonia front may be in the making, according to the view in certain circles here today, of radical rearrangements of French and British forces in northern Greece and Macedonia.

It now develops that the British withdrawal from above the Struma was mainly from a health standpoint, the British army chiefs not desiring to hazard the fitness of the troops by a summer in that section. It was pointed out here, however, that the withdrawal might also be part of a general scheme to shorten the front and increase the strength of General Sarrail's forces at the foremost point of contact with the enemy.

Abdication of King Constantine of Greece, and installation of a successor of pro-ally sympathies leaves the "back door" to the Macedonian front safely open to the allies. Heretofore the allies have hesitated to throw great forces of men into the Macedonian theatre because there was always the possibility that the pro-German king of Greece would scheme some movement that would perhaps bottle up that army.

The Bulgarian official statements of the past two days have indicated a renewal of active fighting between the Varzar and Lake Duran on the Macedonian front.

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