

U. S. GUARDS AGAINST EXCESS WAR PROFITS

Secretary Baker Arranges With National Commerce Chamber for Supplies Purchase

AIM TO PREVENT RAIDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Steps were taken today to prevent one form of organized raiding on the Federal Treasury in the event of war.

War profit scandals, such as have shocked the nation in previous wars, are to be prevented through the co-operation of the National Council of Defense with the Chamber of Commerce.

A resolution recently passed by the national chamber provides that the basis of supply from private sources in time of war shall be at a rate of profit so low as to preclude a profit interest in war.

Today Secretary of War Baker, as president of the Defense Council, called upon President Elihu, of the Chamber of Commerce, for assistance and advice in the purchase of supplies.

It is equally unwise to permit large profits to a few people making supplies for the Government and the stock market speculation which inevitably follows.

The result of small guaranteed profit would be the instant stabilizing of industrial credit and the complete elimination of stock market speculation.

New York Women in New Food Protest

Continued from Page One the telegram said, "In our opinion demonstrated conclusively the vital importance of this investigation, not only to bring down prices, but to let the people feel that the Federal Government is in charge of the situation. The situation is not only serious but chaotic. The housewives of America appeal to you, Mr. President, to use your great influence to alleviate the situation, and we urge Congress to support you in this measure."

"At the present time Congress has three patriotic duties to perform," said Mrs. Heath today. "The first duty is to provide adequate defense for our country, the second to provide production and the third to provide distribution of food at normal costs to the people."

"Personally I do not favor rioting," Mrs. Heath said. "But what are these people to do? They are starving. The situation has become acute. Women of wealth are flooding the housewives' bureau with inquiries

as to how they shall cut down the cost of living. If women with plenty of money are perplexed by living costs, can we blame the women who have to run a home on \$3 a week if they resort to riots?"

"Congress and the Federal Government must do something. The farmers have said they are going to produce only for their own needs this coming summer. Then the Federal Government must step in and enforce production, and having proper production, proper means of distribution must be provided. It is a duty as patriotic and vital as the duty of defense. In the meantime food riots will go on and even more serious uprising will occur while the people starve because of abnormal prices."

Sporadic uprisings against food prices kept the police busy today in the east side tenement districts.

Mothers bearing babes in arms wandered about the streets searching for food bargains and joining little bands at the corners where agitators called for action.

Piercy-tongued agitators urged the wives of the tenements to throw kerosene over the goods of all produce merchants.

WILSON DEMANDS \$400,000 FOR FOOD PRICE PROBE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—President Wilson is determined Congress shall pass immediately the \$400,000 appropriation which the Federal Trade Commission has requested for the nationwide food-price probe which he directed the commission and the Department of Agriculture to make.

It was stated officially at the White House today that the President will give his personal attention toward swiftness Congress into line behind his food-price suggestion.

As a result Administration leaders in Congress began lining up forces to compel congressional acquiescence.

Senator Borah in the House and Senator Borah in the Senate are expected to lead the fight with the charge that there is universal conviction that food prices are the subject of widespread manipulation.

Senator Borah today demanded that Congress stay here until adequate steps were taken to bring prices to a normal.

"Congress cannot adjourn," Borah said, "so long as it is possible for us to be of any service in this deplorable situation."

"We want bread" was the growing cry of the French revolutionists as they marched to Versailles," Borah said. "It is the most ominous cry that can be heard in a republic, and whatever is said as to the effect of the war on prices, the fact remains these people are in a large measure the victims of speculators and combinations which are milking millions out of food."

"There is at the bottom of things no justification for this condition. Congress cannot ignore the cries of the hungry. The situation must be met at once."

The Federal Trade Commission has detailed plans completed for a sweeping investigation into the New York and Chicago food markets as soon as Congress grants the necessary money.

Bread and meat prices—and the possibility of their manipulation—will be the first line of attack.

Under present plans Grand Jury investigations are to be carried on simultaneously.

New York and Chicago, it was stated, will be the first fields of operation "in view of the serious prevailing conditions."

The investigation will be conducted in five divisions: meats, breadstuffs, dairy products, fresh fruits and vegetables and canned goods, sugar, coffee, teas and spices.

The meat probe is planned to delve deeply into the workings of the packing houses and cold-storage corporations.

This latter, it was stated authoritatively, will be subjected to particular scrutiny.

The breadstuffs investigation will seek particularly to uncover alleged combinations of baking interests. The commission believes there have been illegal "agreements" to decrease the size or weight of bread loaves.

Any evidence tending to show combinations in restraint of trade will be immediately turned over to the Department of Justice for prosecution.

Each of the five divisions will be under the direction of an expert economist of wide experience.

Co-operating with these experts and the extensive field force of the commission is a staff of lawyers, to attend to the legal phases, will be appointed if the \$400,000 is appropriated.

The Department of Agriculture has been recording cold-storage deposits for some months. Instances of undue quantities of food "sitting down" in storage will be turned over to the Federal Trade Commission.

Despite the conviction that illegal methods are largely responsible for exorbitant food prices, a worldwide loss in production will be taken into account.

Reports from the International Institute of Agricultural of Rome, for instance, state the potato crop of the world was only 86.4 per cent as great in 1916 as in 1915. Reports in many other crops are correspondingly "short."

FOOD EMBARGO URGED TO CUT LIVING COSTS

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—An embargo on food shipments to foreign countries is suggested as a remedy for high food prices in a minority report by Francis X. Tyrrell, of the state high cost of living commission, submitted to Governor McCall today.

"An embargo upon food would not be unneutral if its object were self-protection," Tyrrell declared.

The minority report of the commission suggests the following remedies for high prices: Reduction of cost of government; increased production, fostered by the government; popularization of fish as food; trolley freight extension; substitution of milk for higher priced food; co-operative means of transportation; appointment of a commission to instruct the public in food economy.

Wilson Plans U-Boat Speech in Congress

Continued from Page One the sea, this probably will lead to a new flood of international protests such as flowed in on Germany.

It had generally been regarded as part of the general sea plan of the Central Powers to have Austria-Hungarian submarines assist Germany by blockading the Mediterranean and Adriatic.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—German officialdom is intensely interested and puzzled by the conferences at Vienna between American Ambassador Penfield and the Austrian Foreign Minister, according to Berlin dispatches today.

Assonment is expressed that there should be any doubt in the United States that Austria-Hungary does not fully approve and support Germany's declaration of relentless submarine warfare.

TO SUPPORT GERMANY On the contrary, it is semi-officially declared that Emperor Karl's determination is to accord the most emphatic support of his ally. Participation of Austrian officials in the conferences which decided upon the submarine warfare was also cited as evidence of Austria's full sympathy with the use of a weapon demanded by the Allies' illegal starvation blockade of the Central Powers.

Semi-official Vienna dispatches received today in detailing the text of the note presented by Ambassador Penfield holds the



GENERAL WILLIAM CROZIER

GENERAL CROZIER WILL UNDERGO SKIN GRAFTING

Operation Necessary on Account of X-ray Burns Received Fifteen Years Ago

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 21.—Brigadier General William Crozier, chief of ordnance of the United States Army, will today undergo a skin-grafting operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital for X-ray burns received about fifteen years ago, when he underwent an operation in which the X-ray was used.

Dr. John Stange Davis will perform the operation. It is probable that portions of skin will be removed from other portions of General Crozier's body, possibly his legs, to be placed upon the parts affected.

American inquiry whether Austria still affirms her promise in the Ancona and Persia cases as "vague" officials take the position that the statements made in the notes mentioned were intended to cover those specific cases only and not to mark out a future course.

TURKEY BACKS UP BERLIN, U. S. ENVOY IS TOLD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Turkish Government has reaffirmed its pledge of alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary in a successful prosecution of the war, Ambassador Elihu called the State Department from Constantinople today.

While the Ottoman Chamber of Deputies expresses the greatest desire to "strengthen our good relations in neutral countries" the Elihu cable declared the "foreign policy will consist in remaining entirely faithful to our treaties with our allies."

Ambassador Elihu's message had no comment to offer. Ambassador Elihu's dispatch to the State Department follows:

Yesterday, after reading in the Chamber of Deputies the program of the new Cabinet, Grand Vizier asked for a vote of confidence, which was given unanimously. The following passage will interest the department: "Our greatest desire is to secure to every Ottoman the benefits of all the rights which the Constitution confers upon him and in this manner to secure the sovereignty of the law in the country."

"And our foreign policy will consist in remaining entirely faithful to treaties with our allies, in working to assure and cause to flow from this alliance the greatest advantage for both parties and to strengthen our good relations in the neutral countries."

ENGLAND ON HER KNEES, GERMANS ARE ASSURED

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—"We are sure of success and shall allow nothing and nobody to wrest this success from us," declared Secretary of the Treasury Hefferich to the German Agricultural Council, discussing the submarine war.

"Already the navigation which links the British Isles with the rest of the world has been depressed to the danger point," he continued, according to the official press agency report.

"The tonnage which arrived in British ports, Helfferich continued, "was in December last only 2,200,000,000 tons, while the monthly averages of the last year of peace was 4,200,000,000 tons."

"The British world empire, which has already been shaken to its foundations, is now the object of the powerful merciless strokes of our submarine navy, which has been increased in numbers and efficiency. And this will continue until the day will have dawned for which every German heart ardently awaits."

BRITISH TIGHTEN ORDER FOR GERMAN BLOCKADE

LONDON, Feb. 21.—An order in council, announced today, provides that vessels carrying goods to and from enemy ports are liable to capture and condemnation unless they call at an allied port en route to permit examination of their cargoes.

It was explained that the order was issued as a result of the German blockade,

which the order itself characterized as a "flagrant contradiction of international law."

The blockade of Germany is apparently made complete by the order in council, which is evidently directed at shipping in the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, where commerce between Scandinavian nations and Germany has been more or less unrestricted in the past. From now on all such shipping must put into British or Russian ports for examination.

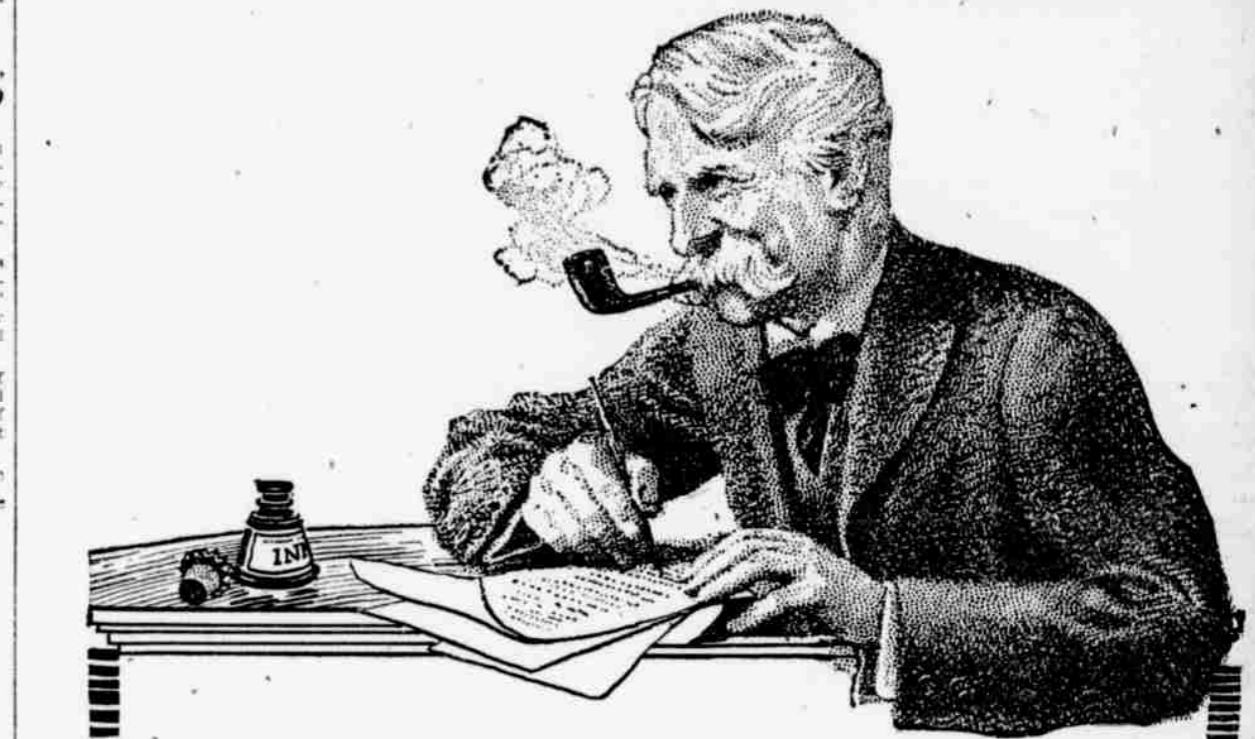
Two Rheostats in One Two rheostats combined in one compact unit, one a step rheostat for coarse regulation and the other a slide wire rheostat for fine graduations, are features of a device that has just made its appearance. It is particularly applicable to such work as the checking of voltmeters, watt-meters, watt-hour-meters, etc. The rheostats furnish voltage values anywhere between zero and the voltage value of the source to which they are connected. In cases of emergency the apparatus being tested can be disconnected from the device by a safety button, which can only be reset by returning the control to zero.

Hydroelectric Power in Spain It appears that there are now fifty hydroelectric plants with an available horsepower of more than 1,000,000 working in Spain. It is estimated however, that it is practicable to produce from water quite 6,000,000 horsepower, continues the Electrician, of

which more than 1,000,000 could be derived from the River Ebro and its affluents. Capital for such developments has in the past been provided mainly in France and Great Britain. It is hoped that the interest of these countries in the matter will not be lost, owing to the vast war expenditures.

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