

FORESEES A FALL IN PRICE OF FOOD

Industrial Board Chairman Says Hoover Was Misunderstood

\$3.60 WHEAT UNLIKELY

Billion Dollar Grain Bill Provides Purchase at "Reasonable Cost"

By the Associated Press Washington, March 24.—"Better food in the near future was predicted today by Chairman Peek, of the Department of Commerce Industrial Board, as a result of a conference with food administration officials in New York.

Mr. Peek said there had been general misunderstanding of a recent statement by Mr. Hoover that wheat might go to \$3.60 a bushel, and added that the billion-dollar grain appropriation was made by Congress to enable the public to get wheat products at reasonable prices, as well as to make good the guarantee to the producer.

Wheat the Food Barometer With wheat prices reasonable, Mr. Peek said, reasonable prices of other products could be expected because wheat was the barometer of the food trade.

Mr. Peek and William M. Ritter, a member of the board, returned from New York this morning, where they went to procure from officials of the food administration and its grain corporation a statement on their policy on food prices.

Mr. Peek made this statement: "Food administration officials felt that it was unfortunate that there had been such general misunderstanding of Mr. Hoover's statement that we might see wheat at \$3.60 a bushel."

"What Mr. Hoover said was 'we might see wheat at \$3.60 a bushel, as it was in the spring of 1917. If there is a free market in wheat and uncontrolled prices, so much for the 1918 crop. There can be no free market of 99 per cent of the world's exports, as to the 1919 crop it is of course too early to come to any precise conclusion."

"It is clear that, as Mr. Hoover says, there can be no free market at present, in the first place because of the unsettled conditions in business—especially in shipping and finance.

Fall in Prices Expected "Further, the phrasing of the grain appropriation bill clearly indicates that the \$1,000,000,000 appropriation was made by Congress, not only to make good the \$228 guarantee to the farmers, but to enable the government to sell wheat and flour at the guaranteed prices 'or at such other prices and on such terms or conditions as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the act, and to enable the people of the United States to purchase wheat products at reasonable cost. What is a reasonable cost must be determined by conditions."

"In July the new wheat crop, estimated at more than a billion and a quarter bushels, will begin to come to market.

"I believe, therefore, that there is every reason to expect lower food prices in the relatively near future. This view I believe the men in charge of the affairs of the food administration will share."

Czecho-Slovak Army Marches on Hungary

Continued from First Page Slovak government is preparing to issue a mobilization order.

T. G. Masaryk, the president of Czecho-Slovakia, has resigned, according to a report received here from Berlin.

The action by the new Hungarian Government followed a cabinet crisis in which Premier Count Karolyi resigned, turning the government over to the proletariat. The Socialists and Communists then combined and proclaimed martial law. Alexander Gorbai has assumed the presidency of the revolutionary government of workers, peasants and Soldiers' Councils.

Urge Reds to Unite The proclamation of the new Hungarian Government invites the workmen and peasants of Bohemia, Rumania, Serbia and Croatia to form an armed alliance against the aristocracy, land owners and dynasties. It requests also that the workmen of Austria and Germany follow the lead of Hungary in breaking off relations with the Paris Peace Conference.

They are requested to rally with the Moscow government and constitute a Soviet republic and to resist, arms in hand, the "imperialist conquerors."

The proclamation says the government will enforce the proletariat's dictates against Hungarian landowners and capitalists, the Rumanian aristocracy and the Czech bourgeoisie.

Enlistments Are Urged The document ends by urging each workman and peasant to work in order to produce or to enlist in the army.

The Austrian central workmen's council has decided not to join the Hungarian movement in introducing a soviet government in Austria, a dispatch from Vienna says. The council, it is declared, points out that such a course was impossible for Austria be-

ENTENTE PLANS TO MEET HUNGARIAN CRISIS



HALLER'S POLISH TROOPS TO BE RUSHED TO DANZIG

TWO DIV. OF FRENCH TROOPS AT BUDAPEST

RUSSIAN ARMY REPORTED ADVANCING

ALLIED MONITORS ON DANUBE

SERBIAN DIV. AT BELGRADE

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DANGER OF BOHEMIA JOINING REDS SEEN London, March 24.—(By A. P.)—The revolution in Hungary caused great excitement in Vienna, but did not surprise those who were aware of the true condition of affairs, says the Vienna correspondent in the Telegraph.

UKRAINE DICKERS WITH BOLSHEVIKI Vienna, March 24.—(By A. P.)—It is learned from the Ukraine that negotia-

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PEACE MAKERS MAY SUCCEED IN SPITE OF BOLSHEVIK REVOLTS

REVOLT IS BACKED BY RUSSIAN RUBLES

Berlin, March 24.—(By A. P.)—The Berlin press from the extremely radical to the most decidedly conservative, sees in the events which are occurring in Hungary a terrible warning to the Entente.

Entente Imperialism, says the latter newspaper, "assisted Bolshevism into the saddle in Russia by the frustration of Kerensky's peace plans. It now has raised Bolshevism in Hungary out of the depths of its impotence. If these two lessons should not be sufficient, a third would carry terrible consequences into the Entente lands."

That the seizure of power by the Hungarian communists is the result of Russian Bolshevism revolutionary work and the financing of the movement with Russian rubles seems apparent from the history of the movement.

GERMAN AUSTRIA MAY JOIN WITH REDS Vienna, March 24.—(By A. P.)—Asked what effect Hungarian events would have on the political situation in Germany, Major Deutsche, secretary for military affairs, said today:

BAVARIA TO DISARM SOLDIERS Will Not Furnish Troops for the German Empire.

Zurich, March 24.—(By A. P.)—The Bavarian minister of foreign affairs has informed the German Government that Bavaria will disarm her soldiers and henceforth will not furnish troops for the empire.

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Continued from First Page and Bolshevism reigns in his place. In other words, a very limited conception of peace is now accepted by the distracted peacemakers here.

President Wilson shows no better grasp of the problem of Bolshevism than do the rest of the delegates. It is impossible to point to any definite, finished work of the Peace Conference, except the military terms to be presented to Germany. On other parts of the peace with Germany, as distinguished from that with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, the Allies are approaching the conclusion in a feverish way.

An optimistic view of the situation is that somehow the world will muddle through, that Germany will not go so bad as Russia, that the infection will not spread seriously in France and Italy, that England will emerge from the present labor troubles, and that the league of nations, with the development of an intelligent international public opinion, will preserve future peace.

Entente to Rush Forces to Hungary Continued from First Page further questions which have arisen because of developments in the former Austro-Hungarian empire.

Thomas W. Gregory, former Attorney General of the United States, who is advising the league of nations with reference to legal phases of amendments which have been proposed to the covenant, takes the view that it is not necessary to introduce a specific amendment affirming the Monroe Doctrine.

Proviso Has Been Drawn Such a proviso has been drawn, but it is not yet known whether its incorporation in the covenant will be urged. It affirms in substance that coercive measures of the united powers as provided by the covenant shall not operate against nations of the Western Hemisphere unless the United States and other western countries shall approve.

GOING BEYOND THE MONROE DOCTRINE In the view of Mr. Gregory and other legal experts, would introduce wide controversy on an interpretation of the meaning of the Monroe Doctrine. It is expected consideration of this and other amendments will be continued several days before a final decision is reached.

L'UNGHERIA PREPARA GUERRA ALL'INTESA

Il Nuovo Governo Ungherese si Proclama Solide con la Russia

Londra, 23 marzo.—Viene segnalato che il Governo di Budapest ha firmato un proclama con il quale riconosce uno stato di guerra tra l'Ungheria e l'Intesa. Cio' secondo un dispaccio giunto da Vienna alla Exchange Telegraph.

La proclamazione di una dittatura devoluta al proletariato ed alleanza armata con la Russia bolscevica, e' stata dichiarata con il seguente decreto:

Il proletariato dell'Ungheria ha oggi preso nelle sue mani tutto il potere. In seguito alla decisione della Conferenza di Parigi per la occupazione dell'Ungheria le previsioni dell'Ungheria rivoluzionaria divengono completamente impossibili.

Il "concilio decretata" la socializzazione di larghe proprieta', mine, grandi industrie, banche e line di trasporto, realizzando completa solidarieta' con il governo russo dei Soviet ed offrendo di contrarre un'alleanza armata con il proletariato della Russia.

Berlino, 24 marzo.—Un dispaccio speciale della Freiheit annuncia il disarmo delle truppe dell'Intesa a Budapest. Il dispaccio non e' stato confermato e perci' deve essere accolto con le debite riserve.

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