

NO INDICATION OF WHEN WILSON WILL SPEAK

Believed He Will Go Before Congress Middle of Next Week

EXCITEMENT IS ALLAYED

American Missionary Killed on Liner Which Was Used as Transport

Washington, Feb. 24.—With adjournment of Congress one week off, President Wilson to-day had given no indication of when he will go before that body with a statement in international relations, and Secretary Lansing was out of the city on a three days' vacation. After yesterday's cabinet meeting, officials were unusually reticent, and the next regular cabinet meeting will not be held until Tuesday. Ordinarily some move of the President would be looked for soon after a conference with his cabinet advisers.

Temporary excitement created yesterday by news that an American missionary was drowned when the French liner Athos was torpedoed was allayed to-day by press reports that the vessel was being used as a troop transport and was conveyed by two destroyers.

Baron Zwiedinek, charge of the Austrian embassy here, is said to have been told during a call at the State Department that until relations with his government become more satisfactory, no arrangements would be made for official reception of the new ambassador, Count Tarnowski.

HEAVILY TAX BACHELORS

London, Feb. 24.—Dr. August Von Lentze, Prussian minister of finance, has announced a new heavy tax on bachelors, according to a Berlin telegram transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Copenhagen, correspondent.

Families with children, on the other hand, the announcement states, will be relieved of the burden of ordinary taxation, according to the number of their children.

WOMEN CARPENTERS IN FRANCE

London, Feb. 22.—Nineteen young women carpenters have left for France, when they have contracted to remain for the duration of the war in employment mainly connected with the building of barracks for the British army.

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SEEK CAUSE AND REMEDIES OF FOOD RISE

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the trains after they arrived at Chicago. Reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day show that a total of 766 box cars were sent to Chicago between February 19 and February 23 in addition to those previously reported.

Reports also were received from paper manufacturers in New York State, saying they were unable to continue operations because of shortage in coal and wood pulp. New York Central railroad officials, however, wired the Commission that the situation had been relieved and that the paper companies were operating.

House Chaplain Prays For Food Situation Relief

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Washington, Feb. 24.—A prayer for relief of the food situation was delivered in the House to-day by Chaplain Couden.

"We pray," he said, "in this land of peace and plenty that the authorities in state and nation may find ways and means by which the abnormal prices of foodstuffs may be brought within reach of the struggling classes, the poor and needy; that the spectacle enacted in many of our cities recently may not be repeated."

Five Trains of Grain and Flour Speeding East

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Washington, Feb. 24.—Within the last 24 hours five trains of fifty cars each loaded with flour or grain have left here for the east and two more trains will be dispatched some time to-day.

The trains will be rushed through ahead of all other freight in order to aid in relieving the food situation in several cities of the east.

Spurred by Riots, N. Y. Authorities Take Steps To Relieve Sufferers

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New York, Feb. 24.—Relief is in sight for the poor of New York City who have been suffering from the high price of food. Spurred by riots, boycotts and mass appeals the city government and wealthy citizens have taken action designed not only to ease the present situation, but provide for the future.

The most definite measure is the purchase of a large quantity of food which will be brought here for distribution at the lowest possible price. George W. Perkins, chairman of the Mayor's committee on food supply, announced that a campaign had begun to popularize rice as a substitute for more costly foods. To keep down the price of rice the committee has bought 4,000,000 pounds. The fact that plans are laid to buy rice in immense quantities became known to-day through receipt of information from Woodland, Cal., that Mr. Perkins had telegraphed the county Board of Trade there asking terms for immediate shipment to New York of 15,000,000 pounds.

The Mayor's committee has purchased also a carload of smelts on the Pacific coast which will be used to force down prices in the local markets. Funds for these purchases were guaranteed by members of the committee, all local men.

Governor Whitman who came here last night from Albany, said that he would devote the day to consideration of the food problem. The Governor expressed the belief that the Wicks food and market bill now before the Legislature would, if it became a law, ultimately bring some relief.

The situation, he said, demanded an immediate remedy and he looks to the municipal authorities for recommendations. Arrangements have been made for a great demonstration this afternoon in Madison Square. If the police will permit, those in charge of the meeting say that after the speaking is over they will start a parade on Fifth avenue.

Chicago Police Taking Census to See How Much Food Is In Storage

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Chicago, Feb. 24.—A food census of Chicago was started to-day by the police department, acting under the "forestalling ordinances" which forbid the storing of food in warehouses for the purpose of keeping it off the market and thus raising the price to the consumer.

Chief of Police Hermann F. Schuetter started out a special detail of officers with instructions to call at each of the 21 large cold storage warehouses and obtain a statement of the amount of food of various kinds which is in storage. With this information the police believe it will be possible to determine to what extent speculation is responsible for the high prices of food materials.

The Federal authorities also continued an investigation into the food situation. The car shortage situation had not improved in this city at least as far as it concerned grain shipments. One large elevator closed in South Chicago yesterday because of lack of cars, and it was said four elevators belonging to a large grain house would probably shut down during the day.

NO BREAK UP LIKELY

No immediate change in river conditions is the forecast to-day of E. E. Demain, of the U. S. Weather Bureau. The rainfall of the past twelve hours is not sufficient to make any material change in the river. The Juniata has risen slightly, but not enough to bring about a general break-up.

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1,004 PERSONS PERISH WHEN TWELVE VESSELS ARE SUNK

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erly approach to the English channel. The British authorities, according to London advices, had nothing to do with the routing of the vessels, the Dutch authorities making all arrangements. The tonnage of six of the Dutch steamers aggregated 32,213 and the other is believed to have been a vessel of 1,091 tons. Two British steamers were the others sunk, one of 3,196 tons and the other probably 1,004 tons.

Sea Raider in Indian Ocean

A Japanese press report announces the presence of a sea raider in the Indian ocean, where the exploits of the noted Emden were performed. The new raider, an armed merchantman, is said to have sunk two British steamers southwest of Colombo, Ceylon.

In the field of military operations there have been few important developments. The French have been active in the Vosges region and Paris reports the penetration of the German lines north of Senones by a French detachment last night. British army estimates were issued to-day providing for an army of 5,000,000 men while a naval estimate calls for 50,000 officers and men, making the naval personnel 450,000. The army estimates are exclusive of India.

CITY MANAGER PLAN SAVES MUCH MONEY

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councilman and well-known businessman of Dayton.

Mr. Switzer, who came here under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce Civic Department, of which A. Carson Stamm is chairman, was introduced by John Sweeney, after a membership dinner at which President David E. Tracy presided. Mr. Switzer illustrated his talk with lantern views, using the method which the Harrisburg Municipal League originated in its first campaign for public canals from a city charter framed and adopted by the people. It is designed to serve as the spirit of community co-operation it engenders," he said.

Dayton's system giving councilmen no more work than any man can afford to take from his own affairs and paying him only a nominal salary made it impossible for busy and capable men to decline public service when called upon, he said. This was highly interesting to many present because it reflects a sentiment that has been growing rapidly in Harrisburg.

Mr. Switzer said the city of Dayton has founded its system of government upon the manner in which corporations are managed. He likened the voters to the stockholders, the councilmen to the board of directors and the city manager to the general manager of the company, and said it worked out that the city under this plan receives the same efficient service that the corporation requires.

Not all the people of Dayton are in favor of the city manager plan even now, said Mr. Switzer. The politicians, Republican, Democratic and Socialist are opposed to it, but the people are for it. Last year the Democratic politicians succeeded in having the revenues cut by \$169,000, under an Ohio law that could not prevail in Pennsylvania, and expected to ruin the reputation of the city manager by causing a deficit. Instead the city manager simply retrenched and came out with \$50,000 in the treasury.

Dayton has not reached perfection, Mr. Switzer told his audience, but he felt that a very large degree of efficiency had resulted from the city manager plan and that the people will never return to the old form. "Get good councilmen, not only honest, but able and free of hand," he said, "and have them hire a big man for city manager, and any city cannot but benefit."

London Turning to Clops Owing to Leather Scarcity

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Washington, Feb. 24.—Scarcity of leather is forcing London to turn to clops as a substitute for shoes. Already the city's school children are clattering daily to their studies in clops as they notice a pair of slippers to the Commerce Department. Poor children are permitted to purchase the footwear on a weekly installment plan.

The home demand for wooden shoes is so great, it is declared, a British manufacturing concern has just declined an order for 100,000 pairs for the Belgian government.

TO RE-INDEX ALL COUNTY RECORDS

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can be installed, the committee estimates, for not more than \$24,000 and the work completed in 18 months. The court order to-day is the result of a petition signed by all members of the Dauphin county bar asking the court to name a committee of lawyers to pass upon the necessity of re-indexing the recorder's books, to estimate the cost and recommend a system. The court last November named the following committee: John E. Fox, chairman; Charles H. Bergner, Oscar G. Wickersham, John C. Niesley and William M. Hain to look into the matter and report.

The committee, after examining conditions in the recorder's office, reported that the records are badly worn as the result of constant usage over a period of many years and that many of them are well nigh illegible, that the system in use is antiquated, cumbersome and causes congestion in the office.

In recommending the Russell system the committee calls attention to the fact that it is at present in use in the prothonotary's office and its use would be in the way of making the records uniform. The cost would not exceed \$24,000, the committee believes.

County Recorder Lentz, who will be entrusted with the making of the contract, said to-day that he will use his utmost efforts to see that the county gets the most for its money and that the work is not strung out unduly and the cost made excessive. The cost will be born by the county.

Eighth's Property to Be Stored in This City and in Lemoine

The machine guns, escort wagons and all other property which the Eighth regiment is bringing back from the border, will be stored in Harrisburg for service. The Eighth is bringing twenty-seven escort wagons, several motor trucks, its machine guns and their trucks and the usual amount of tentage and other property in charge of the headquarters, supply and machine gun companies.

The machine guns will probably be stored at Lemoine as there is no provision for them at the Second street armory and the escort wagons, which will arrive here knocked down, will be placed in one of the storerooms in the Capitol park extension zone which have been used by the quartermaster's department.

All arrangements have been made for the transfer of the property of the Eighth as soon as it arrives. The two infantry companies and the three auxiliary companies will have their headquarters at the Armory and will resume regular drills very soon.

Major S. M. Rutherford is making the annual inspection at the State arsenal where he is going over all property and will check up with commanders of the regiments which turned it in. No orders have come for him to muster out the Eighth but they are expected.

REDUCE RATES OF DISCOUNT

Bombay, Feb. 24.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Bombay was reduced from 8 to 7 per cent. to-day.

Calcutta, Feb. 24.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Bengal was reduced from 8 to 7 per cent. to-day.

Evangelical Conference Licenses New Ministers

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—At the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church, which is in annual session here in the Christ Church, the following men were licensed to preach: Charles Hepler, Reading; William H. Callier, Boyertown; Daniel Harper, Deading; Lawrence Hosann, Palmyra; Alfred Snyder, Herndon, and Stanley A. Sitter, of Weissport.

Bishop W. M. Stanford, of Harrisburg, editor of the Sunday school literature, denounced the unduly boosting the prices of food and the hoarding of paper material. Unrighteous politicians, he said, could easily stop the unfair boosting of prices of things that are essential to the human life by the enactment of legislation in the interest of the people.

REFUSES NEW TRIAL

In an opinion handed down late yesterday, Judge S. J. McCarroll denied a new trial to the executors of the John C. Herman estate. The jury recently returned a verdict to Henry J. Harman on a contract alleged to have been made with John Harman. The latter died before the trial. The court holds that the matter was one solely for the jury.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS READY

New York, Feb. 24.—Announcement that the Camp Fire Girls are ready for service in the event of war and of what may be expected of them was made here to-day on behalf of the organization, which has 90,000 members, with every State represented. Their special duties would be the care of children lacking protection in time of emergency, nursing the wounded, making bandages, and preparing food.

American Importers Hard Hit by Restrictions

London, Feb. 24.—Importers of American goods feel themselves particularly hard hit by the latest restrictions upon imports, but the extent of their loss can be only approximately until they learn just how liberally licenses will be granted for importations of forbidden wares.

The goods most drastically affected and which have been imported in amounts running into millions annually from America, include agricultural machinery, typewriters and other office equipment, boots and shoes, cotton hosiery, apples, wood and cut timber. Cotton hosiery was on the previous prohibited list but was recently removed by the government.

WRIT ISSUED AGAINST ALDERMAN HOVERTER


A writ of alternative mandamus directed against Alderman George W. Hovertor was issued this morning by the Dauphin county court. The writ was made returnable on March 12.

SEEKS DIVORCE

Divorce proceedings were begun this morning in the county courts by Walter Simmons against his wife, Sarah Simmons.

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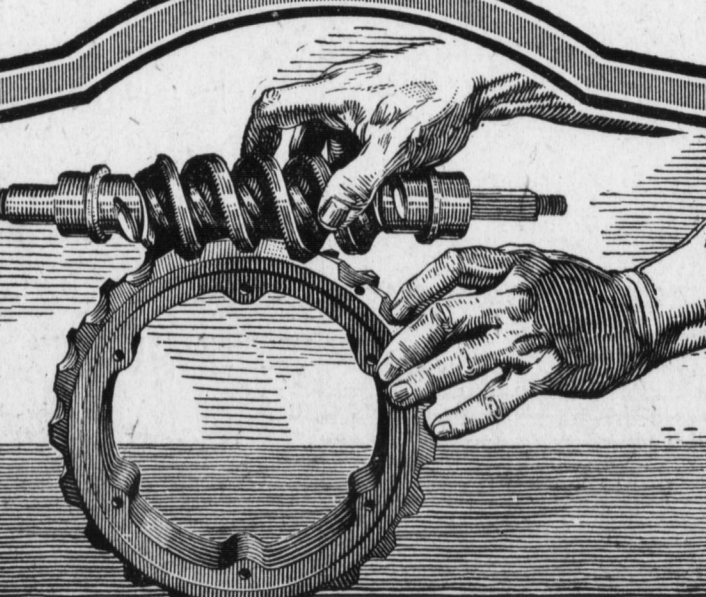


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