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SPECULATORS ROBB NATION, SAYS HOOVER

Price Jobbers Have Taken Quarter of a Billion Dollars From American People in Five Months, Expert Tells U. S. Senators; Country Must Feed Our Allies or Fight Germany Alone; Prices Lower in Europe Where Control Is Practiced

Washington, June 19.—Food speculators have been taking \$50,000,000 a month for the last five months—a total of a quarter of a billion dollars—from the American people, Herbert C. Hoover to-day told Senators in explaining the purpose of the food control bill now before Congress.

Disclaiming that the bill sets up a food dictatorship, Mr. Hoover told Senators its purposes were entirely to organize the resources of the country and the people themselves in a food administration to limit middlemen's commissions and prevent extortion.

"With righteous manufacturers and distributors prices," he said, "the price of flour should not have been over \$9 a barrel. Yet it averages \$14.

In the last five months \$250,000,000 has been extracted from the American consumer in excess of normal profits of manufacturers and distributors."

Mr. Hoover outlined broadly the question of prospective food supplies. "The real question," he said in a prepared statement preliminary to senatorial questioning, "is whether the shortage will continue next year and what will be the needs of the allies and America. Despite the reduced consumption of the allies, they will require larger amounts of cereals next year than ever before. The allies are now isolated in food sources. It takes three times the tonnage and double the trouble to get Australian wheat. Crop failures in the Argentine give no hope of relief from there before next year.

Dependent on United States "The allies are dependent upon North America for the vast majority of their food imports. We should be able to supply 60 per cent. of what they require. The other 40 per cent. must be made up by further draining our own stocks and saving on ours. We can increase our surplus. The situation for them next year means increased privation. Without an adequate food supply the European population will continue to fight and we shall find ourselves alone against Germany."

"The Russian revolution was a food riot and even yet that ally is temporarily paralyzed. Responsibility rests on our government for failure of democracy through a shortage of food."

Turning to domestic conditions, Mr. Hoover said this country has been experiencing "unprecedented and rampant speculation," citing how middlemen and all other persons in the distribution processes have been purchasing in large quantities to avert individual shortages.

Speculators at Fault Mr. Hoover cited the canning trade as an example where the entire output of vegetables and fish for 1917 has been displaced already by the European population will continue to fight and we shall find ourselves alone against Germany."

"The average prices to the consumers in countries where food is now lower than those prevailing in the United States. In England the price of bread is even 25 per cent. below the price we pay. I believe that unless some administration of our food is taken we will look back at these prices as being already established by a food dictatorship. He characterized the purposes of food administration as to mobilize the people in order to carry out the advice given them by the government officials and to decentralize the functions of the administration in order to speed up the various stages of food administration into the various stages.

A commission to take charge of

production and distribution of flour, sugar and possibly a few other principal commodities, Mr. Hoover said, is being completed.

"Provisions for the government to buy and sell commodities will be necessary for use only as to a very few prime commodities," he said. "The aim is to stabilize prices and the curbing of speculation. The balance wheel for stabilizing prices is gone. We need an artificial balance wheel. By setting up a wheat commission we can buy wheat, regulate its storage and transportation and handle it until exported or sold in this country. If we do not do this, what prices we can rely on account of our not being able to store and carry it, with speculators securing the sole benefit and farmers bearing the loss."

Co-operate in Sugar "We can contract to-morrow with the allies for a certain return for every bushel of wheat we can sell. By controlling prices at interior terminals we can assure millers their profits and simplify transportation."

As to sugar, Mr. Hoover said American refiners are competing with the allies in Cuba, and that the proposed sugar commission could operate with the allied purchasers, the American refiners and Cuban producers, stabilizing and reducing prices as well as removing speculative incentives. The proposed appropriation of \$150,000,000 for government purchase of commodities, Mr. Hoover said, might prove too small, but is needed for banking facilities.

"We feel confident consumers' prices of sugar and flour will be reduced by the removal of speculation and co-operation with leaders of other trades," he said. "We must have power to license grain elevators so that the grain they play their part in the team work of the government."

Bomb Mystery in Park Cleared by Patrolman's Remark to Soldier

It's a bomb!"

A score or more of pedestrians sitting on benches in the park along the river between Front and Walnut streets heard the startled exclamation last evening just before dark and all turned to gaze at a well-dressed object dropped by a stylishly dressed young man hurrying northward.

Quietly it lay on the ground, and he elbowed his way through the crowd gathered a good distance back and grasped the article. While it had lain the gravel was all damp and now a few drops trickled through the package.

"What is it?" asked a reporter for THE HARRISBURG TELEGRAPH who was on his way for a noon ride. When the patrolman looked around he thought a soldier standing beside the reporter asked the question.

"Nothing doing, old top; you're in uniform," said the officer.

Rev. James F. Bullitt Declines Call From Church at Hingham, Mass.

The Rev. James F. Bullitt announced to-day that he will decline the recent call to become rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham, Mass., and will remain rector of St. Andrew's parish, this city.

The Rev. Mr. Bullitt has been considering the New England call since the beginning of the month. He was temporarily in charge of the Hingham church six years ago when called to become rector of St. Andrew's in this city.

While visiting Hingham a fortnight ago Mr. Bullitt was taken ill and hurried back to his home here. He is recovering rapidly and will soon be able to resume his pastoral duties.

U. S. Lets Contracts For 16 More Steel Ships

San Francisco, Cal., June 19.—The United States Shipping Board has let contracts to the Moore & Scott iron works, of Oakland, for immediate construction of sixteen steel steamers of 9,400 tons each.

The company estimates that from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 is involved in the contracts.

JITNEY HEARING POSTPONED

Hearings in the local jitney cases to be reviewed this morning before the Public Service Commission have been indefinitely postponed.

MAY ADJUST DIFFERENCES

It is probable that during this afternoon some agreement in regard to the direct inheritance tax bill will be reached. Senatorial leaders were in conference to-day with Attorney General Brown and Auditor General Snyder, who are at odds over the appointments provided in the bill.

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NATION AT WAR DRINKS ITSELF INTO NEW RECORD

Year Just Closing Brought High Tide of Beer and Whisky

Revenue collected on whisky thus far in the fiscal year is approximately \$178,000,000, a record for any year, although the current fiscal year still has eleven days. Ordinary receipts still are pouring in at the rate of \$1,000,000 a day. At the tax rate of \$1.10 a gallon, these figures mean that sales have been paid on about 154,000,000 gallons in 1917, an unprecedented record of the next highest year, 1913.

Heavy Receipts

Part of these heavy receipts is accounted for, however, by heavy withdrawals from bonded warehouses in the face of the 100 per cent. increase in taxes contemplated in the war revenue bill. More than \$6,000,000 increase in the fiscal year is expected because. Withdrawals have not been so heavy since April.

Revenue from beer is about \$94,000,000, a little less than the record of 1914, when approximately \$68,000,000 barrels, taxable at \$1.50 a barrel, were consumed. It is expected that when the fiscal year closes June 30, the 1914 record will have been surpassed.

Tobacco yielded more than \$100,000,000 revenue this year. The nearest approach to this figure in an unprecedented heat wave. The prolonged drought has not been broken since early in May. Berlin on Sunday experienced the hottest June 17 on record in the seventy years' experience of the weather bureau. Tropical temperatures were also reported everywhere west of the United States.

The weather bureau states that the prospects for rain or lower temperatures are very slight.

Camp Curtin Memorial Bill Passed by Senate

The Senate to-day passed finally the Beidleman bill carrying \$55,000 for the CVamp Curtin memorial, and it will be taken up in the House appropriation bill \$250,000 for land for State inebriate asylum.

Appropriating \$250,000 the State's share of eliminating grade crossings. Providing for change of venue in civil cases.

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