

HOOVER ORDERS WHEAT RATION FOR AMERICA

Weekly Consumption Put at One and One-half Pounds Each Person

Gore Wheat Debate Cuts Receipts; Wilson Alarmed

Senator Gore's proposal to guarantee a \$2.50 minimum price for wheat and its discussion in the Senate sent wheat deliveries down from \$100,000,000 to \$60,000,000 a week.

The agitation brought a threat to abandon corn planting unless a minimum price was fixed for that cereal as well as for wheat.

These phases of the Gore proposal have moved the President. It was learned today, to take steps to inform Congress of the menace to the economy life of the nation.

Washington, March 25.—Virtual rationing of the American people to curtail still further the consumption of wheat was ordered yesterday by Food Administrator Hoover.

The food administrator's new regulations provide:

First. Household to use not to exceed a total of one and one-half pounds a week products a person.

Second. Public eating places and clubs to observe two wheatless days a week, Monday and Wednesday, as at present.

Third. Retailers to sell not more than one-eighth of a barrel of flour to any town customer at any one time and not more than one-quarter of a barrel to any country customer at any one time and in no case to sell wheat products without the sale of an equal weight of other cereals.

Fourth. Bakers and grocers to reduce the volume of Victory bread sold by delivery of the three-quarter pound loaf where one pound was sold before, and corresponding proportions in other weights.

Fifth. Manufacturers using wheat products for nonfood purposes should cease such use entirely.

Sixth. There is no limit upon the use of other cereals, flours and meals, corn, barley, buckwheat, potato flour, etc.

Big Saving Contemplated. In addition, the food administrator ordered a further decrease in the amount of wheat flour in bread.

Although the effectiveness of the new regulations must continue to depend largely on the patriotic co-operation of the American householders, the food administration, by controlling the chief arteries of distribution will exert a check on the unwilling.

Book Campaign For U. S. War Camps Successful

The recent campaign for books for soldiers waged by Boy Scouts during the past week was signally successful, and thousands of volumes have been given.

LOCAL ELKS HONORED. James L. Carroll, past exalted ruler of the Harrisburg Lodge of Elks, has been appointed by the State Association to take charge of a drive to refund that are to be used in building a hospital where wounded soldiers may be cared for during their convalescence.

WARNERS OF HUN AGENTS. "German agents are at work everywhere, so we should be careful of our speech," advised lawyer George Reed yesterday in his address to a large crowd of audience of the Peoples Forum at the Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church.

The Hero--PREBLE--The Destroyer The Man's Valor a Century Ago Will History Repeat Itself?

"Somewhere" at sea silently spreading through waters that hide the twentieth century pirate—the submarine—is a flotilla of American destroyers.

On them, above all else, depends the turn of the tide in favor of the allies. As, more than a century ago, the seas were cleared of pirates who had exacted tribute from all the maritime powers, so now is the American Navy taking the lead to clear the seas of a new brand of pirate, the representatives of the German emperor who first sink their victims' ships and fire on their unarmed men, women and children, and who expect by these methods later to exact tribute from the world.

One hundred years ago it was the new nation, America, that ended piracy, and opened shipping safely to the world. And it was Commodore Edward Preble who guided the American fleet to victory against the Tripolitans.

Now another fleet is in action. One of our destroyers is named the Preble in honor of the man whose service was second to none in the wars of other days.

As Brave as Ever. No war of history has offered more opportunity for distinction. Naval warfare now is different than ever before.

The Destroyer Preble was attached to the Pacific fleet before the United States entered the world war. She makes 28 1/2 knots, and carries two 4-inch 50 caliber rapid fire guns, five 6 pounder rapid fire guns, and two 18-inch torpedo tubes.

Her complement is three officers and seventy-two men. The Preble's displacement is 420 tons, she is 245 feet long and 23 feet beam. Her engines are 7,000 horsepower, with twin screw propellers.

The part she will play in this war, the records that may be written down in the new chapter of the history of warfare, will be made doubly interesting by recalling some of the deeds of the illustrious officer whose name she bears.

Edward Preble, born in Portland, Maine, in 1781, grew into a strong, athletic, and adventure-loving boy, and against the wishes of his father followed his plan to become a sailor by leaving school after three years and going to sea.

His first experience in naval service came in 1799 when he was appointed midshipman in the state ship Protector, twenty-six guns. On her first cruise the Protector defeated in battle the Admiral Duff, thirty-six guns, and later was defeated in a battle with two British ships. Some months later Preble entered as first lieutenant on the Winthrop.

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Penobscot harbor. As Lieutenant Preble and fourteen men sprang into the brig the boat with Captain Little and the remainder of the crew was carried away from the brig's side. Captain Little called out to Preble:

"Will you not have more men?" With great presence of mind and in a loud voice, he answered:

"No, we have more than we want; we stand in each other's way." Lieutenant Preble's reply so frightened the crew many of them jumped overboard, and the officers surrendered immediately. The vessel was carried out of the harbor under fire of troops on shore and carried in triumph to Boston.

In 1799 Preble was appointed one of 44 lieutenants and after two cruises in the Pickering was promoted captain and given command of the frigate Essex, later resigning the command on account of ill health.

In 1802 he was appointed to command the Constitution, then lying in Boston, and instructed to get ready for sea. In June of that year he received orders to take command of the squadron then preparing for active service in the Mediterranean.

The fleet consisted of the Constitution, 44 guns, flagship; the Philadelphia, 44 guns, Captain William Bainbridge, already at the station; the Argus, 18 guns; the Syren, 10 guns; Lieutenant Stewart's the Nemesis, 16 guns; the Vixen, 16 guns; and the Enterprise, Lieutenant Stephen Decatur, 14 guns.

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ish colors, which he converted into the ketch Intrepid, which took a prominent part in later battles. With six gunboats and two bomb-vessels borrowed from the king of Naples, Commodore Preble attacked the batteries and shipping in the harbor of Tripoli on August 3. Fifteen minutes after the signal to attack was given the bomb-vessels were shelling the city. As the various divisions of the fleet signed out and attacked the division of the enemy's force assigned to them, Commodore Preble in the Constitution kept the enemy's flotilla in disorder and assisted his various units, being a large part of the time under the direct fire of the shore batteries at close range.

Although the engagement lasted two and one half hours, only one man was killed, and his death occurred through treachery. Three enemy boats were captured, and three of the crew of the captured boats were killed, and on shore a large number of persons were killed.

Before Commodore Preble reached Tripoli, the Philadelphia, which had been sent on ahead, had run around while chasing an enemy boat in the harbor, and was captured by the Tripolitans and the crew imprisoned.

Following Preble's second assault on the city, the bashaw sent word that he would accept \$500 each for the ransom of the prisoners, a total of about \$150,000, and terminate the war. Preble offered to pay \$90,000 thinking to avoid further bloodshed, the bashaw refused, and awaited another attack.

Preble attacked on the 23rd, with out results. On the 27th the commodore sailed into the harbor in the Constitution with a picked crew of volunteers and routed the enemy gunboats and silenced many of the shore batteries. The attack was renewed on the third of September, and following this Preble decided to send a fire-ship into the harbor to destroy the flotilla. The attempt failed, and the heroic Captain Somers and his crew lost their lives.

Shortly after this attack Commodore Preble was relieved by Commodore Barron, and sailed for the United States. Congress voted him the thanks of the nation and an emblematic medal was presented to him by the president. The following year the campaign Commodore Preble had begun ended in peace with Tripoli and the navy returned home.

S TAKE IN RAID. Three men and five women were taken in a raid on the alleged disorderly houses at 315 and 317 Cherry street, Saturday night. Two cases of beer were taken from one house, which police say was being sold in the house.

CERTIFIED MILK IS UP. Certified milk has increased to nineteen cents a quart and ten cents a pint, the Milk Commission of the Harrisburg Academy of Medicine has announced. The cost of ordinary milk is given as the reason for the rising cost.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart



New Fashions In Suits and Coats For the Spring Season

Suits limited to the exclusiveness of just one or a few of a kind, mirror the loveliest of the new arrivals in suits and coats for Women and Misses. Styles are charming and unusual to a marked degree. All of the newest fashions are embodied in this splendid Easter showing with the tendency running to the plain tailored half fitted models.

Some are trimmed with rows of braid and some with rows of buttons and others have good looking fancy collars of silk frills on Roshanara silk.

Size ranges are complete for Misses, Women of small, medium and large sizes.

Prices Go From \$25.00 to \$85.00

Spring Coats of Serge, Poplin, Tricotine and Velour

In many styles representing the best of fashions, all of them man-tailored, sturdily lined or half lined. The materials are all wool in every instance and the range of colors is exceptionally good. Many styles in navy blue and black.

All sizes for misses and women, at \$22.50 to \$65.00 Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Second Floor.

Most Women Will Want New Belts and Bags For Easter

A smart new belt and a pretty new silk bag will be quite necessary in completing the Easter wardrobe. This announcement deals with all new belt and bag styles—and this is the week when the feminine mind is intensely centered on such things.

- Patent leather belts, 1 to 3 inches 25c to \$3.00
Black patent leather belts, military buckle 31.00
Black patent leather belts, triple buckle 31.00
Black patent leather belts, twin buckles 75c
Black kid belts, lined, ivory buckle, 1 to 3 inches wide, 1.50
Black kid belts, 2 inches wide, military buckle, trimmed with small buckles, fibre and leather covered buckles, 50c, 60c and 1.00
White kid belts, 2 inches wide 50c
White kid belts, satin lined, ivory buckle, 1 1/2 inches wide, 1.00 and 1.50
Colored patent leather belts, 2 and 2 1/2 inches wide, 50c and 75c
Colored suede belts, covered buckles, 2 and 2 1/2 inches wide, 50c and 60c

Easter Bags and Purses

- Black and Roman stripe silk bags 1.00 and 2.00
Fancy plaited silk bags, covered frames 35.00
Vehette vanity bags 1.00 and 1.50
Morocco bags, top handles, Oriental trimmings, lined with green silk 6.00
Morocco strap purses, Oriental trimmings 1.69 to 3.75
Cobra purses, with back straps, in brown, blue, tan and purple 3.00 to 5.00
Pin seal purses, with back straps and top handles, in tan, brown, grey, purple, navy and green 3.00 and 4.00
Buff alligator purses, in colors 1.25 to 4.75
Leather strap purses, in tan, brown, purple, green and grey 1.00 and 1.25

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Street Floor.

Many Hundreds of Choice Values in the China Sale's Last Week

More than 10,000 pieces went into this notable sale last week, and with the unusual offerings presented for this week much activity is promised in the China Ware section.

- Plain white and decorated cups and saucers, 15c, 20c, 25c
Open vegetable dishes, 15c, 20c and 25c
Oat meal saucers 10c
Sugar bowls 39c
Platters, 15c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 50c
Bowls, 10c, 15c, 17c and 20c
Bread and butter plates, 5c and 10c
Sauce boats 25c and 29c
Covered casseroles, 75c and 98c
Dinner plates, 10c and 15c
42-piece dinner sets, decorated with gold with medallions on edge, set 55.98
42-piece dinner sets with gold lace borders and color lines, 79.98
70-piece dinner set with handsome lace border, in bright gold 99.98
100-piece dinner sets, of Colonial porcelain in three decorations; forget-me-nots, pink floral decorations and bird patterns. Set 129.98

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Basement.

If Your Dining Room Is to Be Refurnished This Spring

—Put in one of these beautiful new suites before Easter. In construction and design of these pieces are all of an undoubtedly superior class.

- Queen Anne mahogany dining room suite, 10 pieces, 60-inch buffet, 48-inch extension table, leather slip seat chairs 195.00
William and Mary Jacobean dining room suite, nine pieces, Golden oak and fumed oak tea wagons, rubber tire wheels 175.95
Queen Anne Jacobean dining room suite, nine pieces, 64-inch buffet, 48-inch extension table, leather slip seat chairs 200.00
William and Mary Jacobean dining room suite, nine pieces, 54-inch buffet, 48-inch extension table, leather slip seat chairs 150.00
William and Mary mahogany dining room suite, ten pieces 190.00
William and Mary American walnut dining room suite, 60-inch buffet, 48-inch extension table, leather slip seat chairs 210.00

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart—Fourth Floor.

Easter Eggs With Name Decoration

Expert egg decorators from one of the best Candy Makers in America are in the candy section this week, industriously working on orders for Easter.

Easter Eggs and bunnies are smaller this year but they are also more delicious. 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c to \$1.00 Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart, Basement

Easter Millinery For Little Girls and Big Girls

An Unsurpassed Showing of Styles That Express the Charm of Girlhood—\$1.50 to \$10.00

We opened the Spring Season with the most elaborate showing of School and Dress Hats for girls of all ages and will continue to specialize in this class of Millinery—offering a service second to none in Harrisburg in catering to the needs and style whims of the miss from 4 to 18 years.

- Fine hems, lacquered straws, Milans, Panamas and other straws, all gay with flowers and bright ribbons 1.50 to 10.00
A splendid variety of dainty styles at 12.50
Fine Milans in black and combinations, at 8.50 to 10.00

Dives, Pomeroy and Stewart, Second Floor.

Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart

Corset Week Introducing fashions Newest Modes in Corsets

Youthful lines are enhanced and maintained by the proper corsets and yet these corsets must provide ample security to the figure. Misses and young women require distinctly individual styles and we believe we have arranged for presentation this week the most complete style showing we have ever announced at the opening of any season.

Brassieres and Accessories

Great progress has been made in the designing of brassieres, and it is with considerable satisfaction that we announce the new and improved styles. Exquisite workmanship, combined with careful trimming, mark these individual pieces.

- The Model, 50c to \$2.95
Bon Jolie, 50c to \$1.95
Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, Second Floor.

