

### CREEL SHOULD BE REMOVED, HOUSE HEARS IN DEBATE

#### Lower Branch Refuses to Receive Report on Delay of Mail to Soldiers

Washington, April 12.—For the first time since the Roosevelt administration, a branch of Congress yesterday declined to receive a report from an executive branch of the government. The action was a slap at George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, and, indirectly, Postmaster General Burleson.

After having read a communication from the postmaster general in explanation of why mail to the soldiers in France is held up, the House appointed a special committee to decide if the report was "flippant and disrespectful."

Until this is decided the acceptance of the communication is held in abeyance.

It is likely both Burleson and Creel

will be called before the House committee. Renewed demands were made by Republicans that Creel be removed. It seems likely that the displeasure of Congress toward the conduct of both officials will find an outlet before the incident is ended.

The report over which the controversy broke was a communication by the Postmaster General in response to a resolution by Representative Treadway, of Massachusetts, Republican, who charged that private mail to soldiers is not delivered because all available space is used by booklets from the Creel bureau and various government "press agent" documents.

Part of Burleson's reply was a letter from Creel wherein Creel denied the Treadway charges and asserted:

**Creel Makes Denial**

"He (Treadway) made an assertion the absolute baselessness of which could have been ascertained by a telephone inquiry."

Taking the floor, Treadway said: "I can produce evidence in this House that there have been delays in the hands of the soldiers abroad of the Creel reports. I have a letter from a soldier, in which he says: 'If there is any more tonnage to transport the boys here, Mr. Hurley could get a good deal of tonnage space if fewer tons of Secretary McArthur's speeches were referred to us. We do not want them.'"

Miller, of Minnesota, interjected with a motion that the House refuse to receive the communication, but sent it back to its authors with the suggestion that they remove the objectionable words.

A hot parliamentary fight followed. On a motion to lay Miller's motion on the table, there was an apparent majority of one.

Miller then moved as a substitute that the report be submitted to a committee of the House to decide if it were properly drafted for the House to receive it. This was carried by a big majority.

**Demands Creel's Removal**

Removal of Creel was again demanded by Longworth, of Ohio, who brought up again Creel's expressed pride that the United States had entered war unprepared.

"Let me read the most monstrous utterance any American citizen has uttered since we entered the war," said Mr. Longworth, in quoting the extract from the speech by Mr. Creel before the Conference of Lecturers. "Can you believe that any American, especially a man connected with the government, could have said this?"

"Read it; what is it?" shouted a Democratic member.

"I will read what Mr. Creel said. Here is quoted from an afternoon Washington newspaper: 'I will be proud to my dying day that my country was inadequately prepared when it entered the conflict. To have been prepared would have given the lie to everything we ourselves believed in and to our self-avowed position before the world.'"

### ALLIANCE UNDER FIRE; DISSOLVES UNDER CRITICISM

#### \$30,000 in "Iron Trust Fund" to Go to American Red Cross

Philadelphia, April 12.—Facing the new Federal espionage act providing adequate penalties for the disloyalty, sedition and treason, the National German-American Alliance held a hurriedly called special convention in this city yesterday and voted to dissolve.

As a future effort to bring the officers and members of the organization back to safe ground, the ten state representatives present with national officers also took steps to turn over to the American Red Cross the "Iron Trust Fund" of \$30,000, now on deposit in Baltimore banks.

Charles J. Hexamer, former president of the alliance, who fought the allied cause day and night until he began to realize his position was becoming precarious, was not present at the meeting yesterday.

Officials present included Dr. Sigmond G. Von Bosse, of Wilmington, Del., who presided; Adolph Timm, the national secretary, and representatives from ten states. In addition to these, three states were represented by proxy. This gave the "convention" a bare quorum of one vote more than half, as there are twenty-five states in the alliance.

Members present were confident, however, that despite this flimsy representation, the states not represented would make no objection to the steps taken for dissolution and for disposal of the alliance fund.

**Holland to Get Two Cargoes of U. S. Grain**

Washington, April 12.—Immediate shipment of two shiploads of grain to Holland has been authorized by the war trade board to meet the growing shortage of food in that country. A third steamer will be permitted to proceed to Argentina from a southern port of the United States to load grain for Holland.

The three cargoes will amount to 14,000 tons, which with other supplies will be allowed to go forward, despite curtailment of consumption here, just as if the shipping agreement with Holland had been put into effect instead of being held up by Germany's illegal threats of reprisal against Holland's commerce.

**STEEL FREIGHTER LAUNCHED**

Seattle, Wash., April 12.—Sixty-four days from the date her keel was laid, the 8,500 ton steel freighter West Durfee was launched at the Skinner and Eddy Corporation shipyard here yesterday afternoon. The vessel is the third of its kind to be launched by the plant in sixty-four days from date of keel laying.

### Fair Food Prices

The following statement, revised to April 12, regarding fair prices for food necessities, was issued to-day by the local Federal Food Administration.

Consumer prices are figured on a quotation "cash-and-carry" basis. Credit and delivery prices may be higher. The Federal Food Administration has no authority to fix prices. It may, however, determine what are fair prices, based on reasonable profits to the wholesaler and retailer. If your retailer charges more on a "cash-and-carry" basis than the prices named below, report him by letter to the Federal Food Administration, Chamber of Commerce.

	Retailer pays	Consumer should pay
<b>BEANS</b>		
Navy (pea), lb.	15 1/2 to 16c	17 to 18c
Gray (marrow), lb.	15 to 16c	17 to 18c
White (marrow), lb.	15 1/2 to 16c	17 to 19c
<b>BUTTER</b>		
Creamery, lb.	51c	50 to 55c
Creamery, 1-lb. prints, lb.		47 to 50c
City Market, 1 lb.		48 to 50c
<b>CORNMEAL</b>		
Package of 2 1/2 lbs., pkg.	17c	18 to 20c
City Market, lb.	6 1/2c	6 1/2 to 8c
<b>EGGS</b>		
Fresh, doz.		40c
City Market, doz.		35c
<b>FLOUR</b>		
50-50 War Flour	78 to 80c for 12 1/2-lb. bag	
Winter, 24-lb. bags	\$1.33	\$1.40 to \$1.45
Spring, 24-lb. bags	\$1.55	\$1.70 to \$1.80
Pure, lb.	28 to 31 1/2c	30 to 33c
Substitute, lb.	23 to 24c	25 to 28c
<b>POTATOES</b>		
Pennsylvania, No. 1 bushel (60 lbs.)	85c to \$1.00	\$1.10 to \$1.25
City Market, bushel		90c to \$1.00
<b>SUGAR</b>		
Granulated, cwt.	\$7.55	lb., 3 1/2c to 9c

Complaint has reached the local Food Administration that flour and like commodities sold in bags and marked to contain certain quantities have not been holding out as net weight. We suggest that consumers experiencing this trouble get in touch with their local Weight and Measure Bureau.

The following are the authorized substitutes for wheat flour: Hominy, corn grits, cornmeal, corn flour, edible cornstarch, barley flour, rolled oats, oatmeal, rice, rice flour, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour and soya bean flour.

### Red Cross Notes

Several interesting news items have been received at headquarters this week about the work of the Red Cross abroad.

The War Council has just announced a gift of \$1,192,125 to the British Red Cross, the second large appropriation since we entered the war. The first—October 6—was \$1,000,000. The British Red Cross has rendered great assistance to American soldiers and sailors who have been wrecked near the British coast, and also to those injured or ill on land. The British and American Red Cross are co-operating in every way in the work abroad.

Secretary of War Baker, with General Pershing, has been inspecting the Red Cross hospitals, rest stations, canteens and stores in France. He reports that he is pleased with the efficiency displayed in every branch; and says that its achievements "should be a source of comfort to the people of the United States who have made it possible, and who will enable the Red Cross to carry on and expand."

The War Council has appropriated \$14,400 from the war fund for the education in Switzerland of forty Serbian students who are specializing in dentistry and the study of

tuberculosis. The American Red Cross commission to Serbia reported the alarming increase of tuberculosis in Serbia, due to the terrible hardships suffered by all classes of people; and recommended that native students be educated to combat the spread of the disease.

Red Cross workers are urged to save all odds and ends of wool, no matter how short, to be collected and sold to wool manufacturers. This will aid not only in the conservation of wool, but in raising funds for the Red Cross chapters.

Junior Red Cross Tag Day, May 4.

**Austria Sought Peace With U. S., Lansing Admits**

Washington, April 12.—The fact that some Austrian officials sought to open peace negotiations months ago with the United States, was made known to-day when Secretary Lansing said he recollected that a man named Anderson, whose first name he did not recall, had been approached in Austria for the purpose of learning if this government would hear proposals.

Mr. Lansing said that the State Department attached no importance to the incident at the time. Anderson, he said, was one of a large number of persons striving to start peace negotiations.

**Teuton News Leak Active in Uruguay**

Montevideo, April 12.—El Telegraf charges an influential businessman at the head of the pro-German movement in Uruguay is in close communication with the German authorities and that during the recent German offensive he has been advised of German successes in advance of information reaching the newspapers. The newspaper asserts it is believed these advices are received through secret wireless stations.

**Buenos Aires, April 12.**—What is considered the greatest danger to South America is the fact a German newspaper in Buenos Aires daily receives at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the German communication which arrives at midnight by cable. These dispatches are said to be received from the west coast, and the authorities express the belief there is a wireless station somewhere in the Andes.

**Altoona Naval Reserve Drowns During Gale**

Cape May, N. J., April 12.—John Ralph Alexander, Jr., of Altoona, Pa., a member of the naval reserve force stationed at the submarine patrol base at Cape May Point, was washed overboard yesterday during the northeast gale and drowned in Cape May harbor. The body was recovered and sent to Altoona under naval escort.

**U. S. Training Camps Are Free From Typhoid**

Washington, April 12.—Typhoid and dysentery, the two greatest enemies which any army has had to fight in previous wars, have been successfully checked through modern methods of sanitation, according to figures made public yesterday at the office of the surgeon-general of the United States Army.

In the six months ending March 8 there had been only eight deaths from typhoid among the million or more men that have been mobilized in the Regular Army, National Guard or National Army, and during the same time there was not a single fatality which could be traced directly to dysentery in any of its forms.

**ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON**

Hummelstown, Pa., April 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bomgardner announce the birth of a son on Monday night.

**CAMP PROFITERS CURBED**

Washington, April 12.—Petty profiteering on soldiers and sailors in war-camp communities is opposed in a campaign opened by the Commission on Training Camp Activities. Many complaints of overcharging have been made by men in uniform. Pressure will be brought to bear upon offending dealers to have the money refunded.

**TO DIRECT BOY SCOUTS**

Until the Harrisburg Council, Boy Scouts of America, elect a scout executive for the local district, V. L. Huntsberger, scoutmaster of Troop 16, will fill the position. Mr. Huntsberger takes the place of J. H. Stine, scout executive, who recently resigned to accept a position as physical director at Camp Lewis, Washington. Following the election of the new scout executive, Mr. Huntsberger will hold the position of field scout executive.

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