

# 200,000 TONS OF FOOD ON WAY TO FEED AUSTRIANS

### Ships Proceed Under Sealed Orders; Await Word From Hoover

Washington, Nov. 20. — Ships carrying two hundred thousand tons of food for the populations of northern France, Belgium and Austria now are enroute to Europe. They are proceeding under sealed orders to Gibraltar and Bristol Channel ports, and on arrival will await word from Food Administrator Hoover as to their final destinations. Those going to Gibraltar are expected to proceed to Adriatic and Mediterranean ports and the others to French and Belgian ports.

One of the last acts of Mr. Hoover before sailing for Europe was to appoint a specific shipping committee, headed by Theodore Whitmarsh, of the Food Administration, to cooperate with the Shipping Board and the Commission for Relief in Belgium, in facilitating the shipment of food to the demoralized civilian populations in the countries devastated by war.

Neither the number of ships involved in the present movement, nor the proportions that would be diverted at Gibraltar for relief of northern Europe and the near east, had been learned at the Food Administration. It was stated that final arrangements for feeding the peoples freed from the yoke of German militarism is awaiting the arrival of Mr. Hoover in Europe, and the result of his survey of the situation there.

The purpose of sending some of the ships now going to Gibraltar and others to the Bristol Channel ports, it was explained, was to have immediately available at convenient ports supplies to ship quickly where Mr. Hoover finds the need to be the most urgent.

Officials here of the commission for relief in Belgium believe that the destination of the ships on their way to Gibraltar is the Port of Trieste. The ships now on their way are understood to be the first that have left American ports with food for countries other than Northern France and Belgium. It was said that more than 200,000 tons of food monthly will be required to relieve distress in Central Europe and the Near East.

## Montgomery Talks on the First Governor

State Librarian Thomas Lynch Montgomery to-day spoke on the life and work of Thomas Mifflin, the first governor of the state of Pennsylvania at the November luncheon of the Pennsylvania State Society at the Harrisburg Club. Mr. Montgomery presented a number of facts taken from original sources regarding the early governor and his influence upon Pennsylvania.

Big payments of delinquent taxes and close collections by the Auditor General's Department have brought the state's revenues for the fiscal year ending with November within eight or ten percent of the goal set for it. It may go higher. The best previous record was approximately \$3,500,000.

Montgomery Librarian, who was today appointed a member of the Old Age Pension Commission, to take the place of George C. Heitzel, Chester, declined.

Congressman-at-large Thomas S. Craig to-day filed a statement showing that he had spent \$1,582, of which \$1,500 was paid to the Republican State Committee by Warren, Fisher and John C. Euler, also candidates, filed statements showing less than \$50 spent.

Public Service Commissioners to-day heard complaints of miners' Locals from the Lehigh Traction Company. Only the respondent appeared in the hearing of the Borough of Warren against the Warren Street Railway Company. The parties did not appear in the Manhattan hearing of the complaint.

The State Defense Commission, known as the War Board, will probably have a meeting this week, and it is possible that the subject of the writing of the history of Pennsylvania in the war may be discussed, Governor Brumbaugh is said to desire to devote much of his time to this important historical effort after the conclusion of the war.

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## NAVIGABLE RIVER SHOWN PRACTICABLE

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Kiwanis Club by William H. Armstrong. They introduced the severer speakers.

Mr. Hershey said, following the meeting, that he would proceed at once to formulate his committee and to attend to the details of getting the conference together.

Continuing Major Gray said: "What of the history of the attempts to make the Susquehanna navigable? We are not the pioneers. The early settlers found in it a ready and practical means of communication and transportation. In 1764 to 1767, George Washington made a survey for the canal along the Great Lakes, urging the improvement as an important development. As early as 1768 to 1770 it was a subject of investigation and legislative action. In 1771 4,000 pounds were appropriated and the Susquehanna river was declared a public highway and a navigable stream."

"The War Department assigned an engineer to make surveys and estimates. We are told this was well and carefully done but Congress did nothing. In 1789 500,000 pounds were appropriated, and from 1791 to 1799 \$10,000 was appropriated. In 1795 an act in the Oracle of Dauphin, the ancestors of the Harrisburg Telegraph called for money to be appropriated and maintained. The outlet of the Susquehanna between the mouth of the Juniata and the Swatara creek stating they would have general waterways built and large flat boats were built and loaded with hay, oats, corn, wheat and other farm products and were floated down the river and delivered only to the towns along the Susquehanna, but as far away as Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia and New York."

Hafting of logs was an industry and they were severed in the river until recently. While building the Rockville bridge in 1901 several large rafts came down the river.

"In 1834 the question came up again and a survey by army engineers was made, but the Senate and National legislature refused to act. Maryland took up the matter in 1823 and a party of enthusiastic men made a trip from Oswego, New York state, to Harrisburg in the efforts from 1827 to 1833. From 500 to 1,400 bushels of wheat were carried down the river on one boat in these early days sometimes a distance of 300 miles. Later came the canal along its banks, mute evidence of which is still visible except where the site of the old canal is occupied by a right-of-way which was a crime. The old canal was a means at one time by which Philadelphia, New York, Wilmington, Baltimore and other towns were supplied with coal, lumber, farm produce and cattle. As recently as 1903 exhaustive study and comprehensive report on making the canal large enough to float a 2,800-ton barge will be spread out over all time to come. All future generations will derive everlasting benefit from it. A safe figure on the canalizing of the Susquehanna river, including branches, would be from 150 to 200 millions of dollars. The cost of the canal is not known. It will take about two years of surveying and study and planning to form a reasonably accurate idea of the cost; so it would be very difficult for me to estimate. But I have been asked so often what will it cost that I will make a comparison with the cost of the New York state barge canal. The New York state barge canal in 1916 carried 1,625,000 tons of freight.

"The bottom of the river lends itself to the construction of dams and locks. Good foundations are evident in the banks, generally speaking, good; the ones likely to wash can be protected by riprap of stone taken from the bed of the river when dredging. The fall in the river with a few exceptions is not rapid; the rapids will require higher dams and locks. At McCall's Ferry dam, locks can be built. Generally speaking, the channel will be in the river. It may be necessary or advisable in some cases to dredge the canal alongside on the bank or across a meadow to shorten the route or take out a bend. A careful, exhaustive survey must be made to determine methods and estimate the cost. But do not let us consider the cost too seriously. Do not let the balance sheet blind us or shut out the broad view of a great utility.

**A Practical Utility**

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**Cost \$150,000,000**

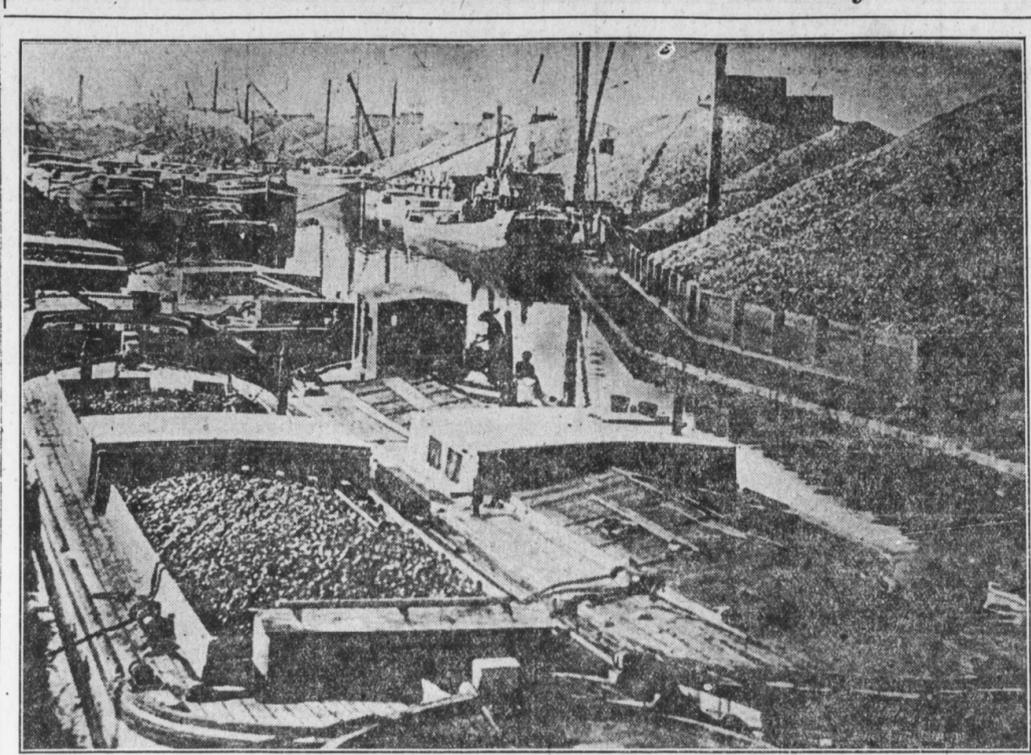
"The New York state barge canal cost \$154,000,000. The total mileage is 484 miles. The estimated freight cost is about four and eight-tenths cents per mile. A safe figure on the canalizing of the Susquehanna river, including branches, would be from 150 to 200 millions of dollars. The cost of the canal is not known. It will take about two years of surveying and study and planning to form a reasonably accurate idea of the cost; so it would be very difficult for me to estimate. But I have been asked so often what will it cost that I will make a comparison with the cost of the New York state barge canal. The New York state barge canal in 1916 carried 1,625,000 tons of freight.

**Second Justification**

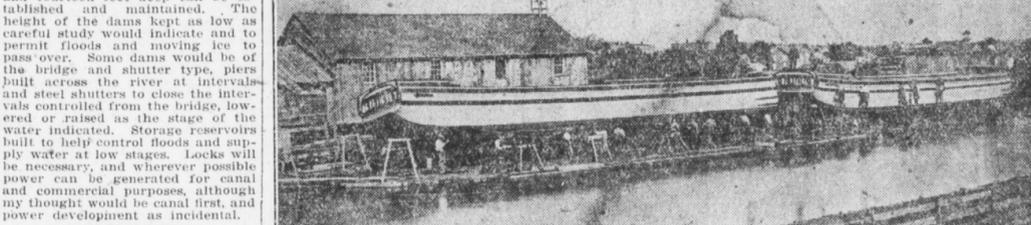
"This is the second justification. It is over 300 miles from the mouth of the Susquehanna river to Binghamton, New York. The main stream, the north branch traverses the great central manufacturing district, the great farming district, passes through the anthracite coal regions. The West branch over 100 miles long flows through rich farming lands, touches the lumber district and touches the oil district also. The Juniata branch say sixty miles, passes through rich farming country and touches the anthracite coal fields. It touches the bituminous coal region, and large brick and stone industries. Along its banks the Susquehanna carries a large volume of traffic. It drains an area of 24,100 square miles, or 53 per cent of the total area of the state. As a freight carrier it will serve the same area. "It is in my mind a series of dams of sufficient height to establish levels where with a small

amount of dredging a prismatic channel of say 150 feet wide at top and fourteen feet deep can be established and maintained. The height of the dams kept as low as careful study would indicate and to permit floods and moving ice to pass over. Some dams would be of the bridge and shutter type, piers built across the river at intervals and steel shutters to close the intervals controlled from the bridge, lowered or raised as the stage of the water indicated. Storage reservoirs built to help control floods and supply water at low stages. Locks will be necessary, and wherever possible power can be generated for canal and commercial purposes, although my thought would be canal first, and power development as incidental.

## How Old Canal Seethed With Activity



The hundreds of members of the Pennsylvania Boatmen's Reunion Association are firmly behind the project to make the Susquehanna river navigable. The veterans of the river declare it is possible to do this work at a comparatively low cost.



The tracing of one car showed that it was twenty-three days in transit and the least time taken by any car followed was eight days. Taking the six cars as a whole, the average time consumed by a car in making the trip from Buffalo to New York was eleven days. Arguments, therefore, against water transportation on the ground of slow delivery are treated with impatience.

**A Large Project**

"Making the Susquehanna river navigable is a large subject. It must be handled in a large way by men of vision. The very committee designed to canalize the Susquehanna river, you will do it. The people of Pennsylvania this month voted for good roads. It is not necessary to know the necessity for good highways. Motor vehicles have created the necessity for good roads, freight transportation by motor vehicles is supreme. Nothing must prevent bridges, road grades and the quality of roads. Five tons is the usual maximum limit with an occasional ten-ton truck. To get the best results, good roads are absolutely necessary. At present motor truck transportation is very common in the Susquehanna river you will be able to float 2,800 tons on one boat, at an expense of less than one-half cent per ton-mile.

"This great enterprise must be entrusted to friends only. Great care must be exercised. The will of the people of Pennsylvania must be supreme. Nothing must prevent the accomplishment of this great and necessary work.

Harrisburg, the capital of our great glorious state, must lead the way."

"The history of the canals was all too short. The railroads which soon paralleled them became their rivals and their construction was hastened by them and by neglect of proper maintenance suffered them to fall into decay.

"Recent efforts to improve water transportation have been confined to the Ohio and its two principal tributaries, the Allegheny being improved for a distance of twenty-four miles above its mouth. Monongahela for 143 miles. The best evidence of the success of this work carried on by the federal government is the enormous tonnage which has already been developed.

**Mr. Zentmyer Speaks**

R. A. Zentmyer, chairman of the Water Supply Commission of Pennsylvania, spoke in part as follows: "Pennsylvania has never been lacking in originality or initiative, although it has frequently failed to find a historian to record the deeds done or even an author of school books to commemorate the things with which it has been identified and has brought to completion.

"The Keystone State has always been interested in navigation. Seventeen years before Fulton drove his steamboat up the Hudson, John Fitch, of Philadelphia (in 1783), designed and constructed a steamboat with which he did a passenger business between Philadelphia and Burlington, New Jersey, a distance of twenty miles, making the trip in two hours; and in 1804 (three years before Fulton's time), Oliver Evans, also of Philadelphia, long before the time of hydroplanes, constructed an amphibious vessel mounted on wheels, propelled it by steam through the streets of Philadelphia for propellers and moved it down the river and up the Delaware to the city.

"It was in Pennsylvania, in the year 1825, that the first iron steam-

boat in the world was built at York, Pa., the "Codorus" by name, which made frequent trips between York Haven and Harrisburg. In colonial shipbuilding Pennsylvania soon took a leading part and the first American fleet—the five immortal vessels which during the War of 1812 made the American Navy famous, a record maintained through each successive conflict and now added to by Admiral Sims and his bluejackets, the "Congress," "Constitution," "United States" was designed by a Pennsylvanian and built on the shores of the Delaware.

"The Keystone State was also among the first to give attention to internal navigation and as early as 1761 appointed a committee to remove the rocks from the Schuylkill river. In 1769, the American Philosophical Society appointed a committee, one of whom was John Lukens, surveyor general of the province to make a survey for a canal route connecting the Schuylkill and the Susquehanna, on which, at a somewhat later date the old Union canal was constructed. As early as 1797 a canal two and one-half miles in length was built around the Conewago Falls, on the Susquehanna fifteen miles below Harrisburg, to aid in the navigation of the river.

**Interest Aroused**

"The early completion of the Erie

## KIEV TORN FROM THE UKRAINIANS BY SOVIET FOES

### Former Commander of Russian Armies Now Leads Captors of the City

Copenhagen, Nov. 20.—The Ukrainian government has been overthrown and Kiev has been captured by troops from Astrakhan, according to Kiev dispatches to Swedish newspapers. The Ukrainian national assembly has fled and provisional government has been established by the captors of the city, who apparently are commanded by General Denikine, lead of anti-Bolshevik forces.

The Ukraine became a republic during the disorders in Russia after the overthrow of the Kerensky government in November, 1917. There was much fighting there between the Bolsheviks and their opponents, resulting in the defeat of the Bolsheviks. The Ukrainian government made peace with Germany at Brest-Litovsk, a few days before the Russian Bolshevik government also agreed to the terms of the peace. German troops then entered the Ukraine for the purpose of carrying out economic articles of the peace treaty.

The Ukrainian government was overthrown last May and General Skoropadski became dictator under a title of hetman, but he has had difficulty in maintaining order there, although assisted by the Austro-Germans.

General Denikine formerly was commander of the Russian army on the southern front. Previous to that he had been chief of staff of the Russian armies.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Reports of the overturning of the Ukrainian government by General Denikine's anti-Bolshevik troops, received here to-day with great satisfaction for officials said it will make the work of the Allies in handling the Russian front much more simple. It was pointed out it will be necessary to reach Russia in Europe with supplies and necessary munitions by the way of the Black Sea, which now is open to the Allies.

## FIRST FLASHES OFF THE MORNING WIRE

Paris—The American representatives at the peace conference and their staffs will occupy a building on the Place de la Concorde which has been the headquarters of the American Red Cross since June.

Copenhagen—Delegates from Vienna have arrived at Berlin to negotiate a union of German-Austria with Germany.

London—The situation in the East is causing anxiety in Germany. Berlin learns a great German army is marching eastward, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Basel—Announcement is made that Vienna by the Council of State that it has decided to raise the new Austrian loan from "new sources of revenue" because of the financial situation.

New Orleans—The Panama Maru, an 8,200-ton steamer of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, one of the largest Japanese steamship companies, arrived at this port last night, marking the beginning of actual service of the first regular steamship line ever operated between New Orleans and Japan.

Berna—Arrangements have been made for the transportation of 100,000 Italian prisoners of war from Austria and Germany to Italy by way of Switzerland. The first of the special trains, each carrying 800 men, passed on Saturday.

CHICAGO 4-FARE 6 CENTS

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 20.—The state public utilities commission yesterday authorized the elevated railways, of Chicago, to charge a 6-cent fare until December 1, 1919. The company had asked a 7-cent fare.

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70-piece Sets, ..... **\$20.70**  
100-piece Sets, ..... **\$31.00**

Decorated English Porcelain Dinner Sets, 100-pieces, ..... **\$29.70 to \$45.35**  
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Vegetable Dishes, ..... **25c**  
Sugar Bowls, ..... **25c**  
Fruit and Dessert Saucers, ..... **10c**  
Decorated Covered Dishes, ..... **50c**  
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White Turkey Platters, 14x16 inches, \$1.00 and \$1.40 values. Special ..... **49c**  
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Sugar and Creams, ..... **\$1.98 to \$4.50**  
Large Size Bowls, ..... **\$3.75, \$5.00 and \$6.98**  
Flower Vases, ..... **\$3.98, \$4.50, \$4.98 to \$10.98**  
Baskets, ..... **\$2.98, \$3.50 and \$6.50**

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Grey enamel round Roasters, ..... **75c**  
Blue steel Savory Roasters, ..... **98c to \$1.50**  
Dark and Boarding House size, ..... **\$3.50**  
Hotel blue enamel Savory Roasters, ..... **\$2.25**  
White enamel Savory Roasters, ..... **\$2.50 and \$2.98**  
Aluminum Roasters, ..... **\$4.98 and \$5.98**  
Weaver Aluminum Roasters, ..... **\$5.25, \$6.35 and \$7.25**

### Carving Sets

Carving Sets, ..... **\$2.98, \$3.50 to \$9.98**  
Butcher Knives, ..... **45c, 50c to 75c**  
Casserole in nickel frame, ..... **\$1.53 to \$7.00**

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