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# "BECAUSE OF THE WAR" BREAD WILL COST MORE

## Speculators Boost Wheat to $1.66, Millers Boost Flour to $8.00 Per Barrel and Bakers Boost Bread a Penny.

## AND THE WORST IS YET TO COME

### Most Riotous Scenes in Wheat Pit Today When New High Record Was Made by Bunch of Wild Men.

[United Press Leased Wire Service]
CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—With flour having reached the "war price" yesterday at $8 per barrel and wheat having soared to $1.65 per bushel, bakers throughout Chicago today raised bread prices to six and twelve cents per loaf. Many already had raised prices yesterday. The extra penny goes to the bakers who have raised their prices to grocers and retailers from four and eight cents to five and ten cents per loaf. Many bakers also raised rolls from ten cents to twelve cents per dozen today. By the end of the week, it is expected all bakers would follow suit.

In the meantime Federal District Attorney Clyne today delved into his probe of soaring prices with renewed vigor. He wanted to know how several millions of bushels of wheat were sold in the local pit yesterday when there were only about 265,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago deliverable on contract. When the market closed yesterday "offers" formerly known as "calls" sold for $1.84 and $1.82 per bushel.

That housewives of Chicago, before the war is over will have to pay ten cents for the size loaf that was raised from five to six cents today, was the prediction made by Irvin Palm, president of the Palm Bakery company.

"It would not surprise me to see flour go to $15 per barrel before the war ends," said President Palm. "Of course, if it does it will mean bread that used to sell for five cents a loaf will sell for ten cents."

D. B. Dalheimer, president of the Master Bakers' association, declared that the war alone is to blame for high prices.

"With 900,000,000 bushels as America's crop," said Dalheimer, "flour would have dropped to $3 a barrel if it had not been for the war."

With two exceptions all big Chicago bakers joined in raising prices.

#### Market Opening.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The most riotous scenes witnessed on the board of trade since the famous Patten and Leiter deals occurred at today's opening when May wheat opened at $1.62, suddenly dropped to as low as $1.56¾ within ten minutes, and at the end of fifteen minutes had set a new high record by leaping to $1.65½.

Traders on the floor acted like wild men. Spectators who crowded the public and private galleries caught the excitement and screamed and yelled with the howling brokers. The pit fairly seethed with excitement.

Reports and rumors were so diametrically opposed in their effect on the wheat pit that the sensational wobbling in prices which acted like an upointed stream of water suddenly turned on full and then as suddenly turned lower, that traders after the first half hour of rioting declared they were not greatly amazed.

Widely credited reports that opening of the Dardanelles might soon be expected, thus letting out Russia's wheat crops, was partly responsible for the bottom prices. These reports soon were followed by news that New Zealand's government had authorized importation of wheat. This sent prices skyward again.

At 10 o'clock May wheat went to $1.64⅜ and July wheat to $1.41⅜.

#### Federal Investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Some indictments were in prospect today in connection with the federal investigation of wheat and flour prices. Attorney General Gregory would not admit that his department is entirely ready to act, but intimated that action may be taken soon. He suggested that the department's evidence does not warrant indictments at the great grain trading centers, but hinted that some of the practices outside the big cities might soon come in for them.

Meantime, he announced, his department will prosecute its inquiry vigorously.

#### Closed at $1.59.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—May wheat closed today at $1.59¼ per bushel, after having at one time skyrocketed to a new high record price of $1.66. The extreme fluctuation for May wheat during the day of wild scenes on the board of trade was 9¼ cents per bushel.

July wheat at one time touched $1.41⅝. At another time it went as low as $1.37¼; it closed at $1.38⅝. No. 2 red cash wheat at one time went to $1.65. Because of the sensational fluctuations which were evident within the first ten minutes of trading, brokers demanded unusually high margins for all business, which caused a good deal of unloading among smaller holders.

## NO SPEAKER HAS BEEN PICKED YET

### Breakup is Expected Soon Now and Wet Republican will be Elected.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 3.—Splitting the republican strength in the house into a score of factions and the democrats into nearly half as many, twenty-five republicans this morning on the first ballots received votes for speaker. The high man was Republican Rentchler, who had the support of sixteen of the "wets." The high man among the democrats was Lee O'Neill Browne of Ottawa, who held his strength of thirty votes. Next to him was Cooper, administration favorite, with twenty-one. Most of the others received one or two votes.

The wide scattering was taken to presage a party break which will end possibly tomorrow, certainly by next week, in the election of a "wet" republican by republican and democratic votes. This prediction looked better today than ever since it was first made three weeks ago.

The caucus republicans held a conference before the morning's session at which Shurtleff reported what had been done by the committee of sixteen. He blamed personality and a desire to control, and also blamed personally Representative Boyd of Galva, whom he said left the sub-committee of four just when it appeared the election of a speaker was in sight.

The vote today was:

Republicans: Rentchler, 16; Shurtleff, 5; Boyd, 7; Lyon, 1; Turnbaugh, 3; Flagg, 1; Shanahan, 2; Graham, 10; Tomkins, 2; Burres, 1; Rothschild 2; Tice, 3; Pace, 1; Smejkal, 1; McCormick, 7; Sonnemann, 2; Frankhauser, 1; Scanlan, 3; Hamlin, 1; Deyoung, 1; Harvey, 1; Lantz, 4; Holoday, 2; Kessinger, 2; Watson, 1.

Democrats: Browne, 30; Cooper, 21; Reinhardt, 4; Kane, 1; O'Rourke, 1; Mitchell, 1; Igoe, 1; Plack, 1.

After another ballot or two the house planned to adjourn to give the republicans a chance to hold a conference at two o'clock. It was said another session will be held at four o'clock.

## NINE CREMATED IN BUNK HOUSE

### Gas Stove Exploded and Resulted in Loss of Life of the Workmen.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
WARREN, Pa., Feb. 3.—Nine men were cremated at Mayburg, three miles south of here early today, when the two story frame bunk house of the Tionesta Valley Chemical company burned down as the result of the explosion of a gas stove. Six others were injured, two of them fatally. All were foreigners employed in cutting wood and extracting certain chemicals.

The injured were taken to the Summit hospital at Kane.

Just one year ago today, two men, a woman and a baby lost their lives in a similar explosion and fire at Mayburg.

Sixteen men were asleep in the building in which the explosion occurred. One of them escaped. He jumped through a rear window. Townspeople, aroused by the explosion, formed rescue parties and tried to get the other fifteen men from the burning building. They were only able to reach six. The charred bodies of the nine men who perished were found later in the ruins. The disjointing of a gas pipe is believed to have caused the explosion.

# FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service]
PARIS, Feb. 3.—Fierce hand to hand combats in the region of St. Paul mark the launching of a new German onslaught to force passage of the Aisne at Soissons, less than sixty miles from Paris.

French Moroccan troops, stationed on the outskirts of St. Paul on the north bank of the Aisne, have repulsed three successive charges by General Von Kluck's infantry. They routed a small force of Germans that made the first assault upon their positions, driving them back upon the German lines near Cruoy and taking several prisoners.

Following the failure of this night attack, Von Kluck sent up reinforcements. A small force of Moroccans, entrenched behind the ruins of some devastated farm houses, were forced to give ground. Falling back upon the main French positions, they joined in a counter attack that sent the Germans fleeing in disorder.

Von Klück's artillery resumed violent bombardment of the bridge head held by the French on the north bank of the river and dropped occasional shells into Soissons.

Reinforcements are being pushed across the Soissons bridge to the support of the battalions at St. Paul. Latest reports of the battle describe the German assault as a determined effort to drive the French from the north bank of the river.

The Flanders fighting engaged the attention of the war office today. The Germans were directing fresh attacks against the Belgians near Ypres and bombarding the allies' lines between Ypres and the coast.

#### VIOLENT CANNONADE.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
PARIS, Feb. 3.—Artillery battling along the Aisne, with the Germans directing a particularly violent cannonade near Soissons, was reported in dispatches from the front this afternoon.

The German fire was ineffective, the message said. On the contrary, French gunners responded to the attack by silencing several German batteries. Near Lens, French artillery also was successful, forcing a German battery to retire. Excepting near Soissons, where the opposing forces are in contact on the north bank of the Aisne, few important infantry clashes were reported. The French repulsed an infantry charge near Perthes and made slight gains in a counter attack, taking a number of prisoners. At another point in the Argonne a German attack was repulsed.

Heavy fogs have caused a cessation of operations in the Vosges and Alsace.

# ENGLAND

[United Press Leased Wire Service]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The United States government today faced the possible necessity of a new protest to Great Britain on that nation's attitude toward American shipping.

Great Britain's formal warning that she intends to seize grain and flour cargoes destined from the United States to Germany and Austria, precipitated this possibility. In view of Germany's assurance that any such cargoes would not be commandeered for military purpases, some authorities held that England was disregarding established rules in declaring these cargoes conditional contraband. Officials, of course, admitted that England has the right to revise her contraband and conditional contraband lists, but it was pointed out alleged arbitrary treatment of America's commerce was the basis for the former shipping protest and this view strengthened the belief that the United States would not submit without objection to this latest move.

Meantime the department notified owners of the food-laden Wilhelmina of Great Britain's intent toward that vessel, assuring the concern that while the cargo will be seized, England will release the vessel and pay for the cargo.

#### Boats Tied Up.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The ice blockade along the Illinois-Wisconsin lake shore was well nigh complete today. Ice-bound in Lake Michigan were nineteen ships of various sizes. Eighteen lie in the ice at various points between here and Milwaukee. The Alabama, of the Goodrich line, despite heroic efforts on the part of Captain Reddinger, failed to get out last night and today is as helpless as if on land. With an additional drop in the temperatures predicted, it is feared the boats may be tied up for several weeks.

#### The Cullop Amendment.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Defeat of the celebrated Cullop amendment requiring the president to make public all endorsements of candidates for federal judgeships was being attempted today in the house. It was planned to make new tests of the Cullop proviso on two bills appointing new judges in Texas and New Jersey.

—Read The Gate City want column.

# RUSSIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
PETROGRAD, Feb. 3.—Annihilation of an entire German battalion belonging to the 224th infantry regiment in the fighting in the Carpathians, was claimed in official dispatches from the front today.

"These dispatches contain absolute confirmation of the report that the German armies were concentrating southeast of the Beskid Pass," said the official statement. "The Germans are co-operating with the Austrians in the defense of Hungary."

North of Berzhymow the enemy attacked in large force but was repulsed with severe losses. Stubborn fighting occurred south of the Bzura, but the Russian have recaptured all the positions lost in Monday's fighting. South of the Pilica river, the enemy's efforts to advance have been unsuccessful.

North of the Vistula where a Russian army menaces Thorn, Russian cossacks have raided German outposts with success, forcing their retirement. The Germans attempt to advance south of Lipno along the north bank of the Vistula have been halted.

The Austro-German forces along the Carpathians have abandoned temporarily their efforts to direct an offensive movement to the relief of Prezmysl. All along the Carpathians, the Russian advance continues successfully with the Russians inflicting enormous losses upon the enemy.

General Von Mackensen is pouring more German regiments into the onslaught on the Russian lines west of Warsaw. The Russians are resisting every attempt to pierce their lines and confidence is expressed here that the high tide of the new German threat on Warsaw is passed.

## ROCKEFELLER CHARTER MAY BE FAULTY

### Suggestion Made That Foundation May be Acting Without Proper Legality.

[By John Edwin Nevin, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The startling suggestion that the charter of the Rockefeller foundation may be unconstitutional under the constitution of the state of New York, which issued it, featured today's session of the federal industrial relations. With Jerome D. Greene, secretary of the foundation, as chief witness explaining the operations of the Rockefeller foundation, Chairman Walsh spent much time developing the circumstances under which the charter was issued.

Finally he asked Greene whether in view of the constitutional provision in this state that all of the objects of a bill affecting private interests must be outlined in the title of the law, he did not fear that the basic act might not have its constitutionality questioned. Greene declared with a distinct show of anger that he did not believe any such premise was well taken.

#### 500 Jitney Buses.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 3.—Encouraged over the jitney bus situation in the various cities of the country, where the bus has been tried, directors and sales managers of the Studebaker corporation, at a meeting at South Bend, Indiana, on Monday and Tuesday, decided to build 500 jitney buses immediately, it was announced here today. The buses will have a carrying capacity of twelve people, will be enclosed, steam heated from the engine exhaust, side entrance and will be so arranged that they can be opened in summer.

## THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Thursday. Probably rain or snow. Warmer Thursday.

For Iowa: Unsettled tonight and Thursday. Probably rain or snow. Warmer tonight and east portion Thursday. Fresh to strong winds.

For Missouri: Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday. Probably light rain. Warmer.

For Illinois: Unsettled weather tonight and Thursday. Probably light snow or rain northern and rain southern portion. Rising temperature.

#### Weather Conditions.

There has been snow in the lake region and eastern states as the storm moved out to the Atlantic coast, and the high pressure following it has reached the central valleys, where it is somewhat cooler this morning.

In the western states the weather is unsettled and warmer, with low pressure in the northern plains states, and conditions indicate unsettled, warmer weather, with probably rain or snow for this section tonight and Thursday.

#### Local Observations.

| Feb. | Bar. | Ther. | Wind | W'th'r |
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| 2 7 p. m. | 29.99 | 25 | N | Cl'dy |
| 3 7 a. m. | 30.18 | 24 | NE | Cl'dy |

Precipitation in 24 hours, 0.5 in. of snow.
River stage, 7:00 a. m., 3.8 feet.
Change in past 24 hours, fall .6.
Mean temperature 2nd, 28.
Highest temperature, 34.
Lowest temperature, 23.
Lowest temperature last night, 23.

FRED Z. GOSEWISCH,
Observer.

# GERMANY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.) Feb. 3.—Capture of the village of Humin, east of Bolimow, and the taking of 4,000 prisoners, mark the latest successes of General Von Mackensen's new advance upon Warsaw, it was officially announced today.

Von Mackensen's army drove the Russians from the village, east of Bolimow after a three days' fight. Pressing on toward Warsaw, the Germans are engaged with a Russian force northeast of Bolimow and a few miles south of the Bzura. Russian night attacks along the Bzura have been repulsed.

North of the Vistula, encounters between Russian cavalry and German infantry outposts have been frequent, but no important clashes have occurred.

In the west, French attacks upon the German positions near Perthes were repulsed. Elsewhere along the battle line in France and Flanders, artillery duels are in progress.

#### OUR NEUTRALITY A SHAM.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.) Feb. 3.—"American neutrality is now only a thin curtain behind which zealous, loving service to England conceals itself. If America respects only brutal power, we, too, will play the brutal power."

The Cologne Gazette, which is frequently inspired by the government, today contained this caustic comment in an attack upon the neutrality of the United States. The attack was made in the course of an article dealing with foreign press comment upon the launching of Admiral Von Tirpitz's submarine warfare against British merchantmen.

"If America were really neutral," said the Gazette, "she would demand permission to sell war materials to Germany and Austria, as well as to the allies."

The whole German press printed comments from English newspapers on the exploits of the submarine U-21 in the Irish sea. Lively interest was displayed in English accounts of the attitude of American newspapers toward the submarine raid.

Berlin newspapers also commented liberally today on the warning issued by the German admiralty to neutral shipping to avoid the northwest coast of France and announced that it intends to strike when England begins transporting troops across the channel to France.

Several Berlin papers including the Morgen Post, consider this warning as amounting to a decree of a blockade.

#### REINFORCEMENTS TO ANGOLA.

BERLIN, Feb. 3.—Reinforcements have left Lisbon, Portugal, for possession of Angola in west Africa, according to advices received here. German troops have now occupied the greater part of Angola.

# TURKEY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
BAGDAD, (via Berlin), Feb. 3.—Surprised in a night attack by the Turks, two English battalions at Korna, at the junction of the Euphrates and Tigri rivers fired upon each other, inflicting severe losses, according to despatches received here today. At daylight English gunboats drove off the Turks.

## OHIO FLOOD ALARM HAS PASSED AWAY

### Freezing Weather Causes Waters to Recede and There is No Immediate Danger.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 3.—The alarm that overspread Ohio, due to the rapid rise of practically every river and stream in the state had subsided today and with freezing weather, flood waters were receeding with comparatively small damage.

The Great Miami river, which threatened to leave its banks, is stationary.

With continued cold weather, there is no further danger.

#### Some Damage Done.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 3.—Danger of a serious flood in the region of the upper Ohio was said to have passed early today when the river reached 28.5 feet at "The Point" and began to recede.

Several cities and towns besides Pittsburgh suffered slightly. Families here and in McKees Rocks and Homestead particularly, were forced to scurry for higher and dryer ground. A number of big plants were closed down for a day or two and railway traffic was hampered.

Several street car lines that were re-routed yesterday, resumed their regular routes today.

Loss of life nearly resulted from the flood here. James Welsh and Carman Ridge, north side steel workers, were thrown into the icy waters of the Ohio when a raft upon which they were trying to reach a steamboat across the stream capsized. They were rescued by the police boat.

# POLAND IS NOW CRYING BECAUSE SHE IS HUNGRY

## An Appeal Sent to Generous and Peaceful America by the Polish Women Who are Starving as Result of War.

## THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN WRECKED

### Cities and Villages Have Been Wiped Out and the Soil is Soaked With Blood While the Hunger Increases.

[By Karl H. Von Wiegand, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Feb. 3.—Poland is crying for food. Her women and little children are dying of hunger. Her soil is drenched with blood. The best of her youth is being sacrificed to slaughter while countless thousands of her people, driven from their homes are facing death by starvation.

This is Poland's plight as the leading women of the war swept country pictured it today. The chief Polish national committee asked the United Press to make public an appeal to the women of America. They asked that their sisters across the Atlantic do all in their power to aid starving Poland by sending any gifts for the relief of those made destitute by the war to the "chief Polish National commission, Neuthorgasse 9, Vienna, Austria-Hungary."

From Vienna, America's contributions will be sent direct to the starving refugees.

The appeal follows:

"The world war now raging in Europe is being enacted largely upon Polish soil. Poland presents a picture of destruction and devastation. Its cities and villages have disappeared from the face of the earth. Thousands of square miles of Polish soil have become one huge burying ground. Countless thousands have lost their homes. Hunger increases every day.

"Yet in spite of untold suffering the Poles have found strength for most heroic deeds. They have formed Polish legions to fight against the great destroyer of civilization, the annihilator of the Polish people—Russia. But while the flower of our Polish youth is pouring out its heart's blood for its sacred ideals of freedom, our little children are dying of hunger. Our old and our ill are perishing. In the name of an all-embracing humanity—in the name of the feelings which bind all the women of the world together, we Polish women appeal to you women of the United States, you daughters of a free republic to whom the blessings of peace have been granted that you might bring to fulfillment your ideals of freedom; to you to whom the horrors of war have been spared; to you mothers whose children may grow to be free citizens of America—we appeal to you to think of thousands of Polish children who are dying of hunger.

"You—who live in a free land of progress and prosperity—think of immeasurable desolation of Poland which, bathed in blood, yet pants for freedom. To you from afar we stretch out our hands as to sisters. In the name of humanity we ask that you endeavor, as much as within you lies, to alleviate the suffering that has befallen our people.

"From now on, may yet stronger ties bind our people with yours—ties of your magnimity and our gratitude and ties of Christ-like charity. In the name of this charity we appeal to you.

"All gifts for Poles made destitute by the war may be sent to 'Chief Polish commission, Neuthorgasse 9, Vienna."

The appeal is signed by the following Polish women: Countess Ludmila Bobrowska, Countess Rosa Witold Czartoryska, Madame De Cwiklinska, Terez De Dambska, Sophie Daszynska Golinska, Countess Wanda Debicka, Ludmila Germanowa, Sophie Germanowa, Anna De Jaworska, Countess Marie Komorwska, Wanda Landowska, Marie Lescheticka, Madame De Lowandowska, Madame Kasimir De Pochwalska, Madame Taddaeus Ritterowa, Sophie Rosnerowa, Countess Sophie Siemienska, Madame De Szymanowska, Madame De Scroczynska, Countess Mariere jow, Countess Johann Tarnowska, Madame De Zaporska, Countess Helene Zaporska and Madame De Lepkowska.

## HOTEL GUESTS FLED TO STREET

### Fire in Attic of Eight Story Building Resulted in a Flood of Water.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—Three hundred guests in the Kaiserhof hotel at Jackson and Clarke streets were hurried to the street from their rooms shortly before noon today when a pedestrian discovered fire in the attack of the old building, an eight story structure. For a time the flames threatened to spread to the new, unoccupied eighteen story annex adjoining. Before the fire was gotten under control, nearly $50,000 damage was done. The guests and employes of the hotel, which was one of the oldest and best known in Chicago, left the building without excitement. No one was injured.

The loss was almost wholly due to the water poured into the attic. It flooded every floor and the reception halls and dining room on the main floor.

Fireman Cleary fell while carrying hose up the stairway and was badly injured about the face.

Samuel Gompers was registered at the Kaiserhof, but was not in his room when the fire occurred.

#### Complaint Dismissed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The interstate commerce commission today dismissed a complaint of over-charge freight rates on potato shipments from Wisconsin to Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

#### Jury Disagreed.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 3.—The jury in the case of Malcolm Gifford Hudson, society youth charged with the murder of Frank J. Clute, reported a disagreement today and was discharged after twenty-one hours deliberation.

#### Here's Chance for a Job.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—"Wanted an expert cheese maker. Salary $100 a month. Apply to Uncle Sam." This advertisement today resulted in civil service examination for the position in the department of agriculture.

# The War in Mexico

## Latest Developments Among Our Revolutionary Neighbors of the South.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Capture of San Luis Potosi by Villa assured administration officials today that the northern chieftain is still "on the job." It also renewed their confidence today that ultimately his forces will retake Mexico City.

#### Will Capture Tampico.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 3.—Tampico will be in possession of the army of General Villa within a week, Villista agents claimed here today.

A general movement upon the port is in progress, following the capture of San Luis Potosi by the vanguard of Villa's army yesterday. San Luis Potosi is east of Aguas Calientes and on the route to Tampico.

Troops which occupied the town are now moving toward Cardenas where Villa has had an outpost several weeks.

San Luis Potosi was captured after a brief fight. The town was garrisoned by troops under General Eugenio Benavides of the Gutierrez faction.

The permanent capital of the convention government will be established at San Luis Potosi.