

Missoula on Record Against "Shadow Huns"

Senator Reed Assails Hoover and Garfield

DECLARES PRICE FIXING METHODS NOT AUTHORIZED

Says Brainless Days Cause of Many Meatless Days in Past Months.

LABELS STATEMENTS AS GROSS UNTRUTHS

Asserts That Logic Could Be Understood Only by Plain Idiot.

Washington, March 8.—Strictures on government price-fixing and the activities of the food administration, monopolized today's session of the senate.

Led by Senator Reed of Missouri, Democrat, a group of senators of both parties made the attack. Charges that a general policy of fixing prices for farm products not authorized by the food control law is being instituted, were made by Senators Reed and Borah, who said the licensing power of the law was being so used that its actual result is an unauthorized price-fixing program.

In a four-hour speech teeming with bitter criticism, Senator Reed also denounced the fuel administration, asserting that Administrator Garfield had not told the truth regarding results of the coalless days order, which he described as a "lockout" on eastern industries.

Attack Food Administration.

In the midst of the debate the senate adopted a resolution by Senator Saulsbury of Delaware, president pro tempore, asking the food administration for its authority in issuing an official bulletin requesting bidders at fixed prices on tomatoes for the army and navy.

Senator Walcott, Democrat, of Delaware, said Mr. Hoover had denied adoption of a farm produce fixing plan, disclaiming authority but he and other senators insisted that acts of the food administration particularly under its wholesale and retail dealers' licensing power, was having that effect in actual practice.

"Many Brainless Days."

"We would not have had so many meatless days if there hadn't been so many brainless days," Senator Reed declared. "A few more acts of the food administration and we will have bread tickets. I believe the efficiency of the United States has been reduced 20 per cent . . . by ignorant interference with business methods."

In securing the so-called voluntary agreement with refiners on sugar prices, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican, remarked the food administration "managed" to fix prices. In criticizing the fuel administration, Senator Reed commented upon Dr. Garfield's statement that, as the result of the fuelless days, 480 ships were released from American ports.

"I am sorry that Dr. Garfield gave out that statement, because it is not true," he said, adding that shipping board figures showed that 56 less ships were released than under normal conditions.

"They stopped water power in Maine to get coal to bunker ships in New York harbor," he said. "In order to understand the logic of that you have got to be a plain idiot."

Shoddy Uniforms.

Turning to what he called inefficiency in the war department, the Missouri senator said General Pershing had notified the department not to send any more shoddy uniforms for American soldiers in France.

The priority order by which coal was diverted for lake shipment to the northwest last summer was assailed by Senator Reed, who said he desired to congratulate Senator Kellogg of Minnesota for the business acumen displayed by the people of Minnesota in getting coal to the exclusion of other states.

Senator Kellogg interrupted to say that only enough coal to meet the needs of the communities was sent to Minnesota.

Senator Thomas of Colorado, Democrat, said an order effecting the coal mines of Colorado, effective March 1, and which reduces the price of coal from 70 cents to \$1.20 a ton on all grades except one produced in that state, will result in a reduction of coal production in that state. He declared that many mines will be forced to shut down if the order becomes operative or the government must operate them.

TROTZKY RESIGNS.

Petrograd, March 8.—Leon Trotzky, in an address at a meeting of the Maximalist party today, announced that he had resigned as minister for foreign affairs.

Allies Hold Two Keys to World War

Cuper, Scotland, March 8.—There are two keys to the world war position, said former Premier Herbert H. Asquith in an address to his constituents here today. These keys are the command of the seas and of the western front. Both, he said, after all vicissitudes, still remain in the hands of the entente allies.

"While it is impossible to avert our eyes from the tragedy unfolding in Russia and the formidable dangers that tragedy has revealed," he said "these dangers do not give us apprehension. There are two important factors in the situation. First Russia, as an effective military factor has been wiped off the slate; second the German procedure in the so-called negotiations with Russia and the light they have thrown upon the minds and methods of Germany's present rulers. There rarely has been a more instructive contrast between pretension and intention."

Referring to the speech of Imperial Chancellor von Hertling, Mr. Asquith said:

"The very moment he was making his address his subordinates were writing terms, not of peace, but of capitulation, as harsh and humiliating as could be found in the annals of history."

ALBERTON WANTS WILLETT MOVED

Women Ask County Board to Take Leper Away Before Summer Comes.

Alberton, March 8.—Special.—Fearing that the agent of warm weather will make the presence of ex-Senator O. J. Willett, quarantined leper, dangerous to their community, the people of Alberton have appealed to the commissioners of Mineral county for removal of the man.

The commissioners have decided to place Mr. Willett on a farm about three miles from Alberton, but this place will not be ready until late in the summer, and the citizens of the town where the afflicted man now lives are afraid that flies will spread the terrible disease among them.

A committee of five women demanded of the commissioners that Willett be removed at once and that the house in which he has been living with his wife be burned down. The board of commissioners has taken the matter under advisement.

The Weather

Forecast—Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday; colder Saturday.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Maximum	54	Minimum	22
At 6 a. m.	26	At 6 p. m.	38

Ladies and gentlemen: We present Mr. Thomas N. Marlowe, champion weather prophet of western Montana. At 10 o'clock Thursday night, while they were waiting for a jury to come in, Mr. Marlowe said to Deputy Sheriff George Duncan:

"It is clear as a bell now, but it will rain or snow within 24 hours."

Duncan looked out the window. Not a cloud was in the sky.

"I'll bet you a cigar it won't; it's too clear."

"You're on," said Marlowe.

At 5:30 p. m. yesterday, after a day of mingled clouds and sunshine, it began to snow.

FROM OTHER POINTS.

City—

Bismarck	18	22
Duluth	16	24
Huron	20	28
Omaha	20	28
St. Paul	26	34
Williston	12	20
Denver	60	68
Helena	28	36
Salt Lake	36	44
Portland	44	52
Spokane	40	48
Calgary	8	16

Former Cabinet Officer Reported Seriously Ill

Boston, March 8.—George von L. Meyer, former cabinet officer and ambassador, who has been ill at his residence here for several weeks, was tonight reported as slowly sinking. His illness is due to a tumor of the liver and it took an unfavorable turn during the day and his physician said that there was a slight chance of his recovery.

REVEAL MOTIVES OF NON-PARTISAN AMONG FARMERS

Witness Asserts Disloyalty Became Evident During Organization.

OFFICIALS DECLARED U. S. GOING BANKRUPT

Promised to Keep Members' Sons From Serving in American Army.

St. Paul, March 8.—Allegations that the farmers of Minnesota were promised by the Non-Partisans that their sons would be kept out of the war if they joined the league were contained in the testimony of County Attorney E. H. Nicholas, of Jackson county, Minnesota, today before Governor Burnquist.

"Farmers were told," said the county attorney, "that if they joined the league their sons would not be forced into the army and also that the war was a rich man's war in which the farmers were forced to bear the burden. The Non-Partisan organizers also declared that there was no lack of food and the wheatless, meatless and heatless days were for the benefit of speculators and gamblers. The farmers were advised not to buy Liberty bonds and were told that France and Great Britain already were bankrupt and that the United States soon would be."

Trial of Sheriff.

The preliminary hearing to determine whether a formal investigation will be ordered on charges of non-feasance and malfeasance filed against Sheriff O. C. Lee of Jackson county by Non-Partisan league representatives was continued until March 28, when evidence in rebuttal will be offered by the complainants according to James A. Manahan, league attorney.

The county attorney took the stand after his client, Sheriff Lee, denied separately the charges on which the league members demand his removal from office. The sheriff testified that he heard no threats of lynching or other violence made against Manahan. Also he testified that Joseph Gilbert, as a league official requested that he, if anybody, be arrested and not one of the organizers. An affidavit was presented quoting Manahan as saying "the game is up" in a telephonic conversation with another league attorney just before his hasty exit from Lakefield, in which he urged the attorney to do the best he could, notwithstanding.

Answering the conspiracy charges the county attorney said that ample evidence of the disloyalty of the league representatives was obtained by R. C. Muir, county safety director, before the league was ordered to cease activities in Jackson county, where a large percentage of the population is of German descent.

Investigation showed the truth of this evidence of disloyalty, the county attorney stated, and it is contained in the record of the Gilbert case.

ELEVEN PERSONS KILLED IN MOONLESS AIR RAID

London, March 8.—Seven or eight German airplanes made a raid over England last night. One reached London and dropped bombs in the north-west and southwest districts of the city. Eleven persons were killed and 46 others were injured in London, according to the police. It was feared that six additional bodies are in the ruins of wrecked houses.

The raid demonstrated that German aviators no longer depend upon moonlight. It was the first time that the enemy attempted a night raid over London when there was no moon. The stars were shining, however, and there was little wind.

Five Mexican Raiders Are Killed by Posse

Corpus Christi, Texas, March 8.—Five of 30 Mexican bandits, who raided the Tom East ranch, south of Hebbronville, last night, have been killed by posmen, headed by Texas rangers and 15 others of the band have been located, "and will be accounted for before daylight," according to a message here tonight from Hebbronville. None of the posmen were injured.

Kaiser Says Sword Will Bring Peace

Amsterdam, March 8.—In reply to congratulations from Philip Heineken, director of the North German Lloyd steamship line, Emperor William has sent the following telegram:

"The German sword is our best protection. With God's help it will also bring us peace in the west and, indeed, the peace which, after much distress and many troubles, the German people need for a happy future."

"The complete victory fills me with gratitude. It permits us to live again one of those great moments in which we can recently admire God's hand in history. What turns events have taken is by the disposition of God."

"The heroic deeds of our troops, the successes of our great generals and our wonderful achievements of those at home have their roots in moral forces and in the categorical imperative which has been inculcated in our people in a hard school. They will also carry us through in a decisive and final battle to victory."

TO REVISE COAL PRICES IN STATE

Big Reductions of Fuel at Montana Mines Plan of Administration.

Washington, March 8.—An average reduction of 30 cents a ton in the retail price of all anthracite coal sold for domestic use between next April 1 and September 1, was announced today by the fuel administration, together with regulations governing the retail distribution of all coal for the year beginning the first of next month. The rules are designed particularly to prevent hoarding and insure the filling of all domestic needs for next winter during the summer months.

Although no reduction in the retail price of bituminous coal to consumers was made, the fuel administration today began announcement of revised prices for such coal at the mines, the first made public showing sharp reductions in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Prices for Iowa are almost completed and those for other states will be announced as soon as determined. The idea is for a general revision before the beginning of the coal year on April 1.

Explains Reduction.

In explaining the reduction in the price of anthracite, the administration said the bulk of this coal is used for domestic consumption. The 30 cent reduction was determined upon, the statement said, in lieu of the reductions heretofore voluntarily offered by dealers to encourage early buying and which ranged from 50 cents in April to 10 cents in August.

"It is felt," the statement said, "that this reduction will be fairer to the public inasmuch as coal is expected to be ordered in April in such quantities that it will prove impossible to make all deliveries during that month or for some time to come."

Sliding Scale.

"Under a sliding scale of reductions, it would be difficult if not impossible to treat all consumers equally, even though their orders had been filled upon the same date, while with an average reduction extending over the entire period, all consumers are treated alike."

While recommending and encouraging the purchase and storage of domestic coal as early as possible in order to insure delivery and assist the railroads by effecting delivery as much as possible before next winter, the administration says it is determined to prevent any undue hoarding. To that end the retail distribution plan includes a system of reports on deliveries by retailers, who will be prohibited from delivering in excess of the normal requirements of the customer.

Certified Amounts Wanted.

As a further safeguard at the discretion of the local fuel administrators, each customer ordering coal may be required to submit a certified statement giving details of his requirements, his supply on hand, and the amount he has ordered from various dealers. Certification of a false statement would be made subject to prosecution under the Lever act which imposes a fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment.

The regulations are as follows: (a). Until further notice no domestic consumer of coal or coke shall purchase, receive or otherwise take possession of more coal or coke than

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BRITISH TROOPS DRIVEN BACK BY GERMAN ATTACK

Counter Drive Ousts Enemy From Positions Gained After Heavy Loss.

VERDUN AGAIN SCENE OF ARTILLERY ACTION

English Advance Over Large Area in Fighting Near Palestine.

London, March 8.—Serious fighting has taken place on the Ypres-Dixmude sector of the British front, according to the British official statement issued by the British war office tonight. A German attack on a front of more than a mile compelled some of the British advance posts to fall back, but a counter attack re-established the British line.

Won in Palestine.

London, March 8.—British troops astride the Jerusalem-Nablus road in Palestine have advanced their positions along a frontage of 18 miles to a depth of three miles, the British war office announced today.

Weather Clears.

Clear skies have returned to the battle front in France and everywhere along the American, British and French sectors there has been an increase in activity by the forces which it is believed must soon close in a combat.

Official reports, devoid of description, as they are, indicate that Verdun, is once more the scene of heavy artillery actions, but this may be only a preliminary to an attack on another sector.

The American lines near Toul are just to the southeast of Verdun and the continued activity along this front shows that the Germans contemplate serious operations there. Raids in force, such as were met by the Americans with the utmost fortitude and completely repulsed, have not been repeated, but German aviators are continually over the American lines, spying out ammunition dumps, location of guns and the disposition of the American forces.

Russians Resist.

It is revealed in late reports that the retirement of the Germans from Narva, west of Petrograd, was a result of successful resistance made by Russian forces at the city of Jamburg, 68 miles southwest of the Russian capital. This resistance may be only a local instance of the disposition of the Bolshevik government to fight against further invasion of great Russia, but it points to the fact that the Russians are still capable of conducting a defense which is effective.

MISSOULA GOES TO SEMI-FINALS

Takes Close Game From Fast Billings Ball Tossers at Livingston.

Livingston, March 8.—Special.—Playing in splendid form the Missoula high school quintet won its way into the semi-finals of the state interscholastic meet here today, by defeating the fast Billings team by a score of 15 to 14. The games ended a tie and an extra five minutes was given to play it off.

Schlossberg, Missoula's brilliant forward, won the game for the Garden city by throwing a foul, which was the only score made in the extra time allowed.

In Semi-Finals.

Tomorrow morning Missoula will meet the Custer county ball tossers in the semi-finals, while Gatlinburg will meet the Terry team in the other semi-final game. The winners of these two games will play for the championship. Impartial opinion in Livingston tonight is placing odds on the fast Missoula team, and unless there is a break of hard luck, indication points to the western Montana team going home with high honors.

Corvallis Loses.

Corvallis lost to Terry this afternoon by a score of 22 to 13 and Great Falls lost to Custer county by a score of 21 to 20. The scores in the even-

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MASS MEETING ADOPTS OUTRIGHT RESOLUTIONS AFTER SPEECH BY REED

Stirring Story of Situation Confronting "Our Boys" Powerfully Told.

THOUSAND NOT ABLE TO HEAR WAR TALK

Theater Crowded to Doors by Eager Audience of Men and Women.

The time has come when a man is for the United States or against it."

As Dan A. Reed, representative of the U. S. food administration, hammered those words home the great audience which had listened intently for nearly two hours to his powerful description of the crisis which American faces, sent back a roar of approval. Reed held up his hand.

"If a man who has lived under this flag and enjoyed its protection, now disparages it or refuses to do his bit in defending it, for God's sake let him move under a flag he does like, or let us silence him, even if we must take him out and shoot him."

Resolutions Unanimously Passed.

The applause rose again to a tumult. And five minutes later, the address over, the 2,000 people crowded into the Missoula theater were adopting without an opposing voice, resolutions calling for "swift justice, even to the extent of a summary execution of the death penalty," for "every person who, by act or word, seeks to discourage in any measure the effectiveness of the armed forces in the field, the enlistments at home or the output of war industries, to the end that all such may find swift justice, even to the extent of a summary execution of the death penalty."

"Be it further resolved, that we do hereby call upon the officers of the department of justice and the executive officers both of state and national governments to exercise a renewed and vigorous activity in the apprehension and detention of every person who, by act or word seeks to discourage in any measure the effectiveness of the armed forces in the field, the enlistments at home or the output of war industries, to the end that all such may find swift justice, even to the extent of a summary execution of the death penalty."

More than a thousand people were turned away from the theater, so eager was the city to hear Mr. Reed's first-hand story of conditions "over there."

Almost an hour before the time appointed for the address the theater was filled to the very doors. Back on the stage scenery was removed to afford standing room, and men and women stood at the back of the house and out into the lobby.

The 2,000 people who won their way into the theater heard the most stirring, most convincing report of the war which has yet been made to a Missoula audience. Reed carried his hearers across the Atlantic, over the channel and into France, and then to the battle front.

In unsparring terms he described the horrors which the Hun has brought upon the world and which "our army of kids" must fight. He pictured in burning phrases the devastation wrought in France, the suffering which lies back of the trenches, the savage conditions of the war zone, the barbarities of the enemy.

Showed Necessity of Service.

There was nothing lurid about Reed's speech. The man stood before the big audience and in simple, effective language told the mothers and fathers and neighbors of "our boys" just what the American forces are going up against. He himself, a strong, two-fisted athlete, personified the fine manhood of that army, so that when he spoke it was as if the army's voice were speaking.

Reed left with his hearers an understanding of how far any service "over here" falls short of what millions of boys are doing "over there." He spoke as an apostle for saving and giving and serving; and no one who heard him will ever be able to shirk the easy service of the "army at home" without feeling shame.

Chorus Opens Meeting.

The community chorus—that is to say the audience—opened the meeting by singing "America," "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," led by De Loss Smith and accompanied by the Missoula band. Then A. L. Stone, as president of the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, under whose auspices Mr. Reed came here, introduced the speaker.

Mr. Reed began by telling of his experience with college athletes of the sort of men who make up America's army. He then described the voyage over seas, through the submarine zone, and described the situation of the American forces.

"First I want to tell you what a thrilling spectacle it was for me to look down a fine French highway and see thousands of clean-cut, clear-eyed young Americans passing along—a

Resolutions Adopted Against Pro-Germans

"Be it resolved, that we pledge ourselves fully and completely, collectively and individually to exercise every effort within our power to apprehend and detain whomsoever shall give voice and expression to any utterance or sentiment unfavorable or antagonistic to the vigorous and powerful prosecution of the war in which we are now engaged, so long as a state of war exists."

"Be it further resolved, that we do hereby call upon the officers of the department of justice and the executive officers both of state and national governments to exercise a renewed and vigorous activity in the apprehension and detention of every person who, by act or word seeks to discourage in any measure the effectiveness of the armed forces in the field, the enlistments at home or the output of war industries, to the end that all such may find swift justice, even to the extent of a summary execution of the death penalty."

"Be it further resolved, that we do hereby call upon the congress of the United States to enact such laws as will result in the infliction of such punishments as are herein above recommended and in the summary and permanent elimination from the body politic of all those who fail to uphold or strive to best down the army of the government in this supreme crisis of the nation."

half million of them are there—with Old Glory floating above them and to see them smile and cheer as they passed. I saw these boys starting on a six-mile hike leading to the trenches where they were to learn how to go over the top—to prepare themselves for the ordeal through which they will have to pass. When I say "ordeal" I mean the facing of hand grenades, of poison gas, the cold steel, liquid fire, the dreadful monotony of trench life with its water and mud when they dare not stick their heads above ground without risking the probability of instant death from a German bullet.

Boys Want Cheerfully.

"And these boys knew what they were going into before they enlisted and they went cheerfully. You want to see our boys over there have the best. They deserve the best."

"One of the first boys I saw over there was a Michigan boy. His home is in Lansing. He said to me, 'When you get back tell mother you saw me and I was looking well.' And then he added—'Tell her I've won out and that I am coming back over her straight and clean.' We had many such messages given us by boys to bring back to mothers."

"You probably have heard some of these stories about our boys over there not living right. You probably can understand where a lot of these stories started."

"Germany is using every possible means to influence opinion in the United States. She is spending \$500,000 in Switzerland alone every year to have such stories spread to this country. There is no way of telling how much money is being used in this country for a similar purpose."

"A finer group of men I've never seen in uniform than our boys in France. This talk about their not living straight comes from Germany. They are many per cent better men than the best young men in our communities at home. We will be proud of our boys over there and what they are doing for their country and my hope is that when they come back they will be as proud of the people over here."

"One thing we must not forget; and that is that the line of communication in this war stretches 3,000 miles across the sea from over there to every heart, hearthstone, every kitchen and every harvest field in this country. We must not suffer this line to be severed for one minute by neglect, or privilage or by subtle propaganda."

Motor Lorry Trains.

"In France we were met by an English major. It was at night when we went across the channel and as we started out in the fog we passed thousands of three and five ton motor trucks along the road carrying men and munitions toward the front. These motor lorries are going night and day and

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