REPUBLICANS IN MAINE REUNITED SOLIDLY AGAIN

Old Guard and Progressives to Present Single Front at Election.

WAR POLICIES THE ISSUE

Farmers Resentful Because Deprived of Transportation Facilities for Crops.

From a Staff Correspondent.

PORTLAND, Me., March 29.—Whatever doubt existed as to the complete fraternization of Republicans and Progressives in Maine was dissipated by the ardor with which the reunited brethren hailed Col. Roosevelt last night as their common spokesman.

Approval of his address, that was voiced by virtually every one in the biggest crowd that ever got into City Hall, is especially interesting in view of the fact that his message regarding the patriotic duty of all Americans to insist on putting a sharper edge on the nation's drawn sword will be echoed presently in this State's political campaign and reechoed on the stump in other States as their elections approach.

Maine, as usual, will start the political ball rolling. Her primary falls on the third Monday in June and her election in September. There are to be elected the State officers and Legislature, one United States Senator and Representatives from all four districts.

A few local issues are involved, but it seems probable, unless the war situation changes greatly, that the Democrats will be found making their campaign on a defence of war policies of the national Administration. The Republicans will be attacking them and calling for the presence in Washington of a Republican Congress and display of a more efficient vigor along the lines of the Roosevelt "keynote" speech.

If this proves to be the basis of the Maine campaign, as is now expected, the election will engage the attention of the nation, as it often has done in the past. It is not true that "as goes Maine, so goes the country." The Republicans carried the State in 1916.

But as Maine is the first State to elect Congressmen this year and the conflict promises to be fought on issues of extraordinary national interest, it will bear close observation. It is noteworthy that about 90 per cent. of the platform adopted by the State convention yesterday deals with national matters.

The Republican primary will be a matter of form, as no opposition is developing to any of the announced candidates. The Republicans expect to reelect Gov. Carl E. Milliken and United States Senator Bert M. Fernald, whose term expires next March. The other Senator, Frederick H. Hale, son of ex-Senator Eugene Hale, has five more years of his present term to serve.

The State's four Representatives in the lower house—L. B. Goodall, W. H. White, Jr., J. A. Peters and I. G. Hershey—will be renominated. Republican managers rate their election as certain with the possible exception of White, who sits for the Second district, in which are Lewiston, Auburn and Farmington. This has always been a close district and had gone Democratic for some time until White's election two years ago.

White is a grandson of Senator William P. Frye, an admirer of Col. Roosevelt and an upstanding man on his own account. He was chairman of yesterday's convention, and his opening speech was one of the best efforts of the kind this correspondent ever heard. Again last night he displayed adroitness by assuming that intervening events had been forgotten and in his introduction of Col. Roosevelt reading a eulogy of President Roosevelt from the national platform of 1908—"He has voiced the highest aspirations of American citizens."

When Col. Roosevelt, departing from his set speech last night, reaffirming his belief in "universal suffrage for women as well as men," he had to smile as he did so, for the committee on resolutions had just voted down, by a vote of 8 to 7, a favorable report on that matter. As woman suffrage was beaten in a special election last year, the committee apparently felt that it represented Maine sentiment by not letting a word about suffrage get into the party platform.

The Democrats might possibly gain some capital by coming out for suffrage, but it is doubtful if they will take the risk. Maine always has liked Col. Roosevelt and gave him almost double Taft's vote in 1912, but it has not quite kept up with him on the "woman question."

The Republicans, having declared themselves for ratification of the national prohibition amendment by the next Legislature, which meets in January, as was strongly desired by Gov. Milliken, the Democrats are hardly in a position to oppose it. It is considered likely, however, that many of them will ask for a referendum vote, but may be embarrassed in this regard by the fact that their probable nominee for Governor, Bertram G. McIntyre of East Waterford, is a prohibitionist.

The question of non-enforcement of the present Statewide prohibition law, which formerly agitated the politicians, is not as pressing as it used to be. The reason for this is a constitutional amendment adopted last fall giving the Governor power to remove county Sheriffs after a hearing before the Governor and council.

With the threat of removal constantly over their heads the Sheriffs have bestirred themselves. Official blinking of the existence of bootleggers and blind pigs has pretty largely stopped. Moreover, Federal agents have been harsh on violators of the law that went into effect on July 1 last prohibiting liquor shipments into dry territory.

What with State and Federal authorities more active than in former years Maine's reputation as a rather moist prohibition State is on the skids, and neither party is able to make much political capital out of present conditions.

Aside from the shipbuilding revival and the presence of a few munitions factories the agricultural State of Maine has apparently not shared to any great degree in so-called "war prosperity." The people say that while they have done more than their allotted share in the purchase of Liberty bonds, Red Cross subscriptions, &c., they haven't fared so well as many other parts of the country in the returns of their labor.

A convention delegate told THE SUN correspondent last night that the farmers of Aroostook county, in response to the Government's appeals for higher crops, had planted every available inch of ground with potatoes, and that right now they have 15,000,000 bushels of tubers that they can't market even at 75 cents a bushel. As fertilizer has jumped from $20 to $75 a ton, on top of his other troubles, the Maine potato raiser is not likely to increase his acreage this spring.

Admittedly the principal trouble is one of transportation, for which Maine Republicans, at least, seem to think Washington is responsible. Potatoes are not much of a factor in the market just now, but they may be a big one in the election this fall.

"Maine is still a rural State," Chairman White said yesterday, "and the farmer has not benefited by the high food prices paid by the consumer. In fact the farmer's share has been depressed.

"Either he must be guaranteed a price to insure a profit, no matter what the production cost, or else price meddling must be stopped and economic laws permitted once more to have free play."

MARSHALL SILENT ON DAVIES' CHANCE

Calls Him Only Untainted Candidate, but Will Not Predict Outcome.

Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States, who was in New York on his way back to Washington from Wisconsin, where he made speeches in the interest of Joseph E. Davies, the Democratic candidate for United States Senator, declined yesterday to make any prediction on the probable result of the election there.

"I was in touch only with the friends of Mr. Davies," said the Vice-President in the Waldorf-Astoria, "and it would be folly therefore for me to prophesy what the result will be. I never have indulged in prophecy about elections, although at times, when I myself have been a candidate, I have done a little bluffing.

"We are inclined in this country, I think, to stick too close to party organizations and frequently we vote against our best judgment because of this party habit. Parties do not make issues. They only frame platforms. The public makes the issues. There is only one issue now and that is loyalty. When the war is over the people will split again. I don't know what question we will split on and I am not bothering my head about that now. After the war I am going to be against all Bolsheviki and I. W. W. movements. That's as far as I have got.

"So far as Wisconsin is concerned, I came to the conclusion early in the campaign that Mr. Davies was the only candidate against whom no charge of disloyalty could possibly be brought. Therefore, I was interested, as an American rather than a party man, in seeing Davies elected. The Democrats of Wisconsin have followed a very proper course. According to information given to me, a proposal was made by the Democratic State Central Committee to the Republican State Central Committee for the latter to select a candidate who should make the race against Berger. If that be true, the Democrats were absolved of any charge of disloyalty.

"Mr. Lenroot accused Mr. Thompson of being pro-German, yet the only chance for Lenroot to win was by what the Republicans themselves call disloyal voters. I made up my mind after reviewing the facts that the only man absolutely untainted was Mr. Davies and therefore I went into the field to speak for him."

INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING 44.7 P. C.

Extent of 3 Year Advance Shown by Experts.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Official figures presented to the labor adjustment board by the bureau of labor statistics show that the cost of living among shipbuilders in the New York district has increased 44.7 per cent. in the three years from 1914 to 1917. Statistics of the ship workers' cost of living were worked out by experts at the request of the labor adjustment board which has under consideration the wage scale of the New York district. Funds for the work were provided by the President from the national defence fund.

In an investigation that covered every expenditure of the average shipbuilder's family of five persons the Labor Department's statistician found that practically every necessity of home and family had increased in price. Figures were obtained from 808 families in New York city, Newark and other sections of the New York shipbuilding district.

One of the most interesting facts shown is that furniture and house furnishings increased at a greater rate than foodstuffs. House furnishings advanced 56.4 per cent. in the three years. Foodstuffs increased 55.4 per cent. Other articles computed were men's clothing, with an advance of 51.4 per cent.; women's clothing, 57.6 per cent.; rent, 26 per cent.; fuel and light, 19.9 per cent.; miscellaneous household and living expenses, including common amusements, 44.6 per cent. This gives an average of 44.7 per cent.

JOHN C. KNOX NAMED AS FEDERAL JUDGE

Has Made Splendid Record Here as Assistant U. S. Attorney.

"It's like giving up pitching to become an umpire," was the comment yesterday of John C. Knox when informed that he had been nominated to succeed Judge Manton on the United States District Court bench.

Mr. Knox has been chief assistant United States Attorney for fifteen months. He succeeded Roger B. Wood in that post, and has had direct supervision of the criminal department of the Federal attorney's office.

He has handled more cases arising out of the war than any other Government prosecutor in the country. He successfully prosecuted Lieut. Robert Fay, Albert O. Sander, Karl N. Wunnenberg and other notorious German agents, and directed the local investigation of the Hindu-German plots. Scores of active German operatives have been interned upon his recommendation. He has also been very severe in dealing with vendors of narcotics.

Mr. Knox upon confirmation of the President's recommendation will be the youngest Federal Judge in the country. He is but 36 years old.

Mr. Knox was born at Waynesburg, Pa., and studied at the Waynesburg College, and for one year at the University of Pennsylvania applying himself to the law. He was a police justice for a short while in his home city, leaving there to take a position with a title investigating company in this city.

He became a member of the staff of H. Snowden Marshall, former United States Attorney, three years ago, and was continued in office by Francis G. Caffey, the present prosecutor.

Jersey City Seaman Drowned.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—John Parker Hawthorne, 122 Hague street, Jersey City, a seaman of the Naval Reserve, fell overboard from the U. S. S. Rutoma March 26 and was drowned, the Navy Department to-day announced. His body was not recovered.

SIX GERMAN OWNED MILLS ARE SEIZED

Big New Jersey Woolen Plants Are Placed Under Federal Directors.

RESULT OF LEWIS INQUIRY

Corporations Are Said to Have Smuggled Uniforms to Kaiser's Army.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Six great German owned New Jersey woolen mills, with a total valuation of more than $70,000,000, have been taken over by the Alien Property Custodian, who has named governing boards of directors to assume control of them. The earnings of the properties during the war will go into the Federal Treasury for the purchase of Liberty Bonds.

The mills taken over were announced to-night by A. Mitchell Palmer, the Alien Property Custodian, as follows:

The Passaic Worsted Spinning Mills, the Botany Worsted Mills, the New Jersey Worsted Spinning Company, the Forstmann & Huffmann Co., and the Gera Mills, all of Passaic, N. J., and the Garfield Worsted Mills, of Garfield, N. J.

Directors Are Named.

Directors appointed to conduct the business of the mills were announced by Mr. Palmer as follows:

Botany Company—James M. Wallace, president Central Trust Company, New York; Francis P. Garvan, New York; Andrew D. Duvall, alien property custodian, Washington; Thomas J. Maloney, president Lorillard Tobacco Company, New Jersey; George T. Smith, president Dixon Crucible Company, Jersey City; H. C. McEldowney, president Union Trust Company, Pittsburg; Horace C. Jones, Conshohocken, Pa.

Garfield Mills—Melvin A. Rice, manufacturer, New York; John J. Tracy, lawyer, Jersey City; Leroy W. Baldwin, president Empire Trust Company, New York, and Andrew B. Duvall.

Forstmann & Huffman Company—Edward I. Edwards, formerly Comptroller of the State of New Jersey, and Andrew B. Duvall.

Passaic Worsted Mills, Gera Mills and New Jersey Worsted Company, all grouped as one—Mark A. Sullivan, Jersey City; Thomas J. Kitson, manufacturer, Stroudsburg; Robert P. Hooper, manufacturer, Philadelphia, and Andrew B. Duvall.

In his statement on the seizures Mr. Palmer to-night said:

"The Botany Mills of Passaic, N. J., did a business of $28,000,000 and the profits ranged from 20 to 25 per cent. The company is more than 85 per cent. enemy owned.

"The Garfield Worsted Mills are capitalized at $2,000,000. Enemy interests in them are admitted as high as 47 per cent.

Stock Is Enemy Owned.

"The Passaic Worsted Spinning Mills, the Gera Mills and the New Jersey Worsted Spinning Company may be grouped as one, inasmuch as many of the same persons own stock in all three of them. The total capitalization is approximately $4,350,000. Christian Bahensen, president of the Gera Mills, is the managing director in all three of these plants. He has a son in the United States National Army.

"The Gera Mills employ about 1,200 hands, were 88 per cent. enemy owned, and have assets amounting to $5,834,000.

"The New Jersey Worsted Spinning Mills of Passaic, employing 13,000 operators, has an enemy owned interest of 78 per cent.

"The Passaic Worsted Spinning Company has a capital stock of $600,000 and has maintained an average profit of 10 per cent. in the last five years. The stock of this mill is 60 per cent. enemy owned.

"The Forstmann & Huffmann Company has two plants, one in Passaic and one in Garfield, which together employ about 4,000 hands. In 1916 a dividend of 25 per cent. was declared on $2,000,000 common stock and 7 per cent. dividend on $250,000,000 of the preferred. There is a surplus in different reserve funds of this company amounting to $250,000,000. Officers report an enemy holding of 72 per cent. of the common stock and 43 per cent. of the preferred."

Mr. Palmer's action is believed to have been a direct result of the investigation of Attorney-General Merton E. Lewis of New York State two weeks ago when he exposed the German wool plots.

His investigation connected two of the firms mentioned, the Botany Worsted Mills and the Forstmann & Huffmann Company, with attempts to clothe the German army with wool bought from British colonies with the permission of the British Government. The wool was to be brought to this country from South Africa and Australia and consigned to dummy American purchasers, who in turn were to transship it to Germany through neutral countries such as Denmark and Sweden.

The scheme was successful to a limited extent, the Botany Worsted Mills yielding by means of breaking an agreement with the Textile Alliance, a semi-official organization working in conjunction with the War Trade Board. Both of the firms mentioned were in communication with the Deutsche Bank and Hugo Schmidt, the German fiscal agent who participated in almost every expenditure of German funds in this country.

URGES FORGIVENESS FOR GERMAN RULERS

Archbishop Lang Says "They Know Not What They Do."

Although the rulers of Germany are responsible for the misery and suffering arising out of the war, we should strive to follow the example of Christ and forgive them, declared the Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of York, in his sermon yesterday at the Good Friday services in old Trinity.

"Let it be our prayer to forgive them, for they know not what they do," said the Archbishop. "If we remain true to the spirit of Christ in this great passion of nations this prayer must go up even for those rulers. With the cross before our eyes, let us think kindly of the rulers, soldiers and the peoples of Germany and Austria. Those rough soldiers who are fighting us so desperately are simple, ignorant. They do only what they are commanded to do. Many of them, I believe, are good at heart. They believe their fatherland is in peril, for so they have been taught."

Twelve thousand people, it was estimated, attended the impressive services which lasted from 11 o'clock in the morning until after 3 o'clock in the afternoon. For more than an hour before the doors of the old church at the head of Wall street swung open groups of men, women and children waited for admission.

Record attendances were also reported from the eight other churches of Trinity Parish. Especially large audiences were noted at the Chapel of the Intercession, 155th street and Broadway, and at St. Agnes's Chapel in West Ninety-first street.

SENATE APPROVES DRAFT EXTENSION

Votes to Call Men Reaching 21 Since Registration June 5, 1917.

DEFEATS TRAINING PLAN

Long Debate Precedes Killing of Amendment Calling Boys of 19 to Camp.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Senate passed to-night without a record vote the resolution extending the selective draft to men reaching the age of 21 since June 5, 1917, the first registration day. Attempts to add an amendment providing for the training of youths from 19 to 21 years was defeated. The measure now goes to the House for consideration there with the bill to raise draft quotas on the number of registrants in Class 1 instead of on population.

It is estimated that 700,000 men will be added to the draft lists this year by the resolution, which is one of the pieces of legislation on which the War Department is waiting before announcing plans for the next draft. There was no opposition to the resolution itself, the only debate being over the amendment providing for the training of men between 19 and 21, which was introduced by Senator New (Indiana) and over which a fierce argument waged all day long on the floor of the Senate, only to be defeated by a vote of 36 to 26.

Senator McKellar (Tenn.) proposed an amendment which Senator New accepted providing that instruction in a military school or academy under standards prescribed by the President should constitute the necessary training for boys of from 19 to 21. The vote on the New amendment came at the end of a long discussion and these Senators supported it:

Democrats—Chamberlain, Gerry, King and Myers.

Republicans—Calder, Cummins, Curtis, Dillingham, Fall, Frances, Freilinghuysen, Gallinger, Johnson (Cal.), Kellogg, Kenyon, Nelson, New, Page, Poindexter, Sherman, Smoot, Sterling, Sutherland, Wadsworth, Warren and Watson.

Senator Townsend (Mich.) wanted to know if it was the purpose of the amendment to train men in existing cantonments. Senator New said that would be for the President to decide. This precipitated an interrogation of Senator New. Senator Wolcott (Democrat, Del.) followed with:

"How many officers would be needed for this large force?"

"That would depend on the rapidity with which the men were called," replied Senator New. "It cannot be definitely answered. Undoubtedly the number required would be large."

"Could the President discriminate by calling some men for training?" asked Senator Jones (New Mexico), "while exempting others?"

Senator New answered that the purpose was to call every young man between 19 and 21, though discrimination might be used in calling men from different occupations at different times so as not to interfere with agricultural and industrial vocations.

Senator Jones asked: "And does the Senator mean that at this time we should provide facilities for training 1,200,000 to 1,500,000 men?"

"Exactly," replied New.

Senator Borah (Idaho) criticised the amendment as unwise at this time.

"I will not discuss the merits or demerits of universal military training," said Senator Borah, "for I do not believe that question now concerns us. Our policies now must be controlled by the supreme exigency which confronts us, and anything which detracts from our ability to meet the situation should be very carefully considered. If this plan is executed it would draw from agricultural and industrial pursuits a million more young men. My first objection to it, however, is that it leaves to the discretion of one who is frankly opposed to it, decision as to how it shall operate. The Secretary of War in his annual report stated that he is against universal military training. I assume the discretion of the President in this matter would be the discretion of the Secretary of War. Certainly if Congress is going to enact this provision and establish this policy it should go far enough to prescribe the training and make it obligatory. To my mind the amendment fails to meet the situation even if I were in favor of universal training.

The Senator from New Jersey (Mr. Frelinghuysen) said "no doubt it would disturb the Germans and Hindenburg to know that the Senate had passed a resolution leaving the training of young men to one who was frank enough to say he is opposed to it.

"We have already drained agricultural and industrial pursuits of men far beyond the limit of safety," he said. "I think it absolutely essential to raise food, and if the President's call for young men from the cities to go to the farms is not heeded we shall have to take some other means of supplying the labor.

"We are giving too much consideration to the mere equipping of men and not enough to feeding them, which to my mind will be the supreme need before this war is over."

Coal Miners Work on Good Friday.

HAZLETON, Pa., March 29.—All the anthracite mines in the Lehigh field except two at Lattimer, Pa., were operated to-day in response to appeals of the union leaders, the coal companies and the clergy that the men remain at work to meet the war time demand for fuel. Some collieries were short handed. This is the first time in many years that the breakers have been run full blast on Good Friday.

RED CROSS
Clothes Collection Week
DON'T STORE YOUR CLOTHES!
GIVE THEM
To the Destitute of Belgium and Northern France
THEIR NEED IS DESPERATE
Leave Suits, Underwear, Stockings, Blankets, Shoes, etc.,
at one of the following collection centers:

2 Rector St.
13 Washington Pl.
18th St. and 5th Ave.
154 5th Ave.
20th St. and 5th Ave.
6 West 57th St.
*359 West 24th St.
*24th St. and Park Ave.
585 7th Ave.
38th St. and B'way
873 6th Ave.
60th St. and 3rd Ave.
17 East 50th St.
746 Madison Ave.
841 East 68th St.
77th and Cent. Pk. W.
885th St. and Park Ave.
86th St. and Amsterdam Ave.
*Madison Ave. and 71st St.
2608 Broadway
1048 St. and B'way
*1111th St. & Amsterdam Ave.
*308 West 122nd St.
15 East 126th St.
1560 Amsterdam Ave.
*550 West 153th St.
*174th St. and Wadsworth
493 West 207th St.
*141st St. and Convent
*187th St. and B'way
*43rd St. and 5th Ave.
725 5th Ave.
33 East 48th St.
170 West 74th St.
76 Morningside Ave.

Or at any Laundry
*(Church—all others stores)

NELSON MORRIS PUT INTO 1-A DRAFT LIST

Appeal Board Rejects His Claim of Exemption.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Nelson Morris, chairman of the board of directors of Morris & Co., packers, was placed to-day in Class 1-A of the draft by his district appeal board. Mr. Morris in his questionnaire claimed exemption on the ground that he was necessary to a vital industry. A few days ago he announced that he had accepted a position with the Government and would become one of the $1 a year men and left for Washington.

The board in announcing that Morris had been placed in Class 1-A said that "since Mr. Morris had left for Washington to accept a position with the War Department it was clear that he was not essential to the business of Morris & Co."

NEGLIGENT BAKERS MAY LOSE LICENSES

Food Board Determined to Enforce Regulations for Saving Wheat.

The Federal Food Board proposes to temporise no longer with manufacturing bakers who, because of contempt for or ignorance of the Food Administration baking regulations, have failed to use 20 per cent. cereal substitutes in the making of bread and rolls.

Although warnings have been issued repeatedly that bakers must follow directions and save wheat flour, it is known that many have made but little effort to obey the Government mandate. Over 100 complaints against offending bakers are now on file and the board will start to-day to clear the calendar. Fifteen individuals and firms have been cited to appear for hearings this forenoon and afternoon.

It is known that the members of the board are in no mood to be trifled with in these times when it is so essential to the country's war that Mr. Hoover's wheat saving programme shall be carried out. Therefore it is confidently expected that many bakers are in danger of losing their licenses. Then they will go out of business altogether.

Announcement was made during the day that matzoths may be served in hotels and restaurants and other public eating places on wheatless days, Monday, April 1, and Wednesday, April 3. Matzoths also may be sold by dealers on these days.

The case against Joseph Reiter, a wholesale grocer, of 118 State street, Brooklyn, has been closed and the Federal Food Board will make its recommendations to Mr. Hoover next week. Reiter, who does a business of between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000 a year, was accused by a baker of compelling him to pay 15 cents a pound for granulated sugar. Another charged that the defendant forced him to buy groceries in order to get sugar. A former employee testified that he was told to sell sugar at 17 and 18 cents a pound.

Goldberg & Cohen, wholesale grocers, were before Alan Fox, head of the Bureau of Licenses, yesterday, charged with a second offence of violating food regulations. They were discharged with a warning. Each man was so pleased that he kissed Mr. Fox's hand and Mr. Fox didn't know what to do about it.

Dr. Jonathan C. Day, Commissioner of Public Markets, says that the city has disposed of 60,000 cases of eggs—21,600,000 eggs—during the week. He declares that the entrance of the city into the egg business has resulted in a drop of two cents a dozen in the retail price.

During the past five days a total of 212,252 cases, or 76,410,720 eggs, have arrived in the New York market, as against a total of 90,911 cases for the corresponding five days last year.

It is generally accepted that the regulations forbidding the slaughter of laying hens from early in February until May 31 have been responsible in a large degree for the great increase in egg shipments to this city.

Williams to Be Attache in Paris.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Pierce L. Williams, former commercial attache at the American Embassy in London, was appointed to-day commercial attache at the American Embassy in Paris by Secretary Redfield. He succeeds Dr. C. W. A. Veditz.

U. S. FARMERS FACE SEIZURE OF WHEAT

Government Will Confiscate Hoarded Supplies Unless They Are Released.

NEED ABROAD IS SERIOUS

Senate Vote for $2.50 Price Has Halted Shipments to Alarming Extent.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Despite official denials Federal confiscation of approximately 111,000,000 bushels of wheat now in the hands of the farmers of the country is in immediate prospect unless the normal flow of grain through trade channels is restored without delay, according to statements here to-day. The volume of wheat coming to markets has fallen off more than 50 per cent. since passage by the Senate of an amendment fixing a price of $2.50 a bushel for this summer's crop. Farmers are holding back last year's wheat to such an extent that the most drastic measures are now in contemplation. The action of American farmers is having an effect on the food situation, already very serious, in all the allied countries.

Altogether the country has 176,000,000 bushels of wheat and wheat flour. The needs of the people of the United States until this summer's crop is available are estimated at 200,000,000 bushels. The Allies need 75,000,000 bushels more. They are 40 per cent. short themselves.

In an effort to make the available supply of 176,000,000 bushels meet needs of both the Allies and the American people the Food Administration has asked that consumption in this country be curtailed at least 50 per cent. That request was made after the Senate's action, and at the moment was looked on as a retaliatory step. Facts that have become known since indicate that the price proposed by the Senate had nothing to do with the conservation programme urged afterward.

No one at the Food Administration would discuss the matter to-day. It is said, however, that Food Commissioner Hoover in an effort to break the hoarding movement has telegraphed a personal appeal to all State Food Administrators urging them to use the utmost effort to increase the volume of wheat released from the farmers' bins.

Failure of the farmers to respond to this appeal will bring to a focus the necessity for Government requisition of the remainder of last year's crop and its distribution under Federal supervision. The slowing up movement began with the action of the Senate in fixing a price of $2.50 and has increased each day since, farmers evidently thinking they can in some way get the increased price even for last year's crop.

Members of the legislative committee of the National Grange in session to-day, although endorsing the price of $2.50, asserted that it would apply only to this year's crop and that methods should be employed to prevent sale of last year's grain at more than $2.20, the price fixed for it.

I. W. W. WIVES DEMAND FOOD.

Husbands, Caught in Butte Raid, Charged With Sedition.

BUTTE, Mont., March 29.—Forty Finnish women stormed the office of the County Attorney to-day and announced their intention of remaining in his office until they received food and clothing while their husbands languished in jail charged with sedition. The men were arrested in a raid on a suspected I. W. W. headquarters.

The women declared they have had nothing to eat and brought in twenty half clad children to show their need of clothing. The County Attorney finally persuaded the women to depart.

St. Louis Labor Appeals to Capital.

ST. LOUIS, March 29.—Labor leaders here, who are in charge of the strikes which have tied up many St. Louis industries, voted to-day not to attend any more settlement conferences and to despatch a committee to Washington immediately to confer with the War and Labor departments.

TIFFANY & CO.
FIFTH AVENUE & 37TH STREET
JEWELRY SILVERWARE CLOCKS
WATCHES
CHINA STATIONERY

AMUSEMENTS. AMUSEMENTS.

NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES AND SUCCESSES

EMPIRE Broadway 40 St. Evs. 8:15. Mats. TO-DAY & Wed. 2:15. SMARTEST AND BEST ACTED COMEDY OF THE YEAR. ETHEL BARRYMORE in THE OFF CHANCE

GEO. M. COHAN Thea., B'y 43 St. Evs. 8:30. Mts. To-day & Wed. (POP.) TOOT-TOOT! NEW MILITARY MUSICAL COMEDY "Hits Hilarious High Spots"—Tribune.

FULTON W. 46 St. Evs. 8:20. Last 2 Last Mat. TO-DAY Times ROCK & WHITE in "LET'S GO" An Intimate Review Next Week—"LOVE'S LIGHTNING," By Robert Edeson and Ada Patterson.

LIBERTY West 42d Street. Evenings 8:20. Mts. To-day & Wed. POP. 2:20. GOING UP THE TALK OF THE TOWN The Aviation Musical Comedy Sensation.

GAIETY Broadway 46 St. Evgs. 8:15. Mts. TO-DAY & Wed. POP. 2:20 SICK-A-BED Biggest Laugh-maker in Town.

COHAN & HARRIS W. 42 St. Evs. 8:15. Mts. TO-DAY & Wed. A FUNNIEST AMERICAN COMEDY OF RECENT YEARS TAILOR-MADE MAN with GRANT MITCHELL

REPUBLIC W. 42 St. To-night 8:30. MAT. TO-DAY, 2:30. Pop. Price Mats. Wed. PARLOR BEDROOM AND BATH with Florence Moore and John Cumberland

HARRIS THEATRE 42nd, W. of B'way. Best of NEW YORK'S WRITERS. THE PATRIOTIC PLAY HER COUNTRY Will Move Here from the Punch & Judy Theatre Seats Now. PHONE BRYANT 9.

PARK Thea., Col. Circle. Evgs. 8:20. Mats. To-day & Wednesday 2:20. Military-Naval Melodrama. 7 DAYS LEAVE PRICES, 25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50. See the Yankee Cruiser sink the enemy U-Boat, saving the lives of 20,000 American troops.

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