

“FOOD PIRATES” MUST DISGORGE, CRY OF BORAH

Idaho Senator Calls Upon Nation to Punish Groups of Profiteers.

SCORES HOOVER PLAN

“Dollar a Year” Men Mulked People, Claim of Angry Solon.

Pressure must be brought by every organization, every group and class of citizens and every great institution to force the three great food industries of the United States to disgorge their swollen profits taken from the people during the stress of war, declared Senator Borah, of Idaho.

Senator Borah has been conducting a private inquiry into the activities of the grocery brokers, the meat packers and the sugar combination for more than a month. He has collected many startling facts and plans to place them before the country in an effort to show that drastic legislation must be enacted, if huge post-war taxation is to be avoided.

Charges Food Trust. In discussing the situation, he said: “I have no desire to be sensational; I have no desire to raise a false hue and cry. I am no anxious lest people will say I am exaggerating that I know that I am conservative in my statements. But this I can freely say, through my relations with the Food Administration vast concerns in the United States control and dominate the food supply of the United States. And they are making immense profits. Here are the figures of the five great profit centers from 1915 to 1917. I will place them before Congress.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Profit. 1915-\$18,715,000; 1916-\$20,217,000; 1917-\$22,768,000; 1918-\$40,982,000; 1919-\$50,239,000.

“It is true that the packers’ industry has been expanded, and that they have been investing additional money in plants, but no one can say that in five years a concern can show an increase of five times its profits without someone being gouged.

“Here are the figures on Armour and Company’s profits on capital and surplus in the same period. These figures are taken from the annual reports of accountants, who confess that everything is done by the company to conceal profits and who says that his figures are, in his belief, minimum and maximum.

“The trouble with the history of our Food Administration in this country is that we have permitted meat and environment have no thought for or consideration of the taxpayer, the ultimate consumer. They have taken the life of least resistance, they have depended upon the representatives of the food trusts to say what should be charged for food.

“I don’t care who the man is; if he paid \$10,000 a year salary by the packers and comes down to Washington to work for the people of the United States for \$1 a year, he gives me the former \$10,000 worth of consideration and he gives the taxpayer, which means you or I, just about \$1 worth. Our highest courts, made up of men whose integrity, if unquestioned, will not let a man pass upon a case in which he has ever been interested directly or indirectly.

“Enormous profits, scandalous profits, have been made in food in this country and it is high time that every thinking man of the country should get up and demand an accounting and for the repayment of the blood money for that it what it is, that has been taken from our people by greedy schemers who have no thought of anything in this world but the accumulation of money.”

STARVED BRITONS DIE ON WAY TO HOMES

Prisoners at Hun Camps Complain of Ill Treatment.

London, Jan. 19.—Many British soldiers homeward bound from German prison camps are frightfully emaciated from the bad treatment they have received and will never see their homes, according to a dispatch received today from Copenhagen.

Nineteen were buried today in Danish graves. An official item from Budapest, via Amsterdam, states that the Hungarian losses up to July last included 24,000 officers and 815,000 men of other ranks killed, and 41,000 officers and 1,900,000 men of other ranks wounded. There were 2,000 officers, but only 150,000 of other ranks missing or prisoners. Comment was provoked by the comparatively small number of troops missing or made prisoners as compared with the officers.

Must Curb Mexico Now, End Terror

Representative Porter Demands Action by Government to Avenge Murder of Americans.

KILLINGS IN TAMPICO OIL FIELDS IGNORED BY U. S.

If reports of the murder of American citizens in the Tampico oil fields are true, some action must be taken by this country to bring the Mexican government to book, declared Representative Stephen G. Porter, of Pennsylvania, yesterday. Representative Porter is ranking minority member of the House Committee on Foreign Relations and will be chairman in the next Congress.

Congressional interest in the Mexican situation has been intensified by news that has come to Senators and Representatives that a considerable number of employees in the Tampico oil fields, which are controlled by American and British companies, have been murdered during the past year, some half dozen of them American citizens.

Would Collect U. S. Claims. These killings appear to have passed with apparently no publicity because the attention of the country and the world has been centered upon the events of the world war.

A movement is now under way in Congress for the collection of American claims in Mexico and there have been many expressions of resentment at the proposal embodied in the new Mexican constitution for the confiscation of American properties. But reports that American citizens have been murdered by Mexican bandits, who have gone unpunished, have incensed members of Congress, and the sentiment for drastic action is rapidly crystallizing.

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RIOTING MARKS HUN ELECTIONS

General Strike Declared in Leipzig—Gas Plant Seized.

London, Jan. 19.—Election riots in many German cities are reported in a dispatch from Copenhagen to the Evening Telegram.

In Leipzig a mob destroyed an election bureau and the Democratic party withdrew the evening editions of the newspapers. A general strike has been declared in Leipzig and the gas and water power has been turned off by the rebels, the dispatch says. Similar conditions are reported at Dueseldorf.

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A Berlin dispatch says the Ebert-Scheidemann government has finally decided to hold a national assembly for which elections are going on today.

French Aviator Lands on Roof of a Paris Store; Wins 25,000-Franc Prize

Paris, Jan. 19.—Leaving Issy les Moulinaux at 1:30 o’clock this afternoon in a thick fog, Jules Vedrines, the French aviator, won the 25,000 franc prize for being the first aviator to land on the roof of a building. The roof of a department store on which Vedrines landed is wide and long.

Vedrines flew over the boulevards and slowed down opposite his destination. The landing was spectacular and although the machine was slightly damaged the aviator was unhurt. The aviator said he never had the slightest doubt about his success.

U. S. Should Rule Turk Capital, Says Briton; Gives Working Plan

London, Jan. 19.—The administration of the affairs of Constantinople, if that city is to be internationalized, should be carried out by the United States or Greece, it was declared today in an interview given by Dr. Donald Burrows, principal of Kings College, London, and acting chairman of the Anglo-Hellenic League. Dr. Burrows said:

“If Constantinople is to be internationalized it is generally supposed it will be by one conference, only one country should be deputized to carry out the administrative affairs of that city and of Turkey in Europe.

“This work should be given to the United States for choice, or if not that to Greece. whichever nation is selected should work under the aegis of a future league of nations.

\$1,000,000 Loss by Fire. Sioux City, Ia., Jan. 19.—With an estimated loss of approximately \$1,000,000, the Masonic Temple and other property was destroyed by fire here today. The damaged section covers more than one-fourth of a city block.

Blocks New Phone Rate. Mobile, Jan. 19.—The State of Mississippi has been granted an injunction restraining the enforcement of new rates for long-distance telephone service recently promulgated by Postmaster General Burleson.

WIRE CONTROL QUIZ CERTAIN, SAY WORKERS

Members of Union Expect Early Probe of Burleson’s System.

CLAIM CUT IN WAGES

Loss of Overtime Offsets Increase of Scale, They Charge.

Investigation of the telegraph and telephone service as administered by Postmaster General Burleson is regarded as a certainty by members of the Telegraphers’ union, who have presented a forceful appeal to the Senate and House.

Responses to letters sent by the telegraphers to members of both Houses are favorable to the inquiry. The general charge upon which the demand for an investigation is made is that Postmaster General Burleson has placed the government behind the fight of the Western Union Company against the telegraphers’ organizations, and is using the power of the government to accomplish for the Western Union what that corporation had been unable to accomplish for itself.

In support of this contention there has been cited the fact that the operation of the entire wire system of the country is now in the hands of President Carlton, of the Western Union, and Theodore Vail, of the telephone combination, and that while the authority used is that of the government the details of management, especially as it affects the relations between the service and its employees, including the wages received by the latter and the discrimination and favoritism which obtain in the pay of telegraphers, Union and telephone company officials.

Dispute Burleson Statement. Postmaster General Burleson is accused of misrepresentation and misstatement in his efforts to justify his course, and it is predicted that an investigation will show that he has been animated by strong personal opposition to organized labor, and has used the authority given him by Congress to make that opposition effective.

In his statements Mr. Burleson declared that the increase in wages given the telegraphers amounted to \$3,000,000 annually. The telegraphers produce figures to show that there has been a reduction in the aggregate pay of the operators amounting to \$1,000,000. The recent readjustment of salaries effected by order of the Postmaster General provided for a 3 and 10 per cent increase in the pay of telegraphers, but it also provided that overtime pay should not begin until after nine hours’ work at regular rates and that there should be no overtime pay for Sunday work.

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No Sensation of Pain. The loss of one leg and the shattering of the other, without sensation of pain, was described by Private Joseph A. Ash, company B, 10th Infantry, a Virginia lad, during the fighting around Bellecourt.

“It wasn’t done by shrapnel,” said the youthful hero. “It was some kind of acid the Germans were using which burned holes everywhere in my clothes. I guess we’ll get no explanation unless it comes from the Germans. I felt no pain and did not lose consciousness for five or six hours.”

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Delegates to represent the Washington branch of the Friends of Irish Freedom at the convention of all Irish societies in Philadelphia on February 22 and 23 were selected at a meeting held in Northeast Temple last night.

Delegates will be Rossa Downing, J. Ryan, P. T. Moran, John Noonan, Margaret Brosnahan, Rev. James A. Gary, Dr. Joseph Dunn and Dr. P. J. Lennox. The convention will be held to make a strong plea for the ‘self-determination’ for Ireland.

At the meeting last night Miss Catherine Hughes, of the New York branch of the organization of a talk on ‘Self-determination’ for Ireland. She declared that it was unjust, if the rights of small nations are to be safeguarded at the Peace Conference, for the allies to ignore Ireland.

Rossa Downing, president of the local society, presided at the meeting. Announcement was made that next Sunday’s meeting will be held in the hall at Seventh and I streets northwest.

BOLSHEVIK CONTROL IN U. S. PREDICTED

Radical Socialism Urged at Mass Meeting in Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Substitution of radical socialism for the principles of government as written in the constitution of the Republic, was declared to be the aim of labor by various speakers at two mass meetings held here today.

CELTIC OR LATIN? Which shall dictate future of the World?



Here are the big four of the Peace Conference. Two of them are of Celtic stock (Wilson and Lloyd George), one Scotch, the other Welsh. Simple, direct diplomacy is theirs.

Two of them are of Latin origin: Clemenceau of France and Sonnino, Italy’s minister of foreign affairs. The subtle indirection of Latin statesmanship is theirs.

It’s Celt against Latin. Latin differs with Celt over the league of nations and over extension of territory. First blood has gone to Wilson and Lloyd George, for Sonnino’s imperialistic program for Italy is dashed by the resignation of the Italian cabinet, and he is forced toward the Celtic program for a democratic peace.

Which will influence the action of the peace meet.

WOUNDED NURSE REACHES HOME

Hit by Shell Fire at Chateau Thierry, She Limped from Ship.

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 19.—The sight of Miss Mary Smith, of Berkeley, Cal., a Red Cross worker, limping painfully on crutches from the deck of the hospital ship Comfort today drew tears from the eyes of many who had grown accustomed to seeing wounded soldiers land, but to whom sight of a wounded Red Cross nurse was new.

Miss Smith was wounded by a German shell, while working among the stricken during the Chateau Thierry fighting. Two other Red Cross nurses, also wounded, were among the 35 sick and wounded on the Comfort.

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STILL ON TRAIL OF ‘JIT’ GRABBERS

Dozen More Conductors to Be ‘Interviewed’ by Police Today.

As a follow-up measure to the week-end arrest of eleven conductors of the Washington Railway and Electric Company’s lines on charges of embezzling fares, under Detective Sergt. Cornwell, today are preparing to ‘see’ another dozen delinquents.

Officials plan to keep hot on the matter until the lines are cleared of all evidence of ‘hold-outs.’ Every employe arrested thus far has been released on collateral, ranging from \$50 to \$200. The cases will come up today in the Police Court.

“The Duke” Puts Up Fight. Three conductors were arrested yesterday morning, making a total of eleven. One of the trio, William Bevan Conkley, 21, familiarly called ‘the Duke’ by detectives who trailed him for several days, put up a two-pronged argument, making a total of eleven. One of the trio, William Bevan Conkley, 21, familiarly called ‘the Duke’ by detectives who trailed him for several days, put up a two-pronged argument, making a total of eleven.

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‘BIG 5’ TO RULE PEACE TABLE

Smaller Powers to be Heard Only on Questions in Which Their Interests Are Directly Concerned. Germany and Austria Frozen Out.

Proof of Good Faith Now Calls for Wide Opening of Doors of Publicity—Full Sympathy is Impossible Without Full Public Information.

Paris, Jan. 19.—The ‘Big Five’—America, Britain, France, Italy and Japan—will be the dominating powers at the Peace Conference. They will take part in all meetings and commissions.

The other powers actively engaged in the war against the central powers will attend sittings at which questions concerning them are discussed. Among these nations are Belgium, Brazil, China, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia and the Czecho-Slovaks.

Powers which broke off diplomatic relations with the central powers will attend sittings at which questions concerning them are discussed. Neutral powers and nations in the process of formation will be heard only on questions directly concerning them.

Russia’s status will be decided upon as soon as ‘matters concerning Russia’ are explained. These decisions of the Peace Conference were officially announced today.

Germany and Austria are not mentioned in the communique. It is presumed they are included under the head of ‘states now in the process of formation.’

The communique covers, with elaborate detail, the method of procedure and the system of representation. The powers participating in the conference are divided into four classes, as follows:

1. Belligerent powers with general interests: America, the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan.

2. Belligerent powers with particular interests: Belgium, Brazil, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, the British dominions and India, China, Cuba, Greece, Guatemala, Panama, Portugal, Rumania, Serbia, Siam and the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

3. Powers in a state of diplomatic rupture with the enemy powers: Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay.

4. Neutral powers and states in process of formation.

Add Envoy for Paraguay. The statement of representation added a delegate for Paraguay not mentioned in the previously published list. Appointment of this delegate is to be held in abeyance until ‘the political situation of this country (Paraguay) shall have been cleared up.’

Alphabetical order in French is to take precedence at the conference.

Each delegation is allowed to have technical delegates who may assist in the conference, when a part explanation are desired. Two stenographers are to be attached to each delegation.

Four vice-presidents are to be chosen from the plenipotentiaries of the great powers, in alphabetical order.

The publicity of the proceedings shall be assured by official communiqués issued by the secretariat (which is to be composed of representatives of the five great powers who are not plenipotentiaries) and made public in case of disagreement as to the drafting of these communiqués, the matter shall be referred to the principal plenipotentiaries or of their representatives.

Woman Freed from Jail. Mrs. Naomi Barrett, of New Castle, Del., was released from the District Jail yesterday after an imprisonment lasting five days.

Prince John, ‘Bad Boy,’ Son of King George, Dies at 14

Terror of British Royal Household Used Slang Almost Like American Newsboy, Mingling With and Playing Stable Boys’ Games.

London, Jan. 19.—Prince John, youngest son of King George and Queen Mary, died early this morning at Sandringham, the country place of King George. The King and Queen were at his bedside when the end came. They had been anxiously attending the boy for days. The ‘bad’ boy-prince celebrated his fourteenth birthday a week ago today.

Defies God To Kill Him; Shot Dead

Russian Terrorist, Shrieking Sacrilege from Pulpit, After Murdering Priest, Slain by Worshipper.

London, Jan. 19.—A story of a terrorist challenge to God and its tragic result comes to the Daily Express from an authoritative Russian source. A small party of terrorists broke into a church and in the vestry murdered the priest.

People were in the pews while the tragedy was enacted. Another priest was praying at the altar. One of the murderers stalked down to the pulpit, climbed into it, a hitherto unheard of liberty—and, waving his arms, shouted:

“I have just killed a priest. In the silly old days you would have told me God would kill me because I killed a priest. Well, here you see me in the pulpit. I have killed a priest and God doesn’t lift a finger to kill me.”

A pistol shot rang out and the terrorist fell dead in the pulpit. A man in the congregation, smoking a pipe, said God would not kill him. “I did. I was God’s instrument.”

CAN’T EXTRADITE FORMER KAISER

Such is Opinion of Sir Frederick Pollock, Noted Jurist.

London, Jan. 15.—The former Kaiser cannot be extradited under existing laws.

Such is the opinion given today by one of the most eminent authorities of British jurisprudence—Sir Frederick Pollock, judge of the Admiralty Court, after a research of international precedent and every legal aspect bearing on the case of William Hohenzollern.

Whether the former Kaiser entered Holland as a soldier or civilian may have to be decided according to Sir Frederick, who said:

“It is evident that the former Kaiser was not admitted in an ordinary way, but as regards his extradition, I have been unable to find a law or extradition treaty really applicable to his extraordinary case.

“It is useless to discuss punishment until it is known what specific charges are to be formulated. A joint requisition by the allies could not be brought under any particular extradition law, but nothing can prevent the allies from formulating a demand upon Holland when they consider the time ripe.”

Many will agree with Horatio Brolin, M. P., who, when I told him of the learned opinion cited above commented as follows:

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ALLIES TO PUT SEAL ON WARS

Rene Viviani, Former Prime Minister, Says Lasting Peace is Near.

By RENE VIVIANI. Former Prime Minister of France. Special Cable Dispatch to The Herald.

Paris, Jan. 19.—I cannot conceal the pleasure which I feel in responding to the kind invitation of The Washington Herald to write during the Peace Conference a series of articles upon the principal problems there agitated.

I rejoice again in this communication with America. Thrilling memories are inscribed on my heart of the wonderful greetings which the American people accorded me a few months ago when, with Marshal Joffre, I came in the name of France to inaugurate the great republic delivering our arms.

I should be happy if I could find among my readers some who were in the enthusiastic audiences who at an unforgettable mass meeting manifested both the tenderness and force of their souls for the victory of justice. Many of those have since been in hand to make good their oath. How many of them will never return!

Americans! The soil of France, so abused, preserves with the mortal remains of our own children those of yours, and higher and more imperishable than all the monuments, the heart of the great nation keeps the heroic image of our immortal friendship.

The way is finished. Having saluted the dead, let us think of the living. It is to attempt to settle our fate that the great Peace Conference is meeting here. Inevitably the mind searches history for precedents and traditions. At what moment has bleeding humanity interrupted its march to Calvary in order to seek peace for itself?

What have they done toward establishing it? When the great nation looks awesome mission to appear in the conference.

SENATE PAYS TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS

Memorial services were held in the Senate yesterday for two deceased members, Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, Republican floor leader, and Senator Brady, of Idaho.

Memorial sessions of the Senate will be held each Sunday until February 9, when tributes will be paid the late Senators James, of Kentucky; Hughes, of New Jersey; Tillman, of South Carolina, and Stone, of Missouri.

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MAY START NEW SENATE FIGHT

Mayor Thompson Likely to Renew Contest Against Medill McCormick.

Mayor Thompson, of Chicago, will renew his contest against Senator-elect Medill McCormick, who defeated Thompson in the Republican Senatorial primary in Illinois in September, according to a well-known source in Washington.

The rumor that when the Senate Privileges and Elections Committee has taken up the Ford vs. Newberry contest from Michigan, Mayor Thompson will charge that McCormick has spent greater sums than even Newberry did and that he will bring the contest before the Senate committee.

Senator Lewis, who was defeated by McCormick in the general election, has taken no active interest in the matter and if the contest is brought, it will be by Mayor Thompson.

The latter’s prospective action is said to have been inspired in large measure by the threat of the Chicago Tribune to fight him for reelection as mayor.

\$200,000 Fund Named. If the contest is brought, it is said that information will be laid before the Senate committee seeking to show that more than \$200,000 was spent for McCormick. In fact, it was said Thompson would attempt to prove that the amount expended in McCormick’s interest was much larger than it is claimed was spent for Newberry in Michigan.

An interesting point discussed was the attitude of the Chicago Tribune, owned by the McCormick interests, which led the fight for the unseating of Senator Lorimer because a substantial \$100,000 was expended to obtain a seat in the Senate for him.

If this contest is brought, it will be the fourth against members-elect of the Senate, three of them Republicans. The others are against Newberry, of Michigan; Moses, of New Hampshire, and Henderson, of Nevada, the last named a Democrat.

The contest against Senator Henderson was filed last week by Miss Anne Martin, defeated by Senator Henderson in the November election. She bases her contest on the allegation that government employes were filed last week by Miss Anne Martin, defeated by Senator Henderson in the November election. She bases her contest on the allegation that government employes were filed last week by Miss Anne Martin, defeated by Senator Henderson in the November election.

These contests may have an important bearing on the organization and control of the new Senate as the Republicans will have a majority of only two in the event of contests is sustained.

HUNS RAISE ARMIES TO BEAT BACK POLES

Two Forces Hasten to Repel Invaders from North.

Copenhagen, Jan. 19.—The German government is reported organizing two armies against the Polish invaders. Some dispatches hint this is merely a pretext to cover up Germany’s intention to resist the stringent peace terms which she will be expected to sign.

The West Prussian army is to be commanded by Gen. von Quast, a veteran general of the West front fighting, and the Silesian army by Gen. von Weyrach, who took part in the Eastern campaigns.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg remains chief of staff, with headquarters in Berlin.

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