

cases of meningitis were placed under quarantine yesterday. There are now 3,000 at the station, 1,000 more than normal.

Capt. Moffat, commandant of the station, explained today that this number of deaths is regarded as normal in view of the great increase in number of recruits in the last few weeks. No fear of an epidemic is felt.

Upward of 100 cases of measles of a light type are being treated at the station.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL TO SUPERVISE BUSINESS AND LABOR IN WAR

Washington, March 22.—Government supervision of the country's vast resources of raw materials used in the production of munitions and other war supplies is contemplated by the National Council of Defense if the United States goes to war with Germany. Tentative plans for putting such supervision into operation almost immediately already have been completed.

The council is hopeful that the big producers of raw material will agree to such a plan voluntarily. But in case they do not, the council is prepared to go before the coming extra session of congress and ask for such power.

Already the copper producers have offered to sell the government copper at a figure almost half the present price in the event of war.

Similar co-operation is expected from the steel men and other big producers who will be called upon to furnish the army and navy with supplies in case of an outbreak of hostilities.

Abnormal financial profit on the manufacture of munitions and necessary supplies will be made impossible by war measures.

Howard E. Coffin, a member of the advisory committee of the council of national defense, in speaking of the absolute necessity of government

supervision of industries in time of war, said to the United Press today:

"We must and will provide for taking all abnormal financial profit out of war, but we dare not take away all profit as such a course would wreck the nation as a business concern.

"In England and France, for instance, it is the plan to make all war transactions reasonably profitable because it is realized that it is only through such a procedure that the whole economic machine may be kept running smoothly.

"Labor must have its fair return for its work. The producer of raw material must have a reasonable return upon his investment and the manufacturer of the finished product must have a fair profit.

"If labor were working for half what it ought and the manufacturer selling at a 25 per cent loss, there would soon be a catastrophe and bankruptcy would become the order of the day."

ILLINOIS WOMEN TO ORGANIZE U-BOAT CHASING CORPS

A naval reserve of women who own or can run motorboats and who are willing to undertake the task of sprinkling a little of bombs or cold steel on the tails of ubiquitous U-boats is the possibility of a meeting held at the Hotel LaSalle late this afternoon.

The idea of a naval reserve—probably it will be called the Illinois Woman's Naval Reserve—was suggested to Lieut. L. C. Stevens by Mrs. W. C. H. Keough, former member of the board of education and wife of former Judge Keough.

"There are many women in Chicago and in suburban cities along the lake," said Mrs. Keough today, "who own a thorough knowledge of the marine motor and nautical science and conduct. There is no reason why these women could not make their services valuable to the government in event of war."