

District Dealers Are Indicted For Boosting of Food Prices GERMANS REPORTED IN SIGHT OF PARIS

CAPITAL MEN MUST ANSWER TO CHARGE OF PRICE RAISING

Four Companies, Five Firms, and Ten Individuals Held to Face Trial on Serious Charges.

Jurors Present That Defendants Unlawfully Engaged in Combination in Restraint of Trade Here.

Four corporations, five firms and ten individuals were indicted by the grand jury today on charges of alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in combining to control the buying and selling of foodstuffs in the District of Columbia.

One indictment, the first to be returned as a result of President Wilson's instructions to the Attorney General for a nation-wide investigation of advanced prices of foodstuffs, covers the charges against all the defendants.

Violated Sherman Law. It is alleged in the indictment that section 3 of the Sherman anti-trust law was violated by the defendants.

Presented the Evidence. The investigation was conducted by United States District Attorney Clarence E. Wilson and his assistant, Thomas Hawken. They presented to the grand jury the evidence upon which the indictments were based.

IN CONGRESS TODAY. SENATE. Discussion of river and harbors bill renewed.

HOUSE. Senate and House convened in joint session to hear President's revenue message.

Merchants Marine Committee agreed to amendments to shipping bill. Judiciary Committee accepted subcommittee's report recommending against impeachment proceedings concerning Judge Speer.

PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR MORE REVENUES

Reads Message to Congress Urging Legislation to Raise \$100,000,000 at Once.

CITES DECREASE IN U. S. REVENUES AS THE CAUSE

Does Not Want to Inflict Any Hardship on the Finances of Country.

Receiving an ovation that compared favorably with any accorded him on his former visits, President Wilson today read before a joint session of the Senate and House, in the hall of the latter, a message advocating emergency revenue legislation made necessary because of decreasing customs duties during the European war.

Applause Follows Reading. The President read his message in his usually clear and firm voice and at its conclusion he was again liberally applauded.

Mr. Wilson was escorted into the chamber by Senators Kern, Charles of Arkansas, and Gallinger, and Congressmen Underwood, Fitzgerald and Mann. Secretaries McAdoo and Lane, Assistant General Gregory and Postmaster General Burleson occupied seats on the floor.

Mr. Underwood has prepared a tentative draft of a bill, which is to be presented to the majority of the committee. Meanwhile, the details of the proposed revenue-raising legislation is being closely guarded to forestall protests from the interests which will be affected.

GERMAN ARTILLERY TO AID AUSTRIANS. VIENNA, via Rome, Sept. 4.—German artillery has been sent to the aid of the hard-pressed Austrian forces operating in Galicia.

September Wheat Goes To \$1.19 in Chicago Pit. CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—Wheat continued its sensational advance today, and a half hour after the board had opened, prices were 2 1/2 to 3 cents above yesterday's closing figures.

Red Cross Nurses Will Board Ship Tomorrow. NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Preparations for the sailing of the former Hamburg-American liner Hamburg, rechristened the Red Cross ship, have been completed.

Report of Execution of Masaryk Is False. The American consul at Prague informed the State Department today under date of August 26, that the report of the execution of Prof. Thomas Masaryk, member of the Austrian parliament, is false.

CITY OF VISE, DEVASTATED BY GERMANS



A scene of ruin and desolation in the city of Vise, Belgium, after its occupation by the Germans. Not a house in the street shown is intact. Every one has been burned out. The population has fled, dead horses are to be found everywhere. The Germans seen in the photograph are some of the troops left to guard the ruins.

SURRENDER OF PARIS DISCUSSED, RUMOR London Hears That French May Avoid Siege to Prevent City's Destruction.

LONDON, Sept. 4.—A veiled suggestion that, after all, Paris might not be defended to the last man reached London today. It was received with incredulity everywhere in view of the declaration yesterday by General Gallieni, the military governor of Paris, that he had been placed in supreme command of the city's defenses and would hold the city indefinitely against any force Germany might bring against it.

Bryan Informed Belgian Commission Is Coming. E. H. Douthett, the Belgian minister, called on Secretary of State Bryan today to officially announce to the Belgian government that the commission of inquiry appointed by the King would be in New York in a few days.

Peters Orders Clearance Papers for the Adriatic. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peter B. A. B. has instructed Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, to grant clearance papers to the British White Star Line Adriatic, about whose neutrality a question had been raised.

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TURKEY NEUTRAL, ASSERTS MESSAGE TO ENVOY HERE

Turkey has not declared war against any country, and she will further insist upon her neutrality, according to a cablegram from Constantinople to the Turkish ambassador today.

The cable was sent by the Turkish minister of foreign affairs and left Constantinople September 3. Since the Turkish government has notified the United States that it would be unsafe to permit the relief cruiser North Carolina to proceed through the Dardanelles, because of mines, the United States naval yacht Scorpion will put to sea, probably tomorrow, from Constantinople, to meet the North Carolina in the Mediterranean sea, and obtain the money from her for the relief of Americans in Turkey.

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INVADERS AT GATES OF PARIS, IS REPORT Capital Can Hold Out Indefinitely, Is Statement of General Gallieni.

PARIS, Sept. 4.—It is considered certain here today that the German attacking columns are now in sight of the outer ring of Paris forts. No civilians are permitted within the military district proper. The only information made public is the statement that the allied forces "now hold the line of the third defense."

Judge Speer Freed Of Impeachment Plan. The House Judiciary Committee today ordered a favorable report on the findings of the Webb subcommittee, regarding the charges brought against Judge Emory Speer of the Southern district of Georgia. The subcommittee, after a lengthy investigation, reported that while Judge Speer was subject to criticism and had been arbitrary in the conduct of his court in a number of instances, there was not sufficient grounds for impeachment. The acquittal of the subcommittee's report by the full committee will cause no further action to be taken.

Used Picrite Bombs. THE HAGUE, Sept. 4.—Contrary to the stipulations of The Hague agreement the Germans in the latest bombardment of Mechlin used picrite bombs, according to a report here.

ALLIES FORCED BACK UPON THIRD LINE OF DEFENSE AT CAPITAL

Russians on East Make Steady Advance Against Austrians, Say Reports—Little News of Conflict Permitted to Filter Through Strict Censorships.

Germany's advancing army is believed today to be within sight of the outer fortifications of the French capital. From the war office at Paris comes only the report that "the allies now hold the line of the third defense." No other information was allowed to filter through the censorship that shrouds the movements of the fighting forces.

From Russia come reports of continued successes for the armies of the Czar. An official report states that "the Russian advance is continuing rapidly."

St. Petersburg claims that in the second battle yesterday the Austrian forces were again routed, and that their decimated army no longer constitutes any serious menace to the march on toward the capital of Germany.

In Prussia the Russians are said to be marking time, contenting themselves with defensive movements against the strongly re-enforced German army that faces them until the offensive movement against the Austrians is completed.

St. Petersburg claims that the Russians are in complete mastery of Galicia.

Russian Forces Control All of Eastern Galicia

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 4.—An official statement issued by Minister of War Suckomiloff today says: "The Russian forces are in complete mastery of all of eastern Galicia. The Austrian forces which have been decimated in the recent fighting consisted of eight of their army corps comprising the most effective of the Austrian active army. The fact that they have been completely routed can only spell disaster to the Austrian cause. The Russian advance is continuing rapidly."

Grand Duke Elated. The official report of the capture of Lemberg on Wednesday by the Russian forces as received from Grand Duke Nicholas was made public today. It says: "With extreme joy and thanking God, I announce to your majesty that our victorious army under General Ruzsky entered Lemberg at 11 o'clock this morning. The army of General Brusiloff has occupied Lemberg. I beg your majesty to confer the fourth class of the Order of St. George on General Ruzsky and the same order on General Brusiloff."

Advance Is Rapid. The advance of the Russians through Galicia is declared to be extremely rapid. The Cossacks are sweeping the country in front of the infantry, falling back whenever strong positions are located. To the activity of the Russian cavalry much of the present success is due. It has deliberately violated the rules of safety in charging entrenched Austrian positions, but by doing so has terrorized the enemy, the official reports say, and as a result the opposition has lost much of its forcefulness. The general staff issued a statement today reviewing the general situation, which was everywhere characterized as