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WILSON NAMES EXPORT BOARD WITH POWERS

Council to Administer Embargo Provisions of Espionage Law.

FUEL AND GRAIN FIRST UNDER BAN

Food Exports to Be Largely in Hands of Board Composed of Present Government Officials—Neutral European Countries to Be Rationed—Senate Leaders Prepare to Hurry Enactment of Food Control Bill.

Washington, June 25.—President Wilson, by executive order today, created an exports embargo council to administer the export embargo provisions of the espionage act.

By the administration of embargoes thru this council the nation will be able to take several steps for the successful prosecution of the war and also to prevent supplies reaching Germany thru neutrals.

The president's order vests in the secretary of commerce the executive administration of all instructions issued by the president under the act and established an exports council to be composed of the secretary of state, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and the food administrator.

Embargo on Coal and Grain. The council will recommend to the president proclamations to be issued putting certain commodities under export control. Coal and grain will be the first commodities to go under the act. Food exports will be left entirely in the hands of the food administrator.

One of the first effects of the act's operation will be to give the government a firm control of the domestic food question, shipping, too, will be controlled to a large extent under the act.

To Ration Neutrals. A plan for rationing the neutral European countries has been worked out and will be put into effect immediately.

Secretary Redfield said his department would have the act in operation in forty-eight days.

To Hurry Food Bill. Senate leaders today arranged to expedite the food control bill passed Saturday by the house. The bill was referred in the senate today to the agriculture committee.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, continued his attack upon it.

Among the amendments proposed are extending government control to iron and steel and their products, copper, lead, zinc and fertilizers, and oil and petroleum.

Senator Chamberlain, in charge of the bill, said there was much sentiment for having the government control of basic materials as well as food.

Amendments Offered. A half dozen amendments were introduced today. Senator Lewis, democrat, Illinois, offered a substitute bill, proposing that the president shall have general broad authority for control of foods, specifically those held for "monopolization" or "unfair prices."

Several amendments which have been before the senate as part of the war legislation also were tacked onto the bill as amendments. Senator Walsh put in his bill permitting the government to lease coal and oil lands. The bill giving the president power to direct priority in railroad shipments was offered as an amendment by Senator Brandell. Senator Wadsworth tacked on the trading with the enemy bill and Senator Cummins proposed amendments declaring every product, including foodstuffs, cotton, coal and steel, subject to control and requisition should it become necessary.

To Rush War Tax Bill. Prohibition amendments to the food control legislation will not interfere with the senate finance committee plans to complete the war tax bill this week and have it ready to follow the food bill in the senate.

Chairman Simmons said the committee would proceed on the assumption that liquor will remain a revenue source and should congress accept the prohibition proposals, the bill probably will be returned to the committee to consider other taxation.

The committee today continued consideration of the excess profits section but made no decision. Senator Simmons indicated that the committee might not consider the special tax on publishers, but leave it for discussion by the senate.

Adjournment in August. Democratic Leader Kitchin predicted adjournment of congress by Aug. 1 or Aug. 15, today in announcing that after next Wednesday or Thursday he would announce the date.

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HOUSE ADOPTS FOOD CONTROL

Strong Prohibition Amendment Written into Administration Measure. Washington, June 25.—The administration food control bill, giving the president broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed and fuel for war purposes and appropriating \$100,000,000 for its enforcement and administration, was passed by the

British Ship Battles and Sinks German U-Boat in Atlantic

An Atlantic Port, June 25.—Members of the crew of a British steamer which arrived here today reported having sunk an attacking German submarine. The British vessel sent a shell into the U-boat's magazine, causing an explosion which parted the underwater boat about midships. Each end sank separately. The British steamer was uninjured.

The submarine was five miles distant and running away after having attacked the Britisher, nearly 400 miles off the coast of Ireland.

According to the story told by the gunner of the British steamer, the submarine was seen first when she sent a shell at the steamer from a distance of about 3,000 yards. It fell short and the steamer was immediately swung about to get the naval gun to work.

Eleven shots were fired in rapid succession and each struck very close to the German.

"I knew I had the range after the second shot and so did the Germans," said the gunner. "The Germans were using their two guns, fore and aft, while we had only one, but the shells were falling short, and he started to run. I followed him with shells and the twelfth struck just about the periscope. He was then more than 2,000 yards away. We could all see the boat break in half and go down."

"I sent four more shots into the water at the spot where she disappeared to let any of the 'boches' who might have escaped know that we were still around and would take care of them if they appeared."

"At the time our battle was going on our wireless operator picked up the call of an American vessel and also caught a message that another American ship was torpedoed and was sinking, and that the Germans were firing on the lifeboats."

British Steamship Sunk. Montreal, June 25.—The British steamer Ortolan, a vessel of 2,145 tons gross tonnage, owned by the General Steam Navigation Company, of London, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on June 4 and three members of her crew lost their lives, according to survivors of the ship who arrived here today. An American vessel came to the rescue and several shots were fired at the submarine from guns on board that ship.

house Saturday night after far-reaching prohibition provisions had been written into it.

The vote was 366 to 5. Representatives Gallagher, Shyden and Young, of Texas, democrats, and Meeker, Missouri, and Ward, New York, republicans voting in the negative.

The prohibition provisions adopted would prohibit the use of foodstuffs for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages and would give the president authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand. They were put into the measure during the evening in committee of the whole and when the bill came up in the house proper the anti-prohibition faction did not demand that they be voted on.

The bill now goes to the senate where it probably will be substituted, early next week for a similar measure already under consideration. Leaders hope to get the measure to conference by July 1.

Few important changes were made by the house outside the prohibition section. The control powers of the president were limited to articles specifically mentioned in the bill instead of giving him blanket authority; voluntary aids in control work were made subject to the penal provisions; except those serving without compensation were placed under civil service; and the president was required to make an annual report on the operation of the bill.

There was a hot debate over the prohibition features. Wets and dries accused each other of unfairness and Representative Meeker, of Missouri, a republican, and Representative Kelly, of Pennsylvania, democrat, got into such a row that their friends surrounded them to prevent a physical encounter.

German Crop Outlook Improved. Copenhagen, June 25.—A report sent out by the German government says that in consequence of the coming of the long desired rainfall the crop prospects in southern and western Germany are really brilliant. In other regions they are thoroughly satisfactory.

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REGARD RAIDS AS PRELUDE TO BIG OFFENSIVE

British Exert Constant Pressure on German Line in France.

NIGHT ATTACKS WORRY TEUTONS

One Operation Considered of Much Importance, Increasing as it Does British Grip About Lens—Four Hundred Yards of First Line Trenches in Western Outskirts of Lens Are Captured—Lull on Aisne Front.

The British front in northern France is again developing signs of renewed activity. Today's official statement from London details an unusual number of raids carried out by the British in virtually every important sector from Belgium to St. Quentin.

Operations by raiding forces on this scale are usually the prelude to offensive movements of moment. General Haig has not struck a hard blow on any extended front since the week of the Messines fighting, when the famous ridge on the Belgian front was captured and the way prepared for further smashing operations in this sector.

Incident to last night's raids were local operations that gained ground for the British. Thus some progress by them below Lens and northwest of Warneton in the Messines area is reported.

There is a momentary lull in the infantry activities on the Aisne front. The French have virtually succeeded in re-establishing in its entirety their line in the Vauxaillon area, dented by the crown prince's forces in a sudden drive on a narrow front last week. Fighting is in prospect for this sector in a skirmishing form for the two armies. In this connection the artillery activity reported today along various portions of the Chemin-des-Dames plateau is significant.

[By Associated Press Correspondent.] With the British Headquarters in France, June 25.—Altho official statements report little activity, the British are keeping up the pressure day and night along the 125-mile front they occupy.

One operation last night was important, increasing as it does the British grip about Lens. Under the light of the stars, British troops stormed and captured 400 yards of front line trenches east of Warneton in the western outskirts of Lens, thus drawing closer to the mining capital of France.

Elsewhere several raids in the darkness served to keep the Prussians on edge. One of these was undertaken west of Hulluch. Here fifteen prisoners were brought in, while during a period of two and a half hours the British remained in the enemy trenches. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans and their dugouts were bombed.

Two more raids were carried out east of Reuoux and in the region of Vendrille, while a local push northwest of Warneton secured two advanced posts. In this affair a number of Germans were killed.

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Germany Keeps Close Tab on Men, Crops and Live Stock

Copenhagen, June 25.—Military Germany long ago introduced a card catalog system for men and live stock. Every male human and every horse and beast of burden were examined in peace time to determine suitability for service, was indexed and cross-indexed so as to be ready for immediate service.

This system is now about to be applied to the food harvest. Orders have been given to begin a card catalog in which all grains in stock, potatoes still in the ground, fruits and other products will be entered, together with details of acreage, the number of individuals and live stock on each farm and the amount of food or fodder the farmer is entitled to receive for all purposes. This will be followed by regular reports thru all stages of growth, harvest and delivery thru the hands of wholesalers, the miller and the retailer to the ultimate consumer.

from South Austria, by the retiring Austrian cabinet, as published in the Lokal Anzeiger and Tageblatt of Berlin.

Artillery Duel Throughout Night. Paris, June 25.—Sharp artillery fighting was in progress continually during the night near Froimont farm, the war office announced today.

PROMISES AMERICAN AID. America Ready to Serve Russia Elihu Root Tells Russians. Moscow, June 25.—The headquarters of the war industrial committee were visited today by the American mission, headed by Elihu Root. The mission was warmly welcomed. Mr. Root, in answer to an address of welcome said that America was summoning 10,000,000 men to the colors in defense of freedom.

Continuing Mr. Root told his hearers that half a million Americans soon would be fighting and American fleets already were annihilating German submarines. Describing America's adaption to war, Mr. Root praised American workmen for working in the nation's interest longer hours than usual.

"Say what Russia wants," continued Root, "and we will come in aid. Our high aims in the war justify the heaviest sacrifices and exertions who cannot understand these aims must be unable to understand anything."

Russia Needs Locomotives. Washington, June 25.—Locomotives, locomotives and still more locomotives are the fundamental needs of Russia today, according to Professor Lomonosoff, railroad minister with the Russian mission.

"Quite frankly I can say to you, our American friends," he said "give us locomotives and we shall give you military success."

Russia needs at once 1,000 ten-wheel American locomotives to put her idle cars in operation; another thousand to free the congested freight terminals; and another 850 annually to meet the deficiency between Russia's manufacture and her needs for renewal and construction.

The United States, the professor said, is Russia's hope in this huge program.

BIG DAM BREAKS; LOSS IS SEVERE

Price Irrigation Company Dam, Near Fairview, Utah, Gives Way, Waters Inundating Towns and Farm Country.

Fairview, Utah, June 25.—The dam of the Price Irrigation Company, twelve miles from here, which started to break yesterday, was a total loss today. All fears that there will be loss of life in the towns in the path of the 11,000 acre feet of water released by the break were dispelled today with the announcement of the Rio Grande railroad that its force of men had taken hundreds of men, women and children to safety.

While officials of the irrigation company were unable to give any estimate of the loss to the dam, crops and other property, they said it probably would exceed \$3,000,000.

Entire Branch Road Lost. Salt Lake City, June 25.—The entire branch of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad at Schofield, about five miles from where the mammoth reservoir dam near Fairview, Utah, broke last night, destroying thousands of dollars in crops, was completely wiped out today. So say the meager reports received here at the local offices of the railway.

Communication has been almost entirely cut off and definite information regarding the break is impossible.

CUAZ PLEADS GUILTY. Alleged Head of "High Grading Conspiracy" to Testify For Government. Cheyenne, Wyo., June 25.—Antonio Cuaz, alleged head of the so-called gold "high grading conspiracy," pleaded guilty in the United States district court here today. Sentence was deferred. Cuaz, it was announced, will be the principal witness against eighteen other men indicted with him.

Cuaz admitted his guilt on three counts—conspiracy to defraud the government; conspiracy to commit an offense against the government; and the use of the mails to defraud.

As the result of the alleged conspiracy hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of gold stolen from Colorado mines was sold to government mints and assay offices. Cuaz was arrested in San Francisco while trying to sell \$25,000 worth of bullion at the mint.

MANY VESSELS IDLE DESPITE ALLIES' NEEDS

Shipping of More than 1,000,000 Tons in Beligerent Harbors.

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Waiting For Higher Rates—Allies Urged to Take Steps to Remedy Conditions by Enactment of New Port Rules—United States Awards Contracts For Several New Merchant Vessels—Plot to Destroy Ships.

Boston, June 25.—Despite the entente allies' need of shipping, more than 1,000,000 tons of neutral shipping is swinging idly in the harbors of belligerent nations, according to a statement by Augusto Cluffell, former member of the Italian cabinet and member of the Italian mission to the Associated Press here today.

Cluffell, he said, was the moving factor with many of the ship owners, who were waiting for higher rates. The allies should take immediate steps to correct the situation, he said, by increasing port duties to stand on a par with those of the belligerent nations, and refusing bunker coal to such ships as declined to accept cargoes bound thru the danger zones.

Goethals Contracts For New Ships. Washington, June 25.—Contracts for ten complete steel merchant ships, four wooden ship hulls and twenty wooden ship hulls were announced today by Major General Goethals. Deliveries will be made in 1918.

The steel ships will be built by a California concern; the complete wooden ships by a company at Hampton, Va.; twelve wooden hulls by a Texan concern and four hulls by a Portland, Me., ship building company, and four hulls by McBride & Law, of Beaumont, Tex.

Plot to Destroy Norwegian Ships. London, June 25.—The seizure of a quantity of explosives which had just reached Christiania, Norway, from Germany, and the arrest of three foreigners has been confirmed in an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch.

The Tidens Tegn says that 1,000 kilograms of explosives were seized, including a number of infernal machines. One of the men arrested is Aaron Reuttenberg, a German citizen born in Finland, who declared that the bombs were intended for use in Finland.

Reference to the newspaper, however, the infernal machines, which were enclosed in cases resembling chunks of coal, were to have been put in Norwegian steamers.

It is added that the plot probably explains the loss of many Norwegian ships supposed to have been mined or torpedoed.

Russia Adopts Socialistic Plan. Petrograd, June 25.—The provisional government today decided to solve by radical state socialistic methods the crisis caused by complete lack of manufactured goods. Tomorrow will show a decree making M. Plecheshonoff, minister of food and supplies, responsible for furnishing the population with all indispensable products, especially textiles, shoes, soap and kerosene. A fund will be placed at the minister's disposal by the senate. The ministry will proceed to manufacture the aforesaid goods.

Coal Boost Conspiracy. New York, June 25.—Testimony that price lists fixing \$3 at the mines as the cost of semi-bituminous coal were sent out to operators on the day after a conference of coal presidents and operators in this city in January, was introduced by the government in its trial of fifty-one individuals and 103 companies engaged in coal production in the federal court here.

BARRY REINSPECTS SITE. Army Officer Seeks to Verify Charge Made Against Des Moines. Des Moines, June 25.—Major General Thomas H. Barry, commander central department, U. S. A., with headquarters in Chicago, today personally inspected the proposed site for the thirteenth division cantonment following charges that sewage disposal problems would prevent serious objections to the location of the cantonment here.

General Barry will return to Chicago tonight and immediately submit a report to the secretary of war. It was said, and local interests expect to know in twenty-four hours whether the camp will be established here or at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, or Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Col. C. C. Ballou and two other officers from Fort Des Moines joined General Barry on his trip of inspection.

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NEWS OF THE DAY T.R. BULLETIN

The Weather. Sun rises June 26 at 4:23, sets at 7:40. Iowa—Fair and cooler tonight and Tuesday.

Range of temperature at Marshalltown: Sunday, 83 and 61; Saturday, 84 and 52; June 24, 1916, 76 and 49. At 7 this morning, 76; yesterday, 63.

PAGE ONE. Telegraphic News: Embargo to Be Placed on Grains. President Appoints to Control Exports. British Raids as a Prelude to New Offensive. Greed Ties Up Many Merchant Ships.

PAGES TWO, THREE AND FIVE. Iowa News: Double Drowning Near Iowa City. War on Bootleggers After July 1. Dixon Would Move Fort Madison Prison. Quick Entry Into Penitentiary. Enlistments to Reduce Draft. Bailey Sees Deadlock in World War.

PAGE FOUR. Editorial: No Overhead on Red Cross. Leave the Soldier His Pipe. "Plane After the War." The Business Field. Topics and Iowa Opinion. PAGE SEVEN.

Story: The Real Man. PAGES SIX, EIGHT AND NINE. City News: Reports Show City Short in Red Cross Fund. Many Townships of County Over-subscribe Allotments. Civil War Veteran Proposes Plan to Aid Red Cross. Council Accepts Paving. Autos in Mishap Near LeGrand. Marshalltown Twenty-five Years Ago. General and Brief City News. PAGE TEN.

Markets and General: Wheat Suffers Added Break. Setback in Corn. Cattle Steady. Another Decline in Hog Prices. German Intriguing Forces U. S. Into War.

play there are a number of contenders and some possibilities.

"Rudy" Knapper, of Sioux City, and Bartlett, of Ottumwa, twice champion of Iowa, are considered favorites. Several entrants from Marshalltown were among the players.

DR. ROBERTS QUESTIONED. Husband of Slain Woman Examined Behind-Closed Doors.

Waukesha, Wis., June 25.—Dr. Davis Roberts, whose wife was killed last week by Miss Grace Lusk, a school teacher, was questioned behind closed doors in court today. District Attorney Tuller desired to learn whether Dr. Roberts had heard Miss Lusk make threats against Mrs. Roberts. It is reported that the defense is considering the advisability of waiving an insanity plea and deciding to stand on the alleged wrongs of Miss Lusk wrought by Dr. Roberts.

Miss Lusk was reported doing well at the hospital. After shooting Mrs. Roberts, she fired two bullets into her own breast.

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COCCHI SEEKS TO EXCUSE HIS BRUTAL CRIME

Italian Who Murdered Ruth Cruger Says He Didn't Mean to Do It.

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Insists He Is Overcome by Remorse and Still Loves His Wife and Children—Declares Girl's Eyes Disconcerted Him and Overpowering Attraction Seized Him—Unofficial Version of Confession Made Public.

Bologna, Italy, June 25.—Interrogation of Alfredo Cocchi, self-confessed slayer of Ruth Cruger, in New York is kept secret by law in Italy until just before trial, when counsel are allowed to examine the confession. According to unofficial information Cocchi said:

"My machine shop gave me a satisfactory position. I earned sometimes \$100 a week. I had never seen Ruth Cruger before she came to my shop to have her skates sharpened. From the beginning Ruth did all in her power to attract my attention. I felt something strange when her dark, penetrating eyes fixed upon mine.

"I was more disconcerted when she came on Feb. 13 to get her skates. An overpowering attraction for the young woman seized me. What happened then seemed like a dream. My memory at this point fails me utterly.

"I says He Was in Trance. In view of the facts presented it must be true I attacked and killed her, but, God help me, I didn't mean to. When I returned home I was like a person in a trance. I remember speaking of this peculiar mental condition and thought I was ill.

"I began to realize the gravity of my position the morning of Feb. 15, when reporters came to my shop to make inquiry and policemen questioned me. I felt then as if I were lost. My only anxiety was to escape. I secured a passport and succeeded in reaching Italy. On my arrival I was overcome by remorse. I can not myself believe that my hitherto unblemished life has been destroyed forever. This is my first offense but it is of such a nature that I can not believe it to be true. The greatest punishment is to think what suffering and agony my wife and children are undergoing, for notwithstanding our misunderstandings, we love each other."

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