

# CONTRACT FOR WHEAT MAY BE TROUBLE SOURCE

## The Rumanian and British Agreement May Bring About Difficulties.

Bucharest, Rumania, March 25.—(Correspondence of Associated Press.)—Opponents of the Rumanian government here hold the view that the contract for the sale of 80,000 carloads of wheat, made between the Rumanian central commission and the British purchasing bureau in this city, will give rise to much trouble before the transactions covered by it will have been terminated.

The quantity of wheat sold is 800,000 tons, Rumania can store in railroads and harbor storage only 300,000 tons, leaving of the British purchase alone 500,000 tons to be housed in some other manner. At present this wheat is still in the granaries and silos of the producers, but the room taken by it will be needed by the new crop of about 2,440,000 tons of wheat, not counting the large quantities of legumes, barley, rye and oats.

If the British were able to export the wheat bought, the storage problem would not exist, but there is at this time no opportunity of doing this. The Russian railroads offer the only route of export and these, owing to the military situation, are not available.

The contract made by the British bureau calls for the removal of the wheat within six months of the making of peace. Rumanian opponents argue that this means storing the wheat for a year or more possibly and that during this time the transaction will remain unfinished, with Rumania carrying all the expenses of storage. Even many Rumanian partisans see an element of political and economic danger in this.

The wheat will be paid for by the Rumanian bank with paper currency to the amount of 262,000,000 lei, the equivalent of 10,000,000 pounds sterling, called for in the contract. The British bureau will cause the depositing in a London bank to the credit of the Rumanian National bank of gold to the value of one-third of 10,000,000 pounds sterling. On this basis of security the Rumanian National bank will issue three times as much Rumanian lei or a total of 262,000,000.

Deposited in London. During the war the gold stock of this paper currency will remain in deposit in London, while the Rumanian National bank will have issued its equivalent in Rumanian paper to pay for the wheat bought by the British bureau. The opposition here says that

this is a dangerous procedure. The British government, it is asserted, could not withdraw the gold base of the paper currency involved and thus oblige the Rumanian government to engage in a policy or acts contrary to the best interests of the country. Rumanian credit would be ruined for many years if the British government seized the emission basis of 262,000,000 Rumanian paper lei, because the money would then have no other value than the wheat held in the country.

Critics of the British contract seem to overlook, however, the fact that the wheat held in that country by the Rumanian government would, under present market conditions, have approximately the value of the paper issued. When this was brought to their attention, the answer was given that the 80,000 carloads of wheat of the British contract would then be dumped on a market in which already a new crop might be looking for buyers, and that a great slump in wheat prices would then result, a decrease so great that it might rob the 80,000 carloads of their value, whatever their value might then be. In that case, it is argued, Rumania would have to bear the loss. A decline in wheat prices would, in that case, would in itself wipe out the value to Rumania of the 80,000 carloads if they had to be disposed in competition with a new crop. In that case Rumania would have no equivalent for 262,000,000 lei of its paper currency.

The Rumanian government has been backed savagely for its failure of making any arrangements with the British bureau whereby the Rumanian state treasury could collect the export tax which the wheat would have brought had it been exported to the central powers. The sum in question is 40,000,000 lei.

Grain exported from Rumania at present pays an export tax of 500 lei per ten carloads, of which one-half must be paid in gold. The export tax the Austro-German Cereal commission will pay on its two contracts of 150,000 carloads is 75,000,000 lei. The 80,000 carloads of the British bureau were exported now, a tax of 40,000,000 lei would be due. In the contract made there is nothing to prevent the wheat being exported to the wheat purchased under it, say Rumania's critics and the agrarians of Rumania, will be exported when peace comes. Rumania is bound to lose these 40,000,000 lei because with the reopening of the normal channels of trade and commerce, Rumania must compete with the other grain producing countries in the world in order to continue her export tax. The British bureau would then get the wheat without this tax, while the central powers would export the wheat now, and enrich Rumania by 40,000,000 lei. It is asserted here that the Rumanian government has in this manner made the British government a present of 40,000,000 lei, to which will soon be added 15,000,000 lei to be expended in the erection of storages for the wheat bought by the British. Such a device will not only deprive the agrarians of their political voice, but also deprive them of their political voice.

The coming of the new crop will bring to a head the intentions of the British contract, it is stated here. The new crop is expected to be about 2,440,000 carloads of which Rumania for herself will need 43,000 carloads for home consumption, leaving 1,410,000 carloads, or 1,410,000 tons, of wheat for export. Of the 1915 crop some 25,000,000 lei, to which will be added the remainder of 40 per cent of the entire 1915 wheat crop which the Rumanian government set aside for home use, have on hand for export at least 174,000 carloads of wheat, with the central powers as the only likely purchasers.

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# MILITARY MEN SAYS ENGLAND

## Great Britain Says Germans Removed from China Belong to Army System.

Washington, April 6.—Advocates of the federal volunteer provision of the senate army bill believed the section had been saved by a narrow margin when the senate recessed last night without having reached a vote on the Lee amendment to strike it out. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, again asked that action be deferred as one or two senators still desired to be heard.

Debate on the volunteer provision lasted all day, champions of the national guard supporting the amendment occupying most of the time. In the closing hours, however, Senator Chamberlain vigorously defended the provision as vital to any military plan and denounced attempts of national guard organizations to interfere with legislation. He was joined by Senators O'Gorman and Williams in warning the senate that at the close of the European war the United States would need a great navy and an adequate army to back her demands upon the belligerent powers for indemnification for the losses sustained through violation of her rights as a neutral.

Must Back Demands. "As surely as the sun rises tomorrow morning," Senator Williams said, "unless this country puts itself into a condition where it can resist and withstand bullying, we are going to be in trouble with the victor in this war unless we surrender the position we have diplomatically taken, and timidly submit to the rule which the victor may lay down for immunity or disclaimer."

Senator Williams declared that while increasing the army was important, enlarging the navy was of first importance. The senator said he would not support any building program that might be framed and favored such a navy by 1918 that it could meet and defeat any force that might be sent against her.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota declared that never before had he seen "such lobbying as these outside interests are doing to back her defeat of this bill."

A SPOOK. Blinks—wrote up last night with the feeling that my old watch was gone. The impression was so strong that I got up to look. Jinks—Well, it was gone? Blinks—No; but it was going!

# EXERCISE AND GRECIAN BEAUTY

## WHAT IT MEANS.

Many thousands of women are now-a-days paying attention to physical culture and the proper exercise of body muscles, where, thirty years ago or fifty years ago there was no thought expended on this science which is quite necessary to physical beauty. The reason the Greeks, both men and women, excelled in beautiful and symmetrical forms was because of the attention they paid to the proper exercise. Then, too, they were untrammeled by corsets, shoes and the inconveniences of clothing. To the minds of some women the idea of physical exercise conveys only the idea of hard fatiguing work. Mild exercise continued day after day is best for the body and spirit and health. Without proper exercise there can be no health, and without health there can be no real beauty.

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Biggs—I understand that Biggs is quite a clever financier. I don't know. I don't know. I don't know.

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# GERMANY MUST PROVE VALUE OF PROMISES

## This Is Attitude of U. S. in Submarine Situation at Present.

Washington, April 6.—President Wilson discussed with Secretary Lansing last night the situation growing out of the accumulation of evidence indicating that German submarines were responsible for the numerous recent marine disasters in which the lives of American citizens have been lost or in danger.

Dispatches received today containing the report of the naval attaches at London and Paris regarding the explosion which damaged the British channel steamer Sussex, and other messages regarding the attack upon the British steamer Berwindale and the Bark Bengaim, were before the president.

Secretary Lansing declined to divulge the contents of the dispatches. Bengaim Warned.

The first official information regarding the attack upon the bark Berwindale was received today by the state department. It was to the effect that the vessel carrying two Americans had been sunk by shell fire, after having received ample warning and that there were no casualties. Consequently in this case at least, officials see no ground for complaint by the United States.

It became known during the day that the administration considered that the entire situation now hinges on Germany's attitude toward the Sussex and other vessels about which inquiries have been made.

The official view was represented as being that it is up to Germany to demonstrate the value of the promises given to the United States.

A graphic account of the wreck of the British channel steamer Sussex, with the assertion that the vessel was torpedoed deliberately and without warning by an enemy submarine, is contained in a report by Rear Admiral Giasset to the French general staff made public here last night by the French embassy.

# WILL CANVAS CITY FOR ROOMS

Devils Lake, N. D., April 6.—An interesting meeting of the committees having in charge the arrangements for the Sunday school convention, June 13, 14 and 15, was held at the Commercial club rooms.

The great task which Devils Lake has in handling the biggest convention of the year, was impressed upon the workers. The city has agreed to furnish lodging and breakfast to the delegates to the convention and it is estimated there will be in the neighborhood of 1,200 to handle.

Every household in Devils Lake will be expected to throw open their homes for the occasion. The fact that the hotels of the city are now running to capacity without any attraction in the form of a convention, and during a period that is expected to be dull, means that it will be imperative to list more than 1,200 rooms through

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the Commercial club. To handle this the city will be divided into blocks and committees will make a house to house canvass. The entertainment of this convention has developed into a civic undertaking of great proportions.

# ALL ROADS ARE TO BE IMPROVED

Max, N. D., April 6.—The county commissioners of this county have decided to after road building this year with a view of actually accomplishing something. The problem of good roads is one of the greatest content with his father-in-law, John E. Beck, of Grand Rapids, whose murder he has confessed, and declared that he was ready to "pay the price." He also said he had no accomplices.

# WAITE REGRETS KILLING PECK

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