

FOOD COST PROBE MAY BE LAUNCHED BEFORE NEW YEAR

Living Problem to Demand Serious Consideration of Congress in Near Future—Plans Are Vague.

ONE INQUIRY IS CERTAIN

United Mine Workers Request Congressional Action—Speculators to Blame, Resolutions Charged.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—High cost of living and high prices of food products will be one of the big items of consideration this session of congress. Thus far the most specific prospect for investigation is through the passage of the Kenyon measure for investigation of cost of living of wage earners in the District of Columbia.

This has passed both houses, but the Senate amended it, and the House needs to agree to the amendment. While it is not general, it would illuminate the living cost situation. Various resolutions on living costs are expected, but whether the democratic leaders of the House and Senate will be willing to order a probe is not clear.

Movements for embargoing food stuffs shipments, especially grain, are going to be pressed, but few here believe legislation can be forced.

Two-fold Purpose. Officials of the Consumers' League of the District of Columbia today said they hoped to see the inquiry under way in a comparatively short time. The subject was discussed at the meeting by passing a resolution through both houses for an investigation to be conducted by the department of labor and appropriating \$6,000 for it. The House resolution was amended in the Senate and perhaps other resolutions.

It is expected, however, that soon after congress meets the resolution will be finally disposed of and that the probe will then follow in a short time.

The results of the investigation will have at least a two fold importance. They will shed light on the general subject of cost of living and they will show whether working girls and working women are being adequately paid.

For Minimum Wage. Officials of the Consumers' League of the District of Columbia are convinced, they say, that working girls and working women are not being adequately paid in a large proportion of cases. If that is demonstrated by figures obtained by the federal government, they purpose of work for minimum wage legislation.

Miners Ask Relief. Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 11.—The executive board of the United Mine Workers of Ohio, requesting 50,000 wage earners, today addressed to President Wilson and Governor Willis, of Ohio, a copy of a resolution adopted by miners' officials, demanding that the various branches of the state and federal government connect an investigation of the high cost of living.

"We believe," reads the resolution, "that the high cost of living is occasioned by unfair and illegal speculation in foodstuffs and other necessities, thereby causing actual hunger and distress in families where the bread winner is steadily employed. They ask that the government such action after investigation as will reduce the cost of commodities and place the necessities of life within the financial reach of the wage earners."

Mine workers were hard hit by the high cost of living, the officials declare, because the mines are not working more than half time, due to coal car shortage.

AGENTS OF JAPANESE UNCOVER HUGE FRAUD

Americans and Japs Involved in Plot to Evade Customs Duties.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 11.—A plot to defraud the Japanese government out of vast sums in duties on shipments to that country has been uncovered in the United States, according to C. Oyama, secretary of the department of agriculture and commerce of the imperial Japanese government, who is now in Pittsburgh. It was recently that the scheme was discovered and Mr. Oyama hurried to this country to make an investigation. Activities of several suspects in Pittsburgh are being closely looked into, the secretary said, and he has found enough evidence here, he declared, to warrant further investigation and the matter may be laid before United States officials. It is said shipments from this country, particularly from industrial centers, have been greatly undervalued, and he is convinced some high officials in Japan are implicated in the alleged tariff frauds as well as Americans.

Secretary Oyama left here today for New York, where he will hold a conference with the collector of that port. He expects to go to Canada, where there are said to be ramifications of the alleged frauds.

\$175,000 DEFICIT IN WILSON CAMPAIGN FUND

New York, Nov. 11.—Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the democratic finance committee announced today that the committee is now \$170,000 short owing to the expenses of the last few days of the campaign and since the election.

TECTONIC FORCES IN DOBRUDJA ARE AGAIN IN FLIGHT

Steady Pressure of Russians and Rumanians Against Von Mackensen Is Showing Results.

LARGE FIRES IN BIG CITIES

Constanza Shelled by Czar's Fleet—Bulgarians Fleeing to Native Country—British Make Gain.

Petrograd, Nov. 13, (via London).—Russian troops, advancing southward on the right bank of the Danube river yesterday, occupied the villages of Ghidarechti and Topal. Total is 12 miles south of Hirsova. In the Dobrudja province Russian detachments made a further advance to the southward.

London, Nov. 13.—The issue in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja, where Russo-Rumanian forces are apparently attempting to obtain possession of the Constanza-Tebrnavoda railroad lines, seems again to hang in the balance. Russo-Rumanian troops are advancing from the north upon Field Marshal von Mackensen's left flank at Tebrnavoda, and other entente forces are close to the town along the route of the 12-mile long bridge and viaduct which spans the Danube and carries the railroad across the extensive marshy lands west of the Tebrnavoda.

Sofia reports under Friday's date that the Bulgarian artillery compelled entente troops, which had advanced to the west bank of the Danube, to retire toward "Banarav."

Petrograd, on the other hand, yesterday announced the occupation of this town by the Russians, beating it two miles west of Tebrnavoda, which is taken to mean that the Russians were approximately at the end of that portion of the bridge which spans the main stream.

Unofficial advices from Bucharest today reported von Mackensen's retreat in Dobrudja toward the Tebrnavoda-Constanza railroad line, continuing with fires observed in the direction of these two terminals on the road to Tebrnavoda thus being held to indicate the possibility that their evacuation is imminent.

EXHAUSTED, SAYS BERLIN.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—(by wireless to Sayville) Berlin newspapers publish a statement from "competent military authorities," saying the Anglo-French drive on the Somme has been halted by the exhaustion of the entente troops and their heavy losses and by unfavorable weather. The statement says: "After the tremendous losses sustained by the British and French on November 6, when they employed six British and four and a half French divisions without success in an attempt to break our front between Le Sars and Bouchavesnes, they have been unable to carry forward for large attacks their exhausted and decimated troops. The ground made impracticable by rain. All attempts have been stifled immediately by the fire of our artillery and machine guns and only south of the Somme near Pressoir did the French obtain insignificant local success. "Attacks launched repeatedly in St. Pierre Vaast wood on Wednesday although continued until late into the night were crushed. With the clearing of the weather the artillery became more active, but the British and French were unable to make an attack. "Fighting on Thursday in isolated violent encounters near Eaucaourt, L'Abbaye, Guendecourt, Les Bouffis and Pressoir, the entente attacks being stifled by the German fire. In the vicinity of Sully-Sailles fierce fighting was renewed. French storming columns were repulsed in sanguinary hand to hand fighting. About Pressoir the fighting continued until evening when it ended without success for the French. "Among 17 hostile air planes flying down in the western front was one large battle plane, provided with two motors and three machine guns, the air plane carried three men."

BOMBARD CONSTANZA.

London, Nov. 11.—The Russian bombardment of the Rumanian Black sea port of Constanza is said by Reuter's Petrograd correspondent to have inflicted great damage. Reservoirs of naphtha were exploded and the resultant fires spread rapidly and burned for two days.

The dispatch says the Bulgarian shore batteries were silenced and that heavy losses were inflicted on the garrison.

RETAKE POSITIONS.

Petrograd, Nov. 11.—Determined counter attack by the Russians have resulted in the recapture of a portion of the position taken from them yesterday by the Germans near Skrobowa, in the Baranovichi region the war office announced today.

RUSSIANS ARE BLOCKED.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—(by wireless to Sayville)—Russian forces yesterday tried in vain by the use of strong new forces to recapture the positions stormed by us the previous day at Skrobowa, near Baranovichi. All the attacks broke down under heavy losses, says today's German official statement.

German troops penetrated the main Russian positions southwest of Polv-Krasnopol, the statement adds, and repulsed five counter attacks launched at night.

ADMIT BRITISH GAIN.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—(by wireless to Sayville) News east of the front in the Somme front, the British last night entered an advance German position, the war office reports today.

GAIN IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—(by wireless to Sayville)—German and Austro-Hungarian troops on the northern front in Transylvania, says today's German official statement, yesterday made successful advances. Several entrenched Rumanian lines were taken at the point of the bayonet to the west of the Predal-Sinava road.

STORM GERMAN LINE.

London, Nov. 11.—The war office announces that German trenches over a front of 1,000 yards in the Somme district were stormed last night by the British.

PHOTO BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTRY BY SUBMARINE DEUTCHLAND SHOWS KAISER VISITING FIELD HOSPITAL ON WESTERN FRONT



This unique photograph, which was brought to this country last week by the submarine Deutschland, shows the Emperor of Germany talking with a wounded soldier in a field hospital on the western front

OUTCOME PLEASES FOREIGN NATIONS

French Newspapers Says It Is Pronouncement Against War and Puts New Life In Neutrality.

Paris, Nov. 13.—The newspapers, while printing the news of the American election in a prominent position, express little opinion as to the result. What comment there is, is sympathetic to President Wilson.

The Petit Journal says: "President Wilson's victory is highly satisfactory to us for two reasons. The first is that for four years American foreign policies will be free from all electoral considerations, as the constitution forbids President Wilson from seeking a third term; the second reason is that the result of the election must put new life in American neutrality. Evidently an immense majority of the electoral pronounced against war, but apart from the millions of voters who approved the vigor with which the president forced the Germans to cede on the submarine war questions, other millions voted for Hughes because he demanded an even firmer defense of American rights. The chief executives are obliged to take into account this double wish. Just as Hughes would not have ignored the verdict against war, so Wilson must take into consideration the condemnation of a line of policy which Roosevelt has characterized as 'backboneless.'"

WAR SUPPLY EXPORTS SHOW ENORMOUS GAIN

Volume First Nine Months of Year Valued at \$997,970,000, Report.

New York, Nov. 11.—Export of war supplies for the nine months ending September 31, amounted to \$997,970,000, more than 25 per cent of the country's total export trade for the period, according to figures published here today by the Journal of Commerce. The value of explosives sent to belligerents was more than \$50,000,000, and automobiles, horses and mules, metal working machinery and wire ranked next in that order.

According to the table published covering war supply exports, since the movement began in January, 1915, their value for 21 months was \$1,617,845,000, or about 22 per cent of the country's total exports. More war supplies were sent abroad during the first nine months of this year than throughout 1915.

JOHNSON MAY HOLD SEAT AS GOVERNOR

California's Senator-Elect May Not Have to Give Up His Office.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator-elect from California, can keep on being governor of California until December, 1917, if he wants to, according to a statement today by U. S. Webb, attorney general of the state.

TOENNINGSEN TO ADDRESS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEET

Ida Grove, Ia., Nov. 11.—An address by Grand Chancellor H. J. Toenningesen will be a feature of the evening session of the district convention of the Tenth and Twelfth district Knights of Pythias, Tuesday at Ida Grove. Julius Bohrer will deliver the address of welcome at the afternoon session. Miles Hamilton will preside. Foster E. Outing will give the response to the address of welcome. There will be a school of instruction in charge of the visiting lodges of the two districts.

Make-Up of Next Congress.

House.			Senate.		
State.	Rep.	Dem.	State.	Dem.	Rep.
Alabama	10	10	Alabama	2	1
Arizona	1	1	Arizona	2	1
Arkansas	7	1	Arkansas	2	1
California	11	1	California	2	1
Colorado	4	3	Colorado	2	1
Connecticut	5	1	Connecticut	2	1
Delaware	1	1	Delaware	2	1
Florida	4	4	Florida	2	1
Georgia	12	2	Georgia	2	1
Idaho	2	2	Idaho	1	1
Illinois	21	6	Illinois	2	1
Indiana	6	4	Indiana	1	1
Iowa	11	1	Iowa	1	1
Kansas	3	5	Kansas	1	1
Kentucky	2	9	Kentucky	2	1
Louisiana	2	7	Louisiana	2	1
Maine	4	1	Maine	1	1
Massachusetts	11	4	Massachusetts	1	1
Maryland	2	4	Maryland	1	1
Michigan	12	1	Michigan	1	1
Minnesota	8	1	Minnesota	1	1
Mississippi	2	8	Mississippi	2	1
Missouri	2	14	Missouri	2	1
Montana	1	1	Montana	2	1
Nebraska	3	3	Nebraska	2	1
Nevada	1	1	Nevada	1	1
New Hampshire	1	1	New Hampshire	1	1
New Jersey	1	1	New Jersey	1	1
New Mexico	26	15	New Mexico	1	1
New York	26	19	New York	1	1
North Carolina	1	9	North Carolina	2	1
North Dakota	3	13	North Dakota	1	1
Ohio	13	13	Ohio	1	1
Oklahoma	2	2	Oklahoma	2	1
Oregon	3	6	Oregon	2	1
Pennsylvania	20	6	Pennsylvania	1	1
Rhode Island	2	1	Rhode Island	1	1
South Carolina	2	7	South Carolina	3	1
South Dakota	2	1	South Dakota	1	1
Tennessee	2	1	Tennessee	2	1
Texas	18	18	Texas	2	1
Utah	2	2	Utah	1	1
Vermont	1	1	Vermont	1	1
Virginia	1	1	Virginia	2	1
Washington	4	1	Washington	2	1
West Virginia	4	2	West Virginia	1	1
Wisconsin	11	1	Wisconsin	1	1
Wyoming	1	1	Wyoming	1	1
Totals	216	213	Totals	54	42

Louisiana—1 progressive. Massachusetts—1 independent. Minnesota—1 progressive. New York—1 socialist. California—1 progressive. California—1 prohibitionist.

MISS RANKIN ELECTED.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 11.—Lates returns assure the election to congress of Miss Jeanette Rankin, republican.

U-BOAT QUESTION LOOMING SERIOUS FOR 'LAME DUCKS'

State Department Is Preparing Data For President Wilson—Has Some Ugly Phases.

Washington, Nov. 13.—A complete summary of the situation growing out of recent activities of German submarines is being prepared at the state department for submission to President Wilson on his return to Washington Sunday.

While officials are not inclined to discuss the subject in its present state, they admit informally that the outlook is more disturbing than it has been at any time since the sinking of the channel steamer Sussex.

Official information still is incomplete on all the cases being investigated by the department, including those of the British passenger liner Arabia and the British freighter Marina, on which six Americans lost their lives. Reports from British sources have said that both ships were torpedoed without warning.

Aside from the specific cases about which inquiry is being made, disquiet has been caused here by the general sweep submarine warfare has taken recently. Officials fear that the submarines are operating on such a scale and under such conditions that it may be impossible for them to avoid endangering Americans.

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COUNTY GOES DRY.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 11.—An error in the returns from Jackson county on the "bone dry" prohibition amendment reduced the majority in its favor by approximately 1,000 votes. It was apparent early today, however, that it would still carry by more than 3,000.

WILSON ELECTION IS NOW REGARDED BEYOND QUESTION

No Intimation From Any Quarter That Republicans Plan Contests Unless Count Proves Wrong.

MINNESOTA NOT DECIDED

Hughes Retains Slight Lead With Guard Vote Out—New Hampshire and New Mexico to Wilson.

New York, Nov. 13.—There was no change in the presidential situation today. Hughes retains lead of 534 in Minnesota, with a few outlying precincts yet to report. The soldier vote may determine the issue in that state. President Wilson retained his safe lead in New Mexico and California, and again took the lead in New Hampshire where a recheck at first showed discrepancies which favored Hughes. It is not essential anyhow and President Wilson is assured of 276 electoral votes as it is now certain the California vote will not be split.

There is little likelihood of a contest in congress. The republican campaign managers will confine their efforts to the present to a close watch of the official count in the close states. It is generally conceded that there is no cloud upon Wilson's title to the office so far as is known. Neither Chairman Wilcox nor Mr. Hughes has yet officially admitted defeat, but republican circles have intimated there will be no contest unless, in view of other developments, the situation warrants it.

William R. Wilcox, republican national chairman was again on duty at the republican committee headquarters today but said he had nothing to add to his statement yesterday in which he announced the reelection of President Wilson would not be conceded until after the official count in California and perhaps other close states.

Later Chairman Wilcox gave out this statement: "The national committee is not raising the cry of fraud nor is it going out searching for fraud. We have received any number of communications signed and unsigned by telegraph, letter and telephone alleging fraud, from all parts of the country, but in all cases the communications are referred back to the state officials for investigation."

"The national committee is simply in the same position as state officials who are waiting for the result of the official count and whose duty it is to certify what electors have been chosen."

WILSON RESTING.

Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 11.—President Wilson ignored politics today to remain quietly with members of his family here. Several hundreds of telegrams congratulating him on his reelection have been received this morning. He plans to leave here shortly after 6 o'clock by train for Blue-Cliff, R. I. where he will board the naval yacht Mayflower for a trip down the Hudson to New York.

President Wilson is not concerned over the removal of the republican campaign committee from New Hampshire. The chief thing worrying him is the political complexion of the next House of Representatives because of its effect on his plans for legislation. He has not received final information on this point.

The president is understood to take the result of the election as a vindication of his past course and approval of the general outline of his policy in domestic and foreign affairs set forth by him in his speeches as a candidate for reelection.

After his return to Washington tomorrow he will catch up immediately in official business and in the future will begin the preparation of his December message to congress. Nothing has been given out as to whether he will remain constantly in Washington until congress convenes.

NEW HAMPSHIRE TO WILSON.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 11.—President Wilson received a plurality of 64 votes over Charles E. Hughes, in New Hampshire, according to certified returns from all except small precincts made public by Secretary of State Bean.

In arriving at this figure, Mr. Bean announced, he included in the Wilson total 289 cast for him in nothing to Dover, but omitted through error from the certified returns by accepting as probably correct the newspaper returns from Dorchester the missing precinct, which had not reported officially.

HUGHES HOLDING LEAD.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 11.—President Wilson gained 400 votes in Minnesota today when official returns from Ramsey and St. Louis counties were received showing a discrepancy in the early tabulations. The count now stands: Three thousand and twenty precincts out of 3,048 give Wilson, 178,114; Hughes, 178,353. Hughes' plurality, 239.

The special commission sent to gather the 2,138 soldier votes on the border returned to St. Paul today. The various county boards will meet Tuesday and count the ballots. Three thousand and nineteen precincts out of 3,048 in Minnesota give Wilson, 177,658; Hughes, 178,305. Hughes' plurality, 647.

HIS GREATEST VICTORY.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Secretary Tumulty today sent the following telegram to President Wilson at Williams-town, Mass.: "More complete returns show that you have received the largest vote ever cast for a candidate for the presidency. You have received nearly 1,900,000 more votes than were cast for both Taft and Roosevelt in 1912. Your gain over 1912 is three times as much as was ever gained by a president running for reelection."

AS JOHNSON SEES IT.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 11.—Gov. Hiram W. Johnson, successful candidate for the United States senatorship on the republican and progressive tickets, issued a statement today saying that "a few petty politicians" acting in conjunction with certain newspapers, "so misused Mr. Hughes and his visit to California that the injury they did was unable to undo." To this statement he ascribes the Wilson plurality in the state.