

Food Campaign

Hoarded Food Mystery Fails To Be Cleared Flynn Searching 8 Warehouses For Proof of Food Hoarding Government Agents Investigating Buildings Where Speculators Are Said to Have Secret Stores—One Hundred Per Cent Made by One Dealer

How Much Secreted or Owned by Enemy Aliens Is Not Explained Vast Sugar Stores Traced to Owner Blame for Its Presence in Such Quantities Reported Fixed

Centroversy and confusion developed in New York and Washington yesterday over the announcement that the United States Secret Service, under the direction of William J. Flynn, had discovered in this city and environs hoarded food and hidden stores valued at approximately \$75,000,000, of which some \$39,000,000 represented foodstuffs alone. While it was admitted in all quarters that the supplies had been discovered, these features remained unexplained:

1—How much of the food held was unreported to the government authorities, and was therefore stored secretly or illegally? 2—How much was owned by enemy aliens for export or for indefinite storage in this country? 3—How much represented supplies for export to Allied or neutral countries checked by embargo? 4—How the supplies compared with the normal storage holdings of the city at this time of year.

Chief Flynn of the Secret Service began yesterday an investigation of eight buildings in Manhattan, which about three weeks ago were said to have been converted secretly into "warehouses," then packed with canned goods, sugar, cheese, flour, salt, potatoes and other vegetables. The owners are speculators, it is reported, who determined to make a war fortune out of necessities when the nation's supplies began to get low.

The names of the alleged profiteers, the location of the buildings and a rough inventory of the concealed stores were furnished to Chief Flynn by an informant, who stated partitions and floors had been torn down to make room for the foodstuffs. He said also that at least one of the speculators had already realized 100 per cent on his investment by selling to another food pirate.

"The man who doubled his investment," he related, "boasted of his success to the man who had bought him out. The latter was not at all dismayed, and said he did not care how much money Pirate No. 1 had made. He said he himself expected to make another 100 per cent or more."

Owner Gets Hush Money "But the owner or proprietor of the building where the food was stored had the normal storage holdings of the city at this time of year. Chief Flynn declined yesterday to estimate what proportion of the food represented supplies unreported to the government as required by law, adding, "I never said that all of it was secretly hoarded, but I do not care how much money Pirate No. 1 had made. He said he himself expected to make another 100 per cent or more."

Fire Marshals Aim To Avert Danger From Alien Plots Favor Armed Guards on Property Likely to Tempt Enemy's Torches Incendiarism in South

Convention at New Orleans Will Take Steps to End Growing Menace

Special Correspondent NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 13.—Armed guards on all property likely to tempt alien enemy firebrands, guards whose origin and sympathies have been carefully investigated and who are well paid, guards paid by the owners of the property and supplied in sufficient numbers to give genuine protection against firebrands—this is the programme which the Fire Marshals' Association of North America probably will adopt at its annual session here to-morrow.

Enemy alien fires will be the foremost subject before this convention. No issue so vital to the national well-being has ever confronted the men whose sworn duty it is to protect the country against incendiarism.

Cotton Fires Increasing The revelation that incendiary cotton fires in the South were of far greater consequence than is generally known and have the insurance companies alarmed was one of the developments of the prevention discussions.

Milk Will Remain At Present Prices Dairymen Agree to Reduce December Charges to Retailers Half a Cent

The price of milk probably will go no higher this year. The present prices—14 and 16 cents a quart, for grades B and A, pasteurized—will prevail until the end of December. After the first of the year the price will drop if the precedent of former years is followed.

Temperance Favored By State Hotel Men Holding the view that hotel guests who care to imbibe alcoholic liquors in moderation should "not lose that privilege through coercive laws," the members of the New York State Hotel Association, in convention yesterday in the Waldorf-Astoria, went on record in favor of temperance, but opposed prohibition.

War Clerks Regraded Organizations of Forces Announced by Navy Department WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Uniform organizations of the clerical and drafting forces at navy yards and stations was announced today by the Navy Department, abolishing the inequalities of grading and pay that have existed heretofore even in different departments of the same plant.

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Indict Town Officials For Coal Seizure Ohio Mayor, Acting on "Humanity's Law" Held Up Railroad Shipment

CLEVELAND, Nov. 13.—Coal seizures in times of urgent need went under the banner today, when the Federal grand jury reported indictments against Mayor Carmichael of Willoughby, Ohio; Prosecuting Attorney George C. Von Beseler and Deputy Marshals James Barnes and Grant Lamon for impeding interstate commerce shipments and for conspiracy to commit such acts. All are charged with seizing New York Central Railroad coal November 1 and 2.

Palmer Denies Intent to Seize Money of Aliens WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—Heavy withdrawals of bank and postal savings deposits by aliens in some localities caused A. Mitchell Palmer, Alien Property Custodian, to issue a formal statement today reiterating assurances that the government has no intention of interfering with the money or property of Germans, or citizens of countries allied with Germany, living and doing lawful business in this country.

Trading With Enemy Act Upsets Will Involving \$1,000,000 One of the first instances in which the trading with the enemy act was invoked to prevent the transfer of property in this country to alien enemies under the provisions of a will came before Surrogate Daniel Noble of Queens County at Jamaica, L. I., yesterday.

Belgians Destroy Trenches in Raid West Front Otherwise Quiet Because of Bad Weather

LONDON, Nov. 13.—With the weather apparently continuing unfavorable for active operations on the Western front today, in the customarily quiet sector of the Belgian front south of Neupont, on the sand dunes of the coast, King Albert's troops gave evidence of their activity in a raid on enemy trenches in which 150 German soldiers were killed, others taken prisoner and dugouts and other intrenchments destroyed. The Belgians reported that the two bodies will be conducted as one.

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170,000 Voting On Trainmen's Wage Demand Would Mean \$109,000,000 Increased Wages From Railroads of Country

Government May Stop Strike Ballot Union Heads Overridden in Action for 25 to 50 Per Cent Advance

One hundred and seventy thousand railroad conductors and brakemen on all roads in the United States are secretly voting this week, on demands for increased rates of pay, averaging 42 per cent, in addition to the \$99,000,000 gained under the Adamson act.

Engineers Take No Part The 59,000 engineers, railway officials are informed, will not take part in the movement. It is understood Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, now serving as a member of one of the labor committees of the Council of National Defense in Washington, is opposed to any national wage movement among the train employees at this time.

Dillon To Be Dropped As State Market Head ALBANY, Nov. 13.—It was made known today at the organization meeting of the State Farms and Markets Council that John J. Dillon, Commissioner of the State Food and Markets Department, will be supplanted by another Democrat, probably Gavin J. Huson, of Penn Yan, former State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.

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Market Quotations for the Housewife ANNE LEWIS PIERCE, Director of the Tribune Institute, With the Collaboration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Markets, New York Office, and the Bureau of Foods and Drugs of the City Board of Health. Wednesday, November 14, 1917

These retail and wholesale prices are offered as a basis for making up an economical market list—one that will help you in the buying, the dealer in the selling and the Food Administration in equalizing prices. The comment endeavors to put the reason behind the facts and to help in their practical application. Write or telephone the New York Tribune Institute (Beekman 3000) if any point is not plain, or if you have any suggestion or criticism that will improve the service.

Table with columns: RETAIL PRICES, MANHATTAN, BROOKLYN. Rows include MEATS (Average for dressed carcasses), POULTRY, DAIRY PRODUCTS, FRUITS, DRIED FRUITS, STAPLE GROCERIES.

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