

Completed for a sweeping investigation into the Chicago and New York food situations as soon as congress grants the money.

Under present plans, grand jury investigations are to be carried on simultaneously.

New York and Chicago, it was stated would be the first fields of investigation.

Chairman Davies of the federal trade commission predicted to the United Press today that food riots will occur throughout the country unless prompt action is taken by the government.

"There will be food riots, not only in New York," Davies said, "but throughout the country, unless prompt action is taken soon. I make this a prediction."

The investigation will be conducted in five divisions: Meats, breads, cereals, dairy products, fresh fruits and vegetables and canned goods, sugar, coffee, tea and spices.

The meat probe is planned to delve into the workings of the packing houses and cold storage corporations. This latter it was stated authoritatively, will be subjected to "particular scrutiny."

The breakfast investigation will seek particularly to uncover alleged combinations of baking interests. The commission believes there have been illegal "agreements" to depress the size or weight of bread loaves.

Any evidence tending to show combination in restraint of trade will be immediately turned over to the department of justice for prosecution.

Each of the five divisions will be under the direction of an expert economist, with another already selected, of wide economic experience in charge of all.

Cooperating with these six experts and the extensive field force of the commission, a staff of lawyers is assigned to the legal phases, will be appointed if the \$400,000 is appropriated.

The department of agriculture has been recording cold storage deposits for some months. Instances of unusual quantities of food "salted down" in storage, will be turned over to the federal trade commission. Despite the conviction that illegal methods are largely responsible for exorbitant food prices, a world-wide loss in production will be taken into account.

Reports from the International Institute of Rome, for instance state the potato crop of the world was only 84.4 per cent as great in 1916 as in 1915. Many other crops are correspondingly "short."

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—President Wilson today will receive an appeal from thousands of women in the world's richest and largest city who are unable to get food. They are pleading for some action that will bring food to their starving children. They have pointed out that their husbands' wages have pitifully failed to keep pace with the rapid advance in food prices.

The resolution to be forwarded to the president was adopted at a mass meeting just after it had been decided that 500,000 women will march in Wall-st. past the offices of J. P. Morgan & Company, and that another huge throng will parade Fifth-ave. at night in protest against food prices.

Forward hall, where the meeting was held, was entirely inadequate for the crowd that surged about its doors. One thousand were squeezed and jammed thru the doors before order was restored and then they tried to fill it more, with the result that several were dragged beneath the feet of the crowd and trampled. The greatest confusion precipitated by the shouting women and screaming children followed. Speakers shouted and pleaded for quiet, but it was an hour before anyone could make himself heard.

Jacob Panken, a lawyer, told the people that J. P. Morgan & Company is holding thousands of tons of food for shipment to Europe and advised the women of the east side to organize for a huge demonstration in Wall-st. He pledged the funds of Hebrew labor unions to aid in the fight for food.

As a result of yesterday's demonstration at the city hall, Mayor Mitchell is expected to hear a committee of five at his offices today. Another demonstration also is planned.

There was a stir in City Hall park just before noon today when about 50 women headed by "Sweet Marie" Ganz appeared and again demanded to see the mayor. They were told that Mitchell had set 12:30 as the hour to receive delegations protesting against the food prices and were advised to disperse until that hour. Within a few minutes an immense crowd had gathered, but the women left. Extra police were on duty in City Hall park thruout the day, keeping all pedestrians moving.

At 12:30 seven women, representing the Mothers' Anti-High Price league, appeared at city hall. They said they were delegated to see the mayor by the meeting held at Forward hall last night. A few minutes later 100 other women appeared. They were denied permission to enter City Hall park and were told to appoint a small committee for the conference with the mayor.

The Mothers' Anti-High Price league committee was not the one asked to return to the city hall to-day when the demonstration occurred yesterday. They came, they said, from the meeting held last night in Forward hall and had

STARVING BRITAIN IS A FAILURE

English Now Have No Serious Fear of U-Boat War

SHIPS STILL CAN SAIL, TESTS SHOW

Military Efforts Will Not Be Seriously Hampered, Is Belief

London, Feb. 21.—Germany's hope of "starving out" England by her submarine "ruthlessness" has gone glimmering in the view of the British. The "relentless" U-boat war is declared to have hardly made a dent in the vast commerce of the United Kingdom. On the other hand, the public implicitly believes British defensive measures have caused numerous German losses. There was great hope expressed that some statement of these losses by the Germans in capture or destruction of their sub-surface boats by the British would be made by Sir Edward Carson today. The first lord of the admiralty was due to make his first detailed speech as a minister in presenting the naval budget to the house of commons.

Sir Edward is known personally to far greater publicity for the operations of the anti-submarine guards, but any revelations of captures or sinkings of U-boats would be contrary to a policy of silence to which the British government has adhered since the start of the war.

But if the admiralty lord does not have these facts, he is at least expected formally to announce the official figures of shipping clearances and of losses by submarines and mines.

London newspapers during the past few days have reflected a sentiment fostered by a certain group of Britons urging that Admiral Lord Fisher again be given a voice in admiralty councils and granted free hand to cope with the submarine problem. The former sea lord is known to have certain plans to this end, but is quoted by his advocates as being unwilling to put them into operation unless given a free rein. The Northcliffe newspapers are bitterly combating such a change, whereby Fisher, who is now 78 years of age, would be put in charge of work now carried on by younger and more energetic men.

Wilson agrees with others that there were five shots fired and states that he ran to the window and looked out. Looking across the Grand River-ave. tracks, he saw Schmidt lying at the Warren-ave. intersection and saw two men running away, down Sixteenth-st.

Wilson called to his wife, saying that a man was lying dead in the street. Before Mrs. Wilson could get from the bed to the window, however, the lights had gone out and she could see nothing.

This disproves the report that Schmidt came upon his assassin in the darkness, altho the fact that his revolver was not drawn indicates that he suspected no danger. The fact that the lights went out immediately after the shooting proved providential for the slayers, who thus escaped in the darkness without being fully seen by Wilson, his wife, the watchman in the branch postoffice, two doors below, or others who rushed to the scene after hearing the shots.

Police opinion is divided as to whether the slayers stood near the window where the cartridges were found, and shot Schmidt from that distance, or whether they were standing across the street, near Sinclair's coal yard, as at first supposed, and dropped the cartridges in flight.

The four men arrested Tuesday, it is said, probably had nothing to do with the shooting and will be released unless further evidence against them is uncovered.

Patrolman Alfred Cary, whom Schmidt relieved on the beat but 40 minutes before his death, believes that Schmidt was taken for him by gangsters who planned revenge for the shooting of a comrade by Cary several months ago. Detectives, however, place little credence in this theory.

Three of the suspects arrested Monday, however, live but two blocks from where Steve Mallich, whom Patrolman Cary shot, lived.

There are three or four saloons near the intersection of Grand River-ave. with Warren-ave. and Sixteenth-st., which are said by the police to have recently become the hang-outs of gangsters driven from the downtown section. Hold-ups and robberies in the vicinity have been numerous during the past few months.

The cartridges and other evidence were discovered by Detective-Lieutenants Black and Reid, working with Detectives Snook, McKenzie, Straith, Lambert, Schouff and Horn. Gangsters known to frequent that vicinity will be rounded up and thoroughly questioned.

Funeral services for Patrolman Schmidt will be held in the family home, No. 835 Seventeenth-st., Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The procession then will go to St. John's Lutheran church at Maybury and Poplar-sts., where services also will be conducted. Burial will be in Mt. Elliott Lutheran cemetery.

Three platoons of mounted police, in command of Inspector James McNamara, will escort the body to the grave. The pallbearers, all patrolmen, will be Joseph Aubler, Arthur Bates, Edward Kotka, Alonzo Plumley, William Reifstahl and Frank Welling.

KANSAS BONE-DRY BILL NOW LAW

TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 21.—The bone-dry bill passed the senate this morning without amendment. The governor will sign it.

Manufacturers, educators, labor leaders and noted economists from all sections of the country are to gather at Indianapolis today for the tenth annual convention of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education.

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GADD GETS COAL FOR THE CITY SCHOOLS

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not received any reports that more schools had been closed. Tuesday the Harris, Russell and Joyce Junior high were closed for a half-day. Gadd succeeded in sending them a temporary relief supply, Tuesday night.

That railroads place themselves in uneasy predicaments by placing coal on team tracks was indicated by the action of the Michigan Central, in staying off a legal contest in federal court. Petition for an injunction restraining the railroad from moving its coal to team tracks was made Monday by the American Coal & Coke company, thru E. J. Dubois, a Facing litigation, the railroad promptly sent the coalload on its way to a point in Indiana, to which it had been reconsigned.

The hearing on the petition was postponed Tuesday by Judge Arthur J. Tuttle. It is expected the proceedings will be withdrawn, now that the railroad has fulfilled its contract.

Situation Clearing Mayor Marx regards the situation as having cleared greatly. He says that more coal has come into the city in the last two days than during the preceding week.

Early Wednesday morning two carloads of anthracite were placed on the team tracks in the western yards. From this supply several dealers were supplying small amounts to families in urgent need. Grand Trunk officials promised the mayor that four more carloads would be available on their tracks in the afternoon.

The City Gas company has offered to the school board 1,000 tons of coke to tide it over until the railroads are able to clear up congestion in the yards, if coal cannot be obtained in sufficient quantities.

Secretary George Walters, of the police department, still is receiving hundreds of appeals daily in the mayor's office from families in dire distress because of the fuel shortage. He detailed three motorcycle men Wednesday morning to investigate urgent cases, and in those where the officers found actual want Mr. Walters arranged with coal dealers to supply limited amounts of fuel.

Several exceptional cases came to the attention of Secretary Walters during the morning. G. S. Shields, of No. 918 Van Dyke-ave., of the New York Life Insurance company, reported that his family, including three small children, had been quarantined for two weeks, and that he had been unable to obtain any kind of fuel, altho he had appealed to at least a dozen dealers. Abe Brodie, of No. 147 Garfield-ave., said that two of his nine children are seriously ill, and that he had endeavored to get a supply of coal for the last week. He reported that he had no fuel on hand. Investigation by the motorcycle officers substantiated the claims in the majority of the cases.

MORE PAY FOR JANITORS? NOW WATCH FUR FLY

A row that gives promise of edifying committee budget discussions and other aldermanic wrangles that come with spring weather, is in prospect in the city hall. It originated with a resolution introduced in the common council Tuesday night by Ald. Nutter, asking that the salaries of city hall janitors be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,200 yearly, and that the board of public works submit a supplemental budget to cover the increase.

Several city officials gave vent to their feelings Wednesday, and expressed their opinions on the resolution.

"In the first place, the janitors are not half as much entitled to an increase as many other employes in the city hall," said one official, who asked that his name not be used to avoid creating personal feeling in the city hall. "We have any number of bookkeepers and clerks in this department who are getting less than the janitors now, and who deserve more money. If any increase is to be granted by the council, let those who deserve it the most come first. Maybe the janitors should receive more money, but others should be first in line."

CITY WILL USE GARBAGE SITE FOR PLAYGROUND

Instead of using the city's property at Connor's Creek and Harper-ave. for a pest house or garbage incineration plant, as has been proposed by city officials, Ald. Burton would have it turned into a playground.

For some time the city has been leasing the ground to the Grosse Pointe hospital for a yearly rental of \$150. When the renewal of the lease came up before the council committee on ways and means Tuesday, Ald. Burton objected, and was supported by Ald. John C. Lodge. The two aldermen favored making the ground into a baseball diamond, and the other members of the committee took the same viewpoint.

Postoffice Employees Elect Officers.

The Supervisory Employees' association of the Detroit postoffice elected the following officers Tuesday night: President, Frank J. Priest; vice-president, William E. Cowhey; secretary, Charles J. Lyons; and treasurer, James P. Eason.

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HEALTH OF CITY WILL BE GUARDED

Detroit Has Code For First Time In Its History

DWELLINGS MUST BE MADE SANITARY

Rule Provides Plans Will Be Examined By Health Dept.

In the 216 years of its existence Detroit has never had a health code until today. Now it has one that is expected to reduce the death rate very materially. It has to do largely with housing reforms and aims to make it impossible for any part of the population to live in death or disease traps.

The code which is entitled, "Code of Regulations for the Control of the Building, Occupancy and Maintenance of Dwellings in the City of Detroit," is a booklet of 34 pages. It was adopted by the Board of Health on May 10, 1916, but has been modified and amended from time to time until it was ready to put into force and was made public Wednesday morning by Dr. W. H. Price, health officer.

Recently the death rate in Detroit has grown rapidly and an analysis of the causes shows that this was due to poor housing conditions, made necessary by the rapid growth of the city. Modern buildings did not keep pace with the increase in population and the thousands of families which have come to Detroit in the last few years have had to accept living rooms that were insanitary and unhealthful in many cases.

This was due to the fact that the Board of Health was operating without a code. It had power chiefly to concern itself with epidemics after they appeared, but it had no inspection department or powers to see that living rooms were made fit and habitable for the population. The result has been that the city is full of unlighted and unventilated dwellings. The new code will put a stop to the erection of such buildings and in addition will have the effect of forcing owners of buildings with unlighted and unventilated rooms to remodel them and make them suitable for human habitation.

There are many hotels with inside rooms that must be lighted artificially at all hours and there is no ventilation whatever. In such cases windows or skylights will be ordered in. It is believed that when the city becomes properly ventilated, under the new system, the death rate from causes that sunlight and fresh air can cure will be greatly reduced.

In the future it will be necessary for architects and builders to have the O. K. of the health department on their plans before they can go ahead. In the past, it has been necessary only for them to satisfy the building code, which has been amended and changed so many times that it is generally considered to be of little value.

Because of the great demand for dwellings, old barns, storage houses and shacks of all kinds have been turned into tenement houses and little attention has been given to sanitary conditions. All of this will change now under the new health code.

"This housing code," said Dr. Price, "is neither revolutionary nor radical. It imposes no restrictions which an intelligent and public-spirited architect, builder or owner would not naturally comply with of his own accord. It does, however, control the tricky builder and the shyster architect and they need to be controlled. The code follows closely the codes as enforced in New York and Chicago.

The public naturally would like to know what the code does. In a word, it provides that no dwelling, in which term is included all buildings in which people live, shall be erected that is not a sanitary building and one that is fit for people to live in. It must have adequate light, proper ventilation, freedom from dampness, rooms of reasonable size, in a word, be a proper habitation. The code also regulates the conditions under which existing dwellings may be altered, and controls similarly the circumstances under which other classes of buildings may be converted into dwellings. It also provides in detail for the maintenance of all existing dwellings and to a very limited degree provides what might be termed the minimum of improvement in the older buildings, many of which really ought to be torn down."

NEW CITIZENS TO GIVE PAGEANT THURSDAY NIGHT

Hundreds of newly-made American citizens, together with those who have sworn allegiance to Uncle Sam within the last few years, will take part in the Americanization pageant in the Detroit Board of Commerce Thursday night, under the direction of the recreation committee of the Board of Commerce extends an invitation to all new citizens to participate in the elaborate program that has been arranged.

At the conclusion of the pageant the new recruits to United States citizenship will exchange the flag to which they formerly swore allegiance for Old Glory.

The combined orchestras of the Lillibridge, Bishop, Trowbridge and Northeastern night schools will open the pageant. Then will follow a presentation of the pageant "Opportunity."

BORDER ROMANCE ENDS IN WEDDING

A romance which began on the Mexican border will culminate this week when Anna Carrie Lombley of Roswell, N. M., and Howard W. Bailey, a member of the Thirty-first regiment, Michigan National Guard, will be married in the home of Bailey's parents, No. 138 Eighteenth-st.

Bailey met Miss Lombley while he was serving with his regiment. Miss Lombley will arrive in Detroit tomorrow. The marriage license was issued today.



NEW SPRING DRESSES at \$15.00 Women's and Misses' Styles that reveal what is modish for early spring. We picture four of the many models just received—possessing smart touches which make them different and extremely attractive. Colors include light gray, beige, Nile green, dull green, new blue, plum, navy and black. Styles include the new Patletot or "coatdress." Metallic thread embroidery of gold or silver. Made of very good qualities of Taffeta and Crepe de Chine.

New Fibre Silk Sweaters \$7.50 - \$10 B. SIEGEL'S Silk Sweaters \$25 - \$35

No "Repeaters" in Booth Where Auto Fees Are Collected

The polling booth on Cadillac-ave. Wednesday experienced a day of business without the faintest suspicion of "repeaters."

This Utopian condition has not resulted from the exposure of scandals connected with the last elections, but comes from the action of the police in impounding automobiles whose drivers violate traffic ordinances. The booth is merely for the convenience of those who wish to pay the \$2 impounding fee and drive their machine home.

Presiding over the booth is Sergt. Lingeman. Angry owners, threatening dire vengeance upon the police department, finally leave their money and depart, sometimes with a smile.

With the women, however, it is different. All their fury is vented on the sergeant, who bows his head meekly and waits until the storm is spent.

"I shall sue the city and, furthermore, Mr. Officer, I want you to call a taxicab and send me home at the city's expense. I shall never, never pay that fee," said one woman driver, Monday.

When told that she could go to police court and let the judge determine her guilt, she broke out afresh. "What, go up to that smelly place? I guess not. Everybody would look at me and think I was a crook. Here, take your old three dollars, but let me tell you I shall get it back," and the door slammed behind her.

"Well, three times 17 is 54," said the sergeant. "Guess I will count up and see if my cash balances. Yes, you can say that business is good and nobody has come the second time, so far. There comes the squad with another."

SIX AMERICAN REPORTERS FACE ARREST AS SPIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Six additional American newspaper men are expected to be arrested within another week in connection with the German spy plot, discovery of which has already resulted in the detention of George Vaux Bacon in England and the arrest of Charles Wunnenburg and Albert A. Sander in New York.

Information from England to the authorities here is that the British authorities are not inclined to treat the Americans in the plot as spies if they will tell all they know. Bacon is to be brought back to this country as a government witness. Two others are said to be under surveillance in Holland and with others who are expected to be arrested, will be returned here.

Bacon, formerly of Gary, Ind., and Cleveland, O., is said to have made a statement of his connection with the plot in England.

NAVY BILL IS BOOSTED BY SUM OF \$128,000,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Increased by \$128,000,000 since it passed the house, the administration's naval bill—the biggest in the history of the country, was reported to the senate this afternoon by Senator Tillman of the naval committee. The bill, as revised, carries a total of nearly a half-billion dollars and authorizes the president to commandeer private shipyards and munitions plants in time of war.

CAMPAU LOSES FIGHT AGAINST WAYNE AUDITORS

Daniel J. Campau, a part of whose property consists of paternal estates which have come down to him from the time when the city was little more than an outpost, failed to obtain a writ of mandamus against the Wayne county auditors Tuesday, to circumvent court, to compel them to approve a plat of land in Grosse Pointe township.

The township board refused to approve the plat unless a public highway were opened thru the land. Campau refused to donate this property. In circuit court the board was ordered to record the plat. When the plat came before the Wayne county auditors, however, they made the same demand.

Campau sought to mandamus them to force approval of the plat without provision for the street.

DETROIT MEN SEEK PLACES IN RESERVE CORPS

More than 100 Detroit business men have filed their applications for places in the quartermasters' officers' reserve corps, according to Walter C. Cole, secretary of the Detroit Board of Commerce, who is encouraging the enlistment in Detroit. Adjt.-Gen. M. O. S. Heistad has written Mr. Cole that at the present time there is particular demand for young business men whose military training is sufficient to warrant their application for the position of first or second lieutenant of infantry, cavalry or field artillery. Officers in the quartermasters' corps do not need the military training, but there are fewer positions open in this branch of the service, according to Mr. Cole, who recently received his captain's papers.

SEEKS WRIT TO GAIN HAND OF HIS CHILDHOOD LOVER

The troubled course of Varsamo Vassallo's true love for Angela Pellegrino turned into Judge Murphy's court, Wednesday, when he began habeas corpus proceedings for the possession of the Italian girl.

The couple parted after pledging their troth in Italy. Varsamo came to America. He soon accumulated enough to pay for Angela's passage to this country. She came with a group of her countrymen.

In Detroit the girl's two brothers, Vito and Giovanni Pellegrino, took her in charge, quartering her in their home at No. 215 Congress-st. east.

"I want my bride," said Varsamo. Her brothers turned a deaf ear to his demands.

Louis Colombo, representing Angela's lover, secured an order to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not issue. The order is returnable Friday morning, when the Pellegrino brothers will have an opportunity to show why Angela shouldn't be allowed to marry Varsamo as he contends she wants to. She is 20 years old.

Minister—Of course you would like to go to heaven, Dorothy? Small Girl—Oh, yes, it would at least be a change.

Demonstrator (after the spill)—How can I explain to him that it wasn't the fault of the car while he is quite senseless—and after that it will be too late!

SUBMARINE PERIL NOT YET SOLVED

Admiralty Head Asks To Increase Naval Force To 400,000

LONDON, Feb. 21.—"The submarine menace is grave and serious and is growing. It is not yet solved, but I am confident measures now being devised will gradually mitigate its seriousness," declared Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, today.

The cabinet minister made this statement in connection with his presentation of the naval estimates to the house of commons today. One of the provisions of the bill was for an increase of Britain's sailors to 400,000.

ROUND-UP OF INDICTED MEN IN INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 21.—Following the arrest of four city officials in Gary on federal grand jury charges of election frauds, United States Marshal Storen today prepared to go to Evansville to make the final arrests of the 160 persons indicted.

More than 120 are wanted in Evansville and Storen has made arrangements to go about his work deliberately. He has arranged for office rooms and all who are wanted will be rounded up and arrangements made to give bonds immediately. That high officials will be arrested in Evansville is probable.

FIRES ON HOLD-UP MEN, WHO ESCAPE

Mathias Rosso, who conducts a barber shop at No. 1308 Michigan-ave., battled with two hold-up men, Wednesday morning, and prevented them from getting away with what money he had in the place. They escaped and have not been caught by the police.

When the two men demanded money, Rosso drew a revolver from a drawer and fired twice in their direction without striking either. They grappled with him and took away the revolver. Frightened, they left the place before anyone could come to Rosso's assistance.

Falls From Roof; May Die

In falling from the roof of a new building in course of erection at Brush-st. and Arden park, Wednesday morning, Joe Greasley, 46 years old, No. 472 Congress-st. east, suffered a broken left arm and a possible fracture of the skull. He was removed to the Manufacturers' hospital, No. 600 Jefferson-ave. His condition is critical.

Mariner's Church Holds Services

Old Mariner's church began its forty-fifth annual series of daily noonday Lenten services, Wednesday. Ten persons joined in prayer. The old organ gave forth its tones and some quavering voices were raised in sincere and heartfelt praise of God. The Rev. Paul Ziegler spoke on "What think ye of Christ?" but a steam riveter across the street drowned out his voice. There will be meetings in the church addressed by Detroit clergymen at 12:30 daily thruout Lent.

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