FOOD ADMINISTRATION SPEAKERS URGE ALL TO SAVE SUPPLIES AS VITAL WAR NECESSITY

IF ALLIES ARE TO WIN WAR, **FOOD SPEAKERS TELL OMAHA**

French and British Merely Holding Line Until Uncle Sam's Boys Are Ready and United States Must Send Them Food So They Can Hold That Line.

The French and British are merely holding the German line until the Americans come; they admit freely that they cannot win the war without our help, and we must send them food constantly to make it possible for them to hold that line until we can train an army. Thatwas the burden of 13 speeches delivered in Omaha yesterday by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of Leland Stanford university, Everett Colby of Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Isabel Becker of Birmingham, Ala., These speakers for there federal food administration, who opened their speaking sam-

FRANCE DOWNHEARTED. downhearted and discouraged when they heard in the fall that though we were willing to send men over for cannon fodde we would not deny our-selves food in order to help our allies "Food and our own men," said Everett Colby, in his talk to the county food We must save it or we are lost. There administrators from all over the state can be no peace but a German-won at the Hotel Fontenelle at 3 o'clock in peace while our allies are crying for the afternoon.

."I came back from France, where I saw the most terrible thing; saw on this food saving as on nothing else. And do it by choice, which is our prechildren starving in the streets, saw cries. When once you hear the cry of a starving child you can never for-cret it get it.

America Takes No Heed.

they want just as though there were nothing going on in the world. I con-fess I cannot discuss this matter with

any patience. I feel deeply on the subject, for I have heard the cry of starv-ing children. And if you don't begin now and save food, substitute and send the pork and flour abroad the day Stamats presided, and again to b useis ont far distant when things will be so that you will hear the cry of starv-ing children, too. Mark what I tell department of the Omaha Woman's club, presided

Unpleasant Truth.

"When I took luncheon at the University club at noon they brought in my plate with a piece of bacon on it. I cannot understand that. I would not eat it. Of course, I don't suppose I can get it back on the market again because it has been sliced and fried. but it is absolutely wrong to serve it

Speak at Theaters, Dr. Wilbur and Mr. Colby spoke at the Muse, Brandies, Strand, Gay-ety, Orpheum, Sun, Empress and Boyd theaters last night. The three

"The French were tremendously American women which turned the trick!" So spoke Mrs. Beecher at the Young Women's Christian asso-

> "Food conservation is the most important problem of this whole world.

"We as a nation must get together the fever in their eyes, and heard their rogative under our democracy. If we bleeding to death at the source. Many

Mrs. Beecher addressed two meetings, one of business girls at the Young Women's Christian association Stamats presided, and again to housewives at 3 o'clock, when Mrs. C. A.

Act Like Chinamen.

"We have acted like a lot of China-men," said Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, food speaker, in his talk before 400 business men and women at the Chamber of Commerce at noon. "We sailing between American ports and tried to dodge this war. There is no France and England. That thread denying that. The Germans believed | was positively broken when the ships all we wanted was to have our faces were idle in New York for the want



AMERICA MUST CARRY LOAD Administrator Wattles and Speakers Who Lead State Food-Saving Campaign HEARING BRINGS

painted in stars and bars. "We must wake up now. We are

"The world today is watching the "The war is the greatest world greatest race of all history. It is the "Yet I come back here and find event since the coming of Christ. It race between Germany trying to fin-people going along eating everything is a divine experiment by the Lord to ish up the war before we can get in,

dustries of the east for a period of days so that coal could be moved, he saw the great importance of the situation. He was big enough to see that the industries could afford to be shut down a few days in order that coal might be available for the ships that were lying in the harbor with their bunkers empty-ships that positively must sail if our troops in France and

the allied troops were going to be able to hold the line any longer. Life Hangs On Thread. "The very life of this nation at this moment hangs on a thread of ships

allow us to send one ship a week, | the life of this nation was temporarily | speaker vividly brought to her audbroken, and Dr. Garfield knew it when he gave that order. Any school child can see, then, how important the order was.

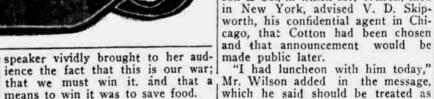
"We cannot do much in a military way this year. That is already plain. Our machine guns are still incomplete. Our ships will not begin to be turned out before midsummer. Our duty and our business, then, is to feed the allies and keep them fighting until we can get there, lest it be forever

too late. "If the American people don't wake up at once it positively will be too late and then they will have a good, long time to regret their indifference. "We are the great amateurs of the world in world affairs. The world is watching to see whether we really are going to prove ourselves to be the greatest nation in the world or whether we are going to turn out to be merely a nation of money-loving bluffers as the Germans have said we were.'

"The American school teachers are the ones in the first trenches. If they war. fail to do their share, all hope is gone," Ray Lyman Wilbur told the teachers of Greater Omaha yesterday in the Central High school auditor-

rotten with war profits. You are living on the blood of the boys in France. If with the blood of the boys in

of our own sons now in



means to win it was to save food. Everett Colby of Orange, N. J., who confidential. The message was dated has recently returned from the first several days before Cotton's appointline trenches, first described the ment was announced and was sent horrible conditions in Europe before over a private wire.

making his appeal for conservation. He told of the 3,000,000 Frenchmen the Huns.

Must Sacrifice.

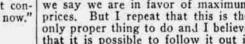
"We stand beaten today unless we nake this little sacrifice," said Mr. Colby. "Thirty ships are awaiting cargoes of wheat in New York hadbor that have not even been saved We must send 400,000,000 vet. bushels of wheat or lose the war."

"You may take our boys and feed them to the cannon but you may never have our pork which we want mission

for our own stomachs, seemed to be the attitude of America at the beginning of our participation in this

a month later, was signed by Louis "Every piece of white bread that F. Swift and was addressed to Charles you eat you take from the mouth of starving children in Belglum. There of the letters taken from Swift & will be no wheat in France in three Co.'s files some time ago. Mr. Heney months and there will be a complete | read it as follows:

"Some of this is gallery play when living on the blood of the boys in France. If you continue to eat as at science can eat a piece of pork now." we say we are in favor of maximum prices. But I repeat that this is the



the government wants to. I am well

Confidential letters from the files either killed or wounded and the of Swift & Co. also revealed that as barbaric methods of warfare used by early as October 7, four days before Mr. Cotton's appointment was an-

Interviewed Packers.

PACKERS-HENEY

OUT SENSATION

Letters Read in Open Court by Special Prosecutor Show

Meat Heads Were Well

Informed.

mation that Joseph B. Cotton, a New

York attorney, would be appointed to

assume charge of the packing and live stock department of the federal food

administration and several of them

saw him before his appointment was

This fact was revealed today in

private letters which Francis J. He-

ney, special counsel for the federal

trade commission, read today in the

government's investigation of the

Knew of Appointment.

Mr. Heney read a telegram from Thomas E. Wilson, president of Wil-son & Co., in which Mr. Wilson, then

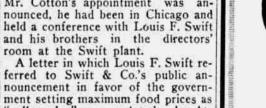
announced.

packing industry.

Chicago, Feb. 25 .- Heads of the packing industry had "inside" inforervice

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nounced, he had been in Chicago and held a conference with Louis F. Swift and his brothers in the directors room at the Swift plant. A letter in which Louis F. Swift re-



ment setting maximum food prices as "galley play" was read today by At-torney Francis J. Heney before Chair-man Davies of the federal trade com-



speakers will leave for Fremont this morning, beginning their tour of the section north of the Platte river for one week.

"Food has taken a paramount place in the strategy of the war. Our soldiers can do nothing unless we supply them and our allies with food," said Mrs. Isabel Beecher in her talks to women at the Young Women's Chris-tian association Monday.

"If we are going to be fit to live in the same world with English women who have sacrificed so much in the war, we will have to come out of our selfishness, stop eating so much, stop serving refreshments at parties, and yet believe we are not wasting just because we save the leavings for the chickens,

Pool the Food.

"Take the world in at your table. There is not enough food in the world but if we pool it, there will be enough to go around. If you take more than your share, you are robbing some one

"Do not touch wheat, bacon or ham and other hog products, fats, sugar and fresh meats. If you don't hear this call of the government, you ought to have on your burial robe. It's the personal response to the national pulpose which will win the war. Whatever we have that is genuine belongs to the government in this hour of need.

"There's been a great deal of talk about making the world safe for democracy. The test is now to see if democracy is safe for the world." Unpleasant Truth.

"Unless we send our allies 6,000,000 barrels of flour a month for the next nine months we are licked. That is the bald, unpleasant truth of the war,' declared Everett Colby of Orange, N J., at the University club. Mr. Colby returned from Europe a month ago and is one of the speakers who are trying to impress the people with the absolute necessity of saving wheat to win the war.

Found Situation Acute.

"I visited the French, British and American fronts and I found the situation there absolutely acute. Not only is the food nearly all gone, but the people have very little seed or fertilizer and the outlook for a crop this year is extremely bad.

We cannot understand the attitude of the American people in declining to save wheat and meat. The only explanation is that we have basked in plenty for so many years that we can't realize the absolute, gripping life-anddeath necessity for saving food. This is no joke, I can tell you, and unless the people wake up and deprive themselves of wheat and meat Germany will win the war and then our people will have long years in which to wish they had obeyed the vital orders of the food administration.

"Even with our own troops in France the situation is acute. I found one division with only five days' food rations between it and hunger. The sinking of just one ship would have put these boys up against it. In London, when we left, the butcher shops were all closed because there was no meat.

Says "Ugly Truth."

"We must learn that every little bit saved multiplied by our 100,000,000 people is going to save the situation. And I tell you that we are defeated now unless the people will take themselves in hand and faithfully observe every regulation of the food adminis-tration. That is the plain, ugly

"When we have won the war the whole world will look back and say,

Avera. The public sale of George Harshman, jr., was hold last Friday, Mr. Harshman and family will leave soon for Perkins county where they will reside. Mrs. Ora E. Copes entertained the Woman's club Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. E. G. Spencer of Taimage was here Thursday for a visit with her parents. Claude Durham returned the latter part of the week from a two months' stay at held last Friday afternoon at the home of of the week from a two months' stay

Mrs. Burke. Miss Gertrude Reynolds went to Omaha

of the week from a two months' stay at Chadron. The school gave a patricite program for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross at the opera house Friday night. Henry Hunterman was at Omaha this week with two cars of cattle. Miss Edna Johnson of Sumner is spending the week with relatives in this city. Miss Nita Francis was at Dunbar over Sunday for a visit with her parents. Henry Maseman, jr., will leave the first of the week for Bertrand, where he and family will reside on a farm. Charles E, Everett was a state capitol visitor this week. Miss Gertrude Reynolds went to Omaha Thursday to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Reynolds. Mrs. Glen Condron returned aSturday from Camp Functon, where she has spent several weeks with her husband. Newton W. Gaines of Fremont began a series of gospel services in the Methodist Episcopal church on Monday evening. Mr. Nordonist of Mond nurchead Thomas Mr. Nordquist of Mead purchased Thomas Orr's farm at \$200 per acre and will take possession March 1. Mr. Orr and children

will move to California.

Weeping Water.

At the Red Cross benefit given Tuesday night by the Woman's club the receipts

night by the Woman's club the receipts were \$22.13. Andrew Johnson and family will move soon to Chappell, Neb. Mrs. Fred Gorder has recently received appointment as district committee woman to the civil service section of the State Fed-eration of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Adolph Mogensen entertained fifty friends last Saturday at a kitchen shower in honor of Miss Christiana Christensen, whose marriage to Otto Mogensen occurs in the near future. H. A. Elcke and daughter, Lenk, visited Mrs. Elcke at a hospital in Omaha Satur-day. She is recovering from a a dislocated hip and body bruises received in an auto-mobile accident. The accident occurred three miles east of Elkhorn, when the auto slipped off the muddy road and turned turtle. Six of the family were in the car and Mrz Elcke was the only one burt

near future. Mrs. George Hageman and two children of Wray, Colo., arrived this week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Hageman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker. Walter O'Lander, who recently enlisted in the navy, was called to report for duty at Omaha Friday. M. J. Wickersham returned the first of the weak from smonth's tight of the first of near future.

visiting friends in Chicago. Charles Hopper of Colorado visited with his nicce, Mrs. Charles Witte, Monday. William Hansen of Osceola visited his

the week from a month's trip to St. Peters-burg and other points in Florida. Miss C. M. Paine and her brother, Ira Paine, are visiting this week at the home of their sister, Mrs. Stella Butler.

States government reports.

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Valley.

John Monehan, C. H. Webb and Miles icon went to Omaha Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jansen are rejoicing over Henry Miller of Chappel is visiting friends and looking after business a few days, The Henry Kroeger-Ernest Benke sale was postponed to February 28 owing to severe

Air. and airs. Sansen are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, born February 14. Mrs. J. V. Lentell gave a valentine party for the Valley Camp Girls and friends Thursday evening. On account of Mrs. Len-tell moving into the country ale resigned as guardian and Miss Katherine Nielson weather. The J. H. Riecken sale on Thursday was well attended and the chattles sold fo prices.

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Hansen.

the girls Mrs. H. Wallstroem spent Wednesday in blood Mrs. Janette Jackson left last week for

Eikhorn.

V. E. Chamberlin visited several days the first of the week with his daughters and family at Fairbury. Mrs. Arthur Nolte went to Bennington

Friday for a few days' visit with her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Logeman. H. A. Elcke and daughter, Lena, visited

and Mrs. Elcke was the only one hurt. Mesdames Clyde Hollister and N. F. Carlson were Omaha visitors Saturday. John Smith of Dakota county is visiting a few days with his sister, Mrs. D. Kuehl,

and family. Mrs. E. A. Schurman is spending a week

parents Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaeth are the par-ents of a bouncing baby boy, born Tuesday. Mrs. Margaretta Milke went to Camp

Funston yesterday to visit her son, John

Schuyler to care for a lady who is sick. Mrs. Bair and son of Omaha visited her aunt, Mrs. Wallstroem Wednesday and Thursday. The regular monthly meeting of the hearers. Women's Christian Temperance union was

France," continued the speaker in an attempt to bring a realization of the food crisis in this country to his Mrs. Isabel Beecher, the first

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