

REED BITTERLY ASSAILS THE ADVISORY DEFENSE BODY

A Washington dispatch, dated July 13, says: The Council of National Defense was the storm center in the senate this afternoon. Senator Reed of Missouri, Sherman of Illinois, McKellar of Tennessee and Kenyon of Iowa took turns in condemning bitterly the alleged practices of members of the Advisory Council of the national council. The steel price controversy precipitated the attack.

Senator Reed opened the battle. He declared, however, in opening it, that "no man has any right at this time to assail the motives of other men unless there be some evidence upon which to base the accusations." After detailing the invitation extended to certain business men by the President to act as members of the advisory council, Reed said:

"I say that no honest man will

want to sit in advice upon a matter in which he is peculiarly interested and in which the government is about to invest, that sort of thing which has been condemned by every law writer who has ever touched upon the subject, by every court that has been called upon to decide it, by every man who has ever written of morals, business or otherwise; and it is not a matter open for discussion that the practice to which I have just alluded should always be kept illegal in our country, and it is illegal now."

Senator Chamberlain interrupted to ask Reed if he did not think the members of the advisory council could act in that capacity without doing violence to the proprieties.

Reed declared that they could so long as they acted merely in an advisory capacity, but said, "I do not understand the President has intended for a moment to have these men come and sit on their own cases, their own contracts, their own business, or to hold a position of such a nature as to enable them to exercise a controlling or potential voice in the matter of their own contracts."

Reed declared to be an anomaly the calling of Judge Gary, who is a member of the subcommittee of the defense council on steel, before Secretary Baker with regard to steel prices, and then we find, he said, "Judge Gary is insisting upon prices which have been condemned by our government as extortionate."

"Now of what value is that kind of advice?" Reed continued. "How much good is done the government by men sitting to advise as to prices who demand such prices for themselves that the government declares the prices to be extortionate and all the world knows them to be extortionate for the prices of steel have mounted to a degree that is absolutely appalling and scandalous."

Senator Sherman followed Reed with the declaration that "if we tried to do what they are doing we would be impeached and imprisoned, in declaring that they must not let contracts to their own firms we are removing them from temptation and wrong construction of their acts."

member of the President's cabinet; urged greater conservation of life in this country, as made necessary by the war and advised doctors and all professional men to stop talking

about the supremacy of other nations in science, a supremacy that did not exist. "Tongue control will do this nation more good than birth control," he said.

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EDITORS DESIRE "WAR AIMS"

A Minneapolis dispatch, dated July 12, says: Herbert C. Hotaling of Mapleton, Minn., was elected president of the National Editorial association and Little Rock and Hot Springs, Ark., chosen as the 1918 convention cities at the closing session today.

Other officers elected included: Vice-president, Guy U. Hardy, Cannon City, Colo.; secretary, George Schlosser, Watertown, S. D., and treasurer, Byron Cain, Belle Plaine, Kansas.

Resolutions were adopted urging President Wilson to obtain from the allies a definite statement of their aims, similar to that announced by this country, relative to extension of free government throughout the world.

DR. MAYO FOR PROHIBITION

A New York dispatch, dated June 6, says: Dr. Charles H. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., president of the American Medical Association, at the opening of the convention, said, "National prohibition would be welcomed by the medical profession." Prohibition he termed a war measure. He said medicine has reached a period when alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, having been displaced by better remedies.

Doctor Mayo advocated that a medical officer be made at once a

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