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CONGRESS URGED TO CONTROL FOOD PRODUCTS; TEUTON LINES MELT BEFORE FRENCH ONSLAUGHT

HOUSTON ASKS BOARD BE MADE PRICE CENSOR

Secretary of Agriculture Wants Law That Will Give Council of Defense Power to Regulate Markets.

BROAD SCHEME OUTLINED

Authorizes Government to Buy and Sell Food in Cases of Extreme Emergency.

NEAR PANIC AT CHICAGO

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Houston today recommended to the senate that the Council of National Defense be empowered to fix minimum and maximum food prices.

To meet the food situation Secretary Houston told the senate the Department of Agriculture needs the following power:

"To make a complete survey of the food supply of the nation to determine its location, ownership, control, and distribution."

"In co-operation with the interests involved, to establish minimum grades of farm products, including seeds and standards for receipts."

"To license and supervise the operation of all plants, mills, packing houses, canneries, slaughter houses, breweries, distilleries, storage houses or other establishments or factories in which food or feeds, implements and any other articles required for agricultural purposes are prepared, manufactured or kept for sale or distribution."

"To require the preference movement by the common carriers of seeds, fertilizers, farm implements or the materials required in their manufacture."

To Facilitate Distribution.

"To enlarge the existing telegraphic market news service of the department to assist in the distribution of products to the proportionate requirements of the consuming centers."

"In case of extreme emergency, the government should have power to purchase, store and dispose of food products and to fix maximum or minimum prices."

"It is estimated that approximately \$25,000,000 will be required to carry out the plans outlined herein. In order that prompt steps may be taken to put them into effect it is urged that immediate action be taken to give the department the requisite authority and to make available the necessary funds."

Food Panic at Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., April 20.—"Stop hoarding food!"

This was the cry that swept Chicago today as two new restraints were thrown against the steadily growing wave of household buying.

First—An investigation of reports that speculators were cramming warehouses in an effort to corner the market in certain foodstuffs was begun by city officials.

Second—Through its president, Mrs. T. Verne Morse, the Home Makers' Guild instituted a nation-wide movement to check hoarding of foods through appeals to the patriotism of women.

Householders Hoard Food.

Despite the restraints thrown about food hoarding by the quantity limitations established by grocers, buying households who feared further advances reached a degree of intensity which led grocers in many sections of the city to institute what amounted to the virtual disruption of the retail grocery trade routine.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair and warmer.

	Temp.	Rain.
6 a. m.	42	
7 a. m.	42	
8 a. m.	46	
9 a. m.	37	
10 a. m.	42	
11 a. m.	42	
12 noon	38	
1 p. m.	38	
2 p. m.	41	
3 p. m.	42	
4 p. m.	48	
5 p. m.	51	
6 p. m.	52	
7 p. m.	52	
8 p. m.	52	

Comparative Local Record.

	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday.....	82	82	82	71
Lowest yesterday.....	49	55	55	24
Mean temperature.....	49	48	52	32
Precipitation.....	28	27	17	.99
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:				
Normal temperature.....	53			
Normal precipitation.....	45			
Total rain since March 1.....	24			
Normal precipitation.....	19			
Excess for the day.....	24			
Total rainfall since March 1.....	3.09			
Deficiency since March 1.....	16			
Deficiency for cor. period in 1916-17.....	1.13			
Deficiency for cor. period in 1915-16.....	.90			

Reports From Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High Rain. of Weather. T. P. M. Est. Fall.

Christian, cloudy..... 50 82 .00

Davenport, Iowa..... 45 84 .01

Denver, clear..... 56 60 .01

Des Moines, raining..... 42 58 .15

Dodge City, clear..... 58 62 .00

Grand Island, cloudy..... 46 60 .00

Omaha, clear..... 52 72 .00

Pueblo, clear..... 62 .00

Rapid City, part cloudy..... 60 65 .00

St. Louis City, clear..... 62 62 .00

Saint Paul, clear..... 56 .00

Spokane, cloudy..... 44 .00

Tucson, clear..... 52 54 .00

Oklahoma, clear..... 62 .00

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

IOWA CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO GROW FOOD

Proclamation by Governor is Read in Every School Room in the State.

WORK IS TO BEGIN TODAY

Des Moines, Ia., April 10.—In a proclamation which is believed to be the first instrument of its sort ever addressed exclusively to school children by the governor of any state William L. Harding, governor of Iowa, today appealed to the boys and girls of the state to help Iowa produce a maximum yield of foodstuffs during the coming season.

The proclamation, which follows, will be read in every school room in the state this afternoon.

"To the boys and girls of Iowa:

"As governor of the state on behalf of humanity everywhere I call upon you to help in every way you can in reducing the world food shortage.

Shortage Already Apparent.

"You no doubt know that in our own United States we are producing less foodstuffs than is demanded to supply our own people. This, coupled with European conditions, makes the situation very serious and commands our earnest and patriotic attention.

"Our own beloved America is at war with a foreign country. It is the duty of every boy and girl in stirring times like these to volunteer his or her service to the flag and to the country. Few, if any, of you can join those who take up arms, but you can do just as valiant service for your country and show your patriotism just as much by doing all in your power to assist in growing foodstuffs to help feed the hungry millions and those who actually do the fighting in all the ways of modern warfare.

Needs Help of All Children.

"Our own Iowa is by nature equipped to produce more food than any other state in the union. To do this and bring this production up to the highest possibility we need the help of every boy and girl in the state. We need your individual help. You can help and by doing so not only serve your country, but yourself as well. The way that naturally suggests itself to one with open mind is for you to plant a garden, give it good care and then make a careful study of harvesting so that the fruits of your toil can be available for food.

"Parents and teachers will help you in this splendid task and, in addition, the state stands ready to give through its various agencies all the assistance you may command. The state can do much for you by furnishing information of the latest and most improved methods of food production and harvesting.

"Therefore, by virtue of the power in me vested as governor of the state of Iowa, I call upon every boy and girl in the state to enlist in this campaign to increase the food supply and in accordance therewith set apart Friday, April 20, 1917, as the day when this shall be actually started."

Letter to Teachers.

In a letter address to all school teachers the governor said:

"We are all interested in the great need of increasing food production of our state and I feel sure that you will co-operate with us in bringing to the attention of the boys and girls of the public schools the fact that they can be of material assistance in this important work.

"I am sending you the proclamation with the request that you make it a part of your program and that you do all you can to enthuse the boys and girls to plant, cultivate and harvest such garden and field vegetables as will increase the food supply."

Another Ancient City Of Egypt Unearthed By the Scientists

Lincoln, Neb., April 20.—Forty street car operatives joined the strikers here this morning, bringing the total of men striking up to 140. Only twelve of the old men are now working. Street car service is further paralyzed and hundreds of people walked in from the suburbs through a chill rain this morning. The traction company has complained that the Lincoln police officers have not given satisfactory protection and as a result all car service will be abandoned again to be correct.

Before the foundation of Alexandria, Canopus was the commercial capital of the country and the most important religious center in lower Egypt. Excavations have already brought to light a great public bath of the Ptolemaic period, about 150 feet in length. It is divided into twenty chambers of which the largest is about twenty-four feet long and of the same width. There are rooms for various forms of baths, such as hip and mud baths and a large hall which was evidently used for massage purposes and the preparation of aromatic oil.

Bronze coins found in various rooms bear the effigies of Ptolemy Soter Ptolemy Emerges and Queen Berenice. Of the several statuettes unearthed, the most interesting is that of a Chinese figure, which shows, it is contended, that in the dim past relations must have existed between China and this ancient capital of Egypt.

American Sentries Fire On Mexican Snipers

El Paso, Tex., April 20.—Snipers, who fired at an American sentry stationed at the viaduct, in the suburbs of this city, were fired upon in return by a squad of United States soldiers late today.

One Mexican was seen to fall after a volley had been fired across the border.

Hotels to Save Eyes Of Spuds for Gardens

Columbus, O., April 20.—After a conference with Governor Cox, Columbus hotel proprietors announced today that in the future they will save the eyes of the patrons they use for distribution to backyard gardeners as seed.

Bennie Leonard Knocks Out Richie Mitchell in Seventh

Milwaukee, April 20.—Bennie Leonard of New York, crack lightweight, scored a knockout over Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round.

No decision boxing bout tonight. The blow that ended the bout was a stiff swing to the jaw.

Ben Teal, Theatrical Producer And Stage Manager, Is Dead

New York, April 20.—Ben Teal, theatrical producer and stage manager, died here today.

WORKMEN WALK OUT IN GERMAN MUNITION MILLS

Strikes Break Out in Krupp Plants and Various Other War Factories in Berlin and Elsewhere.

HOLLWEG WON'T LISTEN

Chancellor Declines to Act as Arbitrator or Discuss Situation With Toilers.

DEPUTATION CALLS ON HIM

Amsterdam, April 20.—(Via London.)—Strikes have broken out in various munition factories in Germany, including the Krupps, the Telegraaf

says it has learned from German sources.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, says the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, having declined to discuss the situation with a deputation headed by Hugo Haase, president of the central executive committee of the independent socialist democratic party, 20,000 workers in four factories in Greater Berlin decided to continue their strike.

Strike Continues Everywhere.

Copenhagen (Via London), April 20.—According to the Berlin Vorwärts the strike continues everywhere in Berlin and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's reply to a deputation of workers from the Deutsche Waffen und Munitions Fabrik of Berlin was a declaration to assume the task of arbitrator.

Logan Backs Up Men Who Enter Army Service

Logan, Ia., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—The war meeting here last evening at the Christian church in honor of the company in process of organization at Missouri Valley was a decided success in attendance, enthusiasm and patriotism. Dr. R. D. McEvoy presided. Speeches were made by Rev. Edgar Price, of the Christian church; Editor A. H. Sniff, of the News; Attorney Ambrose Burke, Captain Brown, representing the veterans of the Civil war and the Spanish-American war soldiers also had a representative, Dr. C. S. Kennedy, of Logan, and Dr. Wells Dewart, mayor of Woodbine, who recently enlisted with thirty or more young men of Woodbine and vicinity, were speakers.

Missouri Valley proposes to give \$1,000 to the local company.

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ALLEGED DEAL IS DENIED

El Paso, Tex., April 20.—Coming direct from Villa's camp on the Conchos river, a delegate from the Mexican leader is said to have passed through here recently enroute to the interior of the United States to deliver documents to Miguel Diaz Lombardi, who is understood to be Villa's choice for provisional president of his proposed government.

The presence of the Villa courier was not known here until after he had left the border, according to men who are close to Villa. This courier told a Villa partisan here that he would deliver papers to Lombardi instructing him to go at once to Washington and deny that any Germans were in Villa's command and to state that Villa would oppose by force any efforts of any Mexican faction to align his people with the Germans.

The arrival of this courier was the first direct information which local Villa partisans claim to have had from him for three weeks.

Russian Socialists Say Must Continue War With Germany

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