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PRICES OF SUGAR BOOSTED IN SPITE STOCKS ON HAND

Omaha Dealer Declares Speculators Are Holding Supplies to Force Housewives to Pay Fancy Figures.

ASK PROBE BY CONGRESS

More Sugar in Warehouses Than for Two Years at This Season, Says Broker.

EXPORTS NOT TO BLAME

With more raw sugar in stock in the United States April 4, 1917, than there was at the corresponding date for the two preceding years, and though these raws cost very little more than a year ago, the price of refined sugar has been boosted \$1.75 per hundred pounds above the price a year ago.

These and other salient facts in the sugar situation were brought to the attention of Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska by Omaha brokers following a survey of the whole situation. Senator Norris is urged to cause a congressional investigation of the sugar situation.

Get More Than Expected.

Attention of the senator is called to the fact that the beet sugar manufacturers stored their sugar last October with the expectation of marketing it at from \$4.50 to \$5 per hundred pounds. In spite of this they are now demanding \$8.53 per hundred, wholesale, for the sugar in storage.

The New York Coffee and Sugar exchange for the week ending April 7 gives the official quotations for raw sugar, Cuban centrals, 96 degrees test:

April 21, 1917	84.46
April 14	84.46
April 7	84.46
April 1	84.46
March 25	84.46
March 18	84.46
March 11	84.46
March 4	84.46

Last year during the corresponding dates the price was \$6.14.

Rise Is on Refined Sugar.

Standard granulated sugar for the above mentioned dates was quoted at \$8.50, while standard granulated last year for the corresponding dates was \$7.25.

Thus, while the cost of raws is not over 6 per cent higher than last year, the refined sugar is 17 to 20 per cent higher than last year.

Senator Norris' attention has been called to the fact that the tonnage of raw sugar on hand at present is approximately three times as great as that on hand a year ago at this time, yet dealers and refiners are pleading shortage.

More on Hand Now.

The tonnage of stocks of raw sugar in the United States April 4 this year and the two preceding years was as follows:

1917.	1916.	1915.
311,340 tons	120,405 tons	270,079 tons

"These sugars," the letter to Senator Norris reads, "were obtained by the trust at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$5.96. There can be no excuse on the grounds of the great demand for export.

No Sugar to Great Britain.

The Royal Sugar commission of Great Britain in its last decree restricted the importation of sugar, and as a result its importation has actually decreased during the last four months 68,000 tons below the quantity imported during the same four months last year. This same condition is true with reference to France. If ever there was a case of an unjustified increase and positive robbery by the sugar kings; if ever there was such an open and flagrant violation of all laws and of principles that are conducive to the public welfare without the slightest regard for the law of supply and demand, the present sugar market is such a case.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Rain, sleet, rain or snow in portion.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hour.	Temp.
10 a. m.	38
11 a. m.	38
12 m.	38
1 p. m.	38
2 p. m.	38
3 p. m.	38
4 p. m.	38
5 p. m.	38
6 p. m.	38
7 p. m.	38
8 p. m.	38
9 p. m.	38
10 p. m.	38
11 p. m.	38
12 m.	38

Comparative Local Records.

1917.		1916.		1915.	
High in record	42	51	73	82	
Low in record	21	46	25	49	
Normal precipitation	32	32	32	32	
Deficiency for the year	11	11	11	11	
Excess for the year	11	11	11	11	
Total rainfall since March 1	3.34	3.34	3.34	3.34	
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916, 1.83 inches					
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915, 1.41 inches					

Reports From Stations at 2 p. m.

Station and State.	Temp.	High.	Low.	Rain.
Omaha, Neb.	38	42	21	0.00
Lincoln, Neb.	38	42	21	0.00
Sioux Falls, S. D.	38	42	21	0.00
Sioux City, Ia.	38	42	21	0.00
Des Moines, Ia.	38	42	21	0.00
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VIVIANI SEES TRIUMPH OF RIGHT IN U. S. MIGHT

Washington, April 26.—In a statement to the American press today, Rene Viviani, France's vice-premier and head of the war mission; said the co-operation of the United States would mean not only a military victory, which already was assured, but a victory of morality and right.

Expressing deep gratitude for the enthusiastic reception given his mission here, M. Viviani said he realized it was "not to us, but to our beloved and heroic France."

M. Viviani's statement to the Washington correspondents follows: "I promised to receive you after having reserved, as elementary courtesy, required, my first communication solely for the president. I have just had the honor, which I shared with other members of the mission, of being received by him.

Praise for President. "I am indeed happy to have been chosen to present the greetings of the French republic to the illustrious man whose name is in every French mouth today; whose incomparable message is at this very hour being read and commented upon in all our schools as the most perfect character of human rights and which so fully expresses the virtues of your race—long suffering patience before appealing to force; and force to avenge that long suffering patience when there can be no other means.

"Since you are here to listen to me, I ask you to repeat a thousand fold the expression of our deep gratitude for the enthusiastic reception the American people has granted us in Washington. It is not to us, but to our beloved and heroic France that reception was accorded. We were proud to be her children in those unforgettable moments when we read in the radiance of the faces we saw the noble sincerity of your hearts.

Purpose of Visit. "And I desire to thank also the press of the United States, represented by you. I fully realize the ardent and interested help you have given by your tireless propaganda in the cause of right; I know your action has been incalculable. Gentlemen, I thank you.

"We have come to this land to salute the American people and its government, to call to fresh vigor our life-long friendship, sweet and cordial in the ordinary course of our lives, and which those tragic hours have raised to all the ardor of brotherly love—a brotherly love which in the last years of suffering has multiplied its most touching expressions—you have given help, not only in treasure, in every act of kindness and goodwill; for us your children have shed their blood, and the names of your sacred dead are inscribed forever in our hearts.

"And it was with a full knowledge of the meaning of what you did that you acted. Your inexhaustible generosity was not the charity of the fortunate to the distressed; it was an affirmation of your conscience, a reasoned approval of your judgment.

Will Fight to End. "Your fellow countrymen knew that under the savage assault of a nation of prey, which has made of war, to quote a famous saying, its national industry, we were upholding with our incomparable allies, faithful and valiant to the death, with all

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JOFFRE CONFERS WITH BAKER UPON U. S. MILITARY AID

Washington, April 26.—Marshal Joffre had a two-hour conference late today with Secretary Baker and Major General Scott at the home of former Ambassador White, discussing American co-operation with the allied armies.

RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT

Distinguished Visitors Exchange Felicitations With Chief Executive.

NOTE FROM POINCARÉ

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The commission began its first day in Washington with a round of official calls. They visited at the State, War and Navy departments.

Former Premier Viviani, head of the mission, Marshal Joffre, Admiral Chocheprat and Viscount de Chambrun called at Secretary Lansing's office.

The clerks of the great building lined the halls and gave the Frenchmen a reception of almost continuous cheers and handclapping.

After spending a few minutes with Secretary Lansing, M. Viviani, Marshal Joffre and Admiral Chocheprat went over to the White House to be formally received by President Wilson.

Reception in Blue Room. At the main entrance of the executive mansion a large party of the president's army and navy aides in full dress uniforms met the Frenchmen. Salutes were exchanged and the guests were ushered into the Blue room, where President Wilson was waiting to receive them.

ROAR OF REVOLT IS DROWNING OUT NOISE OF BATTLE

Indications that Momentous Events Are About to Happen Behind Firing Lines.

MAY DAY DANGER POINT

Socialists and Workmen Plan Demonstrations in Germany, Spain and Sweden.

GRAVE HINTS FROM BERLIN

BULLETIN. Amsterdam (Via London), April 26.—The Tjids German correspondent says that Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial German chancellor, in his next speech in the reichstag will specifically propose peace terms in greater detail.

Copenhagen (Via London), April 26.—It is reported that Philip Scheidmann, leader of the German majority socialists, who recently visited Copenhagen in an endeavor to bring about a peace between Russia and Germany, is again here.

To Republicanize Germany.

Washington, April 26.—Official dispatches from Berne to the State department announced the appointment there of a committee for propaganda in favor of the establishment of a republican form of government in Germany, headed by Dr. Roese Meyer, former editor of the Morgen Post of Berlin.

(By The Associated Press.)

Revolutionary mutterings which were ambiguously swelling through Europe were drowned in the thunders of the great battle now raging, but indications are not lacking that momentous events are about to occur behind the fighting lines.

The summary adjournment of the reichstag, when its sittings had barely opened, is given added significance by hints in the German press that the strike agitation in Germany may burst forth with renewed violence on May day, the great international socialist holiday. A nation-wide labor demonstration in Sweden is also planned for that day, and may have its counterpart in Spain.

Austria Wants Peace.

No news of any importance has come from Austria in several days, a fact which has given fresh vigor to the ever-recurring report of intentions or efforts on the part of the dual monarchy to seek a separate peace. No confirmation of the reports is available from any reliable source, but there is more definite tidings of the status of affairs in Turkey, the third member of Germany's imperial triumvirate.

Quarter Million on Strike.

Washington, April 26.—Reports to the State department, through official channels, tell of a strike of 250,000 laborers in Berlin. The department says the incident shows the growth of desire for peace on the part of the workmen. It is reported also that bread rations have been reduced from sixty to fifty ounces a week.

Newspaper reports from Berlin issued in summarized form by the State department today said that the strikers returned to work under threat of being sent to the front.

German Tights Censorship.

Copenhagen (Via London), April 26.—The protests of a socialist representative in the reichstag committee yesterday revealed the fact that German newspapers must now submit to censorship before being permitted to leave the country, so as to block the channel through which disagreeable news has reached foreign ears.

Austrian Parliament Convoked.

Vienna, April 26.—(Via London.)—Official announcement was made here today that the Austrian government had decided to convolve Parliament for May 30 to deal with questions of food supply and with "economic, social and financial problems." The Parliament has not been in session since before the war.

Food Riots in Sweden.

Copenhagen (Via London), April 26.—New food demonstrations at Stockholm are reported by the Dagbladet. The military commander issued an order forbidding the soldiers to attend a socialist meeting. Despite this order, however, several hundred soldiers participated in a great meeting.

Omaha to Furnish More Than Its Full Quota of Officers

Omaha will furnish more than its quota of officers for the first army of 500,000 men, according to present indications. Colonel Root, in charge of preliminaries for reserve officer training, said that he had received almost 200 applications in addition to several score more who had previously applied from Omaha. Beginning May 8, 2,500 candidates for commissions will be given three months' training at Fort Snelling.

MUSTER ROLL FOR OMAHA.		
Thurs. Total.	Fri. Total.	
Army	21	1,248
Navy	7	508
National Guard	6	309
Marine Corps	1	36
Totals	35	2,101

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ENGLISH LOOK TO AMERICA TO SAVE THEM FROM DIVER

Britons Expect U. S. Will Do Much to Solve Growing Submarine Menace, Says Board of Trade Chief.

SOUNDS A GRAVE WARNING

Beresford, in House of Lords, Brings Admiralty Reports of Losses as Misleading.

OMIT NEUTRAL SINKINGS

London, April 26.—A grave warning that the submarine menace may be an important factor in deciding the outcome of the war was sounded today by Sir Albert Stanley, president of the British Board of Trade.

No Weapon Yet Found.

"We have not yet found a way of dealing with the submarines so as to remove the danger of their being an enormous factor in determining the outcome of the war.

"The effect of the submarine war upon the existence of the British empire is simply this—that we cannot continue to bring into this country all the supplies and materials required for our existence, for the continuation of the war and for the actual needs of our industries.

Criticism Admiralty.

In the House of Lords today Admiral Baron Beresford criticized the admiralty's weekly returns of shipping losses as "seriously misleading since they omit losses of neutrals through which this country is now really being fed, while the totals of arrivals and sailings include both neutral and allied vessels."

Hill Estate in Minnesota Is Worth \$51,179,889

St. Paul, April 26.—The estate of the late James J. Hill, subject to probate in Minnesota, is valued at \$51,179,889.88, according to a report of the appraisers filed here. Of this \$1,373,779.53 is real estate. The inheritance tax will be approximately \$1,489,370.

British Use Big Guns With Telling Effect in Arras Battle

Outstanding Feature of Struggle Is Superiority of the English Artillery.

SUPREME IN THE AIR, ALSO

London, April 26.—The outstanding feature of the second phase of the battle of Arras is the definite establishment of superiority in artillery by the British and it is due to this superiority that they have been able to maintain a successful offensive, said Major General F. B. Maurice in his weekly talk with the Associated Press today.

General Maurice declared that the Germans had drawn out their strategic reserves and brought up new forces in an attempt to stem the onslaught, but that the British machine was working without a hitch. The German losses had been terrific and thousands of dead, he said, were lying in front of the British lines. In the eighteen days of the Arras battle, General Maurice continued, the British casualties had been something less than half what they were in the corresponding period of the Somme offensive, while the numbers of prisoners, ad guns captured were much greater than in the same period on the Somme.

NEBRASKANS TAKE TWO VIEWS OF DRAFT

Delegation Receives Telegrams and Letters Setting Forth Different Ideas.

DAHLMAN WITH WILSON

Washington, April 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska delegation is being bombarded with telegrams and letters for and against the so-called selective draft bill. The preponderance of these telegrams being in favor of the conscription plan of raising an army. Here and there, however, is found a prominent citizen in favor of the volunteer bill.

Morehead Against Draft.

"Conscription," he said, "for European service exceeding unpopular. My associations such that I know the sentiment of the rank and file. No measure so unpopular during my life time as drafting our boys for European service. Let those go who are willing to volunteer is the unanimous verdict."

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GERMANS HURL FRESH RESERVES INTO WEST ARENA

Thousands of Men Are Sacrificed in Fierce Counter Attacks Against Advancing Entente Armies.

BREASTS REPLACE PORTS

Prisoners Say Teuton Army is Being Drained and Collapse Must Come Soon.

PACE BECOMES DEADLY

London, April 26.—Telegraphing today from British headquarters in France, Reuter's correspondent says: "The Germans are still hurrying up fresh reserves to press their counter attacks. They are fighting a great delaying battle, although not now standing upon any well prepared system of defenses, and can only hope to check our advance by using up great masses of troops whose breasts have taken the place of parapets.

"This policy must result in greatly accelerating the process of exhaustion, and if continued long the situation will resolve itself into the simple problem of which side can longest maintain the deadly pace.

"Prisoners declare that the German army is now being drained at a rate which brings collapse within a measurable distance."

Renewed German attacks on British positions near Gavrelle were repulsed last night, the war office announced today.

French Official Report.

Paris, April 26.—The Germans vainly renewed their counter attacks last night on the high ground near the Chemin-Des-Dames, the war office reported.

The statement follows: "On the bank of the Oise a German reconnoitering party attempted to approach our trenches near Moy, but was repulsed.

"North of the Aisne the enemy renewed in vain his efforts to expel us from the plateau near the Chemin-Des-Dames. After a violent bombardment yesterday evening two powerful attacks were made on the front about two kilometers west of Cerny. These assaults were broken before our lines with very heavy losses for the enemy. Another effort in the region of Hurtebise farm was equally unsuccessful.

Near La Pompelle in the Champagne and also on the front between Navarin farm and Tahure several surprise attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

German Official Report.

Berlin, April 26 (Via London).—The German position at Gavrelle, in the Arras battlefield, is now situated at the eastern boundary of the village, says today's army headquarters statement.

German Journals Claiming Victory In Arras Battle

London, April 26.—The German newspapers are claiming victory in the battle of Arras, telegraphs the correspondent at The Hague of the Evening News. The Frankfurter Zeitung says:

"The second battle of Arras can never be made good by the British, who lost it at enormous cost in men and material."

The Cologne Gazette says: "German troops look across fields piled with corpses of the British army, which they have repelled successfully."

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says: "The Siegfried position has become an elastic band, a living wall which has dissolved the physical and moral strength of the enemy."

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