



VROOMAN CHARGES LOBBY OF "FOOD GAMBLERS" OF GREAT WEALTH FIGHTS ALL PRICE CONTROL BILLS; THE CENTRAL POWERS ADMIT HEAVY U-BOAT LOSSES

HEAD OF KAISER'S NAVY SAYS MORE SCUTTLERS DESTROYED EVERY DAY; AUSTRIAN DIVERS SENT TO BOTTOM

German Secretary In Speech to Reichstag, Recognizes Increasing Efficiency of Allied Fleets In Combatting Underwater Commerce Ravagers of Teutonic Nations; Many Sunk.

ITALIAN PATROLS ACCOUNT FOR OVER DOZEN

Prussian Official Explains How Improved Means of Dispensing of Pirate Craft Results in Damage to Submarine Vessels of Fatherland.

SPEAKS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CAMPAIGN

Washington, May 11.—The increasing efficiency of the allies in submarine destruction is recognized in a speech by the German secretary of the navy in the Reichstag on May 10.

Official accounts of the speech reaching here report the German secretary as saying that while the submarine warfare had achieved far greater results than was expected, a certain number of submarines had been lost as the result of improved means of destruction devised by the allies.

Another official telegram says the Berliner Tageblatt of May 9 complained bitterly of the obstructions being placed by the government on the progress of the commission for discussing the system of government.

Thirteen Austrian Ships Sunk.

Advices to the Italian embassy here say thirteen Austrian submarines have been sunk in the Adriatic by Italian patrols during the last week.

The same dispatches, giving no date, say that for the fourth time within a year Italian destroyers have penetrated the fortified port of Durazzo, sinking four transports loaded with provisions and ammunition. The destroyers returned unscathed.

Many Subseas Disposed Of.

Paris, May 11.—Both French and British statistics on submarine sinking during the last week show a certain improvement in the situation, says Marcel Hutin, an unusually well-informed writer on the subject. He adds:

"I understand that our means of fighting submarines is increasing daily, and, without giving details, I can say that the number of submarines put out of action in the last few days has risen in a very satisfactory manner."

Prominent Commanders Killed.

Copenhagen, May 11.—(Via London.)—The loss of two prominent German submarine commanders, in addition to several previously reported, was disclosed in a Reichstag speech yesterday. The men named were Lieutenant Commanders Wagener and Buss, who were engulfed by Herr Pfleger of the Centre party, in remarks giving the necrology of U-boat commanders of prominence who have lost their lives.

Two Norwegian Ships Sunk.

London, May 11.—The Norwegian steamers Tiger and Leikanger have been sunk by German submarine torpedoes off the northwest coast of Spain. According to information received here the submarines halted the steamers in Spanish waters and escorted them beyond the territorial limit, where they were sunk.

Baby Coyote is Adopted

By Mother Cat and Kittens A baby coyote at Riverview park has been adopted by a cat which already had three kittens demanding her attention.

The kittens and mother cat are disturbed during their siestas by the young coyote, which is learning the harrowing call of its tribe.

One of the kittens tried to imitate the coyote's cry and was vigorously chastised by its mother.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; not much change in temperature.

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Normal, Deficiency for the day, Total deficiency since March 1, Normal precipitation, Deficiency for the day, Total rainfall since March 1, Excess since March 1, Precipitation, Deficiency for period, Deficiency for year.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with columns: Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal, Normal temperature, Deficiency for the day, Total deficiency since March 1, Normal precipitation, Deficiency for the day, Total rainfall since March 1, Excess since March 1, Deficiency for period, Deficiency for year.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table with columns: Station and State, Temp. High, Rain, Wind, Weather.

"T" indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.



True Words

"A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE"

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

WHO WAS DOT MAN LINCOLN?

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CARRIERS MUST GET MORE MONEY, HOLDS MAGNATE

Mr. Kruttschnitt Says Shippers Must Pay More Because Government Rates Are So Low.

Washington, May 11.—Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific, told the Interstate Commerce commission today in hearings on the railroad's application for 15 per cent higher freight rates that an immediate reason for the increase is that the railroads soon will be called upon to carry quantities of military supplies and troops at government rates, which are lower than commercial charges.

"The demands for food products of all kinds and the demands for shipments abroad," he said, "will tax the resources of all carriers, and they are so urgent that they must be complied with regardless of expense."

For twenty years, said Mr. Kruttschnitt, all commodities except transportation had risen in cost, and "universal bankruptcy has been avoided by the carriers only by heavy capital expenditures to reduce grades, eliminate curvature and purchase heavier locomotives and cars, all incurred for the purpose of increasing efficiency in train movement by hauling more tons per locomotive."

"The opportunity to offset these increasing costs by economies in operation has been largely diminished; in other words, cars and locomotives are about as large as can be constructed within clearance limits."

Government Slow Pay. Mr. Kruttschnitt also said the government's bill in connection with the Mexican mobilization was not paid until a few months ago and the railroad had lost about \$750,000 in interest.

In response to questions from members of the commission Mr. Kruttschnitt said that if his road could get a 15 per cent advance, the increased revenue only would cover increased operating expenses. He estimated that the 15 per cent advance actually would give the railroads about 12 per cent additional revenue.

Clifford W. Thorne, representing shippers, asked Mr. Kruttschnitt to furnish a statement showing securities disposed of by the Southern Pacific during the last ten years and the rates of interest. Mr. Kruttschnitt had told the commission his line had experienced some difficulty in obtaining money at reasonable rates.

Biddle Speaks for Frisco. During his testimony W. B. Biddle of the Frisco System declared:

"If the St. Louis-San Francisco had alone been involved in this application we should have asked for not less than 20 per cent, and should the relief granted by the commission, after a fair trial prove inadequate, we shall certainly feel at liberty to again appear before this commission and ask for further relief."

New Plan Made to Permit Roosevelt to Raise Army

Washington, May 11.—Another effort to obtain legislative sanction for Theodore Roosevelt to organize an army division is advanced in a bill introduced today by Representative Hulbert of New York.

PACKING HOUSE EXPERTS TO SHOW HOW TO CUT MEAT

Demonstrations of Economy in Preparation of Food to Be Given at Conservation Conference.

Packing house meat cutters will show housewives how to cut meats economically at the state food conservation conference at the Omaha Auditorium May 22-25.

This will be a feature of many demonstrations in the handling and preparation of foods and Everett Buckingham, general manager of the Union Stock Yards, has promised to furnish sufficient meat cutters to show the different methods of cutting meat to get the most out of it and to leave the slices tender.

The department of home economics of the University of Nebraska will give other demonstrations. This work will be under the direction of Miss Mabel Wilson, head of the home economics department. Many demonstrations to show how to combine foods, to properly balance rations, to substitute one food for another and what to substitute for meat when this becomes necessary, will be made. Demonstrations in canning and drying foods and fruits of various kinds also will be given.

German Forces Driven Back After Smashing British Line

London, May 11.—The Germans, returning to the attack today against the new British position south of the Somme river, forced the British to give ground and withdraw from a portion of the front, says the British official communication today.

Later, however, in a counter attack the British regained all their old positions, the Germans suffering heavy casualties.

More Nebraska Young Men Called To Report at Fort Snelling Camp

Minneapolis, Minn., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Names of 277 additional applicants ordered to report to the Fort Snelling training camp for officers were announced at the camp headquarters today.

Postcard notices have already been sent to more than 700 to report. Remainder of the names not announced so far will be made public from day to day, the final selections not to be made until Saturday. All so notified are ordered to report upon receipt of the notice and come with the understanding they must pass the physical examination conducted by the army surgeons.

About 6,000 applications are in the hands of Colonel W. H. Sage, camp commander, but only "A" men will be assigned to the few remaining places in the camp and to those places made vacant by rejections through physical examinations.

The new list contains the names of fifty-three Nebraskans, eighty-nine Iowans, forty-one Minnesotans, seventeen South Dakotans and seventy-six North Dakotans. Following are approvals from Nebraska:

- A. W. Ackerman, Lincoln. J. W. Beveridge, Omaha. E. E. Engleman, Gd. Island. M. P. Clark, Lincoln. P. G. F. Fitch, Omaha. W. R. O'Leary, Gd. Island. G. M. Frey, Lincoln. H. P. Guatt, North Platte. E. Gabrielson, Grand Island. N. J. Glick, Lincoln. E. M. Hall, Lincoln. W. H. Johnson, Lincoln. P. M. Higgins, Omaha. G. W. Irwin, Bridgeport. L. W. Johnson, Grand Island. A. B. Jantzen, Omaha. J. C. Jackson, Kearney. T. P. Nofchters, Bridgeport. L. Kullik, Lincoln. G. V. Kennedy, Omaha. R. B. Kimball, Omaha. E. F. Kovar, Schuyler. J. A. Little, Omaha. R. P. McGuirk, Omaha. J. L. McCann, Grant. M. E. Kilmouth, Lincoln. T. W. Metcalf, Omaha. C. A. Maloney, Pender. A. H. Major, Omaha. W. S. Mulligan, Omaha. D. E. Oxlley, York. E. E. Plank, Waboo. J. H. Caldwell, Omaha. W. H. Plaster, Stella. H. H. Palmer, Bradshaw. W. S. Mulligan, Omaha. R. D. Boyd, Auburn. G. L. Stueking, Omaha. W. G. Utterback, Shubert. P. S. Duff, Nebraska City. V. E. Treasurer, Auburn. W. S. Mulligan, Omaha. F. B. Wallace, Kearney. O. K. Wright, Omaha. J. P. Wetzstein, Alexandria. N. G. Wilson, Grand Island. Y. H. Wright, Auburn.

AGRICULTURE BUREAU OFFICIAL BRANDS SPECULATORS IN LIVING NECESSITIES AS KAISER'S ALLIES

Assistant Secretary Says Cornerers and Traffickers Seeking to Defeat Administration Measure to Regulate Prices, Should Feel Contempt and Loathing of All Americans.

PREDICTS GOVERNMENT WILL CARE FOR THEM

Declares These Men Are Already in Washington Doing All They Can to Prevent Efforts to Organize Farming Products for Victory.

MUST BE MADE TO QUIVER UNDER SCORN LASH

Washington, May 11.—Sensational charges that a lobby of "food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth," already is at work in Washington seeking to defeat the administration food control bills, were made tonight in a formal statement by Assistant Secretary Vrooman of the department.

"Allies of the kaiser—unpatriotic and disloyal—who should be made to feel the loathing and contempt of every patriotic American," are some of the characterizations applied by Mr. Vrooman to "food speculators, food cornerers, and food gamblers," who, he promises, will in time be touched by appropriate legislation.

VROOMAN'S STATEMENT.

Secretary Vrooman's statement follows: "Never in the history of the world have business men shown as much patriotism and unselfishness as have been manifested since the war began, by the business men of America.

"An overwhelming majority of them have been as ready to place their business organizations and their personal services and their wealth at the been to do the actual fighting.

"However, this attitude has not been universal. There are food speculators, food cornerers and food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth and others of very small means, who are today taking advantage of war conditions to exploit their fellow citizens to the full extent of their ability.

ALLIES OF THE KAISER. "These men are allies of the kaiser and are doing their utmost to defeat the patriotic purposes of the nation. Wherever they are seen, in high places or in low, they should be condemned and made to feel the loathing and contempt of every patriotic American.

"These men will be taken care of in due time by national, state and municipal legislation, but until such legislation can be enacted, the only effective power that can be brought against them is the power of an outraged public sentiment and that should be used vigorously and mercilessly.

"I am told that some of these men are actually in Washington today conducting a lobby against the request of President Wilson that congress empower him and his cabinet to take the necessary means to economize the agriculture products for victory.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BEFORE.

"They are urging every specious theoretical and imaginary argument against the granting of war powers to the president and his cabinet and they are at present directing their principal attacks against the laws, which have been introduced by the agriculture committee of the house, with a view to putting the Department of Agriculture on a war basis.

"That step should have been taken several weeks ago. The bills now before congress were drawn up after the Department of Agriculture had consulted with every agriculture college in the United States, with every state department of agriculture, with every agricultural paper or magazine, and with experts familiar with the experience of Europe during the last three years.

"The additional powers asked for are powers which are possessed and exercised by the governments of every European nation now at war. They have been demonstrated to be absolutely essential war powers.

"The unpatriotic and disloyal lobby that is trying to defeat the determination of congress and of the people of this country to put the agricultural resources of the nation on an efficiency basis in this crisis, should be made to feel the condemnation of every real American."

SHORTAGE OF CARS UP BEFORE BOARD

Railroad Representatives and Grain Dealers Talk Over Situation in Lincoln With Officials.

Lincoln, May 11.—(Special.)—Car shortage was discussed today before the State Railway commission. Grain and elevator men and representatives of the different railroads attended the meeting, which was held in the state senate chamber.

Among the railroad men present were: Byron Clark of the Burlington, Edson Rich of the Union Pacific, Mr. Brayton of the Northwestern, A. DeBernardo and W. E. Myerfield of the Missouri Pacific; S. E. Stohrs and R. A. Douglas of the St. Joseph & Grand Island, and others. The agricultural side was represented by W. A. Shorthill, secretary of the State Co-operative Independent Grain Association; C. A. Gustafson, president, and J. O. Stroyer, secretary, of the Farmers' union, and a number of members of the legislature.

Most of the time was devoted to explanations by the railroad representatives of reasons for the apparent shortage.

Trading in May Option Is Stopped at Chicago

Chicago, May 11.—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade tonight.

The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjusted either by delivery of the property or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee appointed for the purpose. The committee is headed by James A. Patton and will meet tomorrow morning.

Distinguished Men Make Up the Mission to Russia

Washington, May 11.—The State department today announced the personnel of the American commission to Russia as follows: Elihu Root of New York, chairman. Charles R. Crane of Illinois, Chicago manufacturer and business man. John R. Mott of New York, general secretary international committee of Young Men's Christian association. Cyrus McCormick, president of the International Harvester company. Samuel R. Bertron, banker of New York. James Duncan, vice president American Federation of Labor. Charles Edward Russell of New York, author and socialist. Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, U. S. A. Rear Admiral James H. Glennon, U. S. N.