

WAR LEGISLATION MOVING SLOWLY

Declaration and Appropriation Bills Are Only Measures Passed in Thirty-Six Working Days.

Washington, May 14.—The United States has been at war with Germany thirty-nine days and practically all the measure through which this government is to do its part in the world's battle for humanity and civilization still in the talking stage in congress.

The actual accomplishment since President Wilson convened the special war session in April has been the passage of a resolution declaring a state of war with Germany and enactment of the \$7,000,000,000 loan law.

Those who predicted congress would provide the nation with the means of making war successfully and adjourn by June now have extended their estimates to the middle of August.

Pressed for speed by the administration on one side and on the other by constituents at home, demanding action, congress faces many big things to do and quickly if the aid of the United States in the world war is to be of its full value.

Status of Legislation. As congress today went into its thirty-seventh working day the war program stood this way: War tax bill: Under debate in the house and up for public hearings in the senate finance committee.

Army bill: In conference again to thresh over the action of the house in restoring the so-called Roosevelt amendment. It provides the army the allies need in France.

Food control bill: Debated one day in the house, an entirely different form of bill has been introduced in the senate.

Shipping bill: The bill to vest legal title to the seized German ships in the government has passed both houses, but is in conference for re-consideration of differences; the bill to appropriate \$400,000,000 for a start on the great merchant fleet to overcome the submarine menace has not yet been introduced and may not be, while plans are being discussed of paying for the ships out of the \$7,000,000,000 loan.

Espionage Bill in Senate. The house in passing the bill retained the newspaper censorship section demanded by the administration, but did not enact an embargo section, which the administration wants to keep supplies from going to Germany through neutrals.

Prohibition: As an amendment to the espionage bill the senate has attached a section prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors from food grains. Various prohibition proposals are pending in the house. The normal strength of the prohibition forces in congress, coupled with the rising prices of food, present a likelihood of some section to prevent foodstuffs from being manufactured into liquor at least during the war.

Canadian Winter Wheat Is in Poor Condition. Ottawa, Ontario, May 14.—The area estimated to be sown to winter wheat last fall is 813,400 acres, according to the first Canadian crop report of conditions up to the end of April, issued today. The total estimated destruction through winter killing of 187,000 acres of fall-sown wheat, or 23 per cent. The condition of winter wheat is reported to be 69 per cent. This is a lower percentage than any previous record for the same date since 1909 and reflects the exceptional severity of the last winter.

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Artist Convention Opens at Cleveland. New York, May 14.—Three hundred delegates are expected to attend the Northern Baptist convention which will meet in Cleveland, O., May 16 to 22.

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PLOWING THE MOST EXPENSIVE GARDEN PLOT IN THE WORLD—John F. Letton, manager of Hotel Fontenelle, and his assistant, H. E. Gregory, breaking ground on the \$750,000 tract donated to charity. It is estimated each potato raised will cost \$4.50 and that beans will cost 26 cents apiece. Letton will pay for the upkeep and for the seeds. Picture shows these business men doing practical work in the great war time food conservation movement.



POTATOES \$4.50 EACH IN COSTLY GARDEN

Every Bean Raised Will Represent Layout of Twenty-Six Cents in Plot Donated by Hotel Fontenelle.

Here we have photographic evidence of John F. Letton, manager, and H. E. Gregory, assistant manager, of the Hotel Fontenelle, earning their living by the sweat of their brows.

Incidentally they are plowing the most valuable tract of land used for gardening purposes in the entire middle west, to plant a crop that probably will be the most expensive in the United States.

The lot, located next to Omaha's million dollar hotel, is worth \$750,000. Interest at 6 per cent on this sum is \$45,000. The tract will be planted in onions, potatoes and beans.

A perfect yield will make each potato cost \$4.50 and each bean worth 26 cents.

"We quit figuring on the cost of onions," said Mr. Letton. "They're strong enough."

Proceeds from the downtown garden will go to charity. Mr. Letton will pay for the upkeep and seed stuffs.

"We planted this garden for the moral effect it would have," said Mr. Letton. "It is located in the heart of the downtown district and thousands will see it daily. It will provide food for thought as well as food for hungry mouths."

Mr. Letton plowed nearly half of the field and then Gregory, not to be outdone by his chief, plowed the rest of it. Before starting they forgot to put on old clothes, thinking the task would occupy only a few minutes.

When they got through they were transformed into immaculately dressed business men into typical clod-hoppers.

Jack Tars Raid Carter Lake and Bring Back Fish

The lure of the briny deep overcame three salty tars in the office of the naval recruiting station Sunday, so equipped with bait, paraphernalia and charms they hiked for Carter lake, mulling about tarpon, muskellunge and Fall River (Mass.) trout.

Half a hundred friends witnessed their departure and jeered. "There's fish in Carter lake, all right, but nobody knows where," Ensign Rayley advised. He lives here.

"Yes, and there's one fish there that's the daddy of them all. He's a wise fish. He'll eat your bait and then go and tip off all the other fish to the freemasons, but none of 'em'll fall for the hook," said another.

When Gunner's Mate Yarnell, Quartermaster Behme and Gunner Stevens returned they had twenty-one bass, and one of them weighed five pounds.

"This one is the daddy of 'em all," laughed Yarnell. "Yes," added Stevens. "That's the fish that went and eat up our bait and then tipped off all the other fish in the lake."

The fish were ordered fried and Rayley was not invited to partake.

Electrical Case Before Judge Leslie Tuesday

Judge Leslie, sitting in equity court, will hear arguments in the case of twelve Omaha contractors against the Electrical Workers' union, who seek an injunction restraining the organization from "molesting men on jobs," Tuesday morning. Judge Leslie issued a temporary restraining order a month ago. Both the contractors and the union men say they will "fight to the finish."

Suffragists Will Meet at Sioux Falls Likely in 1918

Columbus, O., May 14.—Sioux Falls, S. D., will probably be the next meeting place of the Mississippi Valley Victory Suffrage conference now in session here.

Outside of Columbus, which would like to have the suffragists come back for their 1918 meeting, Sioux Falls is the only competitor for the convention.

CHICAGO BOARD PLACES FURTHER BAN ON TRADING

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On May 13, September, 11 cents to \$1.53 1/2. In oats July rose 6 1/2 cents to 73 1/2 cents and September 9 cents to 63 cents.

Trade in provisions was normal, as none of the rules applied to hog products. A committee fixed the settlement price of May corn at \$1.61 1/2 and May oats at 73 1/2, the closing figures on Saturday.

Brokers Stop Trading. Grain brokers themselves, irrespective of action by the Board of Trade, are expected to cease handling speculative grain accounts by night. Three of them this forenoon announced that until further notice they would accept no trades in wheat, corn or oats options except to sell or to close up existing contracts.

The three firms were Logan & Bryan, which is one of the biggest in the country; the Thomas-McKinnon company and Wagner & Co. Other big houses were said to have similar action under consideration. Smaller houses, it is said, would have to fall in line.

Winnipeg Extends Ban. Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 14.—At a special meeting of the council of the Winnipeg Grain exchange it was decided to prohibit from noon today the buying of October wheat excepting for the liquidation of existing contracts until 9:30 a. m. Wednesday morning and that while October wheat may be sold during this period the selling price must not exceed \$2.45 per bushel.

Check Future Trading Here. The Omaha Grain exchange, through its clearing house, has eliminated all speculation in wheat and curtailed all speculation in corn and oats.

With the opening of the exchange yesterday, the clearing house association was convened by President Twanley and went into secret session. Following the meeting it was announced that members of the Omaha Grain exchange would discontinue all trading in futures in May corn and oats. Trading in May wheat was discontinued two weeks ago.

It was decided that for a period of two days no purchases of wheat would be permitted, except to liquidate existing contracts. This action automatically debars any individual, corporation or firm, member of the exchange, or any agent of any government from bidding up prices on wheat.

The clearing house restricted the operations in wheat by confining those desiring to close existing contracts to a minimum price per bushel, which price is based on Saturday's close of \$3.22 for May and \$2.55 for July option.

President Twanley in discussing the action of the clearing house said: "Every step taken by us has been for the purpose of co-operating with the government to hold down the prices on foodstuffs."

The action taken by the Omaha Grain exchange through its clearing house is in line with that of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Extracting the teeth from the speculative side of the grain market had a tendency to lower prices 12 to 15 cents on cash wheat and 2 cents on corn. Oats were unchanged.

There was no rush upon the part of any of the members of the Omaha Grain exchange to buy or sell any of the cereals, though there was a fair amount of trading.

Presumably expecting higher prices, the country shipped in large quantities of grain over Sunday and when the market opened the wheat receipts aggregated 148 carloads, corn 178 and oats 37.

HYMENEAL

Miss Martha Jones and Mr. Ernest Smith were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Paxton hotel. The witnesses were N. P. Patton and Mrs. L. Artison.

LAND OWNERS SEIZE IRRIGATION PLANT

Men Whose Crops Were Perishing Forcibly Open Gates and Then Post Armed Guards.

Oroville, Cal., May 14.—Fifty land owners, patrons of the Gridley Land and Water company, have taken forcible possession of the water system to save their crops on 2,000 acres, it became known today. The seizure took place yesterday.

A long controversy between the land owners and representatives of the water company relative to time of payment for irrigation resulted in the shutting off of the water. Crops were threatened with destruction.

The water users opened the flood gates, placed their own guards in charge, irrigated the crops and then notified Superior Judge Gregory of their drastic action today, announcing they would submit peacefully to adjudication of the issue by the state railroad commission. The commission had previously fixed June 5 to hear the case.

Meanwhile, the water users declare, they will remain in charge of the system, using such water as is necessary to save their crops.

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RAISE U. S. ARMY TO WAR STRENGTH

Nearly Two-Thirds of Officers Promoted by President's Authorizing Expansion of Regular Force.

Washington, May 14.—Expansion of the regular army to the full war strength contemplated in the administration army bill has been authorized by President Wilson. Organization of the new regiments will begin tomorrow. About 65,000 of the 183,000 men to be added to the army already have been recruited.

The immediate effect of the order will be to promote nearly two-thirds of the present officers of the regular army.

The following new regiments will be among those raised in the southern department: The Thirtieth and Thirtieth field artillery regiments will be raised at Fort Sill, Okl. The Fifty-seventh infantry regiment, the Eighteenth field artillery, the Sixty-fourth infantry and the Twenty-first field artillery also will be raised in the Southern department at places to be designated by the department commander.

In the Western department the Forty-fourth infantry will be raised at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, from two battalions of the existing Fourteenth infantry, which will be ordered there. The Sixty-second and Sixty-third infantry will be raised at San Francisco and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth cavalry at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.

In the Central department the Fortieth and Forty-first infantry regiments will be raised at Fort Snelling, Minn.; the Forty-second and Forty-third at Fort Douglas, Utah, the Tenth and Eleventh field artillery at Fort Riley, Kan., where the Twentieth and Twenty-first cavalry regiments will be recruited.

Motor Bus Drivers at London Go on Strike

London, May 14.—London is without motor buses today, 10,000 employees of both sexes being on strike. Many thousands of munitions workers were unable to reach work on time through the congestion of the tram lines, trains and underground system.

Robbers Kill Three Men in Pittsburgh Bank

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 14.—Three persons in the First National bank of Castle Shannon, a suburb, were killed soon after noon today when an attempt was made to rob the bank. The robbers escaped after the shooting.

TEN MILLION MEN FOR NEW U. S. ARMY

Nebraska and South Dakota Show Increased Number Available for National Defense.

Washington, D. C., May 14.—According to a statement issued today by Director Sam L. Rogers of the bureau of census, Department of Commerce, there are estimated to be in the United States 47,000,000 men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive.

This represents very nearly 10 per cent of the estimated population of the country—between 103,000,000 and 104,000,000.

The table shows Nebraska's population April 15, 1910, was 1,192,214. There were 119,408 males between 21 and 30 years old on that date.

July 1, 1917, it was estimated the number of Nebraska males eligible for army and navy service had increased to 129,400. This is a 10 per cent increase, the greater part of which is in

Omaha. Iowa had a population of 2,224,771 in 1913, and 199,490 eligibles. The 1917 estimate shows 199,000 eligibles, a slight decrease.

South Dakota shows a remarkable increase in the number available for defense, approximately 30 per cent. In 1910 there were 583,888 persons in the state and 63,563 eligible for service. The estimate now is 80,500 men.

Rosoff Brothers Secure Stores in First National

Rosoff Bros., proprietors of the Empress and Public markets, have secured a long time lease on three stores, including 6,000 square feet of space in the new First National Bank building, at Sixteenth and Farnam streets.

These three storerooms will be united into one large room and will be fitted entirely in marble, glass and tiling, with not a stick of wood. The lease includes a large area in the basement, with as much space as five stores and connects with the elevator of the building. Jake Rosoff will leave immediately for the east to secure some of the latest fixtures and during his absence the front will be remodeled into one large store front. A complete line of groceries, meats, candy, delicatessens and flowers, fish and poultry.

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