

BAKERIES WILL OPERATE UNDER LICENSE ONLY

Beginning December 10 Government Will Standardize Bread and Reduce Waste in Distribution.

Washington, Nov. 12.—All bakeries in every city of the land are to be put under government license beginning December 10, and made subject to food administration rules governing ingredients and weights of loaves by President Wilson's proclamation planned for issuance today. The effect, as forecast by the food administration, will be to standardize bread, eliminate waste in distribution to consumers and to gradually force prices for pound loaves downward, perhaps to 7 or 8 cents a loaf. While prices are not to be fixed, fancy breads are to be eliminated and all bread baked in regular sizes of one, one and a half, two and four pounds, with a midway increase on each to permit the sale of half a loaf. Fixed standard weights are to let consumers know which loaf is really the cheapest. Three pounds of sugar instead of six are to be allowed for a barrel of flour, and two pounds of vegetable oil instead of six pounds of lard or oil.

Reductions for Cash.

Through the co-operation of the baking industry and also with the backing of the licensing system, Food Administrator Hoover hopes to work reforms in the present method of distribution from wholesale bakeries to retailers, and from retailers to customers. He will urge grocers, for instance, to buy regular quantities of bread, limiting their purchases to a single bakery instead of buying from four or five, as at present, and to make lower charges to customers who pay cash and carry their goods home than to those insisting on delivery and credit. On the "cash and carry" basis, he says, bread can be sold at a profit of 1 cent a pound loaf. In addition, an attempt will be made to persuade wholesale bakeries to sell their product direct to customers who will pay cash and carry their purchases.

No Attempt to Mix Flour.

In licensing the baking industry, which produces about 40 per cent of the country's bread, Mr. Hoover indicated no effort would be made to encourage use of mixed flour containing other cereal products than wheat, since experiments have shown such flour does not keep well. Neither will the administration ask housekeepers who bake their own bread to mix flour, but will seek instead to have them observe one wheatless meal a day a week. Restaurants and hotels, which use about 15 per cent of the total bakery output, will be asked to have one wheatless day a week. The food administration estimates that about 40 per cent of the bread production of the country is in commercial bakeries and 60 per cent in homes.

Milling Standards Efficient.

Milling standards, now requiring manufacture of about 72 per cent of the wheat grain into flour, have been found most efficient, from considerations of health and keeping qualities, and probably will not be changed. "The requirement that all bread shall be baked in multiples of one pound," Mr. Hoover said in his statement announcing the forthcoming proclamation, "has several objectives—economy in labor of baking and economy in materials, as small breads are more wasteful in baking than larger units. The bread remains fresh longer in larger loaves, and there will be less stale bread."

Furthermore, a standard weight will protect the consumer. At the present time the tendency is to adjust the weight to the cost of the bread in an endeavor to maintain a unit of price. If the bread in the country is of fixed weights, the consumer will be able to determine at once the cheapest bread, of which he is now incapable because of the variability in weight from six ounces up to four pounds."

Distribution Cost Enormous.

"The cost of distribution from the wholesale baker's door," says Mr. Hoover, "represents 33 per cent of the cost of bread or over 3 cents a pound at present prices."

"Some relief can be found in that section of the community most in need of care if the wholesale bakers will place bread on sale to 'cash and carry' customers at the bakery door at a margin above wholesale prices, sufficient to cover the extra expense. "The food administration has had the co-operation of many bakers, and wishes to express its appreciation for their support. The whole of the regulations have been under a continuous and extended test, and any capable baker will have no difficulty in compliance and the production of good bread."

Food Propaganda Helps.

"The price of English bread is now 4 1/2 cents per pound 'cash and carry.' This bread contains 25 per cent of other cereals or potatoes and it is subsidized by the government, an appropriation of \$200,000,000 having been made to finance the operation. Reports reaching Mr. Hoover indicate that since September 1, from 10 to 14 per cent of the flour supply has been saved by household economies promoted by the food administration. The bakers' voluntary rule against accepting returns of stale bread is estimated to have saved 600,000 barrels of flour."

LABOR MUST HELP OR AMERICA WILL PERISH—LONDON

(Continued From Page One.) completed—with the exception of a small firing pin. I was told that they could not be delivered in less than three weeks, for the reason that the workmen were taking their usual summer's holiday. Think of that! While their own brothers and sons and relatives were undergoing the hardships and tortures of hell and the very nation was in danger. Workmen to Give Answer. "And now we are in this war and this convention is going to give the answer, so far as we are concerned,

to the American people and to our allies, and last, but not least, to the emperor of Germany. And I want to say to you that so far as we have gone, the answer is on the side of Germany. We are still washing our dirty linen and we have not as yet settled down to a realization of our condition. The German propaganda is abroad in the land and may be numbered among your delegates. And why not? They are in House of Parliament in England; they were in the Duma of Russia; they were in the Chamber of Deputies in Italy; they were in the Chamber of Deputies in France. They had Greece by the throat, and, if such is the case, why should they not be in our own legislative bodies, national, state and municipal? And if there, I repeat, why not here; and if here, how are we going to know him? He won't tell us. We can only judge by his actions and how he approaches this great problem of winning the war.

Must Not Aid Germany.

"It matters not what a man claims as a reason for justifying the retardation or holding back of our war activities. We must stand on results or any man or any body of men who assume to get in the way of the results of winning this war for democracy, conservation and humanity on the side of Germany, regardless of what his method of reasoning may be.

Why Did They Leave Germany.

"Do you imagine that under German rule you could possibly have the rights you now have under a democracy? Ask any man who has come from Germany. Ask him why he left Germany." He will tell you the answer, if he is honest. If we continue to argue among ourselves as to the right and wrong of this principle and that principle, and if we continue trying to satisfy our personal ambitions and our pocketbooks at the expense of our national efficiency, what will we say when our boys return from France? How are we going to excuse our negligence to them when they return legless, armless and eyeless (if they return at all), knowing that the reason for it was that we failed to back our boys at the front. That the boy's very father refused for some reason or other to make him another shell to shoot or another

bayonet to defend himself or refused to load a sufficient amount of food supplies on ships so that he could be fed, or refused to load ships so that the food and clothing, comfort, even medical supplies, might be carried to him across the sea. What are you going to tell them? How are we going to square ourselves with him and how are we going to square ourselves with our conscience?

Loyal to Own Blood.

"Personal disagreement here or efforts to take advantage of this war, either by capital or labor, is un-American, and if the men are not loyal to the nation they should at least be loyal to their own flesh and blood.

"If Germany wins this war it will be because it has beaten us to our knees. If it beats us to our knees, how do we know that Belgium will not be a side show compared to what Germany will do to America? And it will be no time then to say, 'I didn't know,' because we do know. It will be no time then to say that 'I wish I had done differently,' because it will be too late.

Message to Kaiser.

"May we hope that a national spirit may be reborn here. May we not hope that a message will come from this convention into the very teeth of the kaiser, saying to him that this is a democracy, that marching shoulder to shoulder in France is the rich man and the poor man, everyone striving to the common end—honor and victory for democracy and self-preservation—and being sure that we have given to those sons of ours and those brothers of ours who are in France, everything that could possibly be required so that they may do their work well; so that they may be a credit to American traditions; so that they may never be able to say, 'Why didn't you back me up. Oh, father, why did you stop when I was suffering and hungry. Why didn't you help me?'"

Supreme Court Sustains I. C. C. Power to Fix Rates

Washington, Nov. 12.—The interstate commerce commission, the supreme court held today, has authority to compel railroads to establish through routes and joint rates in connection with other carriers.

Support Gompers And We Will Win, Says Wilson

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it not satisfied? What more does it want?"

German Expansion.

The president described Germany's expansion as a nation. "You have one answer to the question why it was not satisfied in its methods of competition," he said, telling how the government of Germany had "laid hold on industry" and controlled the competition. He said it was not only industrial control of labor, but political control as well.

The Berlin-Bagdad railroad program was designed to run the force of threat down the flanks of half a dozen other nations. The president referred to Germany's "map of Europe" and said: "If it can keep that its power can disturb the world as long as it keeps it, provided the present authorities that control Germany can continue to control."

"Power cannot be used against free people when the power is controlled by the people," he added, a statement which the audience loudly applauded. "Germany is determined that the political power of the world shall belong to it. It is amazing to me that any groups should be so misinformed, as in certain circles of Russia, as to believe that they can live without danger from Germany. I oppose not the feeling of pacifists, but their stupidity. The pacifists do not know how to get peace, but I do."

Refers to House.

The president referred to the sending of Colonel House to Europe as "having sent a greater lover of peace than any man in the world, but I did not send him to negotiate peace. I sent him to determine how the war is to be won."

Taking up the labor questions in the United States, the president said: "If we are true friends of freedom, we will see that power and productivity of the country shall be kept at maximum. Nobody should be allowed

to stand in the way. The government won't keep them from doing this, but the spirit of the American people will.

"We must stand together night and day until the war is over," said the president, adding that "while we are fighting for freedom, we must insure the freedom of labor."

"The horses that kick over the traces must be put in a corral," he asserted.

Labor Is Reasonable.

The president praised the work of Samuel Gompers and the labor leaders' support of the government. "Nobody has the right," said the president, "to stop the processes of labor until all methods of conciliation have been exhausted. And I do not speak to you alone. I have found labor in many instances more reasonable than the other side."

The president appealed for co-operation. He said that he "would like to see all the critics exported." He said "we must get down to business and everyone must do the right thing."

"Never show ourselves Americans by going off in separate groups, to talk by ourselves, but by co-operating in a common enterprise which is to release the spirit of the world from bondage," he declared.

The president denounced organizations which, he said, are trying to destroy the law, but in every case, they should be dealt justice. "I am opposed," he said, "to our taking the law into our own hands, as much as I dislike the activities of these organizations."

Must Close Up Now.

"The man who takes the law into his own hands is not the man to cooperate in any development of laws and institutions," the president asserted. "We must not only take common counsel, but we must obey common counsel."

Instrumentalities must be devised where they do not exist, said the president, to bring the proper amount of co-operation between labor and capital.

"The reason I came away from Washington," he continued, "is that I get lonely down there. There are so many people in Washington who do not know what the rest of the

people of the country want, I have come away to find out."

The president concluded by saying, "I'm with you, if you are with me." Explaining he didn't mean he wanted co-operation with himself personally, but as the representative of the whole United States government.

U. S. Endeavors to Sell Huge German Stores Found in N. Y.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The millions of dollars worth of foodstuffs discovered by secret service agents in New York warehouses will be put on the American market, unless the foreign owners can show that they are entitled to the products and that no embargo against their exportation is in effect.

The food administration has opened negotiations by cable with the foreign owners in the hope of obtaining their permission for the purchase of the

foodstuffs, but other action will be taken unless the permission is forthwith coming.

Officials were interested today in the fact that the foodstuffs include more than 2,000,000 bushels of oats consigned to Dutch importers. It was pointed out that Holland is not ordinarily a user of oats, but Germany has been short of oats for her cavalry. Activities of the secret service agents in New York were said to be only a part of an investigation throughout the United States to discover if large quantities of foodstuffs are being held in storage.

Northcliffe Reaches Home.

New York, Nov. 12.—Announcement was made today that Lord Northcliffe and Lord Reading, who spent some time in the United States on missions, had arrived in England.

Akron Car Men Strike.

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