

SENATOR JONES DEFENDS U.S. COAL AND SUGAR MOVE

Declares Price-Fixing on Commodities Has Saved Country From Chaos; Nation Should Boost.

Washington, March 22.—Speaking in defense of the food and fuel administrations in the senate today, Senator Jones of New Mexico, exonerated both of blame for the recent sugar and coal shortage. He declared their price-fixing had saved the country from "chaos and confusion."

Senator Jones, who was a member of the manufacturers' sub-committee which investigated the sugar and coal shortages, spoke in reply to Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who recently denounced price-fixing as a failure, blamed the fuel scarcity on Administrator Garfield and asserted that the sugar shortage was largely artificial.

Help, Not Hinder. "Let these organizations alone," urged Senator Jones. "If they need more power, give it. Don't badger or heckle them. On the other hand help and encourage them. Let us not say to the world that the affairs of our government at this time are in incompetent hands. To the contrary, let us tell the truth and say to the world that the resources of this country are being successfully mobilized for the purpose of the war."

RIVAL HOSTS AT DEATH GRIPS ON 50-MILE FRONT

Germans Pass British Outposts, But Nowhere Gain Objectives; Drive Toward Old Battlefield of Somme.

British soldiers have met and withstood the most stupendous attack Germany has hurled against the western front in three and one-half years of warfare.

On a front of more than 50 miles the armed hosts of democracy are at grips with the forces of Prussianism and what may be the decisive struggle in the great war is raging in northern France.

In their first onslaught, the enemy, after a gigantic bombardment from great masses of guns, passed the British outposts at some points and attained the battle line, but nowhere did the Germans gain the objectives planned. Regiment after regiment was hurled against the defenses of the British front and Field Marshal Haig reports the German losses as exceptionally heavy.

Push Toward Somme. Desperate fighting continues all along the lines from the Senese to the Oise, and especially on the Cambrai sector. Enemy efforts before Cambrai were aimed principally to the north and south of the salient left after fighting ceased last November, with the evident purpose of cutting off the salient and driving through the opening toward the old battlefield of the Somme.

Germany's latest offensive finds both sides prepared for the shock of prolonged and sanguinary combat. For months the Germans have been training troops and moving up guns and supplies behind their lines between Arras and St. Quentin. The British also have been active and were prepared for any blow the enemy might deliver.

Battlefield for Future. Behind the British lines is the devastated area over which the Germans retreated last March. Field Marshal von Hindenburg declares at the time that the devastation was carried out, not only to hamper the allied armies, but to provide a battlefield for the future. The German attack may be only a feint, but a large breach in the British lines might involve the safety of Paris and Amiens and the French channel ports from the mouth of the Seine to Belgium.

Germany artillery fire also has been intense on a lengthy front north of the LaBasse canal and in the Ypres section in Flanders. On the French front the Germans have carried out minor attacks northeast of Verdun and in Lorraine. French troops repulsed both attempts with loss.

NEW ZONE SYSTEM OF COAL SUPPLY

Nebraska to Be Supplied From Mines in Missouri, Iowa and Other Middle West States.

Washington, March 22.—Completion of its zone system of coal distribution designed to bring about economies of transportation and increased production was announced by the fuel administration. Railroad embargoes will be used to enforce operation of the plan.

Anthracite and coke are not affected, neither is coal used by railroads, nor particular kinds used for specific purposes, such as production of certain by-products and gas.

Roughly outlined, the middle west zone is: Mines in Missouri, Arkansas, Kan-

BIG DRIVE WILL DECIDE WAR SAY GERMAN PAPERS

London, March 22.—"We are now entered on a decisive battle for general peace," says the Taegische Rundschau of Berlin, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen in announcing that the commencement of the German offensive in the west is received with great felicitation by the German people, who will follow it with feverish interest.

"A single combat between England and Germany which is to decide the war, our future position in the world and whether the Anglo-Saxons shall continue to press their will on 'the world, opened today."

New Spanish Cabinet With Maura Premier. Madrid, March 22.—Antonio Maura, the former premier, has formed a cabinet to succeed that of Marquis de Albuernas.

Senator Maura will be premier, former Premier Data will be minister of foreign affairs, Count Romanones minister of justice and General Marina minister of war. Marquis de Albuernas will take the interior portfolio. Count Romanones also is a former premier.

Clevelanders Recommend Suppression German Daily. Cleveland, O., March 22.—Suppression of all German language newspapers in this country and particularly a Cleveland German daily newspaper, as a dangerous organ of German propaganda was recommended in a resolution signed by 66 prominent Clevelanders, and sent today to President Wilson.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

BISHOP O'REILLY TO PRESIDE OVER LINCOLN DIOCESE

Rome, Wednesday, March 22.—The Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, bishop of the diocese of Baker City, Ore., has been appointed by Pope Benedict bishop of the diocese of Lincoln, Neb.

General Bell Optimistic Over Outcome of Conflict

New York, March 22.—There is not the slightest occasion for pessimism or discouragement, General J. Franklin Bell, commander of the 77th division of the national army, declared today in his first interview since his recent return from the fighting front in France.

"We are engaged in a serious undertaking, but there is not the slightest reason for doubting that we will finally accomplish our task and accomplish it thoroughly," General Bell said. "Patience and perseverance is all that will be required."

McCormack Sings to 12,000; Raises \$100,000 for Relief. San Francisco, March 22.—Twenty-thousand dollars were added here last night to the \$100,000 war relief fund that John McCormack, the tenor, is raising for the American Red Cross society, when he sang before an audience of 12,000 persons. This was said to be the largest number that had attended a similar entertainment in this country, and the civic auditorium was taxed to its capacity.

THIRTY GERMANS KILLED

London, March 22.—Thirty German soldiers were killed and more than 100 others injured and 500 ammunition wagons were blown up by an explosion at Mevignes station, near Mons, Belgium, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam filed yesterday.

GOETHAL RESTAURANTS ARE CHECKED UP FOR FUDGING

New York, March 22.—Restaurants may not serve the succulent ox-tail ragout, kidney saute, tripe stew or even calf's liver, on meatless days in New York. This decision was rendered today by the federal food board, which had before it several restaurant proprietors whose bills of fare showed that their chefs on barred days had been evolving tasty dishes from meat products.

All the defendants were discharged with the warning that hereafter on pain of being forced to close their places, they must eschew, from horn to hoof, the use of beef or beef products on Tuesdays.

Indians Protest Bill. Washington, March 22.—(Special Telegram).—Senator Hitchcock has received a protest from the tribal council of the Omaha Indians against giving certain Indians a tribal status as provided for in a bill Senator Hitchcock introduced a year ago.

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