

SPEEDY ACTION TO PUNISH STATE FOOD HOARDERS

Administrator Peterson Works Out Plan With Charles Taft to Enforce Nebraska Law Against Violators.

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street. Washington, June 29.—(Special Telegram)—C. Petrus Peterson, county food administrator for Lancaster county, as well as city attorney of Lincoln, said today after a conference with food administration officials that hoarders of food under the section law of Nebraska passed last winter, who are now under arrest would shortly be brought to trial. Under the section law one of the offenses is that any one found guilty of hoarding or concealing any article of food, which the president or any authorized representative of the United States or allies, shall be guilty of sedition, and shall be punished with a fine or imprisonment, or both. Under this law a number of arrests have been made throughout the state, two in Lancaster county. In order to furnish basic proof of the guilt of the persons arrested under the Nebraska statute, the entire food administration being built up under the federal law, it was necessary for Mr. Peterson to seek the help of the food administration here. Through the efforts of Charles Taft, son of William Howard Taft, and Mr. Peterson a method of certification and formal orders has been worked out so that Peterson can now proceed to the enforcement of any regulations under the state law. "With this declaration established especially with reference to wheat, the enforcement of the Nebraska law will be easy," said Mr. Peterson. Mum on State Politics. As to the senatorial situation in Nebraska, Mr. Peterson refused to speak. He did say, however, that the recent speech of Senator Lenroot at Lincoln has created a sense of party unity and more particularly a sense of party responsibility and obligation that was greatly needed. Amplifying this thought, he said: "The republicans in Nebraska, in their earnest desire to strengthen the arms of the country, look upon their party organization as an indispensable means of accomplishing that purpose. We are not faultfinders nor inclined to be hypercritical of any act of the government. We do believe, however, as Nebraska republicans, that the nation now needs the talent and energy of all political parties. President Wilson at one time used the phrase, 'borrowing brains,' as indicating the necessity of relying on others in discharging the tasks too complex or extensive for one man. "The task of winning the war we believe complex enough and extensive enough to require on the part of the political party in power borrowing brains of all political parties. The republican party has brains that ought

to be utilized and inasmuch as the administration has not evidenced any real desire to make use of their 'borrowing brains' or otherwise, we believe the country is prepared to incorporate at the coming election republican talent by making congress republican."

Criticizes Rail Order.

Representative Green of Iowa, in discussing the resolution to have the government take over the shortline railroads, said today that while the resolution was necessary and important, it was a sad commentary as to the connection in which the congress was sunk. He went on to say that the railroad administration had proceeded in defiance of the shipper to route freight over certain lines in order to kill off the short lines, which, he said, was entirely illegal. "When we grant this great power, not only unprecedented in this country, but almost unprecedented anywhere, we were assured that the power conferred would not be abused, but here we have the positive example of what the railroad administration intends to do in the way of the short lines have been treated," he said. "If there is anybody that ought to be just it is the government of this country, which is represented by them. But they have absolutely ignored the law and have attempted to defy congress."

On the motion to pass the postage appropriation bill over the president's veto, which was defeated by a substantial majority, Kinkaid, Lobeck, Shallenberger and Stephens voted to sustain the veto, Sloan voting in favor of passing the bill over the veto.

Near Quarter Million in Dividends Paid by Omaha

Stockholders of the Omaha Loan and Building association will receive in dividends July 1 \$231,960. This organization, the oldest co-operative association in Omaha, has paid a total of \$3,426,142 in dividends since its start.

Speaking of the purchase by the Omaha for its stockholders and others of \$500,000 worth of Liberty bonds and of its advising its members to withdraw a part of their savings in order to buy government bonds, Secretary Adair says:

"And yet with all this amount sold and with the purchase of War Savings stamps we have opened more new savings accounts in numbers and amounts than in the same period in 1917."

Secretary Adair's report showed also that the association had made loans during the fiscal year aggregating \$1,198,050, notwithstanding the practical embargo placed on building operations and the unusually heavy withdrawals that the association has been called upon to meet on account of its members investing in Liberty loan bonds and War Savings stamps. The association has earned for its stockholders in the 12 months a total of \$430,502.

"Moggy" Finds Substitute For Wheat Breakfast Food

Mogy Bernstein, who actively takes part in all war work, claims to have discovered a way to lessen wheat consumption without inconvenience. Popcorn, Moggy alleges, is one of the best substitutes on the market. As a breakfast food he says it is ideal and already has a considerable following. To convince the public of the desirability of his patriotic food he installed an \$800 corn popper and peanut roaster in his coffee department at the Central Market.

U. S. Closes First Year in War With Handsome Trade Balance

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 29.—The United States closes its first fiscal year as a participant in the great war with a trade balance of approximately \$3,000,000,000.

Exports for the fiscal year will total \$6,000,000,000, as compared with \$6,290,048,394 in the 12 months ended June 30, 1917. Imports increased from \$2,659,355,185 last year to about \$3,000,000,000 this year.

Such a showing was regarded as very gratifying by government experts and no uneasiness is felt because the trade balance declined \$630,693,209, as compared with 1917. Steps are being taken, however, to relieve the loss as far as possible in the coming year by a fuller utilization of available tonnage in foreign trade, especially small boats not needed for Transatlantic service, which can be used to carry surplus manufactures to Latin-American countries and reduce the shipments of gold made necessary by the United States becoming a debtor nation of the other Pan-American republics.

The increasing flow of gold to South America was one of the most striking features of world trade in the last 12 months. Products of the Latin-American countries—grain, meat, rubber, hard wood, nitrates, tin, platinum—have been sought in large quantities by the allies, which have had less and less goods to ship in return as the war progressed. The result has been

12-Room Annex to Commerce High Completed in 7 Weeks

The completion of a 12-room annex to the High School of Commerce within seven weeks, makes a new building record for the school district of Omaha. The new building, which is at Nineteenth and Leavenworth streets and is 150x150 feet, will be used Monday morning. It will relieve the congestion at the old building.

The superintendent of school buildings was told to speed up with this construction. He wrecked old buildings at the Clifton Hill and Bancroft sites and utilized the materials. In addition to 12 class rooms, there is an assembly room with seating capacity for 450. The building is equipped with electric lights and a steam-heating plant.

Conservative Shows Large Gain in Its Resources

Paul W. Kuhns, president of the Conservative Savings and Loan association, reports that their association will close the fiscal year with assets of over \$14,300,000, showing a gain in resources for the year of over \$300,000. The war has naturally checked building demands, and in response to the government suggestions, our citizens have deferred doing much of the building that was contemplated, said Mr. Kuhns. "There has been a good demand on the part of the public for purchasing homes. Omaha people are fast acquiring the idea of owning their own homes rather than remaining tenants. "Our association has made 540 loans on city properties during the year, disbursing over \$1,250,000. In addition we have placed \$1,000,000 in loans on farms in that splendid section in eastern Nebraska. "The association will have dis-

bursed \$575,000 in dividends for the year, making a total of over \$4,695,000 disbursed in dividends since our organization.

"Our contingent loss fund and undivided profits amount to over \$475,000. This splendid reserve and the substantial cash balance and quick assets in choice bonds of over \$930,000 mark the policy of the association and present a picture which has always been keenly appreciated by the careful investing and saving public. As a year, the showing of the conservative is a very gratifying one to the directors and more than 23,000 shareholders."

Americans Down Three Planes; Take 309 German Prisoners

Washington, June 29.—Capture of 309 German prisoners and the destruction of three German airplanes by American aviators was reported by General Pershing in an official communique today.

Ye Ed Scorns Wife's Cookery After Fatted Calf in Omaha

Here is the way the wife of the editor of the Hooper Sentinel talks about how her husband was treated in Omaha: "Our husband, H. T. Ring, attended the annual state convention of the Nebraska Press association at Omaha the latter part of last week. He informs us that Omaha certainly knows how to treat visitors, and that nothing was too good for the Nebraska pencil pushers. In fact, we have noted that food from the editorial war garden seems to have lost its savor for him since his return. We think after he has had a short course with rake, hoe and lawn mower again, he will forget the fatted calf that was killed for him (and others) in Omaha and return to grateful appreciation of his wife's cookery."

Domestic Activity. "You have been arrested on the charge of loafing around the house and doing nothing," said the magistrate severely. "Now can you truthfully assert that you have a steady occupation?" "Oh, yes," replied the defendant, with an uneasy glance at his baby in its mother's arms. "I have a steady job as a floor-walker." —Baltimore American.

THE Conservative Savings & Loan Ass'n

OF OMAHA

Organized 1891.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JULY 1, 1918.

Under Supervision of State Banking Board

Table with columns for asset categories and values. Total assets: \$14,368,270.44

Table with columns for liability categories and values. Total liabilities: \$14,368,270.44

When you analyze the \$14,368,270.44 of assets of the Conservative, special attention is called to the large amount invested in Municipal and Government Bonds, which are quickly convertible into cash.

Officers and Directors list including Paul W. Kuhns, President, and others.

OFFICE — 1614 HARNEY STREET, OMAHA. South Side Office, Kratky Bros., 4823 S. 24th St.

Statement of Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n.

At Opening of Business July 1, 1918.

Table showing resources and liabilities for Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n.

A dividend at 5 1/2% per annum was declared for the period from January 1, 1918, to July 1, 1918—and the reserve fund strengthened. The Home is the Foundation of the Association's strength, and the safeguard of American Liberty.

Officers and Directors list including Thos. A. Fry, President, and others.

SAUNDERS-KENNEDY BUILDING, 211 South 18th Street, City Hall Block, Tel. Douglas 133.

JEFFERIS FOR CONGRESS BOOSTERS' CLUB

Albert W. Jefferis is a candidate for Republican nomination for Congress and it seems desirable, if possible, to have every Republican voter in the Second Congressional District enroll in the Jefferis For Congress Boosters' Club to vote for him and work for him until he is elected to represent this District in Congress.

Join the Jefferis Boosters and Do It Now

There is no money obligation imposed on you. Just send in your name by first mail so that the membership roll may be completed without delay. Albert W. Jefferis has been a constant and consistent Booster for Omaha and Nebraska for the past twenty-five years, and no man has done more than he to make Omaha the great market town of the middle-west and to bring increased prosperity to all of our people. Let the people now reciprocate by joining in one great organization to send Jefferis to congress. In addition to all that he has done for our state and his own home town Jefferis has demonstrated beyond any question of doubt that he is an absolutely loyal and patriotic American citizen, and he stands for the prosecution of the war until Prussian military power is absolutely destroyed, and until the flags of the Allied nations float over the government palaces at Berlin and Potsdam. JEFFERIS FOR CONGRESS BOOSTERS' CLUB, Jam's C. Kinsl - President. (Sign, cut out and mail this today to Harry S. Byrne, Secretary, City National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska.)

Without assuming any money obligation, the undersigned enrolls himself as a member of the Jefferis For Congress Boosters' Club of the Second Congressional District of Nebraska and pledges himself to vote and work for the nomination and election of Albert W. Jefferis to Congress.

Financial Statement OF THE Omaha Loan and Building Association

June 30, 1918

Table showing assets and liabilities for Omaha Loan and Building Association.

Total Assets: \$10,516,395.22

LIABILITIES: Running Stock and Dividends \$9,425,893.14

Officers and Directors list including W. R. Adair, Secretary and Treasurer, and others.

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