

U. S. Corner in Food Charged By Fitzgerald

Huge Surplus Held Back While Profiteers Take Toll From People: Asks Congress to Take Action

Assails \$1 a Year Men Most of Them Were Corporation Officials and Forgot Public, He Says

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The government was called upon by Representative Fitzgerald, Democrat, former Mayor of Boston, in the House this afternoon to take its hands off the American food supply so the cost of living may come down.

He pointed to great surpluses of wheat and meat products, and said the people of the United States were unable to understand why the prices of these commodities should rise instead of going lower.

He questioned the philanthropic methods of some of the men serving on various government agencies dealing with food for a dollar a year.

"Their names were taken from the salary rolls of their corporations when they came to work for the government, but they are with the corporations rather than the people," he exclaimed.

He insisted the \$2.26 wheat price should be made a maximum as well as a minimum price, in order that consumers as well as farmers may receive a "square deal."

Speech Evokes Approval

Mr. Fitzgerald's speech, which followed the introduction of a resolution requiring the government to release all food supplies now held in storage and not needed for the support of American troops, was frequently interrupted by applause from the floor.

"I think every one will agree that the question of the cost of living is the most important subject now before the American people," he said. "Yesterday the House declared that women should have the right to vote. I think, as important as that subject is to the women of America, that if an opinion could be had from them they would like an expression on the part of the Congress of the United States as to how the cost of living could be reduced."

"There are hundreds of millions of pounds of canned meats and vegetables—100,000,000 cans of beef and more than 50,000,000 cans of bacon—in the surplus food stocks of the army, some of which was about to be put upon the market three or four weeks ago and was then withdrawn because it would occasion a glut of food products. The people are told at the same time that the constantly increasing price of beef is due to the fact that there is a deficiency of food products. I believe they would agree that the paramount duty of the present Congress is to find out as early as possible just what the food situation in the United States is, and whether the government is in a corner on food products which is largely advancing the price of those things absolutely necessary to the existence of every American family."

Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out that official estimates place this year's wheat crop at 1,200,000,000 bushels, and predicted that, in spite of these figures, the price of flour, instead of falling from war prices, will increase about \$2 a barrel.

Taking the figures on the estimated crop and the carry-over from 1917 and the estimated consumption, he said, the United States should have 750,000,000 bushels for home consumption and seed and an exportable surplus of 550,000,000 bushels, which, he said, is enough to supply all the wheat-buzzing countries in the world for a year.

He had been surprised to learn that while there was a minimum price on wheat there was no maximum price and that wheat was selling in the open market for \$2.80 a bushel.

"I say to the members of the House," he went on, "much as we may sympathize with the farmers when they are getting \$2.26 a bushel for wheat, it is as much as the American people and the people of the world ought to stand and a maximum price should be made of \$2.26 as well as a minimum price, giving the farmer a square deal and giving a square deal to every working man and every working man's family and every citizen of the United States."

"It seems to me that the time has come when we should say to the administration that the war is over, and that there are brains enough among the every-day people of the United States to manage the wheat situation

and manage the meat situation and to manage the food situation and not let it rest in the hands of men who are willing to profiteer.

"The people cannot understand," he added, "why millions of pounds of beef products are held up by the government of the United States because to put them on the market would produce a glut, while the packers say that there are no beef products to sell. It remains for this House to give the answer."

British Gain Victory Over Afghan Forces

Situation Called Satisfactory After Clash in Which the Enemy Lost Heavily

LONDON, May 22.—British troops gained new successes over the Afghans on May 16 and 17, and on May 18 the situation in the region of Dakka, west of the Indo-Afghan frontier, near the Khyber Pass, was reported as satisfactory by the commander of the First Indian Division, in advice to the Indian government forwarded here.

On Sunday the British held the hills west of Dakka and occupied the town of Sherabab and Kubat, about two miles northwest of Dakka.

On May 18 the British forces at Dakka were attacked by a large force of Afghans, who eventually were driven off. The British and Indian casualties were 130. On the 17th the First Indian Brigade, with the cooperation of aeroplanes, attacked the Afghans on the hills west of Dakka and captured the hills. The strength of the Afghan force was reported at eight battalions and guns, four of which were captured. More than 100 of the enemy were killed in the fighting on the 17th.

\$2,589,777,365 Credits Asked of French Chamber

Sum Asked in Addition to Regular Budget to Cover Six Months

PARIS, May 22.—The government today introduced a bill in the Chamber of Deputies asking for credits of 12,948,866,626 francs (\$2,589,777,365), to cover military and extraordinary civil expenditures for the second six months of 1919 not included in the regular budget. The credits are 4,312,662,800 francs (\$862,529,378) less than those voted for the first six months, making a total for the year of 30,214,015,942 francs (\$5,942,027,188), or 12,000,000,000 francs (\$2,400,000,000) less than in 1918.

The military expenditures for the second six months are estimated at 6,913,000,000 francs (\$1,382,600,000), which, compared with the first six months, means a reduction of 5,148,000,000 francs (\$1,029,600,000), or nearly 43 per cent.

The maintenance of troops in occupied German territory is set down at 1,000,000,000 francs (\$200,000,000), or \$100,000,000 francs (\$20,000,000) less than the first six months.

Bandit Killed in Holdup

Companions Escape With \$450 Taken From Youth

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Desperadoes operating in a stolen motor car killed one of their number today in a sensational holdup here. A youth, who was acting as collector for a large chain store concern, was attacked on the street after he had left one of the stores with the receipts in a bag strapped to his wrist.

The bandits, five in number, sprang at him and grabbed the bag. He put up a strong fight, dodging blows and hitting back. One of the robbers fired a revolver shot at him, just as he ducked to escape a blow from a blackjack another one was aiming at him. The shot hit the robber squarely in the forehead, causing instant death. The robbers got away with between \$450 and \$500.

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