

## TO CURB FOOD SPECULATORS.

### MR. HOOVER SHOWS THAT GOVERNMENTAL ACTION IS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS OF THE WAR.

Washington, June 10—While both branches of Congress continued desultory debate on the government's food control bill today Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, spent four hours at the capitol emphasizing to a score of Senators gathered informally, the vital importance of the legislation to success in the war.

Under sharp and argumentative questioning by a group headed by Senators Gore, Reed and Fardaman, opposing the legislation, Mr Hoover outlined his plans for conserving the nation's food supply, increasing production and cutting off the excessive profits of speculators. He did not conclude and will return to the Senate Friday for further examination in an effort to clear up congressional and public misconceptions and hasten action.

The Senate had only a brief discussion of the bill and recessed until tomorrow. Senator Chamberlain announced it would be kept continuously before the Senate until disposed of, and the Senators would be pressed

to expedite debate and action.

With but a handful of members attending house debate continued until late tonight. Opposition there appeared to be waning, and it is hoped to complete general debate there tomorrow.

Food conditions which face the allies and this country were frankly and fully explained by Mr Hoover. Without government food control, he said, success in the war may be imperiled. Such control to a great degree in actual administration, he explained, will be voluntary and not enforced, effected by "mobilization of the spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice" in preventing waste of foodstuffs.

That the rationing or other enforced regulation of the American dinner table is proposed was denied by Mr Hoover. Also, he said, requisitioning of factories or regulation of wages are not contemplated and exclusion of war profits in the distribution of food largely by voluntary cooperation of business interests involved is the prime object of the bill.

Four basic measures of food control planned, Mr Hoover said, are export regulation, control of distribution, including speculation, mobilization of America's women and men in a campaign for economy and against waste, and participation of the States in administration work.

Federal commissions to control wheat, sugar and a few other "prime commodities" by regulation of production, storage and transportation and sale are contemplated, he said, but instead of injuring farmers as some have claimed, these things will benefit both producers and consumers without curtailment of middlemen's normal and fair profits.

Asserting that the Allies' food supply will be 40 per cent deficient even with America's food surplus assisting, Mr Hoover said the deficiency must be made up by sacrifice abroad and economy here. A saving of six cents a day per capita in this country, he declared, would save \$2,000,000,000, while a 20 per cent saving in flour would give 100,000,000 bushels more to the Allies.

In this connection he told the Senators that speculators in flour alone have taken \$50,000,000 a month from the American public during the last five months.

Washington, June 20—Debate continued today in some branches, with the House again sitting until late at night to close general debate with a view of proceeding under the five-minute rule tomorrow and taking a final vote by Saturday. In the Senate there was serious discussion, with larger attendance. The amending stage probably will be reached there next week after the measure as it passes the House is substituted for the Senate draft. Ultimate enactment of the legislation in some form is conceded even by its opponents and Senator Chamberlain said tonight it was possible it would be finally enacted by July 1.

Senator Kenyon, Republican, occupied most of the day in the Senate in support of the bill. He emphasized the necessity for broad government control of foodstuffs as a war measure, defended the bill's constitutionality, and flayed speculators, whom he characterized as "highwaymen and allies of the Kaiser."

"If this thing is going on—the cornering of food and fuel," he said, "we are going to have hunger and bread riots in this country, or something worse."

### Two Billion Feet of Timber.

Two billion feet of lumber will be needed by the Government during the next twelve months for war purposes, according to official estimates.

Of this sum 400,000,000 feet are expected to go into the 250 wooden cargo-carrying ships to be built by the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board during the next year and a half. Sixteen army cantonments will use up another half billion feet, 200,000,000 feet are needed for training quarters and at least 120,000,000 for aviation camps.

This may be a steel age, but nevertheless both army and navy still use enormous quantities of wood, none of which they can spare or save in war time. Army wagons, gun stocks, tent poles, army cots, packing boxes, crates and barrels for supplies, artillery, dock and pier material, trench lining and mine timbers are a few of the uses enumerated by the Lumber Commission of the Council of National Defense for which increasing quantities of wood will be required.

Four billion feet of timber is reckoned as about 5 per cent of the total annual lumber production of the United States. If the war lasts the percentage will be increased.

A glance at figures like these, if they applied to Germany, would result in the quiet, methodic assignment of an extra corps of German experts to grapple with problems of conservation and reforestation. Need American foresight and efficiency in this direction be less?

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### Hurt-Wannamaker Wedding.

Cheraw, June 19—The First Baptist church was the scene on Tuesday evening of one of the most beautiful weddings ever witnessed in Cheraw, when Miss Marion Virginia Hurt, daughter of the Rev and Mrs W E Hurt, became the bride of Mr James Henry Wannamaker. Preceding the ceremony Miss Mary Frances Kibler of Newberry rendered several beautiful selections on the violin, accompanied by Miss Florence Shaw of Sumter at the piano.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march the bridal party entered. The pages, Teddy Duvall and Henry Hurt, entered first and opened the gates. Next came the ushers, Edward Hurt, Edwin Malloy, Herbert Wannamaker and Howard Duvall, followed by the flower girls, little Misses Margaret Watts and Lou Esther Maynard. The ringbearer, Melver Wannamaker, carried the ring on a tray of sweet peas. The bridesmaids, Misses Belle Hurt, sister of the bride, Elise Wannamaker, sister of the groom, Helen Ray of Monroe, N C, and Lillian Blackwell of Darlington next entered. The bride, leaning on the arm of her brother, Hartwell Hurt, was met at the altar by the bridegroom, and his best man, J Lesesne Craig.

The impressive ring ceremony was performed by the Rev W E Hurt, father of the bride and pastor of the church. During the ceremony "To a Wild Rose" was softly played by Miss Kibler on the violin, with piano accompaniment by Miss Shaw. The bridal party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march.

The bride was beautiful in her wedding gown of white satin and chiffon with silver lace trimmings. She carried a bouquet of bride roses and wore as her only ornament a pearl crescent, the gift of the groom. The bridesmaids wore white net with tulle sashes, hats and slippers to match the shades of the sweet peas which they carried in baskets. The church was tastefully decorated in pink and white hydrangeas, Southern smilax and fern and candles.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr and Mrs Wannamaker left on a ten days' trip to the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee, after which they will be at home in Cheraw.

The bride is one of Cheraw's most charming adopted daughters, the family having moved here from Kingstree about a year ago, and is a graduate of Greenville Woman's college. The groom is a popular and successful young business man and is cashier of the Merchants' & Farmers' bank.

Those attending the wedding from Kingstree were Rev and Mrs G T Harmon, Miss Louise Barr and Mr A M Gordon, Jr.

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### Hymeneal.

Miss Annie McCutchen was married to Mr H O Welch at the home of the bride's stepmother, Mrs Julia McCutchen, Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev G T Harmon, of the Methodist church here. The wedding was a quiet affair and was attended only by a few intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The groom is a popular young business man, and is connected with the Williamsburg Live Stock Co. The bride is a charming young lady and has been employed as bookkeeper for several years by the Peoples Mercantile Co.

### Death of Lonnie Hanna.

Mr Lonnie Hanna, a farmer living near Kingstree, died at his home Sunday, after having suffered for some time from tuberculosis. About two years ago Mr Hanna married Miss Mamie Perkins, bookkeeper for the Farmers' Supply Co, here. Interment was made Monday afternoon.

England and France are considering steps not only to take reprisals for the German raids, but to prevent those raids.

### HOOVER SENDS OUT APPEAL.

Asks Clergymen to Preach Against the Waste of Food.

Washington, June 17:—Cooperation with the department of agriculture in impressing upon the people of the country for the "largest possible production of food and the smallest quantity of waste," was urged by herbert C Hoover today in a letter to 200,000 clergymen of various denominations, distributed through the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

All pastors are requested to preach on food conservations Sunday, July 1, and to endeavor to interest religious and civic bodies in a food saving campaign.

"In such a time as this," wrote Mr Hoover, "the people naturally turn to the church. It will be a calamity to the nation and to the churches if their chosen ministers neglect to exercise their proper leadership in the great cause of feeding a world in need, for the world is in want of food."

### Twelve Years for Bruce.

Dillon, June 15:—The case of the State vs C G Bruce for alleged embezzlement of county funds was concluded this morning and went to the jury about noon. After about two hours' deliberation he was found guilty on thirteen counts, and Judge Spain sentenced him to twelve years at hard labor in the State penitentiary. Another bill of indictment has been handed out by the grand jury against Bruce, former Auditor, and Will McInnis, former Treasurer, of Dillon county.

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