

NATION'S LUXURY BILL ENORMOUS

Rosy Complexions Cost \$750,000,000; Billion Spent For Candy.

Washington.—Peachy complexions, ruby lips and fragrant personality cost the women of this country \$750,000,000 last year, according to luxury tax return figures. This enormous sum was expended for rouge, face powder, cosmetics and perfumery.

The cost of cosmetics and perfumery was more than twice that of women's furs—in a year when the fur prices were the highest in years. The amount spent on furs was approximately \$300,000,000. The women did their part in spending money on luxuries but the expenditures were not confined to them. Eight hundred million dollars went up in cigarette smoke, while \$510,000,000 were burned up in the form of cigars. Jewelry cost \$500,000,000. The grand total was \$2,700,000,000, handed out for other things than necessities.

A round billion dollars went for candy. Pianos, organs and phonographs entertained the people to the tune of \$250,000,000. Automobiles cost \$2,000,000,000.

Here are some of the high spots in the nation's luxury bill: Soft drinks, \$250,000,000; soaps, \$400,000,000; chewing tobacco and snuff, \$300,000,000; ice cream, \$25,000,000; chewing gum, \$50,000,000; cake and confections, \$350,000,000; "luxurious services," \$3,000,000,000; luxurious food, \$5,000,000,000; resorts and races, \$3,000,000,000.

DISCUSSIONS OVER JAP ISSUE HALTED

Washington.—Conversations between the state departments and the Japanese embassy regarding the proposed anti-Japanese land legislation in California have been temporarily discontinued and will not be resumed until after the November elections, in which the California people will vote on the land legislation.

State department officials explained that postponement of the negotiations had been made necessary by the assembling here of the international communications conference.

Under Secretary Davis is chairman of the American commissioners to this conference and much of his time is taken up with this meeting.

The conference is to continue several weeks and it was stated that consequently the conversation with the Japanese ambassador could not be resumed until after November 2.

ENGLISH COAL MINES IDLE

Employees Guarding Mines Only Men Not on Strike.

London.—The British coal industry is at a standstill. A million miners went on strike Saturday, cutting off the nation's fuel supply and threatening the country with industrial paralysis. After months of negotiations between the miners and the government, in which neither side was willing to concede the crucial points, the pits are closed and Great Britain seemingly is facing days of industrial chaos, unequalled even during the world war.

Except for the pump men and other employees who are to keep the mines free from water and otherwise in good condition for a resumption of work when the strike is ended, all the mines are idle.

A feeling of pessimism prevails notwithstanding the fact that Premier Lloyd George has stated that everything will be done to keep the great industries of the country going.

U. S. Tightens Liquor Lid.

Washington.—Permits for withdrawal of intoxicating liquors from bonded warehouses must be certified to state prohibition directors before they are honored, under an order issued by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams. At the same time the commissioner announced that all permits to purchase intoxicating liquor of any kind for any purpose hereafter issued shall not be enforced to exceed thirty days after date of approval. The only exceptions are permits to purchase by physicians of the homeopathic or eclectic schools.

Williams Charges Interest Fixing.

Washington.—"Unjustifiable interest exacted on demand loans" by New York City banks has been an active contributing cause of the "huge shrinkage" in all security values during the last year, Controller of the Currency Williams declared. He charged that call money rates in New York were the biggest in the world and that "renewal" rates fixed daily by a small "coterie" of stock exchange brokers governed the "interest charged on brokers' loans in nearly all New York banks."

GOVERNOR PARKHURST



Frederick H. Parkhurst, Republican, who was recently elected governor of Maine.

CHARGE OF KILLING HAITIENS MODIFIED

Washington.—Denial that he had intended to convey the impression there had been "promiscuous killing" of native Haitians by marines during the American occupation of the island between 1915 and 1920 was made by Major General George Barnett, ex-commandant of marines. In a statement which he said was issued at the request of Secretary Daniels, General Barnett declared that the statement in his letter of October 2, 1919, to Colonel John H. Russell, commander of the marines in Haiti, that "statement of counsel showed me practically indiscriminate killing of natives had taken place" was meant to express "without due process of law" and "not as seems now to be misinterpreted as 'promiscuous.'"

The letter written to Colonel Russell after General Barnett, the commandant, had received a report of the counsel in the court-martial of two marines charged with the killing of natives, was contained in the report of American activities in the island, recently made public by the navy department and which resulted in a board of inquiry being named to investigate the charges of illegal executions.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

King Alexander of Greece is critically ill from a monkey bite.

General Felix Diaz, Mexican rebel leader has been exiled from Mexico.

Mexico is anxious to comply with her international obligations, according to the Provisional President de la Huerta.

Continued success along the South Russian front by General Wrangel's forces is reported.

Application of the railroads for authority to increase demurrage charges on five days' notice was denied by the interstate commerce commission.

Refined chaulmoogra oil, which experts of the government public health service say has arrested the progress of leprosy, will soon be used by them in the fight against tuberculosis. The experiments with tubercular patients will be conducted in Hawaii.

Preservation of America's forests by replanting and more rigid protection against devastating fires is contemplated in a bill to be presented to congress in December by industries using timber resources.

Auto Dives into River; 5 Missing.

Portland, Or.—Five Portland men are believed to have been drowned at 8:30 o'clock Sunday night when an automobile containing seven persons went off the Columbia river highway and plunged down a 40-foot bank into the Sandy River just beyond the bridge from the Automobile club. Two others escaped with slight injuries. The five men of the party believed dead are: M. D. McDonald, 52, musician; Walter McDonald, 25, laborer; Alex McDonald, 30, musician; Richard McIntosh, 25; Edward A. Harty Jr., 27, baker.

Wilson Asks About Harding Speech.

Washington.—President Wilson has directed inquiries to both the French government and Senator Harding as to the Republican candidate's recent statement that he had been "approached informally" by a representative of France and asked to lead in the formation of an association of nations.

Irish Hunger Striker Dead.

Cork.—The first death among the 11 hunger strikers in Cork jail was Sunday night. Fitzgerald died at 9:45 o'clock, having fasted 68 days. The ten other hunger strikers in Cork jail passed the 68th day of their fast in an extremely weakened condition.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT IS HELD AVAILABLE

Federal Reserve Board Replies to Protests of Agricultural Conference.

Washington.—Bank credit "has been steadily available for the successive seasonal requirements of agriculture," according to a statement by the federal reserve board, designed as a reply to agricultural objections which appealed to the government for a further extension of agricultural credit.

Recent disturbances in price and demand which have been manifest in agricultural markets are "inevitable and unavoidable consequences of the economic derangements occasioned by the war," the statement said. It added, however, that the gradual and regular movement of the crops was to be expected.

"Between January 2 and October 1 about 800 leading member banks, which report their condition weekly, and they represent approximately 70 per cent of member bank resources, have increased their loans for agricultural, industrial and commercial purposes by an amount exceeding \$1,800,000,000. This great increase in the credit extended has in the main been possible by the accommodation extended member banks by the federal reserve banks."

After consideration of the statement issued by the federal reserve board, the joint committee of the recent agricultural conference left here to deal with the matter submitted in a report to Chairman Charles S. Bennett of the conference, in which it was stated:

"The statement issued by the federal reserve board not only does not attempt to meet the situation and will not alter conditions, but is even couched in terms to support the price declines. The board's declaration that present disturbances are inevitable and unavoidable is indefensible in this crisis."

"We advise that the next meeting (of the full conference) be held here on October 28, to complete plans already discussed in executive session."

DRY LAW TANGLES UP DEPARTMENTS

Washington.—Disclosure of a number of prohibition snarls in which three government departments and members of the diplomatic corps are involved was made when the state department issued a statement saying it "assumes that no official of the government would attempt to pry into the baggage of a foreign diplomatic officer."

The unusual course of the state department in making what appeared to be a public appeal to other government officials was adopted, it was learned, after the treasury had amended customs regulations to require baggage of diplomats to be examined and liquor removed. Back of the action of the treasury department, it was disclosed, was an opinion rendered by the attorney-general. It was said to hold that the Volstead Act withdrew from the diplomats the exemption from customs examination of their baggage heretofore accorded.

Diplomats have made no formal protest. The state department, however, has seen evidence of irritation among them.

BONUS PARADE IS HELD

Service Men Don Uniforms for Demonstration in New York.

New York.—Thousands of former sailors, soldiers and marines Saturday put on uniforms again to let the country know they want the national bonus.

Parading up Fifth avenue with flags and military bands, the veterans formed the largest column of uniformed men assembled here since the divisions came home from France. Tens of thousands lined the gayly decorated thoroughfare.

Leading was Captain R. G. Woodside, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. American Legion posts and other organizations of world war veterans were followed by taxicabs carrying wounded and disabled fighters.

John Reed, Radical Writer, Dies.

Portland, Or.—John Reed, ex-Portland man, a magazine writer who had been identified with radical movements for several years, died in Moscow, Russia, from typhus, according to a cablegram received by his brother, Henry G. Reed. The message was sent by Mrs. Louise Bryant Reed, his wife, an ex-Portland girl.

Recognition of Mexico Will Be Asked.

Washington.—George Creel, former chairman of the committee on public information, is returning to Washington from Mexico City to work for the immediate recognition of the present government of Mexico, according to advices from the Mexican capital.

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