

H. PERCIVAL DODGE



H. Percival Dodge, named first representative of the United States to Serbia.

TAFT SAYS RAILWAY PLAN IS SOCIALISTIC

Cincinnati.—"It is radically socialistic and ought to be fought," William H. Taft said of the Plumb plan for the administration of the railroads, in a statement here. "I very much disapprove of the plan. I am almost certain the republicans will oppose the Plumb plan, and I hope the democrats do, too. We should not let the soviet system gain even a toehold in America," he said.

"I do believe in close supervision of the railroads of the country, but such supervision as we have had has been too severe. We should give the railroads a chance, give them adequate revenues by proper rates so they can attract the necessary capital for necessary maintenance and improvements. We have not allowed the rates to go up as they should."

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The Belgian chamber of deputies on Friday ratified the peace treaty with Germany by a unanimous vote.

A decree prohibiting the exportation of sugar was promulgated by the Argentine government.

Charged with conspiracy to violate section 4 of the federal food act, George W. Sheridan, president of the Central Sugar company of Chicago, and three representatives of the concern's Pittsburg branch, are under arrest by federal authorities.

The high price of shoes was declared to be due to excessive profits taken by every factor in shoe production in a report by the federal trade commission to congress.

General March, chief of staff, informed the senate military committee that the army of 510,000 and compulsory training proposed by the war department bill will cost \$900,000,000 a year.

A conference of mayors of Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland to combat profiteering in food will probably be held in Seattle Tuesday, August 18, according to plans outlined in a telegram sent by Mayor Baker of Portland to Mayor Hanson of Seattle.

To ascertain where the profit is being made in the sale of flour the United States Grain corporation is now conducting an investigation as to the wholesale and retail price of this commodity in the ten principal cities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

So that the famous old battleship Oregon, once pride of the American navy, can steam from Bremerton to San Francisco to participate in the welcome to the Pacific fleet there, work costing \$150,000 must be done on the warship at the Puget sound navy yard.

Senate Spruce Probe Commences. Washington.—The senate aircraft committee will hold a hearing at Chicago with Charles W. Slich, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and W. E. Morley of Cleveland as witnesses. Several witnesses will be heard at St. Paul and then the committee will go to Seattle for a lengthy hearing into spruce production, beginning about August 20.

American Stores Sold to Belgium. Washington.—Approximately \$10,000,000 worth of army foodstuffs stored at Antwerp and the Hook of Holland, has been sold to the Belgian government.

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PRESIDENT PROPOSES LIVING COST CONTROL

Congress is Told That Present High Prices Are Not Justified.

Washington.—President Wilson laid several specific proposals before congress for checking the high cost of living, but at the same time declared permanent results could not be expected until peace-time bases were fully restored by ratification of the peace treaty.

High prices, the president told congress, were not justified by shortage of supplies either present or prospective, but were created in many cases "artificially and deliberately" by "vicious practices."

Wholesale, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices. Strikes, the president warned the labor world, would only make matters worse and those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction."

Leaders of organized labor, the president said, he was sure would presently yield to second sober thought.

Prices Raised by Criminal Methods. "Illegal" and "criminal" were the words the president used in characterizing the methods by which some present-day prices have been brought about.

Present laws, he said, would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoards and meet the situation as far as possible, but to supplement the existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

Licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and "prevent unconscionable profits" in the method of marketing.

Extension of the food control act to peace times and the application of its provisions against hoarding of fuel, clothing and other necessities of life as well as food.

A penalty in the food control act for profiteering.

A law regulating cold storage, limiting the time which goods may be held; prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period, and requiring that when released goods bear the date of storage.

Stamp Price on Storage Goods. Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling price at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the price at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional appropriations for government agencies which supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand can operate."

Immediate steps by executive agencies of the government promised by the president include:

The limiting and controlling of wheat shipments and credits to facilitate the purchase of wheat in such a way as not to raise, but rather to lower the price of flour at home.

Sell Government Stocks. Sale of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the government.

The forced withdrawal from storage and sales of surplus stocks in private hands.

In concluding the president made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, reminding congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States. "We and we alone," he said, "now hold the world steady. Upon our steadfastness and self-possession depends the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this supreme crisis—that this crisis for all mankind—that America must prove her mettle."

RETAIL PROFITEERS TO BE ROUTED OUT

Attorney-General Asks Former Food Administrator to Resume Duty.

Washington.—Attorney General Palmer has started out to ascertain how much of the high cost of living is due to excessive profits by retailers. In a telegram to all state food administrators who worked with Administrator Hoover during the war, the attorney-general requested the appointment of a "fair-price committee" in each county to investigate what is being charged for retail necessities, and if in excess of what the committee considers just, to publish a list of fair prices for the guidance of the public.

Retailers who are gouging the ultimate consumer will have to be disciplined by public sentiment, which officials have no doubt is sufficiently alert to the situation now to act vigorously in clear-cut cases.

Attorney-General Palmer received "enthusiastic" assent from virtually all state food administrators of whom he asked co-operation in the government's efforts to reduce the high cost of living. At the same time he sent instructions to all district attorneys to get in touch with the food administrators and to act at once on any evidence of law violation.

The attention of the district attorneys also was called to the "unlimited availability" of the secret service for any investigation work necessary to the punishment of hoarders and profiteers.

WHOLE U. S. FIGHTS AGAINST HIGH PRICES

Washington.—From all parts of the United States come reports of progress in the people's fight against the rising cost of living. In this battle local and federal agencies are co-operating.

While this battle goes on all over the land, congress is busy digesting President Wilson's recommendations for reduction of increasing prices. Prompt action by congress was promised on those of the president's recommendations which did not "affect profoundly the policies of the government," as phrased by Representative Mondell, Wyoming, republican leader in the house.

At Pittsburg, Pa., 32 farmers were arrested under state law on charges of hoarding and profiteering.

At Cincinnati, O., the county grand jury reported evidence of both hoarding and profiteering.

At Sacramento, Cal., the president of the city commission invited the people to join with him and federal agencies in a profiteer hunt.

Court proceedings against profiteers in milk were promised by the federal attorney in Tacoma, Wash.

All special agents of the department of justice over the country have been ordered to assist district attorneys in uncovering evidence of profiteering in foodstuffs and other necessities.

COERCION IS DENIED

Union Leaders Not to Strike to Control Railroads.

Washington.—Leaders of the 15 organizations of railroad employees united in a definite assertion that they "had no desire and have none to impress upon the public by violence or threat" their proposal that the railroads be nationalized under "tripartite control."

Declaring that the requests of the men that living costs be reduced or their wages increased was aside from the question of the future disposition of the railroad problem, the labor leaders said that if President Wilson and congress could not meet this request the men would "have to try to find another solution."

While the labor leaders did not mention the president's address to congress, it was the general belief that their statement resulted from his warning to the labor world that strikes would only make present conditions worse, and that those who sought to employ threats or coercion were only "preparing their own destruction."

Army Strength is 549,000. Washington.—Since the armistice 3,165,642 officers and men have been discharged from the army, the war department announced. The force remaining in France on August 5 was placed at 123,885, making the total strength of the army on that date 549,915.

Andrew Carnegie Dies. Lenox, Mass.—Andrew Carnegie, steel magnate and philanthropist, died at his Lenox summer home, "Shadow Brook," at 7:10 Monday morning, after an illness of less than three days with bronchial pneumonia.

Argentina to Save Herds. Buenos Aires.—President Irigoyen has asked congress to prohibit for a period of three years the slaughter of cows and heifers for food.

Review's Legal Blanks. The following list of legal blanks are kept for sale at this office and others will be added as the demand arises: Warranty deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Realty and Chattel Mortgages, Satisfaction of Mortgages, Contracts for Sale of Realty, Bills of Sale, Leases.

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White Skirts

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