

HIGH PRICE PROBE TO BE UP TODAY

Senate Committee Approves Resolution Asking Inquiry.

STRICT DELVING PLANNED

Seven Senators to Conduct Investigation—Increased Cost of Living to Be Traced for Decade—Leaders Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Republican leaders, in conference today, perfected a resolution on the inquiry into the cost of living which was later presented to the Senate by Mr. McCumber, of North Dakota.

An hour after Mr. McCumber had presented the resolution from the finance committee and it had been referred to the committee on contingent expenses, Mr. Keen, chairman of the latter committee, reported the measure back with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Mr. Stone objected to the immediate consideration of the resolution and it went over until tomorrow.

Mr. Crawford said that the important point was to ascertain whether there had been an increase in wages. No one doubted, he said, that there had been a general increase in prices of food and other necessities of life.

Elkins Is Author.

The resolution bears the name of Senator Elkins as author and embodies the principal features of the McCumber resolution as well as some of those contained in the one introduced by Mr. Lodge. The inquiry is to be conducted by a committee of seven Senators and it is planned to assemble all of the information possible bearing upon the increased cost of living in the year 1900 and report, if possible, at the present session of Congress.

In making its investigation it is provided that special attention shall be given to the following subjects: Wages, salaries and earnings, and whether the increase in them had kept pace with the increase in the cost of living. Increase in the price of such articles as meat, grain, provisions, cotton, wool, clothing, rent, lumber, coal, iron, oil, brick and cement.

Price to the producer, the wholesaler or jobber, the retailer and the consumer at which articles included in the investigation were distributed and sold in the year 1900 and the price for their disposition at the present time.

The cost of production of the articles mentioned and the cost of their distribution and sale when in the hands of the wholesaler or jobber and the retailer, between the same periods.

Probe to Be Strict.

Whether such articles have been increased in price by reason of the increased production of gold throughout the world, and the expansion of the currency in the United States, or by tariff, or other legislation of Congress, or by any monopoly, combination or conspiracy to control and regulate or restrain interstate and foreign commerce in the supply, distribution or sale of such articles. The prices of food products on the farm in various parts of the United States, wholesale prices of such food products at the wholesale trade centers of the United States. Retail prices of such food products in the larger cities of the United States, and also a comparative statement showing the cost of production on the farm.

The committee is ordered to report to the Senate suggestions or recommendations as to the remedy to be applied to reduce the cost of living, and accompany its report with drafts of bills of such legislation as will, in the opinion of the committee, correct and remove the causes which have enhanced the prices of the necessities of life.

WHOLESALE BINDER RETAILER

Washington Stores Can't Buy From Farmers Direct Is Testified.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The House committee inquiry into the high cost of food developed the fact that the retail merchant of Washington cannot buy direct from the farmer without bringing a boycott by the commission merchants and he is therefore forced to trade through that medium and to charge to the ultimate consumer whatever the increased cost may be.

Food Inspector Dodge continued his testimony today with a comparison of prices of necessities of life with prices of 12 years ago, which showed increase up to 50 per cent.

A partial list of articles so compared follows:

Table with 2 columns: Articles and prices. Items include Breakfast bacon, Navy beans, Best Elgin butter, New York cream, Strictly fresh eggs, Purest lard, Pork, Pork chops, Rib roast, Sausage, Round steak, Tenderloin steak, Irish potatoes, Irish potatoes, Standard flour, Standard flour.

PACKING CHIEFS TO APPEAR

Missouri to Probe Anti-Trust Law Violations on Own Accord.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 8.—The heads of the nine big packing companies under investigation by Attorney General Major will be summoned here within the next few days, to explain their methods of conducting business, to see if they can satisfy the Attorney General they are not operating in violation of the anti-trust laws. The testimony will be taken before former Judge Daniel Dillon, of St. Louis, as special commissioner for the Supreme Court. The first two hearings will take place in this city.

Boycott Increases Cost.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 8.—With the opening of the second week of the 20 days' meat boycott in this city, meats yesterday continued to rise in price. Sheep advanced from 25 to 50 cents a hundredweight, while hogs jumped 21 a hundredweight. Home-dressed pork is in cost by 1 cent a pound wholesale, and from 2 to 3 cents retail. Beef advanced from 10 to 15 cents a hundred pounds. United States Attorney John Jordan caused 25,000 eggs, in a cold-storage plant, to be attached, and will ask the Federal Court to condemn them as unfit.

Meat Still Higher in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Meat prices are

higher than ever today. Dropping for a time when the agitation for elimination of meat from the diet was fresh, quotations, both wholesale and retail, have mounted to figures equal to and in some cases above those prevailing before the movement began. Illustrations are prominent dealers said today, that still higher prices are coming. Increase in demand accounts for some of the tendency to advance. The retailers attribute this increase to the cold weather. Short supplies are believed by the wholesalers to have more to do with it than anything else.

AIRSHIP MODELS SHOWN Types of Various Flying Machines at Pure Food Show.

The Henry Wempe aeroplane exhibit being shown at Meier & Frank's Pure Food Show for the benefit of the Mount Hood road will be open free to children today until noon and on Thursday and Friday until noon. On Saturday morning children accompanied by their parents will be admitted free. This exhibit has added over \$100 to the Mount Hood road fund.

Julius Meier, of the firm of Meier & Frank, announced as a free educational exhibit in connection with the Pure Food Show, a display of airship models which will be installed soon. This will include some of the most successful airships exhibited in the recent aviation meet at Los Angeles. M. Lawrence E. Dare, an aviator who has flown in the Farman machine and who managed the first aviation meet in the United States, is in charge.

Other exhibit there are models of a Wright machine, a Blériot "Cross Channel" monoplane, Santos Dumont's monoplane, "Demisselle," B. P. Langley's early type; Roger Sommers' machine, the Antoinette type; a Chanau glider, a DuHill machine and others. Mr. Dare explains the differences in the various types.

The Pure Food Show has been largely attended since the opening February 1. It is said one woman who manufactured a table condiment has sold every ounce of the manufactured product, in addition to buying and reselling all in the hands of the various retailers and has in addition taken orders on enough goods to warrant her in doubling the output of her small plant. The exhibit will continue until the end of February.

SIX DIE IN RACE RIOTS

Tennessee Clash Between Laborers Results in Deaths.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Sheriff Westmoreland and Deputy Sheriff Young, of Marion County, who came to Chattanooga at noon today, from the larger cities of the United States, reported that six negroes were killed and six wounded, two probably fatally, in today's rioting. Had feeling had been brewing for some time between white and negro employees of the Locke's dam contractors, and an attack upon one of the negro laborers by several white men in the latter, coupled with a liberal distribution of whiskey and weapons among the negroes, brought the trouble to a climax.

After an exchange of shots between a force of five policemen, rushed by train from Chattanooga, and a squad of special deputies and the negroes, the trouble was quelled.

The negroes who took the most active part in the trouble retreated up the Tennessee River, and a posse is trying to apprehend them.

INSANE MAN SPLITS VOTE

Republican Tells Congress Why He Lost Election in Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The name of Elliot G. Mathews, an alleged insane man, on the ballot as third candidate for Congress in the Fifth Virginia District drew enough votes from John M. Parsons, Republican candidate, to elect E. W. Saunders, Democrat, according to Mathews' statement today to House election committee No. 2.

Mathews, released, it is said, from an asylum just before the election, obtained a place on the ballot by sending his name to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with the required action. Fourteen ballots were cast against Mathews' plurality over Parsons was eight.

Mathews is said to be again in an asylum.

TRAIN STRIKES AGED MAN

Deaf Pedestrian of 80 Fails to Hear Whistle of Warning.

COLFAX, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—James Brunk, aged 80 years, was critically injured today by being run down by Portland to Spokane O. R. & N. train. Brunk, who is very deaf, was walking in last week's snow in a curve in the track was not seen in time to stop the train. Engineer Stewart sounded warning and applied emergency brakes in last week's snow in a curve in the track was not seen in time to stop the train. Engineer Stewart sounded warning and applied emergency brakes in last week's snow in a curve in the track was not seen in time to stop the train.

COLUMBIA HOLDS RECORD

Both Western University Men Are Good Riflemen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Reports from the teams of nine colleges which participated in last week's shoot of the Intercollegiate Indoor Rifle League show the following scores:

Columbia, 170; University of Idaho, 179; University of Iowa, 175; George Washington University, 172; Cornell University, 174; Washington State College, 177; United States College of Veterinary Surgeons, 162; University of Nevada, 162; Louisiana State University, 152.

A Columbia marksman, H. P. Lane, made the highest possible score by putting ten shots within a space the size of a dime.

MACON DISSECTS JUNKET

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ones and incarcerated in felons' cells," he declared, "than of the secretaries of immigration restriction leagues.

Congressman Not Immune.

"The very suggestion that one ought not to charge a Congressman with having done wrong until the letter of every word of every fact charged against him can be proved to a mathematical certainty is so contrary to what I believe to be right that it is actually disgusting.

"The Commission defends itself against the charge of extravagance, and so did the capitol commissioners of the State of Pennsylvania, defend themselves against extravagant expenditures in the construction of that building. Morse, of New York, and Walsh, of Chicago, both high up in life, defended their extravagant expenditures of trust funds. One of them is now serving time in the penitentiary at Atlanta and the other at Fort Leavenworth."

EVIDENCE IN SWOPE

INVEST STARTLES Nurse Tells of Convulsion After Medicine Prescribed by Dr. Hyde Is Given.

DOCTOR TOLD HER WISHES

Asked Her to Use Influenza With Colonel Swope to Have Him Named Administrator—Poison in Body Said to Be Copious.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 8.—With the testimony of Miss Pearl Keller, a nurse; of Dr. Ludwig Hektoen, of Mrs. Logan H. Swope and of Dr. Frank Hall in the inquest over the body of the late Colonel Swope in Independence today, came developments in the mystery of the millionaire's death more startling than any facts heretofore adduced.

Miss Keller's detailed story of the last moments of Colonel Swope's life, replete with the startling features of happenings in the Swope household, produced a sensation. So carefully had her story been guarded that, although much has been written and rumored about the case, not until today had anyone outside the immediate circle interested in the inquiry heard the narrative.

Dr. Hyde Made Proposal.

Immediately following the death of Colonel Thomas Moss Hunton, Dr. E. C. Hyde asked her to use her influence with Colonel Swope to have him appointed administrator of the Swope estate. Colonel Hunton had been the administrator.

On the morning of Colonel Swope's death she gave him a three-grain capsule, supposed to contain dyspepsia medicine. This she did at the direction of Dr. Hyde. Twenty minutes later Colonel Swope was in a convulsion. His death soon followed.

Five minutes after Colonel Swope's death, Dr. Hyde appeared and, with Attorney John G. Paxton, took Colonel Swope's will from his vest pocket.

Strychnine Found in Liver.

Dr. Hektoen testified one-sixth of a grain of strychnine was found in one-seventh of Colonel Swope's liver. He believed there might be a grain in the entire organ. Half a grain would cause death. Traces of strychnine were found in the stomach. Strychnine might have been injected into the body after death. He did not believe the taking of medicine containing strychnine would leave as much as a grain of the poison in the liver.

Mrs. Swope testified that Dr. Hyde knew of Colonel Swope's intention to give \$1,500,000 to charity and of his plan to change his will to this effect. She also said that Colonel Swope had told Dr. Hyde he had planned to give Thomas Swope the largest part of his estate. She denied she entertained any ill feeling against Dr. Hyde.

Dr. Frank Hall said he was absolutely certain Colonel Swope did not die from cerebral hemorrhage or apoplexy.

Druggist Tells of Medicine.

O. H. Gentry, a druggist of Independence, said he prepared the medicine for Colonel Swope that contained elixir of iron, quinine and strychnine. The strychnine in a teaspoonful amounted to only one-one-hundred and eightieth of a grain, he said.

Dr. Hyde was again present at the inquest today and heard every word of testimony. Especially did he follow the testimony of Miss Keller closely. But he gave no sign that her narrative perturbed him in the least.

In the tense moments when Miss Keller described the dying actions of Colonel Swope, jurors and spectators leaped forward and listened eagerly to every word. She told in detail how she gave the man a capsule and how he passed into convulsions. She said he cried:

"Oh, my God! I wish I had not taken that medicine; I wish I were dead."

Miss Keller also said that Dr. Hyde suggested to her that she ought to charge \$25, instead of \$2 a week for her services. After she had given most of her testimony and the room was quiet, Coroner B. H. Swart asked her:

"Do you know of anything that might have caused Colonel Swope's death other than that capsule?"

"I do not," she replied, firmly.

The report made by Dr. Hektoen on the liver was supported by affidavits from Drs. Walter S. Haines and Victor C. Vaughan. The report on the condition of the stomach was given verbally by Dr. Hektoen. Dr. Hektoen said the examination of the organs of the body had not been completed.

A question that may have great bearing on the case was asked by a jurymen in the afternoon. It was:

"Could the body absorb strychnine that had been injected after death?"

"Yes," Dr. Hektoen replied.

Poison Could Not Diffuse.

Coroner Swart then asked Dr. Hektoen if it would be possible, in view of the fact that the body of Colonel Swope had been frozen, to have injected strychnine after death so that it would have been absorbed?

"No," he replied.

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Springfield Mail Service Cut. SPRINGFIELD, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Postoffice today learned that it would hereafter receive no mail from trains on the main line at Springfield Junction. All the mail for this city will have to come via Albany and as there is but one train daily, and that arriving at 10:30 in the evening, mail from the north will be two days old before it is distributed. The only reason for this change is the cost of the messenger between here and the junction, it is said.

Springfield Schedule Changed. SPRINGFIELD, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The train between this city and Albany has been changed back to its old schedule, leaving at 4:10 A. M. and arriving at 10:30 P. M. It took two days to go to Portland and back, besides a long wait in Albany while changing cars. The changed schedule was objected to by all the other towns on the line.

Many Hurt in Collision. OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 8.—A head-on collision between a Malad Valley motor car and an Oregon Short Line train from the north, occurred as the south-bound train was entering the Ogden yards today, resulting in injuries to many passengers on the motor car, which was completely wrecked. The most seriously injured are: Mrs. Mary Jeppsen, Salt Lake City, internally injured. Harry Alfred, Blackfoot, Idaho. John A. Johns, mail clerk. Six other passengers were slightly injured. The collision was caused by the motor car attempting to make a siding at the neck of the yards in time to clear the main line for the delayed passenger train. An English agricultural society has a sprout extermination fund.

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