



COST OF LIVING IS FAST DECLINING

Prices Show Marked Recession in Year.

FLOUR \$1 A BARREL CHEAPER

Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Meat, Cereals Go Down.

SALMON IS MUCH DEARER

Oregon Fishing Laws Are Held Responsible—Prices Still Far Above Level of 1905 as Shown by Leading Staples.

CHICAGO, April 6.—(Special.)—The high cost of living problem over which the entire country was deeply agitated a few months ago, seems in a fair way of solution.

All kinds of meats and cereals show a marked decline from the prices of a year ago.

The "ultimate consumer" may not have noticed a great difference, perhaps for the retailer cannot follow the market as closely as the wholesaler and the path of the steer from the farm to the table is long and tortuous.

Some Articles Dearer. In a few lines, especially in coffee and dried fruits, prices are higher than a year ago.

The decline in wholesale foodstuffs can best be shown in the following comparative table:

Table with columns for Apr. 1910 and Apr. 1911, listing items like Navy beans, Corn meal, Lard, etc.

Prices Above 1905 Level.

While the prices of today are considerably lower than those of a year ago on the same class of commodities they still are a good deal higher than they were in 1905.

The following list furnished by Froehling & Heppie, who do a large retail business downtown and furnish meats to many of the hotels and restaurants, shows the difference in prices compared with a year ago:

Table titled 'Some Meats Cheaper.' with columns for Apr. 1910 and Apr. 1911, listing items like Mutton, Lamb, Pork, etc.

Meanwhile wages have advanced in all lines of industry, and the "workman's" dollar goes much farther than six months ago.

JAP AMBASSADOR SILENT

He Will Not Deny Rumor His Nation Was Checkmated in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Baron Uchida, Japanese Ambassador, today declined to comment on or even to dignify by a denial the declaration made yesterday in El Paso by a Mexican said to be close to the Mexican Foreign Office, but whose name was withheld, that the United States troops were sent to the border as a caution to Japan, which, country, it was rumored, was attempting to secure a coaling station on the Pacific Coast of Mexico.

No comment was forthcoming from the Mexican embassy, where the story was laughed at as a "bugaboo," which continues to haunt the United States as the "fairy creatures of nursery tales used to frighten children."

BRIDE IS BLIND DUE TO HURTING YOUTH

WOMAN WHO SHOT FRIEND BY ACCIDENT, LOSES SIGHT.

Shock of Everett Mishap Shatters Nerves of Mrs. Sarah Watson and Her Vision Falls.

EVERETT, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—A strange sequel to the killing of Virgil Bell last Sunday, when Mrs. Sarah Watson fired a rifle bullet accidentally through the young man's breast, is that Mrs. Watson has been stricken with blindness that may be permanent.

Only a short time after the young man was taken to the home of his uncle, J. S. Mox, at 4213 Smith avenue, Sunday afternoon, she complained of distress in her eyes, but she was so nervous at the time that little attention was paid to her complaint.

Later it developed that Mrs. Watson's vision had been so seriously affected by the shock of the tragedy that her sight was dimming. She is unable to distinguish day from night and has to keep her eyes bandaged tightly.

Physicians attribute the impaired vision to the shock of seeing Virgil Bell fall at her feet and hearing his shriek when the bullet pierced his body.

Every effort is being made to quiet Mrs. Watson's nerves, which have been at high tension since Sunday afternoon.

DYNAMITE IN COLLISION

Runaway Colts Drive Wagon Tongue Into Load of High Explosive.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Two tons of dynamite came near being exploded today on Reserve street when two colts ran away.

Two loads of dynamite, were being hauled down Reserve street this morning, when Joseph Wagener, a farmer, drove along several blocks behind. The colts dashed down the street.

The driver of the wagon loaded with the high explosive, next to the runaway team, hearing the commotion, looked back, and succeeded in turning into a side street. The second teamster however, could not get out of the way.

The colts dashed into the rear of the loaded wagon. The tongue crashed through the end and stopped against a box of the dynamite.

BOY'S HIP PUT IN PLACE

Salem Lad, 11, Undergoes Lorenz Operation at Salem.

SALEM, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Dr. Elmer Smith, of Portland, today performed the Lorenz operation on the dislocated right hip of Fred Schroeder, son of F. W. Schroeder, of Salem, and as near as can now be determined is successful. The boy is 11 years old, four years older than the age at which it is generally considered safe to undergo the operation.

The child's leg was placed in a plaster cast where it must remain for two months when the cast will be removed, the leg straightened and a new cast placed on the leg to remain for another two months.

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TARIFF OUTLOOK IS MUCH BEGLOUDED

Efforts at Revision May Kill Reciprocity.

COMPROMISE MAY BE MADE

Taft May Sign Schedule Revisions to Save Reciprocity.

HE COMMANDS SITUATION

Democrats May Hold Back Canadian Bill to Hold Threat of Rejection Over Taft's Head in Order to Extort Terms.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—The special session of Congress that convened on Tuesday will not follow a cut-and-dried program mapped out by the leaders; it will not be a session remarkable for harmony; it probably will not be a session of unusual achievement.

The President, in calling the special session, had in mind only one thing—the passage of the Canadian reciprocity bill. The Democratic leaders, who were not averse to the special session, have other ideas, but there is no unanimity of sentiment among the members of either party, and almost anything is likely to happen before the session adjourns.

The situation is still further confused because of the existing legislative entanglement. The Democrats have safe control of the House; the Senate is Republican by a narrow majority, with the insurgents holding the balance of power and the President is leading a sadly divided party, many of whose members are entirely out of harmony with the administration and in no mood for reconciliation.

Opinions on Tariff Many.

The principal work of the session, if not the entire work other than investigations, will be on the tariff, including the Canadian reciprocity bill. The President would like to see that one bill passed and nothing more. There are Republicans and there are Democrats who are of the same frame of mind. On the other hand, many Democrats and some Republicans want other tariff legislation enacted at the special session and these men are probably in the majority.

The House must take the initiative on all tariff legislation and the program of the leaders will be announced by the ways and means committee when it reaches an agreement. No program has been agreed upon as yet, however, and, because of the wide diversity of opinion among Democratic members of the House, the committee will be very cautious about announcing its plans.

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CRUELTY IS DISCOVERED

Illinois Representative Would Investigate Roosevelt's Utterances.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 6.—(Special.)—A majority of the committee which investigated the whipping of boys of the Red Wing State Training School reported to the Legislature today, recommending the dismissal of the superintendent and three subordinate officials; the abolition of corporal punishment for all inmates over 12 years and that corporal punishment for younger inmates be resorted to only under the direction of the State Board of Control.

The testimony offered at the committee hearings was to the effect that some of the boys were cruelly injured by the lashing they received.

SLIDE FIRE ESCAPE FAILS

Wind Upsets Canvas Chute, Hood River Pupils Hurt.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The first test of a canvas-chute fire escape installed recently at the Park street Grammar School in this city resulted this afternoon in the serious injury of Louis Wagner, 13 years old, son of J. G. Wagner.

In the mid-afternoon recess the teachers ordered fire drill. Several children who preceded young Wagner down the chute slid in safety, but as the Wagner boy was half-way down a strong gust of wind turned the chute inside out, hurling him to the ground. His nose and upper lip were split and his left arm was dislocated.

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ROOSEVELT'S PLEA IS, "OPEN ALASKA"

Far North Is His Main Topic at Seattle.

CORPORATION CONTROL IS HIT

Ex-President Dons Cap and Gown Before Students.

LORIMER AGAIN SCORED

Immense Audience Waits Hour for Arrival of ex-President—15,000 Hear Open-Air Address on Varsity Campus.

SEATTLE, April 6.—Theodore Roosevelt concluded his speechmaking on Puget Sound tonight with three addresses in Seattle.

After his return from the open-air meeting at the State University he spoke to a brilliant gathering of business men in Hotel Washington banquet room. Then he was whisked away to Dreamland Hall, where a great audience was waiting for an hour.

He wished to see the resources of Alaska thrown open to use by the people of Alaska, and not turned over to great corporations whose members had never seen Alaska, but sat at office desks in New York and Eastern cities.

Alaska Should Be Opened. Mr. Roosevelt declared he favored the determining of validity of the Alaskan coal claims at the earliest possible moment, that the ones with honest claims might be allowed, the dishonest cancelled, and the land thrown open to use.

More Artillery Will Go Government Will Strengthen Garrison of Hawaiian Forts.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—In accordance with plans laid and announced several months ago, the War Department will send two more companies of coast artillery to Hawaii in about three months. The troops will be taken from posts along the eastern coasts of the United States.

There are now only two companies of coast artillery in Hawaii. The plans contemplate ultimately making the coast artillery strength in Hawaii eight companies, but this number will not be reached for some time.

ATHLETE EXPELLED IN CO-ED ESCAPE

YOUNG WOMEN IDENTIFY RALPH HALGERSON IN PARTY.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE REGENTS TAKE ACTION ON PRANK WHEN GIRLS WERE ROLLED FROM BED.

PULLMAN, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Ralph Holgerson, prominent athlete, member of the athletic team of the Tacoma Y. M. C. A. was tonight ordered expelled from the Washington State College by the Board of Regents after committing the decision of the disciplinary committee investigating the recent prank at Stevens Hall, the girls dormitory, when a half dozen co-eds were rolled from their beds by a party of six young men.

The expulsion of three other students has been practically agreed upon by the committee and the report to be presented to the regents tomorrow will also recommend the suspension of three other students.

FIGHT ON OVER RELICS

Order Is Sought to Stop Sale of McKinley Relics.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(Special.)—To prevent Henry Cooper, of Oakland, husband of the late Mrs. Ida McKinley Morse Cooper, from disposing of property belonging to Marjorie McKinley Morse, his 15-year-old stepdaughter, application was made late yesterday in Judge Graham's court for a restraining order and for the appointment of Benjamin L. McKinley, assistant United States District Attorney, as guardian for the girl.

Mrs. Ida McKinley Morse Cooper, who was a favorite niece of President McKinley, died at Fruitvale sanitarium last Thursday. Part of her property consisted of cherished keepsakes and heirlooms of the late President, which she desired her daughter to have.

PIPE IGNITES COAT TAILS

When Man Ignores Warning on April Fool's Day He Is Burned.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Daniel D. Russell, a farmer, who lives four miles north of Centralia, is confined to his home as the result of undue caution used to protect himself from being "April-fooled" last Saturday.

Mr. Russell was climbing into his buckboard, when some small boys yelled: "Hey, Mister, yer coat-tails are on fire!"

400 STRIKERS IN BATTLE Three Seriously Wounded in Laborers' Riot at Prince Rupert.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., April 6.—Four hundred striking street laborers engaged in a battle with the police here today following an attack upon a force of men working under police protection. During the fight Milan Michodovich, a striker, was shot and probably fatally wounded and several other men, including two Constables, were less seriously hurt.

WIDOW'S EYE ON SALEM New York Woman, 50, Writes to Find Widower or Bachelor.

SALEM, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—A New York woman who requests in her letter "to be sure and not give her name to reporters, because she is in earnest and means business," has written to Secretary Hofer, of the Salem Board of Trade, asking him to locate for her a widower or bachelor who is desirous of obtaining a good wife, nurse or housekeeper.

MINE PLANTING TO BEGIN

Manzanita Arrives at Fort Stevens to Take Up Work in Harbor.

FORT STEVENS, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Actual mine planting operations will begin at once in the mouth of the Columbia River. The auxiliary near has now been installed in the lighthouse tender Manzanita and the vessel reported here today to participate in the maneuvers.

ATLANTIC LINER ROCKS ON BEACH

Princess Irene Grounds on Long Island.

SHE HAS 1720 PASSENGERS

Though Rolling Under Impact of Waves, She Is Safe.

TUGS WORK AT MIDNIGHT

Lying Broadside on Beach, Great Steamer Is Fast in Sand and Rough Sea Prevents Passengers From Landing.

NEW YORK, April 7.—The steamship Princess Irene, with 1720 passengers aboard, from Naples, Genoa, Palermo, and Gibraltar, lies stranded tonight on the sands at the edge of the "graveyard of the Atlantic," on the seaward coast of Long Island. A rough sea and a 20-mile wind are hurling the waves high against her sides as she rocks broadside onto the beach.

All day tugs pulled valiantly, but as darkness settled down they abandoned their task to await midnight's flood tide. The passengers, within sight of their destination, remain on board tonight. The Princess Irene was still aground at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Tugs had moved her 15 degrees, but the tide again began to recede after 1 o'clock. After that hour there appeared to be little hope of dragging her clear.

After running into the sand in the fog early yesterday morning, the liner lay helpless throughout the night, surrounded by tugs and revenue cutters. Efforts to pull her free at afternoon high tide failed.

Wind Rolls Ship on Beach. At low water in the evening the stranded liner lay with her length of 523 feet broadside to the beach. Watchers on shore saw the incoming tide, urged on with a wind which had increased to nearly 20 miles an hour, rock the vessel, while every other swell rolled up her sides and sent her over her superstructure.

Passengers Remain Calm. The scene of the grounding is about ten miles east of Fire Island. The vessel lies 1000 feet from the beach of the treacherous sandpit which skirts Long Island. Creeping carefully in the murky weather, the Princess Irene did not strike hard, and few of her passengers, 235 of whom were in the cabins, realized what had happened until they arose for breakfast. And, although two-thirds of the passengers are Italian and Greek immigrants, unable to understand the assurances of the officers, they were reasonably calm.

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