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FLOUR PRICE FIXED AT $10.20 A BARREL

Millers Announce Reduction of 40 Cents.

NO LOWER NEED BE EXPECTED

Mill Feed Also Takes Drop of $3 a Ton and May Fall More.

BAKERS WILL REDUCE LOAF

Declaration Is That Portland Is Now Getting Bigger Loaves Than Eastern Cities and Change Will Be Made.

BREAD WILL BE REGULATED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Measures of co-operation to reduce the price of bread will be recommended by the food administration within a short time to bakers, retailers and consumers. The Federal Trade Commission will complete, probably this week, an inquiry into the cost of breadmaking and distribution. As soon as its reports have been gone over the food administration will announce its views as to standards, shapes and composition of bread.

At the same time it will make public its recommendations as to co-operation to reduce prices.

Flour prices were reduced 40 cents a barrel yesterday and are now down as low as they will go this year, according to millers. The new price is $10.20 a barrel wholesale for family patents.

The cut was announced following a meeting of Northwestern Millers held in the office of T. B. Wilcox, chairman of the millers' committee of the Pacific Coast. The meeting was the continuation of a conference of milling men held in Mr. Wilcox's office last week.

At the same time announcement was made of a reduction of $3 a ton in mill feed prices.

The flour quotation of $10.20 a barrel will be maintained throughout October at least, but after that, when the carrying charges on grain increase, this will probably be added to the flour price. The flour quotation as fixed yesterday is based on the wheat price which the Government has named for the Pacific Northwest. But for the increase in the wheat price recently made flour would be lower.

Flour Prices Compared.

There has been a reduction of $1.40 a barrel in flour prices since the first announcement of a Government wheat price. As compared with the extreme high point in the flour market last May, flour has declined $3.50 a barrel. The present price of $10.20 compares with a $4.80 market at the time the war started in Europe and $9.40 when the United States entered the war. A month later the price had climbed to $13.70.

Although flour prices have been sharply lowered, there is no indication that bread will be any cheaper here. According to H. H. Haynes, president of the Master Bakers' Association, the bakers can not reduce their prices and come out whole.

"We have been selling bread right along below the market price of flour," said Mr. Haynes yesterday.

"The bread price is, and has been, based on $9.50 flour. That was the average price of old crop flour and we never raised the bread price to correspond with the extreme flour quotation.

Loaf Size May Be Reduced.

"Now, with the flour market set definitely at $10.20 for Oregon patents, it looks as if the bakers will find it necessary to reduce the size of the loaf a little. We use Montana and Dakota hard wheat flours as well as local bluestem flour and this costs more than the home product. With Oregon flour worth $10.20, the Montana flour will cost us at least $10.75."

Mr. Haynes has just returned from a trip to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and Minneapolis and in every city he found the bakers giving a smaller loaf for the money than in Portland. In some places the loaves were two ounces less in weight. The nearest approach to the Portland size loaf was in Chicago and there the weight was a half ounce less than here.

Feed Prices Fixed.

The decline of $3 a ton in millfeed prices fixes the local market for the present $30 a ton on bran and $35 on shorts in carload lots at mills. It is not certain how long this price will hold, as the market will be governed entirely by supply and demand. Feed dealers believe a cheaper price will soon be announced, as the mills in the Northwest are going to turn out a larger quantity of millfeed this Winter than ever before in their history. All the wheat sold to the allies for export to Europe will be milled here before it is exported, and this will greatly increase the supply of bran and shorts, which must be consumed at home. The big mills at Portland, Tacoma and Seattle will turn out about 20,000 tons of millfeed a month, a quantity said to be con-

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MILK AT 12½ CENTS TO BE FAIR PRICE

MAYOR'S COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATION.

All Milk Dealers Urged to Adopt Rate of $3.75 a Quart for October.

The Mayor's milk commission last night recommended 12½ cents a quart for milk for the month of October as the price that will give the producer and the distributor a reasonable return and not pinch the consumer too much. The present price ranges from 10 cents to 16 cents.

This recommendation will be transmitted to Mayor Baker, who will urge upon all milk dealers to adopt it as the maximum price for the month of October. The commission will meet again about October 20 and make recommendations for the month of November, taking into consideration feed prices for cows, weather conditions and other Winter obstacles and the general market conditions.

The commission recommends that the price of 12½ cents be apportioned 6¼ cents to the producer and 6¼ cents to the distributor. This is figured to return $2.90 a hundred pounds to the producer at the farm.

Milk delivery now ranges from 10 cents to 16 cents a quart, or from $3 to $4.80 a month a quart. The new price of 12½ cents a quart would figure up $3.75 a month a quart for a month of 30 days.

COURT TO MAKE DECISION

Last Unofficial Count Shows Bennett Leading Mitchel.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—On application of William M. Bennett, candidate for the mayoralty nomination against Mayor John Purroy Mitchel in the Republican primaries here last week, Supreme Court Justice Goff today issued an order staying the board of elections from certifying to the Secretary of State the name of Mr. Mitchel as the Republican candidate for Mayor. Justice Goff announced that he will hear motions on the order Monday.

The unofficial recount of the ballots showed Mr. Bennett leading Mayor Mitchel tonight by 383, with the votes in several districts yet to be inspected. The first official canvass by the board of elections gave the Mayor a lead of 335.

HIGHWAY CONTRACT LET

Stretch Between Mosier and Chenowith to Be Built for $70,124.

THE DALLES, Or., Sept. 27.—(Special.)—The contract for the construction of the section of Columbia Highway, between Mosier and Chenowith Creek, was awarded to the Elliott Contracting Company, of Portland, after the bids had been opened by the County Court. The contract price was $70,124 for both grades. The bid for the grade from the Chenowith Creek to the top of Seven-Mile Hill was $39,115 and from that point to Mosier $31,008.

Work will be started at once.

No bids were received on the Dufur-Dalles road and one bid of $26,642 for the road from Dufur south was rejected by the Board.

GERMANS JEER U. S. FORCE

Airman's Note Says That American Army Is Too Small to Molest.

BY HEYWOOD BROUN.

WITH THE EXPEDITIONARY ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—American forces have not arrived in France in sufficient numbers to disturb the Germans, apparently. This was seen yesterday when a hostile airplane circled high over the American camp, dropping a message weighted with a shell.

There was a rush for the note, which was immediately taken to camp headquarters. It read: "We have no intention as yet of molesting you Americans, because you are not numerous enough to make you worth our attention."

FRENCH LOSE 12 SHIPS

Three Steamers Are Attacked Unsuccessfully in Past Week.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—(Delayed.)—The French Admiralty tonight announced the following losses by submarines or mines for the week ending September 23:

"Over 1600 tons, seven, one previously.

"Under 1600 tons, five, two previously.

"Three steamers were attacked unsuccessfully. No fishing vessels were lost."

ROME, Sept. 27.—(Delayed.)—One steamship of more than 1500 tons and six sailing ships of less than 100 tons each were sunk last week by mines or submarines, according to the weekly report from the Italian Admiralty.

ALIEN DRAFT POSTPONED

Secretary Lansing Hopes to Effect Treaties Shortly.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Objections to enactment of any alien slacker legislation at present, voiced by Secretary Lansing yesterday before the House military affairs committee, resulted today in a committee vote to postpone action indefinitely.

Chairman Dent later said that the Secretary's statement that the State Department was negotiating with other countries to effect a result equivalent to enactment of "alien slacker" legislation was largely responsible for the vote.

M'ADOO GIVES NEW LIBERTY LOAN PLAN

Issue To Be for 3 Billion or More.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OPEN OCT. 1

Bonds to Run 10 to 25 Years at 4 Per Cent.

GENERAL TAXES ESCAPED

Holders of New Issue May Exchange Paper if New Bonds Are Put Out at Higher Rate of Interest at Later Date.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Secretary McAdoo tonight announced the details of the second Liberty Loan which will be offered to the public October 1. The chief features are:

Amount, $3,000,000,000 or more, the excess not to exceed one-half of the amount of over-subscription.

Interest Put at 4 Per Cent.

Term of bonds—Maturity, 25 years; redeemable at the option of the secretary of the treasury in 10 years.

Denomination of bonds—$50 and multiples of $50.

Interest rate—Four per cent, payable semi-annually on November 15 and May 15.

Bonds Are Convertible.

Terms of payment—Two per cent upon application, 18 per cent November 15, 40 per cent December 14, and 40 per cent January 15, 1918.

The privilege of converting bonds of this issue into bonds of any succeeding issue bearing a higher interest rate than 4 per cent during the period of the war, is extended, and through an arrangement under which bonds will be printed with only four coupons instead of 50 (to be exchanged at the end of two years for the bonds containing the full number of coupons) deliveries will be prompt. In this manner the issue of interim certificates will be avoided.

Subscriptions Open October 1.

Secretary McAdoo's announcement reads as follows:

"With the approval of the President, I have determined to offer, on October 1, 1917, $3,000,000,000 or more of United States of America 4 per cent convertible gold bonds due on November 15, 1942, and subject to redemption at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after November 15, 1927. The bonds will bear interest from November 15, 1917, and the interest will be payable on May 15 and November 15 in each year.

Half of Surplus to Be Allotted.

"The exact amount of bonds to be issued under this offering will depend on the amount of subscriptions re-

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ACTUAL CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA TO BE GIVEN READERS OF THE OREGONIAN BY FAMOUS WOMAN.

Rheta Childe Dorr has just returned from Russia, where she spent three months close to the people, gathering materials for one of the greatest news serials of the war.

Rheta Childe Dorr.

The Oregonian will begin publishing Mrs. Dorr's account of her observations and conclusions next Wednesday.

Daily installments will follow for three weeks or more.

Mrs. Dorr will answer the questions that Americans are so anxiously asking: "What manner of man is Kerensky? Is he a strong leader?" and "Will he hold out? What about the women in the Legion of Death? What of the Bolsheviki, the visionary radicals, who are doing so much to handicap the new republic?"

Mrs. Dorr will tell how soldiers gouge out officers' eyes; how workmen exact fabulous wages and then refuse to work; how agitators from New York tell Russian mobs that America has a ruler that out-kaisers the Kaiser; how thieves loot at will, and how nearly the present government approaches absolute powerlessness in the face of the universal anarchy that prevails.

Every American will want to read Mrs. Dorr's wonderful story. It points the way to our duty toward a distracted and demoralized ally.

ARCTIC SPECIMENS ARRIVE

D. A. Cadzow, of Historical Museum, Home From Long Visit to North.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 27.—After six months spent on Arctic shores, D. A. Cadzow, of the American museum of National natural history of New York, has arrived in Vancouver with one of the finest ethnological collections ever brought out of the north.

He visited the Eskimos of the Mackenzie River delta and of the Coronation Gulf district, some of whom are blue-eyed presumably from an admixture of Scandinavian blood, according to Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer.

WILSON'S PLEDGE HAILED

Paris Papers Comment on Farewell to Minister of Missions.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—Henry Franklin Bouillon, who was appointed to the newly created post of Minister of Missions Abroad in the recent organization of the French Cabinet, returned today from his visit to the United States.

The Paris newspapers comment extensively today on President Wilson's final assurance:

"To the last man, to the last dollar, the whole force of the United States is at your service."

WAR TAX BILL PUT INTO FINAL FORM

Conferees Raise Levy to $2,700,000,000.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON BILL

Three-Cent Postage Restored to Measure.

CHECKS WILL BE TAXED

System of Levying War Excess Profits Taxes Rewritten as Compromise Between House and Senate Plans.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The war tax bill, increased to raise about $2,700,000,000 Federal revenue in addition to $1,333,000,000 obtained under existing law, was completed late today by the Senate and House conferees.

Presentation of the conference report to the House late tomorrow is planned. It will be considered first by the House, and the bill's enactment into law next week is regarded assured.

Bill Increased Further.

Additional taxes of between $250,000,000 and $300,000,000 over the Senate bill, which totaled $2,416,000,000, were added by the conferees. As passed by the House the total was $1,868,000,000.

Senate levies of $1,060,000,000 on war excess profits and $842,200,000 on incomes were substantially unchanged, the conference increases being divided among many items with a few new taxes added and many eliminated House provisions restored. The system of levying war excess profits taxes, however, was practically rewritten in a compromise between the Senate war profits and House excess profits systems. A minimum exemption of 7 per cent on invested corporate capital is said to be provided, with modified allowances for intangible assets.

Postage Tax Restored.

The only change in the Senate income tax section was to rearrange and harmonize a few graduated surtaxes on incomes over $50,000 without substantial change in revenue returns or individual taxation. Normal taxes on individuals and corporations and the lowered individual exemptions as revised in the Senate were approved.

Of the $250,000,000 to $300,000,000 additional agreed to by the conferees, about one-third was placed upon postage. The House 1-cent letter tax, estimated to raise $70,000,000, which was stricken out by the Senate, was restored by the conferees, and their agreement for a graduated zone increase on second-class mail rates is estimated to raise some millions more.

Another large increase ordered was in passenger transportation and Pull-

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SPOKANE CARMEN'S WAGES BOOSTED

WORKERS ACCEPT TERMS OFFERED BY COMPANY.

Union Official Says Wage Lift Makes Traction Employes Best Paid in City.

SPOKANE, Sept. 27.—(Special.)—At today's meeting of the carmen of the traction system, comprising over half the membership of the local Carmen's Union, a practically unanimous vote was cast for the acceptance of the terms offered by the company.

A 3-cent-an-hour increase in wages, the lowering from three years to two years for maximum pay and other minor concessions were granted by the company in a proposition submitted to the carmen some time ago when they asked for an increase of 4 cents an hour in pay. But one concession of any importance asked by the carmen—that of transportation over the interurban lines of the company—was refused, and that matter is still pending.

The old and new scales compare as follows:

First six months, old rate, 28 cents; new, 30 cents; second six months, old rate, 29 cents; new, 31 cents; third six months, old rate, 30 cents; new, 32 cents; fourth six months, old rate, 31 cents; new, 33 cents; after fourth six months, old rate, 32 cents; new, 35 cents. Scale effective from September.

"We are well satisfied with the action of the company," said John Anderson. "Their proposition was fair in every respect and granted every major request of the organization. The increase in wages makes traction employes the best paid in the city."

OPERATION IS DEFERRED

Senator Chamberlain's Condition Remains Unchanged.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 27.—Senator Chamberlain's condition remains practically unchanged, according to an announcement tonight by Dr. Ganno, his physician.

Because of the pain he is experiencing the Senator is rather uncomfortable, but Dr. Ganno in consultation with Dr. Kelly decided tonight that an immediate operation is not necessary, and it may be avoided altogether. This, however, will depend upon how the case yields to treatment. To quote Dr. Ganno, Senator Chamberlain is "not out of the woods yet." His temperature is moderately high, but no unfavorable symptoms have developed and unless there is a change for the worse, the Senator will not undergo an operation.

PREMIER RESENTS CANARD

Lloyd George Charges Libel in Press Tale Hinting Cowardice.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Premier David Lloyd George has started proceedings for libel against certain newspapers which announced that on the occasion of last Monday night's air raid he left London for his house at Walton Heath.

The fact is the Premier started for France that night.

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STRIKE TRUCE AIM OF MAYOR'S APPEAL

Baker Urges Workers to Meet Employers.

MEN'S LOYALTY APPEALED TO

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FEDERAL BOARD DUE SOON

Suggested Plan Would Put Men Back to Work While Government Is Investigating--Safety of Soldiers Declared in Jeopardy.

STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS OF YESTERDAY.

Mayor Baker issues patriotic appeal to employers, employes and general public to end strike for sake of our boys at the front, who have offered their lives for the country.

Mayor continues efforts to get employers and employes together for a conference.

City's legal bureau and counsel for defense agree to open test cases against alleged pickets in Municipal Court this morning.

G. Y. Harry, Federal mediator, receives wire from Washington officially notifying him that Adjustment Board will leave Washington next Wednesday for the Coast to investigate the situation.

Attempts of shipbuilding plants to resume operations yesterday morning proved futile; only a few men appeared for work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—The strike of 30,000 metal trades unionists here, which was to have been ended tomorrow morning, was indefinitely prolonged late tonight when members of the Boilermakers' Union voted not to return to work under the terms of the temporary agreement promulgated Sunday, which had been accepted by a majority of the affiliated unions.

The employers issued a statement that as a result of this action, the plants would remain closed tomorrow.

Mayor Baker yesterday, in continuing his efforts to end the local shipbuilders' strike, issued an appeal to the employers, their employes and the general public, asking all concerned to make up their differences on patriotic grounds. He pointed out the various angles of the situation, especially dwelling upon the imperiling of the boys who have gone to the front, perhaps to pay with their lives for their devotion to the country, by a continuance of the tie-up, and called upon organized labor as a whole here to take a hand.

The Mayor made a special appeal to all branches of union men and women to go to the general mass meeting at the Public Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock and assert themselves in a patriotic manner. This is the big event scheduled for today by the strikers, who engaged the place for it. Anyone carrying a card of the American Federation of Labor will be admitted.

Temporary Truce Sought.

Mayor Baker also engaged in efforts again yesterday to get the employers and the employes together for a conference as to certain features of the situation, his whole thought being to bring about a temporary truce, pending the arrival of the special commission which is to leave Washington for the West next Wednesday to investigate shipbuilding conditions.

Following is Mayor Baker's formal statement:

"After an exhaustive inquiry into the shipbuilding strike, I have found that lines of dispute are so squarely and tightly drawn that there is but one way the trouble can be settled finally, and that is by Federal mediation. All other courses at our command apparently have failed.

Message to President Answered.

"I have assurance from the National capital that necessary steps are being taken by the Government as rapidly as possible to bring the strife to an end. The disputes will be settled in this way on terms that must be satisfactory to all concerned. I have, under date of today, September 27, a telegram from J. P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, which reads as follows:

"'Your telegram received. Commission of the Shipping Board, of which V. Everett Macy is chairman, is about to proceed to the Pacific Coast to take up existing labor disputes directly on the ground.'

Patriotism Appealed To.

"This course will take a little time, and for this reason I appeal to the striking workmen, the employers, the labor leaders and to the public generally to rally to the cause of patriotism to the Nation and loyalty to our city and get the men back to work on the ships. Federal mediation has succeeded in other cities and it will succeed here. There is nothing to gain and everything to lose by idleness in the interim.

"The Nation is at war—the greatest

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WHO SAID THE KAISER COULDN'T SMILE?