

FOOD COST IN CITIES HERE CONTRASTED

Only Four Places More Expensive to Live in Than Portland, Or., Say Nation's Experts.

BOSTON IS FIRST OF ALL

Strange as It May Seem, Canned Salmon Sells for Less in 14 Other Cities Than It Does Close to Fishing Grounds.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 29.—According to statistics recently compiled by the Bureau of Markets, of the Department of Agriculture, Boston is the most expensive city in the United States in which to eat. Washington is second, Atlanta third, Pittsburgh fourth, Portland, Or., fifth and Baltimore sixth.

Strange as it may seem, in 14 cities in which figures were gathered, canned salmon sells for less in 14 other cities than it does in Portland, and Denver is the only city where the price equals that in Portland.

Incidentally it may be remarked that this investigation by the Department of Agriculture may shed some light on the probable result of the investigation recently conducted by the War Labor Board in its study of the question of wages of street railway employees.

Other Investigation Awaited. The results of that investigation have not been made public as this is written and it cannot be assumed that the War Labor Board will discover the same state of facts indicated by the statistics made public by the Department of Agriculture.

If the two branches of the Government service should arrive at different conclusions, it would not be the first time that differences of that kind have developed. It is likely, however, that the War Labor Board's figures will approximate those of the Department of Agriculture.

The Department of Agriculture did not set out to find the cost of living in various cities, but rather to determine the price of foodstuffs in other cities as compared with the prices in the city of Washington, where, it has been charged, the prices are the highest in the country.

Costs Are Relative. The department's figures are not in the form of prices, but rather in the form of percentages. It may be that the statisticians started out with the preconceived notion that prices in Washington are unreasonably high and their computations were somewhat affected by their prejudices—something that has been known to occur in other cases.

But, be that as it may, the figures are presented to the public by the Department of Agriculture and each reader can make any allowances he may see fit.

The table prepared by the department, as given below, shows, as to each commodity, the amount of money that would have had to be spent on July 29 in each of the other six cities to purchase the quantity of goods for which \$1 was spent that day in Washington. Here is the comparative table:

Article—	Albany	Boston	De- troit	San Francisco	St. Louis	Portland, Or.
Bread	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Potatoes	1.25	1.08	.88	.75	.50	1.00
Rice	1.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Butter	.94	.96	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Oleomargarine	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canned milk	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Cheese	1.06	.99	.94	1.00	1.00	1.00
Eggs	.94	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Beef steak	.90	1.10	.80	.70	.64	1.00
Pork chops	.84	1.11	.84	.78	.89	1.00
Ham	.88	1.08	.80	.75	.80	1.00
Chicken	.83	1.23	.83	.77	.73	1.00
Flour	.88	.80	.80	.72	.70	1.00
Lamb chops	1.00	1.03	.93	.87	1.00	1.00
Leg of lamb	.96	1.20	.96	.86	.80	1.00
Bacon, sliced	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Ham, whole	1.13	1.45	1.38	1.04	1.15	1.00
Ham, sliced	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Beef	1.10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canned salmon	.91	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Barley flour	.91	1.17	1.00	.91	1.17	1.00
White corn meal	.91	1.17	1.00	.91	1.17	1.00
Yellow corn meal	.91	1.17	1.00	.91	1.17	1.00
Corn flakes	.91	1.17	1.00	.91	1.17	1.00
Heat breakfast food	.91	1.17	1.00	.91	1.17	1.00
Dry onions	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
String beans	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canned tomatoes	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canned corn	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Canned peas	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Navy beans	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Vegetable fats	.97	.94	.97	.94	1.00	1.00
Lard	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Prunes	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Oranges	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Percentages by which Washington costs are higher than those of other cities	+0.68	+1.3	+1.3	+1.6	+1.5	+0.0

Indicates other cities higher.

DOLLAR BILL HAS SHRUNK

Advance of Prices of Food in Five Years Comparatively Shown.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Comparison of food prices prevailing now with those of five years ago, shows that the purchasing power of a dollar bill has shrunk to 54 cents in Washington and Baltimore, 75 cents in Philadelphia, 59 cents in New York and Chicago and 63 cents in San Francisco, according to a statement today by the Department of Labor.

Food which could be bought for \$1 in July, 1913, now costs \$1.85 in Washington, \$1.83 in Baltimore, \$1.77 in Philadelphia, \$1.68 in New York, \$1.69 in Chicago and \$1.58 in San Francisco. In the one-year period from July, 1917, to July, 1918, food prices advanced 22 per cent in San Francisco, 20 per cent in Washington and Philadelphia, 20 per cent in Baltimore, 17 per cent in New York and 11 per cent in Chicago.

FUSS ORDERED SETTLED

U. S. SHIPPING BOARD INSISTS ON AGREEMENT AT SEATTLE

Three Car Systems to Be Placed Under One Control; 6-Cent Fare Provided For.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Tired of the futile negotiations pending for weeks between city officials and the local traction companies in regard to improvement of service and the problem of wages for all employees, the local representatives of the United States Shipping Board today served notice on both parties outlining an operating agreement which, it is insisted, must be adopted immediately by the City Council.

Failure to agree, together, the ultimatum says, will be followed by "some drastic action" on the part of the Government.

Unification of car service so that

the cars of all three lines may operate over the tracks serving the shipyards, the entire system to be under control of a committee composed of an operating official from each of the two traction companies and the Superintendent of Public Utilities is demanded; also authorization of a 6-cent fare for straight rides with an additional charge of 1 cent for each transfer.

Permission is given the city to withdraw from this agreement if within 90 days of operation under control of the committee a satisfactory adjustment cannot be reached.

Recommendation is made by the shipping officials that the Government lend sufficient money to complete the existing projects in the matter of both track and cars necessary to shipyard service, secured satisfactory security can be obtained for the loan.

ITALIAN PARTY DELAYED

EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS TO ARRIVE SATURDAY MORNING.

Slight Rearrangement of Tentative Programme for Reception and Entertainment Is Made.

Arrival of the party of Italian editors and publishers touring the United States under direction of the Bureau of Public Information has been postponed until 7:30 Saturday morning. This has caused a slight rearrangement of the tentative programme for their reception and entertainment.

For the trip on the river the Oregon Naval Militia has made preparations to provide the craft and furnish the escort. At the conclusion of the programme at Liberty Temple Saturday night the visitors will proceed to the W. O. W. Hall, East Sixth and Alder streets, to attend the benefit dance given under the auspices of the Italian Red Cross. The Italian Band, Director Berardinelli in charge, which will lead the parade, will also furnish music for the Red Cross benefit.

The revised reception programme is as follows:

Saturday, 7:30 A. M.—Arrive; committee escorts party to Portland Hotel.

8 A. M.—Breakfast at Portland Hotel.

8:30 A. M.—Leave for Northwest Hotel.

9:30 A. M.—Leave for Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company by boat.

10 A. M.—Arrive Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company.

10:45 A. M.—Leave Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company for Eastern & Western Lumber Company.

11:15 A. M.—Leave for Liberty Temple.

12 noon—Speak at Liberty Temple.

12:30 P. M.—Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

1:45 P. M.—Leave Chamber of Commerce for spruce cut-out plant at Vancouver.

6 P. M.—Arrive in Portland.

8 P. M.—Assemble for parade at City Hall.

8:30 P. M.—Speak at Liberty Temple.

Sunday, 1 P. M.—Leave for Columbia River Highway.

6:45 P. M.—Dinner at Chautauque.

HIGHER TAXES APPROVED

COMMERCIAL TRADE INTERESTS OF NATION ON RECORD.

Chamber of Commerce of United States Reports Strong Sentiment for Increases.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States announced today that commercial and trade organizations had overwhelmingly ratified recommendations that income tax rates should be increased and a new high war profits tax created in

the revenue legislation now being framed.

The expression of opinion was obtained through a referendum vote of 11 specific recommendations of a special committee on the financing of the war.

The proposals not included in the draft of the new revenue bill are as follows:

A federal regional board of review appointed by the administrative authority should be authorized, with power to make recommendations on appeals from preliminary assessments.

Some system should be devised for equalization of Federal taxes so as to protect the taxpayers against overpayment of assessments through error or ignorance without their being required to make specific claim for refund.

Heavy taxes should be imposed on a few articles of widespread consumption. This was understood to refer to such articles as sugar and coffee.

Heavy taxes also should be laid on a selected list of war extravagances.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—A letter received at the Knights of Columbus headquarters here contains a story which Marines in Paris on leave from the front line are telling. The central figure of the story is Rev. John J. Brady, of New York City, the first priest to go abroad with General Pershing's forces. Father Brady was working on the front line one day just as the "zero" hour—the moment for the launching of an attack—arrived.

The men were all ready and in another moment they would be "going over the top."

"Just a moment, boys," Father Brady said, and turning to the enemy positions directly ahead, he gave the enemy a good talking.

He finished at the very moment of the launching of the attack.

"Now, boys," he cried, "go to 'em!" The boys went.

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NEW TRIALS DENIED

Sentence to Be Pronounced on I. W. W. Leaders Today.

"BIG MISTAKE"—HAYWOOD

Judge Landis Delays Final Action in Chicago Trial for 24 Hours.

Owing to New Evidence Offered.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Federal Judge K. M. Landis today, after denying a new trial to the 100 I. W. W. leaders recently found guilty of anti-war conspiracy, granted three of the defendants continuances for their cases and announced that the remaining 97 would not be sentenced until tomorrow afternoon.

This decision was reached only after Judge Landis had listened to the individual story of each defendant. He was visibly affected by the stories of some and showed every inclination to give each defendant the benefit of any doubt that might exist.

New Evidence Offered.

Nearly three and a half hours were occupied with the speeches of the defendants and at the end of that time Judge Landis announced that so much new matter had been introduced that he wished time to consider the new evidence.

The defendants, as their names were called, stepped forward and were asked by the court if they had anything to say before sentence was imposed.

Charge Absurd, Says Byers.

"The charge is absurd," declared J. H. Byers, of Portland, Or. "My parents are good Americans and I have held public office."

When Ralph M. Chaplin, of Chicago, editor of the I. W. W. publication Solidarity, referred to the jury as "stupid," Judge Landis interrupted him by remarking:

"I do not care to hear a group of men who were kept from home and business 120 days slandered."

"Well," responded Chaplin, "I can only say I am proud to have climbed high enough for the lightning to strike."

Mistake, Says Haywood.

There was a flurry of excitement in the courtroom when William D. Haywood, general secretary and treasurer of the I. W. W., stepped forward.

"I feel that the verdict in this case is one of the greatest mistakes ever perpetrated in a court of justice," said Haywood. "No member of the I. W. W. is guilty of any action against the United States. If I were released there is nothing I could do but continue to uphold the I. W. W. constitution as I have done in the past."

Special Pica Made.

Attorney Vanderveer entered a special plea in behalf of J. A. McDonald, editor of the Industrial Worker, of Seattle, Wash., who is suffering from tuberculosis. Mr. Vanderveer recommended that some provision be made for McDonald because of his condition.

Anson E. Soper, of Astoria, Or., when called before the court offered to take upon himself the sentence of his friend, Dr. G. Mariette, if Judge Landis would permit the latter to return to his wife and babies.

Court Relents With Two.

"I am not," he said, "a man with a hard face and soft hands, as the prosecutor said. I have worked for 35 years in essential industries."

Later, when Joe Usapiet was called, Judge Landis called Mariette and told him and Usapiet that they were granted a continuance until the first Monday of November because of extenuating circumstances.

More than 2,000,000 letters of alleged seditious import were seized recently on search warrants issued secretly to postoffice inspectors co-operating with United States District Attorney Clyne, it became known today.

According to reports, practically every pro-German and anti-war organ-

ization has been a target and the use of the mails denied them. Among those named in the search warrants are:

The Socialist party, including practically every affiliated organization, their principal officers and publications.

The I. W. W., its defense fund organizations, propagandists and officials.

GOLD SMUGGLING CHARGED

Three Washington Men Arrested by Federal Officials.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Following the arrest by customs inspectors at Blaine of W. J. Lesage and A. J. Cranwell, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, respectively, Isaac Key, a pioneer Seattle jeweler, was arrested this afternoon. All are charged with conspiracy to violate the proclamation forbidding the carrying out of the country of more than \$200 in gold, which was later made a provision of the espionage act.

Cranwell, with his wife, was arrested last April on a charge of attempting to smuggle out of the country to British Columbia \$900 in gold. Both pleaded guilty. Cranwell was fined \$200 and Mrs. Cranwell \$50, the \$900 in gold being seized. Lesage, when arrested, had in his possession \$5000 in American gold coin.

Key's bond was fixed at \$5000 by United States Commissioner Robert W. McCalland.

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