

LIVING COST TARGET OF FEDERAL LEADERS

Wilson, Cabinet and Department of Justice to Act.

PROFITEERS TO BE HUNTED

President Will Deliver Special Message to Congress on Economic Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The decision of Director Julius H. Barnes, of the grain corporation, to maintain the government's guarantee on wheat at \$2.25 a bushel as a "reserve protection against a higher price later" was one of the moves today by government agencies working to reduce the cost of living and avert the country's general...

Two other decisions were reached today. President Wilson decided to address a message to congress recommending additional legislation to aid in reducing the cost of living, and agents of the department of justice were ordered to ferret out all hoarders of necessities and profiteers throughout the country. They are to be prosecuted under the food control act.

At the conclusion of a day's activity by the president, the sub-committee of the cabinet, appointed by Attorney-General Palmer, and by the attorney-general himself, announcements were made of these immediate steps to be taken, and of the government's "what policy."

Readjustment is Pledged. In a statement showing why the price of wheat would rise but for the government guarantee, Director Barnes provided a readjustment of flour prices at the expense of the national treasury as authorized by congress. If later developments indicated a price for wheat lower than the guaranteed basis, immediate steps will be taken by the grain corporation to sell standard export flour in every community of the country in carload lots at a price not greater than \$10 a barrel, Mr. Barnes announced. This price, he added, is lower by \$1 a barrel than any price ruling during the last four months.

Using figures described as coming from the grain corporation's own private sources, Mr. Barnes predicted a shrinkage of "probably 400,000,000 bushels" in the wheat production for North America, 250,000,000 bushels of which is in the United States, from the date forecast, and a further shrinkage in European wheat and rye production of 300,000,000 bushels outside Russia.

Palmer Tells Plans. The high cost of living was not discussed at today's cabinet meeting, but Attorney-General Palmer, after the meeting, conferred with the president and presented memoranda stating what the government was doing and what it proposed doing under existing laws and possible additional laws to cope with the situation.

Attorney-General Palmer declined to disclose what remedial laws were suggested to the president or to go into the details as to how the department would proceed under the existing laws, beyond saying that "operating under the Lever act the department are in possession of the food administration would be assumed by the department of justice."

Doubt was expressed by some legal authorities as to a penalty provided for profiteering by the food control act, although penalties are provided for raising from \$5000 to \$10,000, or from two to four years imprisonment or both, for hoarding and other violations. Attorney-General Palmer said it was his belief and hope that immediate results toward reducing the cost of living could be obtained through prosecuting under existing laws.

Wilson to Take Hand. Secretary Tammity said after Director Barnes had left the president that no statement would be forthcoming from the white house, tonight, on the mere announcement that the president "will address a message to congress as soon as he has time to write it."

Director Barnes in making his public statement regarding the world wheat situation said that the wheat crop in the United States is not short, and that 1,000,000,000 bushels are assured. There was no warrant, he said, however, for statements that the price has been inflated. He announced definitely that as far as he could see there was no hope for a reduction in the near future, and that he would not sell wheat at a price below the guarantee.

Figures were given by Mr. Barnes on the world price as follows: Average farm price to American farmers under guarantee, \$2.00 a bushel. Average farm price in the United Kingdom during the last calendar year, \$2.25. Average farm price for leading producing countries, United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia, producing 1,300,000,000 bushels, \$1.84. Average world price (largely guaranteed) of Europe's 13 countries producing 800,000,000 bushels, \$2.75. Average of all wheat growers, weighted according to the size of their contribution to the total crop of the world, works out an average world price of \$2.46.

Argentina wheat, with higher freight and higher freight costs, the Barnes statement said, some delivered in Europe only 30 cents more than American wheat delivered in Europe.

Price Theory Faulty. There is no support for "the theory of ultimate relation and influence between wheat price and other foods," the statement said. Figures were presented to bear out Mr. Barnes' contention. "Britain, France and Italy," the statement continued, "all have artificially reduced flour and bread prices, buying their raw material at the world's price and absorbing the loss by national taxes. Any sale of wheat, or flour by us at reduced prices to them would only save their national treasuries, while depriving ours, without any possible reduction in the bread price to their people which is already fixed."

Mr. Barnes also gave figures to show the relation of the price of wheat to the price of bread and contended that bread now was the cheapest item in the diet. If all other foods were at the same price as wheat, the annual cost of food for each person would be about \$50, or a total national food bill of \$5,000,000,000 instead of \$15,000,000,000.

Senators Quit Packer. E. E. White, vice-president of Armour & Co., today before a senate investigating committee on the high cost of living in the District of Columbia, denied his company was profiteering or using unfair methods in the distribution and sale of meat. He declared the company had made no profit on its beef business this year.

Mr. White denied also that his company participated in exorbitant profits in eggs, declaring that the company's average profit was not more than 2 or 3 cents a dozen.

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ALLIES MUST WATCH TO PREVENT BRUTALITY, WARNING.

British Naval Officer Says Conditions in Prison Shocking; Old Regime Is Feared.

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LONDON, Aug. 5.—(Special Cable.)—"Nothing but constant watch by entente authorities can prevent a return to the old regime," so writes Vice-Admiral Sir A. Calthorpe, high commissioner at Constantinople, in one of a series of reports dealing with the appalling prison conditions which the allies found existing in Turkey after the armistice.

On December 7, 1918, Commander C. B. Heathcote Smith visited the central prisons in Stamboul, where over 400 persons were then confined. He describes what he found.

"No one in prison had tasted food for the previous 24 hours, and when I asked them if they had had enough to eat, temporary pandemonium reigned as they collected around the prison director, screaming out: 'He steals our food. It is he who sells our rations and now when you have left he will have us beaten.'"

"These prisoners were merely a mob of half-naked, lousy human beings, with shrunken, wasted bodies and ravenous eyes, gradually dying of starvation, cold and disease brought on by neglect."

It is added that facilities for washing were given only every three or four months, and the heating of prisoners was a common occurrence.

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as alleged. Witt said he killed two men in performance of his duty as constable. A telegram received today from George K. Home, chief of police of Los Angeles, said Witt's arrest and detention at Bakerfield, Cal., resulted from information furnished by W. E. Mann, a

Los Angeles policeman. Witt alleged in his affidavit that Mrs. Witt married Mann while Witt was in Alaska, several years ago.

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