



RETAIL PROFITEER TO BE HUNTED OUT

Attorney-General's "Extra Legal Means" Told.

LEADING FOLK URGED TO ACT

Former Food Administrators Asked to Resume Duty.

"FAIR PRICE LISTS," PLAN

Cost of Necessities to Consumer to Be Investigated and "Gouging" to Be Exposed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Attorney-General Palmer started today to ascertain how much of the high cost of living is due to excessive profits by retailers. In a telegram to all state food administrators who worked with Administrator Hoover during the war, the attorney-general requested the appointment of a "fair-price committee" in each county to investigate what is being charged for retail necessities, and if in excess of what a fair committee considers just, to publish a list of fair prices for the guidance of the public. "This is the 'extra-legal means' of reaching profiteering which Mr. Palmer recently indicated was under consideration. He has frankly admitted from the start that there was no means to prosecute directly a man guilty of extortion in price.

Public Sentiment Needed.

Retailers who are gouging the ultimate consumer will have to be disciplined by public sentiment, which officials have no doubt is sufficiently alert to the situation now to act vigorously in clear-cut cases.

Boards, on the other hand, may be reached through the war-time food laws or the Sherman act, and Mr. Palmer requested the state food administrators to transmit to him any evidence of hoarding or other violations of the law which they might encounter in their work, with the promise that the government's law machinery would act promptly.

"There is a pressing necessity for the restoration of normal conditions," Mr. Palmer's telegram stated, "requesting the men who did such effective work during the war to take up the burden again.

Free Service Asked.

They were asked to serve without compensation, the attorney-general believing that the public service to be performed now is as important as when the country was engaged in hostilities, and that no patriotic citizen would refuse the call to duty.

The attorney-general's telegram follows: "In order to secure accurate information relative to charges of profiteering by dealers in necessary commodities, it is the desire of the government to ascertain whether or not such dealers are making more than a fair margin of profit. Will you assist in your state by requesting those persons who have been county food administrators under your jurisdiction to appoint 'fair price committees,' including one retailer of groceries, one of dry goods, a representative of the producers, of organized labor, of housewives and two or three representatives of the public generally, as soon as practicable, and to instruct them to pursue approximately the same inquiry with reference to food products and the ordinary necessities in dry goods and clothing that were pursued by your fair price committees under the food administration act.

"This committee will be an extra legal body without power to summon witnesses or fix prices. It is requested, however, to ascertain the cost prices, determine a fair margin of profit, and if retail prices are in excess of what the committee regards a fair price, to have published its list of fair prices, reporting to you for review. You are requested to report to the department of justice a general review of the situation in your state.

"Any evidence of hoarding or other violations of the food control act which may be developed in the work of such committees should be turned over to the United States attorney, who will be instructed to employ all his resources as well as those of the bureau of investigation to co-operate with you and your committees in seeking out and punishing all violators of the law.

"There is a pressing necessity for the restoration of normal conditions, and it is believed that through the same organization which you had as federal food administrator you and your county administrators, together with their appointees, may render valuable assistance to the country at this time, and your co-operation and their, without compensation, will be greatly appreciated.

Publicity Is Desired.

"The vast publicity of this movement and the results obtained by this county committee, it is believed, will be an important factor in its success. Please telegraph whether the government may count upon your active cooperation."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Congress tomorrow will begin actual consideration of the high cost of living problems. Plans have been made by leaders for (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

REVOLT IN CHIHUAHUA FOILED BY OFFICERS

PLOT TO SURRENDER GARRISON TO VILLA FOILED.

Passengers Arriving From Mexico Tell of Drastic Steps to Keep Outbreak Secret.

EL PASO, Aug. 10.—A plot to have the Chihuahua city garrison revolt against the Carranza commanders and join Villa Friday was discovered early Wednesday morning.

A large number of federal officers and soldiers, including one brevet general, were placed in the federal penitentiary, charged with inciting a mutiny, according to American and Mexican passengers arriving from Chihuahua City today.

The passengers said they heard shots fired at the penitentiary before they left, and said this started rumors that leaders of the mutiny had been executed. These rumors were not confirmed, they said. All telegrams and news being closely censored out of Chihuahua City, passengers said, to prevent news of the attempted revolt reaching other parts of the state where federal troops are stationed.

The plot, planned for several weeks, was discovered when two of the leaders went to Jimenez and Santa Rosalia to induce the garrisons there to revolt, passengers said. An effort was made to have Colonel Hernandez join the revolt, as he had been deprived of his command by General Manuel Diezguerra. Instead of joining the plot he telegraphed to General Enrique Martinez, chief of staff to General Diezguerra, giving details of the scheme.

The plan was to have the garrison mutiny against the loyal officers at reveille Friday morning and send a courier to Villa, telling him to come and assume command of the troops and accept surrender of the city, the passengers said. A federal colonel, learning of the discovery of the plot early Wednesday, escaped with his command of 350 men, and is reported to be hastening to join Villa, south of the city.

Trains are said to be pursuing the battalion. Trains have been annulled to prevent them from making their escape.

"CIDER" TURNS OUT CEDAR

Near Violation of Dry Law Due to Illegible Writing.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—J. T. Crawford, head of the Whitehouse-Crawford Lumber company, and the Tumatum Lumber company, with yards all over the northwest, was called on yesterday by a railroad inspector to explain the importation of "E barrels of Tennessee cider" shipped by freight.

He succeeded in convincing the inspector that the waybill should have read "13 bundles of Tennessee cedar," the cedar being used in making cedar chests.

SWISS TO FIX FOOD PRICES

Minister Declares All Stocks Held for Speculation Will Be Seized.

BERNE, Aug. 10.—Food Minister Kapelli, at a conference held at the palace yesterday for the purpose of finding means to reduce the cost of living, declared that stocks held for speculation will be seized for the benefit of the population.

The creation of a federal office to fix prices was proposed.

LIBSON, AUG. 10.—The cabinet ministers met yesterday to discuss economic means to lower the cost of living.

SPRUCE PROBE COMMENCES

Committee, En Route West, Stops at Chicago to Hear Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The senate aircraft committee will hold a hearing tomorrow at Chicago with Charles W. Silch, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and W. E. Morley of Cleveland as witnesses. Several witnesses will be heard at St. Paul, and then the committee will go to Seattle for a lengthy hearing into spruce production, beginning about August 20. From Seattle the committee will go to Portland, Or., and later probably to Kelly Field, Texas.

PRINCE OF WALES GREETED

British Battleship Is Met by Cruiser Off St. Johns.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Aug. 10.—The admiralty wireless station announced tonight that the British battleship Renown, on which the Prince of Wales is coming to this country and Canada, was met by the cruiser Dauntless 120 miles off St. Johns at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

TOKIO NEWSPAPERS QUIT

Owners' Refuse to Grant Printers' Demands for Increases.

TOKIO, Aug. 10.—Virtually all the newspapers of Tokio have suspended publication owing to the demands of the printers for higher wages, which the owners refuse to grant.

Numerous strikes are in progress elsewhere in Japan.

ANGLO-FRENCH PACT IS AIM

Negotiations for Commercial Treaty Are Begun in Paris.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Negotiations for a commercial treaty with the French government began today in Paris.

Discussions between representatives of the Belgian and British governments with a view to concluding a commercial treaty also are to begin shortly.

SCORES KILLED IN CHEMNITZ RIOTING

Saxon City Scene of Wild Fight for Food.

SPARTACAN FORCES BLAMED

Many Important Buildings in Government's Hands.

WORKMEN NOW ON STRIKE

Federal Reinforcements Reported in Outskirts of City; Negotiations With Rioters in Progress.

CHEMNITZ, Saxony, Aug. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sixty to 80 soldiers were killed and 200 wounded in the fighting during food riots Friday, according to estimates here. Ten civilians were killed and 50 wounded. The city now is quiet and trains are running.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Comparative quiet has been restored at Chemnitz, Saxony, where 50 persons were killed Friday during food riots inspired by Spartacan agitators, according to advices from Berlin.

Various important buildings are still in the hands of the government forces but the majority of the troops have withdrawn.

Further government reinforcements have arrived on the outskirts of Chemnitz. Negotiations with the rioters are in progress.

LONDON, Aug. 9.—Advices received from Copenhagen under Friday's date, say that a large number of workmen at Chemnitz have gone on strike, marching to the Koenigs Platz and demanding the raising of the state of siege. The food depot was stormed, the dispatches say, and the demonstrators attacked the railway station, which is reported to be in their hands.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—A statement today concerning the discovery of a secret movement to call a general railroad strike September 1, the government says that the strike is being forced against the wishes of a majority of the men.

BERLIN, Aug. 9.—A Weimar dispatch announces that the representative of the government told the national assembly today that the expenditures of the soldiers' and workers' councilors amounted to at least 100,000,000 marks. Most of this sum was used for personal expenses.

LUDENDORFF'S STORY TO BE PRINTED IN THE OREGONIAN STARTING SEPT. 3.



At last the German side of the war emerges from the mystery in which it has been shrouded. At last the full story of the German campaigns, of Germany's titanic effort to dominate, of the ups and downs of her mad struggle against an aroused world in arms, told by her greatest military genius, is to be available to American newspaper readers.

From the outset of the war to Germany's final collapse, the name of Ludendorff bulked ever larger. He became a colossal figure on the German side. He seemed to embody Germany's aggressiveness, her ruthless militarism, her lust for conquest. He was the incarnation of Prussia. Nobody else, through all the length and breadth of the territories of the central powers, became so pre-eminently qualified to tell the story of the war from the Teutonic side.

And here he tells it. He minces no words. He spares nobody.

Read this, the greatest newspaper feature of the year, in The Oregonian, beginning September 3.

MUNITIONS FRAUD CHARGED

Plot by English Labor and Contractor Alleged by Factory Director.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Sir John Hunter, director of factory construction and iron and steel production, under the ministry of munitions, testifying before an investigating committee on national expenditures yesterday, said that in the erection of works for the air ministry no man employed had earned the money he received.

These men numbered 70,000, Sir John declared, and in some cases wages were drawn regularly and charged to the government for men who did not exist. Sir John added that he had found a conspiracy of government men and contractors, saying some of them were arrested, but the crown declined to prosecute them.

FIGHT ON TOBACCO DENIED

W. C. T. U. Campaign for National Prohibition Not Undertaken.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The National Woman's Christian Temperance union is not campaigning for national prohibition of tobacco.

The statement was issued here last night by Miss Anna A. Gordon of Evanston, the president.

MR. HINES IS READY TO DISCUSS WAGES

Road Shopmen, However, Must Resume Work.

SITUATION IS HELD FAVORABLE

Nearly Normal Conditions Expected in Shops Today.

UNION CONVENTION CALLED

Meeting to Be Held in Chicago to Determine Definitely What Action Workers Shall Take.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Developments over the week-end are expected to result in almost normal conditions tomorrow in every railroad shop where men have been on strike. Director-General Hines is ready to undertake negotiation of wage demands, as directed by President Wilson, as soon as the men return to work. In view of President Wilson's specific instruction that the whole matter would have to be "at a standstill" so long as an illegal strike continued, the demand of the men in some places for wage increases before going back to work, it was learned, cannot alter the situation.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—A call for a convention of representatives of the striking railway shopmen of the country to be held here next Thursday to determine definitely what action shall be taken, was issued today by the Chicago district council of the federated railway shopmen, which called the strike August 1 in defiance of the international officers of the shops crafts unions.

This decision was reached as a result of conferences held yesterday by some of the international officers and representatives of the council and the strikers.

The strike is declared illegal by the international officers. It was called by the Chicago district council, whose officers declared such was the wish of the rank and file because the international officers had failed to obtain a settlement since the demands for 85 cents an hour for mechanics and 60 cents for helpers were presented last February to the railroad administration.

L. M. Hawver, president of the district council, said 200 telegrams were sent today to railroad centers requesting that the men send delegates who would reflect the attitude of the shop workers.

J. D. Sanders, secretary of the district council, and David Crosswhite, vice-president of the international carmen's union, left today for Washington to confer with Director-General Hines.

ADVERTISEMENT USED TO CAPTURE BURGLAR

ROBBER'S MEANS OF LOCATING JOBS IS USED AS BAIT.

Loot of \$10,000 Obtained by New York Elevator Operator From Fashionable Apartment House.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—To capture a burglar, advertise for him in the newspapers. This was the novel suggestion offered to the police of the country last night by New York detectives after the arrest of Robert Lyndon, an elevator operator whom the police charge with stealing \$10,000 worth of jewelry and silverware from a score of apartment-houses during the past four months.

Lyndon's method, according to the police, was to answer advertisements for an apartment-house elevator operator and, with an army discharge as a reference, apply to report to a fashionable uptown apartment. When Lyndon appeared he was promptly engaged and as promptly started his systematic looting of the place, according to the police. In one apartment, however, he encountered a number of officers.

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PORTLAND LAD IS DROWNED

Hari Jorgensen's Canoe Capsizes; Uncle Barely Saved.

Hari Jorgensen, 18 years old, of 545 Roselawn avenue, was drowned in the Willamette river at 7:30 o'clock last evening when a canoe in which he and his uncle, Peter Jorgensen, were riding capsized. Mr. Jorgensen was saved by the harbor patrol, but young Jorgensen sank for the last time before the rescuers were able to reach him.

The canoe capsized in waves made by a river steamer. Mr. Jorgensen was taken from the water. Jorgensen's body has not been recovered at a late hour last night.

The young man is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Jorgensen.

CHIHUAHUA REBELS FOILED

Mexican Soldiers, Planning to Join Villa, Now in Penitentiary.

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JOHN A. SHAUGHNESSY DEAD

Brother of Canadian Notable Passes Away in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—John A. Shaughnessy, brother of Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railroad, died at his home here today after being ill for more than a year. He was 55 years old.

Mr. Shaughnessy formerly was purchasing agent for the Soo. He supervised construction of the Royal Alexandra hotel in Winnipeg. A widow and two children survive him.

7 DEAD IN RESORT FIRE

Scenic Railway Destroyed With Loss of Pleasure Seekers.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—Seven persons were burned to death tonight in a fire on a scenic railway at Dominion park. The scene of the accident is an amusement resort near this city.

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HIGHWAY BEAUTIES CAPTURE EDITORS

Eagle Creek Camp Scene of Feasting.

CLIMAX OF VISIT IS REACHED

"Life Here Worth Living," Key-note Sounded by Speakers.

TROUT STIR ELOQUENCE

Writers of Nation Leave for South to Glimpse Crater Lake; Portland Is Lauded.

Nature smiled on the Columbia river gorge yesterday when editors from every corner of the nation breakfasted at Eagle Creek camp ground on the best of Oregon's foods, including bear from the woods and trout from the streams, after traversing the Columbia highway in a caravan of automobiles.

Truly, it was a time of feasting and rejoicing, and if any man, woman or child who stood beneath the firs of Eagle Creek park and marveled at the valley echo the melody of "America" was lacking in enthusiasm, the fervor with which he sang belied the spirit.

Many miles have the members of the National Editorial association traveled, almost across a continent, and many a rare sight have they seen, but no experience, they said, had been as perfect as the motor ride in the morning with the river breeze blowing and the rising mists from the Columbia revealing an ever-changing landscape. Just as the party reached Crown Point the sun burst through the clouds and the hundreds of visitors viewed the gorge at its best.

Beauties 'Fishes' Are Loaded.

Miles of beauty could not make even the short grass, sagebrush or metropolitan newspaper men forget their appetites when they caught sight of hundreds of feet of rustic tables stretching beneath the grove on the banks of Eagle creek, each board decked with golden glow, sword fern and all the goodies that an early morning imagination could conjure up.

It was a fitting opening for the second day's stay of the National Editorial association convention in Columbia and many it was the climax of their visit here. The guests, who represent 25 states and several Canadian provinces, more than 200 in number, were joined by members of the Oregon State Editorial association. They arrived here Friday night from British Columbia and posed at 108 automobiles, left the Imperial hotel headquarters about 7 A. M. a trip to Oregon City for the unveiling there of a tablet commemorating the founding of the first newspaper west of the Rocky mountains and to a big banquet at the Chamber of Commerce in the evening.

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Walters' Troop Efficient.

While more than 500 guests sat at the long board loaded with every sort of delicious edible, some 50 white-coated waiters busily piled the carving knife, milk can, coffee percolator and frying pan.

For these 50 superior stewards were none other than 50 members of the Progressive Business Men's club, under the leadership of Judge Jacob Kanaler, former president of the club. Saturday night they journeyed from Portland to begin their labors, which did not end until the sun was high overhead.

First there were the bear to be attended to, two of Oregon's famed game animals, shot at the precise age of one year. A ten-foot pit was dug and a wood fire built within. Farewell ceremonies for the yearlings were held and then the pair were lowered into the hole on poles and the cooking began. Faithful firetenders, when they had sung themselves to sleep, retired to un-mattressed tables and slumbered until daylight.

Mass Call Is Sounded.

Shortly after the arrival of the guests in cars supplied by the Rotary club, mess call was sounded on a K-Fat trombone and cantaloupes, peaches and cream and shredded wheat biscuit, coffee, doughnuts, home potatoes, milk chocolate, trout and bear began the descent of hungry throats at a remarkable rate. Everything was a home product and donated by someone in the state. Even the unique menus were of spruce-venet from the Portland Manufacturing company and the printing on them was done by The Tiberian.

In keeping with the spirit of the times, an opportune moment was chosen to foment a "strike" among the waiters, who, led by Frank Hilton, former president of the Progressive Business Men's club, laid down pitchers and trays and answered the riot call. Mr. Hilton, as orator of the occasion, proclaimed the demands of "Cooks" and Waiters' Union, Local No. 43, namely the righting of "injustice" perpetrated by Jacob Kanaler and Forest Supervisor "Tom" Sheppard, whom he declared had been "mur-

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