

NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO PRICES ASKED

Federal Trade Board May Make Investigation.

GOVERNMENT WASTE CITED

Public Extravagance Blamed by Fess of Ohio for Inflated Charges for Goods.

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Much Attention Given Cents.

The communication from the trade commission chairman reached the house at the close of a day during which both sides of the house have given much attention to the cost of living problems.

Hoarding and profiteering were the subject of two measures, presented in the house, by Representative Fess, democrat, Ohio, would provide \$10,000 fine or five years' imprisonment for hoarding, profiteering or monopolizing the market of any essential article...

Conservation Board Wanted.

Representative Keiser, in a republican, introduced a bill to authorize creation of a national board of conservation, headed by the president and composed of members of the cabinet, five senators and five representatives...

ALLEGED MINIMUM FOR SEVEN SUBMITTED TO MEDIATOR.

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gration, respectively, the governor announced here today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Increases in fares charged by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal railways (Key route) system for trans-bay ferry service were authorized by the state railroad commission today. The one-way fare was advanced from 11 cents to 15 cents and commutation from \$3.20 to \$4 a month.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Demands that changes be made in government wheat standards under the price guarantee act, "so as not to penalize every grower of wheat," were made in a statement prepared by Chairman Grinna and representatives of farm organizations and approved today by the senate agricultural committee.

Producers Declared Defrauded.

Chairman Grinna announced that a committee would be named to present the demands to Julius H. Barnes, president of the United States grain corporation, and representatives of the department of agriculture in the hope of having modified various government regulations by which it was charged "the producers are defrauded and the consumers receive no benefit."

In the statement the senate committee said it believed grave injustice was being done the farmer and might "continue to injure not only agriculture, but the entire nation as well."

Producers Getting \$1.15 a Bushel. "We believe city people should know that, owing to the manipulation in administering the grades and standards together with the damage done by hot weather to the maturing crops, the winter wheat producers are receiving as low as \$1.15 per bushel—not the \$2.05 which Mr. Barnes gives as a theoretical average—and that this year's crop may average not over \$1.50 per bushel net."

"City people should realize that the effort that is being made by the government to restrict all or still further reduce the price at the farm must inevitably lead to denying the farmer living wages."

SPOKANE IS SHORT OF FOOD

Independent Storage Firms Say Hoarding Not Being Done. SPOKANE, Aug. 12.—That there is a food shortage rather than food hoarding in Spokane is the statement made today by the managers of three large independent cold storage plants. Facts and figures on the amount of cold storage in the three plants, furnished by the managers, either are taken directly from or based on monthly sworn statements required of the firms by the federal department of agriculture.

The three concerns have compiled data from the reports made twice each month to the government, which have been turned over to the city and to the food administrator.

FAMILY EXPENSES \$19.18

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Counsel for Tribune Stresses Ignorance of Plaintiff.

ANARCHIST, SAYS LAWYER

Pitiful Showing on Stand Cited to Prove Charges—Chicago Paper Styled "Pro-German."

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Aug. 12.—The evidence and the final arguments in Henry Ford's \$1,000,000 libel suit against the Chicago Daily Tribune, are all in. The last word was spoken by Alfred Lucking, senior counsel for the plaintiff, today. Tomorrow Judge Tucker will formulate his instructions, and Thursday he will deliver them to the jury. The final appeal on behalf of the defendants was by Attorney Elliott G. Stevenson, preceding Mr. Lucking.

Appeal to Passion Alleged.

Mr. Lucking characterized the address of Mr. Stevenson as a powerful appeal to the passions and prejudices of the jury.

"This suit is being watched all over this continent, perhaps beyond," said Lucking, "and it calls for consideration at your hands from which every item of prejudice and every element of the extraneous has been eliminated."

"This you must bear in mind when you consider damages," said Mr. Lucking, "while the law draws a distinction between 'president' and 'government.'"

When President Wilson asks congress for legislation he is not the government; when congress passes that legislation and it becomes law, and the president puts it into execution, he is government," said the advocate. His pointed out that in arguing against increasing the national guard in 1918 Mr. Ford was opposing President Wilson, but not the government.

Tribune Called Pro-German.

The speaker insisted that it was the "pro-Germanism" of the Tribune which led it to its attitude in Mexico and that the attack on Mr. Ford was due to a malicious resentment of his opposition. He emphasized that while the newspaper distinguishes employees while they were with the national guard on the border it did not do so in the war against Germany.

Pitiful Ignorance Alleged.

The Tribune lawyer said that incident after incident occurred while the plaintiff was on the stand to prove the charge of ignorance.

"It was pitiful continued Mr. Stevenson, "that they had a demand for proof, and I had to go on until Judge Tucker himself said: 'Mr. Stevenson, you have gone far enough along this line.'"

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Your Speech to the Wool Club

Suppose you are asked to make an address to the Tide-Water Association or to the annual banquet of the Lapidary Employers' Board. It is a matter of great moment; you write and rewrite your remarks and rehearse all the details. It may even entail a new dress coat and the finishing touches of a professional coach. And yet at most, you will actually talk to no more than two thousand people directly and perhaps three times that number through reprints in the trade press.

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ceived with approval by the service to erect by public subscription a \$50,000 home for the American Legion, the building to be provided with stores to insure revenue for upkeep, was re-

Shall Spoons Be Placed on the Right or Left Side?

of the plate—shall knives be turned in or out—shall the salad fork be placed above the plate or at the left side? All these and any other questions will be answered this week in the Silverware Shop by Miss Wilkinson of the 1847 Rogers Bros. silverware organization, an authority on the correct use of silverware.

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