

SUPPLIES SEIZED
ATTORNEY ON PRICES

Attorney-General to Proceed
Against All Profiteers.

COLD STORAGE PROBLEM UP

Food-Control Amendment Will Be
Before House Today—Absent
Members Called In.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Indications of the real punch behind the government's campaign to reduce the high cost of living were given today in unmistakable fashion in many cities.

While Attorney-General Palmer was telling the senate agriculture committee that he intended to prosecute every dealer guilty of selling at higher prices than those listed by the fair price committee of each county, word came from Chicago, St. Louis and Birmingham of seizures of great quantities of food-stuffs by federal officials who recently were instructed to proceed under the food control act to stop hoarding.

In Chicago 122 tubs of butter, worth \$59,000, was seized; in St. Louis, \$84,150 pounds of coffee, which has been showing rapid advances in price, sugar and in Birmingham 100 barrels of sugar. Drops in prices followed.

Prison, Fine Wanted.
Mr. Palmer told the senate committee that he believed the greatest majority of farmers and food dealers were not profiteering, but that the suggested amendment to the food control act extending it to clothing and providing a criminal penalty of \$5000 fine or two years' imprisonment or both was necessary to make effective the campaign against those who are dishonestly gouging the public. There was a division of opinion among the senators as to the advisability of the legislation, several declaring that the amendment gave the department of justice too drastic powers over commerce, while others questioned the constitutionality of extending the life of the food control act beyond the declaration of peace as has been suggested.

"Given this penalty, the legislation has the backbone of profiting in 60 days," Mr. Palmer retorted crisply, "and then you won't have to worry about constitutionality."

Food Control Up Today.
The house agriculture committee proceeded today to appear before the committee and announced that tomorrow the amendment to the food-control act would be taken up, with Assistant Attorney-General Ames discussing the need for it to reduce prices. Mayors of 50 New Jersey cities made arrangements to appear before the committee Monday to demand that something effective be done to mitigate the hardships under which the man of average income is suffering.

Absent members of the house were ordered tonight to appear in Washington as soon as they returned, when it became apparent that the agriculture committee would report on the new legislation this week.

While the more drastic method of prosecutions will be used by the department of justice to punish and stop flagrant cases of profiteering, it was made clear today that the still effective licensing provisions of the food-control act would be invoked to reach dealers against whom no indictment could be found in federal courts.

Secretary Houston wrote that the funds requested would be used in furnishing the people of the country information regarding the stocks of food products held in storage and retail food prices. This information would be disseminated through newspapers and otherwise and would be published every day or two.

Portland to Have Organization.
Organizations would be established by the department in 29 large cities to gather and make this information available, these organizations supplementing those now maintained. The cities named include Chicago, St. Louis, San Angeles, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Washington, Seattle, Kansas City and Portland, Or.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—With the seizure today of 122 tubs of butter, \$6,320 pounds, valued at \$59,000—in the government's first Chicago drive to combat the cost of living—prices of all commodities dealt in on the board of trade and foodstuffs handled in the produce market are excitingly tumbling. The main reason advanced for the collapse in values of grains and provisions was the rapid development of government measures to decrease the cost of food and other prime essentials. The chief results on the board of trade at the close of the day's trading, compared with 24 hours before, were 7 1/2c to 8 1/2c a bushel setback for corn; 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c decline in oats and a drop of 9c to \$3.50 in provisions.

Produce Takes Drop.
There was a decline of several commodities in the produce market. A further decline of 25 cents a bushel in the cheapest grades of potatoes, a 25-cent drop in the price of cabbage, and a falling off in the price of highest grade yellow onions, occurred in the vegetable market. Prices of green corn, peaches, lemons and watermelons also were on the decline. The seizure of the butter was made by federal deputy marshals and was not a part of the district attorney's drive on hoarders and profiteers. The butter was alleged to have been deficient in butterfat and to contain a surplus of water. Nearly half of the butter had been bought by E. W. Weaver & Co., commission merchants. The climax shaking the confidence of hoarders of grain and provisions came today in the seizure of food staples was made.

Numerous other influences had combined to make the final crash more emphatic. The initial disturbance had its origin in the hog market. Arrivals of hogs here from the country had been suddenly more than trebled and hog quotations had dropped in some instances as much as \$1.50 a hundred-weight since yesterday.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 14.—Under orders from Federal Judge Grubb, United States marshals today seized 100 barrels of sugar in the warehouse of the Heber Candy company here.

BILLINGS, Mont., Aug. 14.—An information charging a conspiracy to fix prices of foodstuffs and discrimination against retailers who failed to heed such fixed prices was filed in the district court here today by County Attorney E. E. Collins against the Kell Grocery company, the Ryan Grocery company and Stone-Orfan-Wells, local wholesalers. The information is signed

by Attorney-General S. C. Ford. The information is the outgrowth of an investigation made here by the attorney-general of charges of profiteering on the part of an organization of wholesalers who refused to sell to a local department store, which under-sold other retail grocers of this city.

MEXICANS GET WARNING
PROTECTION FOR AMERICANS
IS INSISTED ON.

Change of Attitude Threatened by
U. S. Government; Carranza
Gives No Satisfaction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Warning that there would be a radical change in the policy of the American government regarding Mexico if the Carranza government continued to fail to protect Americans in that country was urged in resolutions adopted today by the executive committee of the American Wholesale Coal association.

Notification of a possible change of policy was made by the American embassy at Mexico City on instructions from the state department, which determined upon this course as a result of the long series of murders and outrages of Americans in Mexico culminating in the murder of Peter Catron in San Luis Potosi last month.

That the note had been dispatched was disclosed today by the state department, together with the information that in its reply the Mexican government had said that everything possible already was being done to protect foreigners. There was a suggestion that unless foreigners concentrated in populous places it would be impossible to afford them the protection demanded.

Surprise was displayed in the reply of the Mexican government at what is styled the "note" contained in the American note. It was suggested that it appeared strange that such demands for protection should be given foreigners in sparsely settled districts when crimes often go undetected in the "most populous cities of the most cultured countries," and "where acts of violence are often committed without the respective governments thereby becoming the object of severe observations."

PEORIA SITUATION QUIET
Arbitration Committee Busy, and
1000 Troops on Scene.

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 14.—Alternate meetings of Brigadier-General Frank E. Dixon, the state militia officers and Mayor E. N. Woodruff of Peoria, acting as a self-appointed arbitration committee with representatives of the approximately 150 striking employees of the Keystone Steel & Wire company of South Bartonville, five miles from here, and executives of the concern here today resulted in an agreement for a joint conference tomorrow morning.

That, with the removal from the plant area of 125 strike breakers imported from Chicago and the presence in Peoria under arms of approximately 1000 members of the regiment of Illinois reserve infantry, was expected to end rioting at the plant that last week resulted in the shooting of six persons, one of them a woman. The hope of contention is recognition of the employees' union.

LAWYERS ALSO WANT LIFT

Organization Proposes Fees in Line
With Cost of Living.
MEDFORD, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—Lawyers of Jackson county have formed the Jackson County Bar association, with State Senator C. M. Thomas as president; E. D. Briggs of Ashland, vice-president; Gus Newbury of Medford, second vice-president; Miss Nellie Dicksey of Ashland, third vice-president; and Glenn Taylor, local justice of the peace, secretary and treasurer.

AIR STATION AUTHORIZED

Million-Dollar Headquarters for
Coast to Rise at Presidio.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The immediate construction of the buildings which will comprise an aerial coast defense station, located at San Francisco Presidio, was authorized in instructions from Washington received here today by Colonel N. H. Arnold, western department air service officer.

PACIFIC FLEET IS DIVIDED

Smaller Units Sent to Ports Near
Los Angeles.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 14.—The Pacific fleet, commanded by Admiral Hugh Rodman, saw a decrease of activity today, when it was divided into smaller units and sent to nearby ports. The flagship New Mexico and numerous other smaller vessels remained in the harbor here.

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PATRONS APPROVE RISE

PETITION FOR ADVANCE
TO SERVICE COMMISSION.
Light Company Asks for Increase in Rates and Patrons Voluntarily Give Consent.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—A petition unique in the annals of the Oregon public service commission has been received from Astoria, Or., in which all but two patrons of the Astoria Light & Power company have given consent to any increase in the present rates that the commission may deem just and equitable to both consumers and the company.

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- Mount Hood—Mount Adams** (Deaches River—Waliwa Lake—Columbia River Gorge—All Glorious Summer Resorts. Season Fares Prevail. Inquire of Railroad Agents.)

OREGON SOCIETY MEETS

HORTICULTURISTS SEE BRIGHT
FUTURE FOR INDUSTRY.
Delegates at Astoria to Visit Canneries and Port Terminals and Go to Seaside.
ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The 34th annual convention of the Oregon State Horticultural society convened here today with delegates present from all sections of the state. The sessions will continue three days. Additional delegates are expected tomorrow.

THREE MEDIATORS WANTED

Salem Employers' Membership on
Board Is Announced.
SALEM, Or., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—F. G. Beckebach, W. G. Allen and Paul B. Wallace have been selected as the three members representing the employers on the local labor mediation board, now in process of organization. Members to represent the employees have not yet been announced.

RETURN OF ROADS URGED

Washington Bankers Strongly Oppose
Government Control.
TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—The Washington Bankers' association, in session at Rainier National park, condemns government control of the railroads specifically and government ownership generally in a series of resolutions adopted last night. The bankers oppose such ownership as "extrajurisdictional, un-American and destructive of initiative and enterprise." The best solution of the railroad problem is to turn the lines back to private ownership, they say.

WAR OBJECTORS PROBE ON

Investigation of Complaint Begun at
San Francisco.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—Investigation of complaints regarding the treatment of conscientious objectors at the United States disciplinary barracks on Alcatraz island here was begun today.



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