

FIGHT ON HIGH COST PRODUCING RESULTS

Prices Easing Off, Attorney-General Is Told.

ELEVEN CASES BROUGHT

Suits Seek Seizure of Hoarded Food in East and South; Chicago Sugar Dealer Arrested.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—Attorney-General Palmer said today there was evidence that the government campaign to reduce the cost of living already was bearing fruit.

A prominent vegetable packer of Maryland wrote Mr. Palmer that prices in many lines were beginning to ease off as it became evident the department of justice meant business in announcing that criminal prosecution against hoarders and profiteers would be instituted whenever the laws were violated.

"We want to make clear, however," the attorney-general said, "that nothing we can do can change the immutable economic laws on which prices depend. If we can help the supply by greater production and lessen the demand by greater saving on the part of the people, then the cost of living should come down. We can help that along by forcing hoarders to put on the market food held out for an advance in prices and further by holding up to public scorn or by prosecuting congress gives us the criminal amendment to the food control law, those who are guilty of trying to exact a greater profit than is reasonable and just. We are going to make the market—that is the law of supply and demand—operate normally instead of artificially."

Hoarders and Stores Disturbed. The attorney-general and Judge Ames, his assistant, drew distinctions which they said the public should recognize between hoarding and storing. The former is held out of the market in greater quantities than required for the owner's business for the purpose of forcing up the price. The latter is surplus hoarded from the harvest to the lean season.

It was made clear, though, that all food proved to be hoarded would be put on the market. United States marshals probably will administer its disposition, but whether sales will be made direct to the public or through retailers under the control of fair price boards has not been decided.

Reports to the attorney-general from state food administrators indicated that fair-price boards rapidly were being set up in many states and were proceeding to get pledges from dealers to abide by the prices promulgated for the guidance of the public.

The department of justice announced that 11 cases had been brought under the food control act for the seizure of food in Columbus, Ga., and Chicago, Ill., Chattanooga, and Kansas City, Mo.

Proposed amendments to the food control act which would authorize the president to fix wholesale and retail prices of certain commodities were strongly opposed today by Attorney-General Palmer. Appearing before the senate agriculture committee, he urged speedy enactment of additional laws to help reduce the cost of living.

The attorney-general declared such executive power would be too drastic and would provoke so much debate in congress as to delay passage of other amendments suggested by the department of justice.

The department has recommended that provisions of the food control act be made applicable to wearing apparel, fuel and fertilizer, with heavy penalties for profiteering.

Armed with an anti-profiteering law, the department, Mr. Palmer told the committee, could obtain specific indictments in various cities which would make unnecessary a far-reaching fight against high prices.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—One arrest was made today and a conference of state prosecutors from 15 Illinois cities and counties with District Attorney Cline was held relative to co-operation in prosecuting hoarders and profiteers in the government's campaign against the high cost of living.

Sugar President Arrested. George W. Sheehan, president of the Central Sugar Company, of which several officials were put under charges of profiteering in Pittsburg recently, was arrested today on a similar charge. He was released on a bond of \$10,000. It is charged that Sheehan's firm bought a quantity of sugar for \$9.56 a hundred pounds and sold it to another company for \$12.74.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 20.—George McWilliams, local representative of the California Fruit Growers' association, was indicted today charged with violation of the state anti-trust law by the grand jury investigating alleged food price profiteering in Cleveland.

BOSTON, Aug. 20.—Inquiry into the high cost of shoes by the county grand jury today developed that some shoe workers had been earning \$13 a week. These instances were few, but it was testified that many made \$40 a week, while the average was about \$10.

It was said that a pair of shoes sold by a manufacturer for \$3.50 was displayed in a store 400 yards from the factory marked \$12.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—(Havas).—Citizens and housewives of the Montmartre district have formed the "consumers' league of France" to combat the high cost of foodstuffs. It is the intention to enlarge the league into the national buyers' federation with members throughout the country.

COUNCIL PERMITS ROUNDUP

Rose City Speedway to Stage Show, but Auto Races Barred. On condition that there be no automobile races the city council yesterday granted permission to the Rose City Speedway association to conduct a Round-up Pioneer Days' show and races at the speedway August 29, 31 and 32.

FOR HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA ANTI-KAMNIA TABLETS 10c & 25c PACKAGES ASK FOR A.K. TABLETS

September 1. Application for the permit was made by Fred T. Merrill, president of the association, who explained that the movement had been endorsed by Harry Anderson, president of the Central Labor Council, and that the round-up would be in conjunction with the annual observance of Labor day.

A special permit was necessary, in view of the fact that a city ordinance prohibits any circus, kindred attraction that might conflict with Labor day plans. Acting Mayor Bigelow and Commissioner Fier said they would not vote to allow auto races on the speedway, and plans for these contests were abandoned.

PUBLICITY MAN IN WRECK

A. G. JACKSON, OF FOREST SERVICE, IN AIRPLANE CRASH.

Open Throttle Causes Premature Start at Eastmoreland, but Pilot Averts Injury.

A. G. Jackson, director of the publicity and educational division of the United States forest service, played an exciting role in an airplane wreck at Eastmoreland landing field yesterday afternoon when an army forest patrol plane accidentally got under headway with him alone in the cockpit and crashed into a tree before it was brought to a stop. He escaped injury.

With Lieutenant Batton as pilot, Mr. Jackson boarded the plane for an air trip to Salem. The pilot went to the front of the ship to start the propeller. The throttle was partly open and no sooner had the motor started its powerful churning when the plane began to gain momentum and started across the field. Realizing the possible danger to his passenger, Lieutenant Batton grasped a wing of the machine and steered it into a nearby tree. The wing of the plane was partially destroyed and the plane was otherwise damaged. The plane is now undergoing repairs and will be taken to Salem tomorrow.

COURT DIVIDES FAMILY

Mother Gets Two Sons and Father Another; Alimony Granted.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Decees, signed by George D. Abel, writing judge, divorcing Mabel Davis from Joseph Hannan Davis and Leah Gribble from S. J. Gribble, were filed today.

Mrs. Davis got the custody of two sons, Harold Edwin and Orland Theodore, and \$25 a month alimony. Mr. Davis received the custody of a son, Melvin.

In the Gribble case the plaintiff was awarded the custody of two minor children, Leah Maude and Harold Melvin.

CARRIERS TO VEND FOODS

Seattle Postal Employees to Handle Army Surplus.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—Seattle's mail carriers and other postal employees tomorrow will start taking orders for approximately 200,000 pounds of surplus army foodstuffs to be sold through the local post office. Edgar Batten, postmaster, announced today.

Articles to be offered for sale are bacon, corned beef in cans, roast beef, corned beef hash, baked beans, sweet corn, dry beans, canned cherries, flour, black peppers, rice, vegetable soup in cans and canned tomatoes.

Cowlitz River Endangers Road.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Near the old Hagie place between Lexington and Sandy, Bend the Cowlitz river has cut into the bank until it menaces the west side road. Commissioners have taken up with the war department the matter of construction of jetties to divert the current. Motorists have been warned by signs to drive carefully at this point.

Plane Landing to Be Discussed.

BEND, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Why a landing stage for airplanes should be provided in Bend will be explained next Wednesday when representative of the Aero club will speak before the Bend Commercial club. The request was made today in a letter received by the Bend club, but action was deferred pending the arrival of the representative of the flyers' organization.

Two Portland Girls to Wed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Portland marriage licenses today included: Cyrus Edward Averill, Jr., Portland, and Hattie Lucile Warner, Portland; Harold Gerard, Seattle, and Ruby Ruhl, Portland.

Olympia Couple to Wed.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Lina Laounian and Cora Eayden, both of Olympia, obtained a marriage license in Tacoma today.

More Than 200 Men Fighting Crabtree Creek Fire.

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FIRES BREAK WAOOC IN MONTANA TIMBER

New Blazes Break Out; Old Ones Beyond Control.

FIREBUGS REPORTED BUSY

Incendiaries Start Conflagrations at Many Points and Cut Wires to Further Handicap Fighters.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 20.—The forest fire on Belt creek in the vicinity of Monarch is reported as still raging fiercely and out of control except that it is believed Belt park will be saved and the town of Monarch is out of danger unless the wind should change. The fire is still within a few hundred feet of the town of Monarch, but is believed to be under control there.

Two hundred and seventy men were called from here today, 150 of them for Glacier park, where a forest fire is raging along the Two Medicine and threatening the Glacier Hotel.

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 20.—Sweeping through the Rattlesnake valley, a few miles north of Missoula, at a rate of 100 miles a day, a forest fire is forcing the farmers to flee for their lives, while driving fire fighters from camp to camp, to water supply reservoir, on the northern edge of the city.

The general fire situation in forestry district No. 1, Montana and northern Idaho, never in the history of the west has been as serious as it is today, according to forestry officials. New fires are breaking out, old blazes are spreading, and coupled with these facts are the reported vicious actions of incendiaries in the woods, who not only have in several instances severed connections between the fire-fighting crews and the outside world.

Communication between the Clearwater forest was severed by members of a crew coming out from the fire, cutting telephone lines. Thirty men were in the crew which passed out along the telephone line, which before they left, forestry officials report, were in perfect working order. After they had passed out, all communication was cut. Investigation revealed that the government line had been cut in seven places, and the wires wrapped around trees.

Fires in the Salmon mountain district of the Bitter Root forest ran wild over the country south of the Bitter Root valley, fanned by high winds. The White Cap, a tree before it was destroyed, has escaped all control lines.

So severe are the blazes in the Selway forest of Central Idaho that at three points the fire has burned through the front lines have been abandoned as the density of the smoke pouring from flames burning through the dry, yellow timber country, made it impossible for the men combating the flames to accomplish anything.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 20.—Requests for federal troops to aid in fighting forest fires, made by the state council of defense and by both houses of the legislature in the recent special session, will not bring troops, according to a message received today by Secretary of State Stewart from the war department.

Forestry officials in Washington blocked action, according to the war department's letter when they decided to give their approval to the request, saying that in view of the "heavy rains of the past few days they do not feel justified in recommending that troops be detailed for that purpose."

Montana officials are unable to understand that part of the department's letter referring to recent rains.

THRASHING CREWS WITHDRAW

Women Serve Coffee to Fire-Fighters Near Elgin.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Thrashing machine crews in the vicinity of Elgin, in the north end of Union county, have been withdrawn from the grain fields and put out to combat a new and serious second-growth forest fire that is sweeping toward Elgin.

Over 150 farmers and townspeople are reported at work in the woods, and women are preparing hot meals for them on the scene of action. While no word has come in from the Minam district today, it appears that the disastrous blazes in the Minam forest basin continues to do heavy damage.

One farm home owned by George Craig, near Sunnerville, on Dry creek, was destroyed by the flames. Several other homes narrowly escaped, a shift in the wind saving several homes and the Mackenzie sawmill.

MINAM FIRE UNDER CONTROL

Eastern Oregon Light & Power House and Sawmill Threatened.

COVE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Forest Ranger W. D. Foreman of Grand Ronde district, Minam national forest, has the east end of the area covering 1 1/2 miles of forest fire of the past two days under control with the main power line has been able to obtain, and the north end will be well in hand by tonight. Should, however, a stiff southeast wind arise, nothing short of a miracle can save the Eastern Oregon light and power house and contiguous sawmills.

Latest returns show the John Jacobs mill, southeast of Cove, this fire originated, was not burned. Mr. Foreman ordered out all the boys employed during harvest season yesterday.

PLANE LOCATES FOREST FIRE

Firefighters Enabled to Put Out Blaze in Douglas County.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—With a forest fire of unknown size raging in an isolated section, Forest Supervisor Bartum yesterday solved the problem of how to proceed with extinction by means of the air patrol. Sergeant McKee, one of the army pilots, flew to the scene and, by circling the fire at a low altitude carried back a complete report which enabled the local office to dispatch the necessary number of men to handle the situation.

BAD BLAZE STILL UNCHECKED

More Than 200 Men Fighting Crabtree Creek Fire.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Though 240 men now are fighting the big forest fire which has been burning for more than a week on the head-

waters of Crabtree creek, it is yet beyond control. Estimates vary on the territory covered, but experts say that more than 1000 acres of good timber has been burned over. The Hammond Lumber company is the principal loser thus far.

There are only two fires now in the Siskiyou national forest. One of these, along Canal creek, between Mountain Peak and Quartzville, is a good sized fire. The forest telephone station in the vicinity was burned recently and no direct word has of late been received from this fire, so its extent is not known.

The other fire has been burning four or five days three to four miles east of Detroit. It has covered between 80 and 100 acres.

BIG TIMBER AREA IS DOOMED

New Fires in North Idaho Completely Beyond Control.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—A new forest fire starting in green timber in the Coeur d'Alene national forest, between Steamboat and Silver creeks, today wiped out the Harper logging camp and broke completely beyond control of the forest department. It is estimated this morning it developed into a "crown" fire, sweeping over 25,000 acres of timber.

Forest Supervisor Meyer Woolfe late today sent an urgent telegram to Spokane for 100 additional fire fighters.

Fire Situation Improved.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The forest fire situation in the Cascade mountains east of Eugene is materially improved, according to R. S. Wallace, supervisor of the Cascade forest. The men fighting the blaze on the south fork expected to have it under control today.

CONVICT SEEN NEAR BEND

FUGITIVE BELIEVED ON WAY TO FORMER HOME.

Sister at Nampa Promises to Notify State Officials if Edward Southwick Appears.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Penitentiary officials this morning received a telegram from Sheriff Roberts of Deschutes county to the effect that D. C. Brichoux, who, in company with Edward Southwick, escaped recently from a truck while being taken to the state hospital to the prison flax fields, in the vicinity of Turner, had been seen in the Bend country. The telegram stated also that the fugitive was heavily armed.

This information leads the officers here to believe that Brichoux and Southwick escaped soon after passing through Reedport a few days ago, and that both of the men are now making their way to their former homes. Brichoux was committed to the penitentiary from Malheur county, while Southwick was sentenced from Walla Walla county. They were later transferred from the prison to the state hospital for medical treatment.

Immediately following receipt of Sheriff Roberts' telegram state officials notified him to extend the parole of Brichoux and return him to the penitentiary.

Low county officials have been notified regarding the place Southwick was last seen, and it is believed he will be arrested in the event he attempts to leave the county.

Dr. Griffith, superintendent of the state hospital, this morning received a letter from Miss Florence Southwick, who, at the time of her brother's escape was thought to have been implicated in the plot. She is now in Nampa, Idaho, and informed Dr. Griffith that she has never been heard from her brother since he escaped. She promised to notify Dr. Griffith in case the fugitives visit that section of the country.

At the time of the escape Miss Southwick was employed as a domestic in Salem.

Brichoux was serving a life term for murder, while Southwick was sentenced to a maximum term of 20 years for larceny and assault with intent to kill.

CANNING SEASON IS ON

Lebanon Blackberry Crop Now Greatly Prized.

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—The Lebanon Canning company is now receiving daily quantities of evergreen blackberries for canning purposes and the cannery is running to capacity to handle the berries offered. These are coming largely by auto trucks and for distances of 25 to 26 miles away. Eight cents is the prevailing price paid, which makes them a profitable crop for the growers.

The cannery this week received an order for \$30,000 worth of these berries in cans from a wholesale firm in the middle west. The cannery now has orders for practically its whole season's run.

LOYAL LEGION PICKS BOARD

Membership of 2000 Reported in Washington District.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—A convention of District No. 4, Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, was held yesterday in the Legion headquarters in this city. The business of the day was devoted largely to the election of a district board and hearing the reports of general officers.

The reports showed a Loyal Legion membership of approximately 2000 in the district, which comprises Willapa Harbor, Centralia, Chehalis and Onalaska.

Ralph Burnside of Raymond, president of the Willapa Lumber company, was elected chairman of the employers' district board, and V. B. Worley of Walla Walla, chairman of the employees. These two automatically become members of the board of directors.

Major Walton Salem Boy.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Major Walton Roy, the news dispatches in connection with the kidnapping of American aviators by Mexican bandits, and held for \$15,000 ransom, is a former Salem boy and brother of W. S. Walton, cashier of the Ladd & Bush bank of this city. Major Walton is now in command of the aviation squad at Fort Bliss.

Runaway Boys Caught.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—William Roy Wilson and Clarence Johnson, who escaped from the Frazier detention home in Portland August 18, were picked up here yesterday. They were returned to Portland by Superintendent Gilbert of the state training school.

Centralia Postoffice Taking Orders. CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Taking orders for the new war department's surplus stock of army food was started at the Centralia postoffice this morning. A total of 23 cases of various food commodities have been assigned to the local office, the sale to continue until the local allotment has been exhausted.

Many of the Wise Men Are Buying Clothes Now To Save Money. You can save 50 per cent if you buy your clothes from stocks on hand in comparison with goods coming in for fall. OUR CHESTERFIELD CLOTHES INSURE YOU GETTING THE BEST CLOTHES. ASK ANY MAN WHO WEARS THEM. Our profit-sharing cash-selling policy saves you from \$5 to \$10 on the Suit you buy and 7% discount on your Furnishings and Hats, contract goods excepted. Compare Gray's \$30.00 Suits With Suits Sold by Other Stores for \$35 and \$40. Compare Gray's \$40.00 Suits With Suits Sold by Other Stores for \$45 and \$50. Compare Gray's \$50.00 Suits With Suits Sold by Other Stores for \$55 and \$60. You'll Like Our Values and Service. R. M. GRAY 366 WASHINGTON at WEST PARK

ALIEN WOMEN ARE TAUGHT from southern and eastern Europe from which the latest immigration has come, to remain in the home and go out little. These women could not be reached by night schools. With the new system, the organizer will reach the woman in her home. Trip Made in One Day. EUGENE, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—A trip by automobile from Crater lake to Eugene in one day is the experience of E. C. Simmons, president of the Eugene chamber of commerce. Mr. Simmons, in company with Mrs. Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hauser of this city, left the lake at 6 o'clock Monday morning. Coming by way of Medford and stopping for two meals, they arrived in Eugene at 10:30 o'clock that night. Y. M. C. A. Movement Success. PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—With only \$1500 remaining to be raised in this county to finance the county Y. M. C. A. movement, so assured are the state officials of success that it is announced that the programme of work will be started September 15. Two first-class men are in prospect now as county secretaries. Schools Open Only Half Day. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special).—Instead of a full recess of two weeks, the custom of the past two years, the Hood River high school will observe half-day sessions this year during apple harvest. The day's work will begin earlier and close at noon, permitting the students to assist in saving the big apple crop. Schools of the rural districts are expected to follow a similar course. Phone your want ads to The Oregonian, Main 7070, A 6095.

Save the Babies. INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent, or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirty-seven per cent, or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen! We do not hesitate to say that a timely use of Castoria would save many of these precious lives. Neither do we hesitate to say that many of these infantile deaths are occasioned by the use of narcotic preparations. Drops, tinctures and soothing syrups sold for children's complaints contain more or less opium or morphine. They are, in considerable quantities, deadly poisons. In any quantity, they stupefy, retard circulation and lead to congestions, sickness, death. There can be no danger in the use of Castoria if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher as it contains no opiates or narcotics of any kind. Children Cry For Fletcher's CASTORIA. Let's Think It Over. There is such a thing as saying too much on any subject, and the "grand-stand" talker sooner or later becomes a bore. The truth is always welcomed, and the truth reiterated and confirmed is more than welcome—it reaches your innermost soul. Fletcher's Castoria is all its advertising has claimed for it. Scrutinized by the microscope of public opinion and used for over thirty years it stands without a peer in the hearts of thoughtful, cautious, discerning Mothers. And once used, mother love—there is no substitute for mother love—will scorn to try a "substitute" or a "just-as-good". Masquerading under many names drugs that are injurious to the tender babe have found their way into some households, but the light of experience soon casts them out. Are they cast out before it is too late? MOTHERS SHOULD READ THE BOOKLET THAT IS AROUND EVERY BOTTLE OF FLETCHER'S CASTORIA. GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.