

LOWER FLOOD COST IN 2-2 YEARS FORECAST

Present Prices Laid to High Wages and Export Demand.

EARLY RELIEF NOT SEEN

Portland Wholesale Grocers Testify Profits Show No Increase—Committee Rejects Bread Price.

Instead of clearing up the cost of living horizon yesterday, the Portland fair-price committee stirred up several dark clouds in the form of forecasts. At the two-hour hearing at the old postoffice building facts and figures on wholesale prices were given by Robert A. Hudson of the Hudson & Gram company, and Mr. Carr, president of the grocery firm of Carr & Preston.

From Mr. Carr was gained only the information that grocers are charging more because they must pay more for goods shipped here.

Price Regulation Suggested.

When asked by Mrs. George McMath, of the committee, whether he could suggest any action that body might take to remedy matters, Mr. Carr replied that when the war was on government regulations kept figures down, and that this plan might help again. "That is the very point we are after," said Mrs. McMath. "Wouldn't things be better if Hoover were back on the job? Couldn't we ask our delegation in Washington to advocate putting the food administration back to work another year? This idea isn't original with me—it has been given publicly elsewhere. Can't we do something to push such a movement?"

Mr. Carr, in answer to inquiries, showed that the percentage of profit made by the wholesalers is approximately the same, despite increased prices. "Then you must consider," he went on, "that things sometimes go down and we sell them for a good deal less than they cost us."

Rise Laid to Labor Costs.

He explained the rise in salt, condensed milk, tomatoes and soups. Mr. Hudson discussed imported goods, dried fruits and canned products. Thomas G. Farrell asked him about raisins.

"Our percentage of profit is less on raisins than it was during the war, and the only thing that has made this so is the labor situation. Growers are paying more for labor and getting out inferior raisins," said Mr. Hudson.

"In the past season there was only a 50 per cent crop and 60 per cent of this was damaged in paper trays. This ruined the fruit. This year we have had from 15 cents to 20 cents to the growers on raisins."

Mr. Hudson pointed out that the 25 per cent advance in freight rates, effective October 1, will affect the price of all articles shipped into Portland. Reverting to a nickel and a cent a year we paid \$10 for apples. This year the growers want \$20 a ton. I venture to say we'll soon be giving \$25 ready."

"As to the apricot demand, this is heavy over in Europe, where they are still willing to buy 75 to 80 per cent of our crop. With our surplus, it is in which they must have them, no matter what the price."

Strong Demands Shown.

"Take Brazil nuts. They opened high this season and we thought the price out of sight and water to buy. What happened? While we waited Europe bought them all up."

"Fears this year are \$100 a ton. Three years ago we gave \$20 a ton. And in pre-war times they were \$20. On berries this year your own local wholesalers had to pay more than they contracted for. The strawberries they used to retail for a nickel are worth 40 cents now. The raspberry crop was short and the demand so much greater that no wonder the figures were increased. I honestly believe most fruit products were packed in Oregon this year than ever before. Canned blackberries are going sealed in tin in quantities that are equal to the entire berry pack of previous years put together."

Readjustment Held Need.

"In certain cases the growers are being overpaid, but in the long run you will find it costs more for every part of their industry. They are the labor, the boxes and the labels to consider."

When Mrs. McMath suggested the present price should stop, Mr. Hudson asserted that history shows after every war two and a half years has been required for readjustment of the food situation.

"Over in Europe," he said, "they're not choosers and they'll take anything we or any other country have to sell. It was the same in the south on the flour question after the civil war. The reason for the export demand now is because our war was across the water. People don't realize what it means because we have never had this sort of business before. Oregon is more fortunate than some other places because it has found a market for some of the products that used to be hard to dispose of."

Lower Prices Predicted.

Mr. Hudson made the prediction that beans would remain at 8 cents next year and the following season would probably drop back to normal or around 2 and 3 cents. He confessed he failed to understand the walnut crop, which are now 32 cents when they were 14 before the war. He said the nuts are

easy to harvest and that he could see no reason for increasing their cost to such an extent.

In conclusion, the merchant laid much blame for the increased cost of living on luxuries and time-saving devices, which, he said, have made housekeeping more expensive.

Bread Rise Opposed.

Before the meeting adjourned Attorney Roger Simon asked for a vote on the price of bread as he desired to inform the Master Bakers' association of the committee's views on raising the price. All four members voted that the present wholesale price of 8 cents a loaf is sufficient, while two were opposed. As the motion carried the food administration refused to permit the proposed increase.

Another meeting has been called for Monday at 2 P. M. when meat and shoe dealers will be present.

FOOD JOBBERS' LOT HARD

LEAD PRECARIOUS LIFE.

Nebraska Investigation Brings Out Statement That Witness Makes Only 2 Per Cent.

OMAHA, Aug. 22.—Food jobbers lead a precarious hand-to-mouth existence, according to testimony at today's session of the state investigation of marketing conditions.

Questioned by Attorney-General Davis and Special Counsel Munger developed a mass of testimony as to the cost of certain carloads of fruits to the eight Omaha and Council Bluffs jobbers who maintain a buying "pool." Meyer, a member of the pool, then went on the stand to testify as to his sales.

He said that he considers a good figure, but averages about 13 per cent. His costs amount to 11 per cent, he declared, leaving a net profit of 2 per cent. This amounts to \$6000 a year on an investment of \$35,000 to \$60,000.

"But my three sons and I get no salary," he said, "and my wife, Meyer, makes a profit of 12 or 13 per cent."

"Oh, well, I lost \$2000 last month," answered Meyer.

"But the year around?"

"Well, my wife makes a little money. I lost money in 1918 and 1917."

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PLANE'S DESCENT THRILLS

PILOT AVERTS ACCIDENT ON UPPER UMPQUA RIVER.

Machine Lands Among Stumps After Engine "Dies"; District Forester Passenger.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Compelled to land along the upper Umpqua river last night, Lieutenant Goldsborough, piloting a patrol airplane, and District Forester Hartman of this city experienced a thrill while looking for an open spot after their motor stopped at an altitude of 5000 feet.

To inspect a fire, the two reached a point 12 miles above Peel, when the engine gave trouble. Heading back toward the fish hatchery in quest of a landing, the plane, according to Mr. Hartman, accomplished wonderful stunts under Goldsborough's skill and after the engine "died" the pilot was hard to endure. As the machine neared the ground the pilot coolly swung the craft to a little clearing on the river bank. The plane landed among the stumps.

Taking to the air after the engine was adjusted was another difficult feat, said Mr. Hartman.

ARSON CHARGE ADMITTED

Grants Pass Man Confesses, Saying Insurance Lured.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—In a signed confession, obtained by H. H. Pomeroy, deputy state fire marshal, F. D. Morton of Grants Pass admitted setting fire to a dwelling there with a view to collecting \$7500 insurance carried on the structure and contents.

Morton purchased the dwelling from De J. Jones August 6 and later insured the house for \$800, placing \$150 on the furnishings.

In his confession Morton said he set fire to a bundle of rags in the clothes closet on the edge of a canyon south of the Columbia River highway and above Horseshoe Falls by Robert Nyden and Harold Taylor, employees of the Northwest Steel company, while on a hiking trip several days ago, has started an investigation by Sheriff Kurland into the identity of the owner of the dwelling.

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OLD RIFLE INVITES SEARCH

Sheriff Thinks Body of Hunter May Be Found Nearby.

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EMPLOYEES TO BE HOUSED

Washougal Woolen Mills to Erect 14 Cottages Near Factory.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—To provide homes for those of their employees desiring them, the Washougal woolen mills will at once commence the construction of 14 cottages on a tract of land, recently acquired, immediately adjoining the factory site at Washougal.

The cottages will be of different designs, located four to a block, and will be sold to the employees on easy terms. Each home will have sufficient ground for a garden and it is the plan of the company to make the houses as attractive as possible.

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SENATORS TO HURRY WORK PEACE PACT

Committee Hopes to Report Treaty Next Week.

COMPROMISE TO COLLAPSE

Reservations Not Expected Apart From Ratification; Debate Is Continued.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—In a determined effort to report the peace treaty before the end of next week, the senate foreign relations committee suddenly interrupted its public hearings today and arranged to go to work tomorrow on proposed amendments and reservations.

Although one witness will be heard Monday, members thought that might be the last hearing before the treaty was reported.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the democratic leader, declared his belief that the report would be laid before the senate during the coming week and asserted that he had been assured the republicans would co-operate to that end. Some republican members agreed with his prediction, but Chairman Lodge declined to say whether he thought the committee would act.

Late today plans to expedite the consideration of amendments were discussed at a conference of republican members of the committee, and they will go over the subject again tomorrow morning. It is likely that among the first amendments voted on will be one proposing to strike out or modify the article giving Japan control in Shantung province, China.

Labor Provision Criticized.

During the day there were more debates on the treaty in the senate. Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado, criticizing the provision for an international labor organization, and Senator Fall, republican, New Mexico, taking exception to information given the committee by President Wilson regarding the resumption of trade with Germany.

Senator Fall, however, said he was not opposed to the president that so far as he knew the United States was not trading with Germany, declared there had been a suspension of the trading with the enemy act which could be effected only by presidential authority and that merchant vessels were sailing under the United States flag and other European peoples are to be heard, and on Saturday a session will be devoted to Irish claims.

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Marshfield Contractor Will Build Two-Story Lodge Home.

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The total cost of the building will be \$60,000. Contractor Wright agrees to have the temple ready for occupancy by January 1. The Elks have the option of naming either tile or brick in the building.

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Elusive Raider of Apple and Prune Orchards Killed.

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under the second condemnation proceedings, this area being one-half of the entire reservation.

The chief contention of the land owners, many of whom still reside on the land, is that there is no need of so large an area, as shown by the fact that the government has never made use of the additional tract. Also it is contended that the farmers were underpaid for their land, but that they could not protest at that time without risking the charge that they were hindering the prosecution of the war.

Several members of the committee showed strong sympathy with these contentions and indicated that if such a resolution were introduced by one of the Washington senators it would be approved by the committee. Mr. Abel said that Pierce county had paid fees to attorneys in condemnation and transfer of the Camp Lewis land aggregating \$80,000, and that the entire cost to the country in making the transfer aside from the purchase price of the land had been at least an acre, or a total expense of \$200,000.

STATE HAD DENIED WIDOW

COMPENSATION COMMISSION RULES IN STARK CASE.

Affidavits Reveal Deceased as Aggressor in Scuffle Causing Death.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ray E. Stark, whose husband died from injuries sustained from an air hose while engaged in a friendly scuffle with W. T. Cooper in the plant of the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation at Portland June 15, 1918, is not entitled to financial aid under the provisions of the workmen's compensation act, according to a decision reached by members of the state industrial accident commission late today, as he was the aggressor in the affair.

Investigation by the commission, following presentation of a claim by Mrs. Stark, showed that some time prior to her husband's death she filed suit for divorce in the Multnomah county courts, in which she charged him with cruel and inhuman treatment. On the day of his death the records show that Mrs. Stark dismissed this complaint and later placed the claim in the hands of an attorney for collection.

The commission also obtained a number of affidavits from witnesses, one signed by Mr. Stark a short time before he died at St. Vincent's hospital. In this affidavit the victim of the scuffle stated that he grasped the air gun out of the hands of N. Sokolich, a laborer at the shipbuilding plant, and pointed it toward Mr. Cooper, the two children riding together, the younger being only about 11 years of age. Several women made the trip.

FAMILY RIDES IN PLANE

Lebanon Resident Pays \$30 for Trip for Wife, Children and Self.

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Thirty Lebanon residents have taken flights during the last two days in an airplane owned by the Webb Aircraft company of Salem, which was piloted by Lieutenant Elmer Cook, with O. P. Patterson as mechanic and manager. Each passenger paid \$10 for a 10-minute trip. One man paid \$30 for a ride for himself, his wife and two children, the two children riding together, the younger being only about 11 years of age. Several women made the trip.

A landing was obtained in a wheat field adjoining the city limits and a big crowd was out to see their friends ride.

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Mum—Deodorant, 25¢
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Eversweet, Deodorant, 25¢
Perspino, Deodorant, 25¢
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ROUND-UP WILL BE HELD

MAYOR BAKER'S OBJECTION TO LOCAL AFFAIR OBTAINED.

Opposition to Rose City Speedway Event Based on Admission of Pendleton Show.

Upon consent of one of the officials of the Pendleton Round-up association, the Rose City speedway association not to use the term "round-up" in connection with its show; the city council has agreed to the suggestion. The Rose City speedway association had been assured last Wednesday that the ordinance would be passed at the special session, but Mayor Baker's objection to such action was presented for a time to prevent the holding of the show.

Yesterday's special session was adjourned until afternoon in order that Mayor Baker might arrange for a change in posters and tickets being printed, and in the interim, Commissioner Bigelow communicated with one of the exhibition officials who, speaking for himself, said he believed there would be no objection, so long as the city of Portland had no interest in promoting the exhibition.

That Portland has no right to permit the staging of a round-up and pioneer days show, that will in any way reflect upon the Pendleton exhibition, was the stand taken by Mayor Baker.

"The Pendleton Round-up is the biggest asset in the world to the state of Oregon," said Mayor Baker, in opposing passage of the ordinance, "and Portland has no right to permit an exhibition that will cast reflection upon that event. The best we could do would be to stage a show that would be 100 miles from proving as good as the Pendleton event."

After Mayor Baker had raised the point, members of the council said they had understood the application was for a permit to stage races, rather than a round-up exhibition, although Mr. Merrill's written application specifies a round-up and frontier days show. Tuesday that granting of such a permit would be class legislation, as the existing ordinance prohibits anything of the kind on Labor day. However, as Harry Anderson, president of the Central Labor Council, endorsed Mr. Merrill's application, this objection was not persisted in.

HOBO CAUGHT MILKING COW

Salem Woman Calls Police to Drive Thief Away From Bovine.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A woman living in North Salem tonight called up the police station by telephone and informed that a hobo was milking her cow. A patrolman was dispatched to the scene and sure enough bossie had been drained of a quart or more of precious milk.

Several similar complaints have been lodged with the police. Hobos seem to have made a practice of milking all kinds of stock in pasture.

T. N. T. TO BE USED ON ROADS.

BEND, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The first of a 12-ton shipment of T. N. T. recently received by the Deschutes national forest from the war department, to be used in central Oregon.

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Hinds' Honey Almond Cream, each49¢
Mennen's Talc, large, 25¢
Mavis Talc, 25¢
Florient Talc, 25¢
Butterfly Talc, 25¢

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MINERS ASK 5-DAY WEEK

ANTHRACITE WORKERS DEMAND SIX-HOUR DAY.

60 Per Cent Increase in Wages and Closed Shop Contract Also Requested.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 22.—Anthracite miners today declared for the check-off, a six-hour work day, five days a week and an increase of 60 per cent in wages. The tri-district convention in session to formulate the demands of the miners adopted the report of the scale committee. It included the following:

"That the contract be for a period of not exceeding two years and that the making of individual agreements and contracts in the mining of coal shall be prohibited."

The demands included one of a uniform wage scale for occupations of like character and continued:

"We demand a closed shop contract, which means full recognition of the United Mine Workers of America as a party to the agreement."

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Scratching Increases the Irritation of the Delicate Skin Tissue.

You can claw your nails into your skin until it bleeds, in an effort to obtain relief from the fiery itching and burning caused by skin diseases, but you only increase the irritation and pain.

And you can pour ointments, salves and lotions by the gallon on the irritated parts without obtaining anything but temporary relief. Just as soon as the strength of the counter irritant gives out, your pain and torture will return with increased violence, because these local remedies have not reached the source of the trouble.

The real source of all skin disease is in the blood supply. The blood becomes infected with some impurity, and the disease germs break out through the delicate tissues of the skin. They may appear as eczema, tetter, boils, pimples, scaly eruptions, caused by disease germs in the blood.

The real cure, therefore, must be directed through the blood. And no remedy has yet been discovered that equals S. S. S. for such disorder of the blood. This great old remedy cleanses the blood of disease germs, and clears up the complexion and gives it the ruddy glow of perfect health. Get a bottle at your drugstore today and you will soon be rid of your tormenting skin trouble. Also write at once for expert medical advice regarding your own case. Address, Medical Director, 263 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.—Adv.

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Molena Freckle Cream, 85¢
Othine Freckle Cream, \$1.10
Stillman Freckle Cream, 50¢
Anita Freckle Cream, 50¢
Velvetina Freckle Cream, 50¢
Malvina Freckle Cream, 48¢
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