

PRICE GUARANTEE SEIZURE ASKED

Complaints Say Plan Prevents Decrease in Figures.

HEARING WILL BE HELD

System Is Said to Offer Protection to Buyers in Case of Decline Before Delivery.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Business interests, labor unions and the public generally are to be bound out as to the sentiment in regard to the guarantee-against-price-decline system...

The guarantee-against-price-decline system amounts to a guarantee by manufacturers and wholesalers of selling goods that should decline in price...

Complaints lodged with the commission assert that working out of the plan tends to prevent a decrease in the cost of living.

The commission, in a letter to boards of trade, civic bodies, trade organs and papers, labor groups and farmers' associations, made public Sunday, says:

The question of guarantee against decline in price has been the subject of so many complaints before the commission and opinion seems to be so diverse that the commission has determined to go into the whole matter thoroughly.

As a basis for the necessary expenditures attending upon such an inquiry, such formal complaints have been issued presenting various phases of the subject. To the end that every party at interest may be fully represented, the commission is inviting generally, producers, manufacturers, merchants (wholesale and retail) and consumers to declare their interest so that the commission may know what parties should be represented.

Hearing to Be Held. The commission is asking you, therefore, to communicate as speedily and as widely as possible with your membership, advising them of the invitation, and to notify the commission of the nature of their interest in the subject.

As soon as this list of the parties at interest in the matter can be compiled it is the purpose of the commission to invite each or any of them to submit their observations in writing.

A reasonable time limit for the filing of written statements will be given, after which they will be assembled and, as far as possible, classified, and each correspondent will be furnished with a copy of the document.

As soon thereafter as possible it is the purpose of the commission to call a general hearing at Washington at which parties at interest may be present in person, by representative or by counsel, and an orderly method of hearing the matter will be laid out.

The proposed hearing probably will be held about the middle of March.

JAZZ MUSIC HELD PSYCHIC

PHILADELPHIA SPECIALISTS REPORT PROMPT CURES.

Patient Suffering With Paralysis Jumps to Feet When Phonograph Record Is Played.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Musical surgery may be the latest thing in cure with Philadelphia's leading specialists.

Music, especially the "jazz" variety, is being used as a curative, and physicians say that it is working effective cures through its psychic effect.

One of the latest cases is that of Morris Hayes, who came here from Connellsville, paralyzed in both legs as a result of a motor accident, and was wheeled in a room in which there

was a phonograph and a "jazz" record was put on the machine. Hayes jumped to his feet, entirely cured.

Music also has been used to arouse people from long sleep, one of the most serious being that of Mrs. Fred Tracey, a former Philadelphia woman now resident in Oxford, N. Y., where she is said to be finally cured by a phonograph.

Leading nerve specialists agree in praising the potency of music. Dr. Charles K. Mills said: "It is especially effective in cases of hysterical paralysis, which is similar to shell shock. The music arouses certain cells of the brain which act on the parts of the body affected."

Dr. S. E. W. Ludlam compares the effect of "violet" music to that produced by an electric battery. He said the emotional area that naturally would be affected by the combination of "music and noise" would act like a battery under the proper contact and discharge, along the nervous system, a force as powerful as electricity.

PORTLAND MAN HAS GAINED 30 POUNDS

Thinks So Much of Tanlac Wants to Stop and Tell Everybody About It.

"Since I have taken Tanlac I am thirty pounds heavier and am feeling as fine as a man could want to feel," was the statement made recently by H. H. Wood of the Foster Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

"I was in such poor health and had lost so much weight that all my clothes were too large for me," continued Mr. Wood. "I had indigestion so bad that even the sight of food would nauseate me, and nearly everything I did eat fermented on my stomach. I was troubled something awful after eating and the only way I could get relief was by taking a dose of soda and water, but the next time I ate anything I would go through the same misery. I would have dizzy spells so bad that I would have to take hold of something and close my eyes for a while to keep from falling over. My kidneys were badly disordered and worried me all through the night. I took colds and whenever I did, I always had severe pains in the region of my kidneys. I was so nervous and energetic I could never get a good night's sleep, and from morning till night I felt so weak and tired that I could hardly do my work."

"Tanlac was recommended to me by a friend of mine in Seattle and before I had finished my first bottle I began to feel better. In all I took four bottles and now all my troubles have completely disappeared and I have gained back all my lost weight and strength. I have a splendid appetite, and I digest everything I eat without any bad effects at all. My kidneys and nerves were never in better condition and I don't know what it means to ever have a dizzy spell. I sleep like a log at night and I have so much strength and energy that my work is a pleasure to me. Tanlac is certainly the greatest builder I have ever seen and I think so much of it that I want to stop and tell everybody I meet about it."

Tanlac is sold in Portland by the Owl Drug store.—Adv.

RAIL BROTHERHOODS TO FIGHT HIGH COSTS

Chain of Co-operative Banks and Stores Planned.

BIG FUND IS IN RESERVE

Elimination of Middleman and Assistance From Farmers' Organizations Counted On.

IMMIGRATION FLOOD IS ON THOUSANDS CLAMOR AT NEW YORK'S GATES.

Police and Coast Guards Are on Duty to Relieve Unprecedented Condition Now Existing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—More than 3000 immigrants are clamoring at the gates of New York for admission into the United States. Ellis Island is congested and many hundreds of the incoming passengers will be detained on board steamships for examination.

Immigration inspectors and special boards of inquiry have found it necessary to work day and night to relieve unprecedented conditions.

In the meantime hundreds of friends and relatives of the detained passengers from all over the country have assembled here impatiently awaiting the release of the immigrants.

Police and coast guards are on duty at the piers and the Ellis Island ferry entrance to hold in check the crowds which gather at the gates daily. Several attempts have been made by friends and relatives of the detained passengers to storm the piers in an effort to reach the ships.

Immigration officials claim that their work is delayed to a large extent on Ellis Island because of the congestion there due to the detention of a large number of radicals and undesirable, held for deportation.

The greater number of the immigrants detained are Italian and Greek. Several hundred Greek passengers also are held.

SMALLPOX SCARES 'COPS'

SMALL RIOT MARKS ARRIVAL OF NEGRO AT STATION.

Desk Officer Hears Plaintiff, But Does Not Linger Long Enough to Proffer His Aid.

A small riot was started at the police station Sunday night when Edward Thompson, negro, afflicted with smallpox, entered the place in search of relief after he had been put out of his lodging-house at 323 San Rafael street, he said.

"I've got smallpox," came the startling cry, and the police officers, Officers Reno, Van Valkenburg and Drapau immediately decided they were not qualified to treat the man, and to remain to help him any more, the story Harry Enkle, proprietor of a shop at Third and Pine streets, who had been relating a story to an appreciative audience, also made a hasty exit by the back door.

Sergeant Van Overn ordered Thompson to get out of the building and walk across the street, adjoining the Chinese restaurant, until the Ambulance Service company could be called to take him to the smallpox hospital at Kelly butte.

A small cottage located across the road from the building that the city officials had used for an isolation hospital. It has limited facilities with beds for only about 12 patients.

DR. F. B. SHORT ELECTED HIGH METHODIST EPISCOPAL POST OFFERED PASTOR.

Acceptance of Secretaryship of Board of Temperance Not Yet Decided by Minister.

Dr. Francis Burgette Short, pastor of Wilbur Methodist church, has been elected extension secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church, according to an announcement made in the report of Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the board.

Whether the popular Portland pastor will accept or reject the new post, which is in the nature of an advancement and a recognition of valuable work in the northwest, yesterday was not known. Dr. Short declined to make a statement. Should he accept the post, his headquarters would be at Washington.

Dr. Short came to Portland from Spokane at the call of the Wilbur congregation. His efforts in the local field were speedily productive of results, and Wilbur church, successor to the discredited Taylor street church, grew in attendance and popularity. Sunday services have been held for some time past in the Multnomah hotel.

Through the efforts of Dr. Short, the church has had installed social service workers.

POLES TO DRAFT GERMANS

Plan to Recruit Army in West Prussia Announced.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—That the Poles contemplate recruiting six classes of Germans between the ages of 18 and 24 upon taking possession of west Prussian territory to be ceded to Poland, is charged by the Deutsche Tageszeitung, which states that information to this effect from reliable Polish quarters.

These six classes, the newspaper adds, will comprise 15,000 men who are liable to be called on for military duty after having served as frontier guards in West Prussia.

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WOMAN'S STORY IS CLUE

Mrs. Dolly Peck Bennett Questioned on J. S. Brown Murder.

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FINNISH REDS IN PLOT

RESIDENTS OF U. S. CHARGED WITH AIDING RUSSIANS.

College at Smithville, Minn., Is Named as Seat of Radical Movement Against Law and Order.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—More than 3000 Finnish radicals in this country are organized in a revolutionary movement in league with Russian "reds," the Lusk legislative investigating committee announced Saturday night. Santeri Nuorteva, secretary of the soviet "embassy," now at liberty on bail pending proceedings for contempt of court, was named as the link between the Finnish and other revolutionaries. He is said to be a Finn.

Miss Meta Rumel, a student of Finnish methods, testified at the hearings that the radical Finns are enraged over the defeat of bolshevism in their own country and will go to any ends to establish it here. There are 200,000 "white" Finns in this country, she asserted, who are vigorously opposing the radicals.

The mainstay of the Finnish radical movement here, she said, "appears to be the Finnish working people's college in Smithville, Minn."

COLD SHUTS SAND PITS

Frozen Pipes During Storm Causes Delay to Umattila Industry.

UMATTILA, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The recent cold spell suspended work in the sand and gravel pits in Umattila county. The Jones-Scott company was inconvenienced to the greatest extent, being jammed with ice caused the tie-up.

The crew worked hard to get the pits in operation, but many orders were piling up. The plant will soon be running full blast again, according to D. C. Chapman, superintendent.

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WORK BEGUN ON CANAL

Franklin Irrigation Project Near Pasco Is Progressing.

PASCO, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Engineers in charge of the work of installing the new unit and pumping plant for Franklin county irrigation

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LABOR WANTS ACCURSED INTEREST.

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The brotherhoods, it was said yesterday, hope first to secure the assistance of the United Mine Workers whose reserve fund is placed at \$15,000,000, said to be distributed in a number of banks.

Reichdale System in Favor. The Reichdale co-operative system, in use in Great Britain, has been favored by the American Federation of Labor for years and has been brought to the front within the last five weeks by the report of the committee appointed at the St. Paul convention of the federation in 1918 and continued at the convention last summer. The committee consisted of George W. Perkins, president of the cigar makers; John H. Walker, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor; and James J. Callaghan, political economist and close associate of Samuel Gompers.

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No attempt is made by Reichdale to cut the general market price and the cost-plus system is taboo, but the earnings of the establishment are paid back to the stockholders as dividends.

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MRS. VERMILYE IS SILENT Comment on Husband's Plan to Wed Another Withheld.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Mrs. William Gray Vermilye, who says she is the wife of the Brooklyn physician who disappeared Christmas eve, when supposedly on his way to wed Miss Ruth M. Keeney of Monson, Mass., and was subsequently found in a Brooklyn hospital, declined last night to make any statement in regard to Dr. Vermilye's affairs.

Major E. R. Baines, her son-in-law, said that Mrs. Vermilye had never heard of Miss Keeney before learning of her intended marriage.

Major Baines said that Dr. and Mrs. Vermilye were married in 1908.

Mrs. E. F. Kain Dies at Centralia. CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. F. Kain, aged 69 years, died Friday night at her home in this city. She is survived by her husband and ten children: Mrs. May Galloway, Eugene, Or.; Mrs. Dalay Wise, Bow, Wash.; Eugene Kain, Modesto, Cal.; Mrs. Pearl Carver, Mrs. Iva Gay, Mrs. Fanny Boyd, Mrs. Margaret Gay, Mrs. Florence Staples and Paul and David Kain, all of Centralia.

Commissioners Defy Reformers. YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 29.—Declaring that they could no longer submit to interference by the Yakima Good Government league, City Commissioners H. F. Marble and A. C. Cline Saturday said they had concluded the appointment of S. E. Bunker as chief of police was illegal because of his non-residence here, and that it would be rescinded unless the commission was advised by the attorney-general that it was valid.

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