

PRICES CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND

Reduction Movement Spreads Over Country.

BANKS TIGHTEN ON CREDITS

Some Merchants Denounce Tendency to Lower Costs.

MOVE HELD TEMPORARY

Most of Essentials Affected by Sweeping Reductions and \$12 Shoes Sell for \$4.85.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The wave of price-cutting in wearing apparel continued today to sweep the country, merchants in many cities and towns announcing reductions in men's and women's clothing, shoes, hats and other articles. While some merchants said the reductions could not be maintained after present stocks were exhausted, others declared the price-cuts were the logical outcome of breaks in the eastern market, a backward season and large stocks on hand.

Owners of department stores in scores of cities today announced price reductions in men's and women's apparel, ranging from 20 to 50 per cent, while in some places shoes and other articles were sold at reduced prices.

Banks Tighten Up.

While the movement, which assumed nationwide proportions yesterday, continued to spread, banking interests in New York today extended their campaign of deflation of credits and against high commodity prices, carrying out their pledge to the federal reserve board.

Banks were reported to have sent word to importers and dealers in luxurious articles of apparel and manufacturers of so-called non-essentials that only moderate financial accommodation could be expected now.

A newspaper advertisement inserted today by a Newark clothing concern denounces price-cutting as "an economic mistake." Several Milwaukee merchants characterized the movement as a "circus stunt."

In St. Paul, where marked reductions were announced, the largest wholesale military concern in the northwest announced it would open its doors to retail trade and dispose of a \$1,000,000 stock at prices 50 per cent below prevailing retail prices.

At St. Louis three department stores cut clothing prices 15 to 25 per cent, while several men's stores announced 33 1/3 per cent reductions in men's suits. A Tesakama, Ark., shoe store announced a sale of \$12 shoes for \$4.85.

Price-cutting in the sale of textile materials, hats and furnishings, put into effect in many San Francisco establishments yesterday, was followed today by the announcement of one shoe firm that its stock was being disposed of at a reduction of from 10 to 40 per cent.

Dentists also have stepped into the procession and reports from Omaha show some dentists have cut their scale 25 per cent.

Silk shirts and suits for men were reported to have suffered 20 to 30 per cent cuts in Indianapolis. Ready-to-wear clothing for women and children were also offered at greatly reduced prices.

Forre Haute, Ind., reported 50 per cent reduction in all men's and boys' garments and shoes by one of the largest outfitters of men and boys in that territory.

Some Goods Cut Half.

In Youngstown, O., all but one of the larger department stores placed on sale today their entire or greater portion of the stocks at discounts ranging from 20 to 50 per cent.

A report from the Pacific coast said retailers of Fresno, Cal., had announced general reductions on silk goods of from 20 to 30 per cent, while El Paso, Tex., sent word that 23 1/3 per cent had been taken off the price of staple shoes and 25 per cent off the price of clothing, the latter announcement coming from the largest department store in the city.

There were little material price changes in Chicago, but an officer of one of the foremost department stores here said that the price reduction wave indicated that merchants were trying to satisfy what he called "a hysterical demand from the public for lower prices."

INCREASE PREDICTED IN FALL

Clothing Reductions Attributed to Backward Season.

THE DALLIES, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—

LOAFING, NOT LIVING COST, HELD PROBLEM

PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE, SAYS SENATOR THOMAS.

Lawmaker Declares He Will Buy No More Clothes Till Prices Hit Reasonable Level.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Frankly confiding to his colleagues that the clothes on his back were threadbare and patched, Senator Thomas, democrat, of Colorado, joining today in another senate roundtable on profiteers, declared the people themselves and not legislation must break the sweeping wave of high prices.

Linking the overall movement, started as a protest against the cost of clothing, with widespread price reductions, reported from many cities, Senator Thomas said the public had found the answer to its own hands.

"The overall campaign was a good thing," the senator said. "The papers today are full of messages from all parts of the country announcing dramatic cuts in clothing prices. Did legislation do it? No, the people did it themselves."

The attack on profiteering was opened by Senator Kenyon, republican, of Iowa, who urged social ostracism and criminal punishment for offenders. Corporations principally and retailers were held up as prime profiteers. Some of them were characterized by the Iowa senator as robbers and traitors.

In urging publicity as a means of sweeping dealers demanding excessive profits "to the junk heap of disrepute," Senator Kenyon declared department of justice prosecutions had failed to bring relief and that the people should elect a president who would break the evil by naming an attorney-general "who cares more about enforcing the laws than he does about making money."

There was a shift toward the railing and the crowd in the gallery leaned forward to hear Senator Thomas appeal for a return of old-time thrift.

"I have on a suit of clothes four years old, somewhat patched but still serviceable," he said as he stroked the sleeves of his coat. "The shoes I have on were bought in 1916. I do not propose to buy any more clothes until prices go down to a reasonable level. I subject myself to arrest for not wearing enough clothes on the streets of Washington. I am still wearing the same coat, my hat and my shoes. I will go without meat to bring down costs."

Senator Thomas said he was not denouncing profiteers, that he believed the nation's economic ills were caused by the rampant inflation, but that he did not believe the exorbitant profits represented 5 per cent of the high cost of living.

"All the people share the responsibility," he said. "When I consider the number of people in this country who live without working I am tempted to change the expression, 'high cost of living' to 'high cost of loafing.'"

ROAD FIGHT NOT FINISHED

Canyonville Cutoff Decision Is to Be Appealed.

SALEM, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—The decision of Judge Skipworth of Lane county, who recently enjoined the state highway commission from proceeding with the construction of the so-called Canyonville cut-off section of the Pacific highway in Douglas county, is to be appealed to the Oregon supreme court for final determination, according to announcement made here today by J. M. Dewey, attorney for the highway department.

The action originally was brought by S. H. Rockhill in the circuit court of Douglas county, but was tried before Judge Skipworth. He held that the location of state roads until stated legislative action and was not in the province of the highway commission.

In case the decision of the lower court is affirmed, the highway commissioners fear that they will have trouble in locating roads in many counties.

SERVICE PAY BILL SIGNED

Army and Navy Officers and Enlisted Men Get Increases.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—President Wilson today signed the army and navy pay bill, providing for a temporary adjustment of pay checks for officers and enlisted men pending permanent legislation on the subject at a later date.

Increases provided total approximately \$60,000,000 a year. They are retroactive to last January 1 and will continue until June 30, 1922.

IRISH POLICE ATTACKED

Sergeant Hart Killed, Constable Wounded at Limerick.

DUBLIN, May 19.—An attack was made against the police in Limerick today by a party of armed men.

All escaped after killing Sergeant Hart and dangerously wounding Constable Dempsey.

MORTON SERVICES HELD

Funeral of Former Vice-President Conducted by Bishop Burch.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 19.—Funeral services for former Vice-President Levi P. Morton were held at the Church of the Messiah at Rhinebeck this afternoon.

They were conducted by Bishop Charles Sumner Burch of New York.

OREGON CAMPAIGN COMES TO CLOSE

State to Vote on National Issues Tomorrow.

CONTESTS WILL BE KEEN

Hoover Supporters Mostly Going Over to Wood.

CHAMBERLAIN FIGHT HOT

Senator's Bitter Foes Spending Money Freely to Defeat Him but Friends Are Confident.

This is the last day for campaigning in the primaries. Tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the polls will open and Oregon electors will go to the booths to select the nominees of the republican and democratic parties and to declare a preference for president.

Interest over the presidential primary has eclipsed all other contests and candidates for state and county offices lament their inability to discover any keen interest in the primaries among the people they meet.

Weather conditions being favorable, and there being much campaigning over the presidential contest in the republican camp, and a genuinely hot fight between Senator Chamberlain and President Wilson in the democratic party, there should be a larger percentage of votes cast in tomorrow's primary than of late years.

Interest centers chiefly in the presidential primaries of the republicans—the democrats having no one to vote for except William Gibbs McAdoo. The republicans have the choice of Wood, Lowden or Johnson. Oregon has ten delegates in the republican convention and the candidate who carries Oregon naturally expects the support of the 16.

The issue as to the presidential aspirants is clearly defined, with Wood and Lowden on one side and Johnson on the other. Wood and Lowden appeal to the voters who favor a league of nations with reservations, while the Johnson appeal is to those who want no league. Because of this marked difference, the division has spread to the candidates for delegates to the convention and many have declared themselves as favorable to a treaty with reservations and others openly declare their opposition. There are a few middle-of-the-road candidates for delegates who express no personal opinion but say that, if elected, they will be for or against the league proposition, depending whether Wood or Lowden, on one hand, or Johnson, on the other, is the popular choice of Oregon republicans.

In eliminating himself from the contest, Johnson has left the field open for Leonard Wood.

TO HOOVER'S FRIENDS: Mr. Hoover has directed that the campaign in Oregon in his behalf be suspended, and has made it clear that he desires the defeat of Hiram Johnson.

To carry Oregon for Johnson, next Friday, is to repudiate Hoover. If you would prevent the repudiation of Hoover by Oregon, you will aid in the repudiation of Johnson.

You can best serve Hoover and Oregon, and make sure the defeat of Johnson, by voting for Leonard Wood.

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MISSING CALIFORNIA CHEMIST HOME AGAIN

ARTHUR LACHMAN SAYS MIND BLANK FIVE MONTHS.

Fall in Hotel at Chico, Cal., Said to Have Restored Memory. Wide Search Ended.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Dr. Arthur Lachman, San Francisco chemist and scientific author, who mysteriously dropped from sight here on December 11, 1919, was found today on a train en route from Chico, Cal., to this city and is at his home tonight under the care of a physician.

As regards his experiences during the five months of his disappearance, Dr. Lachman's mind is a total blank, members of his family announced tonight. How he came to be in Chico he was unable to state.

"Dr. Lachman himself telegraphed me from Chico today of his presence there," Mrs. Lachman said tonight. "An injury received in a fall in a Chico hotel today brought him to a realization of his identity. He is perfectly rational again tonight. He remembers all his old associations, friends and members of the family, but regarding the interval he was absent from home his mind is a blank."

The search for Dr. Lachman had been extended into every city of the United States without result.

A short time ago the insane asylum at Stellacom, Wash., reported that an inmate's description fitted Lachman exactly. It proved to be a case of mistaken identity. The only indication that Dr. Lachman had been out of California was a spectacle case bearing a Toledo, O., label.

MARCH TO TOUR ON RHINE

Chief of Staff of Army to Inspect American Forces.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the army, will leave June 1, on an inspection tour of American forces on the Rhine and Major-General J. L. Chamberlain, inspector-general, will start in June on an extended tour of France and England to close up numerous army matters.

Major-General William M. Wright will act as chief of staff during General March's absence.

GERMANS BUILD PLANES

Factories Make Parts to Be Assembled at Minute's Notice.

PARIS, May 19.—(Special Cable.)—All German factories which, during the war, turned out airplanes, are now in full swing and are carefully camouflaging their products. Thus, not one whole machine is turned out by any single factory, but all over the country spare parts are assembled and at a minute's notice could be sent to other parts to be assembled as airplanes.

The German Zeppelin works are at present engaged in turning out new powerful airplanes, while special sheds are being constructed at Friedrichshaven. Other firms are busily engaged building and testing powerful airplane engines.

'CLOWN' SUICIDE IN PLAY

Youth, 17, Accidentally Hanged Himself Amusing Children.

ORANGE CITY, Ia., May 19.—Isaac De Jager, aged 17, accidentally hanged himself while amusing the children of his employer on the farm of H. J. Van der Meide near here yesterday. De Jager was playing "clown" on a pile of corn cobs in a shed on the farm and had a rope suspended from the ceiling.

The pile of cobs slipped from under him, De Jager's head was caught in the noose and his neck was broken.

GIRL IN AUTO HURT; PREACHER ARRESTED

REV. D. L. FIELDS ADMITS CUTTING CORNER.

Dorothy Strowbridge Injured When Car Skids and Turns Over After Collision.

Rev. D. Lester Fields, pastor of the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church, was arrested on a charge of cutting a corner by Investigator Tully of the traffic bureau, following an automobile collision at East Twelfth and Holladay streets yesterday afternoon, in which Rev. Mr. Fields' automobile struck and overturned an automobile driven by Miss Dorothy Strowbridge, 546 East Fifteenth street, North.

Miss Strowbridge was thrown through the windshield by the force of the shock, according to the police, and received a cut on the arm, an injured side and bruises. She was almost prostrated by the shock, and while reporting the accident at the police station fell over in a half swoon. She was taken to the police emergency hospital by Sergeant Keegan of the traffic bureau.

Miss Strowbridge reported to the police that Rev. Mr. Fields cut the corner by eight feet with his machine, thereby colliding with her car. She was driving east on Holladay at the time and he was going north on Twelfth street.

Rev. Mr. Fields admitted that he cut the corner. He said that following the collision, the girl's auto skidded 20 feet, and after turning over on its side went an additional 18 feet.

Both cars were damaged. The police released Rev. Mr. Fields on his own recognizance. His hearing is scheduled to come up in the municipal court today.

WOMEN TURN DOWN JOHNSON EMISSARY

CLUBS AT SALEM REFUSE TO LISTEN TO EULOGY.

Marion County Federation Declines to Attend Party Where Candidate Would Be Praised.

SALEM, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Delegates in attendance at the organization meeting of the Marion County Federation of Women's clubs here today were treated to a number not included on the programme, when Katharine Phillips Edson of California entered the meeting unannounced, asked for the privilege of the floor and in a brief talk extended an invitation to the women to accompany her to a nearby house, partake of their fill of ice cream and listen to an address dealing with the virtues and accomplishments of Hiram Johnson, candidate for president.

Out of courtesy to the visitor, the chairman of the meeting asked all of the delegates, who wished to take advantage of the invitation to stand up. Not one of the women responded, and Mrs. Edson retired. It was said here tonight that Mrs. Edson had been in Portland and stopped off in Salem en route to her home in Los Angeles purposely to do a little missionary work for her favorite candidate.

Organization of the Marion County Federation of Women's Clubs was perfected through the election of Mrs. Rita F. Hall of Woodburn, president; Mrs. D. Long of Jefferson, vice-president; Mrs. G. H. Thompson of Willard, secretary; Mrs. Mason Bishop of Salem, treasurer; Mrs. F. E. Callister of Silverton, auditor; Miss Mattie Beatty of Salem and Mrs. P. O. Ottoway of Aurora, directors.

The women went on record favoring passage of the millage tax measure for the support and maintenance of both the elementary schools and higher educational institutions.

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By letter, telegram and personal representation, the commission, the American Railroad association's service commission and railroad executives here were apprised of the urgent needs of almost every line of trade.

A committee of the executives recommended to the commission that it order the transfer of 20,000 box cars from the Atlantic seaboard to lines west of Chicago and the relocation of 20,000 cars now west of the Mississippi river, to areas in the freight-congested east. This should be done within the next 30 days if a direct line of communication is to be accomplished, the road heads believed.

Members of the Michigan congressional delegation, together with representatives of Michigan public utility companies, appealed to the commission for consideration in the movement of coal to that territory. A pressing need for fuel was declared to exist throughout the state, and they urged the commission to clamp down on "the misuse of open equipment," so that it would be available for transportation of coal.

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Coast league ready to meet in San Francisco. Page 4.

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Johnson and Young Brown ready for battle tonight for featherweight title. Page 1.

Ted Tize throws Sailor Hoffman twice in one hour. Page 17.

Auto track athletes are selected. Page 16.

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Cereal crop prospects in Oregon good. Page 29.

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Clean-up brigades scour Laurelhurst and central East Portland. Page 20.

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12 DIE IN PISTOL BATTLE AT MINE

Private Detectives and Workers Battle.

MATTEWAN, W. VA., IS SCENE

Attempted Eviction of Miners Alleged Cause.

STATE TROOPS MOBILIZE

Mayor, Seven Officers, Eight Workers Killed; Three Others Badly Injured.

MATTEWAN, W. Va., May 19.—Twelve men were killed and three badly injured in a battle here late today between the police and citizens on one side and private detectives on the other. A revised list of the deaths as given out by the police at midnight follows:

Mayor Cabell Testerman, L. C. Felts, Albert Felts, H. E. Powell, A. J. Hooker, J. W. Ferguson, L. M. Brown, C. B. Cunningham, all private detectives; James Mullen, Patrick Kinley, William Rohrer and Isaac Brewer, miners.

The wounded: Samuel Artie, Baldwin and James Chambers.

Murder Follows Question.

According to authorities the trouble started when a miner named Mullins approached Albert Felts and asked if he carried a warrant for his arrest. Felts replied in the affirmative, according to police, and was in the act of reading the warrant when Mullins shot and killed him. Detective Ferguson, officers say, then killed Mullins, and the killing of Ferguson by an unidentified miner followed. This was the signal for a general fight, which resulted in the deaths of the other six men.

Village Becomes Quiet.

Intense excitement followed the shooting but the village became quiet later when the news came from Charleston that the entire state constabulary had been ordered here and that two companies of troopers would arrive about daybreak.

Conflicting stories as to the cause of the shooting were told. The police declare that a party of private detectives arrived here from Williamson this morning to evict from a mining company's houses the families of miners who had been dismissed from the company's employ.

Eight families, the police declare, had been turned out when Mayor Testerman approached Albert Felts, the leader of the detectives, and wanted to know by what authority their action was taken and by what authority they had arrested one of the miners.

Police Blame Detective.

While they were talking, according to the police, Felts shot at a miner, firing from his coat pocket. Almost instantly Felts himself was killed, the police say, by "Sid" Hadfield, chief of police of Mattewan. Immediately the shooting became general, numbers of persons joining in the fray.

The crowd closed in about the detectives, who, the police say, turned and ran. Some of them broke for the open country, while others, reaching the Tug river, attempted to swim to safety. Here, it is reported, three of them were shot and sank in the stream.

Villagers Throng Streets.

Almost all of the entire 500 or 600 inhabitants of the little mining village were in the streets until a late hour, discussing the tragic event of the afternoon.

Most of the men were employed by the Stone Mountain Coal company, whose mines form the principal industry of the community. Several weeks ago it became known that efforts were being made to unionize the mines, and two of them were closed. Later, the miners declare, some of their numbers were dismissed and private detectives were sent here today.

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