

CAPITAL CLOSELY EYES PRICE CUTS

Result of War on Profiteers, Some Declare.

STUDENTS BIT SKEPTICAL

Cost of Living, However, Is Uppermost Problem and Will Figure in Coming Campaign.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 19.—Congress and the executive heads of the government today are observing with the keenest interest the wave of price-cutting going on throughout the country.

Officials and lawmakers who regard the high living costs as entirely the consequence of heartless profiteering, assert with confidence that the nation-wide price-cuts are due to exposures made recently by congressional committees and grand juries throughout the states.

Those who trace the H. C. L. to causes wholly fundamental are studying the present slashing of sales figures to ascertain whether the movement is merely an arbitrary one on the part of merchants or if indeed men are being driven to it by reasons that are basic.

Students Still Doubtful. These latter economic students are not excited over the decline up to this time, contending that arbitrary reductions as a mere response to public appeal and condemnation cannot produce substantial results. Such a solution of present conditions, they assert, would be as fallacious as attempting to cure holism with providing free haircuts.

But there is no doubt that the living cost today is the problem uppermost in the minds of official Washington. A speech in the senate yesterday by Senator Walsh of Montana and another today by Senator Kenyon of Iowa, attracted some attention, although neither went deeper for the causes than the very common charge of profiteering.

Food Not Yet Affected. One reason for believing that the cost-reduction movement is arbitrary is that so far it has not affected food prices and is limited to many cases to silk shirts and silk hose, which are luxuries not indulged in by a very large percentage of the population. Doubtless the movement has raised hope among thousands of consumers, but the H. C. L. question is expected to be to the fore in the approaching political campaign just the same, out or not.

Congress is planning to adjourn about June 4, but there are hints that no sooner will the members of the senate and house return to their homes. President Wilson will issue a call for them to return and tackle the living cost problem, which he has promised when congress sought to take recess early in August of last year. Mr. Wilson asked the law-makers to remain and enact legislation to curb the H. C. L. One of the measures asked by him was an amendment to the Lever war-time act, which congress gave him in much firmer and more sweeping language than he asked.

President's Plan Unknown. It is, however, under this law that Attorney-General Palmer has proceeded in his unsuccessful attempts to give the public relief. The other measure was one limiting the length of time that food supplies may be kept in cold storage and requiring that such commodities be stamped with the date of their entry into storage. The latter bill has proved so controversial that it is not yet in the form of law, but the final touches are expected to be put on it before congress adjourns.

Just what the president has up his sleeve is a mystery. Several republicans are no confident, however, that Mr. Wilson has political ideas scheduled in event of an early adjournment that they are urging the leaders to abandon the plan for a summer vacation.

One suggestion is that he will call congress to come back and revise the system of taxation, which admittedly would be getting at what many economic experts regard as the real cause of the cost-of-living trouble. Students of the economic situation quite generally agree that much of the curtailment of production is traceable to heavy excess profits taxes and to some extent to the heavy surtaxes.

Mine Productions Limited. For example, it has been ascertained recently that many of the mines are limiting their production simply because to operate beyond a certain capacity means nothing in the end to the operators except the exhaustion of their ore supplies, the wearing out of their machinery and the privilege of handing additional profits over to the government. The same is true of many large industrial plants.

But just how the president can approach this problem in a way to help his party is a mystery. Former Secretary of the Treasury Glass and his successor, Charles D. Houston, have both been before committees which have besought them to offer some suggestion of a plan for tax reduction. Both have refused to do so, and suggest any way to cut taxes, it is beside any observer to see how Mr. Wilson can offer anything more than a theory.

PARENTS AT OPEN HOUSE

ENTERTAINMENT IS HELD AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL. Scholarship Letters Presented to Number of Students With Highest Averages.

Parents of Lincoln high school students last night were guests of their boys and girls when open house was held in the building. At least 150 people thronged the classrooms inspecting the work on display in laboratories and enjoying the humorous programme in the auditorium. A stately dance closed the entertainment.

A veritable vaudeville performance was put on by the student organizations, which included the orchestra, French and Spanish classes, H. Y. Teknophila, Tri-L, English debaters, history and music departments, Totes and gee club, Assistant Superintendent Rice and Principal Davis spoke, the latter making an appeal

to fathers and mothers to encourage home study.

"Don't depend on the child alone," he said, "it is up to you to provide a place for him to study and arrange his time so he can get his lessons."

Scholarship letters were presented to a large number of students having the highest averages. Blue ones for those with an average of excellent all year in all of their subjects went to Margaret Kressman, Euphrat Bullwinkle, Maria Shull, Miriam Dubiver, Eloise Reed, Lucile Rugh, Alice Bruere, Stephen Nilo, Frances Simpson and Harriet Veazie. These also received a red letter S for having 90 in all subjects for three-quarters of the present term. The red insignia was also awarded Lyle Veazie, Doris Oberdorfer, Harriet Dzendendorf, Mabel Foshbaugh, Louis Goodman, Frederick Weatherly, Edna Brookman, Helen Crosby, Elinor Wright, Ethelwynne Murton, Theodosia Robinson, Robert Holzer, Elsie Altimus, Loren Locker, Etche Cockerham, Katherine Kressman, Ruth Stephenson, Eloise Barker, Gertrude Lakelish, Tom Hawley and Florence Holman.

Spectacular experiments were in progress in the chemistry laboratory early in the evening, as well as in physics and general science. The botany department exhibited 108 native wild flowers classified. Miss Irene Wuest of the art department prepared an elaborate display. Both exhibits and programme were designed as an appeal for passage of the two-mill elementary school tax. It is hoped by the students, however, to repeat the open house entertainment each year.

FISH OFFICIALS ROUSED

CARL SHOEMAKER SCORES DISMISSAL OF CASES. Fishermen Arrested With Boats and Nets Not Prosecuted, Is Statement.

That the state fish and game departments might as well call in the deputies who are patrolling the Willamette river near Oregon City, during the fishing season, unless the district attorney's office in Clackamas county carries out its share of the work, is the opinion of Carl Shoemaker, secretary of the fish department. State Game Warden Burghdurf and other officials of both offices were much roused over dismissal of four or five cases because of "lack of sufficient evidence."

Officials pointed out the inconsistency of prosecutions when the Willamette river men who had been arrested with boats and nets were brought to trial, while those on the Clackamas, whose nets had not been taken as evidence, were called before the judge at Oak Grove. It is also considered significant that among the charges dismissed were those against Charles Gates, president of the Oregon City Fishermen's union, and Herbert Doughty, arrested Sunday night.

Shoemaker has been asked to aid in checking illegal gaffing and netting of salmon at the foot of the falls in a letter sent him Tuesday by Mr. Shoemaker.

JAPS MAY BE EJECTED

IRE OF DESCHUTES FARMERS FULLY AROUSED. Wealthy Potato Grower's Employment of Orientals Protested and Threats Reported Made.

BEND, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Anti-Japanese feeling is running high among farmers in the north end of Deschutes county and may result in violent methods to eject oriental laborers imported to work on the large holdings recently acquired by George L. Burt, wealthy potato broker.

Mr. Pellett declared that the farmers are even more bitterly incensed against the Japanese who brought the Japanese into Deschutes county than against the foreigners themselves. "As for Burt," he said, "we'll show him a Juniper tree with a rope hung over a limb, and see if he can take the hint."

GERMANS REJECT BUTTER

Armour & Co. Cargo Sent Back. Price Too High. NEW YORK, May 19.—The American steamer South Pole, which arrived here today from Rotterdam, brought back a cargo of 268 tons of American butter shipped to Germany by Armour & Co.

On account of the high prices the German consignees refused to accept the butter.

12 DIE IN PISTOL DUEL

(Continued From First Page.) to dispossess those who lived in company houses. Feeling had been running high.

300 MINERS SEARCH TRAINS Large Body of Special Officers Sent to Scene. ROANOKE, Va., May 19.—A body of 300 miners has formed in Mattawan, W. Va., bent on searching all trains entering the town for private detectives, according to reports reaching the headquarters of the detective bureau in the town. Thomas Felts is on his way to Mattawan tonight with a large body of special officers, officials of the agency declared.

HAWLEY DOCUMENT FILED

DIVORCE TESTIMONY OCCUPIES 1440 PAGES.

Because of Prominence of Contestants Case May Be Set Ahead and Early Decision Given.

SALEM, Or., May 19.—(Special.)—Transcript of the testimony taken at the time of the trial of the suit brought by Mrs. Marjorie Hawley of Oregon City to obtain a divorce from Willard Hawley was filed in the supreme court here today in Mrs. Hawley's appeal from the judgment pronounced by Judge Bagley. The transcript of testimony contained approximately 1440 typewritten pages and was accompanied by various exhibits. Included among these were a nightgown and other articles of wearing apparel. There were also a number of letters which are said to have passed between Mrs. Hawley and other persons, together with depositions of witnesses who were unable to testify at the time of the trial.

Besides a decree of divorce, Mrs. Hawley asks for \$5000 temporary alimony, \$15,000 attorney fees, 250 shares of stock in the Hawley Pulp & Paper company valued at \$110,000, one-third interest in Mr. Hawley's real property and household goods and \$250 a month for the support of their child.

The case was originally tried in Clackamas county, with the result that a divorce was granted Mr. Hawley. To him also was awarded custody of the child, but he was ordered to pay to Mrs. Hawley a monthly allowance, together with attorney fees limited by Judge Bagley. Mrs. Hawley then appealed the action to the supreme court.

Because of the prominence of the persons involved in the suit, it is believed here that it will be put ahead on the docket and a decision may be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

CANDIDATE ISSUES DENIAL

H. G. STARKWEATHER WRITES LETTER TO JOURNAL.

"Unjustifiable Distortion of Truth" Is Answer to Charge of Great Expense.

"An astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth," is the way Harvey G. Starkweather, aspirant for the democratic nomination for United States senator, branded a statement printed in the Evening Journal last night, which asserted his campaign expenses had been exorbitant. Less than \$100 expense has been incurred for personal services in his campaign, he added.

The Journal's mathematician had reported that "50 people are being employed in the Starkweather headquarters" and estimated that had sent out literature at a cost of more than \$800. Noting which, Mr. Starkweather addressed the following letter to the editor of the Journal:

"To the Editor Oregon Daily Journal:—Your statement on the front page of your issue of May 19th relative to the expense account incident to my campaign is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth. The total expense incurred to date for personal services is less than \$100.

"Nearly all the people who have assisted in my campaign have volunteered their services without any compensation other than that of accomplishing the defeat of George E. Chamberlain.

"HARVEY G. STARKWEATHER."

CANADIAN OIL AMPLE

Railroader Says Supplies of Fuel Would Meet World's Demands.

"Great Britain doesn't need to worry about a sufficient supply of oil and coal as long as Canada holds the stores of these essentials that await development," said S. Osborne Scott, general passenger agent of the Canadian National railways who was yesterday a Portland visitor. "There is oil enough in Alberta to supply the needs of the world for a long while, and we have deposits of anthracite, bituminous and lignite coal in measures surpassing any other fields of which I have any knowledge."

Mr. Scott has his headquarters at Winnipeg, directing from there passenger traffic over more than 14,000 miles of trackage. He was accompanied on his trip to Portland by A. Brostedt, assistant freight and passenger agent at Vancouver, B. C.

TRIBUTE PAID TO NURSE

Programme Commemorates Memory of Florence Nightingale.

Memories of Florence Nightingale were brought up last night in a programme given at the Oregon State Normal school.

Gray, streaked or faded hair is not only unbecoming, but unnecessary. Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home that will darken gray hair and make it soft and glossy. It is a half-pint of water and 1 ounce of bay rum, a small box of Barbo Compound and 4 ounce of glycerine.

programme given by the Oregon State Nurse association in library hall. Mrs. R. B. Knight, who knew the famous nurse, was called upon for a few remarks and was presented with a bouquet of flowers from the organization. She had met Miss Nightingale at the home of the latter's sister, Lady Verney, in Buckinghamshire, and they both studied nursing under Sister Mary. Mrs. Knight served throughout the Franco-Prussian war.

LUMBER ELECTION HELD

MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION CHOOSES OFFICERS.

Car Shortage Discussed and Low Market Is Blamed to Shipping Situation.

At the annual meeting of the Willamette Valley Lumber Manufacturers' association held yesterday at the Portland hotel, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, R. H. Miller; vice-president, M. H. Kern; directors, F. B. Cobb, W. A. Johnson and R. L. Donald; secretary-manager, F. G. Donald. All were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Johnson.

The car shortage situation, the matter which has occupied a position of primary importance with the lumbermen for several months past, consumed most of the session. No solution to the situation was found.

The lumber market during the past month has been weak, due largely to the shipping situation, and while there has been no actual decline in prices, the figure has been stationary with a downward rather than an upward outlook if present conditions continue. Demands from the building industry have not been so heavy recently, it is stated, but the export trade has continued unusually heavy and there is a strong demand for railway equipment generally.

LAND LAWS HELD VITAL

F. T. Griffith Mentions Unused Water Power of West.

PASADENA, Cal., May 19.—Federal legislation governing the use of public lands and reservations is of primary importance to the western states in which lie nearly all of the public lands and in which lie found approximately 70 per cent of the undeveloped water power of the nation, Franklin T. Griffith of Portland, Or., told the convention of the National Electric Light association here today.

He presented the report of the organization's water-power development committee.

Condition of Mr. Fenton Better.

William D. Fenton, Portland attorney, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia contracted following an operation for appendicitis, was reported yesterday at his home, 119 East Sixteenth street, to show continued improvement. Mr. Fenton's condition continued to improve Tuesday night when physicians said there was an apparent turn for the better. Mr. Fenton was formerly chief counsel for the Southern Pacific company in Oregon.

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