

PROFITEER HUNT NOT SLACKENED

"Patriotic Motives" Called "Purest Buncombe."

BANK ACTION PRAISED

Housewives and Press Considered Responsible for Campaign Resulting in Drop.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Regardless of the spreading wave of price reductions, Assistant Attorney-General Garvan announced tonight that the government's efforts at hunting down profiteering merchants through investigation of profits made by individual stores has been extended to more than a score of cities. Tactics employed by the "living squadron" of the department of justice in New York were being employed, he said, in the larger cities from coast to coast.

While Mr. Garvan declared he was gratified at the price drop reported in nearly every community and did not believe the department "deserved too much of the credit," he would not endorse claims of some merchants that they were actuated by patriotic motives. "Patriotism" Called Buncombe. "That stuff is purest buncombe," Mr. Garvan said. "If they are patriotic now, where was their patriotism a year ago, when prices were going up and, incidentally, those fellows were making more and more money?"

Trade Associations Secured. Mr. Garvan said there was a "very general campaign" on now by several national trade associations, which he said were attempting to nullify efforts to bring down prices. "There is a retail clothing organization," Mr. Garvan continued, "which has written to all its members urging them to appeal to their congressmen and senators to support the Knox peace resolution. By that they hope to end any and all war powers by which profiteering can be punished. That's why these circles of riotism in cutting prices are all rot."

Continuing Slump Seen. Department agents now are working on books of numerous large manufacturing plants, looking for evidence as to profits, according to Mr. Garvan, who said the investigation would be extended rapidly and along broad lines. The action of the bankers who pledged themselves at a conference here Tuesday to "freeze credit" and compel liquidation of "frozen credits" was certain to have a most beneficial effect, Mr. Garvan believed.

Public Rushes to Buy. (Continued From First Page.) per cent in wholesale prices of various commodities. Cloths and clothing. "Bayer Cross" ON GENUINE ASPIRIN. "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" to be genuine must be marked with the safety "Bayer Cross." Always buy an unbroken Bayer package which contains proper directions to safely relieve Headache, Toothache, Earache, Neuralgia, Colds and Pain. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost but 8 cents at drug stores—larger packages also. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacturers. Monoclonal acid of Salicylic acid.—Adv.

Keep Your Skin Pores Active and Healthy With Cuticura Soap. How to make easy money. See page 10, June SUNSET.—Adv.

NEW BILLS AT THE THEATERS

Heilig. BY LEONE CASS BAER. ON THE last lap of a journey that has taken them all over the Pacific coast and the northwest, Kolb and Dill returned last night to the Heilig in their amusing farce-comedy, "Wet and Dry." The play seems particularly timely this week, for part of its plot concerns the political ambitions of the two characters, Henry Haverup (William Kolb) and Albert Von Mohr (Max M. Dill). These two near-thrifts of liquor under their four, where it had been stored by four leading prohibitionists, the drys who confound the evidence. Henry and Albert find the liquor they force the four prohibitionists who are the city fathers, to put Henry up for mayor and Alf for sheriff. Election jockey, political chicanery, pre-election promises and post-election bits of business fit into the present hour atmosphere of competition very nicely.

When the two candidates, falling behind at the polls, begin to buy votes in exchange for liquid refreshment, the laughter mounts steadily and breaks into a gale when the two candidates ply the rival candidate for mayor with liquor in lemonade until he reels out to lead the Women's Christian Temperance Union band to the police. The Women's Christian Temperance Union secures one collective look at their leader and immediately cast a deciding vote for Alf and Henry.

Not the least entertaining part of the play is furnished by a group of very attractive women who sing well. The musical part of "Wet and Dry" is noteworthy. Hester Bailey has a beautiful mezzo soprano voice, of which she contributes one solo. A gay little maid, Patsy Allen, all sparkle and vim, excited admiration with her "I'm Glad He's Irish" and Ruth Williams occasioned close attention and applause with her philosophical "Profiteering Blues," a melodious wall against H. C. of L.

George Banata Jr., a likable young chap who has a role in the play as Haverup's son, is a soldier also and his voice is a delightful one. He leads in one ensemble specialty, "College Days," in which the girls recite in some various school.

These are all accessories to the play proper and introduced for good measure in the hour and a half. Prior to finding it Alf and Hank had thought ghosts inhabited the cellar, and the development of the play along those lines is very amusing.

The long-titled Kolb and the round Dill are amazingly clever comedians, who play their parts with each other's whimsicalities and spontaneous funning. Their support is good.

was the only group showing a decrease in prices for the month.

BANK ATTACK HITS STOCKS

New York Banker Believes Price Reductions Are Beneficial.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The attack by banks on high prices through credit restriction was reflected in today's stock market.

Additional losses of one to three points at the feverishly active opening, with extensions during the course of the first hour, were generally attributed to further enforced liquidation of credit.

The further reaction was believed largely to have resulted from the banks' and excellent faith for each other's vigorous methods adopted by the banks at the earnest solicitation of the federal reserve board.

The head of a large local bank expressed the opinion that financial relief for other parts of the country already have been strengthened in consequence of the price reduction made in many lines of merchandise.

While the wave of sweeping price reductions has not become general here, many stores are advertising 15, 20 and 25 per cent cuts.

Retailers Lower Lumber. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 20.—A decrease of 5 per cent in retail lumber prices here was announced today by lumber retailers. This reduction represented a decrease of approximately \$2 a thousand feet for common lumber and \$1.50 a thousand for finished lumber, it was said.

Autos and Tractors Cut. MEXICO, Mo., May 20.—In line with the nation-wide price slashing wave, a local automobile dealer today announced a 20 per cent price reduction on 100 new and used automobiles and a 25 to 40 per cent reduction on tractors and other accessories.

PICKETS ARE RESTRAINED. Temporary Injunction Is Issued Against Spokane Teamsters.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 20.—A temporary injunction directed against local 690 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs, Stablers and Helpers of America, restraining its members from interfering verbally or otherwise with the men employed by several ice, fuel and transfer companies, was issued here today by Superior Judge Oswald.

PHYTHIAN KNIGHTS ELECT

HOWARD PATIENCE, SPOKANE, HEADS WASHINGTON LODGE. Mrs. Madeline Bay, Lynden, Chosen Chief of Pythian Sisters at Annual Meeting.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 20.—Howard Patience of Spokane was elected grand chancellor of the domain of Washington, Knights of the thirty-seventh annual convention of the Washington grand lodge here today. Spokane was chosen as the meeting place of the 1921 convention.

Other grand lodge officers were elected as follows: Charles H. O'Neill, Prescott, grand vice-chancellor; Edward Mills, Everett, grand secretary; Ira E. Clark, Almira, grand master at arms; H. M. Eggleston, Spokane, grand master in exchequer; George Love, Colfax, grand keeper of records and seals; E. R. Riley, Aberdeen, grand inner guard; S. R. Pinkerton, Okanogan, grand outer guard.

Proposal to erect a Pythian home in Washington or Oregon was left to the board of trustees for decision. Mrs. Madeline Bay, Lynden, was named grand chief of the grand temple, Pythian Sisters, whose convention was held at the Hotel Grand Pacific in Seattle. Other officers were: Margaret Glascock, Seattle, grand senior; Margaret Kuylenstierna, Tacoma, grand junior; Annetta Conkins, Black Diamond, grand manager; Effie Callow, Elma, protector; Grace Yeocher, Centralia, grand outer guard; Letha Caumert, Aberdeen, grand mistress of finance; Nettie G. Fair, Dayton, grand keeper of seals.

Miss Helen Caples Gives Fine Piano Recital. Programme Considered Remarkable for Girl Just Out of High School.

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN. A piano programme that was performance for one so young, and just out of high school, Miss Helen M. Caples won much credit for her artistic, high-class recital last night in the ballroom of the Statton hotel. A large, appreciative audience attended, and each number was cordially applauded. Miss Caples was presented in recital by Miss Abby Whiteside.

The list of numbers selected for recital showed a fine variety of strength, magnetic style and virility. Miss Caples memorized each number played and rendered it in concert style—quite a difficult feat. The "Prelude and Gigue in B-Flat Minor" (Bach) was reflected in somber, shaded beauty and with delicate expression. The "Tambourin" (Rameau-Godowsky) lived in gaiety and freshness. The Chopin pieces were gracefully done. It was a music treat to watch the graceful treatment, for left hand only, of the Scriabine "Nocturne," the Debussy "Rhapsodie in C-Major" is a concept of much mastering power, and it was cleverly interpreted.

The piece of the entire evening—the big one—was the magnificent playing of "The Piano Concerto, No. 1 in E-flat minor, left by Grieg, the Chopin of Norway. This concerto was played in this city November 12 by Rudolph Ganz, with orchestra of the Municipal by the Portland symphony orchestra.

The same composition heard last night, with orchestra, was a masterpiece of thought and loftiness of national sentiment by Miss Caples, with orchestra, with orchestra, second piano by Miss Abby Whiteside, was no by the real worth of its story. Its folk-atmosphere was deftly portrayed, the rendition lasting for 22 minutes.

The recital was notable for its splendid illustration of the continued growth of Oregon pianism, really worth while.

TACOMA IS DISAPPOINTED YOUTH PREVENTS BIGAMY. Marriage of Two Young Girls Not Crime, Rules Judge.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Marrying two young girls under age does not constitute bigamy, it has been decided by a jury in Judge Pam's court, and songs and impressions by Thomas J. Donlan and his company, with Miss Fredrika Steyng as accompanist. Friends and residents have been invited. Next week's programme will be in charge of the teachers and motion pictures will be a feature.

Supply List Furnished. For the convenience of dealers who may wish to bid on supplies needed by the different departments of the state government, the state board of control has furnished the Portland Chamber of Commerce with specifications and proposals. Everything required in the conduct of the institution from lead pencils and stationery to clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, hardware and hospital supplies are included in the lists.

MY campaign for district attorney has been clean from start to finish. My friends and acquaintances have been mighty loyal. To every one, I offer my sincere thanks. STANLEY MYERS. (Paid Adv. by Stanley Myers.)

College Radio to Operate. BOZEMAN, Mont., May 20.—The electrical engineering department at the Montana State college has arranged to send college news once each week to all amateur wireless operators of the state. The college radio station will begin the sending tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Community Programme Tonight. The South Mount Labor Community club will give its usual entertainment tonight in the assembly room of the Joseph Kellogg school, Sixty-ninth street and Powell Valley road. Chief among the features will be songs and impressions by Thomas J. Donlan and his company, with Miss Fredrika Steyng as accompanist. Friends and residents have been invited. Next week's programme will be in charge of the teachers and motion pictures will be a feature.

Bandits Shoot Up Town. Baker at Delta, O., Wounded by Robbers Who Got \$12,000.

TOLEDO, O., May 20.—Six bandits this morning shot up the main street in Delta, Ohio, near here, seriously wounding James Warner, a baker, and the Peoples Savings bank and escaped with \$12,000 in cash and liberty bonds. Townspeople scurried for shelter as the bandits sped through the main street in a touring car shooting in all directions. More than 50 shots were fired. The bandits escaped toward Toledo.

GRAY'S Special Price Sale. Of Chesterfield Clothes, Men's Furnishings and Hats. ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT. If you fail to take advantage of the opportunity to supply your clothes needs you'll certainly lose a lot of money on the purchase price. I tell you now prices for fall will be at least 25% higher than the regular prices charged today. Buy Suits and Overcoats for today and for next winter and you will show real wisdom; do it while you can buy them for much less than present manufacturers' cost. This you can do through buying at Gray's special sale. Remember, 'sale ends Saturday night.

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Peoples. BEGINNING TOMORROW MORNING 11 O'CLOCK. EUGENE O'BRIEN IN HIS WIFE'S MONEY. JINGLE JINGLE. He was a westerner, full of pep; she an easterner who could step. She had money, he had none, so they married on the run. Later on as time went by, she flew a little bit too high—and what HE did is plainly seen TOMORROW on the PEOPLES screen.

The Panama Restaurant. 109 Broadway, Between Washington and Stark. The Panama Restaurant has been completely remodeled and newly equipped, the newest and most modern appliances have been installed and the furnishings throughout are very elaborate. This will be one of the finest eating places in Portland, a place where delicious viands will be prepared and served in a most tempting manner. Only the very best of foodstuffs will be purchased and the reputation of The Panama for its culinary art will be maintained. Opens Saturday, May 22, 6 A.M. REOPENING RECEPTION FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 to 10. Our own dainty pastries, baked in our new electric oven, will be served to those who visit our new restaurant during the above hours. RHODE and RUPERT, Proprietors. W. A. IRVING, Manager. LAST TIMES TODAY, "ALIAS JIMMY VALENTINE"

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