

SOFT COLLARS TO GO DOWN TO 25 CENTS

Large Maker Announces Cut of 10 to 30 Per Cent.

OCTOBER 1 IS DATE SET

Retailers in New York Agree Storm Center Is Two Large Mail Order Houses.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(Special)—Following the announcement of general price-cutting of retail staples from many cities of the middle west, E. H. Butte, president of Earl & Wilson, one of the largest collar manufacturing concerns in the country, yesterday published a reduction of his firm's prices of 10 to 30 per cent. to take effect October 1. It was announced that this will mean a reduction in the retail prices of soft-collars from 25 to 25 cents.

Local retailers of various goods questioned yesterday, were generally agreed that the drop in prices which has its storm center in the two large Chicago mail order houses of Sears & Roebuck and Montgomery-Ward and the Detroit plant of the Ford automobile works will not be fully felt in New York until next Monday. Unanimously they ascribed the high prices to profiteering by manufacturers.

Manufacturer Is Blamed. S. R. Coons, director of publicity for Gimble's department store, said: "No one desires a return to pre-war conditions more than the big retailers."

"The fight has been essentially the public's fight for prices against the clothing manufacturers, the war's greatest profiteers. Depending on the present volume of business for our profit, we have suffered in the degree that the public has suffered from manufacturers' high prices."

"The inferior grades of clothing are steadily decreasing in price, but the better grades are still high and there is no present indication that they will come down."

Martin E. Dodge, secretary of the industrial bureau of the New York Merchants' association, carrying more than 700 of the city's principal manufacturers and retailers on its roster, discussed probabilities of a midwinter check to the downward trend of prices.

Quick Reduction Is Sought. "We do not think," said Mr. Dodge, "that the two Chicago mail order concerns have made cuts which will eliminate the profit. They have evidently found goods on the wholesale market which permit the reductions. Temporarily, individual New York merchants might do likewise. Certain makes of light topcoats and medium grades of clothing, for instance, are new selling at low prices. But looking to the future, it can be seen that drastic price-cutting would stimulate buying from the maker of cloth that they would presently announce a shortage and a consequent return to high prices."

There is agitation among cloth buyers now for a new form of legal contract by which retailers—and consequently the manufacturer—would be permitted to profit by reductions in the prices of raw products.

Reduction To Be Followed. "By the terms of this contract, should a fall in prices occur between the delivery of cloth to a retailer and the payment of the bill by the manufacturer, the retailer will be allowed a discount commensurate with the decline of the market," Jesse Steiner, president of Macys and a firm believer in an eventual return to pre-war prices, said. "We shall follow every reduction in manufacturers' prices eagerly, not to say thankfully. We look forward to next spring as the logical time for a return to pre war conditions and prices."

In Brooklyn retailers take a gloomy view of future prices. "Clothing," said the sales manager of a Fulton street store, "show the tendencies of soaring this winter. The reduction of the early part of the fall will be wiped out by the prices of the winter stock."

Clothing Manufacturers Meet. Alarmed by what they consider a marked tendency of manufacturing interests to leave New York in which they claim labor conditions have made the New York manufacturers' competition with out-of-town manufacturers impossible, the Clothing Manufacturers' association met at the hotel Brevoort yesterday.

Resolutions were adopted directing committees to seek conferences with labor leaders in an attempt at restoring the old piece work system in clothing factories and a return to a minimum production scale for week workers.

Alleging that wages here are at least 50 per cent higher than elsewhere, and that the individual output of the workmen has decreased, they call for a revision of the minimum rules without which they say there will be an alarming exodus of clothing manufacturers from the city. They also demand greater power to discipline workmen.

Lumber Down 20 Per Cent. TOLEDO, O., Sept. 24.—Lumber prices fell here today, when a cooperative ready-cut house company announced a 20 per cent reduction in retail lumber prices. Company officials admitted that Henry Ford's action on the prices of automobiles incited the decrease in lumber.

Cleveland Cuts Wool Price. CLEVELAND, Sept. 24.—A price reduction of 15 to 20 per cent in wools was announced today by officials of the Cleveland Worsted Mills company. George H. Hodson, vice-president of the company, in announcing the reduction, said the lower cost of raw materials was the cause.

Auto Makers Cut Prices. ELKHART, Ind., Sept. 24.—Announcement was made today by the Crow-Elkhart Motor corporation that the prices of all models of its output had been reduced to pre-war figures.

Dixie Mail Order House Cuts. HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 24.—The Dixie Co-operative Mail Order company today announced a reduction of 15 to 25 per cent in all goods except foodstuffs.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FILED. Clarke County Candidates Report Pre-Primary Outlays.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special)—While no penalty is provided for violation of the law requiring candidates to file their expense

accounts, 39 of the 43 candidates for office in Clarke county had complied tonight when the ten days following the primaries ended. Whether the others will file their expense accounts is not known.

Those who filed today were: L. C. Conant, for commissioner, \$55; E. C. Strowbridge, for engineer, \$139.55; J. W. E. Yates, superior judge, \$187.40; J. E. Miller, for superior judge, \$232; J. L. Sutherland, for attorney, \$181.70; J. T. Finnegan, for commissioner, third district, \$238; B. L. Dorman, for commissioner, third district, \$211.42; C. W. Ryan, for representative, \$234; H. Limber, for coroner, \$125.20; W. E. Dudley, for superintendent of schools, \$21.10; and George McCoy, for senator, \$120.95; won.

MARITAL STRIFE CHARGED

Domestic Life Unhappy For 10 Years, Alleges Wife.

Minnie R. Monroe Files Suit for Divorce Against T. P. Munroe. Couple Married in 1889.

Ten years of continual domestic unhappiness are alleged in a divorce complaint filed yesterday by Minnie R. Monroe against Thomas P. Monroe, whom she married in 1889. The trouble began with his employment of a mistress, his deserting her and the four Monroe children, the complaint alleges.

Platters of doughnut grease, portions of stoves, platters of meat scraps and bars of laundry soap furnished material with which the husband might abuse her, says Mrs. Monroe. She accuses him of a nagging disposition and refusal to be seen with her in public.

Monroe attempted to thrash their 18-months-old baby with a razor strap and the mother stopped him and received the beating instead, she alleges. Last year when she was in bed with influenza she had no attention from the children could give her, she states.

The plaintiff asks custody of her children, suit money and a \$100 a month alimony. She alleges Monroe left her a year ago and has refused to provide her with sufficient funds for the family's needs.

John B. Bloore filed a divorce complaint against Merle W. Bloore, who he says left him in July, 1919. They were married in Salem 11 years ago.

RAIN DAMAGES PRUNES. GROWER SAYS 15 PER CENT OF HIS CROP IS LOST.

Precipitation in Clarke County Continues Unabated for Past 24 Hours.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special)—The rain seems not to have abated during the past 24 hours, and there was about as much today as yesterday, when 35 of an inch fell. So far as the report of the rain damages the prunes, though in some orchards, where they have ample help and a big crop, the fruit are being washed up about as fast as they drop and are run through the drier at once before they have a chance to split. However, the very fine ones that hang on branches split on the trees.

The damage is greater around Washougal this year than in any other of the county, one grower saying that he had lost at least 45 per cent of his crop. No other reports are available until the entire crop is in. At the A. A. Quarnberg orchard, which is in the rural districts, should the rains continue until October 1 growers said the crop would be reduced more than one-half.

Growers today estimated that from 25 to 25-3 per cent of the general crop has cracked. The greater portion of the Willamette valley prunes are in perfect condition and uncracked.

Original estimates, which placed the respective prunes crop of Oregon and Clarke county, Washington, at 30,000,000 pounds, now have been reduced by buyers to 40,000,000 pounds.

GRAIN AND FRUIT DAMAGED. District Around Chehalis Suffers From Rain That Catches Crops.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 24.—(Special)—The recent terrific rain has done damage to various crops estimated at thousands of dollars. Much grain is yet in the fields, some of it on the lower elevations not having been cut. The rain, which commenced on the 15th, was not even stacked and some that had been piled in shocks was spread out to dry, which has caused a break in the storm one day last week, only to get caught in a soaking rain that followed and others that have since continued.

Damage to the prune crop grown in this section is extensive. Picking of blackberries, which had begun about two weeks ago owing to a late ripening season, has been practically suspended, awaiting better weather.

MR. NATANSON ENGAGED. Player to Be Dramatic Director of Little Theater.

Mrs. Edwin Seely Parsons, president of the Drama league, announced yesterday that the organization has voted to engage George Natanson of the old Alhambra players as dramatic director of the Little Theater. At the same time it was voted to present during the year nine standard royalty plays.

The Drama league, at a meeting last week, re-elected Mrs. Parsons president. The other officers are C. H. Gray of Reed college, vice-president; Mrs. John Carter, secretary; Mortimer Hartwell, treasurer.

Blackberries Are Damaged. EUGENE, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—The rains of the past few days have damaged the evergreen blackberry crop of Lane county to a large extent, say those who have contracted to buy them. The moisture previous to the rain tended to benefit the berries by filling them out and causing them to grow larger, but the showers of the past week have caused the ripe berries to become soft.

VETERANS OF 1865 WILL DIVIDE WORK

G. A. R. to Turn Memorials Over to Legion.

KETCHAM, IS NEW CHIEF

Resolution Offered That Grand Army Retain Identity Until Last Member Is Dead.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 24.—First steps to transfer the national memorial activities of the Grand Army of the Republic to the younger generation of soldiers will be taken at the second annual convention of the American Legion, which opens here Monday, Franklin D'Olier, national commander, announced today.

Proposal of this movement came from the veterans of the civil war, who realize that because of their fast dwindling ranks, their work must be carried on by a newer organization. The plan will be carried out through liaison with the Grand Army of the Republic, the American Legion, the Spanish War Veterans and other organizations of veterans.

Pershing Sends Message. General John J. Pershing telegraphed a message of greeting. It read in part:

"On this occasion of your second annual convention, I wish to congratulate you on the splendid work you have accomplished during the past year.

"The times have changed little since the dawn of the world remains disturbed and men are restless and impatient. I ask you to keep one thought clearly in your mind: You men fought the war and saved our country from disaster. Now face each problem with a resolute, unwavering determination that the fruits of our victory shall not have been in vain."

A visit to Fort Benjamin Harrison following the installation of new officers at a brief business session today concluded the official programme of the 54th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

William A. Ketcham of Indianapolis, was elected commander-in-chief with almost out opposition. Other officers named are George A. Rosley, Boston, senior vice-commander-in-chief; J. E. Gandy, Spokane, senior vice-commander-in-chief; Rev. W. A. Boswell, Wichita, Kan., chaplain-in-chief; Dr. C. W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo., surgeon-general.

1921 City Not Selected. The encampment did not select the city for the 1921 meeting, because no formal invitations were received. The new national council of administration will select the location.

Dr. Burrill received 367 votes to 236 for Dr. M. W. Woodruff, Boise, Idaho. Installation was conducted by Charles G. Burton of Portland, Or.

Dr. Burrill is proposing a federation of the Grand Army of the Republic with the Spanish War Veterans and indefinitely. It was proposed on the ground that the Grand Army of the Republic would lose its identity in a general merger.

A resolution receiving favorable action proposes that the Grand Army of the Republic be merged with the legion, the last member is dead.

The Sons of Veterans elected Elliott Watkins, president of the legion in Nebraska, as their commander-in-chief.

RAILWAY ASKED TO ADJUST

REPORTS OF RECKLESSNESS BY AUTO DRIVERS WANTED.

Public Service Commission Replies to Letter on Truck Dashing in Front of Train.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—Failure of motor vehicle drivers to heed whistle signals of an approaching train not only endangers the lives of the occupants of the machines and jeopardizes the safe operation of trains, but also makes the operator guilty of an infraction subject to loss of his license to drive, according to a letter prepared by the Oregon public service commission here today and forwarded to the general manager of the Southern Pacific railroad, with headquarters in Portland.

The letter to the railroad official was inspired by a report to the commission from Mr. Mercier to the effect that a driver of an auto truck bearing number 2019, after hearing the signal whistle, crossed the track at the fairground crossing only a few feet ahead of an oncoming train.

"We note that it has been the practice of yourself and representatives of other railroads," said the commissioner's letter, "to notify the general manager of the national safety council, as well as the driver and this commission, of near accidents at crossings. We now suggest that, in addition, the carriers advise the office of the secretary of state."

In another letter the commission advised Mr. Mercier that the state fair will be held in Salem next week, and urged that corporation to station a flagman at the fairgrounds crossings to assist in handling vehicle traffic. Suggestion also is made that trains approaching these crossings should reduce their speed and thereby aid, as far as possible, in avoiding accidents.

VOTERS TO BE INFORMED. CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN PAMPHLET DUE SHORTLY.

Document Now Being Compiled by Secretary of State Will Contain About 50 Pages.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—The candidates' campaign pamphlet, which will be printed and mailed to the voters of Oregon prior to October 17, is being compiled by Secretary of State Koser and will contain approximately 50 pages.

Four pages of the pamphlet have been reserved by the republican state central committee and will be devoted to a general argument favoring the election of the candidates of that party at the November election. The argument in favor of Harding and Coolidge, republican candidates for

president and vice-president, will cover eight pages, while seven pages have been set aside for the arguments favoring Cox and Roosevelt, democratic candidates.

The arguments for Watkins and Cotrin, prohibitionists, and Debs and Stedman, socialists, will each require five pages. The industrial labor party has reserved eight pages for argument in favor of Cox and Gillhaus, candidates of that organization for president and vice-president.

Robert N. Stanfield, republican candidate for United States senator, will have four pages in the pamphlet, while senator George E. Chamberlain, democrat, has reserved two. John T. Hayes, independent candidate for senator, will have one page.

STATE LAW INVESTIGATED

MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS EXAMINE COMPENSATION ACT.

Bill Similar to Oregon Measure May Be Enacted Soon by Gopher State.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—A committee of the Minnesota legislature, composed of W. I. Nolan and W. L. Norton, representatives of Minneapolis, and J. T. McIntosh and John I. Levin, senators of St. Paul, were in Salem today to investigate the Oregon industrial accident compensation act, now in effect in this state. The committee was accompanied here by Samuel A. Harper, attorney of Chicago.

Minnesota has no Workmen's Compensation act at the present time, but a bill probably will be introduced and presented to the next legislature of that state providing for the care of injured workmen. This measure, it was said, will embody a number of the features contained in the Oregon compensation act.

Besides obtaining considerable oral information regarding the operation of the Oregon compensation law, the committee secured copies of the original act, and amendments and statistics showing the financial condition of the accident department.

Before returning to Minnesota the committee will also visit the accident commission offices at St. Paul, Washington. The committee expressed themselves as highly pleased with the operation of the Oregon compensation law, which they said had been copied generally throughout the eastern part of the United States.

LEAGUE FOES ASSAILED. RICHARD W. MONTAGUE CHAMPIONS COVENANT.

Objections Answered by Plain Language of Document, Says Jackson Club Speaker.

"Objections commonly made against the league of nations are answered by the plain language of the covenant," declared Richard W. Montague last night, addressing a Jackson club meeting.

With reference to article 10, he remarked that as advice would go to each country from the league, it is "a great improvement" on the Republic which he advised by a body in which he has representation. He declared the article in substance that "the league, by Theodore Roosevelt in 1915 and endorsed by ex-President Taft, and that peace had been made on the identical provision."

"As to Senator Harding's proposal for a permanent international court," said the speaker, "one would think a candidate for the presidency ought to know that Senator Root was then abroad preparing plans for an international court as one minor element of the league."

Changes that under the covenant the United States would be compelled to send soldiers abroad were declared absurd in view of the provision in article 16 "merely requiring that the council might recommend what military or naval forces the several governments might contribute," and the statement in article 22 giving mandates only to those nations willing to accept them.

Elliott Watkins, president of the Jackson club, called attention to Senator McNary's indorsement of the league in 1914, and the rank and file of the republican party also indorse it.

CONVICT IS RECAPTURED. ONE OF PAIR TAKEN IN PORTLAND; ONE STILL FREE.

Auto Stolen From State School for Girls and Left Near Milwaukee Used in Flight.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—Earl Riley, who with Frank Wagner escaped from the prison brick yard here Tuesday, was captured in Portland today. He was returned to the penitentiary tonight. Wagner has not yet been apprehended and the officers believe he is hiding in Portland.

After making their escape the convicts concealed themselves in the timbered districts not far from the prison where they stayed until dark. They then went to the state industrial school for girls where they remained in the garage at 11th and Mill last night. They subsisted on food stolen from the institution and pears from the state orchard.

Late last night the men stole an automobile at the school and drove to Milwaukee where they abandoned the machine.

Wagner was sent to the penitentiary for cracking a safe at Astoria. Riley has a mania for stealing automobiles.

Dreadnaughts Leave Honolulu. HONOLULU, Sept. 24.—The dreadnaught force of the Pacific fleet terminated its visit here today and started for San Pedro, Cal.

HART GROWS PENITENT. Religion Professed by Slayer of Taylor, Prison Officials Say.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—Emmett Bancroft, alias Neil Hart, who will be executed in the Oregon state penitentiary on November 3 for the part he played in the murder of Til Taylor, late sheriff of Umatilla

Oregon State Fair SALEM Sept. 27 to Oct. 2. A Wealth of Agricultural Displays Magnificent Livestock Exhibition Splendid Machinery and Tractor Exhibit Greatest Horse Show in the Northwest Excellent Races, High-Class Amusements Special Attractions Both Day and Night Ideal Camping Grounds Excursion Rates on All Railroads For Further Particulars Write A. H. LEA, Secretary, SALEM, OR.

PAY NOT TO BE LOWERED. COOS BAY SAWMILLS RECODE FROM ANNOUNCED PLAN.

Employees Agree to Put Forth Greater Efforts to Lower Costs and Increase Production.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—Sawmill companies between Reedport and Powers, which deal with the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, have reached an agreement of lowering wages, as expressed at a meeting of the operators and representatives of the legion in August, when it was declared a reduction would become effective September 1.

A protest was raised at the time by members of the legion who said they had not been consulted about the change. The recession from the operators' position was reached at a meeting of both sides on September 20 in Marshfield, by the adoption of the following resolution:

"The sentiment of this meeting as agreed by both operators and employees without reservation is that at present there shall be no reduction in the hiring wage. It is thoroughly understood that conditions are bad, that the producers are losing money and that the market conditions do not warrant the present wage. With this understanding both employers and employees are going to attempt by mutual co-operation and greater effort to produce more lumber to reduce costs as far as possible and by so doing try to eliminate the necessity of any cut in wages."

New officers chosen for the ensuing year were: J. C. Davis, president; Reuben Elliott, vice-chairman; G. Christiansen, secretary. About 30 members of the operators' and legion members attended. The conference arrangements were concluded for regular monthly meetings to be held at North Bend, October 12, and at Coquille, the third Tuesday.

Agent to Become Professor. TILLAMOOK, Or., Sept. 24.—(Special)—R. C. Jones, who has been county agricultural agent in this county since work started, April 1, 1914, has resigned and will leave next week to take up his duties as associate professor of dairy production at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. At that institution he will teach dairy cattle breeding and management. He has charge of the experimental work along the

lines of production and direct supervision of the college dairy herd.

Woman Sues for \$20,000. Twenty thousand dollars damages were asked by Rose Joseph in a suit filed yesterday against the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. She alleged that on April 15 she was about to board a street car at Washington and West Park streets when the car started and threw her to the pavement. She sustained severe internal injuries.

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