

GOVERNMENT TRIES TO STOP PRICE RISE

Wilson Orders Inquiry Into Possible Illegal Combinations in Background.

REMEDIES ARE DISCUSSED

Legislation Empowering President to Stop Exportation of Foods and Other Measures Are Discussed Informally.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—With the Department of Justice under instructions from President Wilson, seeking to determine whether any illegal combinations are back of the recent sudden rise in foodstuffs prices and the Department of Agriculture and Commerce compiling figures showing the amounts of food supplies in the United States and the recent increases in exports, the Government began vigorous efforts today to cope with the food price situation.

In addition, legislation giving the President power to stop the exportation of foodstuffs whenever necessary and other bills designed to lower prices were discussed informally in the capital, but there were no indications that anything along this line will be done during the present session of Congress.

General Investigation Ordered.
Representative Farr, of Pennsylvania, who introduced the resolution calling for statistics on the question, will await the Government reports before taking further action.

No information leading to the belief that illegal combinations had forced up the price of wheat and flour had yet been received, officials said, but United States District Attorneys everywhere are under orders to follow up on the clue.

A marked increase in exportations of foodstuffs recently is shown in Department of Commerce reports. Exports of wheat increased from 8,492,856 bushels in July, 1913, to 25,857,254 bushels in July, 1914.

The total value of all foodstuff exports during the eight months ending with August, 1914, was \$99,928,487, which figure increased to \$148,309,957 in 1913, and dropped to \$126,401,370 in 1914.

Exports Increase, Price Rises.

During September, 1914, 11,071,163 bushels of foodstuffs were exported and in September, 1913, 25,859,199 bushels. The price increased materially.

In November, 1914, 12,320,097, the total value of foodstuffs exported during the 11 months ending with November, 1914, was \$146,551,790, which increased to \$191,605,810 in 1913, and to \$253,073,444 last year.

The complete figures for December and the first two weeks of January have not been compiled, but officials said they would show even greater increases.

WAR FILMS SHOW KAISER

Views Seen in Germany Bear Evidence of Imperial Approval.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Moving pictures which are being used to stir the patriotic impulses of the German people appear to have been taken with the Emperor's hearty co-operation, for they represent him talking to his staff, inspecting his troops and chatting with the Crown Prince near to the camera. These pictures are so numerous and clear that no photographer could possibly have set up his camera so close without royal approval.

A war film which has excited much discussion was recently displayed at the "Fathaland," one of the largest theaters of its class whose name before the war was the "Piccadilly." It represents what is declared to be the British use of dum-dum bullets, and shows a soldier twisting a cartridge in a device on the rifle, the inference being that British rifles are equipped with this device.

There are many films showing different arms of the service, and if the cheers on one evening can be accepted as a fair basis for the conclusion, General von Hindenburg and Captain von Mueller, of the Emden, are the popular favorites.

PIONEER WOMAN IS DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Muscott Succumbs at Her Home at Woodburn.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sarah Muscott, 78 years old, died at her home here recently. She was a pioneer of Oregon, having crossed the plains from Indiana in 1852. Her father and two sisters died on the trip.

She located at Molalla, Or., where she met and became the bride of William Mattoon, who died in 1853. She was 18 years old at the time of her marriage. She resided at Molalla and neighboring towns for many years. She raised a family of six girls and three boys, all but one of whom are living.

In 1885 she was married, at Molalla, Or., to Ernest Muscott, who died in September last.

The surviving children are: Mrs. E. L. Smith, of Vancouver; Mrs. W. A. Rathbone, of Woodburn, Or.; Mrs. James Barlow, of Ortiga, Wash.; Mrs. G. A. Domes, of Portland; Mrs. H. Rowe, of Vancouver, Wash.; and William, Ella and Iver Mattoon, of Woodburn, Or.

The funeral was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Rathbone, at Woodburn, January 8.

ALBANY DEBATERS WIN

Honors in Northern Triangle of Oregon League Go to School.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Albany High School won both its debates in the northern triangle of the Central Willamette division of the Oregon High School Debating League last night. Albany's affirmative team won over Corvallis' negative team in the debate at this city and its negative team defeated Lebanon's affirmative team in the contest at Lebanon. At Corvallis the affirmative team of Corvallis defeated Lebanon's negative team.

This, the first series of the season for the championship of the Oregon High School Debating League, given Albany the honors of this triangle and gives it the right to compete with the winner of the southern triangle for the championship of this district.

Lord Roberts Estate \$355,000.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Field Marshal

We Got Them All Guessing!

Commencing tomorrow (Monday) and continuing till Wednesday, we will sell

\$35 and \$40 Dress Suits and Tuxedos

at **\$26.50**

Any Full Dress Vest at 1/2 Price



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Lord Roberts, who died in France November 14, left an estate of \$355,000, all of which goes to his widow and daughters. This amount is exclusive of property previously settled on his family by Lord Roberts.

JITNEY PROTEST MADE

SPOKANE TRACTION HEADS DECLARE COMPETITION IS UNFAIR.

Cost of Trolley Fees to City Put at \$1500 for Each Car, While Buses Escape Taxation.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—D. L. Huntington, president of the Washington Water Power Company, and Waldo G. Paine, vice-president and traffic manager of the Spokane & Inland Empire Railway system, this morning appeared at the City Hall and voiced their protest against the new bus service.

Messrs. Huntington and Paine protested against the competition with their streetcar lines, since the streetcar companies are required to pay franchise taxes, lay and maintain paving on the streets where the competition has been introduced and the jitney bus owners do not.

Mr. Paine said: "It is costing us a total of \$1500 per car per annum, all of which is spent for the upkeep of the city and would otherwise have to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers. Our cars seat from 40 to 50 people, while the jitney buses seat four or five. If they were to pay a proportionate license fee for operation, it should be not less than \$150 a year. In addition, we believe that they should be compelled to furnish a good and sufficient surety bond to protect the public and their passengers in case of accident."

SEINE CONTINUES TO RISE

Paris Quays Submerged and Navigation at Standstill.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The Seine continues to rise today. Many of the lower bridges of the Paris bridges are under water and some of the quays are submerged to the depth of two feet.

The current of the river is swift and navigation has virtually come to a standstill. The rains continue intermittently.

EVERYBODY NEEDS PURE, RICH BLOOD

Pure blood enables the stomach, liver and other digestive organs to do their work properly. Without it they are sluggish, there is loss of appetite, sometimes faintness, a deranged state of the intestines, and, in general, all the symptoms of dyspepsia.

Pure blood is required by every organ of the body for the proper performance of its functions.

Hood's Sarsaparilla makes pure blood, and this is why it is so successful in the treatment of so many diseases and ailments. It acts directly on the blood, ridding it of scrofulous and other humors. It is a peculiar combination of blood-purifying, nerve-toning, strength-giving substances. Get it.

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HOT TEA BREAKS A COLD—TRY THIS

Get a small package of Hamburg Broom Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Tee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.—Adv.

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A special underpricing of women's best grade Fleece Cotton Vests and Pants—seasonable weight, neatly finished garments, shown in all sizes. Regular 65c grade, Clearance Price.... **45c**

Our Store Opens 8:30 A. M. Daily Saturday At 9 A. M.



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An unusually fine line of women's Fleece Cotton Union Suits—the popular styles in all sizes—perfect-fitting, well-wearing garments, in regular \$1.25 quality, Clearance Price.... **90c**



Everything Underpriced for All Lines Must Be Reduced to the Lowest Possible Limit at This Sale
THIS SALE ESTABLISHES A TOP-NOTCH RECORD IN VALUE-GIVING—The determination to wipe out absolutely all odds and ends and to radically reduce surplus stocks before inventory, brings extraordinary values to you in this great January Clearance Sale. Bargains possible at no other time are offered now. It is the greatest selling event of the year, and presents a rare opportunity to supply future as well as present needs. Broken lots and incomplete lines are also included in this sale—every department contributes to make the clearance intensely interesting. Regular prices are cut to the quick—the saving is a third, a half, and in some cases as much as two-thirds. But let us suggest that you make the clearance intensely interesting. Regular prices are cut to the quick—the saving is a third, a half, and in some cases as much as two-thirds. But let us suggest that you act promptly and not delay your coming, if you would be certain of avoiding possible disappointment—the greatest values will be snapped up first, of course. The third week of this great sale begins tomorrow, and prices have been reduced as follows:

Great January Sale of Fine Muslin Underwear 86c

Judge by this offering of Combination Suits, Princess Slips, Gowns and Skirts, attractively trimmed garments in values up to \$1.50, Clearance Price



Don't wait too long to share in this special feature of our great January Sale of Undermuslins. Come tomorrow expecting extraordinary values and you'll not be disappointed. You may select from the most popular styles in Combination Suits, corset covers with knickerbocker, circular envelope or drawers in plain styles; also corset covers with skirts daintily trimmed with fine embroideries, laces and insertions. All are well made of fine nainsook, crepe or other high-grade materials.

Princess Slips are made of high-grade nainsook, neatly trimmed with dainty laces, insertions and embroideries. The skirts are trimmed to match with deep flounces or plain scalloped embroidered edge.

Gowns are made of fine quality nainsook and crepe in the popular slip-over, high and V-neck with long or short-sleeve style. They are neatly trimmed with fancy yokes, tucks, laces and insertions. They are shown in extra good length and fullness.

Skirts are made of fine nainsook and crepe in all this season's best styles. They come in plain styles, or neatly trimmed with deep flounces of laces, embroidery and insertions. A fine assortment to select from. Garments regularly sold up to \$1.50, go on sale tomorrow at

Ferguson-McKinney Guaranteed Shirt Sale 29c

Neat patterns and colorings. They are well-made and perfect-fitting, cut true to size. Come with starched neckband and attached cuffs. Regular 75c grade for



Manufacturers like the retailers have overstocks and surplus lots to close out and they adopt the same method that we do in order to dispose of the same. They cut prices to a point that will insure immediate disposal. Such a trade event enables us to place on special sale 1000 Ferguson-McKinney Guaranteed Shirts at less than one-half the price they were made to sell for. They are perfect-fitting, well-finished Shirts cut true to size and shown in a variety of neat patterns and colorings. Checks, stripes and plain shades. They come in negligee style with starched collar band and attached cuffs. All sizes in the lot with the exception of 15 1/2 and 16. They are Shirts warranted to wear satisfactorily and not to fade—the kind regularly sold at 75c. At the same low figure we also include a fine lot of higher-priced Shirts that became slightly soiled during the holiday rush. Those who can arrange to attend this sale will indeed secure extraordinary Shirt values, for tomorrow we place the entire lot on sale at, each

An Emphatic and Final Price Reduction on All Our Fine High-Grade Winter-Weight Coatings \$1.50

Both novelties and plain colors in the season's choicest and most fashionable weaves. Regular \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 qualities, tomorrow only



Greater values than ever will be offered for the next few days in this great January Clearance of high-grade Coatings. If you would purchase the most fashionable pure wool fabrics at about one-half the regular selling figure, here is your opportunity to do so, for that is the emphatic and final price reduction quoted at this sale. Included are double-weight Balmacaans, Novelty Plaids, Roman Striped Fancies, Scotch Mixtures, English Kerseys, Solid Colored Bedford Cords, Zibelines, Double-faced Fabrics and a great many other equally as desirable Coatings. Qualities regularly sold at \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50 a yard, on sale tomorrow and repriced for Clearance **\$1.50**

Of Equal Importance Is This Offering All Our High-Grade Suitings Reduced

42 to 54-inch all-wool fabrics in both plain colors and novelties; \$1 to \$1.50 qualities at, the yard..... **69c**
A sale that stands absolutely unequaled in the depth of underpricing. A sale of thousands of yards of all-wool fabrics that are new, stylish and desirable. You have choice from 42 to 54-inch Broadcloths, Serges, Price-Dyed Novelties, Shepherd Checks, Roman Stripes, Ombre and Scotch Plaids and a great many other fashionable weaves and patterns. Broken lines in \$1, **69c** \$1.25 and \$1.50 qualities, Clearance Price

A Special Underpricing of 2000 Yards of Yard-Wide Black Messaline Silk
Comes in a beautiful rich finish and in a quality sold everywhere at \$1.25, Clearance Price

One of the most important offerings in the Silk Section consists of a special underpricing of some two thousand yards of yard-wide Black Messaline. Comes in a splendid weight and weave and in a deep rich lustrous black. It is a pure-silk fabric shown in regularly \$1.25 a yard quality, now on sale at.... **89c**

Tremendous Price Reductions On All Ready-to-Wear Garments

Our Suit Department is more largely represented at the marked-down prices and the reductions are greater because of the necessity of a quick disposal is greater in these seasonable lines.

You May Judge the Values by This Offering of Women's Handsome Cheviot and Serge Suits

In black, brown and navy; also in neat black and white stripes; values to \$28, on sale at..... **\$4.98**
The woman who wants a handsome, well-tailored, perfect-fitting Suit, will not let this wonderful saving opportunity slip by unnoticed. Included are various styles in fine all-wool Cheviots and Serges and other fashionable plain cloths in black, navy and in shades of brown; also in neat black and white stripes. The Coats are lined with fine quality satin and the Skirts are equally as well finished. All are this season's Suits in values up to **\$4.98** \$28, and all go on sale tomorrow at.....

Everything at a Reduced Price

Wash Goods and Domestic

January is the month in which shrewd housekeepers replenish their supplies of household necessities, for it is during this annual clearance period that the greatest savings are possible. We call your particular attention to the following items, but they are only examples of the underpricing that prevails through these sections.

Curtain Materials at 9c Yard
12 1/2c and 15c Grades—Included are Printed Madras and Colored Bordered Muslins and Scrims, all bright new goods in desirable colors. 30 and 36-inch widths in reg. 12 1/2c and 15c qualities, Clearance.... **9c**

Bleached Sheet at 21c Yard
Regular 26c Grade—Tomorrow we will place on special sale a limited number of yards of full-bleached Sheet of standard quality and full 2 yards wide. Regular 26c quality, Clearance Price

Standard Quality 10c Bleached Muslin, Clearance Price, yard, **8c**
Standard Quality 11c Bleached Muslin, Clearance Price, yard **9c**
Standard Quality Outing Flannels, Clearance Price, the yard, **9c**
Standard Quality 36-inch Dress Percales, Clearance, yard **12 1/2c**
Standard Quality Dress Gingham, Clearance Price, yard **11c**

An extensive showing of dainty Printed Dress Foulards full 32 inches wide. They come with black, tan, navy and cadet ground with figures, flowers or stripes in neat colorings. Our regular 25c quality, Clearance Price..... **19c**

About 100 pairs of extra heavy wool-finished Blankets full double-bed size, shown in white, gray or tan with fast-colored border. Good durable Blankets regularly sold to \$2.75 a pair, Clearance Price

..... **\$1.95**