

FLOUR PRICE CUT 40 CENTS BARREL

Northwest Millers Set \$11.20 as Figure—Rate Is Effective Tomorrow.

FURTHER REDUCTIONS AIM

Analysis of Law Shows Buyers Have to Respect Price Set by Government—Hoarding of Grain Prohibited by Measure.

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ties. In accepting the permit the trader pledges himself to pay no more for wheat than the price fixed by the Government.

Violation of the pledge results in forfeiture of the permit.
The purpose of the law was to prevent speculation and maintain stability of prices, both for the producer and consumer.

The penalty against the buyers serves to maintain a maximum and the knowledge that every grower has of a threatened shortage in the world's supply of grain is expected to maintain the minimum at the same figure.

There will be no necessity for a farmer to sell his wheat at less than the basic price so long as he knows positively that the Government will pay that price if he doesn't sell it to his local miller.

Hoarding of Wheat Prevented.
Another provision of the law prevents millers from buying more than a 30-day supply of wheat at any one time. This is to prevent mills from hoarding supplies and also serves as a protection in the event the Government commandeers a mill's stock.

For instance, if a mill laid in a heavy supply of grain at the basic price and the Government came along a little later and ordered a higher price, the mill would gain nothing on the turnover and would lose its costs of handling.

But with the stock limited at all times to a 30-day supply no individual mill can lose much on such a transaction.

In other words, the miller is presumed to mill all the wheat he buys. It is understood here that the basic price will apply uniformly to wheat sold for local milling and for export purposes. Wheat sold for local milling will go at the same prices as wheat sold for export.

Chicago Price Governs.
While the Portland market in normal times, is governed entirely by the market at Liverpool and varies only a few cents from the Chicago market, under present conditions it is fixed by the Chicago market, as all export wheat must move across the continent through Chicago to the Atlantic seaboard. Obviously, then, the local growers must absorb the freight rate from point of origin to Chicago. All wheat of the same grade must meet at Chicago on a parity.

As some authorities have contended, the local market should be brought up to a parity with the Chicago market. Northwest wheat should enter Chicago at 20 cents higher than Illinois wheat.

But were the Portland and Chicago markets to be placed on a parity, the natural movement for wheat would be to the Pacific Coast terminals, where the freight rates are 20 cents lower.

Practice Would Lower Price.
But such a movement would defeat its own ends, said Max H. Houser yesterday, for it would force a lower price to the farmer than he is due to get under the proposed arrangements. The present practice, he said, is to export to Coast terminals, would be to export it by water.

"As everyone knows, we are suffering from an unfortunate scarcity of tonnage," said Mr. Houser, "and if we are going to send an army over to France our tonnage will be scarcer still."

"If we send our wheat to Portland and have to depend on the ships to come here to get it, the tonnage rate will be so high that the farmer, instead of getting \$1.30 for his wheat at the interior, will get only \$1.00 or \$1.10."

"This is clearly proven by the fact that during the last year before the food administration took over the wheat movement all surplus wheat, over and above local requirements, went all-rail across the country, with the exception of an occasional shipment on a steamer that happened to be in the Pacific and which was wanted on the other side."

"With the exception of the tonnage rate built here, virtually no cargo space will be available for this year's crop, and this tonnage will be almost negligible until after the first of the year; even then it will not be great."

WHEAT GROWERS ARE UNEASY
Walla Walla Farmers Waiting for Further Price Information.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Walla Walla farmers are waiting for further information on wheat prices before deciding what they can do. They are still feeling resentful at the price fixed, claiming that while the wheat price is lowered the price of bread and other commodities is not.

Several expressed the opinion that the Government should have announced its prices earlier and not waited until harvest work was all done. Had the price been fixed earlier many of them who had poor stands of wheat would not have threshed it. Relying on higher prices, they went ahead and threshed wheat which ran six bushels or more to the acre, paying around \$5.50 an acre for the threshing. Some who had these poor stands reseeded in the Spring, using wheat which cost them as high as \$2.25 a bushel.

It is reported at the Farmers' Union headquarters that many farmers who had poor yields will give up their places this year. However, many will change their minds, on second thought, it is believed.

The farmers who own their own land and have big equipments say they have no choice but to go ahead and raise wheat, as they are not equipped to do anything else.

There was no buying or selling here today, and none is expected until something more definite is known.

WHEAT PRICE PROTESTS WANE
Sentiment in Baker County Changing to Support of Federal Action.

BAKER, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Although many Baker County wheat producers were at first inclined to object to the Government's action in fixing the maximum price, sentiment gradually is changing. Nearly all

FRENCH WOMAN RECEIVES LEGION OF HONOR FOR SERVICES TO THE WOUNDED.



MADAME CHARLOTTE MAITRE ON DUTY.
Madame Charlotte Maitre, the wife of the Deputy from the district of Saone-et-Loire, has been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor for her services as a Red Cross nurse to the wounded on the Alsatian front. Previously to this honor she had received the Croix de Guerre with two citations for bravery. She also was awarded a gold medal for fighting epidemics and has received the insignia of the wounded. Now as a culminating reward for her services and her courage in braving death to aid the wounded, Mme. Maitre has been awarded the Legion of Honor. This photograph, which has just arrived in this country, shows Mme. Maitre transporting a wounded soldier on a mule litter, aided by a member of the Red Cross, who is leading the mule while she rides beside the wounded man. The photograph was taken on the Alsatian front, where Mme. Maitre was wounded last June.

dealers and jobbers are agreed that no improvement could be made now. M. S. Bond, one of the most extensive producers in the county, is of the opinion that the Government has done the right thing.

"It is true that many of the growers have stored wheat with the expectation that they would get a bigger price for it, and they are naturally disappointed," Mr. Bond said today. "However, I believe that the broader view should be taken and the farmers should realize that such must do his bit toward winning this war."

"As I think of the thousands of our young men willing to sacrifice their lives for their country, I feel like I am doing nothing more than my share if I am compelled to sacrifice a little profit in order that those boys may not suffer from want of bread."

Mr. Bond's single objection to the new rate is that the price is based upon the Chicago market, which puts the Western grower at a disadvantage.

The Middle Western grower, he says, may get nearly the maximum for his wheat, while the Western grower is compelled to pay differential equal to the freight, even though he sells in the local market.

T. P. Bergman, prominent jobber, says that the price is as nearly fair to everyone as is possible.

UMATILLA MEN DISSATISFIED
Farmers Say West Treated Unfairly in Wheat Prices.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—While Umatilla County farmers are not at all satisfied with the price of wheat as they understand it has been fixed by the Government, \$2.20 for No. 1 Northern at Chicago, they are not ready to give up. They are still hopeful that the West will receive more consideration. They are unable to understand the disparity of prices here and in Chicago which will permit the allied governments to buy here cheaper than in their own country. Furthermore, they believe that there must be consideration given the fact that water transportation is available for the farmers of the West and that a price at Pacific Coast terminals less than that fixed at Chicago will discriminate against the Western grower. They point to the relatively large amount of shipbuilding on the Coast as available for little else than the carrying of wheat and its products, and consider that should carry weight in the fixation of the price.

This is the opinion of practically all the farmers and buyers of this district, and unless further developments in the situation give the West an equality with the farmers of the East and Middle West, the farmers are prepared to make a strong protest. They have a feeling that in the single act of wheat regulation they are unjustly treated, but are willing to abide by that decision if they receive fair treatment in the matter of prices.

\$2 WHEAT IS SATISFACTORY
Washington Growers Want That Price at Puget Sound Terminals.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Washington wheatgrowers will be satisfied if they can get \$2 a bushel at Puget Sound terminals, said P. J. Sweeney, state grain inspector, today. Mr. Sweeney returned to Tacoma from Spokane, where he attended a meeting of National agricultural experts and also investigated the grain situation.

"I learned on my trip also that my original estimate of 270,000 bushels for the state's wheat crop this year will be about right," he said. "This figure is just a little better than 50 per cent of what the normal crop should have been."

GIRL IS STRUCK BY AUTO
Miss Cristel Nickles Is Severely Bruised and Stunned.

Miss Cristel Nickles, of 321 San Rafael street, was struck by an automobile driven by Bernhart Hansen at the corner of San Rafael street and Union avenue yesterday and sustained severe bruises. While yet stunned from the shock she was carried to her home by Detective B. F. Smith and a passerby. Her injuries are not considered serious, however.

Hansen is a laborer, living at 1731 Portsmouth avenue.

Two Americans Wounded.
OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 31.—Among the wounded in today's casualty lists are B. E. Brown, Steilacoom, Wash., and A. Stevens, Auburn, Wash.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

HIGH TAX SECTION IS LOST, 62 TO 17

Johnson Amendment to Take Profits Rejected on First Test Vote.

LA FOLLETTE SPEAKS LONG

Radicals Privately Admit Opponents of Heavy Taxation Not Likely to Pass—Debate on the Measure Spirited.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Voting began today in the Senate's contest over war profits taxation in the revenue bill and in the initial clash the so-called radicals met decisive defeat. The Senate rejected, 62 to 17, the amendment of Senator Johnson, of California, tending of the high tax group, for a maximum levy of 30 per cent of this year's war profits, estimated between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000, instead of \$1,268,000,000 provided in the bill.

Senator La Follette promptly entered the fray with an amendment proposing a total war profits tax of 75 per cent. He made a vigorous three hours' speech in its support, but did not conclude, and the Senate recessed until Monday prepared to work through the holiday upon the Wisconsin Senator's amendment and his others for levies ranging down to 52 per cent.

Both Sides Claim Victory.
Both sides tonight claimed victory as a result of the first test vote today, which was preceded by spirited speeches, including Senators Johnson and La Follette for the high tax group and Lodge, Simmons and Penrose of their opponents. The so-called conservatives were confident that the La Follette amendment and other proposals for higher war tax profits taxation all will be rejected.

Both sides determined to continue the fight next week for higher rates, many of the radical group tonight privately conceded defeat. A few thought it possible they could carry an amendment for a flat tax of 40 to 50 per cent but others admitted the committee provision probably would stand.

High Tax Leaders Disappointed.
Disappointed at the small vote for Senator Johnson's 60 per cent tax amendment was privately expressed by the high tax leaders, and some believed that their maximum strength would not go above 35 or 40 per cent for the minimum increase provisions pending. Senator Johnson opened the fight with an impassioned plea for increasing tax levies on "swollen fortunes." He advocated taking the largest profits out of the war, leaving normal peace time profits untouched. If not taxed this year, the California Senator said, millions would go untaxed.

Two Billions Demanded.
"We do not hesitate to break hearts, to break bodies," he said, "but we hesitate to take profits—made out of our blood and bone."

Senator La Follette said at least \$2,000,000,000 of distinctive war profits should be taken by the Government. He said he felt like a man fighting the finance committee leaders, in bringing in their compromise amendments to add \$500,000,000 to the war profits tax, had been driven and forced by sentiment in the Senate and throughout the country for higher taxation.

Chairman Simmons and Senators Lodge and Penrose made spirited explanatory replies, to the effect that the committee had not changed its position, while the Western grower had acceded to the demand for increases by providing for further taxation of ordinary excess, including peace period profits.

Water Craft Are Off
BIG FLEET OF PLEASURE BOATS ON ANNUAL CRUISE.

Motorboats, Canoes and Yachts Join in Excursion to Paradise Point, Situated on Lewis River.

Few members of the Portland boating club will be found at home today, as a big exodus was marked from the Portland Rowing Club, the Portland Motorboat Club and the Oregon Yacht Club last night.

The Portland Rowing Club members are canoeing down the river and probably will go as far as the mouth of the Willamette. They passed the night on one of the islands and will spend today and tomorrow enjoying themselves on the warm sands of the shores of the Columbia.

About 25 canoes went down at different times of the afternoon and a few more will leave down this morning. The Yacht Club and the Motorboat Club have combined their fleets and will be found passing the day at Paradise Point on the Lewis River. Jefferson Commodore Boat got back in time to make the trip and pulled up anchor on the Artisan last evening.

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ALBANY MEN RECALL DATE
Ascent of Olalla Butte 35 Years Ago Marked by Celebration.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—On August 31, 1882, Cyrus H. Walker and Nathan McCoy ate lunch together on the summit of Olalla Butte, highest point in the Cascade Mountains between Mount Hood and Mount Jefferson. Yesterday they celebrated the 35th anniversary of that event by eating lunch together at a local hotel.

Both have been residents of Albany for a great many years. Mr. Walker is the oldest living white man born west of the Rocky Mountains having been born at the site of the old Whitman mission, near Walla Walla, in 1838. Mr. McCoy is a son of John McCoy, first County Judge of Linn County.

Appeal to Wilson to Be Made.
OREGON CITY, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Ernest J. Bauer has notified the local board that he will appeal his claim for exemption to the President after having been turned down by the appeal board in Portland for alleged fraudulent affidavits.

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Oregon Public Service Commission to that end. They contend that, since such a large amount of grain is grown in this district, it should be inspected before consignment to the terminal markets.

Ford Gives Red Cross Half Million.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—A gift of \$500,000 from the Ford Motor Company to the Red Cross was announced today by the War Council, in the form of a credit on the Ford factories for half a million dollars' worth of automobiles, ambulances, parts, etc., as the Red Cross may designate.



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