

LAWMAKERS LEAVE CAPITAL FOR COAST

House Committee Due in Portland March 15.

SECRETARY BAKER COMING

Chrome Producers in Eastern Oregon to Be Compensated for Losses Sustained Through War.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 8.—A party of members of congress, most of them members of the house committee on naval affairs, several of them accompanied by wives, daughters or other relatives, left for Portland this evening on a transcontinental trip.

The first point touched will be San Diego, Cal., and from there the party will travel to Portland spending several days along the way inspecting naval and military activities along the coast. Portland will be reached on March 25 and three days will be spent there and at Astoria. Representative McArthur, who is a member of the committee, was unable to accompany the party because of Mrs. McArthur's illness.

The party includes Representatives Padgett of Tennessee, committee chairman; Ottiver of Alabama and his two sons, Mrs. Thayer Hinson of Georgia; Britten of Illinois, his mother, Mrs. Keach, and sister Miss Elizabeth Britten; Rjord of New York, Mrs. Rhoads and daughter; Browning of New Jersey and Mrs. Browning; Kelly of Michigan and Mrs. Kelly; Lea of California and Mrs. Lea; Elston of California and Mrs. Elston.

Secretary of War Baker declined this afternoon to change his itinerary on his trip to the Pacific coast to satisfy some of the towns on the north transcontinental route which desired him to come there first. He will reach Portland at 3:30 Friday afternoon, March 15. He will depart that night at 11 o'clock for Camp Lewis. The secretary will be accompanied by the chief of staff, General Peyton C. March, and his aide, Major Stine.

Chrome producers in the John Day country of eastern Oregon who increased the production of that mineral in response to the government's war demand are to receive questionnaires soon under the mineral relief bill passed by congress. The purpose of these questionnaires will be to establish the extent of losses by the sudden ending of the war and to determine they may be compensated. Former Senator Shafer of Colorado and former Representative Foster of Illinois have been appointed on a commission to adjust these losses.

The interstate commerce commission held today that increased rates on fresh fruits and vegetables from points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and on fish from points in Oregon and Washington were justified.

WHITMAN OPENS CAMPAIGN

Funds to Be Obtained for Erection of Four New Buildings.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., March 8.—(Special.)—Whitman college has started its big drive for funds to erect four new buildings. The campaign will embrace the entire northwest. It comes in response to a direct appeal by the government for the building up of American colleges and universities to expand the programme of college education. At present Whitman is handling its capacity of students in the erection of a library, a dormitory, a women's dormitory, and a central heating plant. The Whitman Alumni association is planning to build a \$25,000 mansion for the president, and to remodel the president's home into a community house for both alumni and students.

WALLACE RESIDENT BURIED

Funeral of George K. Gilmore in Charge of Elks and Eagles.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 8.—(Special.)—All city and county offices and all business houses in Wallace closed from 1 o'clock till 3 Wednesday afternoon in respect to the memory of George K. Gilmore, prominent business man of this city whose death occurred on March 4. The funeral was held under the direction of the Elks and the Eagles' lodges.

CHINA OPPOSES DEMANDS

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Great Britain. There is no question of Japan taking it unaided, for it is to be supposed that if Germany were not tied down in Europe by the allied armies she would not have failed to send reinforcements to safeguard Kiaochow.

Demands Held Arbitrary. What is China's claim respecting Japan's 21 demands? I asked. "We contend that they are absolutely contrary to the principles of justice and equity. They were formulated because of the state of war and if refused were to be effectuated by force. Premier Okuma justified them by declaring that Japan then had an opportunity that would not come again in a thousand years.

"We demand that these agreements shall be abrogated and revised, abrogated where they unjustly affect China's rights and revised where we assent to their principles. As for example, the opening of Chinese ports to foreign trade, a policy having been advocated by China for 20 years.

"The Japanese demands were arranged in five groups and we were warned to respect them, but when something became known abroad and questions were asked, Japan gave an incomplete version to her allies, wholly suppressing the 'group of five,' which would have made China a mere vassal of Japan."

It demands that the Chinese government attempt to give full assent to all matters upon which the Japanese government may hereafter agree with the German government, in relation to the Shantung province. Does not this seem to involve the hypothesis of a German victory?"

"If the conference accepts Japan's claims on the Shantung provision it would only make the foundation of the future war of justice. China is tenacious, she has twice been overrun in her 3000 years of recorded history by aliens, but in the end the conqueror became conquered.

Exclusive Trade Favored.

"If the conference confirms China's demands, then Japan will have an equal opportunity with all the world in our trade. If Japan succeeds it will become the exclusive privilege of one Japan."

"Does not Japan claim that her greater proximity to China gives her a special interest toward you?"

"That is a most dangerous and fallacious doctrine.

"That is what Germany said about Belgium, it is by reason of proximity nations had special rights the world would be warring all the time.

"Take the proposal of the United States with her hundred million people to Canada, with her eight million population. Yet on all their 4000-mile frontier there is not a single fort or warship except a few revenue cutters.

United States Held Ideal.

"That is an ideal to which the world should look. It is the ideal of the United States.

"One word in conclusion. It is against China that she did not come into the war. When Kruppensky, the Russian ambassador to Tokyo, urged the foreign minister, Motono, the importance of China coming into the war, Motono significantly replied: 'Japan would not consider the full import of the possible moral awakening of a race of 400,000,000. But for Japan, China would have been in the war.'"

COST OF LIVING JUMPS

FAMILY COST INCREASE UP 65 TO 70 PER CENT.

Estimated Rise of 20 Per Cent in Cost of Shelter Since 1914 Taken From Much Data.

NEW YORK.—During the war the cost of living for wage-earners in the United States increased 65 to 70 per cent. This is the estimate made public by the national industrial conference board, based on figures compiled in representative industrial communities in this country.

This report, which will be issued in a complete form in a few weeks, supplemented a study made last year. The average increase in the cost of living among different items making up the usual household budget is 65.9 per cent. The item that experienced the largest jump was clothing, which went up 93 per cent. The various increases in cost between July, 1914, and November, 1918, among the separate items in the family expense were as follows:

Food 50
Shelter 20
Clothing 93
Fuel and light 50
Sundries 20
Transportation 20

For family budgets in which the proportion of expenditure allotted to the separate items differed somewhat from this table, as was the case in various sections of the country, the increase was found to vary from 65 to 70 per cent. For families just at or below the minimum of subsistence the increase was 70 per cent.

Information secured from 112 retail stores throughout the country indicated that average prices of common articles of wearing apparel had advanced since July, 1914, all the way from 64 per cent in the case of women's blouses to 185.7 per cent in the case of men's overalls.

Men's and women's coats selling for \$10 in 1914 cost from \$15 to \$20 in November, 1918, and suits retailing at \$15 in 1914 showed an increase of about 75 per cent. Prices of knit underwear advanced nearly 350 per cent while hosiery was 90 per cent to 95 per cent higher than in 1914. Men's shoes advanced from \$4.50 in 1914 to \$12.50 in November, 1918, and women's \$8 shoes brought about \$5.75.

For food, figures collected by the United States bureau of labor statistics were relied on entirely, since they are representative and the most complete available, covering over 2000 stores in 45 cities. The advance of 23 per cent in the cost of food reported by the United States bureau of labor statistics is based on average prices for the year 1912, which have been taken as a satisfactory pre-war standard.

The greatest increases in the five-year interval from November, 1913, to November, 1918, were in the prices of lard, bacon, corn meal, flour, sugar and pork chops, each of which advanced 100 per cent or more. No article of food for which prices were collected showed an increase of less than 50 per cent for the five-year period.

Prices of coal secured from 80 dealers in 38 cities and from the United States fuel administrators in 21 states, indicated that the average prices of anthracite when bought in ton lots for household use had risen about 45 per cent between July, 1914, and November, 1918. The price of bituminous coal for household use advanced somewhat more and the range of increase was wider; the indicated average increase for the country as a whole was 60 per cent.

The cost of gas and electricity usually showed a smaller percentage of increase than the cost of coal. In many localities rates for gas and electricity for domestic use had not changed since 1914.

The estimated rise of 20 per cent in the cost of shelter is derived from data furnished by chambers of commerce, real estate boards and brokers and charitable and civic organizations in nearly 100 cities. In New York and Pittsburgh the average increase was somewhat less than 20 per cent. In Detroit it was more. In Philadelphia, Baltimore and Cleveland it was about 20 per cent. In Chicago, Boston and St. Louis no appreciable change in rents paid by wage-earners had occurred since 1914.

The opinion was general that in normal communities no decrease in rents could be expected until there was a decrease in the cost of living.

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TUNNEL FUNDS HELD NEED Governor Edge Would Appropriately Money for Maintenance.

TRENTON, N. J.—Governor Edge said today that he is in favor of making annual appropriations for the construction of the Hudson tunnel and the Delaware bridge projects, instead of levying a tax or appropriating a lump sum now, pending a vote on the matter by the people of the state.

However, he said that a decision in regard to the best means for New Jersey to raise its share will rest finally with the legislators or the people of the state.

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