

RECENT INCREASE IN PRICES NOT JUSTIFIED, INVESTIGATION SHOWS

Need of Organization of Comprehensive Marketing Machinery Is Urged.

Washington, April 26.—(U. P.)—Results of the first congressional authorized and paid for price inquiry as a result of recent soaring prices throughout the nation, were reported today.

The conclusion reached is that "there is no just ground for such high prices of many products as are demanded of the consumer at this time."

The report recommends there is "urgent need in this for organization of comprehensive marketing machinery which will put producing and consuming communities in trading relations with each other and make possible sending of perishable products directly from the point of production to point of use."

Municipal Markets Urged.
Municipal wholesale markets are recommended.

The investigation was conducted in the nation's capital. Some sensational disclosures were laid before congress in the report, which says that similar conditions undoubtedly hold in other cities of the country.

Conditions mentioned here also may be taken as a criterion of what the Federal Trade commission may find in its nation-wide investigation.

The investigators found that reports of food shortages are misleading.

"That prices in many cities are 'unusually high.'"

"That the poor have been compelled to resort to strictest economy to provide food."

"That the sale of ordinary cuts of meats appears to have been discontinued."

"That consumers are exhibiting more frugality than ever before."

"That the falling off in garbage collections proves this."

"That shipments of foodstuffs were abnormally held up and the food supply therefore abnormally depleted."

"That the element of speculation in food products has been one of the potent factors in enormous increases in prices."

"That shipments of foods to belligerent countries have not affected prices of potatoes, eggs and onions, but that prices on these commodities soared with prices of other foods."

Some Cause Is Uncovered.
That the food situation here is merely a part of the food situation of the rest of the country.

The investigators reported that increased value of farm land, agricultural instruments, costs of distribution and "changed methods of living" undoubtedly has some effect on price increases.

"Suburban life," the report said, "for instance, calls for longer hauls for delivery. On the other hand apartment house life calls for frequent small quantity sales with corresponding increase in frequency of deliveries. The delicatessen serves as pantry for the apartment dweller and the proprietor charges for services rendered."

MISS FEUSIER TO CONDUCT CLASSES

Zest to the preparedness propaganda in Portland received an extra impetus Wednesday with the arrival of Miss Maybelle L. Feusier of San Francisco. She will conduct classes in surgical dressings and other branches of the work. The first week will be devoted to the instruction of those who wish to teach others. The instruction will be given in the workroom on the eighth floor of the Lipman, Wolfe & Co. store. Classes will run from 10 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m.

The Meier & Frank Co. has offered ample space for the Red Cross workers. H. H. Ward, president of the Oregon Patriotic League has been informed that the department store has made arrangements to care for 800 or 900 volunteer workers. The sixth floor auditorium, one-half of the seventh floor and roof garden, which is inclosed in glass, are available. Six of the store's most competent employees will be trained by a Red Cross expert from San Francisco.

Substantial gains in memberships and donations are reported. The headquarters in the Corbett building have become a bee hive of industry.

Memberships are received by Elliott Corbett, treasurer, care of the First National bank; by Theodore Brown, secretary, Lewis building; by Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie, president, Corbett building; by The Journal at its business office, Broadway and Yamhill street.

French Torpedoboot Is Sunk at Dunkirk

Engagement Follows Bombardment of City by German Destroyer Flotilla, in Which Tonnage Are Dispersed.
Paris, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—In a brief engagement that followed a German sea raid on the French port of Dunkirk Wednesday, a French torpedoboot was sunk. It was officially announced last night.

"A German destroyer flotilla bombarded Dunkirk between 2:15 and 2:25 o'clock this morning," said the official statement. "The coast batteries replied and British and French patrol ships engaged the enemy, who retreated in the direction of Ostend at great speed."

"One of our torpedoboots was sunk in the brief action. The enemy's losses are not known."

Officers Are Named By Polk Fire Patrol

At Annual Session in Dallas George T. Gerlinger Is Elected President and LeRoy Is Made of .018 Cents Per Acre.
Dallas, Or., April 26.—The annual meeting of the Polk County Fire Patrol association was held in this city Tuesday. Officers were elected as follows: President, George T. Gerlinger, Dallas; vice president, E. C. Miller, Salem; secretary treasurer, W. V. Fuller, Dallas. Mr. Fuller was also named district fire warden and field manager. A levy of .018 cents per acre was voted for the year and a crew of seven patrolmen will be employed during the danger season.

Ballot Measures To Be Discussed

Voters of the Albina section will meet at the Albina People's Institute and those of the Rosa City Park section at Rosa City Park school at 8 o'clock this evening with members of the Reed College Civic league to discuss six of the state referred measures which will be voted on in June. The speakers will explain the measures and review the arguments for and against each, after which voters will be given opportunity to present their views. Among the measures to be treated are the "constitutional harmony" amendment, the bill providing for increasing the pay of the legislature, the ship subsidy bill, and the "tax classification" amendment.

Those in charge announce that the public is welcome at both meetings.

Coos County Banks To Take War Bonds

Marshfield, Or., April 26.—Coos county banks will take up about \$50,000 of the \$200,000,000 issue of United States certificates. The First National bank has sent word that the three banks of this city will subscribe \$23,000 of the certificates. Each bank will take \$5,000 and leave \$5,000 to be sold to individuals. The First National bank of Coquille will subscribe \$15,000 and the Bank of Bandon will take a block of the bonds.

Italy to Send Two Missions to America

Rome, April 26.—(U. P.)—Italy will send two official missions to the United States. Announcement of the dispatch of envoys to arrange financial matters between the two nations was made Wednesday. Its membership was withheld. At the same time it was stated that the king probably soon will announce his selection of a notable membership for a commission to go to Washington, equal in rank to the French and British commissions.

British Forces in Macedonia Advance

London, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—British forces in Macedonia advanced 500 yards along a mile front in a new outburst of fighting, according to official reports to the war department from Saloniki Wednesday afternoon. After a three-day bombardment along a front of two and one-half miles the British advanced, carrying many positions between Doiran lake and Doldzeil. Four counter attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

Lieutenant Dismissed From Army

Washington, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—Convicted by a court martial of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, First Lieutenant William Jouett of the Coast artillery was Wednesday dismissed from the army. Jouett has been stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Polk County Debtless

Dallas, Or., April 26.—With the paying off this week of \$3000 outstanding warrants against the general road fund, Polk county will be entirely free from debt. Since April 1 Treasurer Snyder has paid off approximately \$40,000 in outstanding warrants.

Couple Will Re-Marry

The Dalles, Or., April 26.—Levi O. Hawn and Mrs. Nettie H. Hebb of Carson, Wash., secured a marriage license in The Dalles yesterday. The marriage will be Mr. Hawn's fourth and the bride's third wedding. Mr. Hawn and Mrs. Hebb were married to each other once before.

Potash Plant Fires To Be Investigated

Blazes Occur in Two Los Angeles Factories Engaged on War Orders; German Agents Are Blamed.
Los Angeles, April 26.—(P. N. S.)—That the destruction by fire yesterday of the National Kelp & Potash factory and the blaze of the day before in the plant of the Lorned Manufacturing company, firms engaged in the manufacture of potash for munitions of war, may be laid at the door of German agents, is the contention of heads of the two companies, who have retained detectives of the foremost agency in the country to investigate. It is said information is in the hands of the investigators which will lead to the arrest of certain aliens within the next few days. Extra guards have been placed around other plants in the vicinity.

Writes Farewell Note to His Desk

Los Angeles, April 26.—(P. N. S.)—"Good-bye, old desk, I am leaving you forever."

Such was the note penned yesterday afternoon by J. Richards, retired realty man, prominent in Los Angeles realty circles 25 years ago, before ending his life with a shot through his brain. Financial worries are given as the cause.

California Guard Is Accidentally Shot

San Francisco, April 26.—(P. N. S.)—Private Crist Mehos of H company, Fifth California infantry on guard duty somewhere in California, was shot in the back yesterday by a recruit, whose rifle accidentally exploded, it was reported today. Mehos will probably recover.

Use Coconut Oil For Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulisified coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoonfuls will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily, and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulisified coconut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.

Vernon Castle Back On Broadway Again

Aviator-Dancer Given Rousing Welcome, Dances for Crowd With Mrs. Castle, Then Joins Dancers.
New York, April 26.—(U. P.)—Vernon Castle, aviator, returned to Broadway a hero. He appeared unannounced about 1 a. m. at the Midnight Follies, the first Broadway war "veteran." He was hailed by Cowboy Will Rogers as "Here's one of them tango birds that's made good."

Accompanied by his wife, Castle danced for the crowd in recognition of his rousing welcome and then joined in the general one-stepping, bumping into all-comers and generally enjoying a hilarious "home-coming." He looked fit and younger than before he went to war. Castle will go to Canada to train aviators after a brief visit here.

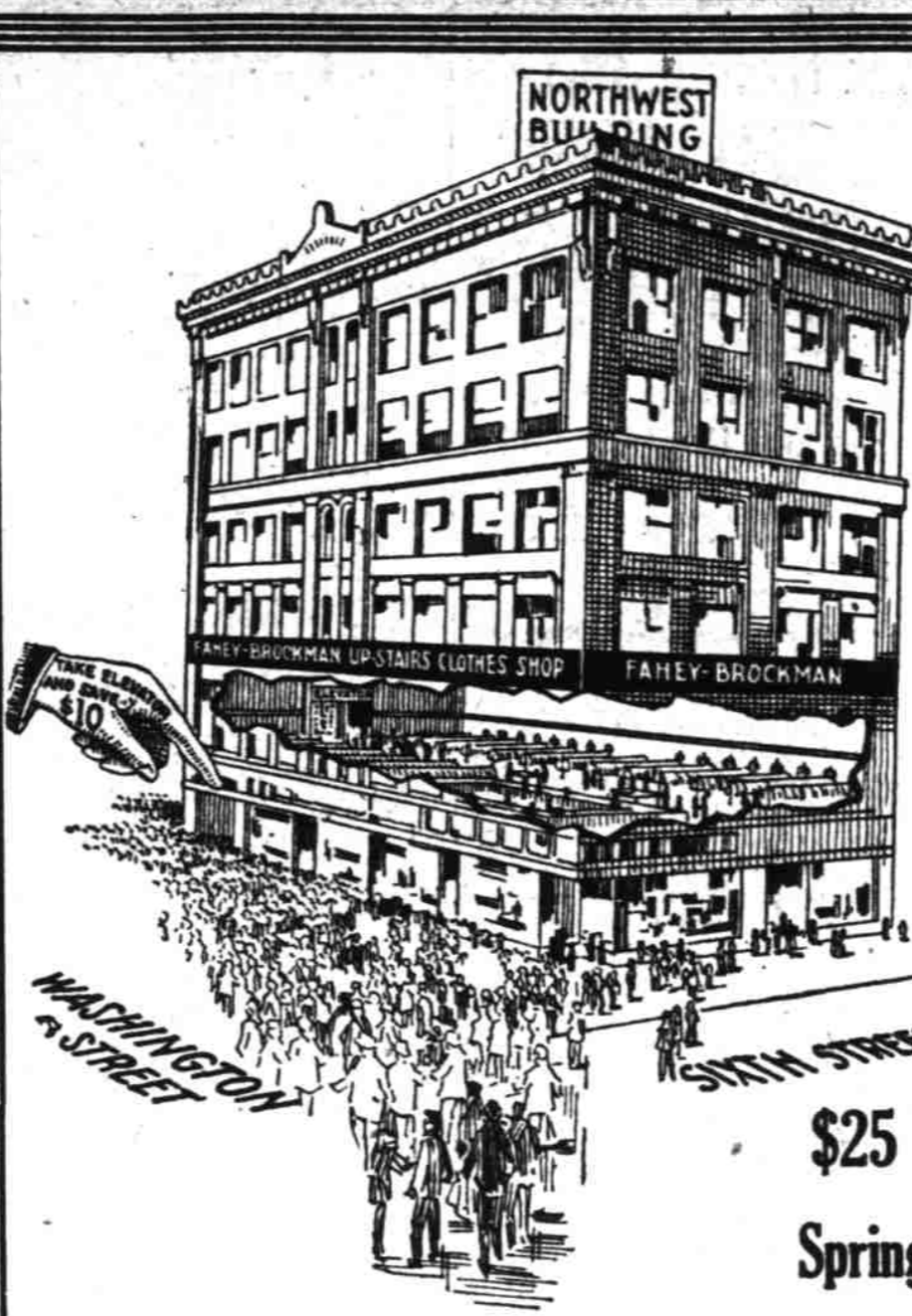
Explosive Device Is Found Under Bridge

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—A box containing gun cotton, a one-pound shell and an electrical timing device was found under a pier of the Louisville & Nashville railroad bridge over Black Lick creek, a few miles south of Covington, Ky., Wednesday afternoon.

R. S. Demoissey, formerly a gunner, said the contrivance was similar to those used to blow up derelict ships.

Navy, Marine Bill Is Favorably Reported

Washington, April 26.—(I. N. S.)—The house naval affairs committee Wednesday afternoon unanimously recommended the passage of the administration bill which increases the enlisted strength of the navy from 87,000 to 150,000 and that of the marine corps from 17,000 to 30,000 men. The bill will be brought before the house for passage at the earliest possible date, committee members said.



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\$23.50 Jerseys ... \$19.75 \$29.50 Jerseys ... \$24.95
\$24.75 Jerseys ... \$21.35 \$32.50 Jerseys ... \$26.85
\$38.50 Jerseys ... \$29.95

Fetching Silk Frocks \$15

—The pretty little dresses that one can slip into for most any occasion! Crepe de Chines, Taffetas and Shantung. All the good styles, although only one or two of a kind. Formerly \$19.50 and \$17.50. Now \$15.

Practical Serge Dresses, \$10.85

—Our former special values at \$12.50 and \$14.75.

10 Dozen Waists \$1.98

Silks and Dainty Voiles

—Cool Habutails and Summer Silks in plain colors and stripes. Fresh, crisp Cotton Voiles in all the new effects. Waists that have been our leaders at \$2.45 and \$2.75—for stock adjustment, \$1.98.

\$1.50 Sateen Petticoats, \$1.19

—Lustrous, soft sateen in all colors—white, black, emerald, Copenhagen, navy, pink, wistaria.



Stock Adjustment Special Friday Any Trimmed Hat on the Third Floor

\$3.98

—A collection of stunning hats fairly brimming with Springtime. Every trimmed hat on our big third floor salesroom included in this offer. Hats that were \$6, \$7.50 and as high as \$8.50. Our Stock Adjustment makes this the most timely offering of trimmed hats this season. By all means attend this sale tomorrow.

Another Big Sensation! Any Child's Hat on the Third Floor

50c

Selling at 98c to \$2.48

—Hundreds of thrifty mothers will want to take advantage of this exceptional offer. Pretty little Summer hats for the kiddies. Cute styles for beach and vacation wear. Our Stock Adjustment brings any Child's hat on the third floor—Hats selling at 98c, \$1.48, \$2.75 and \$3.50—all at 50c.

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