

THOUGH FOOD PRICES ARE SO HIGH, LOAD OF CRABS DESTROYED

Market at Astoria Overloaded; No Storage Facilities; Waste Is Result.

SALMON CANNER SPEAKS

Decides That Manipulation Has Much to Do With High Prices; Sees Government Control in Near Future.

By Fred Lockley.
Seaside, Or., May 7.—(U. P.)—Apparent violation of the food conservation mandate has developed here in the shipment of a boat load of crabs from Megler to Chinook, Wash., itself a crab catching center. The shipment was directed from Ross, Higgins & Co. of Astoria to F. A. Plumb, Chinook, and E. Donnelly, purser on the Nahcotta, which carried the shipment, explained that the crabs were going back to the original shipper, because the Astoria market was overloaded, and that they would probably be thrown into the bay. "There are 600 crabs in the lot," said Mr. Donnelly.

At Chinook, an employee of Mr. Plumb, declared he did not know why the crabs were sent back, and that they would have been destroyed. "We ship them to a firm in Astoria," he said, "who said they could handle all we would ship, for, if they are overloaded, they can send them to Portland or elsewhere. They pay from 15 cents to \$1.10 a dozen, depending on the size. We are not allowed to send any that measure less than six inches across."

Banker Is Concerned.
President Sinclair of the Iwaco bank discussing the situation, said: "Art Graham and W. Tigard of this place have a contract to sell their output to an Astoria dealer. They received a wire from a Portland dealer offering 15 cents a dozen more for their crabs but they didn't want to throw the local dealer down so they refused the higher offer. They caught about 50 dozen and called up the Astoria firm who told them they were overloaded and couldn't use them. They sold a few locally at two for a quarter and threw the rest away. Yes, it does seem like a needless waste. I should think that the Astoria dealer should put them in cold storage and either hold them or ship them to inland points, such as Walla Walla, Pendleton and Baker or even into Montana. "The people in the interior are prosperous and if the crabs were held and could be put on the market at a reasonable price there is no need of wasting a single crab. "At Bay Center across from Nahcotta they catch lots of crabs but they keep them in holding boxes in the salt waters till they are needed. This can't be done here as the water is fresh from the Columbia and they can't be held. Cold storage is the solution, but, of course, that is a matter for the large dealer, not the individual crab catcher."

Canner Tells Story.
H. S. McGowan, the salmon canner at McGowan, said: "There is too much food manipulation in this country. If it is not stopped the government will have to take over food distribution. This is no time for any American who is loyal to his country to try to take advantage of the situation for personal profit. I am a salmon canner and while I will make a profit because of the extremely high price of canned salmon, nevertheless I want to tell you the raise in price on canned salmon is not justified."

No Reason for Increase.
"It is true that tin is higher and we are paying high prices for fresh fish, but with the stock on hand there is no reason for the heavy increase in price. In fact an investigation will undoubtedly prove that on many staples the extreme advances in price are caused more by manipulation than by scarcity. I feel that there is no necessity for wasting crabs or any other food supplies."

Another packer said the salmon fishermen at Astoria are in large quantities of sturgeon. Any sturgeon less than four feet long is thrown back.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION ASKED TO COOPERATE IN WORK

Letters are being sent to every Daughter of the American Revolution regent in the state by the state committee of the American Revolution Red Cross committee, urging their immediate and full cooperation and support of the work. They are especially recommended to prepare Red Cross Box B which contains shoulder wraps, bed socks, handkerchiefs, substitutes for handkerchiefs, table napkins, tray covers and comfort bags. This is work which might be done at home, and anyone who desires to undertake some of it may secure a copy of instructions at Red Cross headquarters, second floor Corbett building.

Tonight Dr. Ralph C. Matson's lecture, "Impressions of the European War," will be given for the benefit of the Portland chapter at 8:15 in the Broadway theatre. Tickets are 50 cents.

The Portland chapter has been fortunate in securing the cooperation of Mrs. S. T. Hamilton who will give instruction in the knitting of socks, bed socks, cotton wash cloths and wipers or spongers. Mrs. Hamilton will be at the military relief workroom, eighth floor of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. every Tuesday, beginning tomorrow and Friday from 9:30 to 12.

The workrooms are now open to the public every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 4, for the making of hospital supplies.

but sturgeon four feet in length or longer are paid for by the cannery at the rate of 8 cents a pound. Another pioneer fish-wheel salmon man told of operating a fish wheel in the early day and hiring Indians to knock the sturgeon on the head and throw them back into the river. In one run of 24 hours they killed and threw back into the Columbia over 30 tons of sturgeon.

Labor Vital Problem In Hood River Valley

Loss Will Be Appalling, Says Orchardist, Unless Workers Can Be Found to Care For Products of Region.

Hood River, Or., May 7.—With the advance of the strawberry season and many orchardists short-handed and beset with their spraying, the labor situation is becoming a grave question with the fruit growers of the Hood River valley. It is estimated that fully 150 men will be enlisted from Hood River county, including members of Company 12, Coast Artillery, young men who have joined the navy, and approximately 40 members that will represent Hood River county's quota under the conscription act soon to become effective. R. H. Weber, owner of large fruit interests in Hood River and Wasco counties, states that the loss in the fruit crops this year will be appalling unless the labor situation can be met and sufficient help secured to meet the demands. Mr. Weber favors the plan to import foreign laborers to do this work. The present situation continues. The strawberry and cherry crops are very perishable and must be handled in a given time to be saved. Plans are being suggested to enlist all of the school children who are old enough for service in the strawberry fields this month and then continue their services into the apple thinning season in the orchards.

Number of Employed Women Increasing

Washington, May 7.—(U. P. S.)—Figures just issued by the bureau of census show that the number of married women engaged in gainful occupations at the time of the thirteenth census has more than doubled since the time of the eleventh census. A woman is becoming more and more a factor of the business world. This is shown by an increase from 14.3 per cent to 25.4 per cent of women more than 16 years old engaged in gainful occupations in the last 10 years. In 1920 but one-twentieth, or 4.9 per cent of the women employed in gainful occupations were married. Today one-tenth or 10.7 per cent of the women so employed are married.

Rate Case Will Be Heard.

Washington, May 7.—The case of Beal & Co. of Portland, Or., against the O. W. R. & N. Co., involving the rate on a tar tank from New York to Portland will be heard before Examiner Bell of the Interstate Commerce commission at Portland on May 29.

ALL PLANS ARE MADE FOR I. O. O. F. SESSION AT EUGENE, MAY 21-24

Program for Meeting Is Out; All Branches of Odd Fellowship Are Represented.

TWO THOUSAND EXPECTED

Delegates Will Represent Total of 20,000 Members in Order Throughout State of Oregon.

Eugene, Or., May 7.—The committee in charge of arrangements for the state conventions of the different branches of the I. O. O. F. which will meet in Eugene May 21 to 24, has formulated a general program. On Monday, May 21, the Patriarchs Militant will gather in department council at 3 p. m. in the I. O. O. F. temple. On Tuesday the grand encampment meets at 9 a. m. in regular session at the armory and will hold an adjourned session at 1:30 p. m. The Rebekah assembly meets in special session in I. O. O. F. temple at 9 a. m. on that day for the purpose of conferring the Rebekah degree.

Patriarchal Degree Planned.
On Tuesday evening the Patriarchal degree will be conferred by Ellison encampment of Portland in the I. O. O. F. temple. The conferring of the Rebekah degree by Alpha lodge of Corvallis will be held at the same time at the armory. On Wednesday the Rebekah assembly meets in regular session at 10 a. m. and in adjourned session at 1:30 p. m. The grand lodge meets in special session on Wednesday at the armory for the purpose of conferring the grand lodge degree. The regular session of the grand lodge will begin that day at the armory. The declaration of exaltity by the Patriarchs Militant will be made at 1 p. m.

Memorial Service Wednesday.
A joint memorial service of the grand lodge and Rebekah assembly will be held Wednesday at the armory and this will be followed by a parade. That night a reception and dance will be held at the armory. On Thursday at 10 a. m. the regular session of the grand lodge will be held. Thursday evening Spencer Butte lodge of Eugene will confer the first degree. The attendance at the session is expected to be between 1500 and 2000 and approximately 250 lodges with 20,000 members in the state will be represented.

Clock Setting Is Urged.
Eugene, Or., May 7.—A petition will be presented to the city council at its next meeting, asking it to proclaim to the people the necessity to get every clock in the city ahead an hour during the summer. The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church has charge of the circulation of petitions and a large number of signatures has been secured.

Farmer Invents Dart.
Eugene, Or., May 7.—Straud Long, a farmer of Camp Creek, has invented a flying dart which he says will be useful for carrying plans and drawings to the war department and has received word that the invention will be given a trial. Mr. Long recently made a model of the machine and started it in motion. It went so far he was unable to find it. The dart is propelled by a strong spring.

Animals Belonging to Abner Rice, Neighbor—Motive Is Not Clear.
Roseburg, Or., May 7.—Extra Haefner of Dillard was arrested Saturday, charged with killing sheep belonging to Abner Rice, a well known farmer of the Dillard vicinity. Rice had been missing a number of sheep lately, and while out on his range on Friday it is alleged that Rice caught Haefner in the act of killing one of his sheep. It is said that the carcasses of a number of the sheep were buried, and the motive for the killing is not known. He will be given a preliminary hearing Monday in justice court.

Independent Jewish State Is Projected

New York, May 7.—(U. P. S.)—A plea for aid in establishing an independent Jewish state in Palestine was made Saturday night to this government and its European allies at a large Zionist meeting here. Nathan Strauss said he would finance the journey to the new republic of all Jews who would settle there. The thousands of persons were in the hall when the plea for aid of the allies was made in a resolution unanimously adopted. The resolutions expressed gratification to the American government for taking up the Zionist question with members of foreign missions here.

Ban on Mothers in War Work, Is Plan

Committee on Women in Industry Aims to Preserve Health of Women and of Generations to Come.

Washington, May 6.—(U. P. S.)—War must not endanger the health of American women and future generations. The committee on women in industry of the National Council of Defense has taken action to prevent the lowering of present standards of labor and wages in the sudden impulse of women to enter industries to aid the nation during the war. Mothers will be kept out of industries, especially those requiring night work, as far as possible. Mothers of young children must be the last resort of industries flushed with war work, and the committee will strive to effect this.

The committee is headed by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, and among the prominent members are: Mrs. George Vanderbilt, Mrs. Sarah Conboy, secretary of the United Textile Workers of America; Dr. Alice Hamilton of Hull House, Chicago, and Miss Mary McDowell of Chicago university. New headquarters of the committee were established at the Washington residence of Mrs. George Vanderbilt.

Great Gold Reserve Is Plan of New Bill

House Approves Measure Which Is Offered By Federal Reserve Board—\$300,000,000 of Gold to Be Added.

Washington, May 6.—(U. P. S.)—A bill providing several technical amendments to the federal reserve act and a more important provision designed to increase the gold holdings of the reserve system during the European war was passed by the house Saturday. The bill was submitted and approved by the federal reserve board. The principal section of the bill authorizes a reduction in the statutory reserves of member banks and to require all of these reserves to be deposited in the federal reserve banks. The bill, it is estimated, would add approximately \$200,000,000 of gold to the present holdings of the federal reserve banks.

Bootleggers in Vale Fined, Imprisoned

Vale, Or., May 7.—Jack Dolan and Pat O'Brien, who were arrested by Sheriff Brown on the charge of bootlegging, were given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Robert D. Lytle and found guilty. Dolan received a \$200 fine and 10 days in the county jail and O'Brien got a \$50 fine and five days. It developed at the trial that these men engaged a livery man to take them to get the booze, and when found by the sheriff had a five-gallon keg in their possession. The livery man was fined \$50 and his fine was remitted because he pleaded ignorance of the law.

Report Shows Work Done by Red Cross

During March and April American Funds Amounting to \$165,000 Were Expended for War Relief in Europe. Washington, May 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—A report just issued by the American Red Cross shows the expenditure of \$165,000 of American funds in Europe in the months of March and April. Among the chief expenditures were \$20,000 for relief of tubercular re-

patriated civil prisoners in France, \$10,000 in reoccupied French territory, \$7000 for ships for refugees and peasants, \$7000 for relief supplies in the Somme district, \$15,000 for motor ambulances and trains, \$10,000 for the new Red Cross (American) hospital in Paris, \$25,000 to the American relief clearing house in Rome, \$10,000 each to the Austrian and Hungarian Red Cross, \$8000 to the Bulgarian Red Cross, \$12,500 to relieve suffering among Lithuanian exiles in Russia, and \$5000 for Polish relief.

Berlin Musician Indignant.
Copenhagen, May 7.—(U. P. S.)—Arthur Nikisch, the world famous orchestra conductor, leader of the Ber-

Skull of Kidnaped Policeman Crushed

Minneapolis, May 7.—(U. P.)—Police Sunday positively identified a body found in a deserted spot near Gridley as that of Patrolman Connelly, who was kidnaped when he arrested two greasers last week. Connelly's skull was crushed.

Hungarian Workers Incensed at Tisza

Copenhagen, May 7.—(U. P. S.)—Stung by Premier Tisza's characterization of the electoral reform movement as a "trivial attempt at universal franchise," the Hungarian working classes have organized a movement with a view to forcing the reforms. Budapest advices indicated Sunday. The workmen are reported to have issued a virtual ultimatum to the government, threatening that if a definite assurance granting their demands is not forthcoming they will call a general strike.



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—All Art Goods reduced!

—All China & Glass reduced!

—All Toilet Goods reduced!

—All Notions reduced!

—All Stationery reduced!

—All Leather Goods reduced!

—Everything in the Basement has been reduced!

—Our windows are chuck full of things for Tuesday that you'll want to know about!

—All Dress Goods reduced!

—All Silks reduced!

—All Linens reduced!

—All Domestic reduced!

—All Wash Goods reduced!

—All Men's Goods reduced!

—All Laces reduced!

—All Georgettes reduced!

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