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HIGH COST IS BLAMED FOR EXPORTS

Excessive Shipments to Foreign Countries Cause of Exorbitant Prices, Says Indiana Senator.

Interstate Commerce Commission of Senate to Consider Remedial Suggestions of President.

Washington, Aug. 9.—President Wilson's program for legislation to control the prices and distribution of food supplies will be taken up by the interstate commerce committee of the senate next Monday.

The committee held a meeting this morning and decided to go over the text of the president's message as a basis for legislation which they will recommend to the senate.

Most of the members of the committee are in accord with the president's recommendation in favor of legislation to regulate the storage houses and to license the distributing agencies. Some opposition to the plan of branding all foodstuffs with the price paid the producer was expressed at the committee hearing, but no definite stand was taken against it.

OPPOSES PRICE-FIXING

Senator Watson, Republican, of Indiana, expressed himself strongly in favor of the licensing plan, but is not inclined to favor a general scheme of price fixing. He believes strongly in legislation to limit the exportation of foodstuffs and pointed out that during the year which ended June 30, 1919, the exportations from the United States of food materials amounted in value to \$2,040,000,000.

The senator is of the opinion that the exports are largely in excess of what should be allowed under the existing state of production in the United States. He said he could not foresee how prices in this country will fall "long as" exports in excess of the normal surplus are permitted.

Senator Pomeroy, Democrat, of Ohio, insisted the committee should in his opinion there is no doubt of the right of the federal government to license and control storage houses where the contents enter into interstate commerce. He pointed out also that the states have the right to license cold storage plants and warehouses which hold goods for intrastate traffic.

DECISION GIVES AUTHORITY

Senator Pomeroy found that authority in a decision rendered by the supreme court in 1876 in the case of Munn versus Illinois, in which the validity of a law passed by the state of Illinois to regulate grain elevators was upheld. The court ruled in a decision written by Chief Justice Waite that the grain elevators were in the nature of a public utility and as such were subject to state regulation.

In the decision it was stated: "When the owner of property devotes it to a use in which the public has an interest, he is effecting grants to the public an interest in such use and must, to the extent of that interest, submit to be controlled by the public, for the common good, as long as he maintains the use. He may withdraw his grant by discontinuing the use."

The court held that the rights of property cannot be taken away without due regard, but laid down the principle that the state has the right to say what the reasonable charge for such services should be. The decision establishes no new principle in the law, but only gives a new effect to an old one. It is also held by the court that where warehouses are situated and the business is carried on exclusively by the state, the regulations of domestic concern, prescribe regulations for them, notwithstanding that they are used as instruments by those engaged in interstate as well as in state commerce.

CONGRESS MAY REGULATE

"I have no doubt that congress has power to say how these cold storage houses should be conducted and establish reasonable prices for them. Even though the war is over, yet under the regulations of the interstate commerce commission and under the principle laid down by the supreme court in the Illinois decision hoarding and prices can be redoubled."

MILLERS REAP BENEFIT

According to Senator Gronna, the wheat guarantee measure has been of no benefit to the farmers, all the advantage having gone to the millers. In respect to the Leaven act, which President Wilson specifically asked to have continued and extended, Senator Gronna is of the opinion that the removal of all restrictions will tend to lower prices not only of flour but of other commodities.

President Wilson in his message to congress mentioned that in many instances there were on hand larger stocks of food and food products than at this time last year. He cited wheat, eggs, flour and meats. Official reports of the department of agriculture indicate, however, that although a larger acreage of staple farm products was planted during the current year

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FOOD SITUATION IN EUROPE BAD

Starvation Is Outlook Unless United States Extends Credit for Purchase of Food.

London, Aug. 9.—(U. P.)—Europe faces starvation the coming winter, unless the United States extends credit for the purchase of food, according to the report of American food experts, who will present their findings before the peace conference Monday.

The American farmer will not be able to save Europe by mere production, the report states. "America's food surplus will rot in the warehouses unless Europe is tided over the present financial crisis," it was pointed out.

"Europe is unable to pay, either in cash or commodities." European labor tendencies also are menacing the food situation, according to the American experts. Great Britain's inability to pay for her necessities removes her greatest means of buying food.

Hoarding by speculators is the explanation given for the high prices in the United States. By eliminating this factor, experts believe, America can continue to export 18,000,000 tons of food to Europe without seriously depleting her domestic supply.

Sub-Committee in Senate Is Not Yet Agreed on Palmer

Washington, Aug. 9.—(I. N. S.)—The senate sub-committee considering the nomination of A. Mitchell Palmer as attorney general, failed to reach an agreement after nearly three hours of conference today.

A motion was made to discontinue the taking of testimony and to take action on the nomination, but it failed to reach a final vote.

Senator Dillingham, chairman of the committee, announced that the sub-committee would meet again next week.

Strike of Thespians May Be Nationwide

New York, Aug. 9.—"Thespiantitis" is now rampant and the probability that the actors' strike will become nationwide, and announcement that a series of benefits for the war chest for expenses to defray the actors' expenses, were to be outstanding features tonight of the battle royal between members of the Actors' Equity association and the Producing Managers' association. Ten theatres are closed in New York despite the managers' optimistic statements that reopenings would come soon.

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EDITORS TO GO OVER HIGHWAY

Charms of Oregon's World Famous Columbia River Highway to Be Enhanced by Lunch.

By Earl C. Brownlee
Choice Oregon trout simmering in the pan—bear steaks broiled to please the palate of a plutocrat—the scenic grandeur of America's premier highway.

These savory and scenic wonders are held out as Oregon's farewell to 208 members of the National Editorial association, who will complete today their two-day annual convention when they depart for Crater Lake to carry on the program that has kept them veritably "on the jump" since July 26, and which will continue through Canada until August 26.

The simmering trout, the broiled bear-steaks and the highway are the combined charms the editors will enjoy this morning when they arrive at Eagle Creek for a breakfast of real Oregon trout and the beauties of that picturesque grove from which they will carry lasting impressions from the 34th annual conclave.

On every hand the delight of the visiting editors echoes as a result of their entertainment at the hands of the Oregon association and of Portland.

"Nowhere on our tour," declared President Guy U. Hardy, "have we been more completely and more pleasantly entertained than here in Portland and when Portland wants a national convention all its own, I really believe our only requirement will be the invitation."

"Your hospitality has been unstinted, the scope of your program of entertainment has been wide and elaborate. We have your protesting benediction of pleasure for your reception."

Dim memories of newspaper demands forsaken for the "Victory" tour of the association little hampered the full pleasure of the editors, both men and women, who came from practically every state in the Union to attend the Portland convention.

Type, news print, presses and the thousand and one conveniences and inconveniences that haunt the average editor's dreams were very successfully put aside during the time the national convention held forth in Portland, and especially were office and shop cares cast to the winds Saturday night as the editors, both of the visiting and the Oregon parties, retired with promises of a breakfast to be theirs this morning.

EDITORS ARE DELIGHTED

Accompanying the party of visiting editors will be a large number of the representatives of the Oregon press, the men and women who have been in convention with the Oregon State Editorial association and later in joint session with the national body. The big breakfast provided for the out-of-town editors and game commission, the Forest Service, the Progressive Business Men's club and the Portland Rotary club, the latter providing for the courtesy of the national association.

The president recently wrote Senator Leroy and Joe Dressler of the Pantages circuit.

Following the dinner, addresses were made by Guy U. Hardy, president of the Oregon State Editorial association, and Fred L. Buel, editor of the Portland News. Frank P. Goss, city editor of the Oregon Speculator, and Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, presided as toastmaster.

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SENATORS CALL FOR COL. HOUSE

Adviser to President Will Be Asked to Give Details of Peace Treaty Agreement.

Washington, Aug. 9.—(U. P.)—Colonel E. M. House will be summoned from Paris to give the senate foreign relations committee information on the peace treaty, committee members said today.

The decision to call House has been informally reached by majority members of the committee.

Formal action is expected next week.

Need for House's testimony became apparent, committee members declared, when Secretary Lansing last week testified that House and President Wilson attended to all the important matters, and that the other members of the American peace mission knew little of the procedure.

Lansing said Wilson and House did all the work on the League of Nations undertaken by the American delegation.

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Strike and High Cost May Detain President Wilson

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He will not leave the capital, it was learned tonight, while the country faces a crisis from high living costs and railroad workers' demands. But if he feels these two problems are well on their way to solution and do not require that he remain in the White House, he will start toward the coast.

The schedule that has been prepared calls for a trip of 10 or 12 days from here to San Francisco, where it was announced the president would review the fleet September 2. This would require that he leave Washington not later than August 20.

The president has no intention of abandoning the trip, it was learned at the White House. On it he will discuss domestic as well as international affairs.

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