

PACKERS GET BIG FOOD LOTS FROM WAR DEPARTMENT

Records Show Packers Purchased Surplus Placed on Market Under Former Plan of Disposal.

PRICES BEGIN TO TUMBLE

Municipalities to Receive Bulk of Supplies Hereafter; Change Forced by Stand of Congress.

Washington Aug. 13.—Large quantities of army supplies, it was learned today, were sold to the packers and other concerns by the war department before a halt was called on unregulated selling by congress and other agencies.

In the future the bulk of the supplies will go to the municipalities and more directly to the consumer by parcel post and there will be no more selling of surplus, in conformity with the demands of congress. One of the biggest of the propositions of the war department was to sell vast stores by competitive bidding. This plan failed some time ago because the prices that were offered by packers and others who wanted large lots were so small that the war department cancelled all of the bids. Before that, however, the following sales were made:

PACKERS PURCHASE SERPENS

To the packers: 3,500,000 pounds of frozen pork for \$966,282. The price was 37½ to 39 cents a pound.

To the packers: 19,576 boxes (50 pounds to the box) of frozen poultry at from 22 to 28 cents a pound.

To the Hudson River Produce company: 10,000 pounds of mutton at 18 cents a pound.

To a Baltimore firm: 2,000,000 pounds of bacon at 30 cents a pound.

To another Baltimore firm: 448,000 pounds of bacon.

To a Brooklyn firm: Two sales, one was 2,448,000 pounds of bacon which brought \$754,560; the other was 2,243,000 pounds which brought \$713,860.

Officials of the department said today that these were all the sales that were made under the plans which pre-

GERMAN PREMIER WHO ACCEPTED TREATY



Herr Gustave Adolph Bauer, majority Socialist and former labor minister, who has been chosen premier in the reorganized German cabinet. The cabinet of Herr Bauer was committed to sign the peace treaty without condition. Premier Bauer, as minister of labor, succeeded in bringing about a settlement of the recent general strike in Berlin.

SMALL LOTS DISTRIBUTED

It was stated that no other sales were made to the packers than those included in the list furnished today. It was not ascertainable whether any of the parties, other than the packers, to whom sales were made, had any business relations with the packers.

The original idea of the war department was that large quantities of surplus should not be put on the market at one time because such a policy would disturb the market. Large quantities, however, have been recently offered through the agencies of municipalities and the postoffice department direct to the consumer, and the effect has been that the market was in fact disturbed.

It had, according to the war department statement of yesterday, the effect of causing retailers to lower their prices.

ORGANIZATION WORK STARTS IN STATE FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION

Members of Executive Committee Will Tour State to Assist in Forming Local Posts.

To assist in forming new posts of the American Legion in Oregon, Chairman E. J. Elvers, Vice Chairman W. B. Follett and Secretary Dow V. Walker and Treasurer Barge E. Leonard of the state executive committee begun organization work Tuesday.

Elvers and Follett left Monday night. Elvers will cover Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, Grant, Wheeler, Harney and Malheur counties. Follett will help service men in Lane, Coos, Douglas, Curry, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath and Lake counties.

Counties near Portland, including Columbia, Clatsop, Washington, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk, Clackamas, Lincoln, Benton, Marion, Linn, Hood River and Multnomah, will be covered by Walker and Leonard.

A convention of the American Legion posts in Oregon will be held in Portland, September 17-18. Completion of a temporary committee in charge of the congress was effected Monday. In addition to the traveling organizers, other committee members are: Prescott Cookingham, chairman finance committee; J. Owen, chairman publicity committee; C. R. Peck and T. A. Sweeney, Portland; Charles Erskine, Bend; A. A. McDaniels, Salem; Dr. L. Scaife, Eugene; Asa W. Battles, Prineville; Roy Sparks, McMinnville; Jesse R. Hinman, Astoria; Fred Steiwer, Pendleton; Ben Fisher, Marshfield; Everett May, La Grande.

To Attend Seattle Sessions

E. N. Weinbaum, trade secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and secretary for "Victory Buyers' Week," just concluded in Portland, left Monday evening for Seattle to attend Buyers' Week sessions in that city. He will remain in Seattle until Thursday.

Veteran Amused French

Roseburg, Aug. 13.—Sergeant Clifford Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barker, arrived home after two years overseas. Before returning to the United States he toured France with an amusement company.

GERMANS NOT BEATEN, SAYS PREMIER MASSEY



"The world war just closed was not Armageddon; another conflict will follow, for the Germans are not regenerated," declared Premier Massey, of New Zealand, in a recent speech before the Canadian club in Vancouver. B. C. Premier Massey recently returned from the Paris peace conference. "Germany," he asserted, "has been given a great opportunity of rehabilitating herself and in a few months will be one of the first industrial nations of the world. I have been told that German chemists are at work and will be until the next war comes to invent more destructive methods for the rushing of their enemies than they employed in the war just ended."

La Grande Man Killed When He Hops on Elevator

La Grande, Aug. 13.—Earl Jones, 23, night clerk of the Foley hotel here, was killed Tuesday morning when he tried to enter the elevator car as it was ascending. He had been in the basement with two other lads, one of whom started the car. Jones leaped to stop it and was crushed across the middle of his body.

He lived a short time and was taken to the hospital, where he died.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones of Union. He was a member of the La Grande hospital unit and saw 20 months' service overseas. He was a student at Chicago Northwestern dental college before the war. An inquest was held Tuesday afternoon.

Wife Is Held With Another Woman For Man's Death

Danville, Ill., Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Grace Sexton Whisman and Mrs. Martha Holtz Tuesday were formally charged with the murder of Walter Whisman, husband of one of the accused, who was shot and instantly killed in a house occupied jointly by the Whisman and Holtz families several days ago. Holtz was shot and seriously wounded at the same time.

According to the woman, Whisman on hearing some one prowling about in the house got out of bed and without lighting the lights, fired a shot in the direction of the sound. A second later he was shot and killed. Police found Holtz lying on the floor seriously shot.

Mrs. Whisman and Mrs. Holtz say a burglar shot both men. Neighbors told the police of a family quarrel. An investigation resulted in the arrest of both women.

Government Demands Concessions Before Removing Its Troops

Vienna, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—The Roumanian cabinet, according to reports received here Tuesday from Bucharest, has resolved not to evacuate Roumanian troops from Budapest until the entente has redeemed the concessions made to Roumania in 1918 in return for her entrance into the war.

Roumanian forces are occupying West Hungary under the pretext of suppressing Bolshevist plots, it was learned today.

The allied blockade against Hungary was removed Tuesday and the American guard withdrawn from the frontier.

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Man Jailed as Drug Addict Is Held for Theft From Cripple

George Newby, one of four men arrested Tuesday for investigation, was charged by Inspector Tom Swennes with being the man who stole \$165 from J. E. Hill, a cripple living at 251 First street. The theft occurred early Tuesday morning.

Roy Leslie, who escaped from the county hospital Monday night, and I. Spencer, Arthur Chase and Newby were arrested at Fifth and Davis streets by Inspectors Morak and Coleman on suspicion of being drug addicts.

Smoking cigarettes in bed this morning, Hill set fire to his mattress. During the excitement following, it is charged, Newby stole the money. Police found \$65 and a receipt for \$70 on Newby. The \$70 was sent to Astoria, Swennes said. Newby's companions are supposed to have been present when he bought drugs with the remaining \$30.

Flag Offered by Captain Harkins Announced Victory

An American flag that flew from the office of the adjutant general of the First army on armistice day will be offered to congress as a war souvenir by Captain Earl Harkins of the army recruiting station. Harkins was executive officer of the salvage service of the ordnance department in the First army.

Ever since Harkins was a newspaper man in western Washington he had a hobby for collecting flags. When he went to France he carried one of these flags with him. The night of November 10 found the First army without a flag to fly the next day should the armistice be signed. Captain Harkins offered his, and as the adjutant general's office is the center of an army organization it was unfurled there. The office was at Ligny-en-Barrois, in the department of the Meuse.

Tender Overturns, Fireman Is Injured

Condon, Aug. 13.—George Delks, fireman on the Arlington-Condon O-W, R. & N. branch, was severely injured Monday when the tender ran off the track and over-turned. The wreck occurred about a mile north of Condon and is thought to have been caused by a flaw in the track. Delks was taken to the Condon hospital. The extent of his injuries is as yet undetermined.

First Idaho Plane Firm Incorporated

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The first articles of incorporation for an Idaho airplane corporation were issued out of the secretary of state's office to the Idaho Aeroplane & Motor company of Boise Tuesday.

Wolford Heads Company
Roseburg, Aug. 13.—Lieutenant Wolford, who saw active service overseas,

will be active head of an organization of a company of the coast artillery in this city, commanding until a new officer is chosen.

\$144,181,000 Tax On Inheritance of Carnegie Estate

Cleveland, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—The inheritance tax on Andrew Carnegie's estate of \$500,000,000 is \$144,181,000, it was estimated here today by T. E. Peckinpaugh, of the Cleveland office of the United States revenue department.

This figure includes the federal inheritance tax of \$124,181,000 and the New York state tax of \$20,000,000. The estimate is based on the premise that no bequests have been made to charitable or educational institutions.

Fortune of Million Awaits Man Held On Double Charge

Salt Lake City, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—Identity of Ray Craig, 27, as Ray Doety, the long sought heir to a million-dollar fortune in Ireland, was established here Tuesday.

Craig, or Doety, is held as a deserter and is charged with forgery. He was arrested in Denver. He admitted being Ray Doety, and said he had taken the name of Craig when adopted by George H. Craig, a canner of North Ogden, whose wife was a sister of Doety's mother.

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Former Dallas Man Held at Tillamook

Dallas, Aug. 13.—Sheriff Orr left Tuesday for Tillamook to bring back George Hoffling, under arrest there, charged with embezzlement of funds of the Dallas Meat company of which he was formerly one of the proprietors.

Prof. Dryden Home From Lecture Trip

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Aug. 13.—Professor James Dryden, who delivered a series of lectures on poultry husbandry before the New York poultry specialists at Cornell this summer, has returned and resumed his work at the college. He visited some of the largest commercial and educational poultry plants of the country to inspect the latest developments of the industry in the east.

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