

BOYCOTT'S HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PRICE REDUCTIONS

(By United News.)
Washington, May 20.—Price reductions by large mercantile establishments in numerous cities are a healthful sign, in the opinion of Joshua W. Alexander, secretary of commerce.

"The continual pyramiding of prices could not go on indefinitely," he said today. "It is better for the merchants to take a hold and effect a gradual reduction themselves than for prices to reach the peak and tumble precipitately. That might have disastrous consequences."

"I am inclined to believe reductions being made will not greatly interfere with normal healthy profits."

Bernard M. Baruch, formerly head of the war industries board, believes the long expected reduction in prices is under way. "A nation wide buyers' strike against high prices has begun," said Baruch.

Dr. Royal Meeker, head of the bureau of labor statistics, sees in the trend of prices an end of the upward movement when everyone tried to outdo his neighbor in extravagance.

"There are signs of a general price reduction," said Meeker.

He added, however, that a permanent reduction in prices will not come until after a long period, during which production is greatly increased and credit has been contracted.

DECREASE OF 15 PER CENT IS HELD LIKELY IN FEW WEEKS

(By United News.)
New York, May 20.—For the first time since the war, American manufacturers, caught in the epidemic of retail price-slashing which is spreading from coast to coast, announced their determination here today to begin an immediate reduction in prices. It is expected that within a month from 10 to 25 per cent will be chopped off the manufacturers' quotations on commodities.

The National Association of Manufacturers, representing more than 75 per cent of the country's factories, promised to "make all reasonable efforts to reduce prices" at a meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here this afternoon. Many of the manufacturers, directors of banks in various sections of the country, insisted that urgent price cutting was required to relieve the pressure of abnormal war "inflation" and reestablish the business of the United States on a reasonable after-the-war level that would preclude the possibility of a sudden panic.

A well defined group in the association were anxious to go on record as favoring an immediate decrease "of from 15 to 25 per cent." The actual limit of decrease, however, was struck from the resolution on the plea of the more conservative that no arbitrary percentage could be established, to be carried out by every concern represented by the association.

Life Crushed Out of Man Attempting to Operate Elevator

J. B. Marshall, aged 65, watchman for Swift Packing company, Fourth and Hoyt streets, was instantly killed Wednesday evening at 5:30 o'clock when crushed under an elevator. After Marshall's body was extricated, he was found to have a crushed chest, broken neck and injuries to the head. The body was removed to the morgue.

The accident was not witnessed. The watchman was not familiar with the operation of the elevator. He was killed, apparently, while attempting to leave the car on the second floor of the building.

Marshall had been employed at the store for eight months. He leaves a family in Lents.

Inspector Goitz of the police department investigated the accident.

Mrs. Catt Sails for Europe With Other Women Delegates

New York, May 20.—(I. N. S.)—Thirty delegates and visitors to the congress of the International Woman Suffrage alliance sailed from here Wednesday on the Royal George. They will go to Geneva, where the congress opens a week's session on June 1.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, nationally known suffrage leader, headed the party, which also included Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy; Helen Ring Robinson of Colorado, and others.

Twenty-six countries will send representatives to the congress.

Mariner Returns Just in Time to Save Ex-Spouse

San Francisco, May 20.—(I. N. S.)—Returning from a long cruise to the south on the tanker Olina of which he is chief engineer, Edward Kellogg Wednesday probably saved the life of his divorced wife.

Kellogg on arrival today telephoned the apartment of a neighbor to inquire as to the health of his former wife and their little daughter. The neighbor found Mrs. Kellogg unconscious in her apartment. Kellogg rushed to the apartment in a taxicab and removed his wife to the central emergency hospital, where it is believed she will recover from the effects of the poison taken apparently with suicidal intent.

The Kellogg child had been left with another neighbor woman last night. The Kelloggs had been divorced several months.

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75-Cent Haircuts Fail to Make Grade

San Francisco, May 20.—(U. P.)—Further evidence that the attempt to raise haircuts to 75 cents had failed was seen today in the appearance of the following

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This Time! A Great Half-Price Purchase and Sale

R. & G. and Lady Ruth

Corsets

—AT—

\$2.19

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Samples and Closeouts in Values to Just Twice the Above Price!

"A Cash-in-Hand" deal and a rare stroke of good fortune enables us to announce what is—without a doubt—one of the

Greatest Corset Sales in Store's History

Corsets in celebrated makes that are well known to our patrons and generally in demand by well informed women—and although you pay a lowered price at this sale every corset is fully GUARANTEED.

There are exactly nineteen different models in this assortment and the size range is practically complete—

6 Front Lace Models in sizes 19 to 32.

6 Sport Models, extremely popular, sizes 19 to 26.

5 Average and slight models, sizes 20 to 30.

2 Models for stout figures, sizes 24 to 34.

In addition to the above we include all broken lines in the higher priced models in

Henderson, Merito and Calma Corsets

Every conceivable material—rich brocades in white and pink, batistes, fancies and heavy weight pink and white coutils.

Every Corset an unmatchable value—one which you will likely see again for a long time at such a low price.

\$2.19 Pair

NONE FITTED—SENT C. O. D.—NO PHONE ORDERS

SEE OUR BIG DOUBLE WINDOW DISPLAY

Roberts Bros

THIRD & MORRISON

Our Store Opens at 9 A. M.

Mail orders receive our prompt and careful attention the same day as received.

The Store That Undersells Because It Sells for Cash

Our Store Closes 5:30 P. M.

Agents for the Butterick Patterns and Delineator. All styles and sizes now showing.

EXTRA! Special for Friday! EXTRA!

Two Extremely Underpriced Offerings

WOMEN'S HIGH-GRADE HOSIERY



The smartly gowned woman never considers her summer wardrobe complete without a generous supply of up-to-the-minute Hosiery. Our extensive stock has been selected with the utmost care and includes only hosiery of the most dependable sort—correct in style—reliable in quality and rightly priced.

For Friday's sale—a time when we know our patrons have learned to expect out-of-the-ordinary values, we have arranged the following two great underpriced special offerings:

A Hosiery Sale That Affords Savings That Cannot Be Overestimated

Nufashioned Heavy Pure Silk Hose, Also Monarch Silk-Fiber and Silk Mixed Stockings in Black, White 98c and Colors—this sale at, pair.

In the assortment are to be found heavy Pure Silk Nu-Fashioned Hose with lisle top, heel, sole and toe; also fiber, silk mixed, and silk Hose in Monarch brand—they come seamless or with seamed back with seamless foot, lisle top, heel and toe. Colors are black, white, tan, champagne, navy, beaver, medium grey, cordovan, etc. Every pair of first quality and every pair a bargain at 98c.

Seamless Silk Hose, Silk and Fiber; also Fiber Silk Stockings—broken lines from regular stock; priced to close this sale at 49c

We urge an early visit to the Hosiery Section—Friday—if you would profit by first choice from this special assortment. When the sale opens you'll have choice from fine pure silk, fiber and silk mixed Seamless Hose, made with lisle top, heel and toe—they come in black, tan, grey, champagne, and in neat fancy stripes—all sizes in the lot but not all sizes in each style or color. Every pair a sensational value at 49c.

NO PHONE ORDERS—NO REFUNDS—NONE SENT C. O. D. AND NO EXCHANGES AT THIS SALE

High-Grade 40-Inch Woodland TAFFETA SILK at \$3.69

35-Inch Black Taffeta Silks at, Yard \$1.79.

A rich, lustrous Black Taffeta Silk of fine even weave and shown in a perfect black. Comes in 35-inch width. Underpriced for Friday's sale at \$1.79.

Shown Here in Exclusive and Exquisite Color Combinations

One of the new season's most popular and fashionable Silks one that makes up beautifully. Comes full 40 inches wide and shown here in exclusive floral designs in exquisite color combinations. Strictly a high-grade silk, especially underpriced for Friday's sale at \$3.69.

PRICES HAVE FALLEN! Beautiful Georgette Crepes



A special New York Purchase Just Received in time for Friday's Sale and Greatly Underpriced \$2.69

Exceedingly Handsome Patterns in Both Light and Dark Colorings

Never have we been able to show such beautiful Georgette Crepes at anywhere near this low price. The values in this special purchase surprised us—as they will you when you have seen them—they come in the widest variety of pretty designs, especially desirable for waists and dresses—they are all silk—40 inches wide and are shown on both light and dark ground. Make it a point to see these Georgette Crepes Friday. Pay only \$2.69 a yard.

Handsome Wide Ribbons Undervalued!

39c Yard

A special showing of 5-inch Hairbow Ribbons of excellent quality. Moire Taffeta or plain Taffeta Ribbons with cord edge. Nearly all staple colors.

59c Yard

Strictly high grade Satin Ribbons in 6-inch width—comes in white, pink, light blue, maize, old rose, sapphire, etc.

\$1.19 Yard

Faile Ribbons with picot edge, all leading millinery shades in 5 1/2-inch width; also 7-inch Warp Prints in light color combinations.

Novelty Ribbons for Bags, Vestees, Etc., at \$5.95 Yard

All Silk, Metal Woven and Embroidered Effects in a Wonderfully Attractive Assortment

Alluringly Beautiful Ribbons in 7 to 10-inch widths—underpriced just in time to do their part towards making bags, vestees and many other articles to complete your summer wardrobe. You'll be delighted with this showing. Included are both Imported and Domestic Ribbons in all silk, metal woven and embroidered effects in a full variety of patterns and colorings. No such values elsewhere at \$5.95 a yard.

EXTRA! Rag Rugs at \$1.48

They come in mixed colors, are 25 by 50 inches and finished with fringed ends. Friday \$1.48

EXTRA! Mixing Bowls \$1.19 Set

Glass Mixing Bowls in sets of five—one each in 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9-inch. Friday at \$1.19.

EXTRA! Box Paper 19c Box

Rexford Linen Paper—a fabric finish paper—72 sheets to a box—white only. Friday at 19c

EXTRA! Envelopes To Match The Above Paper on Sale Friday at Two Packages for 15c

EXTRA! Stripe Voile Waists at \$1.85

Both low and high-neck models in sizes 36 to 44. Clean, crisp Waists in dainty colored stripe Voiles on sale Friday 1-3 OFF.

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You Can't Afford NOT to Install a Pipeless Furnace at Powers Spring Terms

Spring is the logical time to install a furnace, for then the fuel expense is no deterrent. A pipeless furnace is the most economical type to install and the most satisfactory improvement for your home.

Greater heating capacity, greater heat radiating capacity because of the deep fire pot with the long air blast stots, and the big combustion chamber with fluted walls are characteristic of the Powers pipeless furnace.



—You get the fullest efficiency from your fuel, moist, healthful heat with a cleanliness and absence of distasteful work, for this furnace requires no pipes. A warm house and a cool basement—the desire of every home owner—is a delightful reality where Powers Pipeless Furnace is installed.

Unusually Generous Spring Terms Now in Effect

Select Your Cane Living Room Suite This Week—at Exceptional Savings



\$367 3-PIECE CANE SUITE NOW \$299

Adam period style suite with notably rich blue and brown velour upholstery and pretty cushions. A Karpen made set and a prize at this reduction. Worth coming early to secure.

\$560 CANE SUITE \$459	\$413.50 CANE SUITE \$349	\$440 CANE SUITE \$374
Two-piece suite, superbly modeled and upholstered in blue silk velour.	Three-piece suite of unusual beauty. Upholstered in blue and brown velour—a marvel of comfort.	Three pieces, upholstered in blue figured velour. Do not fail to view this splendid suite.

Enjoy the Summer With a Columbia Bicycle



For a healthful, enjoyable recreation it is hard to surpass bicycle riding. You are in close touch with the beauties of nature you have ridden forth to enjoy and with every turn of the wheels you are adding to your physical well being.

In town—you save time and many a dollar. LET IT BE A COLUMBIA. That is the World's Standard—which qualified for war service. Easy running, properly geared and very strongly constructed.

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No. 7 Brunswick Outfit \$119.25
Mahogany or oak finish BRUNSWICK, 5, ten-inch double-face records. 300 steel needles.

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Powers are showing the largest stock of Porch and Lawn Furniture in their history—embracing hickory, maple, oak, reed, willow and Chinese grass, all designed to carry the homelike atmosphere beyond the boundaries of its four walls.

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