

HIGH PRICE TUMBLE IS WELCOMED

Report Shows That Living Cost Decreased 5.6 Per Cent From July to November With Fall Coming

PEAK OF HIGH PRICES SLASHED BY FOOD DROP

Average Food Price Cut 12 Percent and Clothing Slips 14 Percent

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The cost of living decreased 5.6 per cent from July to November and the decline was brought about by drops in the average prices of important food and clothing articles so great as to offset concurrent increases in other items, the national industrial conference board reported today. The report said: "The average cost of all 40 prices rose slightly between July and November. Rate increases were allowed traction companies in important centers such as Portland, Or., and smaller places. Practically no decreases in car fares were reported. Occasionally newspapers advanced prices. Church and organization budgets were increased. Notable decreases were reported in the cost of furniture, house furnishings and supplies."

The four months decrease, however, left the cost of living higher than in July, 1914, by the following percentages: Clothing, 128; fuel and light, 100; food, 93; sundries, 92; shelter, 66.

Further Drop Expected. The board let a ray of hope shine on its assertions by stating that merchandise dealers seemed to expect a further price drop early in 1921.

The decline of 5.6 per cent in living expenses from last July, said by the board to be the "peak of high prices," to November followed a steady rise which began in 1914, it was explained, except for a 3 per cent drop in the four months period immediately after the armistice.

"The average price of food dropped nearly 12 per cent," the report said, "but the average price of potatoes dropped 63 per cent and sugar 51 per cent. The drop in clothing prices was over 14 per cent, but average prices of many items fell more. Cotton yarn goods dropped 26 to 42 per cent. Hosiery, men's shirts, women's blouses, muslin underwear and men's coats, underwear and hats decreased less than 20 per cent."

"Other items increased, but not enough to offset the decline in food and clothing. According to figures furnished by 151 coal dealers in 50 cities, the average price of coal continued to advance in every city except New York."

Riggs Elected Head of Local Shriners' Club

The Shriners Arabian Knights club held the annual election of officers Friday night. This club is composed of 50 members, who finance the social activities and functions of the Shriners. Z. J. Biggs was elected president, L. B. Davis, vice president, C. A. Vibbert secretary and Earl Dune treasurer.

Noted Prima Donna Ties American Nuptial Knot

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn., Jan. 15.—Aneta Galli-Curci, prima donna and her piano accompanist, Homer Samuels, who were married at noon today, will spend most of their honeymoon traveling. It was announced that the first stop on the trip would be Indianapolis, where they will give a concert Monday night.

GRAVE MARKED FOR LINCOLNS SWEETHEART

MONUMENT PLACED AT TOMB OF ANN RUTLEDGE

VERSES FROM POEM OF EDGAR LEE MASTERS INSCRIBED ON GRANITE MEMORIAL

PETERSBURGH, Ill., Jan. 15.—The grave of Ann Rutledge, sweetheart of Abraham Lincoln, who lies buried in Oakland cemetery here, was marked today with a beautiful granite monument purchased by descendants of those who were intimately acquainted with the great emancipator when he was located at New Salem.

DISARMAMENT STEPS TAKEN

President Wilson Authorized to Invite Nations to Consider Means

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Steps looking toward disarmament were taken today by the house foreign affairs committee which reported a resolution authorizing President Wilson to invite all nations to send delegates to an international convention to consider ways and means.

Although all members of the committee voted for the proposal, Democrats objected to its adoption now on the ground that it might embarrass the president. They contended it was a question which should be considered by President-elect Harding.

TARIFF BILL IS APPROVED

Senate Finance Committee Vote to Report Emergency Bill Monday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The Fordney emergency tariff bill, broadened to include practically all farm products, was approved today by the senate finance committee which voted to report it out Monday.

Salem High Defeats Unbeaten Corvallis Team

The Salem high school basketball team won last night at Corvallis over the high school team of that city, 21 to 14.

LORD MAYOR ADMITTED AS SEAMAN

Secretary Wilson Ignores State Department Deportation Order by Granting Mayor Right to Land

O'CALLAGHAN HAS FULFILLED MISSION

Secretary Davis Orders Immediate Investigation of Ruling

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Ignoring the state department's order of deportation, Secretary of Labor Wilson today granted Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork, who arrived in Newport News last week without a passport, permission to land as a seaman.

CLANCEY HEADS SCOUT COUNCIL

New Officers Elected and Program Made for Coming Year

At the regular annual meeting of the Salem council, Boy Scouts of America, held at the Commercial club rooms Friday night, E. B. Clancey, prominent in business circles of this city, was elected president of that organization for the coming year.

SHORT SELLING IS OPPOSED

Legislation Is Asked to Prohibit Speculative Future Trading

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Opposition to "short selling and every form of purely speculative future trading," was voiced in a brief from John M. Anderson, president of the Equity Co-Operative League of St. Paul, Minn., which was read before the house agriculture committee by Representative Young, Republican, North Dakota.

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E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, will be the principal speaker at the noon luncheon of the Salem Commercial club tomorrow.

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WOMAN BREAKS FAST HUSBAND HOLDS FIRM

MRS. HARRINGTON RECEIVES THREE REVELATIONS

"It Didn't Surprise Me, I Knew She Was Weakening Declares Her Mate

NO OLIGARCHY WILL CONTROL EXECUTIVE

WILLIS PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

International Obligations Will be Performed to Fullest Extent Is Prophecy

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—President-elect Harding will not be controlled by "that non-existent figment of a political brain, the so-called senate oligarchy and no individual, faction, clique or ring can speak for him," declared Frank B. Willis, who has been appointed senator for Ohio, in an address at the annual dinner of the Ohio Society of New York.

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VIEWS OF BRITISH OFFICIALS SOUGHT

Tariff Bill, Irish Question, Naval Program and Debt To Be Considered

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STEAMER IS LAUNCHED

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 15.—The 12,000-ton tank steamer Livingston Rowe was launched here today from the ways of the Guy M. Standifer corporation.

Policeman Loses \$50 to Pick Pocket in Court

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—"It's getting tough when a policeman isn't safe from thieves, even in court," complained Patrolman Pat Kenyon today when he applied to his precinct captain for a new street car pass.

REALEYDEALERS TO ORGANIZE

Organization is Expected to Develop Resources of Marion

Realty dealers of Marion county will meet at the Gray Belle at 6:30 o'clock, January 19, following which a permanent organization of realty dealers from all over the county will be effected at a meeting at the Commercial club rooms.

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HARDING CONCLUDES CONFERENCE SERIES

MILITARY POLICY GIVEN BY TILSON

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Standing as a monument to self-sacrifice and loving service and also to a generous-hearted people, the Salem Deaconess hospital is about to open its doors with gratitude to the citizens of Salem and vicinity, who have assisted in making possible a modern equipped refuge for the sick.

The hospital throughout is an example of well directed thought in economy of space and in the avoidance of needless expenditure, yet withal is arranged in such a way as to enable the hospital authorities to give to its patrons the best of service and an up-to-date equipment for the surgical department.

The structure is a three-story brick building of Mission style 36 by 120, contains 81 rooms, and is heated with a hot water system. It is finished throughout in the natural wood, with the exception of the operating and sterilizing rooms, which are done in white enamel.

A front entrance to the hospital is made from an artistic portico into a hall. On the right is the office, with receiving windows and desk. On the left through a pedestaled arch with tapered columns is the reception room.

The second floor is arranged much the same as the first, save that instead of the office and reception hall, is added a delightful sun parlor and library. Diet kitchens are to be found on all three floors.

A large and small operating room, sterilizing room, doctors wash rooms, rest rooms and lockers occupy a part of the third floor. To add to the efficiency of the hospital, elevators have been installed and a sanitary drinking fountain placed in the hall. Scenic porches will be built on both the east and west ends of the building which will be of great benefit to convalescent patients.

During the past week, the work of furnishing the various rooms has been in progress, and it will not be long before the hospital authorities will be ready to throw open the doors of the institution, and the Salem public will join them in being proud of an institution that has been made possible through united effort and co-operation. An appropriate program will be given on that day and the hospital will be open for inspection.

It is a matter of deep regret on the part of the hospital staff that one of its greatest benefactors, the late John H. Albert, was not permitted to see the completion and dedication of the hospital. In times of financial stress he was always ready with wise counsel and assistance. The site of both the old and the new hospitals was purchased from him on time payments on which no interest was charged, until the hospital had received a start. Mr. Albert watched the work of the erection of the new hospital with tender pride and it was his intention to have a large picture taken of the building and cut made to be used at the opening.

The hospital is the property of the sisterhood of Deaconesses of the Mennoite church. F. B. Wedel is president of the institution. Sister Marie, head deaconess, Sister Anna, superintendent of nurses and Sister Justine and Sister Lena, heads of departments. Five young women are now in training in the hospital and it is expected several will be added to this number as the work will be carried on on a much larger basis than heretofore.

The old hospital will continue to be used for hospital purposes along a special line of the work.