

PROBERS CHARGE CONSPIRACY IN BERGDOLL CASE

Prune Prices Fixed

Scale of Oregon and California Associations Out; 1920 Prices Out Average of 5 Cts.
Opening prices on this year's crop of prunes were announced this morning by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association together with the prices given out today by the California Prune & Apricot association.

The quotations announced by the Oregon organization are, on the average, about five cents lower than those of last year, and average a half a cent lower than the prices of the California growers. They are higher by half a cent than the announced price of Roseburg's.

The actual selling price of the Oregon growers, after deducting the box charge, follows: 30-40s, 10 1/2c; 40-50s, 9 1/2c; 50-60s, 7 1/2c; 60-70s, 5 1/2c; 70-80s, 4 1/2c; 80-90s, 3 1/2c; 90-100s, 2 1/2c; 100-120s, 1 1/2c.

The prices of the California association are: 30-40s, 11 1/2c; 40-50s, 9 1/2c; 50-60s, 7 1/2c; 60-70s, 5 1/2c; 70-80s, 4 1/2c; 80-90s, 3 1/2c; 90-100s, 2 1/2c; 100-120s, 1 1/2c.

The California crop from all estimates submitted so far is thought to be about 200,000,000 pounds, of which about 84 per cent will be handled by the California Prune & Apricot association.

The northwestern crop is estimated to be about 22,000,000 pounds, the majority of which is in values prunes, there being an estimated crop of Petties of around 2,000,000 pounds.

The bulk price offered by the two associations when the regular differential is added about the same difference. The quotation of the Oregon association is: 30-40s, 10 1/2c; 40-50s, 9 1/2c; 50-60s, 7 1/2c; 60-70s, 5 1/2c; 70-80s, 4 1/2c; 80-90s, 3 1/2c; 90-100s, 2 1/2c; 100-120s, 1 1/2c.

Planes made in England in 1913 numbered 120,000; last year the number made was only 50,000.

Foreign Trade Slump Is Attributed To War's Effect
Washington, Aug. 18.—The decrease of over \$2,000,000,000 in the value of the country's foreign trade during the past fiscal year was ascribed by the commerce department to the world wide trade depression coming as an aftermath of the war.

Independence Man Captured In Booze Raid Early Today

Dallas, Aug. 18.—B. F. Mills, of Independence, is today waiting pronouncement of his fate as a confessed violator of the prohibition laws, following his arrest at 1:30 this morning at his home by Sheriff John Orr, of Polk county. Mills, who has been under suspicion of the officers as a bootlegger for several months, was arrested as he returned to his home in his automobile early this morning after a search of his premises had revealed no liquor. His automobile, however, furnished the evidence—in it were found 20 gallons of moonshine whiskey.

Taken immediately before Justice of the Peace R. W. Baker, of Independence, Mills pleaded guilty to having the liquor in his possession, but declared that he was carrying it for other parties. Sheriff Orr is holding Mills' automobile and the liquor and will turn them over to the federal authorities.

Two months ago Mills, along with Forrest Brown, Jess Fox and Wright Cooper, was arrested in a raid on a still near Independence. In the trial which followed in the Dallas justice court the jury acquitted Mills and Brown; Cooper, who was a minor, was turned over to the juvenile court and later freed, and Fox was guilty, fined \$250 and sentenced to serve 60 days in jail. After serving his 60 days and having started to serve out his fine in jail, Fox was pardoned by Governor Olcott on the strength of a petition for leniency signed by jurors who convicted him, Sheriff Orr, Circuit Judge Harry H. Belt and other Polk county citizens.

Preparations are being made by the New York offices of the relief administration to start food ships to Danzig with famine supplies for Russia.

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 18.—Maxim Litvinoff, the soviet envoy in the Russian famine relief negotiations here with Walter Lyman Brown of the American relief administration, has gone to the very limit in making concessions to meet the demands of the American organization, says the newspaper Novy Put, the bolshevik organ here.

M. Litvinoff already has exceeded his instructions, the newspaper insists, and in the event of an unsatisfactory reply from Mr. Brown of the points still in dispute, "the negotiations can be considered as without result" it declares.

The committee as selected by L. G. Hayford, president of the association, is composed of Arthur E. Petersen, Mrs. Gertrude M. Page and Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn. The report of the committee will be made at a future meeting.

The paper of A. C. Bohrastedt, as among the best of those submitted by members of the association as best advertising the county of Marion, was accepted by the organization and it was voted to send the writer to the Tacoma convention.

William Squires, advertising manager of the Oregon Statesman, spoke briefly on the subject of advertising. Mr. Squires emphasized the value of obtaining affidavits of crops harvested and the net financial return to the farmer as an advertising asset to the county and as an aid to the sale of real estate.

Charles J. Lisle, magazine writer, and representative of the Oregon Statesman and Pacific Homestead, stated that this had been done with great success in Idaho and had stimulated interest during the war in the farm lands of that state.

Deaf Grocer Thinks Thug Friend; Shot

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 18.—Deafness is responsible for A. A. Hoidal, 65, a grocer, being in a local hospital today with two bullet wounds in his head. When a robber entered his store last night and ordered him to hold up his hands, Mr. Hoidal understood that he was offering to help lift a bale of hay. After shooting the grocer, the handit took a small sum from the cash drawer.

China Accepts Washington, Aug. 18.—China's formal acceptance of President Harding's invitation to participate in the discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern questions here was received today at the state department.

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Ruth Slams 46th Homer Over Fence

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Moros Killed For Complaints by Constabulary

Manila, Aug. 18.—Charges that members of the Philippine constabulary are killing Moros in Mindanao for complaining of abuses to the Wood-Forbes commission are contained in a telegram received by Charles E. Yeater, acting governor of the Philippines, from E. S. Lyon, an American oil prospector in Mindanao, and issued by Yeater for publication.

The telegram said: "Dato Amil Mandelago and other prominent dates in Lanao are in fear of their lives because they made complaints to General Wood. One date and three men were killed, one woman and one girl were killed, two men and one boy were wounded by constabulary on August 13."

Prominent dates say constabulary officers told moros they would kill all dates who made complaints. On August 14, the constabulary beat up six Moros request that you (Yeater) telegraph the constabulary not to kill them and notify General Wood."

Brigadier General Rafael Crame, commanding the constabulary, has ordered an investigation and Mr. Yeater has referred the matter to General Wood.

Yacht Seized Booze Is Found

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 18.—Police early today took seven men and four women into custody in a spectacular seizure of the steam yacht Venice, said to be in the service of a whiskey ring operating in Canada and the United States. The seizure, made at Whiteport Island, west of the Cuyahoga river, netted ninety five cases of imported wines and liquors.

Three Views of Dr. Brumfield



Brumfield's Return To Roseburg Set For Friday

Portland, Or., Aug. 18.—Dr. R. M. Brumfield, dentist, arrested in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and temporarily held in the county jail here, pending his removal to Roseburg, where he is wanted in connection with the death of Dennis Russell on the night of July 12 last, will be lodged in Roseburg jail some time tomorrow, Sheriff S. W. Starmer of Roseburg, who has charge of the prisoner, announced today. The hour of Brumfield's departure from Portland and the time of his arrival in Roseburg would not be disclosed by the sheriff. Sheriff Starmer said he did not anticipate the slightest danger in landing his prisoner in the Douglas county jail, but he would take no chances.

Ashurst Rebels On Beer Bill

Arizona Senator Says He Will Not Be Party to Legislation Weakening Dry Laws
Washington, Aug. 18.—The presence of Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, at a meeting of the conferees on the anti-beer bill was characterized in the senate today by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, as "unwarranted and unmitigated insolence."

After more than two hours of debate, Senator Sterling's motion to send the beer bill to conference and to insist upon retention of the senate amendments was adopted without a record vote.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, announced that he had refused to participate in further conferences on the anti-beer bill "because of an evident intention on the part of the conferees to weaken and destroy the effect of the Stanley amendment, adopted unanimously by the senate."

As a member of the judiciary committee Senator Ashurst was named one of the senate managers, but it developed that he withdrew from the meeting Tuesday night. He declared that he would "not return to take part in the conferences if the conferees proposed to agree to any amendment which will directly or indirectly permit the manufacture of vinous, malt or spirituous liquors in the home or elsewhere for beverage purposes."

Senator Ashurst declined to comment on published reports that Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, sat with the conferees yesterday and assisted in the work of trying to get the house and senate together on provisions of the bill. "I was not present," he said. Search Warrant Clause. The Stanley amendment adopted by the senate provided that prohibition agents must have search

Three Named In Plot

Majority Report to House Lays Blame to Ansell Hunt and Cresson; Disagrees
Washington, Aug. 18.—Samuel Tilden Ansell, former acting judge advocate general of the army and of the prisoners legal counsel, Colonel John E. Hunt and Colonel C. C. Cresson were charged with conspiracy in connection with the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdall, the draft evader, in a report signed by three of the five members of a special investigating committee, filed today with the house.

Characterizing Ansell as "the master mind" in the plan by which Bergdall was released from a military prison under guard, to dig up a pot of gold, the majority report recommended that he be disbarred from practicing in the courts of the nation "above whose safety and integrity he has placed gold."

Minority Defends Ansell. A minority report filed at the same time held, however, that there was no testimony to support the charge that Ansell, through whose efforts as counsel the prisoner was released, "conspired to effectuate his escape" or that his motive was improper. One republican, Representative Risting of Indiana, and two democrats, Johnson of Kentucky and Flood of Virginia signed the majority report. The minority views were presented by Chairman Peters of Maine and Representative McArthur of Oregon, republicans. The majority finding is the first of the many investigating reports submitted to the house since the

Rickard Faces Arrest; Films Of Fight Cause

Chicago, Aug. 18.—A warrant for the arrest of Tex Rickard, promoter of the Dempsey-Carpentier boxing match, was sworn out this afternoon by John V. Clinton, assistant district attorney. Rickard was charged with violation of the federal law prohibiting interstate transportation of fight films. Rickard exhibited films of the Dempsey-Carpentier match before an audience of wounded soldiers here last night.

Forest Patrol To Be Resumed

Portland, Or., Aug. 18.—Aerial patrol of Oregon forests will be resumed in a few days, it was announced today after a conference of forest service, air service and timber interest representatives. If the supply of gasoline reported to have been shipped to Oregon stations by the war department air service is not available in time, gasoline will be supplied by fire fighting organizations until the army shipment arrives, those participating in the conference stated.

Hightower Says Plea Not Guilty

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—William A. Hightower, itinerant baker, will plead not guilty of the murder of Rev. Patrick Heelan, Oelma priest, he announced today to District Attorney Franklin Swart of San Mateo county. Hightower spent a restless night in the Redwood City jail and this morning declined any food except boiled milk and some pears that were a gift from the district attorney.

Leary's Meeting Date Set. Paris, Aug. 18.—The special meeting of the council of the league of nations to take up the question of Upper Silesia, referred to it by the allied supreme council will be held in Geneva beginning August 25. Viscount Ishii, president of the league council, sent out an official call for the meeting today.

Soft Drink Vendors Put On Free List

Washington, Aug. 18.—Elimination from the republic tax bill of the section proposing a license tax of \$10 a year on vendors of soft drinks was agreed upon today by majority members of the ways and means committee which general debate on the measure was continuing in the house. Another amendment adopted would exempt from income tax all sums received as pensions or allowances from the government by veterans of all wars or their dependents.

Lloyd-George Pleads for Japs

London, Aug. 18.—Prime Minister Lloyd-George, in a statement in the house of commons today concerning the recent conference of imperial premiers, said the conference had recognized unanimously that Japan had loyally observed the alliance with Great Britain during the war. He asked if it was right that Great Britain should now turn about and say to Japan: "Thank you for the trouble you have taken, but we don't want you any longer."

Double Job For Wood Opposed

Washington, Aug. 18.—Opposition developed today in the house to the senate bill which would permit Major General Leonard Wood to accept the governorship of the Philippines without giving up his army commission. A meeting of the military committee was called by Chairman Kahn for tomorrow to take up the bill. Representative McKinsie, republican, Illinois, said it would be a dangerous precedent to permit an army officer to hold a civilian position while he holds his military commission.

Wife Denies Calling Her Kids 'Brats'

Denying that she slapped her youngsters, put them to bed without sufficient food and called them "brats," Goldie May Sharpe filed her answer to the cross complaint of her husband, Claude Clayton Sharpe, charging her with being careless about the home and asking for divorce.

She further denies that she cut up her shoes so that she could not go out with her husband and complained to relatives that he would not supply her sufficient clothing. Mrs. Sharpe admits, however, that she escaped from her husband's mountain home and fled with her children to home of her parents in southern Oregon on one occasion and that she refused to let him see or visit the children thereafter.

Mrs. Sharpe filed her complaint some time ago charging that her husband subjected her to cruel and inhuman treatment.

Mahoney's Sanity To Be Investigated

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 17.—A commission of five alienists and physicians today began an examination to determine the mental condition of James E. Mahoney, charged with murder of the alleged slaying of his wife, Kate M. Mahoney, here last April. The hearing was ordered yesterday after Lee Johnston, Mahoney's attorney, had filed a complaint charging Mahoney was insane. Mrs. Nora Mahoney, the prisoner's mother, and Mrs. Dollie Johnson, his sister, were the first witnesses called at the hearing. Attorney Johnston requested that the commission be discharged and a jury called to try Mahoney on the insanity charge, but the request was denied. The public was excluded. The city of Yumbill is busy making permanent connections on the new water mains on the streets over which the new highway runs.