

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Doings of the World at Large Told in Brief.

General Resume of Important Events Presented in Condensed Form for Our Busy Readers.

New Mexico will vote on her new constitution December 19.

New York City has discarded five of its city automobiles as expensive and unnecessary.

Secretary Wilson predicts a return of hard times under a Democratic control of congress.

Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, has been dangerously ill for some time, but is now improving.

More than \$166,000 was earned by students of Columbia university, New York, during the past year.

Secretary Wilson says "the Western homesteaders is increasing the cost of meat by taking up the ranges."

The full committee on elections and privileges in the senate will investigate the bribery charges against Senator Lorimer.

Aviator Hoxsey made a fine flight at Denver, reaching an altitude of 2,500 feet and going into the clouds during a heavy snow storm.

In the constitutional convention in Arizona, the effort to abolish taxes for road purposes failed, and the state debt is limited to \$200,000.

Representative-elect Littleton, of the first district of New York, which includes Oyster Bay, in a speech roundly scored the "New Nationalism."

Five men made a balloon trip of 110 miles in a 65-mile gale in Rhode Island. All were badly bruised on landing and one was rendered unconscious.

Modern sanitary methods have lowered the death rate in Manila from 40 per thousand to 34.9. The death rate is lowest among the American residents.

A Princeton graduate now living in Canada has presented the university with a small tin of tea which is alleged to be a part of the cargo thrown overboard in Boston harbor by the famous Boston Tea Party in 1773.

Prohibition and woman's suffrage were both defeated in Arizona.

A 13-year-old New York boy died of injuries received in a football game.

England's house of lords will submit to reforming, rather than lose the veto power.

Striking garment workers in Chicago resume rioting and one policeman was wounded by a revolver shot.

Montana sheepmen are selling their sheep to Canadian ranchers on account of the scarcity of feed.

The inspector of weights and measures of the U. S. department of commerce, found nearly every merchant in Butte, Mont., was giving short weights.

The secretary-treasurer of the California Building association says the American Federation of Labor will spend millions if necessary, to unionize Los Angeles.

The new Chinese minister of war and the viceroy of Manchuria have warned their government that energetic measures must be taken immediately or Manchuria will be taken by Japan and Russia.

Mayor Simon, of Portland, has recommended a tax levy of 6 mills.

Republicans will control the next Idaho legislature, although they lost the governorship.

Standard Oil company has won a sweeping decision in its fight with the government in Indiana.

All indications are that Champ Clark, of Missouri, will be the next speaker of the house of representatives.

About 500 union men have quit work on the new Los Angeles aqueduct, demanding an increase of wages to cover the increased cost of meals served to them.

Test explosions on the monitor Puritan did more damage than was expected, and the ship had to be towed quickly to dry dock to prevent her sinking.

Deputy sheriffs seized the power plant of the Tacoma street railway company for back taxes, and the company handed over the sum demanded, amounting to \$132,154.

Chief Engineer Gothals says the Panama canal will be in use a year sooner than was expected, but he will use that year in perfecting machinery and training his men, so the official opening will be January 1, 1915, as originally intended.

Count Leo Tolstoi is seriously ill.

It is reported a band of armed Mexicans are marching on Rock Springs, Texas.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, says congressmen are cowards.

The hostility of labor unions to organized militia causes great pessimism in army circles.

Aviator Ely successfully flew from the deck of a cruiser at sea and reached land without mishap.

The opera of "Armed," written over 100 years ago, was reproduced in New York and made a great hit.

A pardon is sought for Banker Walsh, now serving time in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

"Bad Jake" Noble, a Kentucky feudist who had killed three men, was himself shot to death by a sheriff's posse.

A power schooner carrying 13 passengers en route from Nome, Alaska, for Seattle, is missing and is believed to have foundered.

COUNT TOLSTOI IS DEAD.

Greatest Reformer and Humanitarian of Modern Times.

Astapova, Russia, Nov. 20.—Without being received back into the Orthodox Greek church, and knowing that the end had arrived, Count Leo Tolstoi died at an early hour this morning. There was apparently no suffering, as death came as the dying man slept.

The patient slept for a little while, seemingly breathing more comfortably than usual. Dr. Thturovsky and Dr. Usouff, nevertheless, in a statement to Tolstoi's son, Michael, held out but slight hope and did not hesitate to predict a quick end, under ordinary mortal circumstances.

Tolstoi, they said, was a splendid patient in mind and body, except the heart.

In one of the heart attacks, Tolstoi was alone with his eldest daughter, Tatiana. He suddenly clutched her hand and drew her to him. He seemed to be choking but was able to whisper:

"Now the end has come; that is all."

Tatiana was greatly frightened and tried to free herself so she might call the doctor, but her father would not release her. She called loudly from where she sat. The physician injected camphor, which had an almost immediate effect in relieving the pressure.

Tolstoi soon raised his head and then drew himself up to a sitting position. When he had recovered his breath he said:

"There are millions of people and many suffers in the world. Why always anxious about me?"

Tolstoi put up a hard fight against the disease. The spread of the inflammation of the lungs had been checked, but it was necessary to resort to powerful stimulants frequently to keep the heart going.

It was long recognized that Tolstoi's case was hopeless, and at 5 o'clock in the morning, after the countess had been summoned and other members of the family had gathered in an adjoining room, the physicians issued a bulletin announcing that the activity of the heart had almost ceased and that the count's condition was extremely dangerous.

Tolstoi, accompanied only by Dr. Makovetski, left his home at Yasnyaya Poliana with the purpose of ending his days in solitude, to which he more and more inclined in his later years. His

Special Session on Capital.

Guthrie, Okla.—A call for a special session of the Oklahoma legislature has been issued by Governor Haskell. The session will begin in Guthrie November 28. The governor declined to say for what purpose the session was called, but it is understood that a bill providing for the removal of the state capital from Guthrie to Oklahoma City will be introduced. The bill will provide for a special election to be held instead of the one declared by the State Supreme court to have been illegal through a technicality.

Death List Grows to 170.

Mexico City.—Estimates of the number killed in the fight between soldiers and police on one side and revolutionists on the other at Puebla continue to be placed at from 100 to 170. Dispatches from that city say it is certain more than 100 had been killed in the conflict. Aquiles Cerdan, whose house was the scene of the fight, was killed while resisting arrest in a tunnel where he had taken refuge. He fought to the last, firing at the officers as soon as they found his hiding place.

Oil Lands Given to Indians.

Guthrie, Okla.—Word was received from Washington that the attorney general had requested the commissioner of Indian affairs to stop the sale by the Indian agent at Pawhuska, Okla., of Turkey Island, in the Arkansas river.

The island, claimed by the state, is said to be worth \$500,000 in oil deposits. Since oil was discovered the island has been allotted to the Osage Indians as part of a surplus allotment.

Union of 800,000 Girls Aimed.

New York.—The Woman's Trade Union league of New York has formed a large committee which will endeavor to unionize all of the 800,000 working girls in Greater New York. With this end in view the city is to be divided into districts, each member of the committee to be in charge of a district.

pilgrimage led him to the monastery at Shamardine, in the province of Kalouza, where he remained as the guest of his sister, Marie, who is a nun in the cloister.

Learning that his retreat had been discovered, he insisted upon proceeding on his journey to the Caucasus, where he hoped to spend his last days close to the Tolstoin colony on the shores of the Black sea.

But on the railroad journey he was overcome with exhaustion and the cold, and Dr. Makovetski was compelled to have him transferred to the flag station at Astapova, where he was made as comfortable as possible in the rude wooden building.

For five days he had lain there, suffering first from bronchitis and later from inflammation of the lungs. Specialists were called from Moscow and other places, but notwithstanding their utmost efforts the heart of the great Russian responded but feebly to restoratives and stimulants administered.

Saturday the attacks of heart failure increased alarmingly, and many hours prior to the end the physicians had given up all hope. Countess Tolstoi was admitted to the sick room for the first time last night, but her husband failed to recognize her.

She had hastened to him when she learned several days ago that his illness

was serious, but the physicians had deemed it advisable that she be kept away from the count, fearing that her presence might cause the patient emotion.

Other members of the family from time to time were admitted to the presence of their father, and his daughter, Alexandra, has been in constant attendance.

INDIAN'S PLEA PATHETIC.

Appeal Made That Trolley Company Save Their Cemetery.

Los Angeles.—The most pathetic remnant of Indians on the American continent—the Cupenos, in San Diego county—are preparing a remarkable appeal to H. E. Huntington. They ask him to restore to them the little cemetery on Warner's ranch, the land from which they have been evicted. In the burial ground most of their dead lie. The fences have fallen, the crude crosses have toppled over, and the graves are sunken, but the place is sacred to them.

The ground is in litigation, and may not be Huntington's, but the simple people somehow heard of him as a great rich man, more powerful than the White Father at Washington, who exiled them, so they are turning to the trolley magnate for help. The cemetery is near valuable hot springs.

One of the most touching dramas of the generation was witnessed on Warner's ranch a few days ago, when an old man of the tribe fell at the altar rail of the deserted chapel of the old Indian village and begged the privilege of dying on the spot where his boyhood was spent, that he might be laid where his forefathers slept.

New Star is Discovered.

Boston.—The third new star to be discovered at Harvard college observatory in the last six weeks is announced by Professor Edward C. Pickering. Miss A. J. Cannon, of the observatory staff, found the star in an examination of old photographic plates taken August 10, '89. It appears in the constellation Sagittarius from that date until October, 1911. The observatory has received advices from Captain T. E. Dewitt Veeder, superintendent of the naval observatory, that Cerulli's comet was observed on November 11.

London Bank Has Run.

London.—The run on the Birkbeck bank which began Saturday following the circulation of an anonymous circular, falsely connecting the institution with the Charing Cross bank, which failed recently, was continued with increased excitement Monday. When the doors were opened an hour earlier than usual an enormous crowd was waiting to withdraw deposits. The Birkbeck people say they have \$4,000,000 in cash in their vaults.

Blackmailers Has Reason.

Washington.—Peter Lilljohn, who wrote a threatening letter to John D. Rockefeller, demanding \$50,000, was held to the grand jury in \$1,000 bail. The prisoner said he had no home and wanted to be arrested to obtain shelter.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OUR HOME STATE

BURNED AREAS RESEEDED.

Forest Service Men Plant Larch and Pine Near Bear Creek.

Wallawa.—Local officers of the Forest service have begun to plant 45 acres of an old burned area on the headwaters of Bear creek to European larch and Scotch pine. They are using the seed-spot method. In all over 300 acres have been planted in the Wallawa national forest this year, but all but the Bear Creek burn are in areas burned over this year.

The Bear Creek burn, which is several years old, is on the watershed of Wallawa's water supply and as it has not reforested from natural sources, the forest service has resorted to artificial means to better protect the storehouse for the city's summer supply of water. The method used consists of digging seed spots six feet apart each way and planting the tree seeds. While the loss of seed in this manner is a very large percentage, it is considered one of the most economical ways of reforesting burned over areas.

The work is under the direction of Supervisor H. W. Harris, and six men are employed.

WAY TO IMPROVE ROADS.

What is Known as "Splitting Drag" Being Introduced.

Portland.—The Pacific Highway association is sending out information in regard to the operation and construction of the "King Drag" or "Split Log Drag" for the immediate improvement of road conditions on the Pacific Coast. This information has been sent to every county commissioner in the counties of the state of California, Oregon and Washington, through which the proposed Pacific highway will pass, in order to put this inexpensive method of road improvement into wider fields, not alone for the Pacific Highway but for general thoroughfares.

Great encouragement is being constantly afforded the Pacific Highway association in this endeavor by better road conditions, especially by the Seattle Automobile club, which at its last meeting voted to affiliate and financially assist the P. H. A.

Railroad Reaches Butte Falls.

Cottage Grove.—The Pacific & Eastern railroad has reached Butte Falls. The last bridge was crossed Sunday and work will be rapid from this time on until the line is ready for use to the timber city.

The road is planning to inaugurate a regular train service to Butte Falls as early as possible. In all probability an excursion will be run in the near future, giving all an opportunity of inspecting the new line.

The Pacific & Eastern belongs to the Hill people and consists of 30 miles of standard track between Medford and Butte Falls. The line is surveyed and ready for grading from Butte Falls to a point on the main line of the Oregon Trunk coming down the Deschutes country.

100,000 Acres Will Be Reclaimed.

Crescent.—Actual work of reclaiming several thousand acres of land near Crescent will be inaugurated early in the spring. All the necessary surveying has been completed.

Some 100,000 acres of land will be irrigated with water to be taken from Crescent and Fish lakes. The project, it is understood, is fathered by the Hunter Land company, of Portland, who own about half of the land affected.

The rest will be watered in conjunction with the government reclamation service. About 100 miles of canal will be required. All the land lies west of Crescent, and it now is covered for the most part, with black pine. The country is said to have great promise as a dairying region.

One Teasel-Grower Left.

Oregon City.—With the sale of the Samuel E. Gregory farm, at Carus, there remains only one teasel grower in Clackamas county. He is George E. Gregory, at Molalla.

Gregory brothers came here 15 years ago, and George Gregory bought the teasel farm of J. N. Sawtell, at Molalla. S. E. Gregory has just disposed of his ranch, 57 acres, with the buildings and 25 acres of timber, to Noah Christner, of Eugene, for \$150 per acre. The other 120 acres were purchased by Herman Smith, of Aurora, for \$90 an acre. The new owners will not attempt teasel raising, but will confine their labors to general farming.

Mr. Gregory will go to the Palouse country, in Washington, where he believes opportunities for successful teasel growing are better than here.

Branded Tallow as Lard.

McMinnville.—Deputy Food Inspector W. B. Duncan has filed a complaint in the justice court against the butcher firm of Matthies & Co., of this city, for violation of the pure food law, namely, for misbranding lard with tallow in it as pure lard. They pleaded guilty before Justice Hopfield, and were fined \$25 and costs. Matthies & Co. had only two weeks ago sold their business to Shriver and Swigert and were out of the butcher business entirely, but the lard tested had been manufactured and branded by them.

Class Freight Rates Reduced.

Salem.—An order made by the railroad commission reduces class freight rates between Hillsboro and Portland over the West Side division of the Southern Pacific company, and between Hillsboro and Banks, on the new incomplete line of the Pacific Railway & Navigation company. In some instances reduction between Portland and Banks is nearly 20 per cent, in other instances no reductions have been made.

Coos County Dry.

Marshfield.—Complete returns show that Coos county has gone dry by 23 votes. It is held by the wet faction that the Marshfield charter is such that the city can continue the saloons regardless of the county, but others claim that this matter must be decided in court. This is the first time the county ever went dry.

OREGON TO GIVE THANKS.

Governor Benson Issues Proclamation to People of State.

Salem.—Governor F. W. Benson has issued the annual Thanksgiving proclamation in the following words:

"Thanksgiving Proclamation: 'In accordance with the time-honored custom of setting apart one day in the year in remembrance of blessings vouchsafed to us by Almighty God, and in conformity with the proclamation of William Howard Taft, president of the United States, I, F. W. Benson, governor of the state of Oregon, by authority in me vested, do hereby designate Thursday, November 24, as Thanksgiving Day, and I earnestly recommend that upon that day the people of this state desist from their usual vocations and repair to their respective places of worship, there to give grateful thanks to Almighty God for his goodness and loving kindness to us and to all mankind.'

"I further recommend, as a fitting observance of the day, that out of our abundance we remember the poor and destitute among us, and that by deeds of mercy and charity we make it an occasion of comfort and happiness to others. Let us also devote the day to the enjoyment of hospitality and the strengthening of family ties; to inspiring sentiments of loyalty to our country and respect for its laws and institutions.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be hereunto affixed. Done at the Capitol, Salem, Oregon, this 15th day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten."

Stock Law Violation.

Portland.—Charging a violation of the 28-hour stock shipment law, the United States has brought suit against the O. R. & N. company for \$500. The shipment was made from Salem by A. W. Ried and consisted of 10 head of cattle consigned to himself at Twin Falls, Idaho. It is charged that the railway company carried the stock past places where it could have been unloaded, watered and fed and that it caused the animals to remain aboard the train 49 hours continuously without attention.

Timber Brings \$100,000.

Astoria.—Deeds were filed for record here whereby the Ferguson & Stewart Timber company and the Astoria Title & Trust company sell to the Crown-Columbia Pulp & Paper company, of Oregon City, 5,000 acres of timber land five miles south of Svenson in this county. While the consideration named in the deeds is purely nominal, it is understood the price paid is slightly over \$100,000. Much of the timber is spruce, with some fir.

Ship Prunes East.

Eugene.—The Eugene Fruit Growers' association has shipped 15 cars of prunes to New York this season. The association also shipped out 20 cars of apples and there are about 15 cars more to be packed and shipped. There is much of the canned product still on hand, though a great deal has been shipped.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat.—Track prices: Bluestem, 79c; club, 77c; red Russian, 74c; valley, 78c; 40-fold, 78c.

Barley.—Feed, \$20.50@21 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$25 per ton; middlings, \$33; shorts, \$27; rolled barley, \$24@25.

Hay.—Track prices: Timothy, Willamette valley, \$19@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$21@22; alfalfa, new, \$15 @16; grain hay, \$14.

Corn.—Whole, \$31; cracked, \$32 ton. Oats—\$27@28 per ton.

Poultry.—Hens, 17c; springs, 15c@16c; ducks, white, 16c; geese, 11c; turkeys, live, 20c@22c; dressed, 25c@26c; squabs, \$2 per dozen.

Eggs.—Oregon ranch, candled, 40c@42c; Eastern, Aprils, 30c@32c; Eastern fresh, 36c@37c.

Butter.—City creamery, solid pack, 36c per pound; prints, 37c@37c; outside creamery, 35c@36c; butter fat, 36c; country store, 24c@25.

Pork.—Fancy, 12c@12c per pound. Veal.—Fancy, 85 to 125 pounds, 12c @13c.

Apples.—King, 40c@75c per box; Wolf River, 75c@81c; Waxen, 85c@1.25; Baldwin, 75c@1.25; Northern Spy, 75c@1.25; Snow, 1.25c@1.50; Spitzenberg, 1.25c@2c; Winter Banana, 1.25c@3.50.

Green Fruits.—Pears, 1.25c@2c per box; grapes, 1.25c@1.50; cranberries, 85c@9c per barrel; huckleberries, 60c @8c per pound.

Vegetables.—Beans, 10c@11c per pound; cabbage, 3c@4c; cauliflower, California, \$2.25 per crate; celery, 50 @80c per doz; pumpkin, 16c@1c per pound; sprouts, 7c@8c; squash, 1c @1c; tomatoes, 1.25 per box; carrots, 1c@1.25 per hundred; parsnips, 1c @1.25; turnips, 1c.

Potatoes.—Oregon, 1.25c@1.30 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Onions.—Oregon, buying prices, \$1.10 per hundred.

Hops.—1910 crop, 12c@13c; 1909 crop, 6c; olds, nominal.

Wool.—Eastern Oregon, 13c@17c per pound; valley, 17c@19c; mohair, choice, 32c@33c.

Cattle.—Beef steers, good to choice, \$5.25@6.65; fair to medium, \$4.50@5; choice steers, \$4.75@5.75; good to choice beef cows, \$4.50@4.75; medium to good, \$3.50@4; common, \$2@3.50; bulls, \$3.50@4; stags, good to choice, \$4@4.50; calves, light, \$7 @7.50; heavy, \$4@5.25.

Hogs.—Top, \$9.25@9.50; fair to medium, \$9@9.25.

Sheep.—Best valley wethers, \$3.25 @3.50; fair to good wethers, \$3@3.25; best yearling wethers, \$4.25@4.75; best valley ewes, \$3.50@4; lambs, choice mountain, \$5.25@5.75; choice valley, \$4.75@5.

ONE HUNDRED DIE IN RIOTS

Mexican Police Have Fierce Fight With Anti-re-electionists.

Mexico City.—One hundred persons, including the chief of police, were killed in riots at Puebla, according to statements of passengers arriving here. The stories told are that the trouble began when several policemen, headed by the chief, attempted to break up a meeting of anti-re-electionists being held in a large hall. As the chief and his men advanced toward the building, a door was opened by a woman, who shot the chief.

A fight then began between the police and the occupants. A bomb was thrown from one of the windows in the midst of the policemen and rurales, the latter having been called to assist the officers. The bomb exploded, killing many. The other casualties occurred in the course of fighting which took place in the street. So far as known there were no Americans killed.

The passengers further asserted that from midnight until they left Puebla in the afternoon there was continuous rioting, and while the anti-re-electionists had been dislodged from the building, fears were entertained that the disorders were by no means at an end.

From other sources in Mexico City it was learned that the Seventeenth battalion left here late today by a special train, and that other trains were in readiness to transport additional troops to the scene if necessary. It was officially stated here that 18 men had been killed in Puebla.

A telegram from Puebla stated that the first regiment of Federal troops had arrived, as had also a corps of rurales. These, under the command of General Luis Valle and Eduardo Caux, were being led against the houses in which the rebels were fortified and were attacking, shouting:

"Long live the supreme government."

The Maderistas, as they have come to be known, were keeping up a hot fire from the windows and balconies.

A feature of the fighting was the part played by women. The wife of Joseph Cerdan, who killed the chief of police, was in turn killed by the fire of the troops. Several other women who were in the house are said to have appeared upon the balcony and taken part in the conflict. When the place was captured several were found among the dead and wounded.

ASKS FOR FLEET AND LARGE STANDING ARMY

San Francisco.—The opening gun of what is designed to secure a battleship fleet in the Pacific and an increase in the standing army of 25 regiments of infantry, and cavalry and artillery in proportion, and the rehabilitation of the American merchant marine, was fired Sunday when permanent organization of the Pacific Slope congress was effected.

Steps were also taken toward organizing a "Pacific Coast Defense League" which, it is hoped by those behind the movement, will extend to the rest of the country and bring about the formation of a National Defense League.

Following the adoption of a constitution for the Pacific Slope congress and the election of officers for the ensuing year, the delegates from 10 states and territories of the West adopted resolutions strongly urging the desired increase in military and naval power and the upbuilding of a merchant marine, and adjourned.

The congress came to an end with a brilliant banquet to the delegates at the Palace hotel, at which covers were laid for 500.

Voodoo Is Insanity Cure.

Cincinnati.—Voodoo charms and similar methods were prescribed as a cure for insanity by Mrs. Clara Barnes, according to a story told by Mrs. Mary J. Koehler before a United States commission here. As a result the former was held to a United States grand jury for using the mails to defraud. The fortune teller made her give up \$50 as a retaining fee, Mrs. Koehler said. Then later she charged \$5 for a "magnetic charm," and also she put \$10 in gold in a cigar box full of salt. The gold disappeared.

Prosecutor on Way West.

Washington.—B. D. Townend, special assistant to the attorney general, assigned to prosecute persons recently indicted at Tacoma and Spokane for alleged fraud in connection with the acquisition of Alaska coal lands, left for the West Saturday. Townend, while here, discussed the manner of handling the government case. He also discussed with the attorney general future steps to be taken in the Oregon California land grant suit, in which an appeal is anticipated if the District court decides in favor of the government.

Tug Rammed; Four Drowned.

San Francisco.—Four men, comprising the crew of the sea-going tug Sea Prince, were drowned here when the British steamer Greystoke Castle rammed and sank the tug in the bay off Angel island. Captain Langren, of the Sea Prince, was the only man on the tug that was saved. The tug was towing the steamer. The latter suddenly gained a strong headway and before the tug could get out of the way she was rammed and cut in two.

Acting Governor Escapes.

Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe.—An attempt on the life of Acting Governor William Fawcett was made here Saturday. A carriage occupied by the governor was fired on and four bullets passed through the upper part of the vehicle. The assailant escaped. The shooting has caused much excitement. One hundred marines from the French cruiser Amiral Aube have been landed.

Man Dies at Great Age.

San Diego, Cal.—Juan Bureel, a Mexican, who, it is said, was 122 years, 4 months and 20 days old, died Saturday at the home of relatives at Los Coches, Bureel was born in Sonora, Mexico, and was an uncle of a former constable at El Cajon. The age as given to the undertaker is declared to be authentic.

LOWER PRICES PACKERS' TRICK

Dr. Wiley Believes Reduction Is Subterfuge of Trust.

"Interests" Thought to Be After Some Independent Packers—High Feed Real Cause.

Washington.—The so-called reduction in the price of meats is a deliberate manipulation of the market, according to Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, in a statement made here.

"The interests which manipulated the prices," said Dr. Wiley, "temporarily have released their hold on our throats for the purpose of getting a fresh grip. The so-called reduction in meats is fictitious.