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## WHEAT PRICE IS FIXED AT TWO TWENTY

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARRIVES AT DETERMINATION OF COMPROMISE

## FARMERS WANT THREE DOLLARS

### Meeting of Growers Called to Protest, but National Government Says Price Will Be Kept

Washington, Aug. 29.—The wheat price-fixing committee, headed by Dr. H. A. Garfield, today after three days deliberations, announced that it had agreed upon a price. The price of No. 1 northern (spring) was fixed at \$2.20 a bushel at Chicago for the 1917 crop.

Labor representatives on the committee voted first for \$1.84 and the farmers for \$2.50. After long discussion, the compromise at \$2.20 was approved unanimously.

The president's announcement of the deliberation, stated:

The price now recommended by that committee—\$2.20 per bushel at Chicago for the basic grade—will be rigidly adhered to by the food administration.

"It is the hope and expectation of the food administration and my own, also, that this step will at once stabilize and keep within moderate bounds the price of wheat for all transactions throughout the present crop year, and, in consequence, the prices of flour and bread also."

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—The non-partisan league has issued invitations for representatives from all wheat growing states to meet here within two weeks to discuss the government fixed wheat prices. The league wants higher prices, probably three dollars per bushel.

## METAL STARS FOUND FOLLOWING AIR RAID

London, Aug. 10.—(By mail)—Many small, five-pointed brass stars were found in one neighborhood of London after the terrific aerial bombardment of July 7, and the authorities wonder where they came from. It is not certain whether they were among the missiles enclosed in the German shrapnel bombs but the public never heard of star-shaped bullets in British shrapnel.

## AMERICAN AMBULANCE DRIVERS OF FRENCH ARMY HAPPEN UPON BUNCH OF HOME BOYS

American Field Headquarters, France, Aug. 5.—(By mail)—Cruising along in their silent blue ambulance train, 40 young American chauffeurs at dusk today happened onto a detachment of a new army in France—their own army, the Americans.

The foremost driver, slumped back until he was sitting on his shoulderblades, started upright at what he saw. The next instant he leaped clear out of his seat with an Indian yell and threw himself into the midst of the soldiers from home, shaking hands right and left. The answering yells from 50 lusty troopers fresh from civilian life back home, brought the remainder of the ambulance boys tumbling from their cars to hear American spoken by American soldiers.

The American soldiers were riding on a big motor truck on whose dull brown hood was painted in black the magic letters "U. S. 1st DIV." Clambering onto the truck the chauffeurs crowded it until all piled off into the square to talk it over.

The ambulance men learned about the American war from their own

## FOOD SHORTAGE CAUSE OF RIOTS

### Militia in Petrograd Kept Busy Suppressing Anti-Government Riots Due to Scarcity of Foodstuffs

New York, Aug. 31.—The Petrograd militia is busy suppressing anti-government riots and counter-revolutionary tendencies, according to a special cable received here by a Jewish daily.

Postals, calling for an armed uprising against the government have been destroyed and several attempts to start street demonstrations were vigorously quelled.

The cause of the prevailing anti-government troubles is said to be a lack of food.

The report adds that 20 persons are dead at Moscow and many more are dying as a result of overdrinking. The liquor was stolen from railroad stations.

London, Aug. 31.—While the Russians southwest of Peshkani again have deserted their posts, permitting the Teutonic allies to make further gains in the regions of Oena and Kozdi-Vasarhely they are still giving battle to the invaders and on both sectors have repulsed strong attacks. Between Iresh and Peshkani a majority of the men comprising two Russian regiments deserted, but the Russian commanders have taken steps to restore the former status of the line by filling the gap with loyal men.

## AMMENT DAM FISHWAY WILL BE IMPROVED

Deputy Game Warden Jewell today informed the Courier that, owing to the low water stage in the river, he thought it advisable to make some changes in the north-side fish way at the Ament dam, so as to make it easier for fish to get into the fish way. This work will commence the first of next week.

Mr. Jewell reports that the two fish ways at this dam have never worked better than during the present season. He counted 105 salmon passing up one fish way within an hour, earlier in the summer. "If," said Mr. Jewell, "the heavy rush of water through the Public Service Corporation's pen stock could be stopped, the fish would be attracted to the two fish ways more readily and pass above the dam without delay."

## SEATTLE FACES LARGE STRIKE IN SHIPYARDS

### DEMANDS BY WORKMEN MUST BE MET PROMPTLY OR MEN WILL STRIKE

## TWELVE THOUSAND INVOLVED

### Government's Ship Building Program Would Be Seriously Interrupted Unless Settled

Seattle, Aug. 31.—Twelve thousand Seattle shipbuilders will strike September 6, unless three companies concede the demands for higher wages.

If the companies maintain their present position that they are unable to pay the increase in wages without orders from the United States shipping board, the committee will serve the strike notice.

The Skinner and Eddy corporation has signed the agreement preventing a strike at its plant. An attempt will be made to avert the strike in the other plants by a conference scheduled to be held this afternoon between the committee of the workers and the company managers.

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—A strike fund of \$250,000 will be raised. It became known here, following the announcement that 12,000 Seattle ship yard workers would probably go on strike.

## MORE U-BOATS WILL BE GERMANY'S REPLY

Rome, Aug. 31.—An intense, concentrated submarine warfare against the United States and England, as a result of President Wilson's declaration of the pope's peace appeal, is rumored here.

Discussion of the letter in diplomatic circles here reveals the belief that this will be the course followed by Germany as its response to the suggestions in President Wilson's letter criticizing German methods. The belief is also evidenced that the central powers have been endeavoring through so called democratic decrees and discussions of reforms, to influence American opinion in favor of the Teutonic allies. The president's reply shows this effort to have been in vain.

The next step for the Germans, according to these same diplomats, will be a fierce effort to make the submarine warfare produce a telling blow upon American-English commerce.

## MARK WOODRUFF HAS RESIGNED AS BOOSTER

Portland, Aug. 31.—Mark Woodruff, one of the Pacific northwest's best known publicity men, who for last three years has been assistant secretary of the bureau of publicity and conventions of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, severed his relations with the chamber today. He will work in the advertising department of a Portland paper.

## STREET CAR COMPANY ASKS SIX-CENT FARE

Portland, Aug. 31.—The Portland Railway, Light and Power company will endeavor to secure permission to establish a six cent fare on its lines.

The carmen threaten to strike and the company states that it is impossible to grant their demands unless the fare increase is permitted.

## BOOTLEGGERS SENT TO JAIL IN JACKSON CO.

### TWO HEAVILY LADEN LIQUOR DEALERS ARE NABBED NEAR ASHLAND

## ARE GIVEN LIMIT SENTENCES

### Pleas of Guilty Did Not Save Professional Violators of State's Liquor Law

The largest bootlegging haul made in southern Oregon since the passage of the bone dry law was the result of the arrest by Jackson county's special agent, R. C. Porter, of Rankin Estes, a pool room proprietor of Medford, and a man from Portland.

Fourteen cases of liquor were taken from the Medford car. Estes says he was going to get \$100 for the liquor in Medford. He came through Ashland between 7 and 8 o'clock last night. He had seen Mr. Porter and Sheriff Jennings in Medford earlier in the day and for this reason thought the highway over the Stikivoy mountains would be clear.

The 26 cases of liquor cost \$15 a case. The quantity taken last night cost \$290, actual cost in Hornbrook. The 26 cases contained 78 gallons of the wet stuff.

The men were captured near the Hemes residence, about three miles south of Ashland. The Portland man made no resistance, but Estes, when flagged by the officers, concluded to make a quick turn and beat it back toward California, but was not aware that another officer was stationed a few yards farther up the road, who hailed him after he had turned his car completely around in the road and started to leave the other officers.

The Portland man above referred to gave the name of C. H. Smith when brought before Justice of the Peace Taylor at Medford yesterday. Both Smith and Estes pleaded guilty and each was given the maximum sentence of \$500 fine and six months in jail. They were taken at once to Jacksonville by Sheriff Jennings, and began serving their sentences.

## HUNTING CLOSED IN FOREST SECTION ONLY

Deputy Game Warden Jewell, last night received from State Game Warden Shoemaker, the following telegram:

"Governor's proclamation closes all hunting seasons all over Oregon until re-opened by proclamation. The order is now in full force and effect. Proclamation re-opening the seasons will not be made until general rain prevails throughout Oregon."

A literal interpretation of this telegram will be construed to prohibit hunting any place in the state, just at the time when the eastern Oregon hunting season opened, according to a decision by Attorney-General Brown.

This morning Mr. Jewell received a second telegram from Game Warden Shoemaker which modified the statements of the first telegram. The second telegram reads as follows:

"Governor has explained that his proclamation closing the hunting season only affects the timbered area and that open seasons are not affected except in the forests. All other seasons which are open now or may be opened within the next 30 days are not affected."

J. E. Talbert and family and Mrs. L. Acree and family arrived this morning from Phoenix to spend a few weeks in the hop fields.

## PEACE MEETING IS MOVED EAST

### Extreme Socialists Give Up Attempt to Hold Peace Meeting in Middle West and Will Try East

Minneapolis, Aug. 31.—Secretary Louis Lochner of the Peoples' council, which has been hunted from pillar to post in the middle west, today announced that they would attempt to hold the proposed peace conference at Washington on Sunday.

Officials of the council left for the east late tonight. The special train bringing the delegates from the west left New York yesterday and will be turned back at Elkhart, Ind.

St. Paul, Aug. 31.—Five members of the Peoples' Peace council, who went to Hudson, Wis., late this afternoon to make arrangements for holding the council's national convention, were placed on a truck by an angry crowd of a thousand people, escorted to the depot and placed on a train bound for St. Paul.

## WOMEN ARE HELPING BUTTE MINE STRIKE

Butte, Mont., Aug. 30.—Even the women are helping the striking members of the Mital Mine Workers' union here today. They have organized an auxiliary to the union, and, according to the strike leaders, are active in the interests of the men.

"When the women start to fight they make a man ashamed of himself by their whole-hearted, self-sacrificing efforts. More power to them," observed the miners' little publication, the Strike Bulletin.

## SAN ANTONIO DESCRIBED BY LOCAL SOLDIER BOY

Willard Hannum, one of the Josephine county boys who enlisted shortly after the outbreak of the war and who is now stationed at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, writes an interesting letter describing the points of historical interest in and about San Antonio. As the city was settled by the Spaniard in 1689 and has been the scene of many of the important events in the war for Texas' independence, there is much material for interesting description and historical reference.

Young Hannum evidently has employed his spare time in an interesting and profitable manner.

## GOVERNMENT IS QUIETLY HUNTING DOWN GERMAN SPIES SCATTERED OVER COUNTRY

Washington, Aug. 31.—Government sleuths are watching for evidence of Teutonic frightfulness among the Kaiser's spies in all parts of the country, it was learned today.

The government knows there are plenty of Boche apostles scattered through the United States who would be delighted with a chance to feed children poisoned candy, sprinkle poison in wells and reservoirs and do other things of the sort.

Every effort is being made to "spot" these pleasant creatures. Many of them have been arrested lately.

So anxious were the Kaiser's agents to poison children in Roumania that they flew over that land in aeroplanes and dropped sacks of poisoned candy, which the children ate and within 4 hours died in agony from the effects of the tainted sweets.

The government wants to control this situation and at the same time avoid engendering suspicion and hatred of loyal Germans among the country's citizens.

## BAD WEATHER BRINGS PAUSE FRENCH FRONT

### RECENT SUCCESSSES FOLLOWED BY INEVITABLE PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION

## USING UP TEUTON RESERVES

### Although Less Than Last Month, British Losses in Recent Offensive Reach Over 60,000

London, Aug. 31.—The repulse of an enemy raid today north of Arras-en-Forelle following a heavy bombardment of the British front positions, was reported by the war office.

The fearful fighting in the Flanders offensive has cost England 60,375 killed wounded and missing. It was announced that these figures are less than the losses for the preceding month. The number of officers killed has shown a remarkable increase.

"The last week has been marked by a pause on all the western fronts—a pause which was inevitable after the great successes of the previous week, a pause accentuated by the bad weather that affected the operations all the way from the North sea to the Italian coast," said Major General F. B. Maurion, chief director of military operations at the war office.

"In Flanders the process of wearing down the Germans by continuous bombardment, continuous air fighting and continuous infantry raids, is being kept up and is having a far greater effect than is realized. We now are in the first phase of the Flanders battle. We are exhausting with good success the German reserves, and later will come the second phase to which we are all looking forward."

## PRESS ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA TO MEET

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 31.—The annual meeting of the Montana State Press association will be held here October 3 and 4. J. A. Gilly, of the Fergus County Argus, is the president of the association.

## ALLIES ADOPT WILSON'S NOTE AS JOINT REPLY

London, Aug. 31.—President Wilson's reply to the pope stands as the reply of all the allies, Lord Cecil, minister of blockade intimated here today.

## GOVERNMENT IS QUIETLY HUNTING DOWN GERMAN SPIES SCATTERED OVER COUNTRY

In announcing that it had found tetanus germs in samples of court plaster distributed by anonymous peddlers in various parts of the United States, the department of justice prefaced its statement by saying that it did not "share in any sensational view as to the manner in which the court plaster became infected."

"But," added, "the public is cautioned against purchasing this remedy except from approved sources, the warning being particularly directed against purchases in small packages from street peddlers and vendors."

Jean Cronos, the Kaiser's chef who poisoned the prelates' soups at the Chicago banquet, thus producing a straw which showed the way his mental mind blew, is still at large in the United States.

The government has secret information showing that Cronos has many kindred spirits of his own bent in our midst, men who await only a good chance to murder babies, poison men and women and start fatal epidemics among communities by the proper distribution of a flock of pet germs.