

WANTS LIVING'S COST REDUCED

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The president today, in a special message to congress, transmitted the first installment of the information collected by the department of state in regard to co-operation and the cost of living in various European countries.

The president in his message says that the popular demand for information of this character apparently was based on the belief that some remedy might be found for the high cost of living. The immediate result of the inquiries instituted by the department of state through the consular officers was to accentuate the fact that the increase in the prices of the common necessities of life is world-wide and that it is an absorbing question with the co-operative associations. Intelligence presented by the co-operative societies shows that even where there has been an advance in wages the percentage has not kept pace with the rise in the cost of food supplies.

The president also calls attention to his message of February 2, in which he recommended an international commission to look into the cause for the high prices of the necessities of life and the possible remedies. Should such a commission be authorized by congress, he says, the relation of the co-operative societies to this subject would be of great interest.

Rise of Prices in England

Acting Secretary Wilson in the letter to the president describing the activities of the department of state in carrying out the president's instructions says that while the consular officers were engaged in their investigations their attention was drawn to the facts given by the co-operative societies concerning the advance in the prices of the most necessary articles of food. The reports on this phase of the subject were uniform in showing that the members of the co-operative associations were feeling the universal increase in the cost of staple commodities. The consul-general at London forwarded a table prepared by the co-operative wholesale societies which exhibited the increased cost of certain articles in the United Kingdom since 1898. From a summary of rates of wages it was developed that the per cent of increase in certain trades from 1896 to 1910 was 11.1 and in food prices 19.5. The wages of railway employees during this period had increased only 7.3 per cent. The consul at Southampton reported that during the past five years there had been an advance of 29 per cent in the purchase price of fresh beef, mutton, bacon, hams, butter, eggs, fruits, tea, dried fruits, sugar, coffee, fuel, tin goods, women's apparel, footwear, clothing, cotton goods, bedding, furniture and underwear. A series of figures relating to general groceries compiled by the Co-operative Wholesale Society of Manchester gave an instructive example of what the rise in the cost of provisions meant to an ordinary family. Taking the table as a whole it appeared that as compared with 1898 the increased cost of living in 1910 was 15.36 per cent.

Cost of Living in France

The consul at Havre, France, reported food prices in November, 1909, and in November, 1911. All these, with the exception of sugar, showed heavy increases. The consul at Lyons transmitted a table prepared by the workman's exchange giving the average prices of various food commodities in 1909 and in 1911. Fish was the only food commodity that had not soared in price.

Large Increase in Germany

With reference to Germany, the consul-general at Berlin reported that living conditions were seriously affected by the continued rise in the price of food products, many of the commodities having advanced far above all previous records. The average retail prices prevailing in fifty-one of the principal cities of Germany were given.

Conditions in Holland

In Holland the consul at Amsterdam quoted an official agricultural report covering such articles as beef, pork, eggs, butter, ham and wheat, which showed that the increase in prices had ranged from 16 to 55 per cent in the twelve years following 1898. Reports from consular officers in other countries showed similar advances.

A number of the consular reports describe the semi-private co-operation concerns which are patterned to a greater or less degree after the Rochdale and allied systems. The most important of these is the Civil Service Supply association, which originated among employees of the post-office department, who clubbed together to secure wholesale rates on the more common household supplies. The experiment was an immediate success and other governmental employees joined the movement. The Civil Service Supply association est-

WILSON IS CHOICE; WEST TELLS FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Governor Oswald West of Oregon, heading the state delegation which is in San Francisco to select a site for the Oregon State building at the exposition grounds, today found time to briefly express his views on the political outlook in the north.

"There is no question that democratic Oregon is overwhelmingly for Wilson," said Governor West. "And the prospects for a democratic president this year are excellent. Democratic Oregon comes pretty near being political Oregon at this time."

"The republican vote will be badly split up, I believe. Had La Follette been unanimously selected by the progressive republicans for their given him a heavy vote without standard bearer, Oregon would have questioned, but with Roosevelt in the field the vote will be about evenly divided between Roosevelt, La Follette and Taft."

"No better man could have been selected from the democratic ranks, as far as Oregon is concerned than Woodrow Wilson. His views meet with the general approval of the democrats in our state."

SAY WATER TRUST LOBBY SOUGHT TO RULE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—After charges had been made that a powerful lobby was at work to procure the adoption of the bill in the house today defeated 98 to 27, a measure permitting the Hydro-Electric company, a water power corporation, to lay a pipe line across part of the Mono national forest reservation in California. Those opposed to the bill declared it affected the laws governing the national domain and would result in virtually nullifying them.

The "water power trust," it was charged, was behind the legislation. Minority Leader Mann, Leever of South Carolina, James of Kentucky, Lenroot of Wisconsin, Cooper of Wisconsin were among those who openly declared they had been victims of the work of the "lobby." Mann said he had been inundated with letters and telegrams and annoyed by high-priced lawyers in an effort to influence him.

Leever displayed a telegram from a firm in his state asking him to withdraw his opposition to the bill. The cost of the telegram, he said, was \$40.

The bill was introduced by Representative Baker. Representative C. B. Smith of New York, who contended the "lobbyists were as thick as blackberries," introduced a bill to compel counsel or agents of corporations, firms or individuals seeking congressional legislation to register in both houses of congress on December 1 of each year, under pain of a heavy fine and imprisonment.

BANK CLERK GIVES LAND TO "SQUARE" SHORTAGE

POMONA, Cal., March 14.—Earl Stannard, formerly bookkeeper of the American National bank, accused of having embezzled \$149,000 of the bank funds, and for whom detectives have been searching for several weeks, surrendered to the authorities today and was released on \$10,000 bonds. The preliminary hearing was set for Monday.

According to a statement made by the accused, he made no attempt to escape from the officers. He also asserts if the bank realizes what he believes the land turned over to it by him is worth it will be repaid many times its losses. One officer of the bank stated that among the property turned over by Stannard was 2300 acres of oil land, and if the land proves to be oil bearing that it would repay the bank ten times what Stannard took.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Joseph Leggett, 49, sprinter, saw a thief steal his bicycle and ride away. He sped after him and after a chase of several miles caught him in a pawn shop where he was selling the machine.

Established the first department stores in London, which after many years were opened to the general public. Its sales now approximate \$10,000,000 annually. No dividends are paid. The army and navy stores are operated on the same general lines as the Civil Service Supply association.

Consumers' coal associations have recently succeeded in a number of British cities. The coal is delivered and paid for from time to time during the following winter upon orders from the purchasing member. Each member is liable only for the amount of his contract order. Membership is secured by purchasing a share of the concern's stock at \$5 or by taking a life ticket at \$2.55. The saving of coal has varied recently from 80 cents to \$1.30 per ton, according to the grade and other circumstances.

PURCHASE SITE FOR NEW STATION

The Federal Telegraph company has purchased an eleven acre tract of land one-half mile east of the water tank in Central Point and will establish a large wireless telegraph station there. It is the intention of the company to erect two 300 foot towers and put in all the necessary appliances which will make this one of the largest and most complete stations on the Pacific coast.

No information is obtainable as to whether the Medford wireless station will be discontinued but in all probability it will not be, because that from Medford there will be drawn a considerable amount of business when the plant is in successful operation.

AUTHOR AND WIFE MAY SEPARATE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Richard Walton Tully, California author and playwright of the first rank, and his equally talented wife, Eleanor Gates Tully, are at the parting of the ways, according to gossip here today, and soon may enter divorce land.

For nearly a month Mrs. Tully has been staying at the home of a friend, paying occasional visits to her lawyer in San Francisco. Mrs. Tully's lawyer refuses to say whether or not she will file suit for divorce.

Tully, who is dividing his time between their former home at Alma near here and the Palace hotel, San Francisco, also refuses to discuss the matter. "You had better see Mr. Tully," he said, "it is always right and proper for the lady in such cases to give out information. There is no suit for divorce so far as I am concerned."

Tully is the author of "The Bird of Paradise," one of the big stage successes of the New York season.

White Is Short-Ended.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 14.—In spite of a record of victories that reads like a list of a loan shark's victims, Jack White is being made a very pronounced short-ender today by the fans who are weighing his chances against Joe Rivers in their scheduled twenty-round bout at Vernon next Saturday.

Although the Rivers men are holding back under 10 to 7 cover, several bets have been recorded at 2 to 1, and even at that figure there has been a dearth of White money. The Los Angeles public is taking White on suspicion, the little easterner never having performed on the coast. Much interest, however, is being engendered by the match.

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—In a six-round bout here tonight "Knock-out" Brown of New York had a slight advantage over Young Ernie of this city.

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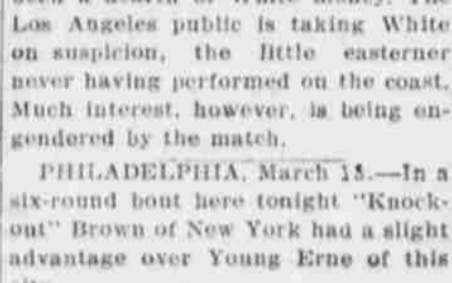
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LADS FALL HEIR TO MILLIONS LEFT BY FATHER

SEATTLE, March 14.—William Douglas Hofius II, and Alfred Hofius, 5, will divide an estate valued at \$150,000,000 according to the terms of the will of their father, William Dugan Hofius, admitted to probate here. Hofius was head of the Hofius Steel and Equipment company of Seattle. The boys will divide the property when the youngest brother is 26. They will get \$100,000 each when the youngest brother becomes of age.

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NEW ADVERTISING IS COLVIG'S PLAN

President Colvig of the Medford Commercial club has called a special session of the directors of the club, the executive committee and advertising committee to consider a new departure in advertising the resources of the valley and city.

A Mr. Hamilton representing the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915 is here in the interests of the official publication of the fair and will meet with the club directors this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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- "Killarney," Apollo Quartet.
- Vocal solo, "The Irish Emigrant," W. H. Stewart.
- Violin solo, "Last Rose of Summer," Irene Sullivan.
- Baritone solo, "The Heart Bowed Down," by Balfe, George Andrews.
- Vocal trios, (a) "Come Back to Erin," (b), "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," Cecilia Choral Club.
- Oration, Frank J. Lonergan, grand knight Portland Council K. of C.
- "Wearing of the Green," Apollo quartet, H. M. Whetsel, E. E. Gore, George Andrews, Ed Andrews.
- Vocal solo, selected, Geraldine Miksche.
- Humorous selections, George C. Hennessey.
- Violin solo, "Kathleen Aroon," Ione Flynn.
- Vocal solo, "Killarney, My Home, O'er the Sea," Katherine Murphy.
- Vocal solo, "Dear Little Shamrock," J. P. O'Brien.
- "Galop di Bravura" (Knabel), Ione Flynn, Irene Sullivan, Maud Newbury, Catherine Deuel, Josephine Root, Carolyn Andrews.

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