

# WAR THREATENS PAPER INDUSTRY, PRICES SOARING

(From the Oregonian.)

Rags, the badge of poverty the world around, have so advanced in price that fine papers, of which they form the base, are going skyward. All papers, in fact, due to complications brought about by the European war, are rising rapidly in cost, and the problem, it is declared, will soon be to get them at any price.

Importation of rags and paper pulp is shut off by the war and chemicals that enter into paper are already sky-high in price. Bleaches are practically out of the market, there is an acute pulp shortage and dyes used in paper-making have risen 1500 to 2000 per cent in cost, with further aeroplaning in sight.

It is being predicted now that it will be but a matter of a short time if the war continues until the immaculate white letterhead of commerce becomes obsolete and a natural-colored writing paper, innocent of bleach, takes its place. Newspaper, too, if the present situation lasts much longer, threatens to become yellow and take on a faded look due to the lack of chemicals used in its manufacture.

**Raw Materials Cut Off**

Linen, cotton and other rags so imperative in papermaking of the best class, can no longer be imported. This is the source of a large part of the normal supply. The condition that exists at present is unique since 1801, with the exception of two months, ten years ago, when the import of rags was shut off by the government because of the fear of spreading bubonic plague. Such an outcry was raised at that time that the embargo was soon lifted.

Not only is the supply of import rags cut off, but the domestic product is being snapped up by munition makers, who are able in this way, it is said, to add to supplies of gun cotton and other high explosives. This makes it doubly difficult for the papermakers and, indeed, impossible for them to procure a supply. In fact, the American Writing Paper company, perhaps the biggest concern in the country in the manufacture of fine papers, has been compelled to shut down ten of its mills at different points because of the impossibility to procure rags and other essentials for papermaking.

**Three Months Makes Change**

Even old papers that have a marketable value at the paper mills have advanced from 11 to 100 per cent in price. Other advances that show what straits the manufacturer is facing are as follows, the first quotation being that of December and the other of the present:

Bleached sulphite, \$2.40 a hundred pounds to \$5.

Bleaching powders, \$1.25 a hundred pounds to \$20.

Blue, \$2.80 a hundred pounds to \$86.

Plain, ordinary newspaper has advanced from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent, with further gains in sight. Even wrapping paper has gone skyward as rapidly, if not more so, than other grades of paper, due to the imported casein which goes into its manufacture, this element acting as a binder.

"Advances in the price of various grades of paper are now coming thick and fast," said Douglas Ball, manager of the Oregon & Washington Paper company, "and nothing surprises us any more. Formerly an increased quotation of half a cent a pound was startling, but now the gains are made in cents.

**One Day Elapses Between Change**

"On one grade of paper we were

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quoted an advance today of 12 per cent, and yet this grade went up only the day before yesterday. There is a gain of from 25 to 50 per cent on fine papers, and none can tell where the prices will stop.

"The United States produces about 60 per cent of the pulp used in paper making in this country in normal times. The remaining 40 per cent, usually imported, is now cut off. Bleaches and colors are being made in this country, but the prices are prohibitive. German dyes are concentrated and a little goes a long way, while in the domestic product much is required.

"There is little, if any, speculative buying in the paper business, and this element has had no part in the present situation. No one can tell where the rise in price will stop or the outcome of the present situation. We all look for higher prices because they are advancing every day."

**Further Advances Predicted**

"It is being predicted that within sixty days the price of papers will have advanced 100 per cent over the quotations three months ago," declared O. W. Mielke, manager of the Blake McFall company.

"We usually import a great deal of pulp from Norway. The rate of this had advanced 500 per cent. We are exporting pulp now instead of importing and this makes it high and scarce for the American manufacturer.

"Rags have gone away up, and even the cheapest grades of paper are rising rapidly in price. The situation in the paper business is far different from what it has ever been."

Paper men have been advised that a cargo of dyes has been released by the British authorities for the United States, but it is recognized generally that this will not come to the aid of the paper industry, as the dye will be snapped up by the textile industries.

## GAVIRA CONFERS WITH PERSHING

EL PASO, March 13.—General Gabriel Gavira, commanding the Carranza forces at Juarez, came to El Paso this morning to hold a conference with General Pershing in command of Fort Bliss. General Gavira said the meeting would be held at the Mexican consulate here.

General Gavira, commandant at Juarez, received news of the new cavalry movement from General Garza this morning. It followed immediately upon the report of a scout train that made a run down the Mexico & Northwestern line in the direction of Casas Grandes, but turned back upon seeing smoke ahead at Santa Sofia, which seemed to come from a burning bridge. Villa was last reported in the neighborhood of Corralitos, not far distant. Assuming that Villa's forces were there, the train returned.

## REWARD LONG STANDING FOR VILLA'S CAPTURE

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 13.—A reward of 4000 pesos for the body of Francisco Villa has been standing for the last sixty days in Carranza consulates, it was disclosed today through letters to a local Carranza official.

## HUGHES BOOM AT STANDSTILL DUE TO SILENCE

BY GILSON GARDNER

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The Hughes movement is at a standstill. The trouble is not Hughes' statement that he is in no sense a candidate, but his failure to state what he thinks about preparedness, the violation of Belgian neutrality, Wilson's handling of foreign relations, the working of the Standard Oil and other trust decisions, and other questions which make up current political issues. Politicians—even little politicians like Governor Whitman—are beginning to see that a man who is dumb on all contemporary topics is not strong as a political leader and is rather a discount for use even as a stuffed cowhide within which to stalk ducks.

The most notable speech delivered recently by President Wilson was addressed to members and guests of the Gridiron club at the club's regular midwinter celebration. This was the first Gridiron dinner at which President Wilson has been a guest. Other invitations have been declined. Wilson was the first president to decline the club's invitations, and while excuses were various, it was generally understood that he did so because he considered the club to be out of sympathy with the political ideas for which he stood and he did not care to be present and countenance public lampooning of things progressive.

Senator La Follette never has been the club's guest, and in his case it is well known that his reason for declining was the one suggested.

The club is not an organization of Washington correspondents, though it started as such, and still includes a number of correspondents among its members. Of late years it has become a close corporation dominated by an element in the gallery which represents the older order of politics and journalism. Its parodies and stunts are intended to direct the shaft of ridicule against the new rather than the old, "the uplift" is its favorite target. This explains why La Follette was in the senate for

## MOVE TO SECURE EFFICIENCY FOR PUBLIC OFFICES

WASHINGTON, March 13.—"An institute for government research" was incorporated here today, the fundamental purpose of which, according to its incorporators, is to apply the test of efficient business methods to administrative and governmental activities and to co-operate with public officers in promoting efficiency.

Announcement of the new undertaking was made by Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins university, who will head the institute's board of trustees, to consist of leading business men and educators.

The organization, it is stated, will be supported by voluntary contributions and administrative experts will be employed to scrutinize from a non-partisan and businesslike point of view the processes of government and make constructive suggestions for their improvement.

The first work will be in connection with the federal government, but it is hoped to extend to state and local governments, Dr. Goodnow said.

"Neither public officials nor the mass of citizens generally feel from day to day a direct and immediate concern in the saving of public moneys," Dr. Goodnow asserted. "Just because public business is not conducted for profit, there is inevitably less constant attention to the avoidance of waste than in a private concern."

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 13.—Albert Fisher, aged 17, the son of a ranchman living near here was found dead at his home Saturday with a gun beside his body. A note addressed to his parents said he was about to kill himself through despondency at continued ill-health.

Five years before he was invited to a Gridiron function. The club's invited guests always include a large array of railway presidents and big business representatives, including not a few well known lobbyists. The aristocracy of intellect is conspicuous by its absence.



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You will get the kettle at the special price at the following stores on or before March 21, 1916.

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