

DROP IN PRICES OF FLOUR AND FEED EXPECTED HERE

PORTLAND, Aug. 31.—At the offices of M. H. Houser, government grain buyer and distributor for the northwest, it was said that Mr. Houser would have no statement to make pending receipt of official notification of the setting of the basic price. It was stated however, that with the price of wheat in Oregon at \$1.00 which allows for the freight charges of 30 cents a bushel to Chicago, the basic price, consumers might confidently look for a reduction in prices of commodities which are the products of wheat.

Flour is now at \$10.00 wholesale. A drop to approximately \$10 a barrel is looked for. With flour lower a corresponding drop in prices of shorts and bran is expected, which will to some extent relieve the present strain on the dairying industry, which dairymen have recently declared to be unprofitable at present prices received for milk because of the high cost of feed.

Oregon's wheat production this year will be between 42,000,000 and 45,000,000 bushels. If this grain is milled within the state, as urged by the state council of defense in resolutions adopted by its grain production committee yesterday, nine millions of barrels of flour will result and plenty of shorts and bran will be made available for feeding both dairy and range herds.

SOLVE MYSTERY OF PAYROLL ROBBERY

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—With at least three of the men said to have been implicated in the \$8776 payroll robbery at the Winslow Brothers' plant Tuesday, when two express messengers were killed, under arrest, police said today that they know the names of the remaining two men and expect to have them under arrest by night.

The arrest late yesterday of Edward Wheed, ex-convict and counterfeiter, clears up the matter materially, they say. Wheed was arrested after a spectacular gun battle in which he opposed, single-handed, 500 policemen for two hours, finally surrendering when he ran out of ammunition. Three policemen were wounded in the exchange of shots. Edward Taylor, also said to have been implicated in the affair, was arrested as he was entering the house occupied by Wheed.

Following the arrest of Wheed, \$1010 in gold was found in the hoarse where he made his stand. Several hundred dollars is also said to have been found wrapped around his legs.

DEPOSED KING OF ABYSSINIA CAUGHT

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Lidj Jeassu, the deposed emperor of Abyssinia, who escaped from Magdala, has been captured, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Jibuti, French Somaliland.

Lidj Jeassu is a grandson of the late King Menelik, whom he succeeded in 1912. He was deposed in 1916 by his aunt. His London office lately reported that the deposed emperor and his followers had defeated 200 of the government forces who had been trying to capture him for six months.

FRENCH MISSION WILL VISIT SAN FRANCISCO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31. Members of the French high commission to the United States, headed by Edouard Delbail, deputy high commissioner, started today on a trans-continental trip with San Francisco as the destination. On September 6, La Fayette's birthday, the commissioners will take part in dedicating the "La Fayette room" at the University of California.

WEST REFUSES PACIFISTS

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ocracy and peace will be permitted in the national capital. The police department made this announcement today. The authorities at the capitol probably will permit no assembly in the plaza there. Officials today when asked for an opinion referred to the dispersal of Coxey's army when it attempted to enter the capitol several years ago. This, they said, was good enough precedent to govern the case.

CUT IN PRICES OF BREAD WITH WHEAT AT \$2.20

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money for the purpose. The purchase of wheat and flour for our allies, and to a considerable degree for neutral countries also, has been placed under the control of the food administration. I have appointed a committee to determine a fair price to be paid in government purchases. 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.

Food Act Is Broad

"The food act has given large powers for the control of storage and exchange operations and these powers will be fully exercised. An inevitable consequence will be that financial dealings cannot follow their usual course. Whatever the advantages and disadvantages of the ordinary machinery of trade, it cannot function well under such disturbed and abnormal conditions as now exist. In its place the food administration now fixes for its purchases a fair price, as recommended unanimously by a committee representative of all interests and all sections, and believes that thereby it will eliminate speculation, make possible the conduct of every operation in the full light of day, maintain the publicly stated price for all, and, through economies made possible by stabilization and control, better the condition of consumers also.

Hoover Not Involved

"Mr. Hoover, at his express wish, has taken no part in the deliberations of the committee on whose recommendation I determine the government's fair price, nor has he, in any way, intimated an opinion regarding that price."

FIRST RUSSIA CHURCH CONGRESS IN 200 YEARS

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Aug. 30.—The bells of Moscow's 1606 churches have been ringing continuously on this the festival of the Assumption, in honor of the opening day of the Ecumenical of the orthodox church, the first congress held for more than two centuries of ecclesiastical officialdom, imposed for political motives by Peter the Great.

Ever since the revolution of 1905 all ardent believers of the church have been desiring a revival of the medieval practice of holding the periodical congresses which they consider the only means of rescuing the church from its erstwhile servility to the state.

MILLION SHOTS FIRED AT PEKING; FIFTY CASUALTIES

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

PEKING, Aug. 31.—Altho fully ten thousand republican soldiers participated in the bombardment of headquarters of General Chang Hsun, the monarchial leader, in Peking, and three thousand of General Chang's troops resisted the onslaught for about ten hours, less than fifty persons were killed and injured in the fighting.

It is estimated that not less than a million shots were fired in all. The firing began at 4:30 on the morning of July 12. Chang Hsun had his headquarters at his home in the imperial city about one mile directly north of the American legation. Chang Hsun's troops were scattered about his headquarters and outside the main gate a machine gun was placed in a great pagoda commanding the gate. A large detachment of Chang Hsun's troops also took refuge in the Temple of Heaven, about one mile south of the Main City Gate.

The republican forces first shelled the Temple of Heaven. They then also directed shrapnel into the imperial city and struck Chang's headquarters with great regularity. Two airplanes flew over the city directing the fire of the big guns and foreign military observers say that direction of the firing was quite expert.

General Chang Hsun's headquarters became untenable about 10 o'clock in the morning and the general and his staff took refuge in the Dutch legation. Up to that time firing had been constant, spent bullets doing much damage to glass in the foreign quarters and forcing the residents to keep under cover.

After Chang Hsun had taken refuge in the Dutch legation negotiations were begun between the republican and Chang Hsun's troops. It was not until 3 o'clock in the afternoon that terms were agreed upon. An hour later the firing ceased and normal conditions were resumed in Peking.

TOBACCO DEALERS MUST INVOICE STOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 31.—Collector Miller of the United States Internal Revenue service, has received instructions from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., to notify all tobacco dealers that immediately upon the passage of the war tax act, now pending in congress, they will be required to make a detailed inventory of all manufactured tobacco, including snuff, cigars, cigarettes, on hand at that time, showing the price at which the same is sold at retail, and to keep this inventory until printed forms are furnished by the department, which will be done as soon as possible, and instructions given as to how to complete the same and the amount of tax to be paid.

POPE DISAPPOINTED AT WILSON'S REPLY TO PEACE OFFER

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

ROME, Aug. 31.—It is stated at the Vatican that Pope Benedict, on receiving President Wilson's reply to his peace proposals, did not attempt to conceal his bitter disappointment, and that he regards the President's answer as leaving little room for further peace efforts at present. It has been no secret here that the pope hoped for a more favorable response from the United States than from anywhere else.

Before President Wilson's reply was read it was said at the Vatican that the responses from the various governments were expected to be more favorable than the tone of press comment. At the same time the pope was reported to have signified his intention of issuing a reply after receiving answers from all the belligerents, pointing out questions in regard to which all the nations at war might be in agreement and others concerning which it would be necessary to hold discussions.

WILSON'S REPLY TO POPE PLEASURES GREAT BRITAIN

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—With the exception of the president's war message, no declaration of this government has been received with greater enthusiasm in London than the reply to the pope's appeal for peace. Ambassador Page notified the state department today that the British public had read the president's note with evident approval and enthusiasm.

Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, today endorsed President Wilson's reply to the peace proposal of Pope Benedict and said he was not certain any further response would be necessary. (This is the first official expression of opinion in regard to the president's note from any of the allies.)

"The president's note is a very magnificent occurrence," said the minister in his weekly interview with the Associated Press. "It thrilled us all over here, and the opinions

which I heard expressed by representatives of allied countries were equally appreciative. I am certain that none of the allies would be able to improve upon it and I am not certain that any further reply will be necessary.

"There does not appear to me to be anything inconsistent as between the president's note and the economic policy of the allies as declared at the Paris conference. The resolutions of the allies were purely defensive measures and in no way aggressive."



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