

FOOD QUESTION A FACTOR IN RE- CONSTRUCTION

Pooling of European Supply Would Go Far Toward Solving Political Problem, Says General Bliss—Do- mestic Prices Decreasing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Europe's most urgent need today is the pooling of its food supplies and the establishment of means for fair and proper distribution under a director-general, is the opinion of General Tasker H. Bliss, member of the American peace delegation, who returned here today.

Such an arrangement the general said would remove discontent, strengthen the morale of European peoples and greatly aid in tidying over the formative period of the new governments.

General Bliss said he believed that Germany should be included in the economic coalition, but saw no possibility at this time of including Russia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Expectations of a decline in retail food prices beginning between January 1 and March 1, was expressed by Attorney General Palmer in a statement summing up the efforts of the government to date in forcing down the cost of living.

"The cost of living, already under control," said the attorney general, "can be reduced if every one who produces will produce his utmost, in those who buy and consume will save and eliminate extravagance and if all honest people will join with the department of justice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding."

Explaining that a downward trend in retail food prices ordinarily was shown during the first two months of the year, Palmer said it was the hope of the government, "that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the government, which is just now getting well under way."

Although government statistics compiled annually show that in previous years retail food prices increased during the fall months, Palmer said that since August such prices had been maintained practically stationary.

Only since October 22, when necessary amendments to the Lever food control act were passed, the attorney general's statement said, has it been possible to deal effectively with all cases of profiteering and hoarding. From October 22 to date 179 prosecutions have been instituted and prosecutions and seizures have covered eighteen states, it was said.

Due to co-operation between the government and various retail merchants' associations the statement said prevailing profits on clothing had been reduced from 5 to 50 per cent.

The statement, issued with authorization of the government officials associated with the attorney general in the campaign to force down living costs, including Director General of Railroad Hines, was considered in some quarters as a summary of the government's position in the face of the recently renewed demands of railroad workers for an increase in pay.

The railroad shopmen publicly and the other railroad crafts tacitly agreed in August with the suggestion of President Wilson to postpone their demands for increased pay for ninety days to wait efforts of the government to bring down prices.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Thursday occasional rain, cooler tonight with moderate fresh, southerly winds, shifting to westerly gales.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

The Herald force will join tomorrow in the general observance of the Christmas holiday and there will be no paper issued.

RUTH ST. DENIS TO BE HERE JAN. 23

Word was received this morning by the Musical Study club that the definite date for the appearance of Ruth St. Denis and her company of dancers at Houston's Opera House has been fixed for Friday evening, January 23.

This is the second of the series of three big attractions to be put on this winter by the Musical Study Club. Alice Neilsen, the famous soprano, will open the series when she appears at the Opera house on the evening of December 30. Following the St. Denis engagement on January 23, Cecil Fanning is booked for a concert at a date still to be announced.

Those having season tickets, their seats reserved, are in a class to be envied for all indications point to packed houses as a greeting for the initial appearances here of these famous artists.

BOTH EXPORTS AND IMPORTS BIG, NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—

Exports and imports in November reached the second highest mark in the nation's history. The department of commerce announced today that the value of exports was \$741,000,000, compared with \$632,000,000 in October and \$522,000,000 in November of a year ago, while imports were valued at \$429,000,000, compared with \$402,000,000 in October and \$251,000,000 in November, 1918. For the eleven months of this year exports were valued at \$7,242,000,000 and imports at \$3,528,000,000, leaving a trade balance of \$3,714,000,000 for the eleven months in favor of the United States. This was \$1,000,000,000 greater than the trade balance in the corresponding period last year.

Exports of gold in November totaled \$51,857,796, while imports amounted to only \$2,396,770. Exports in November the year before were \$3,047,907, while imports were \$1,920,209.

For the eleven months this year gold exports were \$321,925,309 compared with \$282,438,487 for the corresponding period of 1918, while imports were \$63,620,019 compared with \$66,667,917 during the corresponding year before.

Silver imports for November amounted to \$7,018,621 compared with \$5,490,246 for November, 1918. For the eleven months' period silver imports amounted to \$79,725,296, an increase of \$12,679,952 over the corresponding period in 1918. Exports of silver last month totaled \$19,052,177, as against \$7,150,451 for November, 1918. For the eleven months exports were \$208,426,260, an increase of \$3,885,972 over the same period in 1918.

EXPORTATION OF ARMS TO MEXICO TO STOP.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The revocation, effective January 1, of all licenses issued by the War Trade board prior to September 30, last, for the exportation of arms and ammunition to Mexico, was announced today by the state department.

NEW MEMBER FOR LIVESTOCK BOARD.

SALEM, Dec. 24.—On recommendation of the general Wool Growers' association, Governor Olcott today appointed K. G. Warner of Pendleton, a member of the state livestock sanitary board to succeed the late J. N. Burgess. The term expires June 3, 1921.

GOES AFTER PRISONER

Constable J. F. Morley left this morning for San Francisco to get Fred Ford, who is in custody of the police there and is believed to be the man wanted here for passing a First State & Savings bank.

CONGREGATION WILL OBSERVE MIDNIGHT MASS

This evening at 12 o'clock sharp, the Christmas service of Midnight Mass will be sung in the Catholic church, corner of Eighth and High Streets, by the regular church choir under the direction of Charles Wood Eberlein, Mrs. Eberlein, presiding at the organ.

Mrs. Emil Dreher will sing the Incarnatus solo, Mrs. B. Noud, the Passus, and Miss Liotta Noud, "Oh, Holy Night." The junior choir will sing the processional and recessional of Christmas carols. The officers of the mass are:

Father Hugh Marshall, celebrant; Mr. C. W. Eberlein, responsories; Jas. Maguire and S. Santamau, acolytes; William Tighe, censor; Charles Maguire and W. Hannon, cross bearers; John Tighe, master of ceremonies; Mrs. E. Dreher, pianist; Mrs. C. W. Eberlein, organist.

The subject of the sermon is, "What America May Learn from the Crib of Bethlehem."

CHRISTMAS PACKAGE CONTAINS DYNAMITE

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Portland police have been asked by Seattle officers to help find the party or parties who mailed an infernal machine in Christmas wrappings to Fred Fink, a local musician. The package bore a Portland postmark and the return address of a Portland music house. The machine failed to explode when opened. It contained a loaded revolver and six sticks of dynamite, with a device intended to start an explosion when opened. Only careful opening of the package prevented a tragedy.

BUYS HOME HERE

Captain A. D. Collier, who recently arrived from Eugene with Mrs. Collier to make his home in Klamath Falls, has purchased the A. A. Bellman home on Canby street and will take possession in the near future. Captain Collier is greatly impressed with the future of Klamath Falls and Klamath county and believes the opportunities here are greater than any other place on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Bellman expect to make their home for the present at the White Pelican hotel.

AVOID HOLIDAY FIRE HAZARDS, URGES CHIEF

Fire Chief F. C. Miller today asked the Herald to emphasize the need for carefulness regarding fire spreading from candles on Christmas trees. Tinsel, cotton and other Christmas tree decorations ignite quickly and fire once started spreads rapidly. The chief recommends that electric bulbs be substituted for candles wherever possible, but if candles must be used, they should be so placed that danger of ignition of the flimsy staff on the tree is reduced to a minimum.

Any extra electric wiring attached for the tree adornment should be carefully tested also, says the chief, so that fires from this source will be avoided.

It is usual at Christmas time to build the hearth fire higher, too, says Miller, and the flues and chimneys should be watched to see that they carry the extra burden without setting fire to hanging soot, or igniting walls or wall paper.

BONANZA GIRL IS BRIDE OF LOCAL MAN

Announcement of the marriage of Earl Brown of this city to Miss Hazel Burkhart of Bonanza Monday evening comes as a surprise to many of their friends. The bride is a resident of Bonanza, where she has lived for many years. Mr. Brown also resided there before coming to Klamath Falls. The young couple left yesterday for Bonanza, where they expect to remain over Christmas. They will then make their home in Klamath Falls where the groom is employed by the O. K. Transfer company. They have the best wishes of a host of friends for a long and happy married life.

KLAMATH PROTESTS TO BE HEARD JAN. 12

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Lane has informed Representative Sinnott he has fixed January 12 as the date for further hearing on protests against the Doak and Brown leases at Klamath lake, when representatives of the American Legion at Klamath Falls are invited to appear.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The naval establishment at San Diego, California, was today designated as a naval base by Secretary Daniels. All divisions of the establishment are to be placed under charge of a base commander, yet to be appointed.

ANNUAL IRRIGATION MEETING JAN. 8, 9, 10

The dates of the annual convention of the Oregon Irrigation congress have been changed from December 29, 30 and 31 to January 8, 9 and 10. The sessions will be held in the state chamber of commerce rooms at Portland.

A very complete and attractive program has been arranged, taking in matters of interest to all the irrigated sections of the state, and considerable business of importance is to be transacted at this convention.

Every irrigated district should be represented at the congress. All local delegates have not been chosen but it is expected that Klamath county will have six or eight representatives at the convention.

POSTAL FORCE HOLD FRIENDLY FEAST AND TALK

For the first time in the history of the local postoffice the entire force gathered at one meeting when, last evening, they were guests of Postmaster W. A. Delzell at a banquet at the Rex cafe. Miner vexations were forgotten—all the Christmas rush and worry, illegible addresses, impatient customers and kindred woes that none but a postal clerk knows, were forgotten and only the Christmas spirit of generosity and good cheer remained.

Fourteen persons—every member of the local force—sat down at the festive board and enjoyed the bountiful spread of Christmas viands and the "family discussion" that accompanied the feast. Postmaster W. A. Delzell presided as toastmaster.

The meeting was designed to strengthen the esprit de corps that characterizes the local office, increasing the co-operation and efficiency that is showing up well as the organization grows and becomes sufficiently strong to bear the burdens thrust upon it. This efficiency has been especially marked in handling the record rush of mail during the present week, the largest in the history of the local office, and Postmaster Delzell never loses an opportunity to foster the teamwork spirit among the force.

Those present last night were: W. A. Delzell, John McCall, R. L. Griffith, Chas. C. Whitmore, Helen Paxson, Olive Humphrey, Colman O'Loughlin, Ralph Scott, Henry Brown, Louis A. Will, Fred Nicholson, John Dawson, Paul Bogardus, Bernard Zollman.

RETAIL COAL PRICES RISE THIRTY CENTS

Chicago Dealers Announce That Every Ton of Coal Mined Since the Strike Was Settled Will Cost Thirty to Thirty-five Cents More

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Wilson today issued a call for a meeting here next Monday of the special committee appointed to investigate wage conditions and prices in the bituminous coal industry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Coal consumers here were in receipt of announcement today from several fuel companies, notifying them of an increase in the retail price of from 30 to 35 cents on all coal mined since the settlement of the recent strike.

PITTSBURG, Kas., Dec. 24.—All Kansas miners striking in protest against sending their district president, Alexander Howatt, to jail here were ordered to return to work by district officials today. The order went out by direction of Howatt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Entering into the controversy raging about the government's proposals for settlement of the coal strike, Senator Frelinghuysen, Republican, New Jersey, chairman of the Senate committee investigating the coal situation, in a formal statement declared that in the government's negotiations "there must have been some sort of a secret deal made in addition to the agreement signed."

Explaining that he spoke for himself only, Senator Frelinghuysen reviewed the testimony adduced by the committee hearings to date and added that out of the settlement of the strike, "in any event the public may look for an increase in the price of coal or another strike."

The New Jersey senator characterized the settlement proposition as put forth by Attorney General Palmer and accepted by the miners "as a loaded dice for the American people."

The executive committee of coal mine operators, following their statement of Monday, declaring that the government's proposal as finally drafted was vitally different from the plan formulated by former Fuel Administrator Garfield and which they bound themselves to accept, maintained silence.

The operators called off a meeting of the scale committee of the central competitive field, which had been called for Tuesday in Cleveland. At the conference which will take place after Christmas, it was said, the operators expect to formulate a decision as to the policy they will adopt toward the government's plan and the commission appointed Saturday by President Wilson to adjudicate the miners' claims.

FORECLOSURE DECREE

Judgment for \$673.20 and a decree of foreclosure on real estate securing the loan was awarded the Butte Valley bank in the suit against H. F. Chapman and others in the circuit court yesterday. The foreclosure judgment is against the defendant, Chapman. Several other defendants involved are barred from claiming any lien or title prejudicial to plaintiff's claim.

SUIT IS DISMISSED

The circuit court yesterday entered an order of dismissal in the suit of H. R. Reynolds against H. W. Barton, the court being informed that the issue had been settled. The plaintiff sued for \$312, alleged to be due on a hay and feed bill.

DIVORCE SUIT

Martha Schonchin has filed a suit for divorce against Guy Schonchin in the circuit court.

