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Price Spiral May Topple 1920 Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Wholesale prices edged nearer today the all-time crest of May 1920, and government economists say they can find nothing to indicate that 1948 prices will stop there.

With the exception of some items which slowed down the food group at least temporarily, wholesale prices on 900 commodities studied by the bureau of labor statistics sailed unchecked past another post-war mark during the week ended December 20.

An index figure of 162.5 was recorded for that date by the BLS, which uses average prices prevailing in 1926 as its 100, or normal wholesale level. In May 1920, the bureau says prices averaged 167.2 per cent of the 1926 average. Relating the index points to percentages, there is less than 3 per cent difference in prices today and those existing in May 1920.

Peak in February

At the present rate of climb, wholesale prices should topple the 1920 high about the end of February, the economists say—and keep on going in contrast to the experience 27 years ago. Then the index dropped from 167.2 to 86 in May 1921, just one year later. It struck a bottom of 59.8 in February 1933.

The statisticians say employment holding near the 60,000,000-mark and demand for goods of all kinds appear likely to sustain wholesale prices next spring.

They declare that "political pressures" on both the Truman administration and congress for a halt in the price trend may alter the picture, but they shy away from any opinions on the best approach.

The BLS consumers price index, described as representing actual cost of living to the householder, already has broken all records. It stood at a peak of about 165 per cent of the 1935-39 average on November 15, the latest available computation.

WHY WE SAY



Outer shoes worn in wet, cold weather are called "galoshes." The name is supposed to be related to the wooden "galoshes" worn by French peasants.

MIDLAND EMPIRE NEWS

Wocus

The children of Wocus played hosts December 20 to visitors, who came from Pelican Bay, Shady Pine and Klamath Falls to witness the story of the Christ Child, presented in playlet form. Under the supervision of Mrs. Archie McClurg, Mrs. J. E. Ivie and Mrs. Don Veatch, almost every child in Wocus from the age of 3 to 17 years, took part in the program. Stage decorations and special lighting effects by Dale Keasey and Archie McClurg, played an important part in making the scenes appear realistic. While Mrs. Ivie related the story of the birth of Christ, a large star guided the Three Wise Men to the place where Mary and her babe rested in the manger. Kneeling in reverence, the Wise Men placed gifts at the foot of the manger. A chorus of young voices stole away and the story ended.

At a given signal the chorus broke into singing "Jingle Bells" and old Santa Claus was caught in the act of coming down the chimney of the H & H auction mart, where the program was held. He quickly went into the task of handing out over 250 bags of "good things to eat" to all present.

Hurrying on his way to make his rounds, jolly old Santa stopped for a while to visit with 10 of the 11 members and their wives of Cove Point, who were holding their Christmas party at the Red Rock Chicken Inn. Santa had a gift for everyone, and being a very gracious group of big boys and girls, they asked Santa and Mrs. Santa to have a chicken dinner with them.

Christmas Day found many boys and girls still unvisited by old Santa and the eight mythical reindeer that draw the old fellow dressed in red over the housetops by night, were tethered in the barn at the A. B. corral, and Paul Buck gassed up his big green truck and made it possible for Santa Claus to complete his scheduled visits to Wocus and Shady Pine boys and girls, delivering toys and candy and nuts to those unable to go away from home to see Santa.

Mrs. Julius Ray, mother of Mrs. A. W. Babcock, surprised her daughter by coming all the way from Poplar Bluff, Mo., to spend the Christmas season with the Babcock family whom she hadn't seen for over five years. Pictures were taken of Santa Claus with the three Babcock children, and the toys he took to them. Mr. Babcock has been out of work ever since they came up here from Hayfork, Calif., over two months ago. He does construction work of all kinds and can drive his big steel truck. Anyone who can make him to a job of a nature he can handle, he would be deeply grateful. He can be reached at his home on route 3 box 1140-X, Shady Pine.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McGee have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Breese of Klamath Falls. Mrs. McGee expects to leave January 10 for Brooklyn, N. Y., where she will spend the balance of the winter with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Schneider. Don plans to return to the sawmill where he is co-partner with his father, and to buy up more timber in preparation for spring activities.

Actors Enter Child Case

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30 (AP)—Two old-timers of the acting profession, Lionel Barrymore and Maurice Costello, joined forces to assist Helene Costello in a custody action over her child, Dietre, 3.

Costello, matinee idol of the 20's and father of Helene, was called by her attorneys yesterday to answer testimony of her husband, Lee LeBlanc, that she drank "heavily."

The white-haired Costello was asked about the period following the birth of Dietre and whether his daughter used liquor at that time. He replied: "No, no liquor." He also testified that during 20 months when he and Helene occupied neighboring cottages at the motion picture country house she did not use liquor.

Earlier Barrymore, testifying from a wheelchair because of an arthritic condition, was asked if he had seen Miss Costello intoxicated during her illness prior to an operation in 1943. "Never did," he responded. "I asked her for a drink—wanted one myself—and she said 'there wasn't anything in the house.'"

Miss Costello and Dolores, Hollywood artist from whom she is estranged, both are seeking custody of the child in the hearing being conducted by Superior Judge Byron J. Walters.

BID OKAYED

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—The district army engineer today recommended award of a contract to Oscar Butler and Son, Portland, on a bid of \$87,967 for construction of bank protection works and channel rectification along the Willamette river at Corvallis.

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Farm Cash Income Up

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30 (AP)—Cash receipts from farm marketing in the 11 western states soared into new high ground in the first 10 months of this year, reaching \$3,994,471,000. This was \$500,000,000 above the similar period of 1946.

Each of the 11 states participated in the increase, figures from the bureau of agricultural economics show, with the biggest gain in Colorado.

The Rocky mountain state's 10-month total was \$403,360,000, a jump of \$108,786,000 above last year.

Lower returns from crops were reported for both Arizona and California. Increases from livestock and products, however, more than balanced the losses so that these states showed gains over 1946.

California ranked first in the western regional group with a 10-month total of \$1,707,897,000. Washington was second with \$491,721,000, Colorado third with \$403,360,000, Montana fourth with \$298,307,000, and Oregon fifth with \$291,216,000.

Four Facing Murder Count

FREDERICKSBURG, Tex., Dec. 30 (AP)—Four persons—two men and two women, ranging in age from 16 to 22—have been charged with murder in the death of four persons in a dance hall fire here Christmas night.

Charged last night were William Doyle Biddy, 22, and his wife, Iovine Marie Biddy, 17, both of Lampasas, and Gene Deatherage, 22, and May Belle Watts, 16, both of Illinois.

A charge of arson had previously been filed against Biddy in connection with the fire, which occurred shortly before musicians were to start playing for the dance.

An overturned butane gas stove was blamed for the blaze, which trapped four persons in the concession department of the wood and sheet metal dance hall.

Support Denied Townsend Plans

PORTLAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—Joe E. Dunne, Portland member of the Oregon third congressional district Townsend club council, said today the district would not support Dr. Francis E. Townsend's plans for a third party.

Dunne, a former state senator, said, "We think Dr. Townsend is cockeyed on the third party idea. We're not going along with him... 95 per cent of our Oregon members believe we can attain our objectives better by working with the two recognized parties."

Methodist Group Asks China Aid End

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30 (AP)—The Methodist Federation for Social Action urged today "an embargo on missions or other military aid to China" in a resolution adopted at the final session of a three-day convention.

The organization also asked for withdrawal of American military advisory groups from China.

The resolutions were adopted following a lengthy discussion of United States policy in connection with aid to the nationalist government.

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