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PRESIDENT AND CABINET TAKE UP HIGH PRICE PROBLEM TODAY

Plans To Reduce Cost Of Living Pushed Ahead

Washington, Aug. 5.—(United Press.)—“Certain definite suggestions” for reducing living costs have been prepared for submission to President Wilson late today Attorney General Palmer announced this afternoon.

Palmer’s announcement came at the conclusion of a three hour and a half conference of eleven cabinet members and government officials at his office. These officials heard the recommendations of Federal Trade Commissioner Coover, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Leffingwell and Railroad Director Hines, who have been investigating food prices.

“Certain definite suggestions were made and have been prepared in writing in a form which I shall submit to the president at a conference today,” said Palmer.

The suggestions involve some legislation. They include all those made at the meeting last week when economic discussions began and some other suggestions made today.

Suggestions made at the last meeting include, it has been understood, reduction in the price of wheat, reduction of paper currency, licensing dealers in necessities and revival of part of the food administration machinery.

Palmer would give no inkling of what the new suggestions are. It is assumed that they have to do with prosecution of food profiteers because of the presence at the meeting of C. W. Ames, special assistant to Palmer, in charge of anti-trust legislation and administration of the food and fuel act. Ames is believed to have laid before the meeting some suggestions as a result of his study of the report of the “big five” packers made by the federal trade commission.

The presence of Julius Barnes, head of the United States grain corporation, was taken to mean reduction in wheat prices was discussed.

Governor Harding of the federal reserve board, who was not at the first meeting last week, attended today. Others present included Secretary Glass, Victor Mordecai of the federal trade commission, and Secretaries Houston and Wilson.

President Wilson and members of his cabinet met today in an effort to do

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IMMEDIATE ADMISSION OF ENEMY NATIONS TO LEAGUE IS DEMANDED

By Rudolf Kommer
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Lausanne, Aug. 4.—Immediate membership for Germany, Russia, Austria and Hungary in the league of nations and abolition of military service, are the demands of the international socialist congress, which opened here yesterday.

Italy and Swiss socialists refused to participate in the congress. There were no Americans present and Austrian and Hungarian delegates were delayed en route.

Arthur Henderson, British labor leader, who made the opening address, advocated sending a commission to Russia to study conditions under the bolsheviks. Henderson, who is opposed to the bolsheviks, said the socialists so far had not made up their minds how to treat bolshevism.

“I hope we can consolidate labor on a compromise platform midway between Paris capitalism and Moscow bolshevism,” Henderson told the conference.

Germany is represented at the congress by Molken Burgh and Wells.

CONGRESS STARTED ON BILLS TO REDUCE HIGH LIVING COSTS

Consideration Of Measures To Regulate Packers To Commence August 18 Under Present Arrangement.

By L. O. Martin
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 5.—Increasing pressure for a reduction in the cost of living today brought definite action in congress.

The senate agriculture committee voted to begin consideration August 18 of the Kroyon and Kindrick bills to regulate the packers.

This was considered by many the most important action yet taken by congress with regard to bringing down prices.

The Kroyon and Kindrick bills provide that the packers shall be placed under license and under a system of regulation which will prevent profits over a certain limit.

Senator Gronous favored writing until the peace treaty is ratified by the senate before undertaking consideration of the bills, but other committee members declared the food crisis demands immediate action.

“The high cost of living is inter-related with everything,” Gronous declared. “It will require from sixty to ninety days to hear all the interests that ought to be heard. We have got to consider labor, products of the farm and factory, manufacturing, railroad transportation and money problems. If we are going to effect a real change in the high cost of living.”

Senator Johnson, South Dakota, declared immediate and drastic action is necessary.

“It is the only great question,” he said. “If we do not get it we are going to have a revolution. You may just about it, but it is in the air.”

Danger of a coal famine added itself today to the complications congress faces in the railroad and high cost of living problems.

While the senate agriculture committee met to take up the food question, in a general way, and the interstate commerce committee considers the railway wage question, senators were seeking some way to get the coal difficulty solved.

That the fuel problem is rapidly becoming grave was the assertion of Senators Hitchcock and Pomeroy today. They pointed out that it has such a direct bearing on the cost of living that

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New Association Of Berry Growers Makes Statement On Loganberry Situation Here

At a meeting held last Saturday at Woodburn, the North Marion County Berry Growers association organized, with L. Lawrence as president and H. R. Brown as secretary. The executive committee will include the president and secretary and Dr. W. A. Chapman, George Hall and W. L. Bentley.

To make clear the situation as to the loganberry conditions, the growers passed the following resolutions and statement:

Statement of growers as to differences with the Pheasant Northwest Products company.

Whereas, the Pheasant company, successors to the Pheasant Northwest Products company has engaged in a publicity campaign arrogating to itself credit for the prices berry growers are receiving and has reflected upon the integrity of the growers for their refusal to deliver berries to this company and has even written to numerous individual growers imputing to them a lack of morality for their failure to deliver to this company.

Now therefore be it resolved that we the loganberry growers of North Marion county make a correct statement of facts regarding our differences with this company and give publicity thereto that the public may be able to judge the matter fairly and give to each party his due measure of respect or condemnation.

In 1916 the Pheasant Northwest Products company knowing that there was a considerable acreage of loganberries in North Marion county, desired to open a plant in Woodburn for processing juice and approached the owners of an empty building factory. This factory was deeded to the company in return for a small amount of stock in the company and some additional bonus was given the company.

In addition thereto the company required each grower to take stock in the

company in proportion to the amount of acreage of loganberries which he proposed to deliver.

A meeting between the representatives of the company, headed by Mr. Gile, president of the company, and the growers was held in 1916 in the city hall in Woodburn, for the purpose of discussing prices and contracts. At this meeting Mr. Gile stated that he realized that the prices offered were low; but that when the company got on its feet the growers would receive such additional sums as conditions warranted. This statement was not incorporated in the contracts and while it may not be legally binding upon the company, it was made for the purpose of inducing growers to contract with them and is a moral obligation which the company cannot escape.

Let us see whether the company has fulfilled this moral obligation.

In the season of 1918 berries were delivered to the company under 3 1/2 cent contracts which were simply put in barrels and sold for ten cents per pound or more. These deliveries by the way were two cents under the market price and still the growers continued to hope that this moral obligation would be fulfilled. In the season of 1919 this company has offered eight cents on the market and we are informed has in some instances paid nine cents or over for these berries; but does it make a similar concession to the growers who had been loyal to it during the lean years? No, it offers these growers five and one-half cents per pound. Do these facts indicate that the company was at this time in a position to pay the market price for berries? It appears to us that they do; but the company says to the growers, emulating our esteemed friend Skylock, “it is not stipulated in

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NATIONALIZATION OF RAILROADS IS CHIEF CAPITAL TOPIC TODAY

Cummins Says Present Tendency Is Toward Federalization of Industries.

By Ralph F. Couch
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Aug. 5.—Nationalization of American railroads, with possible spread of the principle to many other industries, came to the fore in Washington today, in discussion of the labor and high cost of living crisis which confronts the government.

“I think the present trend of events is toward nationalization of industry,” Senator Cummins, Iowa, told the United Press today.

“Nationalization of the railroads, if it should occur, would, in my opinion be followed by nationalization of other industries. I do not, however, anticipate immediate nationalization of the railroads.”

When representatives of the four big railroad brotherhoods appear tomorrow before the joint congressional committee which will hear their suggestions for settlement of the railroad problem, they are expected to make flat demands for retirement of capital from the railroads; for the purchase of the roads from their present owners; payment to be made in government bonds; and for future control of the lines by corporations in which the public, the employees and the operating management shall have equal rights. This program was laid down in their statement made public today.

Some members of the congressional committee, it was learned today, intend to try to bring out by questioning that labor considers public ownership of the roads only a step in the direction of control of all big industries by the workers.

The senate interstate commerce committee today selected a sub-committee of three to report whether an investigation of the railroad wage problem should be made by the full committee. The sub-committee was directed to study for itself the relation of railroad workers’ wages to increases in living since the last pay raise became effective. Senator Cummins and other members of the committee were of the opinion that the president has new the power to name a board to go into the question of railroad wages.

which is to file its report as quickly as possible—probably within a few days. If it reports in favor of an investigation, a resolution prepared by Cummins will be introduced in the senate to authorize it.

Senator Nelson, Minnesota, demanded whether the wage demand is part of a plan to bring out government ownership.

“I don’t know,” said Cummins.

Nelson also asked whether the wage demand was accompanied by a strike threat. Cummins denied knowledge of this also.

Senator Thomas, Colorado, pointed out that a 12-cent pay raise asked by

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WILSON GIVING ENTIRE TIME TO BIG QUESTIONS

Revival Of Price-Fixing And Profit Limiting Are Considered.

Liverpool Resumes Quiet With Heavy Troop Guard Patrolling City Streets

Liverpool, Aug. 5.—With a military cordon surrounding the city, Liverpool was quiet last night and hope was expressed today that the disorders resulting from the police strike had come to an end. One person was killed and others may die as a result of bayonet and gunshot wounds received in rioting. At least a hundred persons were severely wounded by stones and glass.

Four hundred persons were arrested. Two hundred stores were wrecked or looted. The damage to property is estimated at a million and a half dollars.

Two thousand troops, a dozen tanks, machine guns and cavalry were here to maintain order.

Reconstruction Made Necessary By Addition Of New Members.

Now that all vacancies in the city council have been filled, and the city rate once again Mayor Otto J. Wilson has been obliged to reconstruct the general committee assignment.

At the meeting of the council last evening, following the election of Robert Craig as commissioner from the third ward, succeeding J. S. Austin, resigned, the mayor announced committee assignments as follows:

Ways and Means: W. A. Wiest, chairman, O. L. Scott and Edw. Schanke.

Ordinances: R. W. Simeral, chairman, Robert Craig and W. A. Wiest.

Accounts and current expenses: Edw. Schanke, chairman, Harold Hager and R. W. Simeral.

Streets: Walter F. Buchner chairman, W. H. Vandervort and George E. Halvorsen.

Public buildings: O. L. Scott chairman, Paul V. Johnson and Jas. McClelland.

Sewers: A. H. Moore chairman, R. W. Simeral and Harold Hager.

Paving: Gerald Volk chairman, Harold Hager and Jas. McClelland.

Licenses: George E. Halvorsen chairman, Paul V. Johnson and A. H. Moore.

Fire and water: R. W. Simeral chairman, Paul V. Johnson and W. F. Buchner.

Bridges: H. H. Vandervort chairman, Walter F. Buchner and George E. Halvorsen.

Health and police: Dr. F. L. Utter chairman, A. W. Moore and H. H. Vandervort.

Lights: Paul V. Johnson chairman, F. L. Utter and Jas. McClelland.

Printing: Jas. McClelland chairman, F. L. Utter and Gerald Volk.

Parks: Robert Craig chairman, O. L. Scott and Edw. Schanke.

Revision of minutes: Harold Hager chairman, H. H. Vandervort and F. L. Utter.

Rules: W. A. Wiest chairman, Gerald Volk and Robert Craig.

Board: Robert Craig chairman, W. A. Wiest and Edw. Schanke.

The city council as now constituted is as follows:

Mayor, Otto J. Wilson.

First ward: R. W. Simeral and Harold Hager.

Second ward: F. L. Utter and H. H. Vandervort.

Third ward: Walter F. Buchner and Robert Craig.

Fourth ward: A. H. Moore and Paul V. Johnson.

Fifth ward: Gerald Volk and Edw. Schanke.

Sixth ward: W. A. Wiest and James McClelland.

Seventh ward: O. L. Scott and George E. Halvorsen.

Cross county Moore lodges are planning to hold their annual gathering at Simpson park in North Bend Monday.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS MADE

Reconstruction Made Necessary By Addition Of New Members.

COURT YET TO DECIDE ON LOGANBERRY CASES

Purchasing Company Paying Provisional Bonus Into County Clerk's Office.

Total Horticultural As Well Agricultural Acreage Within County Shown in New Reports

Ben F. West, county assessor, has now completed a summary of the agricultural and horticultural resources of Marion county as compiled from the reports of the 25 deputy assessors.

The late legislature passed a law providing that all assessors in the state secure a complete record of acreage in grains and fruits and that each county assessor make a summary of his county and report to Chas. V. Galloway, tax commissioner.

There will now be on file, not only in each county but in the state tax commissioner's office, a complete record of grain and fruit acreages of each county, all of which will be official records to the world as to exactly what crops Oregon is raising and exactly the acreages in fruits and berries.

Marion county is most emphatically a county where the raising of oats is the main farming industry. The records compiled by Assessor West shows that 6,390 acres were planted in this county, out of a total acreage of 312,164. That is, 20 per cent of the cultivated land in the county is planted in oats.

While oats claim an acreage of 62,290, there is in winter wheat 24,297 acres and in spring wheat 11,956 acres. That is in both winter and spring wheat combined, the acreage is but 10 per cent of the total.

Hay is also a leading crop in the county, as it is given 24,747 acres with an extra of 1176 acres in marsh hay. Tass oats comes first, wheat second and

PORTLAND JEWELERS TOO SHARP FOR STRIKERS IN MOVE TO FORCE DEMANDS

Portland, Or., Aug. 5.—Striking jewelry workers placed girl pickets in front of one Portland jewelry store, with banners declaring the establishment “unfair to organized labor.”

Whereupon 17 other jewelers hired their own girls and bannered their own stores as “unfair.”

The jewelers figured it out that the strikers intended to enter upon one establishment until it granted the demands of the workers and then picket the others in turn. So the employers decided that if one was “unfair,” that’s what they’d all be, thereby checkmating the strikers.

The strikers seek the eight hour day, \$36 per week and recognition of the union. The employers say they have always been willing to grant the requested hours and wages, but will quit business before accepting the “closed shop.”

Rumanian Advance Against Hungary Said To Be Limited

Budapest, Aug. 5.—General Neres, commander in chief of the Rumanian army, explained today that he had ordered the occupation of Hungary only as far as the outskirts of Budapest. He does not intend to interfere with the internal affairs of Budapest, he said.

Dispatches yesterday told the Rumanians accepting Budapest despite instructions from the allies to cease their advance.

Fires and hot weather in the interior are helping Nohalem by lumber camps to secure experienced men and more are available than for two years before.

COUNCIL TO PROBE HIGH PHONE RATES

Pacific States Company Is Asked To Give Reasons And Authority.

Displeased with the recent advance in telephone rates, the city council again discussed the proposition of a municipal telephone for Salem, at the meeting held last evening.

Alderman Wiest said there was considerable agitation in his part of the city over the telephone question. On motion of Mr. Wiest, the city council now asks the telephone company to send to City Recorder Race a detailed statement as to the advance in rates and by what special authority these advances were made.

And in order that the question may come up at the next meeting of the council, it was voted that the telephone situation be taken up as a special order of business. It is probable that the several members of the council especially interested in a city owned telephone will consult L. T. Buselle as to estimates and costs.

Mayor Wilson handed out his first veto last evening when he placed his veto on the ordinance providing for the appointment of a purchasing agent and the naming of City Recorder Race as agent. The mayor based his veto on the fact that the ordinance provided for no special term of office, and that the appointment made the tenure of office indefinite.

The mayor also ruled that in order to pass an ordinance over his veto, it would require ten votes. The ten votes favoring the appointment of Mr. Race as city purchasing agent were not present and the mayor was sustained.

Due to the scarcity of labor, there will be scarcely any paving this summer. Street Commissioner Low had reported that he could not find laborers for this work. The council thought that to help a little, a number of curbs might be placed this summer, but no street paving unless labor becomes more plentiful.

Alderman Vandervort and Alderman Buckner looked horns on the price of hay, as each claimed to be able to furnish an expert on the question. A. B. McKillop, of Salem road 7, submitted a bid of \$21.50 for 30 tons of hay. Chas. Sterling of Brownsville named \$20 as his price. It was finally decided to ask Mr. Sterling to send in a sample ton. Vandervort thought \$20 cheap enough while Buckner thought he could beat the price.

Walter Winslow will be consulted on the legal question as to whether the city would have any chance of winning in bringing suit in the circuit court against the public service commission, asking for a reversal of its opinion when it refused to compel the Southern Pacific to install warning signals at Capital and Union streets.

Gravel is keeping pace with the high cost of living and it was made known last evening that hereafter the city would be obliged to pay 25 cents extra per cubic yard. Buckner suggested that the city sell its paving plant as it could rent the plant of the city for the occasional paving to be done within the city limits. No action was taken.

The city firemen and policemen are now assured of the advance in salary as the ordinance granting the increase was finally passed last evening. The fire chief now gets \$125 a month, captain \$110, engineer \$110, and others, after serving six months \$100 a month.

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Th' feller that used t' set 'em up th' second time now asks if you know where th' r' anymore. Mrs. Lufe Bud threw a surprise breakfast for her husband, this mornin', as th' cessitory burned yesterday.