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## CONGRESS RELUCTANT TO HASTEN APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOOD FIGHT

### War On Food Hoarders And Profiteers Shows First Definite Results.

By Ray Clapper  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Aug. 14.—Congress showed signs today of being reluctant to appropriate quickly the \$3,060,000 asked by executive departments to reduce the cost of living. But it was believed the money bills would go through because of public demand for lower prices.

"The money might better be spent in buying food than in further investigations," Senator Townsend, Michigan, said today. He is chairman of the special senate committee named to recommend measures to reduce prices.

"All kinds of schemes are being thought up in the various departments each of which is trying to make a showing and consequently demand appropriations," he said. In the last two days congress has been asked to make these appropriations:

Department of labor, \$475,000; department of commerce, \$410,000; federal trade commission, \$500,000; treasury department for secret service agents \$175,000.

The department of justice has already asked \$1,500,000. Attorney General Palmer has announced.

Townsend said he believed most of these requests were made without knowledge of what other departments wanted. Certain additional funds will have to be granted in some cases, but congress will investigate before acting, he said.

"We have got to get at the facts of this," Townsend explained. "We will have to eliminate duplication and find whether the additional taxes these appropriations would require would offset the gain from reduced prices."

Townsend said his committee would recommend a complete program for congress.

Attorney General Palmer's request for extension of the food control act to cover clothing and adoption of heavy penalties for violations was taken up by the senate agriculture committee today. Farmers demands for changes in grain standards also will be heard by the committee.

Congress was to be urged to fix reasonable profits and determine what is "unreasonable restraint of trade," by Senator Owen today. Owen approved the federal reserve board's advice that waste and extravagance be avoided and that every effort be made to increase production as a remedy for present high prices.

"I emphatically agree with Governor Harding that the high cost of living needs to be abated by diligent and effi-

### EVERYBODY PLAYING GAME ON WALL STREET

#### Extra Holidays Called To Give Clerks Chance To Catch Up Work.

New York, Aug. 14.—(United Press.)—High prices of foods and products of factories are reflected nowhere better than in the New York stock market, where transactions have been so heavy in recent weeks that extra holidays, in addition to the Saturday half-day have been necessary to allow clerks to keep up with the business.

Starting last March trading has been so active that rarely a day has passed when shares sold did not reach the million mark, and on occasions the number has gone above 2,000,000. And rarely has the market been "over-sold," a condition reached when shorts sell so heavily that it is difficult for them to cover by purchases.

Naturally, with such a demand for issues of all character, it follows as a matter of course that prices must mount and mount, they have.

The day before the world was plunged into war—July 30, 1914—stock which now are selling at far more than \$100 a share, could be obtained for a bare fraction of that figure. Common stock of the International Mercantile Marine, for instance, could be picked up in Wall Street before the start of hostilities at a few dollars a share. It has gone above 60 since that day.

One great factor in the continued and steady advance of all classes since that time has been the phenomenal riches ground out in the factories that produced war munitions. Millions were made overnight. The public heard of these things and wanted to get in. They outnumbered the professional traders. And then along came the oil stocks, with the development of the great Ranger field in Texas. Oil stocks began to soar.

Persons who never dreamed they would have better than a weekly salary have invested their savings in some security and have come out rich. The effect was dramatic. The street has been full of outside traders.

Of course, the rich ones are greatly outnumbered by that saddened horde which has lost its all in Wall Street speculation; but the glamor of the dollar always calls more.

And, while outside speculation is ongoing and things gradually more normal, there still is an influence that bids fair to keep prices very high merely by the process of supply and demand for shares.

## RETURN OF ALL RAILROADS TO OWNERS URGED

### Security Holders Tell Congress They Favor Private Ownership Of Lines.

#### FIXED MAXIMUM RETURN ARGUED AS BEST PLAN

### Walter Says Scheme Would Mean Equal Distribution Of Surplus Profits.

Washington, Aug. 14.—America's railroad security holders today told congress they favor return of the roads to private ownership with a rate structure providing a fixed maximum return.

Luther M. Walter, general counsel of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, testifying before the house interstate commerce committee, declared that under this plan all surplus funds earned over the fixed minimum return, would be divided equally between labor, the public and the roads earning the surplus.

He declared that labor should participate in the earnings of the carriers, and that such participation was a fundamental of the plan. Walter opposed the stand taken by the chamber of commerce and railroad executives providing for federal incorporation, a transportation board and a secretary of transportation in the cabinet.

The security holders plan, Walter said, provides for congressional direction of the interstate commerce commission that it shall make freight and passenger rates sufficient to pay operating expenses, maintain railroad properties and give not less than a six percent return on the aggregate fair value of the property, devoted to transportation in each of the principal traffic territories.

"We believe capital is entitled to its return of six percent, that labor is entitled to a fair wage and that the excess earnings by the carriers after paying fair wages and six percent upon capital should be divided with labor and the public," he said.

"My reason of the largely increased duties which will fall upon the commission, the security holders ask congress to create six regional interstate commerce commissions, subordinate to the commission, but with all the powers of the interstate commerce commission in their respective territories."

Walter said these regional commissions would act as boards of conciliation in settling wage disputes being a body close to the employees, the carriers and the shippers.

The plan provides further, he stated, that the issuance of securities of all carriers engaged in interstate commerce should be invested in Federal authority.

"Finally, the plan would create a corporation operated without profit for the railroads and managed by nine interstate commerce commissioners and eight railroad men selected by the railroads," continued Walter.

He declared the plan as would continue the present rate committee composed of both railroads and shippers primarily to consider and pass upon all changes in rates, requested by either railroads or shippers, before being filed with the regional commission of the interstate commerce commission.

Many shippers and manufacturers' organizations have approved our plan, Walter said. "It is simple, easy of application and can be made effective immediately. Under it investors will feel secure, labor will secure a fair wage and the shippers will obtain the service he pays for."

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ABE MARTIN  
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Most of the United States senators spent the day in the absence. Late last night a family visited relatives this week saved a little over thirty-one dollars.

## FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO TALK TREATY WITH WILSON

### NEW YORK PLAYHOUSE STRIKE IS SPREADING

#### New Amsterdam And Maxine Elliott Forced To Close By Players Walk-Out.

New York, Aug. 14.—Two more theaters had been closed by the actors strike today, bringing the total here to 13. The latest productions to succumb were the "Ziegfeld Follies" at the New Amsterdam and "30 East" at the Maxine Elliott.

The "Follies" closed when the principals walked out after Supreme Justice Lyden had vacated an order restraining them from striking. The strike at the Maxine Elliott resulted from the revelation according to the actors, that the production is owned by the Shuberts, members of the Producing Managers' association.

Frank Gilmore, executive secretary of the Actor's Equity association issued a statement saying that both William H. Taft and Charles E. Hughes had consented to act as arbitrators in the strike but that the managers had declared there was "nothing to arbitrate."

Arthur Hopkins, speaking for the managers, said their organization would be willing to negotiate anything but recognition of the Equity "which has ceased to be representative of the actor and has become his dictator."

Chicago Strike Halted.  
Chicago, Aug. 14.—(United Press.)—Chicago theater goers awaited the outcome of smart proceedings today, decided upon in an arbitration between the striking thespians and manager of local theaters. Meanwhile only two theaters remained dark, regular shows going on in the others.

### TWO MEN INJURED IN SLIDE AT PAPER MILL

#### Excavators Working On Construction Work Buried But Not Badly Hurt.

While excavating on the north bank of South Mill creek close to the Commercial street bridge for the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, Mendrick Patterson and John Brodie were partially buried in a landslide at 10 o'clock this morning.

Patterson was buried almost up to his neck while Brodie was covered to the waist. A number of other workmen noted the caving of the bank and sounded warning and were able to get away before the bank caved in.

The two men were rushed to the Willamette Sanatorium when it was thought they were seriously injured. However, an examination showed that neither of the men were seriously hurt and both were taken to their homes this afternoon.

### Serious Forest Fire In McKenzie Country Spreads

Eugene, Or., Aug. 14.—One of two serious forest fires in the McKenzie river district has already spread over 70 acres. A third serious blaze in the timber is in the vicinity of the Fisher Logging company camp 30 miles from Eugene.

### Transport Sheridan Loses Propeller But Limping In

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—The United States army transport Sheridan, which has lost her starboard propeller 1700 miles out, is struggling to reach this port under her own steam.

Such was the substance of a radio-gram received by General Devol of the transport service.

She was due next Sunday, but probably will be delayed ten days on her trip from Honolulu to San Francisco. She has plenty of fuel and food.

### Senator McNary Active In Effort to Secure Support of "Mild" Reservations.

By L. C. Martin  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Aug. 14.—The senate foreign relations committee today decided to notify President Wilson that the committee desires to call on him at the White House to obtain from him information concerning the peace treaty.

Democratic overtures have been made to "mild reservations" in the senate for agreement on reservations to the peace treaty, it was learned today.

As soon as twenty republicans have agreed to the mild reservation program this program "will go through all right," a leading democratic senator has told Senators Lodge and McNary, according to this informant.

Lodge is said to have accepted tentatively the program of the "mild" group, on condition that two changes be made in phraseology. The "mild reservationists" led by McNary and Kellogg, are bending every effort to get twenty adherents to their plan and hope to have them by the end of the week, they said today.

McNary submitted the proposed reservations to Lodge at a conference lasting an hour. Lodge is understood to have said the reservations looked all right to him, but suggested a change in one covering withdrawal from the league and another in one on article 10.

Senator Hitchcock, democratic floor leader, today said he had not engineered the proposal for a compromise. He indicated that he will continue his opposition to all reservations or amendments.

Senator Curtis, republican whip, has been instructed to poll republican senators, to learn just how many of them would be satisfied with the mild program.

## NEW YORKERS CAPTURE EXTRA INNING CONTEST

### Rally In Fourteenth Frame Brings Victory Home To McGraw Aggregation.

Polo Grounds, New York, Aug. 14.—Cold gray skies that threatened momentarily to drip rain, hung over the Polo Grounds today when the Reds and Giants met in their second double header of the "crucial series." Less than 10,000 persons were in the stands when the first game was called. The lineup: Cincinnati—Bath, 2b; Daubert, 1b; Groh, 3b; Roush, cf; Neale, rf; Kopf, ss; Magee, lf; Wingo, c; Ring, p.

New York—Burns, lf; Young, cf; Fletcher, ss; Frisch, 2b; Chase, 1b; Kneiff, cf; Zimmerman, 3b; McCarty, c; Toney, p.

First Inning.  
Cincinnati—Frisch threw out Bath. Daubert flew to Young. Fletcher threw out Groh. No runs, no hits, no errors.

New York—Groh threw out Burns. Young singled. Wingo threw out Fletcher. Frisch out, Kopf to Daubert. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Second Inning.  
Cincinnati—Roush singled. Neale forced Roush, Frisch to Fletcher. Kopf forced Neale, Fletcher to Frisch. Magee singled. Wingo fouled to McCarty. No run, two hits, no errors.

New York—Chase fouled to Wingo. Ring threw out Kauff. Zimmerman fanned. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Third Inning.  
Cincinnati—Ring fanned. Bath fanned.

### Poindexter Hits Gompers' Advocacy Of Federalization

New York, Aug. 14.—Samuel Gompers' advocacy of nationalization of the railroads, as stated in an interview with the United Press yesterday was assailed by Senator Miles Poindexter, Washington, at the Waldorf-Astoria, who charged the labor leader is favoring nothing more or less than bolshevism.

"The cost of living," said Poindexter, "is due to the demands of railway employees and others for continued increase of wages. It is due in part to the government by the president while in Europe and hoarding of food by the government and private dealers and vast appropriations and loans by the government to purchase fuel, food and other necessities to feed Europe, with no appropriation to feed America."

## ELEVEN CENTS A POUND FAIR PRICE FOR SUGAR

### Department Of Justice Says Dealers Charging More To Be Investigated.

By Ralph Couch  
(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Washington, Aug. 14.—Eleven cents a pound has been adjudged a "fair" retail price for sugar by the department of justice, Assistant General C. B. Ames announced today.

"Dealers charging more will be investigated," said Ames. "Ten cents a pound is a fair wholesale price. The additional penny should be enough profit for the retail dealer."

Ames asked consumers who are charged more to write, either to him at the department of justice, Washington, or to the nearest United States district attorney.

Placed in charge of anti-trust prosecutions and the campaign to catch profiteers and price gougers by Attorney General Palmer, Ames is going after the sugar profiteers.

Some retail sugar dealers have been charging 15 cents a pound, the department has been informed.

Ames already has obtained convictions of two, one at Pittsburgh and one yesterday at Binghamton, N. Y. In this case the dealer was fined \$500.

All sugar now being held in the United States is controlled by the government sugar equalizing board, with headquarters in New York. This board buys all raw sugar produced and imported. It then sells the raw sugar to the re-

## ROBBER OF BANK AT BEAVERTON ESCAPES

### Chester Clark Makes Getaway From Prison Farm Berry Field Today

Chester Clark, 21, who was sent up from Washington county just a month ago today for the robbery of the Bank of Beaverton, escaped this morning from the berry fields on the state prison farm where he was at work with a number of other prisoners.

Clark robbed the Beaverton bank during the noon hour, locking the cashier and a customer who happened to be in the bank at the time in the vault and making away with \$3800.

The men in the berry field were under armed guards and the field was quickly surrounded when his absence was noted. Officials are confident of his early capture.

No trace has been found of D. C. Breichoux and Edward Southwick, convicts temporarily committed to the state hospital for the insane, who made their escape from the hospital automobile truck Wednesday while en route to the state farm fields at Turner.

From the fact that a sister of Southwick had made persistent efforts to secure his release, it is believed that she co-vised at the escape. She was seen about the hospital yesterday, and further color is lent to the theory by the fact that an automobile of unknown ownership had been seen near the point where the two men made their getaway. Hence a description of Miss Florence Southwick has been sent along with the description of the two escapes to all adjoining towns.

Southwick was sent up to the penitentiary.

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## Man Burned And Launches Destroyed In Portland Fire

Portland, Or., Aug. 14.—Walter Johnson was severely burned last night in a fire which destroyed part of the municipal boat landing at the foot of Woodward avenue and sent two motor-boats and two boat houses up in smoke. The boats, a private river schooner and speed craft, belonged to F. W. Volger and were valued at \$20,000.

Johnson, an employe of Volger, was in the boat house when the gasoline tank of the cruiser exploded. Flaming gasoline seared his face and arms. He saved his life by jumping into the river and swimming ashore. He will live.

## LIBERTY BOND QUOTATIONS

New York, Aug. 14.—Liberty bond quotations: 3 1/2's, 99.90; first 4's, 94.90; second 4's, 93.92; first 4 1/2's, 94.28; second 4 1/2's, 93.18; third 4 1/2's, 93.82; fourth 4 1/2's, 93.16; victory 3 1/2's, 99.84; 4 1/2's, 92.78.