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AMERICAN FOOD SPOILING UPON ENGLISH DOCKS

Officials Investigating Alleged Waste Of Articles Shipped Out.

SUSPENSION OF EXPORT URGED TO REDUCE COSTS

Colver Says Americans Only Nation Permitting Food Use As "Poker Chips."

Washington, Aug. 30.—Officials here today are investigating a report that big shipments of American food are spoiling in England because the strike of the transport workers has congested docks and wharves. Food shipped from New York and Boston is reported to be piled high on docks at Liverpool and Southampton. Meanwhile Attorney General Palmer is awaiting action of congress on his proposed amendments to the Lever food control bill providing jail sentence for profiteers. Upon how soon congress passes the amendments will depend whether the government will be permanently successful, Palmer believes, in forcing further food price reductions within 90 days.

Would Bar Exports.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Suspension of exports of foodstuffs or licensing of such exports after the strictest scrutiny, would lower the cost of living within the 90 day time period established by labor, in the opinion of William B. Colver, chairman of the federal trade commission.

In an interview with the United Press today, which he explained was an expression of his personal views and not an official expression by the commission, Colver said:

"There is no single cause for the high cost of living. Therefore there is no panacea. This is the only nation on earth that permits its foodstuffs to be used as poker chips. This is the only nation where speculation is permitted in food such as canned fish, fruits and vegetables. Not only before these foods are in their cans, but before the snow is off the ground where the seeds are planted, before the ice is off the river, where the fish are to be caught.

"The profits of speculators in food represent no useful service, cutting them out can hurt no one.

"If exports of foodstuffs were suspended, prices in this country would be reduced."

Hog Prices Tumble.

Portland, Or., Aug. 30.—The high cost of living in Portland is due for a tumble—at least as far as the price of pork is concerned. Hogs dropped \$2 per hundred on the (Continued on Page Eight.)

Plans To Entertain Shriners Who Visit Portland Session Next Year, In Salem Are Made

Through the efforts of Salem Shriners the Arabian Knights club, Salem will be given an opportunity to entertain for one day 1,000 or more Shriners from the east who will attend the national ceremonial to be held in Portland next June. And not only will arrangements be made for Salem day, but action was taken at the meeting last evening of Shriners and prominent Masons, whereby the thousands of tourists coming by auto to the ceremonial, will be entertained while passing through Salem on their way to Portland. While the great national event for Shriners will not take place until next year, already plans are under way in Salem to care for the 60,000 to 75,000 Shriners who pass through the city each year. Salem is the center of the Log Cabin industry of the country, as well as a great fruit raising country. In order that Salem may at once begin its preparations for next June, at the meeting last night, Lot L. Pearce, president of the Arabian Knights club, appointed an advisory committee of John H. Albert, Dan J. Fry, Z. J. Riggs, Dr. C. A. Olson and B. F. Shriver. As a "pep" committee, one that will get down to work and keep alive the fact that Salem has the opportunity to show itself to thousands of Shriners, President Pearce appointed Hal D. Patton, Walter Smith and Lee Gilbert. And to bring to the attention of 32nd degree Masons and members of De Mole commandery, as well as all members of the fraternity, a membership committee of ten will be appointed by the president, whose duty it shall be to secure additional Shriners for the ceremonial for next January and June. Due to the fact that Salem has had no literature or has had printed and pamphlets for the past five years showing what is going on in this part of the valley, and advertising committee was appointed, including Fred A. Erickson and Lee Gilbert, who will continue.

NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNED IN CREEK

Kenneth Roth, Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Theo. Roth Is Found Dead.

Kenneth T. Roth, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roth of 925 D street, was drowned last night in north Mill creek near the Summer street bridge. With a number of other children he had been playing on the banks of the creek during the evening. He had a net with which he was catching minnows and it is thought that while plying his net, he became separated from the other children, and accidentally stepped into one of the deep waterholes. In the evening he had been helping his aunt, Miss Polly Pearline, when he told her he was going to the creek and invited her to come along. Later, Miss Pearline went to look for the boy and not finding him, became alarmed. Mrs. Roth fearing that he was in the water, asked that the creek be searched in the deeper holes. The body was not recovered until about 9:30 o'clock. Physicians were immediately called and the pulmotor brought from the fire house, but all efforts to resuscitate the boy were futile.

The funeral services will be held at 4:30 o'clock from the home Sunday afternoon and will be conducted by the Rev. George F. Holt. Burial will be in the City View cemetery.

FINE FARM SOLD

The W. L. Upson ranch of 61 acres in South Silvertown has been sold to D. D. Miller of Woodburn who will take possession of his new property as soon as the same is vacated by Mr. Upson which will be between now and the middle of September. Mr. Miller is a brother of Elwin Miller, who owns an up-to-date chicken ranch near by. Appeal.

WILSON ONLY CAN PREVENT STEEL STRIKE

Intervention Of President Can Alone Ward Off Tie Up Of Industry.

JUDGE GARY DECLINES TO ANSWER UNION NOTE

Workers Asked To Postpone Action Until Officials Can Investigate.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today announced that the executive council had decided that the federation shall take no stand at this time with regard to the Pinab plan. A sub-committee has been created to examine all facts and obtain advice from all who can contribute and later to report to the executive council on the entire matter.

By Fred S. Ferguson (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Aug. 30.—Intervention by the president appeared today to be the only thing that will avert a strike of union workers in the steel industry, if they attempt to carry out their threats.

The time limit given Judge Gary, head of the United States Steel corporation, for reply to the last letter of the steel workers' committee, requesting a conference, had expired without a reply being received.

The committee informed Gary that they could be reached at the National

SIT TIGHT, ADVISE

Washington, Aug. 30.—The main thing to do is to sit tight in the boat, President Wilson told the governors committee which called on him yesterday, according to Governor W. S. Sproule of Pennsylvania today.

Hotel, Washington, until last night. They waited until a late hour, whereupon Secretary Foster announced he was taking a train for home.

Early today, when a reply was still lacking, John Fitzpatrick, head of the committee, declared there was "nothing more to be done."

President Gompers presented the case of the steel men to the president along with an outline of the general labor situation yesterday. Meantime telegrams were sent out, asking local leaders to prevent any precipitate action by the men, in advance of a review of their case by the president and recommendations from the committee.

The letter to Gary, however, informed him that the only way the committee could prove its authority, which Gary questioned, was to enforce the strike vote of the men. The committee members regard Gary's failure to reply as closing the channel of direct negotiations. As their final letter was not sent to Gary until after consultation with Gompers, it is assumed the A. F. of L. leader entirely supported the steel men before President Wilson.

With the crisis threatened by the railway shippers passed for the moment, the attention had switched to steel today, though there was still the lurking uncertainty of whether the shippers can be kept in line.

Meantime all departments concerned in the fight to lower the high cost of living were being urged to speed up in order to make good within the ninety day time period which the railway employees department of the A. F. of L. has sought to establish.

The executive committee of the A. F. of L. continued its sessions but was expected to adjourn this afternoon over Labor day.

Portland Labor Would Kill Road Contract Given Oxman

Portland, Or., Aug. 30.—Organized labor in Portland has started a campaign which it hopes will culminate in the rejection of a road building contract that the state highway commission recently awarded to Frank C. Oxman. The reason is that Oxman was one of the leading witnesses against Thomas J. Mooney, the convicted San Francisco bomb plotter.

Sharp Battle Predicted When Senators Attempt to Thrash Reservation Into Final Form

Washington, Aug. 30.—A sharp struggle in the senate foreign relations committee over the form of treaty reservations when the subject is taken up early next week forecast a rocky road. Republican views on reservations vary widely. Senator Lodge, chairman of the committee, is confronted with the task of reconciling the ideas of Senator Knox and Senator Brandegee for instance. Again Lodge's own ideas do not entirely match those of Knox and there are irreconcilables—Johnson, Borah and Fall—who must be reckoned with. Democrats will take no more part in reservation making than in adoption of textual amendments, which being powerless to stop, they merely opposed to the limit of their voting power. With but one more amendment in sight reservations will come up early next week and the committee hopes to get the treaty reported by Wednesday or Thursday. The vital and truly important committee work is now in sight, many members feel.

SPRUCE PROBERS OFF TO INSPECT BIG MILL

Investigating Committee To Delve Into Production Work Today.

Portland, Or., Aug. 30.—Representatives James A. Prear, W. W. Maceo and Clarence F. Lea, members of the congressional committee which is investigating the spruce production division, left Portland early this morning for Lincoln county, Oregon.

The congressmen will spend two days inspecting the spruce plant in that county and the million dollar government mill at Toledo, Oregon. They will resume their sessions in Portland Tuesday morning.

After being assured that Secretary of War Baker had promised protection to enlisted men appearing before the congressional committee, George W. French testified at the hearing which was conducted by the congressional probers here late Friday afternoon.

French, who served as a private in the spruce division, told of conditions at the spruce cut-up plant at Vancouver, Wash., during the war. He stated that the general policy there appeared to be to speed to the detriment of quality; that the men were given poor food; that he was threatened with court martial for making a report regarding the food; that soldiers, after putting in an eight hour day in the cut-up plant, were compelled to go on fatigue duty for two or three hours.

Denial Of Mexicans That They Found Plane Pilots Missing Deepens Mystery

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 30.—A statement attributed to American Consul Sidney Smith of Ensenada, Lower California, that Captain Terhilo, of Governor Cantu's army, had denied that his men had found the aviators, Lieutenants Waterhouse and Cannolly, added today to the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the two men ten days ago.

Another squadron of airplanes is due back some time today after flying over the country in which the men are thought to have been forced to land.

ABE MARTIN



The Little Gem restaurant advertises 'roastin' ears' raised by contented farmers. Most of our senators seem to be in the chorus.

WORKERS PLAN TO RUSSIANIZE U. S. RAILWAYS

Union Pacific Head Says Scheme Is Assault On Old Institutions.

COUNTRY FAILS TO SEE AND UNDERSTAND MOVE

Plumb Proposal Would Turn Lines Over To One Class For Its Exploitation.

New York, Aug. 30.—The Plumb plan is an effort to Russianize American railways and apply to them the soviet system, according to Judge R. S. Lovett, head of the Union Pacific. In an interview with the United Press today, Judge Lovett characterized the Plumb plan as an assault upon American institutions which the mass of railroad employes as well as citizens fail to understand.

Holding that the American people rather than railroad owners or executives would suffer most if the Plumb plan were attempted, Judge Lovett said:

"The Plumb plan, as I grasp it, is plainly an effort to Russianize American railroads; that is to turn over each industry to the employes operating it for exploitation in their own interest.

"Whether the government takes the railroads for operation by the government, as ordinarily understood, for the interest of all the people, or takes them for operation in the interest of railroad employes exclusively, as proposed by the Plumb plan, is probably not very material to the railroads or investors as such. In either case, so long as we have a constitution, the owners would be paid for the railroads.

"In that view and in that sense, opposition to the Plumb plan is not the fight of railroad owners as such or of the railroad executives representing the railroads, but is a matter that concerns all the citizens of every class and occupation. If the government takes and pays for the railroads and then turns them over to the employes to operate in their interest, the result is easily foreseen.

"Since the beginning of federal control, the wages of the railroad employes have been increased approxi-

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California's Railway Strike Effectively Ended; Federal Operation Threat Does Work

San Francisco, Aug. 30.—(United Press.)—California's rail strike had ended today. Action taken in Los Angeles a scant seven hours before the government's ultimatum expired made it unnecessary for the government to put in effect its threat to operate the trains beginning at 7 a. m. today.

Every preparation had been made by the railroad administration, however, to run the trains and hundreds of deputies had been sworn in to protect property.

Governor Stephens had come to the assistance of the rail administration and had called upon all mayors, sheriffs and other peace officials to aid the government.

The Los Angeles strikers voted reluctantly to return to their posts. The mass meeting lasted three hours and was one of the most stormy labor sessions in the history of the state.

A. F. Whitney, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, who addressed the meeting, was hissed. Epithets were hurled at him. At one time only the prompt action of conservative prevented radicals from sweeping Whitney off his feet. A dozen radicals with clenched fists started for him, but were finally ejected.

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WOULD GIVE AIRMEN CONSTRUCTION JOBS

French Contractors Say Aviators Well Fitted To Boss Work.

Paris, Aug. 30.—Bringing down Boche aeroplanes and dropping bombs on German railroads are excellent training for construction bosses. At least so says Henri Bouche, Paris contractor, who advocates the employment of France's air force in aiding the reconstruction projects in northern France.

According to Mr. Bouche aviators can immensely facilitate the following three phases of the work:

- (1) Obtaining valuation of damages. (2) Planning the reconstruction work. (3) Supervising actual rebuilding.

Taking a census of the damages will be a work involving innumerable physical obstacles if undertaken only by inspectors on the ground. Bouche points out that aviators, unhampered by the impossibility of the roads and trench-lined fields, can easily reconnoiter the whole front, take pictures when necessary, and in a few hours accomplish what it would take months to do by any other means.

Attacking the reconstruction problem Bouche will be not unlike attacking an opposing army. At first the reconnaissance must be made, exact knowledge obtained of conditions prevailing, which it is an army or an immense waste that is to be attacked. Just as the fliers used to look for German batteries they must now seek out ruined towns, destroyed bridges and shell riddled fields.

Finally, the actual supervising of the work can best be carried on from the air. Just as the aviators used to report the results of the artillery fire, they can in the future report the daily progress of the various rebuilding projects. In this manner a real coordination can be obtained and the work carried out along really comprehensive lines.

Bavarian Townspeople Storm Postoffice; Several Killed

Berlin, Aug. 29.—(United Press.)—Armed with revolvers and hand grenades, throngs of rioters at Ludwigshaven, Bavaria, stormed the postoffice today. Several persons were killed in the fighting. Later troops occupied the post-office and stopped the telegraph and telephone service.

Banks have been closed, in the fear that further trouble will occur. It is feared a general strike will be declared. Ludwigshaven, a manufacturing city in Bavaria is situated on the Rhine, opposite Mannheim.