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RETAIL FOOD PRICES RISE OVER NATION

Survey Shows Rising Costs Despite Federal Profit-eering Campaign.

FARMERS AND WHOLESALE GETTING LESS FOR GOODS

Pork, Eggs and Butter Figures On Pacific Coast Show Increases.

By Ralph F. Couch
Washington, Sept. 13.—Retail food (United Press Staff Correspondent) campaign to reduce the cost of live prices went up during August and are still mounting despite the government's attempt to curb price figures collected by two government departments, covering practically every section of the country.

At the same time both the wholesale price and the prices paid the producers have dropped, the government reports indicate. In fifteen principal cities, retail prices were boosted from 1.5 to 8 cents per sales unit on ham, sirloin, steak, butter, eggs, potatoes and pork chops, according to reports to the statistical bureau of the labor department for August.

During the same month the level of prices paid producers and farmers decreased 2.4 per cent, according to an announcement made by the department.

Decreases in wholesale prices for August as compared with July are shown in reports to the bureau of markets which follow:

Wholesale butter prices went down nearly three per cent in New York and one per cent in Chicago. Potatoes decreased twenty per cent in New York; three per cent on Chicago wholesale markets.

Good "steer loin" dressed cuts decreased 14 cents per pound in Boston, three cents in New York and nearly the same in Philadelphia.

Good steer loin is the trade name for the cut from which sirloin steak comes. But the decrease of three cents per pound wholesale was not reflected in retail prices which, according to the labor department reports, showed an increase in the average price charged by retailers there.

A comparison of averages computed by the labor department for some principal cities on the Pacific coast shows these increases for August:

Los Angeles, ham, 4.10 cents; eggs, 12.10 cents, pork chops 4 cents.
San Francisco, eggs 8.10 cents.
Seattle, ham, 5.10 cents; butter, 3.10 cents; eggs 5.10 cents; potatoes, 2.10 cents.

STRIKING POLICE OF BOSTON LOCKED OUT

Commissioner Declares Men Who Walked Out Will Be Replaced At Once.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 13.—Following a conference with Governor Condit at which officials of the Central Labor Union and the American Federation of Labor were present, John F. Melnes, president of the striking policemen's union, announced this afternoon that the police are willing to return to duty as individuals pending the outcome of the labor conference at Washington.

Just before Melnes made this announcement, Police Commissioner Curtis announced that the places of police who he said deserted their posts, are vacant and that he will at once begin to recruit a new force.

The first serious disturbance since Monday occurred at noon today when Raymond Gast, 37, was shot and killed by a state guard. Mrs. Mary Jacques, 42 was struck in the knee by the bullet which killed Gast as she was leaving a subway entrance.

The latest development came this afternoon when Police Commissioner Curtis declined to meet John F. Melnes, leader of the striking police, and other labor officials.

Treaty Assured Of Strong Majority In Rome Assembly

Rome, Sept. 14.—The Italian chamber of deputies, it was believed today, will ratify the peace treaty by a majority of fifty. The treaty is scheduled for debate in the chamber Monday when Foreign Minister Tittoni is expected to answer interpellations of the deputies.

200 Feast and Hear Talks On Future of Industry At Big Dehydration Banquet

Dehydration and what the King's Products dehydration plant will do for Salem was brought to the attention of more than 200 business men at a luncheon served last evening in the plant on North Front street.

That the business and professional men might really know from actual experience what dehydrated fruits and vegetables will do for the housekeeper, the luncheon consisted largely of the King's products, including dehydrated beans, potatoes, squash, spinach, peas and the special home products of dehydrated loganberries and prunes.

T. B. Kay presided as chairman and in his address stated that although the Willamette valley could beat California for its products and could produce everything that the world has had, no progress has been made in the valley's products. He called attention to the fact that in the past the King's Products company had contributed in salary in Salem \$125,000, had paid out for produce \$225,000.

Referring to the fact that already land prices had almost doubled within the last six months, Mr. Kay said: "I predict that within ten years this institution will do more to build up Salem than all the other interests combined. I confidently expect that in time Salem will be a city of 50,000."

Charles A. Parks, who is now president of the Salem company, gave the Commercial club credit for bringing the King's Products company to Salem three years ago. He explained that the capacity of the plant was to manufacture \$750,000 a year and that all these products must be raised in this part of the valley. To do their share in building up the plant, he said, the Salem people would be asked to subscribe for \$200,000 of the preferred stock, drawing 7 per cent interest and that the Portland people would also take \$200,000.

He announced that the Salem directors were Senator I. L. Patterson, M. L. Jones of Brooks and himself.

E. A. Clarke of Portland, vice-president and general manager of the plant said that dehydrated food was to soon take its place in the food supplies of the country. Before investing in the plant he said he had carefully considered all sides of dehydration. Compar-

PORTLAND FIRM WILL HANDLE SCHOOL BOOKS

Gill Company To Establish Branch Store In Argo Hotel Building.

Not having met the demands of the Salem book stores in regard to handling school books, the J. K. Gill company of Portland has leased a room in the Argo hotel building on Chemeketa street and it is from this room that all school books will be handled at the beginning of school.

The Salem book stores asked for a profit of 20 per cent for handling the books, on the basis that it cost fully that much to do business. The Gill company offered 15 per cent and as no store in the city could be found that would handle all this book trade and exchange business on a 15 per cent margin, it was found necessary to rent a building for the special purpose.

The J. K. Gill company claim that in representing the publisher they cannot offer 20 per cent. As this is the year when many exchanges of school books will be made, the local stores figured out that if they received 15 per cent on cash business, that including exchanges, they would really receive only 9 per cent. That is, if \$1.00 books sold with a 40 cent exchange, the book store would receive 60 cents in cash and the 15 per cent figured on this 60 cents.

Representatives of J. K. Gill company were in Salem yesterday and finally decided that under the circumstances, they would handle the books themselves. It has not been definitely decided whether this arrangement is permanent or not but it is now more than probable that the store room in the Argo hotel will be headquarters for school books only.

Transport Off For Siberia With Replacement Troops

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The United States transport Great Northern left here today with 1100 officers and men for Vladivostok. The troops will replace draft men in the Siberian campaign. Most of the men already have seen service in Siberia.

High School Teachers Of Portland Organize Union

Portland, Or., Sept. 13.—High school teachers of Portland perfected a union at a meeting which they held Friday evening.

KEEP PACT OUT OF POLITICS IS WILSON'S PLEA

President Reads Riot Act To Enemies Of League In Tacoma Speech.

REVIEWS PACIFIC FLEET FROM DECK OF OREGON

Chief Executive Spends Full Day Filing Engagements In Sound Cities.

WILSON REVIEWS FLEET

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 13.—President Wilson left his special train here shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon, to review the Pacific fleet, attend a public dinner at the Hippodrome, and speak at the arena. Secretary Daniels met him at the train.

WILSON REVIEWS FLEET

Armory, Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 13.—President Wilson today "read the riot act" to anyone who tries to make the league of nations fight a "party matter."

In a speech here, he declared there should be no politics in the debate that republicans suggested the idea of a league.

He said he was making that kind of a speech to "read the riot act" to anyone who seeks to make this a party matter.

Wilson named Taft and Wickersham as republicans who were working for the treaty.

"It is false," he warned, "every man should weep" for the child at her breast, who when he grows to manhood will have to go forth to fight.

He mentioned the children who came to greet him, waving flags, and said he hoped they never would have to carry those flags into battle.

He told a story of an adventure at Billings, Mont., where a little boy, anxious to do something for the president, pursued his auto shouting: "Here, Woody, here's a dime." There was laughter at this.

Men of the world are in slough of despond, he declared, and must be helped out.

Without the league, the peace settlement will collapse like a house of cards, he predicted.

Wilson had the crowd laughing one minute, cheering the next, mingling his serious remarks with humorous stories. As he spoke he stood as if in a spotlight, a sunbeam from the skylight falling upon him.

The president began with a declaration that the nation was facing one of the most momentous decisions in its history.

He read the concluding passage of his war message to congress, setting forth the objects for which America was to fight, and argued those objects would not be attained until the treaty is ratified.

He read a list of the war costs of

Chicago Dealers Charged With Bald Profit-eering

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Profits up to thirty per cent were made by Chicago wholesale jobbers and grocers on government canned food, it was disclosed in an investigation by the citizens commission today.

The canned goods were held in warehouses until the shortage was greater and labels changed for those of higher priced brands, it was charged.

Nelson To Be Removed From Pilot Board Upon Charges Voiced By Astoria Legion

Thomas Nelson, of Astoria, will be removed as a member of the state board of pilot commissioners and his successor selected as soon as possible, according to a letter to Nelson from Governor Olcott made public this morning. The commissioners of the port of Astoria will be asked to recommend a successor to Nelson.

In a letter received by the governor, Friday, Nelson had pleaded not guilty to the charges filed against him by the Astoria Post of the American Legion, and refused to resign as pilot commissioner.

The American Legion had charged him with disloyalty because he had employed one Hannes Fritjof Huttala as an accountant in the plant of the Union Fishermen's company at Astoria of which he is manager. Mutually, the Legion charged, was an undesirable alien because he had cancelled his citizenship papers when America entered the war in order to avoid the draft.

Nelson admitted having employed Huttala, who, he says is a competent accountant and familiar with the workings of his office. He denied any knowledge of any objections against Huttala at the time of his employment but admitted

having received the protest from the Legion and of having gone before the Astoria Post with an explanation of his position.

"If you as a judge, now knowing the facts," he writes to the governor, "feel that I am guilty, it is within your prerogative to remove me from the state board of pilot commissioners."

In his letter to Nelson today, Governor Olcott says:

"I have given every consideration to all that you say. I believe that the people of the state are properly appreciative of the services which you say you gave in various capacities during the war, as I believe they are appreciative of what services you have given in a public capacity.

"The fact remains, however, that the alien to whom I referred in my recent communication has been in your employ and you refused to dispense with his services and now intimate that you plan to soon re-employ him.

"I note that you decline to resign. Under the circumstances I deem it necessary to advise you that steps will be taken at once toward the selection of your successor as a member of the board of pilot commissioners."

DELINQUENCY PAYING CERTIFICATES LOOM

Writs To Be Issued Against South High Street Property In Few Days.

Certificates of delinquency will soon be issued against property on South High street on which the paving assessments have not been paid or bonded. This refers only to that part of South High between Mill and Bush streets.

These six blocks of High street were paved in 1913 by the Montague-O'Reilly company and in lieu of ready cash, the city issued warrants to the amount of \$12,000.

These paving warrants draw 6 per cent. The paving company has now applied to the city, as no money is being paid, for certificates of delinquency which will draw 12 per cent and which will be a lien against the property.

It is this same portion of High street paving that was contested in the courts for a long time and finally by a vote of the people the re-assessment was made.

Part of the property paving assessments have been paid and others have bonded. Those who have not paid or bonded and against whose property certificates of delinquency will be issued, unless paid or bonded within a few days are as follows: Jacob Amser, Caron heirs, C. Bernhart, Juliet M. Lord, Montague Lord, Chas. H. Vick, A. A. Schram Dan. J. Fry and the John Hughes company.

HOOVER BACK; SAYS HE FAVORS LEAGUE

Food Director Leaving For Pacific Coast To Confer With President.

New York, Sept. 13.—"I stand for the league of nations," as is," Herbert Hoover made this declaration today when he returned to America from the Iberian Peninsula.

"This treaty is constructed around the theory of the league of nations and not on a theory of a balance of power."

There are more than thirty references to the league of nations in the treaty, Hoover declared. The two, he added, are interdependent.

Hoover will leave New York today for the Pacific Coast. It is understood he will meet President Wilson there probably at San Francisco.

"I don't believe the league of nations will change men's character over night," Hoover said. "Very possibly, nations will attempt to make alliances and effect balances of power even though the league of nations is adopted, but I believe such efforts will fail."

United Mine Workers Vote Approval Of Plumb System

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 13.—The Plumb plan for the nationalization of railroads was endorsed by the United Mine Workers of America convention here today with only four dissenting votes. More than 1800 delegates voted.

Affiliation with the transportation and freight workers and nationalization of mines were also unanimously endorsed.

JOHNSON PUTS ARGUMENTS IN DISCARD NOW

Opposition Senator's Tour Fast Assuming Aspect Of Fight, Not Debate.

12,000 PEOPLE LISTEN TO ST. LOUIS ADDRESS

Republicans "Spring" Meetings To Insure Big Demonstrations.

By Fred S. Ferguson
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 13.—Senator Hiram Johnson's trip along the trail of the president is rapidly taking on more the nature of a fight than an argument.

Encouraged by a remarkable crowd of 12,000 men and women which cheered him for 15 minutes in the big coliseum here last night, the senator's references to the peace treaty and the provisions of the league covenant became sharper and more bitter than in his previous speeches. As he left for Kansas City early today the senator was distinctly in his fighting clothes.

St. Louis probably will be arguing for days over the reception accorded Johnson. I started the moment the senator appeared at the door of the big hall. The multitude of men and women jammed to their feet, waving flags and cheering. As Johnson mounted the platform they broke into yelling, whistling, stamping and pounding chairs.

At the end of ten minutes Mayor Kiel stepped forward and raised his hand for silence, but the noise mounted to new heights, and the mayor stepped back. After fifteen minutes Dr. John H. Simon, former democratic nominee for mayor and chairman of the meeting, tried it again. The demonstration had kept up without the aid of the band, but at this juncture the musicians struck up the "Star Spangled Banner." The crowd then took up the song and when it was finished quiet was restored.

Democrats and the newspapers supporting Wilson assert that the republican city administration had their leaders scattered throughout the audience and that the demonstration was a well managed affair.

Anti-leaguers and republicans deny this and assert the demonstration was entirely spontaneous. Which ever is the case, it beat the demonstration given President Wilson by ten minutes.

Johnson pounded on the question of which was to be considered the state upon our honor, abandoning American principles and guaranteeing all the secret treaties and "war grabs" of Europe.

Extinct Volcano In Mojave Desert Reported In Action

San Bernardino, Cal., Sept. 13.—A party of miners arrived in San Bernardino today and reported the old, extinct volcano of Lavinie east of Ludlow, in the Mojave desert, is in eruption.

The first sign of activity was noticed several days ago, they said, when steam began to rise from the long dormant crater. The volume steadily increased until yesterday morning, according to their story, a great plume of steam and gas reached far into the air above the volcano.

Few Changes Made In Personnel of Teaching Force of Salem Schools For Coming Year, Is Announcement

Very few changes have been made in the teaching force of the city schools Superintendent John W. Todd announced today. With a total of 110 teachers for the fall term of schools, there are only 14 new ones in the high school, only 6 new teachers in the three junior high schools and but 12 new ones in all the other schools.

All school buildings are now being placed in condition for the opening day September 29. All teachers have been engaged with the exception of one, that of the physical culture training teacher for the boys in the high school.

One of the new features in teaching this year is that of part time schools. These schools are for those under 18 years of age who have not completed the eighth grade. They are compelled to attend school at least one hour a day if employed, and this is taken on the employer's time. These backward pupils are given special teachers and not placed in regular grades. Miss Marie Barber will be in charge of the teaching of part time school.

The problem of housing the teachers is receiving some attention from the board of education. It is probable that the domestic science house just south of the high school building will be completed at once to afford rooms for eight or ten teachers.

Superintendent John W. Todd will begin his fourth school year in Salem. During the three years past that he has been in charge, the junior high school system has been established. The record

of work has been such that the Salem schools are attracting much attention in the east and Columbia University of New York City has made frequent calls upon Mr. Todd for information. The vocational work of the schools under the Smith-Hughes act has attracted the attention of educators and superintendents in Oregon.

Mr. Todd has also introduced his system of teaching art, music, penmanship and playground work, by which each are taught by specialists, instead of by teachers handling the regular grades. Instead of 50 or more teachers instructing in these studies, by the new system all this work is done by eight or ten who are specialists and who give special periods to the different schools. Superintendent Todd has found that this system gives vastly better results than the old.

Teachers and principals in the ten school buildings are already assigned as follows:

High School
J. C. Nelson, principal, with Herman Clark, assistant principal.
English department—Edna Sterling, head; Margaret Graham, Mabel Davenport, Beatrice Thompson and Elizabeth Macleay.
Commercial department—Hattie Davis, head; O. H. Horning, Lila Linn, Josephine Barber and Elizabeth Cravell.
History department—Harry Savage, head; Beryl Holt and June Philpott.

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