

ENDS HIGH PRICES

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PUTS BLAME ON RETAILERS

Asserts Wholesale Prices Are Much Lower Now Than a Year Ago and Urges Pressure on Dealers and Farmers.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Food Administrator Hoover announced on Thursday "that the corner has been turned in high prices."

He has gone as far as he can in price reduction, he says, and assails the retailers for not doing their part. The next congress will probably be asked to give him power to force the retailers to abstain from profiteering.

Mr. Hoover says: "Most of the essential commodities should, one after another, continue to show reductions between now and the end of the year. The food administrator has no control of either the grower or his organizations, nor of the great majority of retailers."

"The distribution chain lying between the warehouse, wholesalers, commission men and manufacturers of prime commodities has required a great deal of study and development for its proper regulation, and these regulations are coming into force now."

Mr. Hoover said he had every hope the retailers will co-operate, as the farmers and other food handlers are co-operating, to feed the nation and the allies at reasonable prices. Everybody along the line down to the retailer, he declared, already is helping. But retail prices do not by any means reflect the wholesale prices.

He added: "It is necessary to secure a large production, to maintain fair and remunerative prices to the producers. While their expenses have increased during the past year, the prices demanded for certain commodities are not warranted. The intermediate handling trades are being placed under regulation; they are co-operating well with the food administration, and the speculation and profiteering are now generally a thing of the past."

"The retailers need the co-operation of consumers in reducing deliveries, and their success in all measures will rest largely upon the support they receive from local authorities."

Summarized, his review follows: Flour.—The current prices at which flour is sold at the mill in jute bags vary with the locality and freight charges on wheat, Toledo showing the lowest prices at \$10 for first patent and \$9.70 for second patent; the highest being Buffalo, at \$10.70 for first patent and \$10.70 for second patent. The average retail price on first patents in 790 cities on October 13 was \$13.77, or from \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel higher than is warranted by the price being paid to the millers. The retail price has not responded to millers' reductions.

Beans.—The bean harvest is estimated by the department of agriculture at approximately 7,000,000,000 bushels in excess of last year. The growers' associations are holding beans at from 13 1/2 to 15 cents per pound, as against an average price last year of 8 cents. There has been 100 per cent increase in the Manchurian bean crop and it is now estimated at 2,000,000 tons. Owing to shipping shortage practically the only outlet is to the United States, and these beans will flow into the American market from December much below the prices now being demanded.

Corn.—The harvest this year is 600,000,000 to 700,000,000 bushels over last year, and will be generally available about the end of November. The price stands at \$1.90 in Chicago. New corn is quoted in Chicago at \$1.13 for December and indicates a 40 per cent drop in the price of cornmeal.

Potatoes.—The harvest is 59 per cent in excess of last year. The price at the leading points varies from \$1.50 to \$2.80 per 100 pounds. It is higher than at this period last year and is due to a tendency on the part of the producer to hold for higher prices, and to the temporary inability of the railroads to furnish cars.

Sugar.—Beet sugar prices are being controlled by the manufacturers on a basis that should reach the retailer from 8 to 8 1/2 cents per pound. A temporary shortage in the Northeastern states gives no warrant for advances by retailers to over 9 cents.

Beef.—Beef already shows some tendency toward reduction in wholesale prices, but these have not been so far reflected by the retailer. The price of beef at the packers' door is 14 1/2 cents per pound, as compared with 16 cents in July. But the average retail price of round steak in 770 cities is 31 cents per pound, against 27 cents in July.

Mexicans Fire on U. S. Patrol. Marfa, Tex., Oct. 20.—Mexicans fired upon an American army patrol at San Jose, sixty miles south of here, on the Rio Grande, according to a report brought here from the river. The fire was returned by the army patrol.

German Rebels Sent to Front. Amsterdam, Oct. 20.—German snipers who took part in the recent mutiny at Wilhelmshaven have been sent to the western front to fight in the trenches, according to information from a German source.

Passenger Train Held Up. Dyersburg, Tenn., Oct. 20.—A passenger train on the Chicago, Memphis & Gulf railroad was held up by robbers at Milton, Tenn. The express car was dynamited and a large sum of money taken.

THE DUET



WHITE SOX WINNERS COAL MINERS STRIKE

CHICAGOANS DEFEAT GIANTS IN SIXTH GAME OF SERIES.

Capture World's Championship When They Take the Contest by a Score of 4 to 2.

New York, Oct. 17.—The White Sox are world's champions, because they are the best balanced ball club in the business. They are the best club in a long campaign, and the best in a short series. They are so consistently good that they can beat any team they meet when there is glory at stake, and they deserve all the credit that can be handed to them for the honors they have won. They won the sixth and deciding game by a score of 4 to 2. Faber pitched for the Sox and Benton for the Giants.

World's Series Composite Box Score.

Table with columns: Player, R, H, A, E, B, A, V, F, A, V. Lists stats for White Sox and Giants players.

\*Risberg batted for Danforth in fourth game and for Cloutie in fifth game. Klynn batted for Williams in fifth game.

\*McCarthy batted for Perritt in sixth game.

White Sox.....0 2 2 2 0 1 3 3 1-21  
Giants.....2 2 0 5 4 0 2 2 0-17

CAPTURE ISLAND FROM RUSS

Berlin Announces Victory on Moon Is.—Battleship Slava Destroyed in Gulf of Riga.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—The German forces have captured Moon Island, according to the official statement issued on Thursday.

The Germans have taken 10,000 prisoners and 50 guns and much other material on Oesel Island, the war office reports.

The Russian naval forces in the Gulf of Riga have been trapped by the Germans, according to the announcement.

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—A naval battle has occurred in the Gulf of Riga between Russian and German battleships, the war office announces.

The Russian battleship Slava was sunk as the result of being hit several times beneath the water line. Nearly all the members of the crew were saved by Russian torpedo-boats.

Adolph Germer Is Freed. Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 20.—Adolph Germer, executive secretary of the Socialist party, and ten other persons were acquitted by a jury here of charges of conspiracy against the selective army act.

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UNION LEADERS CALL ACTION OF MEN "OPEN REBELLION."

Men Quit Work Because of Failure of National Administrator to Order Immediate Increase.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—John E. Williams, newly appointed federal coal administrator for Illinois, on Tuesday sent a report to Washington on the Illinois coal mine strike situation indicating that fully 75,000 tons a day of production had been cut off, that there was fear of the trouble spreading and that immediate action was urgent.

The fuel administrator and the miners' union officials joined in declaring the situation to be one of open rebellion, existing wage agreements being regarded as "scraps of paper."

The trouble was precipitated by the failure of National Administrator Garfield to order immediate increases in Illinois coal prices and of the mine operators in turn to put extra pay in the miners' envelopes.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 18.—Miners struck on Tuesday at several mines near Belleville, Ill., at some of the mines of the Southern Coal, Coke and Mining company, at two Donk Bros. mines at Collinsville and Maryville, Ill., and at the Lumaght mines at Maryville. Altogether about twenty mines in the Illinois field near St. Louis were affected.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 18.—Ten thousand miners in central Illinois are on strike asking a 10 per cent increase in wages.

U. S. TO PUNISH LOAN FOES

Secretary McAdoo Asks Banks of the Country to Report Names of Objectors.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The government set in motion the machinery to apprehend and punish pro-German workers who have started an organized campaign in more than a dozen states to defeat the Liberty loan.

By telegraph from Salt Lake City Secretary McAdoo authorized the issuance of a statement here calling on all banks upon which German pressure has been brought to bear in an effort to induce them not to aid the loan to report the circumstances to him, and promising to prosecute to the limit of the law the "disloyal and traitorous persons" making such attempts at intimidation.

U. S. TO BE IN THE WAR ZONE

Germany Plans U-Boat Raids on Coasts of United States and Canada.

London, Oct. 18.—According to news from Berlin in an undated dispatch received by the admiralty by wireless press Germany is expected shortly to declare the coasts of the United States, Canada and Cuba war zones.

Bars Russ Clergy. Petrograd, Oct. 16.—The orthodox council, at a meeting in Moscow, has decided against permitting the clergy to participate in the provisional parliament.

Relax Export Ban on Fats. Washington, Oct. 20.—Prohibition of the export of butter and lard, cottonseed oil and other fats will be relaxed slightly in the case of the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South American countries.

Army Order Cites Lufbery. Paris, Oct. 20.—Lieut. Raoul Lufbery of Wallingford, Conn., member of the Franco-American flying corps, who has scored many victories, brought down his thirteenth enemy machine.

NEBRASKA'S RICHES

ASSESSMENT FIGURES SHOW INCREASE IN WEALTH

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Varied Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources at the State House

Nebraska hogs assessed for taxation in 1917 are worth \$10,000,000 more than the swine owned within the state last year, taking actual value as a basis of comparison or \$2,000,000 increase in the assessed value.

Cattle this year are valued at \$30,000,000 above 1916, actual worth, or \$6,000,000 on the assessed value basis.

Corn on Nebraska's farms and in her elevators shows a gain of \$11,000,000 actual value, or \$2,200,000 assessed value.

The total value of automobiles owned and used in Nebraska this year is \$12,600,000 in excess of 1916, giving an increase of \$2,400,000 in assessed worth of this class of property.

Money on hand or deposited in banks

STATE'S EXPENSES FOR LAST QUARTER

Bills Aggregate Nearly \$1,500,000, and Are Materially Higher than Usual—Summary of the Expenditures.

State expenditures for the months of July, August and September, according to a quarterly report issued by State Auditor W. H. Smith, amounted to \$1,465,395.74, as compared with \$1,255,485.31 for the previous quarter and \$1,577,672.17 during the first quarter of the year when the legislature was in session and constituted an added expense upon the state treasury.

Nearly half of the total expenditures for the past three months were for the support of the state university and the normal schools.

A summary of expenditures shows that salaries during the last quarter increased over the previous quarter from \$352,269 to \$470,891. Mileage

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registers a gain of \$15,000,000 this year, swelling the taxable property list to \$3,000,000.

These are a few of the items in a compilation prepared by Secretary Bernecker of the state board of equalization. The total gain in all kinds of wealth within the annum is \$14,000,000 actual value, or \$28,000,000 assessed value.

Nebraska's Four-Minute Men

Professor M. M. Fogg, Lincoln, state chairman of the "four-minute men" of Nebraska, organized eight additional Nebraska towns last week. To date there are more than sixty towns in the state which are organized, making a total of 300 speakers. At present there are 300 moving picture theatres in Nebraska. Of this number over 100 are being talked in every night by four-minute men. The total number of towns in the United States organized is 1,200. The total number of speakers is 13,000. At present the subject of their talks is Liberty bonds. After this campaign is over they will be instructed to talk on something else. The organization will be continued until the end of the war.

To Be Given Leave of Absence

Within the next few weeks boys in attendance at the farm school will be given leave of absence to husk corn. Those who take the necessary two or three weeks off at that time will attend school during the Thanksgiving vacation and also during the Christmas vacation, private tutoring also being offered by the School of Agriculture. For those students there will only be a day off at Thanksgiving and a day off at Christmas. They will complete the school year in the spring.

Will Be Permitted to Finish Studies

Governor Neville has been notified of a new ruling by the war department under which students in detail colleges will be put upon the same basis as medical college students. Upon application to the surgeon general of the army for assignments to the dental reserve corps their names will be certified to exemption boards for discharge from the draft and they will be allowed to stay in school until they finish. After that time they will be called into the dental reserve of the army.

PREPARING FOR MEETINGS

Organized Agriculture Will Convene at Lincoln, January 14

Officers of the associations comprising organized agriculture of Nebraska held their annual meeting at agricultural hall at the state farm last week to elect a committee to take charge of the seventeenth annual meeting of organized agriculture January, 1918. The committee named were W. R. Mellor, chairman; Dean E. A. Burnett, W. S. Whitten, R. W. McGinnis, Prof. C. W. Pugsley, H. J. Gramlich and E. R. Danielson.

There are now thirty-five associations affiliated or connected with organized agriculture and twenty-five of them are expected to furnish programs. Prof. C. W. Pugsley is the secretary of the committee. It is planning for the biggest and best meetings in the history of organized agriculture. Special emphasis will be given in making up the programs to war conditions now prevailing in the country. The date of the meetings is from January 14 to January 19.

Navy Wants Wireless Men

Any young man of good character, 18 years or more of age, who has had a high school education, or has done such work as stenography, can enroll in the United States navy for the duration of the war, learn wireless, see the war from a reserved seat, and

and traveling expenses increased

from \$14,816 to \$26,670. Strange as it may seem the increased cost of food and clothing is not reflected in the report. The cost of food and articles of clothing for state institutions dropped from \$19,934 to \$17,114. The state's postage bill is about the same, a little over \$8,000. Fuel and lights during the three months dropped from \$45,993 to \$23,944.

A total of \$18,089 was spent for the mobilization of national guard troops for service in the army, and \$8,754 was spent for the support of the national guard and armory rental.

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IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOT TAXED

Western Canada Does Not Tax Stock or Improvements but Collects an Additional Tax From Land Speculators.

Owners of uncultivated lands in Western Canada are loud in their protests against an extra tax on their lands because they are not under cultivation. Western Canada, through its provincial governments, is endeavoring to force the speculative land owner to either sell his land to a settler or to cultivate it himself. At present a surtax of a few cents an acre is levied against all wild land, so that the owner of land held in its natural state, without improvements, is contributing more taxes to the government than the owner of a farm that is cultivated and even improved with buildings and stock to the value of thousands of dollars. In order to encourage the farmer to improve and to go into stock raising, he is not charged one cent of taxes on any of his improvements, implements or stock of any kind.

As a result of this surtax on uncultivated or speculatively held lands, the owners are now trying to sell them to actual settlers, and, in nearly every instance, have been offering on very easy terms of payment, usually a quarter down, and the balance extending over a term of years at prices much lower than their productive value would warrant.

A world-wide shortage in farm stuffs has given a new value to all agricultural products and the margin of profit today is greater than ever in the past. It is true labor and implements have increased in price, but it is now possible to secure 50% profit in farming, and higher. Possibly not on the \$100 to \$200 an acre farm lands but on land that can now, under existing conditions, be purchased at from \$15 to \$30 per acre. Western Canadian farm lands are as productive as any in the world and can be as economically farmed. Wheat yields of from 30 to 50 bushels per acre have been common in Western Canada during the past few years, and the farmers have been too busy farming all they can so as to sell as much wheat as possible at \$2.00 a bushel, that they have not had time to do any talking or writing. It is doubtful if there ever was such an opportunity to make big profits in farming. The value of each year's crop has been in hundreds of cases more than the market value of the land it was grown on. It is unreasonable to suppose such a condition will last long, as the land now being forced onto the market by surtax on speculative owners will soon become absorbed by those who have learned of these highly profitable wheat lands. The news is spreading gradually throughout the high priced land districts in the United States, where there is a renewed awakening to the realization that the maximum profit in farming is not being obtained when it is possible to secure from forty to seventy per cent return on the investment in Western Canada. Many who have been planning to visit Western Canada for the purpose of personally investigating conditions are leaving this month, when the good weather can be enjoyed. As threshing operations and marketing of grain is under way, no better time could be selected to secure first hand and reliable information from the farmers themselves. The winter months afford ample time for completing moving arrangements, to allow the settler to take up residence in early spring, so as to get something done next year and to make a start on the big and profitable farming operations in Western Canada.—Advertisement.

His Plaintive Plea.

Philadelphia draws the last number in exemption stories. A colored citizen declared to his board chairman: "Boss, Ah ain't got no wife. Ah's only jest 'nagged. But kain't Ah go to jail fo' that?"

How's This?

We offer \$100.00 for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Sold by druggists for over forty years. Price 75c. Testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Keen Business Man.

"Excuse me, sir," said Wilson, a little timidly, "but you appear to be following me. Is there anything you want?"

"Well, I'm just trying to find where you live, and introduce myself, like. I'm McPherson, the undertaker," said the burly stranger.

"Oh—er—quite so! I'm pleased to meet you, I'm sure! But there's nobody dead at my place!"

"Nae, nae!" said the undertaker, smiling sweetly. "But I just heard you cough, an' I hae hopes!"—London Answers.

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Unable to Read. A large number of Turkish women are unable to read or write their own difficult language.

MURINE'S Granulated Eyelids. Sore Eyes, Eyes Inflamed by Sand, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Murine. Try it in your Eyes and in Baby's Eyes. YOUR EYES No Smarting, Just Eye Comfort. Murine Eye Remedy At Your Druggist's or by Mail, 50c per Bottle. Beware of cheap imitations. The Eye Specialist. Ask Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.