

HIGH PRICES STATE OF MIND FOR PRESENT

John Latenser Points Out
Psychology of Profiteering
and Suggests How Rem-
edy May Be Applied.

John Latenser, well known architect and builder of the court house, the Brandeis blocks and other of Omaha's monumental buildings, has this to say on the subject of high prices, whether for building material or other things:

"The present industrial condition requires readjustment in the sense that this or that commodity has been raised in price out of proportion to prices of other commodities for reasons resulting from the war period. This reason may have been excessive demand or it may have been profiteering.

"To the extent that the prices of some commodities require lowering to a basis consistent with peacetime supply and demand readjustment must take place.

"But, generally speaking, the problem before us is the adjustment of prices—that is, the prices of commodities must be adjusted to new conditions resulting from the war. These new conditions are national and not local.

What Makes Prices.

"Just as before the war, the prices of commodities were dependent on the cost of the raw material, transportation and manufacture plus the cost of distribution and profit, so do the commodities now depend on those items. We now find that in adding these items together at the present day they foot up to a larger sum than they did before the war period, and the question is how the total cost can be reduced.

"The price of 'raw material'—in some cases obtained locally, but in most cases transported here—is more or less a national question.

"The second item, 'transportation,' is wholly a national question.

"Third, 'manufacture'—mostly national, some local.

"Fourth, 'distribution and final profit' are local questions.

"From this it will be seen that the prices of commodities are generally nationally influenced. We can influence locally such commodities as are based on local raw material and we can influence only the cost of local distribution and final profits of those commodities which are transported into this territory.

"From the above it will be seen that the prices of most commodities cannot be locally influenced no matter how good our intention and purpose may be. In other words the high level of prices is nationally influenced and not local.

"I now come to the second and very important phase. Just as in a panic the general state of mind tends to lower prices beyond all reason so in the present state of affluence and abundance of money a state of mind has been created which has gone to the other extreme.

State of Mind.

"We have raised the prices for the sheer pleasure of raising them. Excessive profit-taking has become a state of mind inversely comparable only to a panic. This atmosphere of high profits must give way to a 'live and let live' plan and the general law of supply and demand must be honestly allowed to take its course. A rich harvest will then be in sight. Satisfactory results in profits must be aimed at through a large volume of business.

"We have behind us a long period of time when the natural requirements in the increase of population and the requirements of the natural growth of business housing have not been satisfied. The increase in population by birth alone in this country amounts yearly to from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 and the increased requirements in the shape of additions and betterments in industrial housing is enormous. In other words—we are from three to four years behind in our home and industrial building."

Mid-European Governments Appeal to U. S. for Equipment

Washington, March 27.—An appeal to the United States and the entente powers for arms, ammunition and equipment for soldiers to be sent against the red armies of Russia and Hungary by Roumania, Czechoslovakia and the provisional governments of recently liberated European peoples was advised by officials of the Mid-European union today to President Wilson, Secretaries Baker and Daniels, the American peace delegation and the congressional foreign relations committees.

The communication expressed the opinion that with proper material and moral support the existing governments could be depended upon to deal with the bolshevik menace.

American Army "Missing" List Now Stands at 5,500

Washington, March 27.—General Pershing reported to the War department today that there are still 5,500 officers and men of the expeditionary forces listed as missing. This total compares with the British official figures of 161,800 missing and the French of 290,000.

All of the 5,500 names have been reported as "missing" in casualty lists already published, the report said.

Reinterments of bodies from isolated graves in the centralized cemeteries is furnishing additional identification in a number of cases, and for this reason the records of the grave registration service are being carefully studied.

First of German Ships Placed in Commission

Washington, March 27.—The first of the 12 German ships allotted to the United States for bringing troops home has been placed in commission, the Navy department was advised today. It is the steamer Cleveland. Two other liners will be put in commission Saturday.

The ships will take on board as many troops as they can accommodate. Renting as transports will be postponed until their arrival at American ports.



Detective Knudson, who was finally arrested nine days after he shot and seriously wounded Charles Coleman, a soldier, on warrant issued by Judge Patrick, when Commissioner Ringer's inactivity in the case prompted numerous protests of indignant witnesses.

Ak-Sar-Ben Boosters Committee Sets Goal for 5,000 Membership

This year's hustling committee of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, under the leadership of J. E. Davidson, announced that it has set an objective of 5,000 members for this season, with 2,500 to be enrolled before the show starts at the "den" on June 1.

The committee met at luncheon yesterday at the Paxton hotel and decided to "hop to it."

Secretary Weaver reported that the membership at this time last year was 387; today it is 700.

It is also proposed to double the personnel of the hustling committee and to make a city-wide drive for members on a day later to be determined.

Attendees at yesterday's meeting were: J. E. Davidson, William Wood, A. F. Rasp, W. H. Crawford, "Doc" Frye, E. J. Seroy, J. F. Bryan, Julius Rosenzweig, Frank Heintz, W. H. Wagneller, Earl Burkett, William Mickel, F. H. Parsons, C. F. Cox, C. C. Phelps, M. O. Cunningham, H. E. Izard, Walter Byrne, Will Baumer, A. C. Adams, Walter Meyer, George Heintz, F. S. Sieverling, Harry S. Byrne, J. W. Hartwell, Harry Mahaffey, Nat Meister, Robert Hayes, L. P. Dyberg, Daniel Whitney, Joseph Duf-

fey, W. L. Beaver and Warren Blackwell.

Article About Recent Omaha Congress Is in Leslie's Weekly

A brief article about the Trans-mississippi Reassembly congress in Omaha, together with photographs of some of the prominent delegates to the assembly, appears in this week's Leslie's Weekly.

Pictures of several prominent Omahans who figured in the management of the congress are published with the article. Among them are: W. B. Tagg, president of the National Live Stock Commission; Men's association; Everett Buckingham, manager of the Union Stock Yards; R. C. Howe, manager of Armour & Co., Omaha; E. E. Calvin, president of the Union Pacific railroad, and R. J. Dunham, president of the Union Stock Yards.

Galicia in Revolution and Soviet Established

Vienna, March 27.—(Via Copenhagen.)—A wireless dispatch from the soviet government at Moscow declares that all of Galicia is in a state of revolution. The movement is described as having begun in the oil districts near Drohobych, where the workers established a soviet government.

OFFICER WHO SHOT SOLDIER UNDER ARREST

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Detective L. O. Toland, who represented the police department in the investigation instituted by Superintendent Ringer and Chief Eberstein a number of days after the shooting, the army officer asserted it was possible he would seek to obtain some of the facts, which Mr. Ringer is said to possess.

The police department did not offer either the county attorney's office or Lieutenant Weeks assistance in procuring the facts in the case. Mr. Ringer declared that he suspended the detective from the force, pending the hearing set for Monday night before the city commission, on information submitted to him by Detective Toland, who made his report last Monday night, nearly a week after the shooting.

The police commissioner also gave out a statement with his announcement of Knudson's suspension that his detective should not have shot Coleman. "However," he added, "Knudson says he shot at Coleman's legs."

Chief Eberstein announced the day following the shooting that Knudson was justified in the attack. The police chief assumed from the beginning an attitude of justifying the deed for which the detective has been arrested pursuant to an exhaustive investigation conducted by Assistant County Attorney Ready. Mr. Ready declared that he failed to obtain a single statement of witnesses justifying the attack on the defenseless soldier. The witnesses are unanimous and emphatic in their condemnation of the shooting.

Says Fit of Anger.

"There was nothing else that could be done," said the assistant county attorney. "There was no other charge upon which the man can be held at this time. In the light of the testimony of eye witnesses the attack was committed wilfully, unlawfully, maliciously and with intent to murder. I believe Knudson, in a fit of anger, sent the bullet crashing through the body of the soldier."

Coleman yesterday was still in a critical condition, it was announced at the hospital. In the event the soldier dies, Mr. Ready declared a charge of murder would be placed against the detective.

Coleman was shot at 6 o'clock on the evening of March 19 by Detective Knudson after the boy was arrested for being absent without leave from the army. When he saw the detective approaching him in the vicinity of Twentieth and Dodge streets he attempted to elude the officer. A shot was fired in the air and Coleman surrendered. Knudson and the prisoner were walking on Twentieth street, between Capitol avenue and Dodge street, when, according to witnesses, the prisoner protested against the detective's dragging him along the street, declaring he was willing to walk with the detective. Knudson is alleged to have hurled the taunt of "deserter" at his prisoner and the two men stopped and engaged in an excited conversation.

Married Day Before.

The soldier, who was married the day before, begged to be allowed to walk to the corner and explain the situation to his wife and mother. This was refused, according to witnesses, and the men engaged in a sparring match. The soldier struck the detective a stinging blow in the neck, and jumped back about six or eight feet from the officer. He was facing the detective when a shot was fired by Knudson. The bullet entered just above the right hip and emerged in the pit of the stomach.

Knudson claimed he fired in self-

defense. Later a statement was given out from Commissioner Ringer's office over the detective's signature, asserting Coleman was shot while attempting to escape.

Ex-Central High Men Who Were in War to Give Talks

Former Central High boys who have been discharged from service after making good war records, will speak tomorrow afternoon at a mass meeting in the Central High auditorium to raise funds to support five French war orphans for another year.

Live Stock Commission Man
Injured in Fall from Horse

A. E. Rogers, widely known South Side live stock commission man and vice president of the Live Stock exchange suffered a broken leg yesterday morning when he was thrown from a horse which he was riding. It is said the animal was recently purchased from the army and resented being ridden by a civilian.

German General Strike
Fails in Yankee District

Coblenz, March 27.—(By Associated Press)—The general strike which had been set for Wednesday among German workmen in various trades in the American area of occupation, failed to materialize and up to a late hour tonight no trouble had been reported from any place in the area.

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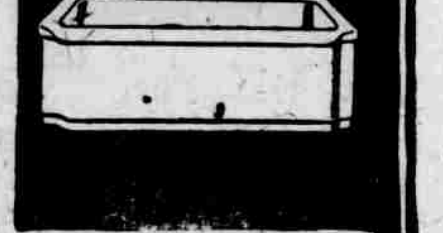
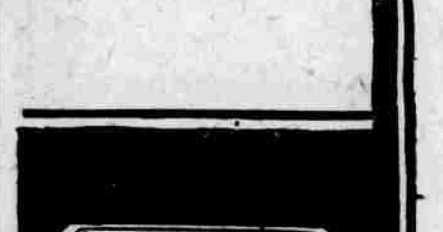
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