

### PACKERS ARE TO BLAME FOR HIGH PRICE OF SHOES

#### Federal Trade Commission Characterizes Prices Charged by All Parties Concerned as Being "Unjustifiable."

Washington, Aug. 6.—The high price of shoes is declared to be due to excessive profits taken by every factor in the shoe production industry in a report by the federal trade commission to congress made public today. The packers were charged with having begun the pyramiding of shoe prices by an unwarranted increase in the price of hides, the supply of which they were said to control. On top of this, the tanners have taken "exceptional profits," while the shoe manufacturers have demanded an "unusual margin," and the retailers have charged prices that are "not justifiable."

The commission's report covers the four-year period from 1914 to 1918. To show that the packers have made unwarranted increases in the price of "packer" hides, the report pointed out that the price differential between their hides and "country" hides—hides of a lower grade—has increased "far beyond the usual proportion." Charges of excessive profits against the tanner and the shoe manufacturer were said to be supported by "the high rates of return on investments" in both industries following the price increases.

"The public," said the report, "had to pay prices for shoes that not only could not be justified because retail shoe dealers took too much profit but because the dealer had to pass on to the consumer the excessive profits received by butchers for hides and also the excess profits of tanners and shoe manufacturers."

#### Proposes Relief Plan.

"Some relief from the intolerable prices paid by consumers for shoes may be had," the commission said, "by:

- (1) A rigid enforcement of the laws against monopolistic control of commodities.
- (2) Legislation forbidding producers of hides engaging in the tanning business, and
- (3) The adoption of a device in the distribution of shoes that will acquaint the consumer with the selling prices of the manufacturer.

While noting that because of increases in the costs of materials during the war period "prices were bound to advance considerably even

### One-Legged Boy Is One of Contestants In Airplane Contest



Vernon Ridgeway, 14 years old, 5823 South Fifteenth street, is one of the 75 boys under 18 years old who will participate in the miniature airplane contest to be held Saturday in Miller park by the Burgess-Nash company. Unassisted, Ridgeway assembled the parts and constructed the machine, which is modeled after the Curtiss plane.

The planes will be driven by rubber bands attached to the propellers. All of them are made of silk and glue. The following prizes have been offered: Miniature airplane valued at \$40, \$10 in cash, \$5 in cash and a \$15 cash free for all prize.

The contest is scheduled to begin at 3:30 in the afternoon. though no large profits were obtained," the commission said leather manufacturers, shoe manufacturers and retail shoe merchants all made "unprecedented profits."

#### Tanners Also to Blame.

"Even in 1914 the tanning industry was prosperous," said the report, "in perhaps a majority of cases earnings were 10 per cent or more, and only a few suffered losses. By 1916 and 1917 it was rather unusual for a company to earn less than 20 per cent. A similar comparison for manufacturers of shoes shows that more than twice as many made a profit of 20 per cent or more in 1916 and 1917 as did in 1914."

"The rate of return on investment to shoe merchants cannot be stated, but it is evident from the volume of business they had, and from the gross margins of profit they secured per pair of shoes, that their business was very profitable.

"Taking into consideration all the circumstances, especially the circumstances that the United States was engaged in war, the large profits taken by slaughterers for hides, by shoe manufacturers and retail shoe dealers cannot be justified, and there is consequently no justification for prices that consumers have been compelled to pay for shoes."

### Zimman, Keeper of New City Market, Seeks Grocers' Friendship

City Commissioner Zimman said yesterday that the first thing he wants to do in opening the municipal grocery stores authorized by the city council Tuesday is to get the friendship and co-operation of the retail grocers.

### Couple Decides to Start Life Over Again; Judge Revokes Divorce

"A man should consider his wife a business partner and discuss his financial affairs with her. Scores of Omaha women have no idea whether their husbands are worth \$5,000 or \$100,000. The ability of a man and his wife to part with some of their rights and cast aside some of their individuality is a gauge of the happiness of their married life."

### BRITISH RACING FANS 'MIKED' OUT OF HALF MILLION

#### Clubs Said to Refuse to Pay for Bet Tickets Put In Circulation by Crooks.

Staff Correspondent of Universal Service. Special Cable Dispatch. London, Aug. 6.—A \$500,000 swindle has just begun to be uncovered in England in connection with the famous Calcutta sweepstakes on the derby run at Epsom Downs June 4, last, details of which Universal Service offers with due reservation, owing to the fact that the whole transaction is technically outside the law

and it is almost impossible to verify the charges in a manner in which they would pass in a court of law. From the sporting writer of a famous London daily, Universal Service gleans the story of a gang of clever crooks who for the first time in the history of the derby traded on the hitherto inviolable name of the Calcutta Turf club to issue spurious tickets to the derby sweepstakes made by their own printing press. They cleaned up a sum estimated at \$500,000 from the British Sporting club.

### Divorce Courts

Josephine Williams asks the district court for a divorce from Edward Lee Williams on the grounds of cruelty and non-support. They were married on June 11, 1917. George Gland is charged with desertion in a divorce petition filed in district court by Julia A. Gland. They were married in Arcadia, La., on August 31, 1905. Lida Schneider asks the district court for a divorce from Fred Schneider on the grounds of cruelty. They were married in Omaha on February 17, 1912. Judge Day, sitting in district court, granted Grace Luders a divorce from Ludwig Luders on the grounds of cruelty. A divorce decree was granted Bertha W. Carda from Mike Carda

### Welfare Board Investigates Conditions In Laundries

An industrial survey of the Omaha laundries is being made by the Welfare board following complaints received that working conditions are bad. Sixteen of the 24 laundries in the city have been investigated. Superintendent Weirich of the Welfare board will make a report when the survey is completed.

### Great Britain Plans Central Agency to Handle Profiteers

London, Aug. 6.—Great Britain purposes establishing a central authority to deal with profiteering, it was announced by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of reconstruction, at the resumption today of the hearings by the House of Commons sitting as a select committee to inquire into the high cost of living and profiteering. Sir Auckland said this central authority, according to the government's plan, would be associated with local and county tribunals. Newspapers would be asked for in connection with the project, and an increase in penalties put into effect.

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Pumps made up with fancy bows and Colonial buckles, high tongue or plain tailor made, in full Louis covered or low leather walking heels. Turned or welted soles. Grey Suede, Black Dull Leather, Patent Colt or Kid, White Kid, Canvas, Russian Kid or Chocolate Kid, Black and Gun-Metal Calf.

- All Regent Shoe Co.'s 4.50 pumps and oxfords, 1-3 off, 3.00
- All Regent Shoe Co.'s 5.00 pumps and oxfords, 1-3 off, 3.34
- All Regent Shoe Co.'s 5.50 pumps and oxfords, 1-3 off, 3.67
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These are the very latest styles—fashions that will be worn late into the Fall. Plan to buy several pairs at least. As an added attraction Thursday and for the benefit of those desiring to wear these Pumps and Oxfords late in the Fall, we place on sale the Regent Shoe Company's stock of Spats, as follows:

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These spats were made by a well known eastern maker; they combine all that one might want in style and quality. Come in brown and white, cream, champagne or fancy effects. Come with pearl buttons; a most wonderful lot of spats at this unusual price.

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#### August Furniture Sale Sets New Records for Value-Giving in Furniture

#### Everything From a Single Piece To Complete Suites Priced at Big Savings

Better and better are the values which the Union Outfitting Company is offering during their August Furniture Sale made possible by the purchase of thousands of dollars worth of high grade furniture from leading makers over the country.

Guaranteed—dependable furniture for every part of the home in new and beautiful designs with the best of workmanship can be had now at considerably less than usual.

In conjunction with their August Sale, the Union Outfitting Company is serving Ice Cold Lemonade made from plump, ripe, juicy, Sunkist Lemons to all visitors to the store.

Bring in the children when down town shopping. No purchase, whatsoever, is necessary.

California Sunkist Lemons are very juicy and tart. They are picked by gloved hands, thoroughly cleansed and wrapped in clean tissue. The best lemon of all for summer drinks.

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