

ASK JEFFERIS' AID TO RELIEVE SUGAR SHORTAGE

Market Committee of Omaha Chamber of Commerce Sends Congressman a Telegram.

The fruit developing and marketing committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce met yesterday to discuss the sugar shortage here and its effect on the sale of fruit. It was decided to appeal to Congressman A. W. Jefferis for aid.

The following telegram was sent to the congressman:

Means Heavy Loss.
"There is a great sugar shortage in Omaha. If jobbers do not get some relief, it will soon mean a heavy loss to grocers, jobbers and merchants interested in the fruit business here. We are of the opinion that speculators are holding sugar in Chicago and other markets which should be turned loose now while the canning season is on."
A similar appeal was made several days ago to Senator Hitchcock, but apparently without result, according to members of the committee. It is hoped that Congressman Jefferis will furnish assistance in the present crisis, as it is estimated that hundreds of Omaha families are without white sugar at the present time.

Propose Fruit Exchange.
The committee also discussed the proposed formation of a fruit exchange in Omaha for the protection of the shipper, the buyer and the dealer. The formation of the exchange will mean the employment of a fruit inspector who will inspect all fruit received by Omaha commission men.
The constitution and bylaws of the proposed exchange may be drafted and adopted at a meeting in the near future.

Wife Collapses as Alleged Burglar Is Arraigned in Court

William Douglas, 2022 St. Mary's avenue, the alleged "gentleman burglar," was arraigned in police court yesterday charged with breaking and entering the home of T. C. Minnick, 2354 South Thirty-third street. Minnick would not make a positive statement that Douglas was the man he saw in his bedroom window during the night of August 13. "He looks very similar," is the only identification statement Minnick would make.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Mowry, 2106 Lake street, testified that Douglas and his wife have roomed at their house for the past two months and that the man stayed home every night, owing to the illness of his wife.

Mrs. Douglas was at the side of her husband all through the hearing, although she was hardly able to stand. At the close of the hearing she collapsed.

Judge Foster set decision in the case over until Saturday.

Laborers Engage in Fight; One Man Is Badly Injured

It was a near "free-for-all" fight Thursday afternoon at the Midwest Iron Works, Thirtieth and Cass streets, when Toney Paleto and Joe Bayer, laborers, engaged in a battle. Bayer is said to have resisted the orders of Paleto to "carry a handful of bolts."

Bayer was severely injured on the left arm and face. Yesterday he swore out a warrant for the arrest of Paleto for assault and battery.

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Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press Electric Washers—Burgess-Granden Co. Omaha Gasoline and Oils—"Best in the Long Run"—Adv.

The American State Bank at 18th and Farnam pays interest upon time deposits and savings accounts.—Adv.

Dr. Glenn Whitcomb announces his return to the practice of medicine, now located at 225 Brandeis Theater Bldg.—Adv.

Our Busy Mayor—Mayor Smith went to McCook, Neb., Thursday on business. He said he expected to return Sunday.

Four deposits in the American State Bank are protected by the guaranty fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

Dr. Jenks Returns—Dr. E. H. Jenks returned yesterday from Lake Geneva, Wis., where he attended the New Era convention.

Woman Attorney Here—Mrs. F. M. O'Linn, a practicing attorney, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and son, Holden Smith, are guests at the Hotel Fontenelle.

Two Couples Married—Miss Mabel Mae Connor and LeRoy Martin Reeves and Miss Margaret Midgath and Wiley Summers were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge.

Back From France—Rev. Lloyd B. Holsapple, rector of St. Barnabas' parish, has returned to Omaha after nine months' service as a chaplain with the army in France. Shortly after the armistice was signed he was transferred to Bourges, France.

Grain Corporation Purchases—The United States Grain corporation this week bought 381,755 barrels of wheat flour at prices ranging from \$9.75 to \$10.30 per barrel, according to its weekly flour purchase program.

Start Paving Work—Bauer & Johnson, Omaha contractors, have begun to lay the first concrete paving in Alnsworth, Neb. The engineering work in connection with paving streets in Alnsworth has been let to W. E. Standeven of Omaha.

Gets Jail Sentence—Richard Kim-

ball pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor before District Judge Redick and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail. He had appealed the case to the court, where he was found guilty several weeks ago.

War Mothers Plan Ball—The Omaha chapter of the American War Mothers will give its first annual ball September 19 in the Auditorium. Committees in charge of the ball will be named at the regular meeting next Thursday evening at 8 in Memorial hall at the court house.

Back From France—George A. Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Parks, 1624 Missouri avenue, has returned Wednesday after 18 months' service in France with the Third regular army division. He spent most of his time driving automobiles for generals and chiefs of staff at the battle front.

Many Soldiers Cared For—Nearly half a million service men have been cared for by the canteen service of the Omaha chapter of the Red Cross, according to a report given out by Mrs. Luther Kountze, director of canteen service here. The exact number of soldiers, sailors and marines cared for is placed at 474,895.

Welch Property Sold—The William Welch property at Thirty-first and Farnam streets has been leased for 99 years by Fred L. Heyn. The property was leased on a \$150,000 basis with option to buy. This will mean a 10-story family hotel east of the Clarinda, where there is 50 feet Farnam front, with a depth of 132 feet.

Red Cross Request—The home service section of the Red Cross is anxious to have information concerning the following: Mrs. Irene Harris, Mrs. Elnora Lowry, Evelyn Jones, Mrs. Fern Ruth Homer, Milvian Mardragovits, Basil B. Hoy and Myra Dillon. Anyone having information please telephone Tyler 2721 or call at the Red Cross headquarters in the court house.

Thirteen Persons Killed
Paris, Sept. 5.—Thirteen persons were killed and 40 injured in a collision between two trains near Toulouse this morning.

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WATTLES SAYS HE HAS LITTLE FAITH IN "FAIR PRICES"

Former State Food Chief Declares Move Is "Merely a Subterfuge."

G. W. Wattles, former federal food administrator of Nebraska, returning yesterday from California to take up the work of establishing "fair prices" for Nebraska, stated that he has little faith in any practical results being obtained through the fixing of so-called fair prices.

"The fixing of fair prices is merely a subterfuge," Mr. Wattles said. "In the first place, the food administration has no legal authority in this matter, and the result is that the fixing of fair prices at this time by the food administration, is making a joke of what was a serious matter during the period of the war."

Says All "Pass the Buck."
"In connection with this high cost of living, the railroad brotherhoods passed it up to the president, the president passed it along to congress and congress passed it back to the president; then the president passed it over to the attorney general and the attorney

general passed it along to the food administration, which has not been given any powers.

"I have no sympathy with any effort to cut down the prosperity of our farmers by reducing the prices paid for their products. Such a course would have a disastrous effect. I don't want to be a party to an attack on the source of prosperity of every person in Nebraska."

Defends the Merchant.
"It is too frequently said without authority that there is profiteering going on. Our merchants as a class are respectable men and are not entitled to be called thieves and rascals. Some may have drifted into practices that permit profiteering in the sale of good products; and if such there be, they should be rooted out by the duly constituted agencies of the government."

"Personally, I believe that a good open city market, which would furnish a trading place between producer and consumer, would be a more practical step toward reducing the high cost of living. I understand that such a proposed market was killed by the action of our commission men. I don't approve of the city engaging in the business of buying and selling goods."

"While, as I said, I do not look for

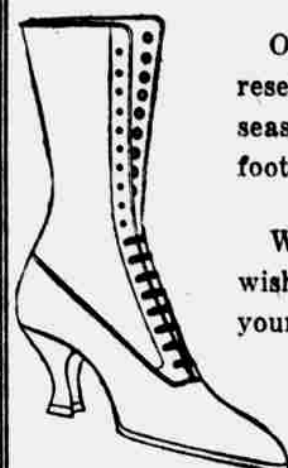
any big results from the activities of the food administration in the matter of fixing fair prices as outlined by Attorney General Palmer, I did, however, respond to the attorney general's request to start the food administration of this state along that line. I sent out letters to all of the county chairmen in good faith and will do whatever I can to assist in the work, but I have little faith in it."

In his circular letters to the county food administrators, Mr. Wattles included the following paragraph:

"You will note that the state and county food administrators have no authority, under the laws of the United States, to enforce fair prices and are even bereft of the enforcement authority which they possessed under the federal food act, but I have no doubt that much good will be accomplished by a careful investigation, in each county of the state, of prevailing prices for food products and the determination of what fair prices ought to be, and the publication of their findings as a guide to consumers."

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