

ENLIST AID OF WOMEN TO FIGHT COST OF LIVING

Appeal Will Be Made to Offset "Buy Now" Propaganda of Trades-people.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Attorney General Palmer and his official associates in the fight on the cost of living determined to enlist the aid of the women of America.

By appealing to the proprietors of household necessities throughout the country it is hoped to inaugurate an epoch of real economy which will offset the "buy now" propaganda of tradespeople.

Another important decision taken was to release more surplus supplies held by the government, if it can be done without embarrassment to the departments involved.

Indicative of the broad scope which Mr. Palmer's efforts are taking was the request of Chairman Payne to release any surplus building materials which he has on hand.

Speakers will be put soon in every state to carry the message that one way to beat the profiteers is to ignore propaganda saying that prices are certain to go higher and wait for the decline which officials say is inevitable.

The first complete official report of what has been accomplished so far by the use of such laws as were available was given the conference by Mr. Palmer, showing that there have been 86 cases of actual seizures under the food control act, with 22 cases still under investigation.

Taft Elected President of Unitarian Societies

Baltimore, Oct. 17.—For the third consecutive term former President William Howard Taft was elected president of the general conference of the Unitarian church societies.

Discussion at the closing session of the proposed federation of the Unitarian churches with those of the Universalist and Congregationalists brought to light the fact that there was a feeling against such a union due to certain denominational preferences and the unwillingness of the older members of the Unitarian conferences to sacrifice any of the traditional denominational identity.

Council Bluffs Boy Hurt in Collision of Automobiles

Richard Kent, 5 years old, 2584 Pratt street, suffered minor bruises at 6 yesterday afternoon when an automobile driven by his mother, Mrs. S. S. Kent, collided with an automobile driven by J. R. Sigafos, 2203 Avenue D, Council Bluffs, at Tenth and William streets.

Mrs. Kent was driving south on Tenth and was attempting to turn east into William street when she collided with Sigafos' car going north. With Mrs. Kent and Richard were three other Kent children, Frances, 14; Winitred, 9; and Stewart, 7. Otto Henrich, 3710 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, was riding with Sigafos.

Omaha Superintendent At Teachers' Institute

Red Oak, Ia., Oct. 17.—(Special).—Two hundred teachers are here for the county teachers' institute.

The first session began with a lecture by Supt. J. H. Beveridge of the Omaha public schools. Others who will lecture are Dr. L. D. Coffman, dean of education of the University of Minnesota; L. H. Hart, director of extension work at Iowa state teachers' college; Miss Helen S. Hartley of Chicago; Dr. C. A. Palmer, state director of vocational education in Nebraska; Charles E. Over, presented by a company of 17 soldiers, all of whom had service overseas. Other acts featured in the new show are Dolly Kay, syncopation's clever exponent, and

Fred M. Hall Dies After a Short Illness

The death was reported last night of Fred M. Hall at his home, 3502 Poppleton avenue, after an illness that began last Monday. Mr. Hall was 42 years old and came here from Milwaukee 25 years ago, becoming manager of the Union Outfitting company. He was highly thought of by his firm and was a member of the Field club, the Woodmen of the World, the Advertising and Selling club and St. Peter's church. He leaves a wife and two children, a brother, Harry Hall of Landers, and two sisters, Mrs. Dr. Yaeger of Nebraska City and Mrs. Fred Crowley of Des Moines.

FLASHES FROM FILMLAND

ADMIRERS of Fannie Ward should not miss "The Cry of the Weak," which closes tonight at the Empress theater. This photoplay grips the interest of the beholder from the quiet tranquil beginning until the high-pitched climax at the end. Miss Ward has perfect support in Frank Elliott, who plays most convincingly the role of District Attorney Dexter.

Moon—Saturday afternoon and evening will witness the last screening of "The Splendid Sin," starring Madeline Travers in the role of Lady Marion Chatham. It is a photoplay that has made a strong impression with picture play-goers.

Rialto—Persons who have ever had to smile when their hearts were breaking will never forget the performance of Lillian Gish, starting in "The Heart Case" at the Rialto, and which has its last showing today. It is a story of a girl and a boy, the girl loving the boy with rare devotion—the boy with a seeming indifference forgets the girl who helps pay for his education and marries another.

Sun—"Lombardi, Ltd." starring Bert Lytell, at the Sun theater, is a photoplay picture that has drawn immense crowds all week. The women folks have enjoyed it as a fashion show—the men because it's different. If you are interested in a good picture and the latest Parisian gowns see it.

Strand—She invited the girl who

AT THE THEATERS

NEIL O'BRIEN'S minstrels, on their eighth annual tour, offered a riot of amusement at the Brandeis theater last evening, when they opened their brief engagement, which will be concluded with performances this afternoon and evening.

Mr. O'Brien does not appear in the program himself, but he is well represented by the really excellent entertainment presented by his black-faced singers, dancers and jesters. This season's program has no more than the usual efforts.

Bert Swor seems to enjoy a personal popularity, as he was accorded a hearty reception when he first stepped upon the stage during the first part. He has some new quips and retains some of the old ones, and altogether makes a favorable impression.

He says he was born in potato time and tells the world that he has quit gambling since the recent world's base ball series. His song, "Room 202," went big. He also has a clever monologue, and sings another number, "Of All My Wife's Relations I Like Her Husband Best."

Olle Debow is another O'Brien comedian who has gained the front ranks of minstrelsy. He has a shiver and a laugh which identify him in an original manner. In a one-act sketch, "The Potato-Peeler," by Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Debow has full opportunity to display his fun-making ability. Davis "Sugarfoot" Gaffney, an elongated member of the company, shares first honors. His song, "A Good Man Is Hard to Find," won applause.

There are musical numbers a-plenty and the ensemble singing is pleasant to hear. The concluding number feature of the entertainment is a satire on the world war, "The League of Expla-nations," presented in a reproduction of the famous Hall of Mirrors.

Another feature is a comedy skit in which excerpts from popular songs are patched together in dialogue, the performers dancing as they sing.

Joe Hurtig's "The Social Maid" invite you to come to the popular Gayety theater, where they will play an all-week's engagement, starting this afternoon, and assist in an elusive search for a pair of diamond-buckled garters which have been stolen. A chorus of beautiful girls will add to your enjoyment.

In the cast are: Ina Hayward, Bluch Landoff, Ben Small, Alfred Loraine, Bud Williamson, Grace Fletcher and Justin Gray. Lulu Coates and her "Three Cracker-jacks," will offer an unusual dancing specialty of a whirlwind nature. Ladies matinee daily all week, starting Monday. Tomorrow's matinee begins at 3 o'clock.

The closing performance of "Seventeen," the Booth Tarkington comedy, will be given at the Boyd this afternoon and evening, where the Stuart Walker company has been playing the piece all week to the delight of great audiences. It is the best thing in its line so far offered here.

Commencing tomorrow evening, "A Dangerous Girl" will be the offering at the Boyd. This newest musical comedy has a plot as well as music, and has pretty girls as well as clever comedians. It comes from a long run in Chicago at the La Salle, where it was an immensely popular success.

Final performances will be given today of the Orpheum bill, headed by Mme. Marguerite Sylva. The curtain this evening is to rise at 8 o'clock. Opening with the matinee tomorrow the stellar attraction will be the musical revue, "Putting It Over," presented by a company of 17 soldiers, all of whom had service overseas. Other acts featured in the new show are Dolly Kay, syncopation's clever exponent, and

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Neighborhood Houses.

DIAMOND—34th and Lake—An all-star cast in "THE UNBROKEN PROMISE," also a western feature, "THE SILENT RIDERS."

HAMILTON—40th and Hamilton—FLANK KEENAN in "THE SILVER GIRL."

GRAND—16th and Binney—DOROTHY GISH in "NUCKET NELL," "CHRISTY GIBSON" and "TOPICS OF THE DAY."

LOTHROP—34th and Lothrop—TOM MIX in "ROUGH RIDING ROMANCE," also comedy.

APOLLO—35th and Leavenworth—JUNE ELVIDGE in "HIS FATHER'S WIFE," and two-reel comedy, "COMFORT"—16th and Vine—NORMA TAYLOR in "THE WAY OF A WOMAN"—Big V two-reel comedy.

was trying to win her husband right into her own home, did June Hillary, the heroine in "Stepping Out," a photoplay having its last showing at the Strand today.

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THREE HOLDUPS STAGED IN TWO DAYS IN BLUFFS

Proprietor and Eight Men in Pool Room Robbed in True Western Style.

Two men staged three bold holdups in Council Bluffs in the last two days. Tuesday forenoon they entered the pawnshop of Sam Friedman, in the Broadway business center, and showed an automatic pistol against his ribs, but fled when he grabbed a pump shotgun.

They jumped into an automobile waiting on North Sixth street and escaped. Thursday night at 10 the same men entered the pool hall on Martin Mortensen, Sixteenth avenue and South Eighth street, held up the proprietor and eight men at the pool tables, got \$20 from the cash drawer and small change from the men in the room, in addition to a few watches and a bunch of keys carried by Mortensen.

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Secret Service in Unions Aids Army in Ferreting Out "Reds"

Gary, Ind., Oct. 17.—With the receipt at military headquarters of warrants for seven alleged "reds" in the custody of army authorities it became known that a "secret service" has been formed within the ranks of organized labor for the purpose of seeking out any alien agitators.

The warrants were received by Col. W. S. Mages, commanding the troops stationed here, and summoned the seven men before Inspector S. K. Landis, in charge of immigration of the Department of Labor in Chicago. It was said that deportation is contemplated following the hearing, which is expected to be final.

Additional raids on alleged radical headquarters resulting in the seizure of suspects and literature were followed by an announcement from Paul Glaser, attorney for the strikers, that "he would go to Washington to ask an investigation of the military activities against 'reds' at Gary.

Union officials were vehement in declaring themselves free from radicalism and began the formation of the workers' secret service to ferret out any undesirables.

Friend (preparing for fishing trip): Why don't you bring along the new reel you bought yesterday? Absent-minded movie magnate: It hasn't passed the board of censorship yet.—Cartoons Magazine.

attempted the holdup of the Friedman store. They apparently rely on the fact that they are strangers, for they worked unmasked in all of the three holdups. Thursday night they used 44-caliber revolvers, but also displayed small automatons.

REPORT WILSON IMPROVED AFTER LONG CONFERENCE

Operation Will Not Be Necessary, Physicians Assent.

Washington, Oct. 17.—Definite improvement in President Wilson's condition was noted in a bulletin issued Friday night from the White House by Rear Admiral Grayson and the four physicians called in for consultation. The prostatic condition was said to be greatly improved and no operation will be necessary.

The swelling of the prostate gland, a recurrence of which served to retard the president's recovery, was said to have been relieved so much that a simplified form of treatment could now be instituted. The general condition of the president it was said remains good.

No Operation Necessary. The bulletin was signed by Dr. Grayson and by Dr. John Young, the Johns Hopkins hospital specialist; Dr. H. A. Fowler, a Washington specialist; Dr. Sterling Rufin, a Washington physician, and Rear Admiral Stitt, head of the naval hospital here. It said:

"The president's prostatic gland swelling referred to in previous bulletins is definitely improved and is causing little discomfort, so that the treatment has been simplified. The kidneys are functioning normally, and the heart action is excellent. The temperature, pulse and blood pressure remain normal."

Although no operation was regarded necessary at this time by the physicians called in for consultation, Dr. Grayson requested Dr.

Zeppelin Built to Bomb New York May Be Brought to U. S.

New York, Oct. 17.—A 600-foot Zeppelin which was ready to start for America with a cargo of bombs to drop on New York when the armistice negotiations began now is in a shed at Shandau, Germany, and if the allied governments will permit will soon start for America on a peaceful mission under control of American officers, according to Emil J. Simon of New York, a Zeppelin engineer.

"This Zeppelin," Mr. Simon said, "is the only one built for war purposes that was not destroyed by the Germans."

To Move Time Back. Montreal, Oct. 17.—The Canadian railway board announced that Canadian railway time will be moved back an hour at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, October 26, to conform to the winter time standard of the United States railroads.

A "before and after" demonstration of the value of drainage has been planned by a Wisconsin county agent. At the first meeting farmers see the drainage plot with its original cat tails and water; another meeting will be called after the tile has been laid and the land drained.

Young and the other physicians to continue the study of the case. An act of distinct relief was displayed at the White House after the consultation and it was unofficially stated that as a result of the treatment given it now is believed that it will be possible to keep the trouble arising from the local ailment in such abeyance as not to interfere with Mr. Wilson's recovery.

Organized Labor in Pittsburgh Begins Free Speech Battle

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 17.—Organized labor Friday began its legal battle in the courts for the right of free speech and assembly which the steel strikers claim has been denied them by public officials of Pittsburgh and Allegheny county. A bill in equity asking for an injunction restraining Mayor E. V. Babcock, the director of the department of public safety, the superintendent of police and the commissioner of police from preventing labor meetings was filed in the county court, and the hearing will be held next Thursday.

It was also given out that damage suits will be filed against corporations and public officials.

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