

SUGAR SHORTAGE WORSE THAN EVER DEALERS DECLARE

Exact Reason for Famine Cannot Be Explained by Wholesalers—No Relief in Prospect.

With many retail stores almost completely out of sugar and others selling it only with the purchase of other groceries, wholesalers and jobbers are of the opinion that there will be no relief for several months and that present prices will stand, with prospects of a slight increase.

The exact reason for the shortage cannot be answered by the wholesalers, other than the explanation that "the sugar crop of last year did not come up to expectations" and that during the first severe shortage in September the "invisible" supply, the amount generally kept on hand by the wholesalers, was completely used up. Since that time the demand has increased to such an extent that it has been impossible to supply it, dealers say.

Blame the Consumer.

The consumer is blamed to a certain extent by the wholesalers for purchasing more than was absolutely necessary, fearing a famine that would possibly be impossible to purchase any amount of sugar. It is the belief of the wholesalers that buyers became alarmed at the shortage and bought every pound of sugar that was available.

Stocks Kept in Cars.

"For the past several months what little sugar we have received has not even been taken out of the car it came in. We send out the sugar as best we can by allotment direct from the car."

U. S. Is as Unprepared For Peace as for War, Says Chairman Hays

Detroit, Dec. 16.—Maintaining that the nation is as unprepared for peace as it was for war, National Chairman Will H. Hays, addressing the republican state committee here this afternoon, declared it has become apparent the republican party is the country's only salvation.

The strictest individual economy consistent with the proper development of present day needs was urged by the national chairman.

"The special session of congress just closed saved the nation nearly a billion dollars and if nothing else had been accomplished by republican control except this," he said, "it would warrant an overwhelming victory next year."

Concerning legislation, Mr. Hays declared: "There must be strong federal legislation, by not government ownership. Taxes which kill initiative must not be levied." He advocated a large inheritance tax, adding that adequate taxes must be provided by careful legislation. "We do not propose, however," he continued, "to permit the use of the war as an excuse for everything."

Pickpocket Gets Diamond Rings Valued at \$600

Two diamond rings, valued at \$600, were neatly picked from the pocket of Charles Good, 920 North Twenty-fourth street, while he was being jostled in a crowd at Sixteenth and Farnam streets Monday evening, according to a police report. Good said he was walking from a barber shop at Nineteenth and Farnam toward Sixteenth street, and was jostled by the crowd, after which he missed his rings.

Declares Seizure of Mines and Operation Is Unconstitutional

Minot, N. D., Dec. 16.—District Judge Frank E. Fisk granted a permanent injunction to 11 operators of coal mines in northwest North Dakota, restraining the state from interfering with the operation of these mines.

The judge declared that action of Governor Frazer and Adjutant General Fraser in seizing and attempting to operate lignite mines was unconstitutional.

Sic Em! "Patricia"—Your Owner Is Hot On Your Trail

M. P. McKinney, 1210 South Sixteenth street, reported to police the loss of an Airedale pup which he values at \$700, which will answer to the name "Patricia." The pup wandered from its home some time Monday afternoon, according to a police report.

YOUNG GIRL ENDS OWN LIFE AFTER LOVERS QUARREL

Swallows Poison and Dies in the Arms of Sweetheart.

Laura Kenny, 19 years old, committed suicide shortly after 11 yesterday morning by swallowing poison at the home of her sweetheart, Jesse Cook, 17 years old, 1211 Pierce street. She died in Cook's arms, her last words to him being, "Goodbye, Jesse."

Threatened to Leave.

The girl was despondent because her lover threatened to go to Atchison, Kan., Bailey said.

Young Cook was a sweetheart of the girl for the past four months, he said. The Kenny girl lived at the Cook home and kept house for Thomas Cook, father of the boy, for the past two months.

Young Cook and the Kenny girl started teasing each other Monday about their "loving one another," it was said.

Kept "Kidding" Her.

"This morning when I told her again I was going away with my uncle she ran into the bedroom in a spongy mood. She called for me, but I just kept on kidding her. We were having lots of fun. She came out of the room once and got some paper and a pencil. Shortly after I heard her say, 'Jesse, you'll better come in here or you'll never enter again.'"

"Suddenly I heard her scream. I ran into the room and saw her lying on the bed. She had just thrown an empty bottle on the floor."

Met Four Months Ago.

Police say that the girl bought an ounce bottle of carbolic acid at the drug store of Emil Cermak.

Young Cook is heart-broken over the affair. He said he met her four months ago. "When she learned I had no mother she offered to keep house for us," he said. "She has been living with us since."

The girl's home is in Chillicothe, Mo. Police notified relatives of the suicide.

The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Korisko Brothers, 1250 South Thirteenth street.

ABANDONS STORY HER DEAD CHILD WAS KIDNAPED

Mother Charged With Murdering Son Says She Became Unconscious After a Fall.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Esther Miller Blake, a prisoner in the city hospital charged with the murder of her five-year-old son, has abandoned her story that the child was kidnaped by two negroes in Ventnor last Friday night, according to Dr. L. R. Souder, county physician. She told the doctor at another interview Tuesday that the kidnaping was a "delusion."

"I have had delusions before and I guess I had one this time," Mrs. Blake remarked to me," said Dr. Souder.

Mrs. Blake still denies that she threw the child into the ocean from a fishing pier, as alleged by the police. Dr. Souder said, but she now tells a different story as to what happened.

"I slipped on a board and in falling struck my head," the physician said. "The doctor told me, 'I became unconscious and how long I remained in that condition I do not know, but when I came to, I was panic stricken and I ran to the nearest house. I was in a frenzy and I do not remember what I said.'"

"Mrs. Blake told me the board walk pavement was slippery," continued Dr. Souder, "but she says she does not remember whether she was on the board walk or one of the approaches. All she appears to recollect was that when she fell, the boy ran away from her. She told me that he had a habit of running off impulsively."

"I do not know where he went, but I am positive that I did not interfere with him in any way after I fell to the pavement," she told me. "There is no question in my mind but that Mrs. Blake is impaired mentally."

The body of the child will be taken to Baltimore tomorrow for burial. The inquest will be held here Thursday.

"ONLY ONE THING BREAKS MY COLD!"

"That's Dr. King's New Discovery for fifty years a cold-breaker."

NOTHING but sustained quality and unflinching effectiveness can arouse such enthusiasm. Nothing but sure relief from stubborn colds and onrushing new ones, grippe, throat-tearing coughs, and croup could have made Dr. King's New Discovery the nationally popular and standard remedy it is today.

Fifty years old and always reliable. Good for the whole family. A bottle in the medicine cabinet means a short-lived cold or cough. 60c. and \$1.20. All druggists.

C. OF C. ACCEPTS RESIGNATIONS OF MOVIE MEN

Ten Members Withdraw Because of Alleged Discrimination Against Theaters During Coal Crisis.

Resignations of 10 men associated with the motion picture industry of the city were formally accepted by the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The resignations were turned in to the chamber last week while the fuel conservation rules were in force. Motion picture men asserted that the Chamber of Commerce discriminated against their industry in sanctioning the rulings of the terminal fuel committee, which at the time kept motion picture shows closed.

Approves Officers' Action.

Those resigning were H. M. Thomas of the Rialto theater, C. L. Peavey of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, C. W. Taylor of the Select Pictures corporation, E. E. Holah of the A. H. Blank enterprises, W. R. McFarland, S. H. Goldberg, W. H. Jones and Harry Ranchman, officers of the World Realty company and controllers of the Sun, Moon and Muse theaters.

The executive committee in accepting the resignations also approved of the stand taken by officers of the chamber in support of the fuel committee.

Boom Air Mail Terminal.

The committee during the meeting voted to appropriate \$15,000 from the club's funds to aid in the erection of a national headquarters building for the United States Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D. C. A resolution advocating the appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the extension of aerial mail service to the west coast was also passed during the meeting.

If the service is extended to the west coast Omaha will become a great mid-west aerial mail terminal, it was pointed out.

Radio Service Between U. S. and Countries in Pacific to Be Expedited

Washington, Dec. 16.—Exchange of press dispatches and commercial messages by radio between California and the Hawaiian islands, Guam, the Philippines and Japan on a much more extensive scale will become possible when arrangements recently completed by the navy department become effective December 20.

Through the use of modern high power, high speed operating equipment it was estimated that it would be possible to transmit and receive more than 100,000 words a day between Hawaii and the Philippines, 200,000 words a day between San Francisco and San Diego and about 1,000 words a day on a slow speed circuit between Hawaii and Japan.

The Hawaii-Japan circuit, operating under an arrangement with the Japanese government, will be available only nine hours a day and will be capable of handling but about 15 words a minute at the inauguration of the service.

Rates on press dispatches over the new radio circuits will be low, ranging in the view of officials, a widespread exchange of news between the United States and the orient and American insular possessions in the Pacific. The rate decided on is 6 cents a word between California stations and Manila and 5 cents a word to Hawaii.

"Cure Your Rupture Like I Cured Mine"

Old Sea Captain Cured His Own Rupture After Doctors Said "Operate or Die."

His Remedy and Book Sent Free.

Captain Collins sailed the seas for many years; then he sustained a bad double rupture that soon forced him to not only remain ashore, but kept him bedridden for years. He tried doctor after doctor and trust after trust. No results! Finally, he was assured that he must either submit to a dangerous and abortive operation or die. He did neither! He cured himself instead.

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Stubborn Bowels Tamed

Positive in action, yet natural, comfortable, pleasant, Dr. King's New Life Pills are a boon to bowels that need assistance. They eliminate fermenting waste and put the system in normal shape. All druggists—25c. a box

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Please send me your FREE Rupture Remedy and Book without any obligation on my part whatever.

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Attempt Is Made to Kill General Obregon of Mexico

Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 16.—Private armies received here from Mexico City today were to the effect that an attempt was made last Thursday to take the life of Gen-

eral Alvarado Obregon, candidate for the presidency of the republic, after he had addressed a public gathering in one of the suburbs of the capital. The would-be assassin was jailed.

Dynamite Placed In Stove; Boy of 14 Badly Burned

While building a fire in the stove of the living room, Russell Mullendore, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Al Mullendore of Waterloo, Neb., received severe burns Monday when

an explosion occurred which was attributed to dynamite sprinkled among the chunks of coal to aid in ignition.

Bill to Provide Foreign Credit Up to the President

Washington, Dec. 16.—The senate adopted today the conference report on the Edge bill authorizing organization of corporations to extend credit in Europe to stimulate export trade.

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The Christmas Store for Everybody

Beginning Wednesday, An Opportune Sale of Our Entire Stock of Beautiful

FURS

At a Reduction of 25%

Of the Regular Prices

Furs--The Christmas Gift That Appeals to Every Woman

As a Gift We Suggest Glove and Merchandise Certificates

They are issued for any amount, and may be presented by the recipient at any time, and have this great advantage, that those receiving them may make their own selection from whatever lines of merchandise they may desire.

To those whose tastes are so fastidious or practical that one hesitates what gift to buy, the Certificate is sure to prove acceptable.

It is impossible to fully express to you the significance of this great sale, for every piece of fur from our expertly selected stock is included. This means quality in every respect; peltries, workmanship, trimmings, finish, style, etc. Even at their regular prices these luxurious

FUR WRAPS SCARFS AND MUFFS could not be duplicated, for we bought them months ago before the great increase in price.

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A correspondence will be carried on through a secret code and you will ascertain exactly what to give.

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Christmas Wouldn't Be Christmas Without a Gift of Handkerchiefs

One of these exquisitely fine ones, or six of these dainty, but more utilitarian kinds. Pick them and assort them as you will, and you can select no more useful or pleasing gift. And then, they are so easy to send anywhere.

Women's Box Handkerchiefs, plain, white and colored, corner embroidered, 3 in box, a box, 35c to \$1.00.

Children's Handkerchiefs, consisting of corner designs of animals and figures, 3 in box, a box, 29c to 35c.

Men's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched edges, each, 35c to \$2.

Women's Madeira, embroidered, Armenian Lace-Edged Handkerchiefs, each, \$1.50.

Women's Wide and Narrow Hem, Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, \$1 to \$1.50.

Women's Plain Linen and Japped Border Handkerchiefs, each, 35c; 3 for \$1.

Second Floor.

For the Convenience of Our Customers

Beginning Wednesday and Until Christmas

Our Store will be open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Only 7 more shopping days before Christmas. Shop now.

The Christmas Gift That Appeals to Every Woman Is A Silk Sweater

SMART styles in tuxedo coat hour glass, collar, cuffs and revers of appliqued filet, angora and gold and silver metal laces. Flesh, Pink, Coral, Hockey, red, peach, old rose, lavender, purple yellow, navy, jade and black, light grey, emerald, brown. Priced \$29.50 to \$75.00.

Second Floor.

A New Rug

A Christmas Gift for the Whole Family

Why not give a Rug for the Christmas gift? Our line was never more complete, including small throw mats up to the longest room sizes. Exact copies of the real orientals. Large showing of WHITTALL'S BIGELOW, HARTFORD, and KARAGHENSIA makes. Make the home more beautiful. All sizes, styles and prices.

Carpet Sweepers These make one of the most useful Christmas gifts. Our line is complete, including Japanned and nickel finish.

Values, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.25, \$6.25 and \$6.75 each.

Third Floor.

CANDLES

I am just a twisted candle, The kind which burned old. And lit the path to "lady faire" For the knight "so bold."

Now as of old candles are used to illustrate and are most artistic. Our assortments are exceptionally large and include the plain colored ones as well as the fancy hand-tinted ones. Priced from 10c up.

Don't Forget the Ribbons!

Every Christmas—just at the last moment—hundreds of people are overpowered with regrets: "Oh, WHY didn't I think about RIBBONS—to tie up these gifts!" They give that air of tasteful elegance that doubles the effect of every gift.

A Handsome Bag Like Illustration

\$7.50

An unusual combination in suede and velvet which produces a very smart looking bag. The bag comes in color combination of grey suede with black velvet, or in two-tone effects of brown or taupe, and is fitted with coin purse and mirror. An unusual value at \$7.50.

Other Bags

A bag is a necessity and no matter what style of bag is required, you are certain to find it here and at any price you may care to spend.

Main Floor.

Shoes or Slippers Are Such Useful Gifts

You probably know from experience how pleased you were at the pair of slippers you received last year. Here is several ways you may please some one near and dear to you:

- A pair of skating boots.
- A pair of dancing pumps.
- A pair of beautiful slipper buckles.
- A pair of felt house slippers.
- A pair of quilted house slippers.
- A pair of Japanese boudoir slippers.
- A pair of auto boots.
- A pair of spats.
- A pair of shoes for any occasion.

An almost endless assortment of men's, women's and children's holiday slippers are here for your selection and so reasonably priced, too.

Second Floor.

Men's Sterling Silver Belt Buckles

\$2, \$2.75, \$3.50

Five styles, engine-turned or hand-engraved, with space for monogram. Not light weight buckles, but the kind that will give excellent service.

One of the most handsome and appreciated gifts a man can receive. Here is a splendid assortment.

Jewelry Dept.—Main Floor

For His Christmas Gift-- A House Coat or Smoking Jacket

There's hardly anything a man will appreciate more than one of these comfortable, good-looking House Coats or Smoking Jackets. Our Christmas selection includes Coats made of two-tone fabrics, Scotch plaids, silks and velvets, at prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$30.00.

Fourth Floor.