Composite Police "Commissioner" Has First Disagreemnt Over Authority of Pattullo.

Mayor Smith and Commissioners police commission, had their first disagreement in city council yesterday, when the mayor and Mr. Ure expressed opinions adverse to the wishes of Mr. Ringer.

Last week Mr. Ringer tacitly agreed to fall in line with the mayor d Mr. Ure on police department policies, in an effort to bring order out of the chaotic condition of the police department and to yield to the insistent demands of business mer who have been saying some plain things to the city commissioners. The Fight Is On.

The duties and rank of the new police inspector, Andrew Pattullo, who was appointed last Saturday night by Chief of Police Eberstein, did not meet with his approval. precipitated a near-riot in the city council chamber, in connection with a new police department salary ordinance which was recommended

Police Commissioner Ringer stated that in an ordinance he is preparing, he will make it plain that he wants the inspector to be the ranking of-ficer next to chief of police so that when the chief is absent, there will be no question as to authority.

Mayor Smith and Commissioner Ure insisted that there should be no interference with the chief of the detective's department.

Commissioner Zimman suggested that Mr. Ringer should go on another two weeks' trip to determine just what the duties of the inspector should be. Mr. Ringer explained that while the inspector will be in charge of the uniform men and the chief of detectives will direct the detective department, he wanted it understood that the inspector should rank next to the chief of police. Opposes Any Interference.

"The chief of detectives should have absolutely a free hand," the mayor said, "and if I hear that the chief or anybody else is interfering with the work of the chief of detectives, I will oppose such interfer-

When Mr. Ringer asserted, "In the absence of the chief of police the inspector would be in charge of the police department," Commis-

Not a bit of it; the police and detective departments should be separate and distinct. I don't think the inspector should be over the chief of detectives. The superin-

Mr. Zimman with talking beside the

Mayor Assails Zimman.

Then the mayor reached over to the councilmanic Christmas tree and pulled this one off for the benefit of

Mr. Zimman: "You have not offered one won't listen to it for another year cents a pound. council meetings if I have to listen Clairmont Inn Clerk to it any longer."

Commissioner Falconer insisted that the inspector should rank next to the chief of police. Provisions of Ordinance.

The police department salary or-

Patrolmen, \$125 per month for the men \$50. six months' probationary period, \$125 for second six months, \$130 for third six months and \$140 thereafter. ling by a new system based on of this act, which made profiteering Detectives, \$150 for first six radio telegraphy, recently were unlawful and to extend the life of months and \$165 thereafter; ser-/carried out in France.

geants, \$160; lieutenants, \$170; capains, \$185. Mr. Ure recommended starting policemen at \$115 per month, but the mayor insisted the city needed men who are worth \$125 per month to start with.

On New Peace Moves

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The whole subject of reservations seemed tonight to have been opened wide with both sides professing a villingness to enter wholeheartedly into an energetic give-and-take effort at compromise. Predictions of early action on the treaty multiplied, many senators declaring action was likely before the end of January. Some of the more optimistic pressed confidence that the ratifica-

ion would come before January 16, thus formally establishing peace and permitting the president to lift prohibition for a brief wet spell beore the constitutional prohibition amendment becomes effective on that date.

There were other senators, however, who took less stock in the ompromise measure, predicting that due time it would collapse like all its forerunners. It was pointed out that President Wilson might again intercede if reservations accepted by members of his party in the senate

Irish Denied Right O₁ Separation From The British Empire

certain mistiness as to how the ooundaries of northeastern Ireland vould be settled for legislative purposes. The premier rejected several proposals-first, that the whole of Ulster should form a unit; second, county option; third, that the six northeastern counties should form a single unit-all on the same ground; that solid sections of the population would be left under a government they disliked. Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster unionist leader, in the subsequent debate, delined to believe that the bill would prove a success or for the good of Ireland but he would not give a pronounced opinion until he had seen it in print. He feared that the Sinn Fein would capture the parlia-ment and proclaim a republic and asked what the government would do to set matters right.

Battle of Paris Was Nothing Compared to Omaha's Candy Scrap

The carload of candy obtained by Col. G. S. Bingham for sale at the army store in the Auditorium yesterday, drew customers like molasses draws flies in the summer tendent of police would be in time. Counters were broken in the nificant fact that the cost of living charge in the absence of the chief mad rush of hundreds of Omahans, as indicated by retail prices was no mad rush of hundreds of Omahans, as indicated by retail prices was no greater in November of this year of police."

"I defy you to name a city where endeavor to obtain Christmas sweets endeavor to obtain Christmas sweets the low price asked by the store. the chief of police is not in absolute charge," said Commissioner Zimman, whereupon Mr. Ringer charged were locked and customers were admitted in small groups that could be accommodated by the clerks. Fre-

quently army officers were forced to address the crowd and urge them to It was estimated that the supply ernoon the stock was so depleted it structive suggestion since you have was impossible to tell how long it

Inn, Seventeenth and Jackson prices, unfortunately did not pro-streets, was fined \$100 in Central po-vide a penalty for certain acts delice court today charged with being clared to be unlawful, and therefore, his utmost, if those who buy and dinarce, which was the basis of the discussion, contained an item that The hotel was raided early Sunday able to effectively deal with many extravagance, and if all honest peodiscussion, contained an item that the salary of the inspector of police morning and nine women and six cases of profiteering which came to should be \$200 per month, the same as the chief of detectives. The ordinance as recommended for passage contained the following salary for the women were \$100 and for amendment of the food control act

PRICES TO DROP AFTER JANUARY

H. C. L. Already Under Control, Says Attorney General-Urges Elimination of Extravagance.

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culation. In a statement to the shopmen themselves, the president delayed that the primary step was to increase production and facilitate ransportation so as to make up for the destruction wrought by the war and the terifble scarcities it created The president added that the government had taken up with all possible vigor the task of bringing the profiteer to book, making the stocks of necessities in the country available at lower prices, stimulating production and facilitating distribu-

"The movement inaugurated that time to gain control over the cost of living has been largely in the hands of the Department of Justice. It should be helpful to point out what has already been accomplished and what further steps are in contemplation. To assess the sifuation it is necessary to look back and ascertain what the trend of prices has been in past years.

Trend of Prices Upward. "Taking retail food prices as basis, the index numbers of the United States Bureau of Labor staistics from 1911 to 1919 indicate that up to 1919 there has been a noiceable trend upward in such prices n the fall of the year whereas since August his year such retail prices have been kept practically stationary. By way of illustration, during the period August to November, inclusive, 1916, there was an advance in retail food prices as indicated by the bureau of labor statistics of 13 points, in 1917 18 points and in 1918 16 points, as compared with no increase whatsoever in the correspondng period of 1919. Considering the four years from 1911 to 1915 inclusive, retail prices show a slight upward trend from September 1 to October 1, a greater upward trend from November 1 to December 1. During the four years from 1915 to 1918. nclusive, retail food prices show a 1 to September 1 and to October 1, and a slightly lessened but decided upward 'rend to November 1 and to December 1. This year during Sep-tember and October an actual reduction in the general level of retail ices was effected as compared with ugust, while the figure for November, allhough slightly above that of ctober, shows no increase above the August returns. In other words, he official data clearly show the sig-

Expect Slump by March.

"The history of retail food prices ndicates that a decided downward trend ordinarily may be expected in the part of the year between Janwould last two days, but by midaft- vary 1 and March 1 and it is to be hoped that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign been in this council. I have listened to this for a year and a half and I from 21-2 cents a package to 25 just now getting well underway.

No Penalty Provided. "The Lever food control act, under which the food administration Fined \$100 After Raid operated and through the enforcement of which the Department of E. J. Kelly, clerk at the Clairmont Justice is now trying to reduce high to extend its scope to all the neces-sities of life, and to provide a pen-Successful tests of railway signal- alty for violation of the section four unlawful and to extend the life of the act into peace time. The attorney general appeared before the senate agricultural committee in August and urged that amendments asked by the president be passed. Not until October 22, however, cid these amendments become a law, and only since that time has it been possible to deal effectively with all cases of profiteering and hoarding.

Officials Active. "While waiting the enactment of additional legislation, however, the Department of Justice did not remain inactive. Section 6 of the act provided a penalty for hoarding and section 7 authorized the seizure and sale of hoarded necessities. Since the Lever act was amended to proall cases brought to trial thus far convictions have been obtained. There have been 99 cases of actual tions are also contemplated under

torneys for investigation, for seizures and for prosecutions, if the facts warrant. Commodities Seized. "These siezures and prosecutions

to the attention of United States at-

have covered 18 states and the commodities seized have included eggs, butter, cheese, pork, poultry, lard, fish, sugar, potatoes, coffee, flour and canned goods. Fifty-three of above cases have been disposed by releasing the goods under bond of agreement to dispose of same within a specified time and at a reasonable price under the direc-tion of the United States attorneys. In no case has the market been flooded by the wholesale disposal of such goods. In three cases involving hoarding, fines and jail sentences have been imposed. In one case a fine of \$100 was imposed; in an-other a fine of \$250 and three months in jail, and in a third case, a fine of \$5,000 and five months in jail. This latter case has been To Heal a Cough

appealed. Results of investigation are now being laid before a grand jury in several districts and reports of large numbers of indictments are expected in the near future. Where-ever possible, a determined effort will be made to obtain jail sen-

Very Solemn Duty.

"A very solemn duty to assist in reducing the cost of living and particularly to eliminate profiteering, rests upon honest and responsible business men of all classes. To bring about co-operation in this direction the national organizations representing the different trade interests have been approached. Very helpful co-operation has been ob-tained which has had a marked tendency not only to stop the upward trend of prices, but in some instances to decrease prices.

"The National Retail Clothing Dealers' association has recently established their prewar margins o profit as being fair and have so ad vised their entire membership, representing approximately 90 per cent of the retail clothing dealers of America. They have also appointed a diligence committee, to hunt up profiteers within their membership and report to the United States attorney in their respective districts violations of margins of profits as set up by their organization. These profits show from 5 to 50 per cent reduction over prevailing profits of past few months. "The National Retail Shoe Deal-

ers' association has appointed an

executive committee to confer for the purpose of re-establishing a similar rule within their organization. The National Retail Drygoods association, representing some 20,000 stores in the United States, is cooperating with the Department of Justice in establishing prominently economy departments during January and February. Several of the larger manufacturers' associations, as well as wholesale and retail merchants' associations, have appointed committees to confer with agents of the Department of Justice and are putting their entire machinery at the disposal of the department to carry out programs to the numbership. Such efforts will be extended to other like organizations to co-operate toward reduced profits. "Beyond this the Department of Justice has instituted a thorough-

going and nationwide campaign, participated in by thousands of men and women, bringing about regulations in the cost of living through education and through moral suasion. In 44 states this campaign is promained practically 'stationary from November 1 to December 1 to December 1 to December 1 ton, is being done by fair price commissioners or United States attorneys. Very soon organizations of decided upward trend from August the remaining states will be completed. Three states have passed laws creating commissions or other machinery for the protection of their citizens against profiteers. The women of the country, in whose hands rests the power to largely control the cost of living through purchase, have been organized to carry certain educational facts to the consuming and buying public as well as to determine fair prices in local communities and to hunt out the profiteers and report violations of

> the Lever act. Women Do Good Work.

than it was in August, while during "The women's organizations of former years, extending back to 1911, the country have already done splenthe returns for November show a considerable increase over the Au- did work in this direction and are expected to co-operate still further. It has been thought advisable to work through organizations already set up and functioning in the dif-ferent states, rather than to set up a separate organization solely for

this purpose.

"Primarily, the notably factors involved in the cost of living are the needed increase in production, he elimination of extravaganct buying and the determined hunting down of profiteers of all classes. I believe that the time now has come when the organization of the country has been completed to the point where real results can be shown. The cost of living, already under control, can be reduced if everyone who produces will produce Justice in stamping out profiteering

and hoarding."
The officials attending the conference, at which the statement was authorized and who, it is understood, are prepared to make the statement the basis for solution of any problems within their jurisdicion involving the cost of living, in addition to Attorney General Pal-mer, were Secretaries Daniels and Alexander, Chairman Murdock and Commissioner Colver of the Federal Trade commission, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Leffingwell, Assistant Attorney General Ames, Director General Hines and Spe-cial Assistant to the Attorney Gen-

Secret Deal Charged By Senator in Coal Strike Settlement

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his morning at the order of United vide a penalty for profiteering, 179 States District Judge A. B. Ander-prosecutions have been instituted. son. He was under bond of \$10,000 son. He was under bond of \$10,000 Under provisions of that act and in provided in the form of a check on a Kansas bank. Judge Anderson dis-approved of this form of bond and immediately after the afternoon sesseizures under section 7 of the act sion of court began remanded the and in many of these cases prosecumine union official to jail until he reaches a decision as to the amount section 6. In addition, 22 cases of and kind of bond which will be acalleged hoarding have been called ceptable.

ceptable. Judge Anderson denounced Howat for his attitude in connection with the court's injunction against the strike and declared:

"Either I have to vindicate the law or abdicate in favor of Howat." The hearing began with a response by Henry Warrum, chief counsel for the United Mine Workers of America, in which the position was taken that Howat, in keeping in force a local strike of 1,000 miners in the Kansas district, which was called last July, did not violate the injunction against furtherance of the general strike, but complied with instructions of the miners' general committee, in that operation of mining in Kansas was resumed on the

Supreme Court Recess

same basis as was obtained.

Washington, Dec. 22 .- The supreme court today recessed until January 5 without handing down an pinion of the constitutionality sections of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act affecting the alcoholi content of beer,

OMAHA WOMEN **MAY FORCE EGG** PRICES LOWER

Boycott is Suggested as a Means of Getting Same Results Obtained in Lincoln.

Eggs are selling for 55 cents a ozen in Lincoln. The same kind of eggs are selling Omaha for from 85 to 90 cents a dozen, and are steadily climbing to the \$1 mark. The reason for the difference in price is women.

A week ago, the price of eggs in incoln had reached \$1 a dozen. Two thousand members of the Woman's club got together and decided that the high price must come

Now the women claim the credit. And most of the business men in Lincoln concede the credit for the sudden drop in price to them. A few of the leading members of the Omaha Woman's club were called on concerning the relative dif-

erence in price in Omaha and Lin-Mrs. John Haarman, a prominent member of the Omaha Woman's club, said:

"Most decidedly we could bring down prices here as they did in Lincoln. Whatever can be done any-where else, can be done a little bit better in Omaha. There is no reason why we couldn't stop buying Collegiate Alumnae would be willeggs, or anything, and force prices lown. The subject can be brought after the holidays."

Mrs. Mary I. Creigh, leader he current topics department of the Woman's club, said: "From 90 cents a dozen to 55 cents for eggs is a considerable have the same effect it had in Lincoln.

Mrs. O. Y. Kring, leader of Omaha Woman's club, said:

price. In fact, they boycotted \$1 taken up by the Lincoln Woman's club. I am sure we could acwere to take the matter up. I would not be surprised if the matter comes up at our next meeting.'

Must Work Together. Mrs. J. T. Maxwell, of the home economics department of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, says that a boycott on high-priced goods has worked in other places and she sees no reason why it would not be effective here.

"We have not discussed high prices very much, but the subject will probably come up after the holidays when we take up 'diet' in our study. I believe the Association of ing to join in any concerted action that would reduce high prices. Actbefore our club at the first meeting ing as individuals, we can do little."

> Lincoln Women Plan to Keep Up Fight Against High Costs Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.-Women of Nebraska are being called upon by the Lincoln Woman's club to cents.

the wage an active campaign against public speaking department of the the high cost of living. This was announced here today "The Omaha Woman's club has by Mrs. N. E. Hildreth, head of the They refused to buy eggs at that done many things along the line civics department of the club, who

declared that through a boycott o eggs the women of this city had forced prices from 85 to 55 cents dozen in approximately two weeks fime.

The ban on eggs has now been lifted. Efforts to induce all women of the state to enlist in the fight on high prices, Mrs. Hildreth said, are beng made through correspondence with all Nebraska women's clubs, which have a membership of about 12,000, and other articles would be

boycotted. "Our fight," she said, "will not confined to club women alone. All women are invited to join the movement. We have to do it in self defense to counteract the campaign from trade centers that prices are going to be higher in the spring. We were disgusted with high

cost of living investigations," she added. "They all 'fell flat.'" Speaking of the boycott here on eggs, Mrs. Hildreth said the women had learned that "the grocers all paid the same price, while the sale price in some places was 65 cents and in others as high as 85 and 90

"We knew it wasn't right," she declared, "so we started in to boycott them."

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tifully are to be had in white, seal brown, and black, with tops and soles of lisle, priced \$2.50 a

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