

PROFITEERS ARE BLAMED FOR HIGH PRICE OF FLOUR

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The actual cost of producing a barrel of flour in 1917, including interest, freight, and other expenses of the miller was only \$8.60, says the report. "For this the consumer was forced to pay at least \$14.50. Had the miller, jobber, wholesaler, retailer, been content with reasonable margins, this flour might have been available to the purchaser at \$11.57. However, the product was saddled with so many extortionist profits...

Average 52 Cents Profit. "Prior to the war the miller's profit of 1 1/2 cents a barrel assured a liberal return of 12 per cent on invested capital. Under government supervision during the war, the millers were permitted to make almost double this profit, or 25 cents a barrel...

Harold Lloyd in "An Eastern Westerner" outdoes anything he has ever offered to the public before. Harold is a blase Eastern lad, whose father packs him off to a western ranch in the provincial manner. Harold opens up a new box of tricks on his arrival and has a lot of fun with the bad men of Puute Pass. Incidentally he wins the love of the golden-haired heroine who is portrayed by Mildred Davis.

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Mr. Lauck charged that the jobbers also were guilty of inexcusable profiteering. His report asserts that while their costs of operation increased only 11 per cent, their profits were nearly 175 per cent greater in 1917 than in 1914. "During these years," he says, "the jobbers sliced a profit of 2 cents on approximately \$18,000,000, or a tax of nearly \$1 on every family in the country. At the pre-war rates of return, jobbers were taking more than 20 per cent on their investment, so that their war-time practices were actually criminal."

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Commence Hearings Looking to Revision Of Rail Freight Rates

Washington, May 23.—Hearings looking toward a revision of the freight rate structure of the entire country to meet the government guarantee of a 6 per cent return on the railway properties of the nation will be started Monday by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Recommendations as to rate increases which have been made to the commission by the carriers and which form the basis for the hearings set forth that in order to make an income of 6 per cent the earnings of all the roads must be increased by \$1,017,000,000. To provide this additional sum the roads have recommended that rates in the eastern group be advanced 30.4 per cent to make 2.1 per cent addition in income...

It is being claimed that England is due for the biggest industrial boom the country has ever had.

MOVIES

JUST about the time that "wild west" movie fans get accustomed to imitations and stunt performers pure and simple, along comes Bill Hart again, and makes 'em wonder how they could have been fooled so long. Hart is supreme in two-gun work and hand riding. At the Rialto in the Toll Gate, his newest starring vehicle which opened a five-day engagement yesterday, he does some of the best work of his career. Not better than "Hell's Hinges," but just as good.

Wallace Reid wasn't fitter by nature to look fresh from the country or give the appearance of earning a salary of six dollars a week even when you know he's going to be a howling success and get a princely salary later on. Notwithstanding the pleas in "A Dancin' Fool," the film's entertainment at the Strand. The story, the settings, the exuberant personality of the star, and the grace and beauty of Babe Daniels as his dancing partner combine to make the picture a pleasing one.

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A program of merit is presented by the Moon this week and is divided into three parts: "The Bottom of the World," the picture taken by Sir Ernest Shackleton on his Antarctic expedition; "Charlie Chaplin in 'Tillie's Punctured Romance,' and a quintet of girls in a musical comedy "The Bottom of the World," the picture taken by Sir Ernest Shackleton on his Antarctic expedition.

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New York, May 23.—Convention headquarters for Gov. Edward I. Edwards of New Jersey, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, will be established in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, it was announced there. The governor will attend the convention as one of New Jersey's delegates at large.

Fire From Cigaret Causes \$300,000 Blaze

Twin Falls, Idaho, May 23.—Fire, supposed to have been started by a discarded cigarette, destroyed more than half a business block here early Saturday with a loss estimated at \$300,000. The blaze started in a hall in which a dance was held.

Negress Held for Theft. Jessie Reed, negress, Eleventh street and Capitol avenue, was arrested last night, following a complaint made to the police by James O'Neil, a street car motorman living at 3329 Manderson street. O'Neil told the police that he thought that the woman had stolen his watch and street car badge.

PRICE SOARS ON OMAHA CHICKENS AS THEY TRAVEL

Crate of Fowls Shipped From Here to Chicago, Then Back Again to Boost Profits, Gompers Declares.

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The mother of the girl still believes that William O'Brien, one of her men friends, was responsible for her action. O'Brien disappeared at the same time and police have been unable to locate him.

Corsets and Rubber Gloves for Dogs Are Latest Fad in Paris

By CATHERINE GROTH. Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Paris, May 23.—The corseted dog has made his appearance on the fashionable Place Vendome of Paris.

The dog was a whippet pup and its owner, a smartly dressed woman living at the Hotel Du Rhin, explained that the corsets—which resemble even to the whitehooves and lacing of those worn by women—are necessary because of the danger of the dog straining himself in his preliminary racing trials.

Boys Have Good Time Driving Car Until Arrested

Two Brothers Appropriated Auto for Sunday Afternoon Drive—They're in Jail Now. Mason Jurgenson, 15 years old, 58 South Thirty-fifth avenue, and his brother, Charles, 11 years old, were arrested by police last night when they were found in possession of an automobile belonging to F. A. Wood, 2624 Harney street, near Twenty-fifth and Farnam streets.

Wyoming Man Will Liqueurs To His Family

Clerk of Cheyenne Refuses to Divulge Name of Testator - Who Remembered Dear Ones Well. Cheyenne, Wyo., May 23.—Clerk of Court T. J. Fisher is the victim of a heavy barrage from Cheyenne residents who are seeking the identity of a local man who has bequeathed a large quantity of liquor to relatives, in a will recently filed at the county building.

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Candidates Recommended Extension of Civil Service

New York, May 23.—Approval of the policy of civil service appointment for merit and fitness, rather than political affiliation, is expressed by several presidential candidates in letters received by the National Civil Service Reform league, it was announced by the league.

Gathering of Information On Profits Lengthy Job

Washington, May 23.—The assembling of information regarding the income of an excess profit received by corporations in 1917 and 1918, as requested by Senator Harris' resolution, probably would require from four to five months and cost approximately \$500,000, the senate finance committee was informed by internal revenue bureau officials.

Lift Ban on Exportation Of Sugar From Argentine

Buenos Aires, May 23.—The ban on the exportation of sugar has been lifted for 90 days, and with a limit of 100,000 tons by a decree issued by President Figueroa. It is an undue advance in the domestic price through lifting of the ban the decree fixes the maximum price at the equivalent of 11 cents gold per pound. If this price is reached, exportation must immediately cease.

Postpone Investigation Of Official Acts of Post

Washington, May 23.—The house rules committee Saturday complied with the request of Attorney General Palmer that his examinations regarding the official acts of Assistant Secretary of Labor Post in alien denials be postponed from Monday until Friday. The committee is investigating Mr. Post's conduct because of a pending resolution looking to impeachment.

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Illinois Town Oasis In Desert, But Women Determined to Clean Up

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Aurora, Ill., May 23.—Women folk have decided to go forth with bricksbats and hatchets to mop up booze selling joints. The local authorities can't see for blinders. Mrs. J. W. Thomason, president of the W. C. T. U., announced.

The women are also determined that the base ball pool hall be stopped. "If we can't get evidence any other way, we will dress up as boys and get the evidence. I spoke to the police and later the assistant state attorney about this gambling, but they did not have any evidence. The assistant state's attorney said that he would be glad to push the prosecutions if we would come to him with evidence. We don't want to be telling the authorities what to do. I don't want to be the village school bus as president of the W. C. T. U. I am called by numerous women, urging that something be done."

New Labor Troubles Are Reported From Northeastern Italy

London, May 23.—Troubles have broken out in the northeastern provinces of Italy, according to Milan advices to the London Times. In Carnia the unemployed set up a soviet government, which, however, lasted only a day, the troops re-establishing order. But in a protest a general strike was declared in the whole of Carnia and extended to Friuli.

In Verona the strike is aggravated by the solidarity of the railway men. The latest report calls the strike a mania, as prisoners are refusing to work and demanding an eight-hour day.

Tigers are still in last place. With one natural they ought to be in a better position than at the bottom of the league.

Entire Fleet on White Sea Captured by Reds; War Material Taken

London, May 23.—Bolshevik forces captured the entire White Sea fleet, consisting of six cruisers and seven transports, following their occupation of Enzeli last week, according to a bolshevik communication from Moscow.

Famous Driver Hurt When Racer Hits Another Car

Indianapolis, Ind., May 23.—Arthur Chevrolet, automobile race driver, was slightly injured when a car he was trying out, crashed into another race car driven by Rene Thomas at the motor speedway here Sunday. The drivers, who were tuning up their cars for the 500-mile race to be held here next Monday, were driving at a rate of about 90 miles an hour. Thomas, who was directly in front of Chevrolet, blew a tire and Chevrolet crashed into

"Mud Ball" Storm in Kansas Kills Many Fine Cattle

Smith Center, Kan., May 23.—Now comes a "mud ball storm" in Kansas. Rain, falling through huge clouds of dust near here the other day formed mudballs, some of them weighing in the neighborhood of five pounds. They struck after forming and when they struck the earth, were missiles not to be reckoned lightly with.

Special Luncheon to Paston Hotel, Main Cafe—Adv.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ON THE MEAT PACKING INDUSTRY, WASHINGTON, D. C., AUG. 8, 1918.—PAGES NO. 26-29-40.

So far we have been merely describing the character and methods of the conspiracy among the Big Five. We now offer some of the illuminating proofs. As proof of the existence of these local agreements we quote the following excerpts from the testimony of Mr. M. R. Murphy, general superintendent of the Cudahy Packing Company, given unwillingly and only after he had been confronted with letters from Mr. E. A. Cudahy, which appear in the record:

"Dear Sir: Referring to the attached papers—Mr. McNaughton advised me that he learned from one of Morris & Co's men that there was considerable talk about the Kansas City stock yard that we sold out to the rendering company. Of course we can't stop rumors, but all we have to do is just to keep quiet and let them do the talking. I think we are justified in quitting business on account of the position that the commission have taken."

"When I was coming to Chicago on Monday night, Mr. R. C. Howe was on the train and he called to see me at this office, and from what he said I don't see anything for us to do only to secure our 30% of the hogs at South Omaha, unless we want to take 25% and let Swift run 25%."

"I expect our Omaha and Sioux City market will be out of line for some time if we are going to maintain our position. I don't see anything else for us to do. The Omaha market seems to be the only point in question, and I think we ought to figure on keeping the Sioux City market on an independent basis."

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