

Says Democratic Administration Kept Prices Up

House Committee Chairman Asserts That Government Combined With Profiteers to Pluck People.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—That billions have been wrung from the American people the last three years by a combination of the Wilson administration and the profiteers, until at last the people are refusing to buy and prices are beginning to decline, was declared in a striking statement by Congressman James W. Good, chairman of the house committee on appropriations and head of the speakers' bureau at republican headquarters.

Mr. Good called it a "monstrous trade combination." "For nearly three years," said Mr. Good, "prices have been held up by the democratic administration and the profiteers. Billions have been extorted from the American people by the combination. Only recently, when the people began to abstain from buying, did the combination begin to break down."

There is plenty of proof this has been the course of trade. At the end of the war, for instance, the administration had on hand \$121,000,000 of surplus food supplies. But Secretary Baker at once adopted a policy of withholding from the market the army supplies, so as to protect the producers, in this case, the packers and storage concerns, from a fall in prices. So in spite of Gen. March's restrictions, on November 30, 1918, the \$121,000,000 worth of meats and canned goods were held back.

Mr. Good set forth a long list of instances wherein surplus food stuffs and supplies had been withheld from American consumers by order of the administration. Many of these supplies were sold out of the country at \$1,000,000 worth of supplies, including food left in France at the close of the war, was sold to France at 30 cents on the dollar. Surplus sugar was sold abroad at low figures. Automobiles were left in the open to rot, or sold abroad.

Many Examples. "These examples might be multiplied indefinitely," said Mr. Good. "There are enough to fill a book. Never before has a government gone into partnership with big manufacturers to pluck a whole people to such an extent. From their own official statements in Washington, the members of this administration have followed the policy of keeping up prices as long as possible.

The only reason prices are declining now is that the administration after one year and ten months, is unable to maintain war conditions in trade, and unable longer to stop the operation of resolutions of a republican congress intended to force the sale of surplus goods held by the government. The people have rebelled, have quit buying, have ceased going into the counter to be plucked. Consequently, not the iron-clad combination of the administration and the profiteers can hold the situation any longer. The American people have only themselves to thank for the change; they alone have stopped the operation of the most monstrous trade combination in their history."

Auto Prices Due For Gradual Drop

No Marked Reduction in Majority of Cars at This Time, Detroit Makers Say.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Detroit, Sept. 26.—Automobile prices are coming down, but they are going to use the safe and sound industrial stairway and not the steep toboggan advocated by Henry Ford. Captains of industry emerged from behind conference doors today to announce their general policy in the price reduction movement. All of them stated positively that there will be neither an immediate nor early cut in their price lists. They declared that the downward trend of motor prices, which has been under way since the high cost peak was reached several months ago, will continue through three principle mediums: Growing efficiency of labor; its consequent reduction in the cost of producing materials, and the reorganization of plant force from steel mill to factory to meet operating demands on a normal working basis. A wholesale drop to pre-war price level, they have decided, would not only bankrupt scores of automobile manufacturers, dealers and material men under present financial conditions, but might result in an industrial panic. The word that went out this morning was:

"Sit tight. Make labor do a day's work for a day's pay. Make a gradual reduction to normal prices, possible by cutting overhead costs, and give producers their fair share of the market. There is no chance to beat down the subnormal values of everything that goes into the motor car."

In their announcements, Detroit manufacturers confirmed with the policy announced by the General Motors corporation. "Director's meeting this week in New York," said H. H. Rice, vice president of the corporation, "decided against any immediate price cuts until reductions in the material market make them possible. There will be no present reduction in the price of cars produced by the General Motors corporation. No such step is contemplated."

A survey completed by the Detroit Employers' association, to ascertain real facts in the local labor situation, shows that 179,999 men are now employed in 80 Detroit factories, not including the Ford plant. There has been a reduction of 11 per cent in labor employment since April, due to the railroad strike and local difficulties in obtaining normal electric power.

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More Truth Than Poetry

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE



THE GOLFER. The wind is bleak; the skies are grey; The birds sit silent in the trees; No more I hear along the way...

The skies are blue; the wind is soft, And all the afternoon along The birds have poured their souls aloft In rhapsodies of joyful song...

A putt that carries off the green, A drive that tumbles off the tee, A bunkered ball that needs sixteen, A chip that takes erratic ways...



NO USE TRYING. You can't keep a good price down. LOOK WHAT ENGLAND IS UP AGAINST. Let's not try to annex Mexico. Her new president is named O'Bregon.

Common Sense. Never Mind The Laughs. BY J. J. MUNDY. Self-consciousness—your fear of being laughed at—has been your undoing more times than you care to admit.

Why? Are the Oceans So Named? When, on November 27, 1520, Ferdinand Magellan swept into the calm waters of that new sea on which he was the first to sail, he named it the Mar Pacific, on account of its peacefully rolling waters and its freedom from violent storms.

Why? Why should you care what a person of such caliber as would laugh at your efforts would think of you and your ways and your methods? The persons who amount to something are always talked about and you must school yourself to forget to ask yourself what the other fellow will think; fix your mind on what is best for you and yours and then do it.

SLEEPY-TIME TALES



THE TALE OF RUSTY WREN BY ARTHUR SCOTT BAILEY

CHAPTER XIX. A Friend, Indeed. The next morning Rusty Wren awakened with a start. Somebody was pounding at his door—and shouting his name, as well. He jumped out of bed to see what the matter. And, looking outside, he beheld Mr. Chippy, with 16 of his cousins, all very much excited...



"I've Come for My Son," Mr. Chippy Informed Rusty Wren. "I've come for my son, Mr. Chippy informed Rusty Wren. 'Send him out here at once or I will be the worse for you.' 'I'd be glad to get rid of him if I could,' Rusty answered. 'But, as I explained to you last night, he has grown so big that he can no longer pass through my doorway.' 'I don't care to argue with you,' Mr. Chippy replied. 'Just let me have Chippy, Jr., or we'll come in and make your house and get him. We'll make trouble for you, too. Perhaps you didn't know that kidnaping a child is a very serious act. I've already asked Solomon Owl's opinion about this matter, and he advises me to take my child away from you by force, if necessary.'"

What Do You Know? THURSDAY'S ANSWERS. 1. How wide is Brussels carpet? Twenty-seven inches. 2. When is the moon said to "wax"? When it increases. 3. What is the greatest difference in time that two places can have? Twelve hours. 4. How many divisions in a poison ivy leaf? Three. 5. How many pounds heavier is a long ton than a short ton? Two hundred and forty pounds. Winner: Bertha Peterson, 2450 St. Marys avenue, Omaha, Neb.

Parents Problems. How can a growing tendency to irritability best be handled in a girl of 15? It may be that this girl is not well. A poor condition of health accounts for her irritability. A doctor should be consulted as to this. If she is well, she should be helped to make an effort to throw off this bad habit—for that is what it is.

Holding a Husband

Adelle Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife. What Madge Planned to Do for Leila Fairfax. Leila looked up at me out of tear-ravaged eyes, and there was in them the unreassuring stubbornness which she inherits in the lovable, clinging, child-like type of woman. Any one who has ever come in contact with it, knows that one could easier combat the basic rock of the eternal mountains than to overcome it with argument or reason. Only some great smashing fact can accomplish reaction.

Leila Desperately Earnest. "Can't marry Alfred!" The words left my lips in horrified protest. Then I closed them tightly lest I should say more, for I saw that, unbelievable as it seemed, the child was in deadly earnest. She meant to overturn her whole life's happiness and that of the man she loved because of the lying tongue of Rita Brown.

That was a problem, however, which could be postponed for a few hours. But the prospect of Leila's decision she had just pronounced a problem which had to be tackled immediately. I cast about in my mind for the best method of doing this, when she unexpectedly, and of course unwittingly, aided me.

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THE MORE DRUGS. First National Bank. North Platte, Neb. Sept. 26.—(Special.)—John G. Blair, a well known farmer and stock raiser of the Filley vicinity, purchased the P. M. Anderson 30-acre farm north of Filley, for \$300 an acre. The farm is one of the best in the county.

North Platte, Neb. North Platte has four banks, of which the new Platte Valley State, now in course of completion, is one of the leaders, showing statement of deposits as follows: May 15, 1915, \$106,996.88; May 15, 1920, \$970,479.88.

VIEW OF DEWEY AND SIXTH STREET, NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. The J. C. Penny Co. have a large, modern department store, carrying complete line of up-to-date styles in women's apparel and also men's and boys' clothing.

NORTH PLATTE HAS. Hospitals, Taking care of 110 patients. Grocery Stores, 12. Dry Goods Stores, 4. Clothing Stores, 10. Laundry, 6. Barber Shops, 6. Restaurants, 11. Banks, 4. Plumber, 1. Animal Husbandry, 6.

NORTH PLATTE BRIGHT SPOTS. Population, 18,466 thriving people. Fifth largest city in the state of Nebraska. Famed for its hospitality. 2,500 feet above sea level. Six square miles of area. 120 acres city parks. Public camping ground. 16 acres fair ground. 146 acres of Country club. 10 acres fair ground. Best one-half mile race track in state. Seven churches, approximate value \$300,000.00. Seven school houses, approximate value \$170,000.00. School enrollment 2,310. Water and Sewer system, approximate value \$920,000. 74 miles of irrigation ditches. Teachers pro-rata, \$2; state, \$4. Wealth pro-rata, \$39; state, \$32. Prison rate very low. Insane rate very low. Largest railroad going station in U. S. Western distributing point for Standard Oil Company. Western railway station for Western Union. The famous "Scouts' Rest Ranch" is situated just outside our city limits. Nebraska's state experimental farm two miles south and consists of 1,900 acres of the state's best soil. Ten pretty farm houses and other farm buildings.

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NEW PAROCHIAL SCHOOL. NEW FEDERAL BUILDING.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR 1923. Lutheran Church, \$70,000. Standard Oil Co., 70,000. P. M. Office Building, 50,000. Dr. Twinem Hospital, 20,000. U. P. Island Station, 1,900,000. Nebraska State Capitol, 200,000. Approximately 150 New Homes, 550,000. Public Auditorium, 100,000. Lincoln County Court House, 200,000. Forty Blocks of New Paving, 100,000. Public Swimming Pool, 10,000. New Ice Plant, 50,000.

The Star Bottling and Mercantile Co., managed by H. M. Porer, has been established 12 years. Through honest methods and goods of quality they have acquired an extensive trade throughout western Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming. The Stegemann Mercantile Co., retailers of high grade groceries and confections. The "House of Personal Service." H. Simond & Sons have an up-to-date, sanitary meat market on the North Side and also their own sausage factory. They kill and dress their own cattle. F. D. Wertenfeld & Sons, established 12 years, have a fine line of high grade groceries and staple goods. Their business has grown very rapidly in the past few years. "Gamble With Spring." This is the slogan of two budding young men who started one grocery store here May 3, 1914, and now have four stores doing a thriving business, "and they started with the proverbial shoe string." They have also purchased \$15,000 worth of property. D. J. Antonides, hardware and farming implements, started here 9 years ago with an small store, \$2350, and \$700.00. He now has 6,000 feet of floor space and is still crowded for room. He is doing a business of \$55,000 a year.

The North Platte Flour Mills is the largest flour mill in western Nebraska and is logistically situated for western trade. They mill the Golden Glow and Cow Brand flours, which are always associated with their quality first guarantee. H. G. Sudman's wholesale and retail bakery and confectionery is coming right to the front. This was formerly Dekey's Bakery, but under the management of Mr. Sudman it has made a big increase in the past few months. The Edwards-Reynolds Clothing Co. carry a complete line of Collegian styles for men and young men; also boys clothing, gent's furnishings, etc. The Waltham Lumber and Coal Co. have recently purchased the entire business of W. W. Young, of Hershey, dealer in lumber, coal, building material, farm machinery and hardware. "Billy's Place" is where everybody eats when in North Platte. Good food, good service, reasonable prices. Wm. F. Diederich, proprietor.

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