

Distribution of Consumer's Dollar Is Shown

Department of Agriculture Investigates Market Spreads and Efficiency of Agencies.

Washington, May 22.—What share of the consumer's dollar goes to the farmer who raises the food? The United States Department of Agriculture is engaged in marketing studies that will be useful in proving whether or not the farmer is getting his fair share.

Market spreads and the cost of marketing are being examined with the idea of increasing the efficiency of marketing agencies. There is often a wide margin between what the farmer gets and what the consumer pays, and it is desired to determine how nearly the margins correspond to the necessary cost.

The statement that the farmer "gets but 30 cents out of the consumer's dollar" is only partly true. For some crops he gets less than 30 cents on the dollar, while for others he gets more. It is probably too low an average for the great bulk of commodities, according to the department's figures.

Varies With Conditions.

It is most important to notice that what the farmer gets out of the consumer's dollar varies with conditions and cannot fairly be represented by a single figure. Dr. Erdman, who is in charge of the cost of marketing studies, says: "The farmer may be getting his full share at 20 cents in one case and be mercilessly cheated in another case where he gets 75 cents out of the consumer's dollar."

Dr. Erdman lists some of the conditions which cause the farmer's share to vary, as follows: Perishability, distance to market and freight rate, extent to which manufacturing or conditioning processes involve labor, length of time product must be stored, extent to which packing is necessary, quantity which the consumer takes at each purchase, value per pound.

What Farmer Receives.

The following figures represent the cents received by the farmer out of each dollar spent by the consumer on the various products, particularly the agricultural, Dr. Erdman advises:

- Michigan potatoes sold in Columbus, O. (Three crops—1918 to 1920, incl.), 56c.
- Potatoes (Ohio), (same as above), 56c.
- Group of companies from which costs were obtained, season 1919-20. But season 1919-20, 48c.
- Potatoes, single shipments, Ohio, Va., to Philadelphia, Pa. (July 1921, 51c).
- Milk, 1919, in following cities: New York, 54c; Washington, 54c; Columbus, O., 53c; Milwaukee, 70c.
- Butter, 1919, in following cities: New York, 107c; Washington, 105c; Columbus, O., 107c; Milwaukee, 107c.
- Milk, six Massachusetts cities and towns, 1919, 80c.
- Milk, seven companies, Wisconsin, 1920, (via Dept. of Markets, Mo. Bul. Oct. 1, 1921), 65c.

Other Varieties.

- Onions, car shipped from Laredo, Tex., to Philadelphia, July, 1921, 36c.
- Onions, car shipped from California to Philadelphia, July, 1921, 27c.
- Peaches, car shipped from Florida, Ga., to Philadelphia, July, 1921, 34c.
- Oranges, December 1, 1921, to November 15, 1919, California, from exchange to consumers in various parts of U. S., 25c.
- Oranges, November 15, 1919 (same as above), 25c.
- Oranges, November 15, 1920 (same as above), 25c.
- Oranges, December, 1920, to May, 1921, inclusive (same as above), 23c.
- Cattle, calculated on basis of typical shipments, June, 1921, 53.50c. Similar estimate for June, 1919, 58.50c.
- Tobacco, Kentucky Burley best grade, smoking (Kentucky Agr. Exp. Sta. Bul. 332. This is an instance where a large amount of labor and a long period of storage are involved, as well as sale at retail in very small quantities.)
- Cranberries, season 1920-21, 54c.
- Kansas wheat, 1921 (Bul. Labor Statistics Bul. 120), 71.7c.

Share Varies Widely.

"It should be noted that in such products as wheat and milk the farmer's share varies widely with the stage at which the product is consumed," Dr. Erdman says. "Thus we may calculate the farmer's share of (1) the wheat which the miller buys, (2) the flour which the housewife buys, (3) bread which the housewife buys at a store, and (4) the bread which the guests of a fashionable hotel eat. At each of the successive stages expensive services have been added.

"In the case of milk, we may find the same dealer selling milk in bulk at 32c per gallon; in bottles at wholesale, at 10c per quart—or 6c per pint; in bottles delivered at the home at 12c per quart or 7c per pint, and at the same time the fashionable hotel may be charging 20c a glass (80c a quart.) Here we have a wide range of prices, and the producers' share will vary accordingly.

"It should be pointed out that these figures should not be averaged without giving proper weight to the various commodities, and that even they represent only the particular instances and times mentioned."

Auto Parking Becomes Problem at Kearney

Kearney, Neb., May 22.—(Special.)—Parking of autos in Kearney on Fridays and Saturdays has become a problem.

While the business center streets permit the parking of machines at both curbs and in the center with sufficient room for cars to move both north and south, the congestion is great, especially on Saturday afternoons and evenings. W. C. Jay, chairman of the safety first committee of the Chamber of Commerce and Scout executive, has recommended that Kearney auto owners refrain from using the business area streets on Saturday afternoons and evenings and stop parking their cars in this zone during those hours.

Twenty-six hundred autos were checked within a radius of eight blocks Saturday night, and 2,000 is fixed as a fair average of the number of out-of-town cars parked in the same area on Fridays and Saturdays.

Poison Taker Under Guard in Central Police Hospital

Ray Burton, 27, who took poison last Thursday, after trying to force his wife to do so is under guard in the emergency hospital at Central police station. He is booked for investigation. He says he still "wants to die" but hopes for a reconciliation with his wife who is reported improving at the hospital.

Two Men Injured When Heavy Girder Crashes

Two men were injured yesterday when a 14-ton steel girder being hoisted from two flat cars in the Missouri Pacific yards near Sixteenth and Cumming streets, pulled over the 100,000-pound steam hoist, and both crashed to the ground.

E. H. Marks, forty-ninth and Nebraska streets, was knocked unconscious. Charles Greiner, 2638 Day-support street, was thrown clear of the crash. Marks was taken to Lord Lister hospital. The extent of his injuries has not been ascertained. Greiner suffered bruises.

Thomas Fagley, 1722 Missouri avenue, dashed through a dense cloud of boiling hot steam at the rear end of the hoist and dragged Marka to safety and fresh air. Fagley himself was scorched somewhat by the hot steam.

The heavy girder was brought to Omaha by the St. Louis Steel Erection company to be used as a truss in the gymnasium of the former Technical High school at Thirty-third and Cumming streets. All the men concerned are structural steel workers.

Girl Who Drank Poison Charges Husband Stingy

Sara Okun Files Answer to Divorce Petition—Claims Mate Also Was Quarrelsome.

Sara Shirley Goldenberg Okun, pretty 17-year-old Hill hotel phone operator who attempted suicide last Friday, yesterday filed an answer to Sam Okun's petition for divorce. In it she states that he has been cruel and quarrelsome and stingy with his money.

"He would not let me go with my girl and school chums," reads the petition, "and once when he took me to Krug park he left me stranded without carfare after we had a little argument."

Left After Being Accused.

"I left him twice because he constantly accused me of being untrue," further reads the petition, "and when I did return, he continued his nagging and would not permit me to associate with my school chums."

Mrs. Okun also charges that her husband would not permit her to finish an amateur dramatic career she had started.

On May 5, last, Mrs. Okun charges, her husband burned her clothes and refused to buy some eyeglasses she needed badly.

Asks Maiden Name.

She asks the court to restore her maiden name, Goldenberg. She says her husband, Sam, owns an interest in a cafe and earns more than \$200 a month.

Okun, in his petition for absolute divorce, charges his wife with cruelty. He did not name a correspondent.

Love notes to Gilbert Jaffey, violinist, were found in Mrs. Okun's room when she attempted suicide.

New Russ Decries Aid Capitalistic Reconstruction

State Monopoly on Trade in Agricultural Implements and Seeds Removed—Houses Returned to Owners.

Moscow, May 22.—(By A. P.)—New decrees which government leaders say are designed to encourage the independent capitalistic reconstruction of Russia on Russia's terms have been promulgated coincidentally with the close of the Genoa conference.

The council of commissars has announced removal of the state monopoly on trade in agricultural implements and seeds, permitting private persons to buy abroad through the commissariat foreign trade commission.

Meanwhile the central executive council, which is in session passing bills legalizing private property to a certain degree, has also decided to permit inheritance by husband or wives and direct descendants of a maximum of 5,000 gold rubles.

The municipality of Petrograd has decided to hand over to the owners for life possession all the smaller houses, the maximum being seven apartments. Similar returns of houses are being made in some of the provinces, and the Ukraine is turning back flour mills of small capacity to the owners.

Tchitcherin Praises Italians.

Genoa, May 21.—(By A. P.)—M. Tchitcherin, head of the Russian soviet delegation, in bidding farewell to Premier Facta and Foreign Minister Schanzer, who are returning to Rome to attend the parliamentary session, said today: "The reception of the Italian government, the sentiments cordially manifested towards us, the useful services rendered us, the admirable organization of the conference, together with the sincere and spontaneous sympathy with which the great Italian people surrounded us, have surpassed our most optimistic hopes and have been a revelation to us."

Reichstag to Debate Russ Pact.

Berlin, May 22.—(By A. P.)—With the return of Chancellor Wirth and Foreign Minister Rathenow from the Genoa conference, the reichstag will resume this week its discussions of Germany's international relations. Interest centers in the debate over the treaty signed with the Russians at Rapallo. Prompt ratification is viewed as a foregone conclusion.

Paris, May 22.—(By A. P.)—The French parliament will reconvene tomorrow in an atmosphere of anxiety, due chiefly to the prospective view of military force to bring pressure on Germany, but augmented by the Russo-German treaty and other complications growing out of the Genoa conference.

Distrust of Germany.

Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, May 22.—(By A. P.)—The keynote of Premier Poincare's first public speech since the close of the Genoa conference was distrust of Germany and the resolution of France to obtain war reparations. The occasion was the

Woman in Young Suit Disregards Court Summons

Marie Waltman, Cited by Wife in Separate Maintenance Suit, Ignores Order to Come to Trial.

Marie Waltman, named correspondent in the separate maintenance suit of Rose Young against Harry E. Young, failed to appear in court of domestic relations yesterday after deputy sheriffs served her with a summons.

Testimony at the hearing yesterday afternoon disclosed that private detectives were retained by Mrs. Young to trail the movements of her husband for two days.

William Robinson and Felix Dolan, private detectives, testified that they trailed Young to an apartment at 2900 Harney street. They both stated they saw a woman hug and kiss Young while riding in the latter's automobile.

Mrs. Francis Varnen, 3812 North Twenty-third street, testified she saw Young and Mrs. Waltman come out of the icebox at Young's Benson grocery and heard Young say to her, "You are the sweetest girl I ever knew." John W. Bryan, divorced husband of the Waltman woman, also testified for Mrs. Young.

Brother Against Brother.

Frank Young, North Side grocer, took the stand against his father and brother. He stated that his sister-in-law the plaintiff in the case, was a good woman and she alone took care of his mother until she died.

He stated that he did not receive any part of the estate, said to be worth \$50,000, and never expected to get any share of it.

Mrs. Ruth Shaffer, 5137 North Twenty-third street, testified that when she went to the Young home recently with Mrs. Young to get some clothes they found "nighties," crepe de chine waists and various kinds of negligee.

P. K. Young, the father, also named a defendant in the suit, testified that he never induced his daughter-in-law to sign a quit claim deed to some property.

Held Hands Under Table.

Mrs. Joseph Stipski, Mrs. Young's sister, and her daughter, Irma, both testified that at a dinner in Hooper, Neb., recently, Young flirted with the Waltman woman and held her hand under the table.

Young took the stand for a few minutes before court was adjourned. Mrs. Young charges that her husband and father-in-law induced her to sign a quit claim to some property which she seeks now to regain.

Grand Lodge of Masons to Convene in Omaha June 6

The 65th annual convention of the Nebraska grand lodge of Masons will open in the Masonic temple June 6.

Fast masters' degrees will be conferred the previous evening. A regular school of instruction will be held at 9 the previous morning. Grand officers will be installed Thursday afternoon, June 8, at 2. Business sessions will be held daily.

Hanley Seeks Democratic Nomination for Congress

James H. Hanley, former federal prohibition director for Nebraska, announced yesterday he would run for the democratic nomination for congress from the Second district.

Boy Cripple Risks Life to Save Lives of 3 in Runaway

Limps Into Path of Frightened Horse and Seizes Bridle—Suffers Broken Ankle in Heroic Act.

Berkeley, Cal., May 22.—Childhood dreams of the chance to display physical bravery, a chance denied him by deformity from birth, became reality yesterday for Charles Arkinstall. The boy limped into the path of a runaway horse, seized the bridle and clung to it until the frightened animal stopped, a block farther. The woman and two children in the buggy were uninjured, Arkinstall's ankle was broken.

Parachute Jumper Killed

San Francisco, Cal., May 22.—Wesley May, performer in an aerial circus, died tonight of injuries received in making a parachute drop here yesterday. May believed his parachute was about to fall into a tree and he cut loose from it when about 50 feet up. He struck a tombstone in the cemetery at the Presidio. May said he misjudged the distance to the ground. Prior to the accident he had performed a number of feats usually considered much more hazardous than parachute jumping. May leaves a widow. He had been performing in the air for two years.

Two Die in Train Wreck

Muskogee, Okl., May 22.—The engine and Texas passenger train No. 3 and fireman of Missouri, Kansas and Texas, were killed today in a wreck south of Vinita, it was announced at the railway division headquarters here.

50 Phone Girls Scramble to Safety in Raid on Farm

More than 50 party telephone operators and their escorts scrambled from the dance floor of Grover's farm, Sixtieth and Grover streets, Saturday night, into their automobiles and away, when six stalwart deputy sheriffs raided the place and arrested Norman Cahow, said to be the son of the wealthy livestock man whose wife recently sued him for divorce, for illegal possession of liquor. He was freed on \$100 bond. One hundred and sixty-eight bottles of cold beer, beer glasses, pitchers, whisky glasses, alcohol and whisky were confiscated.

Woman Gets Divorce From Man With Whom She Eloped

Hazel Sewell Hartnett, 23, was granted a divorce from her husband, James C. Hartnett, 24, son of a wealthy Omaha family, by District Judge Sears yesterday. The couple eloped to Papillion June 30, 1921.

Mrs. Hartnett testified that her husband was cruel and failed to provide for her. Hartnett is now on parole from the district court for the theft of an automobile.

He is the son of Joseph Hartnett, grain dealer, who told police that he spent several thousand dollars keeping his son out of various troubles.

Young Hartnett studied for a short period at Creighton college, where he took up medicine, he told police.

Siefken Slaying Remains Mystery

Police Without Clues Since Suspect Gave Alibi—Boy to Recover.

Police now are practically without a clue in the fatal shooting of Charles E. Siefken by a bandit who also seriously wounded his son, Robert Siefken, 16, during an attempted holdup Saturday night at the Nicholas oil station, Thirty-eighth avenue and Farnam street. Two suspects, Joe Marconcinia,

803 1/2 South Tenth street, who had a fresh bullet wound in his left wrist, and Albio Vinci, 801 1/2 South Tenth street, were released by police yesterday afternoon when they established alibis. Marconcinia was wounded during a scuffle with Vinci, they alleged.

Funeral services for Charles Siefken will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 at the home, 5107 Nicholas street, under the ritual of Catholic lodge of Masons.

The wounded youth has a fair chance of recovery, attending surgeons said. He told police he doubts if he could identify the bandit who did the shooting.

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