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SOARING LIVING COST DUE TO NATURAL LAW, SAYS FEDERAL EXPERT

Chief of Crop Estimate Bureau Explains High Prices by Small Supply and Bigger Demand

SITUATION TO IMPROVE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The super high cost of living is not here to stay, is purely circumstantial and is readily trace-ble to the basic laws of supply and demand. That was the statement today of Leon M. Estabrook, chief of the United States Bureau of Crop Estimates, authority on food suply. while the prices of food should be prop-

erly expected to advance commensurately with the rising prosperity of the country, to keep pace with the general rise in prices to keep pace with the present abnormal prices on many staples will adjust them-selves with another meason, Estabrook said. Soaring prices of grain, he said, are di-rectly due to the big falling off in produc-tion in almost every class, taken in connecwith the bumper outputs of the last tion with the bumper outputs of the last two years. Two exceptional crops. Chief Estabrook said, were the basis of the na-tion's prosperity during the last two years, creating a greatly increased demand. Coat of handling—in such bulk—was much lowered and the wheat market was adjusted to larger output. The sudden decrease in pro-duction this year has naturally sent prices skyward.

The jump in the price of beans from 5 cents last year to 11 cents now is another example. Estabrook said, of increased deed from the armies in Europe and or mand-from the armes in Europe and on the Mexican border-with curtailed produc-tion, due to unfavorable weather conditions.

Prices on vegetables are purely seasonal and local, he said. The season of 1915, un-usually cool, witnessed a bumper vegetable crop in nearly all sections. The present searon has been anything but favorable for truck gardeners. Hence, sustained domand, curtailed output—higher prices. The constantly rising price of meat re-

nuits, Chief Estabrook said, from a gradual failing-off in production, with the always mounting demand that has been noted durmounting demand that has been noted dur-ing the last ten years. Inlimation that the half dozen large packing houses, which have a virtual monopoly, have controlled prices of cattle on the hoof to such an extent that the cattle industry has proven unprofitable was made by Estabrook. Cattle raisers, he said, have for the last

ten years complained that they were un-able to obtain sufficient money from the packing houses to make the business moderately lucrative. The surest confirmation of price-fixing, in Estabrook's opinion, is the fact that ranchers are dropping cattle raising in increasingly large numbers, until today there are fewer cattle on the hoof than there were six years ago.

RIVER FETE FOR VISITORS

Spectacular Demonstration Planned for Waterways Meeting

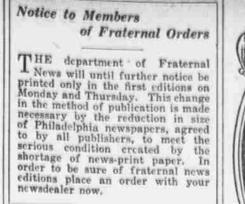
More than 500 motorboats and yachts are expected to participate in the river demonstration to be held on the evening of September 13 in connection with the tenth annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association. The demonstration will be made between

Bridesburg and Vine street, a distance of about six miles. Under the arrangements completed last night, the boats will form in squadrons, under the respective yach and motorboat clubs, and proceed down the river to Vine street, where the city will give a fireworks display. All along the res on either side of the river, red light and fireworks will be set off at intervals of 10 feet. Two revenue cutters will act as a patrol for the demonstration.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. Pennsylvania: Generally For eastern For eastern Pennsylvania: Generally fair tonight and Friday, warmer in north-



POLICE TURN CRUSADE AGAINST VICE HOTELS

Will Take Action Against Establishments Where Law Is Not Observed

The police in their crusade on vice will act against certain hotels and lodging houses which have long been used in the practice of vice. That is the latest development in the vice situation.

Since the big raid July 15 detectives have een watching former inmates of the been watching former inmates of the Tenderloin and have traced them to hotels The statement of a New York assistant district attorney that 75 we not wanted as witnesses in the New York vice probe had witnesses in the New York vice probe had come to Philadelphia and were comfortably located here was not commented on by any Philadelphia official. As much as any one would say was that if they came here they were living in accordance with the law. The New York assistant district attorney said that the women were to be found in the Tenderlain here. the Tenderloin here.

"GIVE ME MY SON," SHE BEGS Mother Weeps for Lad Who Enlists in

Marine Corps

meetings until the November election.

cried.

Misses Alice (above) and Kath-A mother fell into hysterical weeping at A mother fell into hysterical weeping at the office of the joint committee of Councils on soldiers' relief and had to be removed to her home in a half-conscious condition. In Yiddish she said her only son and superine Reininger, of 4230 Terrace street, were married yesterday, respectively to Augustus McDevitt, In Yiddish she said her only son and sup-port had run away a week ago. Yester-day a friend received a card from him say-ing he had enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Chief Clerk Hall said the Councils' committee could only give her money. "I only want my son," the mother cried Helms, of Haines street and Ogontz avenue. The former acted as guardian for her younger sister.

WIDOW GETS "UTTERMOST CENT" Mayor Smith expects to realize severa thousand dollars for the citizens' soldiers' aid committee Saturday afternoon from the

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Estate of Allen F. Horton Goes to Wife, With Exception of \$100 Strawbridge & Clothier employes' game and the outdoor entertainment at Sixty-third and Wahut streets. The total contribu-tions of the day were \$296. for Cemetery

SISTERS WED AT SAME TIME

201 Hermit street, and Charles

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The will of Allen F. Horton, who died on August 16 at 371 Gowen avenue, Mount Airy, bequeaths his estate to his widow. Mary McC. Horton, "to the uttermost cent," with the exception of \$100 set aside for the care of a cemetery lot. His will was pro-bated today. The wells so the setate is Thirtieth Ward Democrats Organize Democrats of the Thirtieth Ward, rep resenting virtually every division, met last night at Twentieth and Christian streets and organized a Woodrow Wilson Cam-paign Club, with these officers: Daniel F. bated today. The value of the estate is not given.

Other wills probated included those of Caroline Collmar, 5840 Pine street, \$23,925; Samuel E, McKinney, Sr., 179 Calumet street, \$9500, and Christiana Berger, who died in Westmont, N. J., \$3000. Carlin, president; Michael J. Geraghty and Joseph L. Galen, vice presidents; Michael R. Kerwick, secretary, and Michael Gormley, treasurer. The club will hold weekly





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WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The American merchant flag has almost disappeared from the Pacific Ocean, while Japanese shipping has advanced until more than half the ton-uage of the western ocean now is in the hands of the Orientals. D DALSIMER STANDARD SHOES D This situation, brought about by the Eu-ropean war, has been confirmed by the spe-cial investigation of transpa. In shipping completed by the Department of Commerce completed by the Department of Commerce today. British merchant marine tonnage also has declined, but in spite of the war the British flag today still is flown in the Pacific by a fair-sized merchant fleet. Before the war the United States, Great Britain and Japan shared the transpacific trade. United States tonnage amounted to 11 per cent; British, 39 per cent; Japanese, 55 per cent; with the rest scattering. The report on the shipping investigation which Were Priced Up to \$3. All sizes up to a Big 6. eport on the shipping investigation, which fill be made public in about 10 days, will how that American tonnage has fallen off o I per cent and British to 30 per cent. In Gun Metal Calf, Patent Leather and Bronze Kid. aparese tonnage, however, has increased ntil it now amounts to 55 per cent. 'The department also has reports that Japan has all her shipyards working to capacity and now is intent upon launching a merchant marine which will make recov-ery of prestige in the Pacific by the United Vitates obmost immembles States almost impossible. Playgrounds Director Kills Herself NEW YORK, Aug. 24 .- While delirious TIS A FEAT TO FIT FEET grounds director at Edgewater, N. J., com **HESAPEAKE HAVEN** AND BETTERTON BOATING! FISHING! Round Trip 1.75TRAIN LEAVES Street Station . . . West Philadelphia Returning, leaves Betterton 4:00 P. M. See Flyers STORE OPENS DAILY AT \$130 A. M. & CLOSES AT 5 P. M .- UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE There Is a Treat in Store for Home-Makers Who Have Not Yet Visited HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE **Our August Furniture Sale** Which presents a marvelous collection of beautiful and substantial furniture at savings of 10% to 25%. ONE YELLOW TRADING STAMP WITH EVERY 10c Sold on Club Plan Without Interest or PURCHASE ALL DAY Extras Store Closed All Day Saturday Filbert Market Eighth Seventh *********************************** **** LOW SHOES Notwithstanding the Great Demand Born of the Sweltering Hot Days We Have At a Fraction of Their Original Prices Attached Clearance Prices to Our Entire Stock of) \$4.75 & \$" The absolute clearance of every pair in

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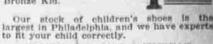
mitted suicide today by jumping from fourth-story window of the Presbyteri Hospital.

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Hurt When Truck Hits Auto

In a collision between an express com-pany's motortruck and an automobile at Forty-sixth and Market streets last night. Rohert B. McCleish, an ice dealer, of 5634 Larchwood avenue, was thrown from the lighter vehicle to the street. He millered general bruises and from shock.

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south winds

The western cool area crossed the Allesheny Mountains yesterday afternoon and last night and has caused a return to sealast night and has caused a return to sea-sonable temperatures along the middle and north Atlantic slope. The drop in tempera-ture in eastern New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey averaged about 14 de-grees. A slight reaction to warmer is re-ported from the upper Lake region, but in general the temperatures are seasonable in all of the northern States. It is moderate-by cool throughout the cottom belt. Light fain attended the cooling in the Atlantic rain attended the cooling in the Atlantic States, and showers in the Gulf States.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin Observations taken at 8 a. m., eastern time.

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