

REPAIR STORES AS IN 1917

Food Administration Will Probe Dealers Raising Rates

FORBID PROFITEERING

50 and 60 Cents for 100 Pounds Are Chosen as Standards

Points emphasized in new ice ruling of Food Administrator Cooke: Manufacture and distribution now under food control act.

No profiteering will be permitted. Dealers may be justified in proposed price-boost by legitimate facts and figures as to cost and distribution.

Rigid inquiry will follow all attempts to increase prices to commercial users and householders.

Food administration will arbitrarily fix prices if arbitration with dealers fails.

Householders may file protest against any price-jump moves by dealers.

At last year's prices—fifty cents a hundred pounds for fifty pounds or larger quantities and a hundred cents for smaller quantities—assured in the city.

According to an official announcement made today by the food administration here, dealers who raise prices above this figure will be open to investigation as profiteers.

The present price—with few exceptions—dealers are charging no more than the prices fixed at the close of last summer, and in due time pay to an increase.

The American Ice Company, one of the largest concerns in the trade here, sells at this price. The company announced today that it contemplates to advance over these figures.

No Price Change Allowed Under the new order, sanction of the food administration must be obtained before any changes in price shall be made by ice dealers.

Jay Cooke, United States food administrator for Philadelphia, defines the status of the order as affecting this city in the following manner:

"The food administration is particularly concerned that there shall be no profiteering in ice for the future, and especially that the cost of ice to that portion of the community which is unable to protect itself shall not be increased unless absolute proof can be given by ice companies as to such a necessity."

"Any increase in price over that of last season to the household consumer will, therefore, justify investigation as to whether it is justified by profiteering and profiteering will be defined on the basis of the trade's profits in recent years."

"All ice dealers will be required to file any proposed schedule of increased prices, together with cost and distribution, before these increases are put into effect, and no increase to the household consumer shall be allowed until investigated by the food administration."

"A very important feature of the ice ruling is that the food administration shall have the right to investigate any dealer in any case of proposed increase in price, and to make such investigation as it may deem necessary."

"If, however, such an arrangement cannot be made between the ice dealers and the local authority, an attempt is made to unreasonably increase the price of ice to the consumer an investigation will be conducted and an attempt made to arbitrate such differences. In case arbitration to settle a fair price fails, the food administration will step in and in the interest of reasonable prices will exert all the power at its command and put the full force of the food laws in operation among the ice dealers in this locality."

"By the arbitration method between the local authorities and ice dealers it is believed there will be few cases where appeal to the food administration authorities will be necessary."

POLITICAL WOODWARDS ARE IN ANOTHER MIXUP

This Time Candidate for State Senate Has Opponent of Same Name

An opponent of Dr. George Woodward, independent candidate for the State Senate from the Sixth district, came to light when dispatches from Harrisburg disclosed the name of George Woodward of 1235 Bonwiller street, and filed a petition for the Republican senatorial nomination. Owen B. Jenkins is the Vanc candidate to succeed himself.

Mr. Woodward's name was accepted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify a nomination petition have been instituted in the State of Pennsylvania. A hearing will be held May 2. The department charges that the Secretary's department accepted the nomination petition, but has not yet certified it to Philadelphia.

It was said at the Capitol that, while the Woodward name was accepted, they were subject to examination and, subsequently found to be short of the required number of signers. Doctor Woodward said last night that he had never heard of his rival.

TEETH IN THE FOOD LAW

Certain business have been put under a heavy strain through the regulations necessarily imposed to conserve food. The spirit in which they have faced their new tasks will always be a matter of pride to the American people. Grocers, bakers, commission men, millers have accepted their war responsibilities with good grace. It gives satisfaction to note that the only case so far brought before Federal judges for violating that provisions of the food-control law is that of a man not engaged in the food business. A cigar dealer in the State of Washington has been indicted for hoarding and speculating in wheat. There are teeth in the food-control act, and the fact that members of food trades have, as a rule, worked the law to their advantage does not indicate that the teeth will not be shown upon necessity.

ANOTHER CUT IN FRENCH RATIONS

We see in the papers that France is with hungry and that she needs money to buy a liberal meal. Perhaps it is true that some people in France, as in the rest of the world, with a full stomach can obtain and understand a share of food. But that France as a whole has enough food is, unfortunately, very far from true. We need to note that a still further reduction in the rationing of wheat in April and May had already been out to halt the normal consumption.

MINES AID REFORESTATION

Need of Timber for Pillars in Anthracite Region Causes Rejuvenation

Need of timber for mine pillars in the anthracite region has caused a rejuvenation of the reforestation movement.

Some of the mountaintops are gradually being replanted with trees of various kinds. Reforestation departments have been organized in several of the mining companies. Five thousand white pine and 5000 Norway spruce trees have been set out in the anthracite region.

There are 30,000 more trees in process of cultivation at Hauro, Pa.

With timber ready to cut and use in the vicinity of the mine, the anthracite and low hills would be eliminated. More timber land in the anthracite region would be available for reforestation.

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FIRST U. S. WINNERS OF FRENCH WAR CROSSES RETURN

Admiral Champions Cause of Tenant-Victims of Cougers

COURTS TO END EVICTION

Beginning today, West Philadelphia tenant-victims of profiteering real estate owners, who planned to sell their estates at inflated prices to the Emergency Fleet Corporation for Hog Island workmen, will find a champion in Rear Admiral Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

From now on, he will investigate all cases of alleged profiteering, whether Hog Island workmen or private individuals are affected.

In cases where the tenants have members of the family employed at the big shipyard or in the service of the army or navy, attempts to evict them in question, and permit the tenants to remain at their former rentals.

Admiral Bowles is now acting as the recipient of all complaints of profiteering, such complaints being lodged with the West Philadelphia Housing Committee, of which Howard A. Bernheiser, 5750 Larchwood avenue, is chairman.

Exorbitant increases in rentals, or "buy-or-move" notices, will be turned over to Admiral Bowles for investigation.

In event Admiral Bowles is unable to use his powers to commandeer houses in such cases, Bowles will seek relief for his constituents by introducing a bill in Congress. He feels, however, that such a method of injunction will be unnecessary, except in a last resort.

That he intends to take care of all such persons, Admiral Bowles made plain in the following statement: "No one person can dam the Niagara River or stem natural causes. The best plan is to increase the number of houses. Owners are not going to get rid of good tenants. People should shrink from investigation and publicity."

Admiral Bowles again assured occupants of the seventy houses commandeered a week ago that they would not be summarily ousted and forced to seek new quarters.

"It is not our intention to compel people to move," he repeated.

Charles M. Schrank, the new director general of shipping, in Washington today.

BUYING STRENGTHENS LEATHER MARKET

Shoe Manufacturers Anticipate as Well as Cover Contracts

PRICES FAIRLY HIGH

Boston, April 30.—The British leather buyer, Percy Daniels, whose arrival in this country ten days ago caused apparently the turning point in the leather trade, has not placed any orders. He has been receiving tenders at his hotel here and has been making tabulations of the prices offered.

The prices are much higher than anticipated at the time of his arrival in this country, the cause being the unexpected activity on the part of shoe manufacturers. While many of these manufacturers are buying in anticipation of their wants, fearing a rise in the market, there are some who have received a "much better volume of business than was at first expected and are buying to cover this."

Upper leather in particular has taken a much firmer tone. Colored calfskins have jumped from five to seven cents a foot in the last week, this being due largely to the advance of ten cents a pound in raw calfskins in the Chicago market.

The leading tanners are now talking seriously of raising prices on all grades of men's colored calfskins, which a week or ten days ago could be purchased at sixty-five cents. Black calfskins have not advanced in proportion to colored, although tanners are now talking of raising prices on these also. The top grades of this selection are now held at forty-two cents. Colored side leather is stronger, with an advance of ten cents in the last week. Best grades are held at forty-five cents.

The kid market is stronger and more active, especially on colors. Big sales of gray have been reported in Washington, on eighty-five cents to ninety-five cents, depending on tannage and selection. The black kid market is also firm. Side leather is stronger, with an advance of ten cents in the last week. Best grades are held at forty-five cents.

The sheepskin market is more active. Shoe manufacturers, realizing the large quantities of leather which will be needed for the Government, have entered the market to buy for their next run. Tanners are not urging shoe manufacturers to buy, in fact, if salesmen went after the business they could book a great deal more than they are at the present time.

Heavy Uppers for Army

Army business is taking care of all the heavy upper leathers. F. A. Vogel, who is head of the upper leather section of the Hide and Leather Control Board, has had his assistants looking over the various tannages of army leather, and has made a report to Washington, which tanners are making the correct stock. Shoe manufacturers who get contract contracts buy from these tanners. A similar action was taken by Henry Boyd, who is acting as head of the sole leather section, and who is assisted by Thomas Cover, Jr.

The sole leather markets, while not so active as upper leather, are showing a much better tone. Buyers' views have changed in the last few days. Large quantities of heavy leather will be needed for the army shoes. The new specifications also allow the use of lighter weight leather in some parts of the shoe. The innersole may be seven-iron stock, but must be cut from bendable and also of Columbia, were injured on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Dillerville last night and are now in the General Hospital. They were beyond repair and were hurt to separate accidents.

Very Much Encouraged by Shipyard Conditions, He Says

Washington, April 30.—"Very much pleased" with conditions in the three big Government shipyards at Newark, N. J., and Hog Island and Bristol, Pa., where he spent last week on an inspection trip, Charles M. Schwab returned to Washington.

"There are some things that need adjustment," he said, "but I was much encouraged by the progress of the work."

Two Railroad Men Injured

Columbia, Pa., April 30.—H. H. Kline, of 352 Cherry street, and Isiah Heilman, of Columbia, were injured on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Dillerville last night and are now in the General Hospital. They were beyond repair and were hurt to separate accidents.

Get in Own Barrage

Our zero hour was 5:15 a. m. Our barrage started at that time, but it developed that our French guides had set us too far by a couple of hundred yards across the canal. The German trenches were on the other side of it.

MESTREZAT FUNERAL SERVICES HELD TODAY

Associates Pallbearers for Supreme Court Justice at Second Presbyterian Church

The funeral services of Justice Mestrezat, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Second Presbyterian Church. The ceremonies will be conducted by the Rev. Alexander McColl, the pastor, and the Rev. William M. Auld, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church. The remains will be taken to Lebanon.

His honorary pallbearers will be former Chief Justice D. Nevelin Fell, Chief Justice Brown, Justice Stewart, Justice von Meester, Justice Prater, Justice Walling, former Governor Stone, Samuel E. Kwing, Judge McPherson, Bayard Henry, Henry LaBarre Jayne, Charles H. Miller, Walter George Smith, John Caldwell, Albert H. Wetmore, Sussex D. Davis and William B. Linn.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS WAR FINANCE BOARD

Harding, Forbes, Meyer, McLean to Direct \$500,000,000 Corporation

COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL

Operations Limited to Three Billion Bonds to Speed Up Kaiser's Doom

Washington, April 29.—Four directors of the new \$500,000,000 war finance corporation and a new capital issues committee provided for in the war finance corporation act have been named by the President. Directors of the corporation are William P. G. Harding, of Alabama; Allen B. Forbes, of New York; Charles M. Schwab, Jr., of New York; Angus W. McLean, of North Carolina. Members of the capital issues committee are Charles S. Hamlin, of Massachusetts; John Skelton Williams, of Virginia; Frederick A. Delano, of Illinois; James B. Brown, of Kentucky; John S. Drum, of California; Henry C. Flower, of Missouri, and Frederick H. Goff, of Ohio.

Directors Harding and Forbes are appointed for two years; Meyer and McLean for four years.

Charles M. Schwab, the new director of the machinery, will be created by the Federal Reserve Board's capital issues committee. For many weeks the reserve board's committee has been perfecting a national system of securities, and recently has revised its rules to conform with the war finance corporation act.

McAdoo Chairman Ex-officio

The four directors of the finance corporation, with Secretary McAdoo as chairman, will be expected to organize and prepare to make loans to banks and necessary war businesses.

Paul M. Warburg, member of the Federal Reserve Board, and chairman of the existing capital issues committee of the board, was not nominated on the new committee, because Governor Harding's nomination as director of the Finance Corporation would throw heavy duties on Mr. Warburg, who is vice governor of the board.

Mr. Harding is now governor of the Federal Reserve Board and formerly was a prominent banker of Birmingham.

Mr. Meyer is a New York banker. McLean is a lawyer and banker of North Carolina. Mr. Hamlin is a member of the Federal Reserve Board and was its vice governor.

Mr. Williams is Comptroller of the Federal Reserve Board. Mr. Delano is a member of the Federal Reserve Board and former vice governor.

How Loans Are Obtained

The corporation will start business with capital stock of \$500,000,000, subscribed entirely by the Government, and with authority to issue up to \$500,000,000 of bonds, with which to finance its operations.

Loans may be made to banks or trust companies in more than \$25,000,000 of face value of loans made by the banks to any business, "whose operations are necessary to the prosecution of the war," taking the banks' notes, secured by adequate collateral. This applies also to banks' purchases of Government securities.

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Direct loans to essential industries or businesses may be made by the corporation if the directors find that the issuance is necessary to maintain the production of essential war goods. The total amount loaned by the corporation direct to essential industries or businesses may never be more than \$500,000,000. A door-to-door campaign was undertaken in the northern section of the city, with the assistance of the band from the Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood. The campaign resulted in the collection of \$100,000 in subscriptions in less than an hour.

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GEORGE W. OAKES NOW A PRIVATE IN THE RANKS

Former Editor of Public Ledger Lists in New York National Guard

George Washington Oakes, editor of the New York Times and Public Ledger, has enlisted as a private in the Ninth Regiment, New York National Guard.

Since war was declared he has been in the army. He is intensely patriotic, and he is a man of high character. He is a man of high character.

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MAINLY EMPLOYEES SEEK MORE PAY

Bills Being Prepared to Benefit Those Working for City and County

BIG ADDITIONAL COST

Heads of Bureaus Seek to Have Numerous New Jobs Created

Fully 1500 of the 14,000 city and county employes are seeking salary increases, while bureau chiefs are in course of preparation today for introduction in council in the city which, if passed, will add a million dollars to the personal services item each year.

Never before in the history of the city has there been such an increase in demand for more pay, and the fact that many of the requests are from men now receiving from \$2000 to \$3000 has led to the low-salaried places, and increases among the \$800 and \$900 employes are assured. There is some doubt about the higher positions being boosted.

Director C. S. Hays, in his anxiety to increase the pay of Robert C. Hicks, of the Bureau of Street Cleaning, who now gets \$3500, has gone to the length of declaring that no former chief has given the satisfaction that Mr. Hicks has during the last year. Newspaper pictures of dirty streets and stories of unclean alleyways, etc., he now brands as "lies." The demand is based upon the fact that all heads of street cleaning in the past have received a great deal of praise. The demand is based upon the fact that all heads of street cleaning in the past have received a great deal of praise.

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BOY SCOUTS TO COMB CITY FOR BOND SALES

5200 Volunteers Will Search for Liberty Loan Buttons Tonight

Fifty-two hundred Philadelphia Boy Scouts will invade every section of the city tonight to "demand" to know why persons not displaying the Liberty Loan buttons have failed to subscribe to the bond.

This was announced today by John Getz, field executive of this organization, which hopes to have collected \$25,000,000 in Liberty Bonds of the third issue at the termination of "Scout Week" next Saturday.

"Button Day" has been officially set for tomorrow. It is anticipated by the Boy Scout authorities that their actions tonight will help supply thousands of residents with these patriotic emblems and save them from the embarrassment of not having them.

Every purchaser of Liberty Bonds is expected to wear conspicuously the Liberty Loan button.

"Scout Week" was launched last Saturday. A door-to-door campaign was undertaken in the northern section of the city, with the assistance of the band from the Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood. The campaign resulted in the collection of \$100,000 in subscriptions in less than an hour.

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PROTECT WAR GARDENS

The State laws of Indiana, which prohibit chickens, dogs and livestock from running at large, are being rigidly enforced by Justice Howard H. Federal food administrator. War gardeners must be protected in their efforts to grow vegetables for home use this summer.

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