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PRICE TWO CENTS

FIX SUGAR PRICE TO BLOCK GOING DURING SHORTAGE

Beet Product Refiners Notified, 10 Cents a Pound Is Fair Charge Wholesale
TO FREE WESTERN SUPPLY AND LIFT DRAIN ON EAST
Any Additional Charges Will Be Held Violation of Food-Control Act

Steps to prevent an abnormal increase in the price of sugar, because of the existing shortage, were taken today by the department of justice.

Attorney General Palmer notified beet sugar refiners, who have been withholding their product from market, that the United States sugar equalization board has determined that ten cents was a fair price to be charged the wholesaler and that any charge in excess of that amount would be regarded in violation of the food control act.

Refiners were asked to telegraph their concurrence in this price, which means they would put their supply on the market immediately, thereby relieving the present stringency.

The price to the wholesaler heretofore has been nine cents so that the new price means an increase of one cent a pound.

Eleven-Cent Charge Sanctioned

Retailers have been allowed to charge eleven cents a pound for controlled sugar under the old price.

While the Department of Justice and the sugar board did not state what the new retail price would be, it was assumed that the increase would not be greater than the wholesale advance.

Attorney General Palmer made public the following telegram sent to beet sugar refiners:

"After thorough investigation by the respective authorities on sugar, the United States sugar equalization board has notified the Department of Justice of the following facts:

"As a considerable part of the country generally supplied at this time of the year with beet sugar may be embarrassed because of the beet sugar shortage, and this condition, in turn, is due to the uncertainty regarding price, our judgment is that no higher price than ten cents cash, less 2 per cent seasonal basis, is justified.

"We hope that you will decide at once to begin marketing your sugar on this basis and relieve the very serious shortage. The price of ten and one-half cents net cash, f. o. b. plant, which has been offered by the sugar equalization board for sugar in excess of requirements for 1917 deliveries as a minimum up to 50,000 tons for November and December shipments to relieve an acute shortage among the manufacturers, is not to be considered a precedent of basis for local prices.

"I ask you to make your announcement of prices based on the above. The Department of Justice will treat as an unjust charge any price in excess of this and consider such a charge a violation of Section 4 of the Lever food control act, as amended.

Candy Makers Short

Confectioners in various sections of the city have been forced to stop making candy because of the acute sugar shortage. The shortage is seriously affecting the prescription drugists also, who say many prescriptions call for sugar.

Ice cream manufacturers are "crippled" along on a hand-to-mouth basis," according to Robert Crane, manager of the Crane Company. And housewives find it virtually impossible to get sugar.

James B. Walker, secretary of the Retail Confectioners' Association, said some confectioners have been forced to close their shops, and that others will be forced out of business if their supply is cut two-thirds, as has been proposed.

Six thousand tons of raw sugar, which arrived in port last night from Cuba, will be ready for market within a few days and may stave off the threatened famine, dealers say.

SURGEONS' CONGRESS OPENS

Two Famous British Medical Men Attend New York Session

New York, Oct. 20.—(By A. P.)—Wartime developments in surgery and the possibility of their adaptation to industrial and civil practice are the principal topics for discussion at the ninth annual convention of the American Congress of Surgeons, which opened here today.

More than 2,000 surgeons were present from all parts of the United States, and two of the most famous of British surgeons attended as special guests of the congress. They were Major General Sir Anthony Bowley, surgeon-in-ordinary to King George, and who served as consulting surgeon to the British forces in France, and Sir Robert Jones, chief consulting surgeon and specialist in restoration of injured limbs at the army hospitals in France, England and Ireland.

The convention was opened by an address by Dr. J. S. Hill, of Bellevue Falls, Vt., president of the congress. The remainder of the day's session was given over to technical discussions.

Dr. William J. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., will deliver the inaugural address tonight. The convention will continue throughout the week.

The Mystery of the Red Flame
Ever so many people are going to read this new serial and watch eagerly for its day after day. Be one of the number. It begins on Wednesday in the Evening Public Ledger.

3 EX-SOLDIERS SCORE GIRLS WHO TOOK JOBS; HELD IN PEACE BOND

Strikers in Baseball Plant Followed Workers Into Cars and Made Speeches

Three former soldiers of the Twenty-eighth Division who are on strike for higher wages were held under \$400 bail to keep the peace today because they persisted in giving public lectures attacking girls who they declare, have taken their jobs in a baseball manufacturing plant.

Five girls brought the charges after the meeting followed them on a trolley car, and had given the passengers a detailed account of the way in which the girls had taken the jobs of returned soldiers who they declared, have taken their jobs in a baseball manufacturing plant.

The prisoners were Arthur Ewell, thirty-three years old, East Huntingdon street; William Shugart, twenty-seven years old, East Boston avenue; and Paul Lenox, nineteen years old, East Livingston street.

Their accusers were Margaret Poler, 2830 Palethorpe street, and her sister, Anna; Mary O'Malley, 2846 North Taylor street; Jennie Miller, 2918 East Berks street, and Mary Diehl, 2307 Cedar street.

Magistrate Campbell held the men a lecture before he held them under bond.

ALLEGED MASTER FORGER HELD HERE

Man Said to Be Wanted in Many Cities Caught After Long Chase

LIVED IN WISSAHICKON

A trail of bad checks leading over a dozen states ended in this city today with the arrest of Thurber A. Packer, who is accused of passing worthless paper, with a face value of many thousands of dollars.

Packer, according to the police, maintains a finely furnished home on Muncie street, Wissahickon, where his sister, Helen, lives. In 1918, detectives of the American Banking Association have been searching for him, but he always kept one jump ahead of the sleuths.

Dozens of times, the police say, when Packer made no protest against the checks he passed, he was arrested. Packer was supposed to be they would find a suitcase containing nothing but a brick, with "Auge" marked in chalk.

Had Printing Press, Charge

The accused man, the detectives claim, had a private printing press, which turned out checks of banks found to be fictitious. Well-printed letterheads of firms also found nonexistent were used by Packer to add his check numbers, according to the police.

Packer, who is said to have used about fifteen aliases, was arrested February 1, 1918, on a charge of passing a bogus check on a Pottsville hotel. He was captured there by Detective Creighton, of this city, who made the arrest at Packer's Wissahickon home.

Sent to Pottsville, Pa., where he was held in the hotel, and managed to leave the charge against him dropped. Meantime word came from twenty-seven cities in this and other states, advising that Packer had been held.

When the messages were relayed to Pottsville Packer had been released. Since that time he has led detectives a merry chase through Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, West Virginia and other states.

Located in Pittsburgh

James McLaughlin, representing the bankers' association, one of the sleuths tracking the alleged check passer, saw him at Packer's home in Pottsville, Pa.

McLaughlin was said to have the first claim of the accused man who is not wanted in this city. He will be held for the authorities here.

He later became an agent for the insurance company of the Pottsville Baptist Church, resigning four years ago because of ill health.

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REV. FRANKLIN J. JONES DIES

Former Pastor of Passyunk Baptist Church Succumbs

The Rev. Franklin J. Jones, formerly pastor of the Passyunk Baptist Church, died last night at Evergreen Mansion, Chestnut Hill, after an illness of about four years. Death was caused by a complication of diseases. He was sixty-six years old.

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FOOD SEIZURE UPHOLD

Supreme Court Sustains Confiscation of Cold-Storage Stocks

Washington, Oct. 20.—(By A. P.)—The authority of Ohio state officials to confiscate and sell food held in cold storage longer than authorized under a state law was in effect sustained today by the Supreme Court, which refused to review appeals in proceedings growing out of the seizure of 125,000 pounds of corn of the Columbus Packing Company.

ANTI-REDS ISOLATE PETROGRAD; ENEMY YIELDS KRONSTADT

Three Vital Railroad Lines Cut, Fall of Mighty Fortress Officially Announced

YUDENITCH WIPES OUT ONE BOLSHEVIK DIVISION

Fall of Former Capital Imminent—Pskov Bombarded by Estonian Troops

By the Associated Press

The Bolshevik hold on Petrograd is fast weakening and the fall of the city seems imminent. Kronstadt has cut off all three of the remaining railroads along the shore toward Petrograd, which the fortress garrison has thus far held up.

All Bolshevik cavalry, in a wide encircling raid, have swept around the city, starting apparently from the general vicinity of Gatchina, and have cut all three of the remaining railroads connecting Petrograd with the rest of Russia.

Bolshevik re-enforcements, which Trotsky announced were being rushed to the defense of the city, now may be detained a full day's march from Petrograd and, if approaching from the south, must fight their way into Petrograd through serious opposition, as is shown by the destruction of a Bolshevik division in the vicinity of Krassno-Selo.

Nothing is known of the fate of the Baltic Fleet, the remnants of which have been lurking in the shelter of Kronstadt. The fall of Kronstadt is of vast importance not only strategically but also for the morale of the Bolsheviks. It has been considered impracticable to attack from sea or land and the members of its sailor garrison have been from the outset of the revolution the staunchest supporters of the Bolshevik cause.

Now that its formidable guns are silent, the allied cruisers and destroyers can pass further up the bay toward Petrograd, about twenty miles away, and can support the advance of troops along the coast to points directly in the rear of Bolshevik forces defending Petrograd from the south.

By the Associated Press

London, Oct. 20.—Petrograd is virtually isolated, the war office announces today, anti-Bolshevik cavalry having cut the railroad leading from Petrograd to Vitebsk, Moscow and Volodga.

The Petrograd-Vitebsk road is cut at Virvina and the Petrograd-Moscow railroad at Tomsa, south and south-east of Petrograd respectively. The lines at Volodga are south of Lake Ladoga.

The war office also announces that the white flag was hoisted over the great Russian fortress of Kronstadt, which defended the old capital from the sea, by the Bolsheviks on Friday night. No details as to the circumstances have been received.

A Bolshevik division, which was being rushed to Petrograd from the interior to defend the city against the threatening advance of General Yudenitch, took to the sea on Saturday, according to war office sources. A wireless report that the Reds had captured Krassno Selo appears to have been incorrect.

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MRS. WILSON TO SHOW HOW TO COOK WITHOUT SUGAR

Evening Public Ledger Expert Will Demonstrate Use of Sirup as Substitute at Food Fair—Reverts to War Methods

Cook without sugar?

There are plenty of substitutes for sugar and cooking may go on as usual, according to Mrs. Mary Wilson, food expert of the Evening Public Ledger.

"No Philadelphia woman should be worried about a sugar shortage," says Mrs. Wilson and lays upon her desk a list of recipes which she issued during the war. "All the women need to do is to use the syrups that were used as substitutes a year and more ago when we had a previous shortage."

"At the food fair in the First Regiment Armory this week and next, I shall follow my original schedule every afternoon and evening, and I shall use any sugar during the two weeks



JAMES E. WATSON

Indiana senator who says radicals are entrenched in United States government departments, especially the Federal Trade Commission

CAN REDS SWEEP EUROPE? U. S. ASKS

European Delegates to Trade Congress Urged to Give Definite Answer

NEW CREDIT BASIS NEEDED

By a Staff Correspondent

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 20.—American bankers want to know whether the danger of bolshevism have passed in Europe as a necessary preliminary to working out a method of financial reconstruction abroad in which this country's dollars will figure.

A. C. Bedford, chairman of the executive committee of the international trade conference, asked his question frankly at the opening meeting of the conference at the Traymore.

"The very outset," said Mr. Bedford, "I would like to present something of the point of view of the American business man."

"America was late in entering the war, but when we did enter we sought to bear our full share of responsibility. Now, the responsibilities of victory rest upon our shoulders quite as much as did the responsibilities of war."

"We realize the necessity of international co-operation private business men. We want to work out these problems with you as friends and collaborators."

"Is Established Order in Danger?"

"You will have much to tell us of conditions in your countries and of how we can aid each other. But on certain points we shall be peculiarly interested to have information."

"What are the menaces to social order and stability in the different countries of Europe today? Have the dangers of socialism and bolshevism passed, or are they still a danger anywhere?"

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Senator Says Trade Commission in Particular Has Members Hostile to Government

"PRO-GERMAN IN WAR, ADMIRE SOVIET NOW"

Denying Sympathy for Packers, He Demands Federal Investigation

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Runaway Boy Is Tied in Bed While Parents Await Police

Returns After Jaunt to Cleveland and Baltimore—Mama for Leaving Home Blamed on Injuries Sustained 7 Years Ago

Fourteen-year-old Freddie Sykes was tied in bed today. His clothes hung in the kitchen of his home at 1207 Lemon street.

He returned last evening from a runaway trip which took him to Cleveland and Baltimore. His parents resorted to this method of holding him until police authorities shall arrive to take him into custody.

Freddie's mama for running away is not without a cause. Seven years ago his father was transferred to Pittsburgh and Freddie, without the knowledge of his parents, boarded a nearby train. He had been stationed at one of the busiest corners but a half hour when some one across the street whistled for a paper.

In his eagerness to cross the street, Freddie did not see an approaching trolley car. He was picked up unconscious and taken to the Allegheny General Hospital.

There physicians found a clot of blood on the brain and an operation was performed. Since then, Freddie has repeatedly been running away.

Blames Policemen's Son

Freddie blames his recent betrayal on the baseness of a Baltimore policeman's son. Previous escapades, including trips to Atlantic City, Baltimore and most towns in Pennsylvania had subsequently been committed by him.

Officers of the latter institution, armed with two subguns, were scheduled to come for Freddie last Tuesday at 11 o'clock. After scouring the town on Monday night for the youth, his parents found him in a store in West Philadelphia. He was brought home after midnight and put to bed. He was kept there until about noon.

After Freddie was dressed for the occasion and brought downstairs by his father, he was doctored and all was thought well. But when Freddie's father turned to pick up his coat a door slammed. Freddie was gone.

He tells little of his story, but this much is known: He boarded a freight train to Cleveland, Ohio, a freight train he concealed himself on another freight and went to Baltimore. Here he got a job in a glass factory, where he was to have begun work today.

Made Friends Easily

But Freddie makes friends too easily, he believes. He let the fact drop to a newly made acquaintance that he was a runaway. The acquaintance was the son of a policeman. As a result Freddie's mother declared today, although the lad always refused to go to school, he was willing to work. His employers tell his parents he was a good worker, if not a steady one.

While the Sykes family resided in Pittsburgh Freddie was found living in a dog kennel and one time in the bogs on the outskirts of town. He is the oldest of five children. His father is now employed by the Emergency Fleet Corporation and will sail tomorrow for Rotterdam.

25,000 AT HOLY NAME SERVICES

An impressive demonstration against blasphemy was staged yesterday in different sections of the city by the Holy Name Society. More than 25,000 Catholics took part in the public services. Parades and meetings were held in each of the eleven divisions into which the city and suburbs were divided.

VARE TO PRESIDE AT RALLY FOR MOORE

Congressman Vare agreed today to preside at a campaign meeting Thursday night to boost the candidacy of Congressman Moore, Republican majority nominee. The meeting will be held at Seventh street and Snyder avenue, in the Vare-controlled First Ward.

REFUSE TO RECONSIDER CRITICISM OF DR. PARKIN

The Presbyterian Ministerial Association today refused to reconsider its resolution adopted last week criticizing Dr. Frank P