

NO FOOD HEAD NOW, SPROUL ANNOUNCES

Governor, Home, Says Local and Federal Agencies Are Downing Profiteers

IS GOING TO WASHINGTON

Pennsylvania does not need a food commissioner to lead the fight against profiteers. This is the opinion of Governor Sproul, expressed today as he resumed his work after a two weeks' rest at Harrisburg until after his visit to Washington. He expects to go direct to Harrisburg from the national capital.

Just before the Governor took his rest he offered the post of food commissioner to Howard Heinz, of Pittsburgh, who was food administrator during the war. Mr. Heinz refused the appointment, explaining that pressing private business made it impossible for him to take on the work for the state.

Governor Sproul, in discussing his change of mind, said: "The food situation is being as well handled in Pennsylvania as in any other state. We may be able to get along without a food commissioner. I shall let that matter rest with Washington."

"Some of the best work in Pennsylvania in keeping down high prices is being done by local committees working with the Department of Justice."

Denies Federal Criticism

"I am satisfied with what is being done and am sure that the Department of Justice is not finding fault. There was a report recently that some criticism of Pennsylvania's work to prevent profiteering had come from Attorney General Palmer's office. That was no foundation for such a report."

"Those who have been working on the food problem deserve commendation for what they have accomplished."

Governor Sproul, to whom attention has again been turned as a possible presidential candidate because of the invitation extended to him to address the meeting of the Republican national committee next Wednesday, said he would leave for Washington tomorrow.

"I will merely be present at an open meeting arranged for by Chairman Hays," he said. "I am not a member of the committee, as you know, Senator Fessenden being the Pennsylvania committeeman."

No Action on Sinking Fund

The Governor was then asked about the Philadelphia sinking fund controversy.

"The sinking fund question came up after I went away on my vacation," he said, "and I have not had opportunity to give it any study. It is a Philadelphia matter and Philadelphia has many able men to take hold of such problems."

FIND BOUND MAN ON TRACKS

Supposed Victim of Highwaymen Discovered by Trolley Crew

Coopersburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—With his hands tied behind him, his legs securely bound with heavy rope and with a deep gash in the back of his head, the unconscious body of an unidentified man was found lying across the tracks of the Lehigh Valley Traction Co. at Miller's Crossing, near here, Saturday night.

The unfortunate man, supposedly the victim of highwaymen, was well dressed and about fifty years of age. The crew of an Allentown-Philadelphia trolley found him. He was taken to the Allentown Hospital, where he is still unconscious, having been in that condition for ten hours. All papers of identification were taken from him.

County Detective John B. Stevenson, of Lansdale, and Lehigh Valley detectives are investigating.

SECRET ARMY PLANS FOUND

Former Confidential Employee in Jail for Shipping Documents

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 8.—(By A. P.)—Valuable confidential documents on airplane development from the secret files of the War Department, missing for a month, have been recovered here, Charles Alexander Francis Duceiron, formerly a confidential employee in the signal corps headquarters, is in jail in default of \$5000 bond on a charge of sending forbidden matter by express.

The federal grand jury at Jacksonville is investigating his connection with the papers which were discovered in trunks shipped to him from Washington. Duceiron was taken at a camp

Food Sales to Continue

Experiments conducted at the two curb markets in West Philadelphia having been successful, beginning tomorrow the markets will be continued and surplus army food will be sold from both.

Corncocks Relieve Coal Shortage

Millies Hill, Dec. 8.—Farmers are taking good care of their corncocks, formerly they were allowed to go to waste or given away. Cobs make excellent fires and come in handy just now with a coal shortage.

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We earnestly suggest that you make your Christmas purchases early. Conditions this year are very unusual, merchandise is scarce and it will be impossible for us to duplicate many of the articles now on hand. Costs are steadily rising, and it is doubtful whether present prices will be possible on later consignments.

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Mink..... 175.00	135.00	Mink..... 39.50	29.50
Taupe Nutria, 185.00	145.00	Fitch..... 45.00	32.50
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Regularly Sale	Actual Value
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Hudson Seal Coats, \$179.50	Natural Beaver Coats..... \$475.00
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Natural Squirrel Coats..... \$245.00	Natural Squirrel Coats..... \$550.00
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