

LIVING COST STILL CLIMBING UPWARD

Survey Shows Increase of 104.5 Per Cent in Last Six Years

19 PER CENT RISE LAST YEAR

New York, Sept. 13.—The cost of living for American wage-earners has increased 104.5 per cent between July, 1914, and July, 1920, according to a statement issued by the national industrial conference board.

The largest increases reported for food items since July, 1913, follows: Sugar, 382 per cent; potatoes, 368 per cent; flour, 164 per cent; corn meal, 133 per cent; rice, 114 per cent; bread, 113 per cent; ham, 112 per cent; lamb, 109 per cent; hens, 107 per cent, and pork chops, 101 per cent.

Detroit Shows Largest Increase In thirty-five of the thirty-nine cities from which retail prices of food have been collected, the average retail cost increased 100 per cent. The largest increase reported was from Detroit, 138 per cent, and the smallest was from Los Angeles, 85 per cent.

The estimated increase in rents of 58 per cent is based on figures received from 361 real estate boards and brokers, chambers of commerce and civic organizations in practically all of the cities in the United States having a population of 50,000 or more.

Eighty-six cities reported increases of more than 50 per cent in rents since July, 1914. Among these were New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Cleveland.

On the other hand, in Boston, St. Louis, San Francisco and a number of smaller cities the increase had averaged less than 50 per cent. All reports indicated a continued shortage of houses and rising rents.

The average cost of clothing for wage-earners in the United States decreased 4 per cent between March, 1920, and July, 1920. Clothing prices in July were, however, 106 per cent

above the prevailing level in 1914. Between July, 1919, and July, 1920, the average increase in the cost of clothing was 33 per cent.

Cotton Goods Prices Sour Cotton goods, especially the cheaper and heavier grades, have continued to advance in price.

The most marked falling off in prices noted was in the case of men's and women's garments made of wool. Woolen yard goods, shoes and women's blouses and hosiery dropped slightly in price between March and July.

Retail prices of anthracite and bituminous coal were obtained from 115 dealers in forty-three cities. Averages of these indicate that between July, 1914, and July, 1920, stove anthracite increased 85.5 per cent, chestnut anthracite 81.4 per cent and bituminous coal 103.1 per cent.

Inasmuch as price increases for anthracite in the districts where anthracite is most important as fuel were greater than the average for the country as a whole, and the same was true of bituminous coal, it is estimated that the total increase in the cost of coal for domestic use between July, 1914, and July, 1920, was 92 per cent.

Light is a less important item of expense in the families of average wage-earners than is fuel. Gas and electricity for domestic use increased in price about 15 per cent within the six-year period.

Changes in carfare were reported from 153 cities. Fares had been raised in 120 of these since 1914 and had remained unchanged in thirty-three. It is estimated that the average increase in carfares for the country as a whole, between 1914 and 1920, was not more than 40 per cent.

Doctors' fees and the prices of newspapers have been raised unevenly since 1914. Candy, tobacco, household furnishings and supplies showed large increases in cost.

More insurance was being carried, church contributions had been increased and organization dues had been raised. All of these factors indicate that the total increase in the cost of sundries between July, 1914, and July, 1920, average 85 per cent.

CHILE'S DEFICIT \$15,000,000 Santiago, Chile, Sept. 13.—Chile's budget for 1921 amounts to approximately \$85,000,000, according to figures submitted to congressional committees today by Francisco Gana, minister of finance.

The deficit for 1920, with pending appropriations, probably will be \$15,000,000. Various projects to cover the deficit were proposed by the finance minister, these including increased taxes on tobacco and inheritance, increases in customs dues and the collection of imposts on copper and imported liquors.

He estimated these would produce revenue totaling about \$20,000,000.

TRAVELING MEN TO VISIT HARDING

Senator Will Expound His Business Views on September 25

NATIONAL LEAGUE GROWING

Washington, Sept. 13.—Senator Harding will present his "business platform" to a delegation of traveling men from all parts of the country in his last formal front-porch speech on September 25, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Traveling Men's Bureau of the Republican National Committee.

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Traveling Men's League, which is making the arrangements for the meeting at Marion, claims to have already about 10,000 members.

The Japanese question, railway labor, naturalization of allies and constitutionalism head the list of subjects to be discussed by Senator Harding in front-porch speeches during the coming week.

The Republican nominee's views on the Japanese problem, as it is presented in conditions on the Pacific coast, are to be set forth on Tuesday in an address to a delegation of Californians. He has conferred with a number of Republican leaders from the coast states on the subject and has collected considerable data in preparation for the speech.

Two recent utterances of Senator Harding, one in his speech of acceptance and the other in his business address of Saturday, clearly forecast his last formal front-porch speech on September 25, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Traveling Men's Bureau of the Republican National Committee.

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us duty of the government to restore the par value of Liberty and Victory bonds.

In his address of acceptance on July 22 Senator Harding said: "I believe this government should make its Liberty and Victory bonds worth all that its patriotic citizens paid in purchasing them."

He told the business men who visited him Saturday that he favored a readjustment of internal taxation.

"Particularly," he continued, "do we need to readjust the excess-profits tax, to remove the burdens it imposes upon the will to create and produce, whether that will is the will of the big

corporation, the small corporation or the individual."

Since Senator Harding virtually has advocated the removal of the excess-profits tax, generally believed to be the chief cause for the high cost of living and a tax which is rapidly defeating

itself, it is safe to assume he will propose or favor a substitute, which will be needed to raise additional revenue. The program for tariff increases, it is plainly understood, cannot supply the amount which will be needed to defray the expenses of the government.

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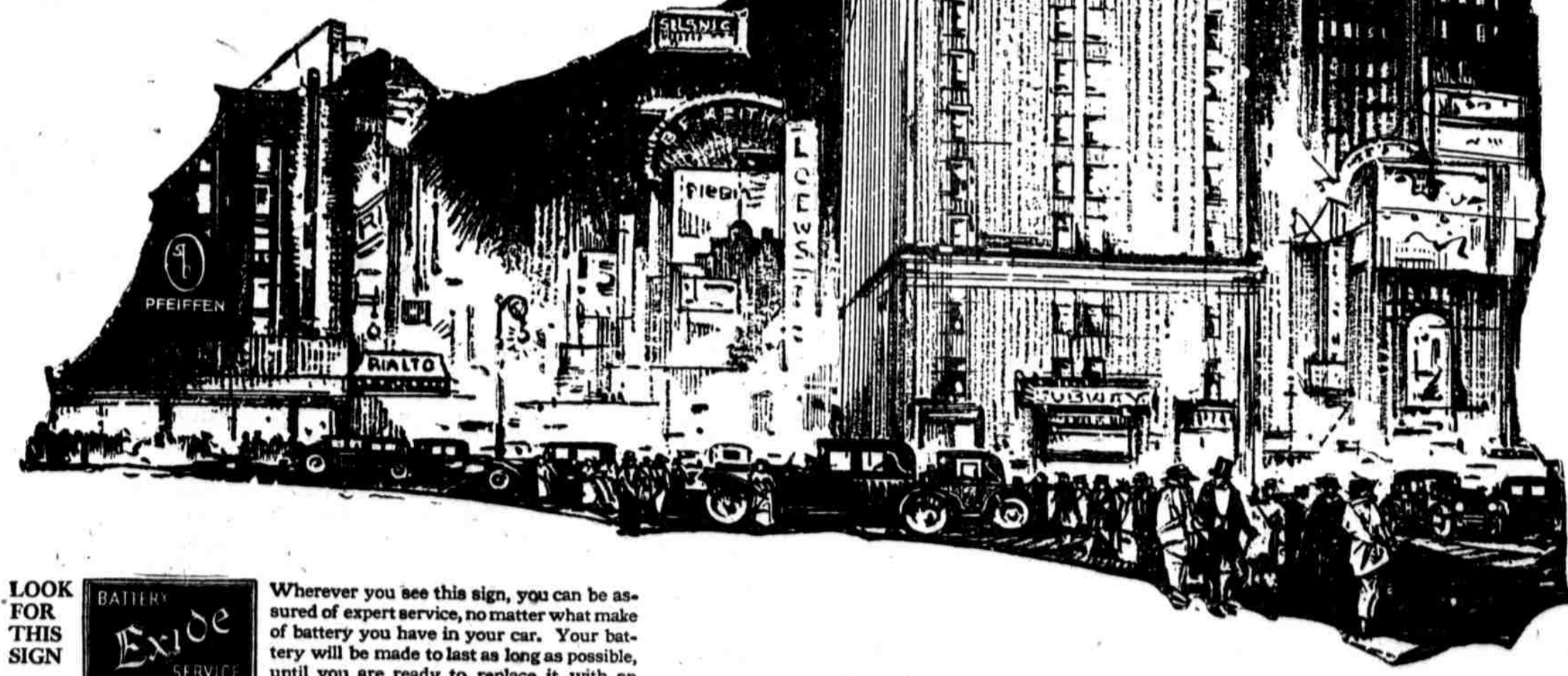
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Alhambra 12th, Morris & Passunk Ave. Mat. Daily at 2 P. M. 6:45 & 9 ROBERT BOSWORTH in "BELOW THE SURFACE"	OVERBROOK 93D AND 11TH AVE. HAVESPOD AVE. REX BEACH'S "THE SILVER HORDE"
Allegheny Frankford & Allegheny Mat. Daily at 2 P. M. 7:15 & 9:15 CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in "FOR THE SOUL OF RAFAEL"	PALACE 1214 MARKET STREET 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. W. S. HART in "THE CRADLE OF COURAGE"
Apollo 62D & THOMPSON ST. MATINEE DAILY THOMAS MCGOWAN in "THE PRINCE OF PEACE"	PRINCESS 1018 MARKET STREET 8:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. BERT LYELL in "ALAN JIMMY VALENTINE"
Arcadia Chestnut Below 10TH 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. THOMAS MCGOWAN in "CIVILIAN CLOUTIER"	REGENT MARKET ST. Below 11TH 8:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. ALICE BRADY in "THE DARK LANTERN"
Baltimore 51st & BALTIMORE EUGENE O'BRIEN in "A FOOL AND HIS MONEY"	Rialto GERMANTOWN AVE. AT WILBERGERS ST. MACLEAN AND MAY in "LET'S BE FASHIONABLE"
Bluebird Broad Street and BRIDGEPLANA AVE. CORINNE GRIFFITH in "BAB'S CANDIDATE"	RUBY MARKET ST. Below 11TH 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. BRYANT WASHINGTON in "SINS OF ST. ANTHONY"
Broadway Broad & Snyder Ave. 6:45 & 9 P. M. MARSHALL NEILAN in "DON'T EVER MARRY"	Savoy 1311 MARKET STREET 8 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. CONSTANCE TALMADGE in "A BRANCH OF A BUNNY"
Capitol 722 MARKET STREET 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. I. H. WARNER in "ONE HOUR BEFORE DAWN"	Sherwood 84TH AND BALTIMORE ENID BENNETT in "SHEARER"
Colonial 6th & Maplewood Ave. 2:30, 7 and 9 P. M. MITCHELL LEWIS in "TURNING TAILCOAT"	Stanley Market Above 16TH 11:15 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. WILLIAM FARMING in "THE WIFE OF KENILWORTH"
Empress Main & MANAYUNK MATINEE DAILY TOM MIX in "DESSERT LOVE"	Victoria Market Above 7TH 8 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. MARSHALL NEILAN in "THE NIXON-NIRDLINGER"
Fairmount 26th & Girard Ave. MATINEE DAILY MABEL NORMAND in "THE PRINCESS"	Belmont 62D ABOVE MARKET MARY PICKFORD in "REBECCA OF SUNNYSBROOK FARM"
Family Theatre—1311 Market St. 8 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. ROBERT WARWICK in "THE FOURTEENTH"	Cedar 60TH AND CEDAR AVENUE ENID BENNETT in "STEPPING OUT"
56th St. Theatre—Below Spruce RICHARD BATHFIELD in "THE BLUE DANCER"	Coliseum Market Between 50TH AND 60TH BRYANT WASHINGTON in "THE SINS OF ST. ANTHONY"
Frankford 4715 FRANKFORD AVENUE "THE HEART OF A CHILD"	Jumbo Front St. & Girard Ave. Jumbo Junction on Frankford "LOVE'S PROTEGE"
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Imperial 50TH & WALNUT STS. Mat. 2:30, 7:30, 9:30 MARY MILES MINTER in "HENNY, BE GOOD"	Nixon 52D AND MARKET STS. BRUCE GORDON in "THE HOUSE OF THE TOLLING BELL"
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