End Flour Control and Drop in Prices Is Expected Soon

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Cancelation of all flour milling regulations, including fair price schedules and the price and quantity restrictions on the sale of wheat flour by millers formally was announced late yesterday by the Food Administration.

Notification of the action was telegraphed, to all zone agents of the Food Adminsitration's grain corporation, and there has been a sharp rise in the price of wheat bran and other mill feeds on the Minneapolis market. Officials expect this to be followed by a drop in flour prices.

Regulations restricting margins of profit on flour and mill feeds remain in effect, as do general regulations of the Food Administration prohibiting profiteering, hoarding and unfair practices. Officials said these would be strictly enforced.

The prediction of cheaper flour to the consumer, it was asserted at the Food Administration headquarters, is based on the immediate rise in the price of mill feeds, amounting to several dollars a ton.

Vanderlip Says War Will Make U. S. Richer

New York, Dec. 21.—Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City bank, in an address before the New York Credit Men's Association, declared that prices would go higher during the period of transition from war to peace and predicted that inflation would continue for some time.

"I believe that we will emerge much richer from the war," said Mr. Vanderlip, "richer in spirit, richer in our understanding of human needs and richer in material wealth. We have created big industries, we have built ships, developed the railroads, we have built terminals and warehouses, we have become a creditor nation instead of a debtor nation, for Europe now owes us $8,000,000,000, on which the interest is about $500,000,000 annually."

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the treaty should at least know the views of the Senate so far as the Postmaster General, in control of the cables, and Mr. Creel, in control of the news, will permit the opinion of the Senate to be transmitted to Paris. We cannot compel information, but we are abundantly able to make our opinion known not only to the President but to the Allies, who have a very clear and even acute idea of the power of the Senate in regard to treaties."

To bring forward propositions not inseparably connected with the immediate and difficult task of making a binding peace with Germany, Senator Lodge said, "may ruin all by trying to do too much at once." Such propositions, he said, were the five points enumerated.

Unnecessary Program

In his discussion of the freedom of the seas, the Senator called attention to the "strange development" in connection with the pending naval appropriation bill, the advocacy by Rear Admiral Badger of a program calling for a navy as large as that of England by 1925. He said he thought he had favored building more ships than anybody else, but that he had never contemplated such a program and did not think it necessary.

"The only naval danger that we were obliged to consider in the past on the Atlantic coast has ceased to be. We need a powerful fleet in the Pacific, and I feel sure we will have a navy sufficient to furnish that fleet to the western coast. And yet at this moment we are suddenly called upon to build a fleet which shall be the equal to that of England."

Wants Definite Plan

Of suggestions that a great navy is needed for police duty in connection with the league of nations, the Senator said he would "not stop to ask who is to order that navy about the world."

Mr. Lodge said he would be glad if the Senate debates on peace were supplemented by some definite resolutions expressing views on important points. He continued:

"Whether the Senate will take such action—although I know that we have very definite opinions—I cannot tell, because there seems to be a feeling among some Senators that it is an act of intolerable audacity for the Senate even to suggest to the Executive that it has opinions which ought to b considered. Personally I do not share that view. . . ."

"Peace being our object, the first step toward peace is to make a peace with Germany. If the peace with Germany is to be durable, terms must be exacted which will make it, so far as human foresight goes, impossible for Germany to break out again upon the world with a war of conquest. This cannot be done by treaty engagements and signatures to documents. At this juncture of affairs, Germany would sign anything, and her pledge would be as worthless as the guaranties she gave to Belgium. It is well also to remember that Germany did not change its nature overnight when the Kaiser ran away to Holland. The deep-rooted ambitions, the evil principles carefully instilled for half a century, the barbarous methods and doctrines—all remain unaltered. I do not need to rehearse what those physical guaranties should be, for I have stated my views upon them more than once to the Senate, and I think there is general agreement upon them not only in the Senate but among the American people. These physical guaranties all have one object, and that is so to hem Germany in that she cannot attempt conquest in Russia or in the East, and that the Slavic populations which she has mercilessly used in her wars can never be used by her again.

Indemnities Demanded

"In addition there must be heavy indemnities paid by Germany. In those indemnities, the United States must have its proportional share, not only direct indemnity for its ships destroyed by submarines and its people murdered on the Lusitania and other vessels, but a suitable restitution, in part at least, of the vast expenses forced upon us by Germany.

"It will be for the peace conference to determine what disposition should be made of the German colonies, but one thing essential, and that is that they should not be returned to the tyrannical misgovernment of Germany and that she should not be deprived of those means for extending her commerce and building up military outposts in all parts of the world.

League Is Denounced

"It is the duty of the Allies and the United States to meet and determine what terms they will impose upon Germany and then and not until then, call in the representatives of Germany and impose the terms upon them."

Of the League of Nations proposal, Senator Lodge said no definite plan has yet been put forth that would not cause indefinite controversy.

"The attempt to form now a League of Nations—and I mean an effective league, with power to enforce its decrees," he said, "can tend only to embarrass the peace that we ought to make at once with Germany. If it were successful and were to come before the Senate, it might endanger the peace treaty and force amendments. . . ."

Sea Problem Not Urgent

"Are we prepared to allow any association of nations by a majority vote to order the troops and ships of the United States to go to war? Unless we are prepared to do so, we are not prepared to join a league of nations which is going to enforce peace."

In urging postponement of the question of freedom of the seas, Senator Lodge said it was another undefined question, and declared that both America and England would hesitate before abandoning the belligerent right of blockade.

Discussing secret diplomacy, the Senator said this point of President Wilson's need not be incorporated in the peace treaty because secret treaties never have and never can exist in this country.

Russian Problem

Urging postponment of action on the matter of economic barriers, he said "its settlement is not in the least essential to ending the war by a peace with Germany."

All civilized nations, he urged, musts aid in restoration of Russia.

"We have no present government in Russia," he said, "with which any one can deal intelligently. The thing that calls itself a government is no more fit to be dealt with in negotiations than a band of anthropoid apes. There is nothing that seems to indicate that the Russian people have the power to extricate themselves. We have troops in Russia. Unfortunately, they are so few that it is greatly to be feared that they are wholly inadequate for the work they may have to do."

Civil Service Test to Fill Shamokin Posetmastership

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 21.—Democratic politicians got a jolt to-day when it was announced that a civil service examination will be held here on January 21, next to fill the vacancy in the Shamokin postermastership, a job that pays $2,400 a year. When Edward Raker, present postmaster, resigned nearly a year ago to become an Assistant District Attorney of Northumberland county, it was thought that the vacancy would be filled by appointment upon recommendation of Congressman Lesher. Nothing was done, however, and Lesher became a candidate and was re-elected. Now comes the announcement that under Presidential order of March 17, last this vacancy must be filled under a special examination. A dozen or more politicians were said to be currying Lesher's favor for the place.

WHISKEY IN DRY COUNTY

Lewistown, Pa., Dec. 21.—The extent to which booze is illegally sold in this section came to light at the hearing of Edward Soliski, who lives in the southern part of the town.

The man was given a hearing before Justice VanNatta and he was charged with violating the law by selling liquor. Soliski was arrested by Sheriff Davis as he stepped from a train from Harrisburg. At the hearing it was stated that at the time of his arrest he had in his possession twelve gallons of whiskey.

One of the men who testified against Soliski, said that he bought nine quarts of whiskey from the accused in one night and paid at the rate of $5 a quart for it. He said that he and a few other friends drank the liquor. Soliski was held in $500 bail for court.

Marysville Soldier Sends Relics From Battlefield

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 21.—Just as a little token of the utter disregard the Germans had of religious buildings in their mad onrush against and retreat from the Allies, Ray Campbell, formerly of Marysville, sends a hand broken from a crucifix in a French cathedral to his brother, Lawrence Campbell, of Myrtle avenue. Ray Campbell is serving with the Thirteenth Engineers. The hand was picked up by Campbell at Suldicourt on September 16.

Another interesting relic sent home by Campbell is a German dress helmet of black leather and gold-dipped ornaments. The coat-of-arms on this helmet bears the inscription, "Mit Gott fur Koenig und Vaterland," and a replica of the German Iron Cross. Campbell, who several times was under shellfire, is now located at Verdun.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

Hilton, Pa., Dec. 21.—A. Lochman, aged 84, a Civil War veteran and wholesale and retail confectioner, died here of a complication of diseases. He had been in business since 1873. His store was twice destroyed by fire, but he rebuilt and enjoyed a large trade. He was G. A. R. chaplain for more than twenty years and a member of the order of Red Men.

Nation in Good Condition, Says Big Financier

Chicago, Dec. 21.—It is refreshing to get a word of confidence from a leader in financial affairs who handles such affairs in a big way and who is free from the vice of predicting good times with the idea that the forecasts will bring good times. Such a man commented to-day on the pessimism of certain individuals who are looking for serious disturbance right away. He sees no reason for expecting anything of the sort, and asserts that the country is in good condition.

Nor does he ignore the grave problems which confront our people. He says that our future will shape itself largely on the lines on which the railroad problem is worked out. This is a reasonable view, considering the enormous capital involved in that interest and its essential part in our economies.

He disapproves of the suggestion made by Director General McAdoo that the Federal control of the railroads be extended to five years. The present is the time, he believes, to act on the railroad question, for we are now in the habit of handling great financial affairs, whereas, if the decision were put off, we should fall into a condition of indifferent waiting. The idea of a commission to investigate the subject commends itself to him.—From Evans' letter in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

378 Members Enrolled in Marysville Campaign

Marysville, Pa., Dec. 21.—Marysville's showing at the conclusion of the Red Cross Christmas rollcall promises to be a good one. Reports in the hands of Mrs. Elmer E. Dissinger, Maple avenue, secretary of the local branch and in charge of the rollcall, last night, with only one captain's report up to date, showed that Marysville has furnished 378 members, most of them volunteers.

One captain has made no report as yet, two others reported last on December 14, four reported on December 17, two reported on December 18 and one reported on December 20. With reports so much incomplete and with 378 members already enrolled, the local record is considered good.

The drive here will close on Monday, when local Pennsylvania railroad employes will be paid.

Monday Is to Be the Shortest Day of Year

To-morrow morning promptly at 10.42 o'clock, eastern standard time, old King Winter will be officially ushered into the presence of Harrisburg and its citizens. At that time the winter solstice will set in and winter will be with us for three months thereafter.

The sun will rise to-morrow morning at 7.26 o'clock and set at 4.31 p. m., while on Monday the sun will rise one minute later and set at the same time, making it the shortest day of the year.

Tower City Youth Shot by Companion While Hunting

Tower City, Pa., Dec. 21.—While in the woods on Thursday after work with their guns, Charles Houtz, the 17-year-old son of Clair Houtz, was accidentally shot in the hip by the discharge of the gun of "Bud" Stoud, his companion. Young Houtz received the full load and its is feared the leg will be useless, as the nerve is shattered. He was only two feet from his companion when the gun went off. He was taken to the Pottsville Hospital.

HOME FROM ENGLAND

Lewistown, Pa., Dec. 21.—John Howard Garrett and John O. Mayes, who have been in the United States aviation service in England, have returned to their homes here. William B. Kearns, a wounded soldier, who was here on furlough a short time ago and returned to a hospital in New York, accompanied them home.

The Fame Fire Company in their auto truck met the soldiers at the train and gave them a rousing reception. Mayes was a member of the 220th Aero squadron and Garrett was in the Aviation Motor Service.

BEARS CHARMED LIFE

Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 21.—Private Roswell Savidge, an auto truck driver in France, and a former linotype operator on The Sunbury Daily Item, in a letter home, says he surely had a charmed life. Just before the war closed he was riding on a big truck when a shell hit it and turned it into kindling and a mass of broken and twisted iron. His comrade, sitting by his side, was killed, while Savidge escaped without a scratch.

Middletown

Soldier Is Charged With Assaulting Man

Charged with assaulting W. W. Reitzel, of South Catherine street, as he was returning home from the home of his daughter in Spring street, Guy Delp, a soldier at the Aviation Depot was arrested and brought before Squire T. C. Smith. He was turned over to government authorities who will investigate the case.

David Rehrer, held on a charge preferred by a borough school teacher, was discharged by Squire Kennard last night, upon payment of the costs of the prosecution.

Businessmen and residents of the borough on Thursday evening met at the office of Squire H. A. Lenhart, Water street, and formed an organization to be known as the Middletown Civic Committee. Officers and committees chosen at the meeting follow: President, B. F. Longenecker; first vice-president, J. W. Few, Jr.; second vice-president, H. B. Garver; third vice-president, A. B. Croll; recording secretary, W. J. Roop; treasurer, C. S. Few; corresponding secretary, C. Dudley Conrad.

Member ex-offico all committees: Burgess S. B. Gingrich.

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The St. Peter's Lutheran Sunday School, with the assistance of the choir and orchestra, will present a splendid Christmas program Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock. The service is "Star of Victory" by Tillotson and Lowden. "The Children's Party" for the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments will be held Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. A Christmas cantata, "Redeemer and King," will be sung by a large choir Christmas morning at 6 o'clock.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment in the church, Sunday evening, 7.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Harold Kline, of Washington, D. C., is spending a week in town as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin, Pine street.

Mrs. David Ney, who spent the past several days in town returned to her home at Philadelphia.

Word was received in town yesterday that Searles Slack, one of Middletown's young men, lost an arm while in action overseas.

Mrs. F. W. Myers, of Pine street, was called to Landisville on account of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Rudy, and two sons, Arthur and Floyd, being ill with influenza.

At the meeting of the social committee, of the Men's Bible Class, of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, held at the home of the secretary, H. E. Moore, Ann street, last evening; it was decided to hold the annual class social at the parsonage, North Union street, on New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Henry, the Rev. James Cunningham, and Mrs. Jennie Slack, attended the meeting of the district convention of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Lancaster, yesterday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Hettie Spangler was held yesterday afternoon, from the home of her son, Jacob Spangler, Pike street, with services at 2.30 o'clock. The Rev. O. M. Kraybill, pastor of the Church of God, officiating. The pall bearers were Edward Spangler, William Spangler and Jacob Spangler, three sons, and Leroy Spangler, a grandson. Burial was made in the Middletown Cemetery.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Church of God at the semi-annual meeting elected the following officers: President, George Leggore; vice-president, David Lehman second vice-president, E. O. Gish; recording secretary, Mrs. William Hill; recording secretary, Mrs. E. C. Brinser; corresponding secretary, Miss Harriet Kiever; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Ackerman; pianists, Miss Jean Brestle and Mrs. W. F. Keever.

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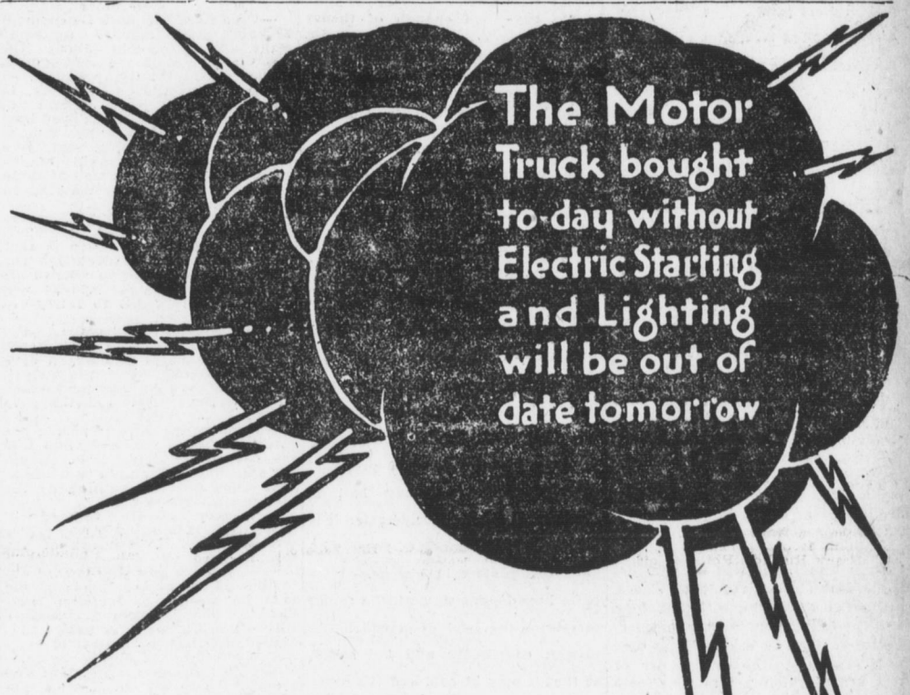

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