



CITY SQUIRMS IN GRIP OF HIGH PRICES FOR FOOD IN HOPE COST MAY LESSEN

Offer Is Made of Money to Help Fight

CASE IN WHICH BLAME IS FIXED

Boost in Price of Bread Is Chief Home Topic

Harrisburg continued to twist and squirm in the grip of high food prices to-day with little prospect of relief. Housewives who went forth to buy provisions in the hope that the cost of living had lessened and that hereafter they might apply some of their funds in other necessary directions returned to their homes disappointed. The prices had not decreased, not was there prospect that they might within the next few days. Throughout the city the boost in the cost of bread was the chief topic of discussion at the family board. It was said that some of the baking concerns that had announced the raise had felt the result of the increase in a loss of business.

Will Loan Money to City

Out at 30 Evergreen street the food prices got under the hide of W. E. Wisheart, a practical citizen who said he had \$1,000 in cash and Liberty bonds that he would gladly loan the city without cost to the municipality in order to help "down the food barons."

Mr. Wisheart said he was certain there were many other people in the city who would be glad to advance money toward a fund that would bring relief to the poor people. Mr. Wisheart said:

"I went to a meat market on Saturday and bought a box of berries for 20 cents. I went back for another box and found the meat dealer had sold out at 20 cents. I went to the Hill market and paid a farmer who raised the berries a cent for a box of the identical kind of berries I had bought for 20 cents."

Blames Gouge on Farmer

This experience of the Evergreen street man clearly put the increase up to the farmer. Patrons of the Broad street market recall that people who go to the market and ask prices often are told that the prices for the day have not been determined upon.

"If we can get relief only for a short time," said Mr. Wisheart, "it will be worth while to assist the"

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DIRIGIBLES TO BE OCEAN CARRIERS

By Associated Press. New York, July 15.—A Zeppelin freight and passenger transatlantic service, to start about October 18, between New York and Hamburg, with Boston, Chicago, Berlin and Dusseldorf as ports of call, is announced in advertisements in German language newspapers and one American paper published here.

Hans Khars, an importer, who inserted the advertisements, said that he had been designated by an American banker to act as agent for an overseas dirigible freight and passenger service to be financed by American, British and German capital. Bookings for freight shipments and passengers would be received after September 18, Mr. Khars said, adding that a tentative plan of \$21 per ton had been set as the trans-Atlantic freight rate, about \$30 more than the per-ton rate by water. He said he had no idea as yet as to how many passengers could be carried.

CITY TO SELL ARMY FOODS AT REDUCED COSTS

Mayor Is Determined to Cut Prices; Colonel Schell Heads Distribution Committee

Harrisburg's Mayor, Daniel L. Kleister, to-day started a movement to cut the high cost of living when he named Colonel Edward H. Schell, chairman of the committee to take up plans for buying the surplus stock of foodstuffs at the United States Reserve Depot at New Cumberland. Colonel Schell will have the privilege of naming his own committee. It is understood there are enough volunteers to guarantee that the proposition. Mayor Kleister said:

"I am not going to stop here. There is no reason for the high prices asked for foodstuffs. I intend to get to the bottom and find out just where the profiteering starts. I know one thing. High prices in the markets are due mostly to forestalling and I am going to make every effort to stop that practice. Forestallers have been a menace for a long time. It has always been a hobby with me to get into those markets and buy at market and put up the price, forcing the farmers to raise their prices. Our markets should and will be regulated if I am able to carry out my plans. I want the people to know just what I am doing to help"

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State Bureau May Inquire Into Boost

SITUATION IS WATCHED HERE

Officials Are Ready to Give Their Assistance

Food prices and conditions in Harrisburg may be among the first to be studied by the State Bureau of Markets when it is reorganized by Secretary of Agriculture Fred Hammussen about the first of August, the situation in the State capital, where provision prices have been sky rocketing with little reason, having been under observation by State officials to inquire into cost of production, handling and final placing before the consumer and as hundreds of people connected with the State government are among the sufferers together with the residents of the Harrisburg district there will be a sympathetic touch to the inquiry.

State Officials Take Notice

The upward trend of produce prices in Harrisburg, which is in the midst of a large truck farming section, has been attracting attention not only of State officials, but of farmers themselves, many of whom have been complaining that they are not getting anything like what is being charged to the consumers.

In the event that conditions here become much worse, State officials will stand ready to co-operate with the Bureau of Merchants or any special committee of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce or a committee named by the Mayor to probe the cause of the price gouging in Harrisburg. Professor J. G. Sanders, director of the bureau of plant industry in the State Department of Agriculture will leave tomorrow for Europe to make an intensive study of the potato blight and methods being used to check it for the Federal and State governments. The expense will be borne by the Federal board in charge of horticultural investigations. Professor Sanders has been working with Federal officials in the campaign against the blight in the lower anthracite field, where inspections were made recently by British scientists, and he will visit England, Scotland and Ireland potato growing districts and possibly go to the continent. The blight has caused loss of thousands of dollars worth of potatoes in Pennsylvania and experiments are being made with the potato that will be immune. He will take with him results of the work in Luzerne, Schuylkill and other counties.

USES RENTED ROOM AS BASE OF OPERATIONS

Clever Swindler Moves in and Within Few Hours Moves Out; Clothing Missed

Less than two hours after he had rented a room from Mrs. J. Reed, 609 North Front street, a clever swindler left the residence with four suits of clothes belonging to another roomer, while his landlady was out. The police have been notified. The man is reported to have gone to the Reed's residence, represented himself as an employe of the Cumberland Telephone Company, and to have made a deposit on a room, according to the information furnished by Mrs. Reed to Detective Hyde Speece, of the city police force.

He was shown to the room and there started to unpack two suitcases and a handbag which he carried with him. Later the landlady was called to the door and within a short time the man came downstairs with his suitcases and handbag, and said that he was going for the remainder of his clothing. Mrs. Reed became suspicious when he failed to return within a reasonable time and her examination showed the four suits to be missing. All were the property of A. B. Hitchcock, employed by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund. All of the clothing is too large for the thief, who is described as being of medium build.

Police officials to-day held out a warning to all proprietors of boarding houses to be on their guard in renting their rooms. A large number of them have been called by telephone from police headquarters.

JUDGE MITCHELL FILES HIS PETITION AS CANDIDATE

Judge H. Walton Mitchell, of the Allegheny county orphans court, recently appointed, to-day filed his petition to be a candidate. Judge Mitchell called upon the Governor while here. Nominating petitions were also filed by T. C. Jones, county court, Allegheny; Lawrence Futz, Lewistown, associate Judge, Mifflin, and James E. Freed, Penn's Creek, associate Judge, Snyder.

John Barleycorn's Body Lies a Mouldering in the Grave, But His Soul Goes Marching On



PAYDAY ON HILL BUT NO CHECKS DRAWN

\$44,500,000 Appropriation Bill Not Signed, So Employes Wait; Governor Considers Cuts

This was payday on Capitol Hill, but no checks were drawn around the departments and bureaus owing to the fact that the Governor had not been able to complete his consideration of the general appropriation bill carrying the record-breaking figure of \$44,500,000. It is expected that the Governor will finish work to-morrow or next day when the flood of checks which will be made up the State payroll will be turned loose. Everything is in readiness for the payment of thousands of dollars as soon as the bill is signed and certified.

The Governor began sending for heads of departments of the State government as soon as he reached

Harrisburg last evening and explained the situation and elucidations are the order of the day. The Governor was in touch with every chief and asked not only what the least possible he could get along on, but where cuts could be made without impairing efficiency. The Governor, in the language of one chief, "seemed to be making a study of the whole scheme of State government."

The bill, which is the greatest in size and in sum carried of any ever passed by a Legislature, has been studied by people in the Governor's office and the results of their work are being supplemented by the Governor's own personal inquiries.

ARREST ITALIAN AS HE PLACES BOMB AT HOUSE

Police Find Two Cylindrical Machines Similar to Those Used in June Outrages

Farrell, Pa., July 15.—Carrying two cylindrical bombs, which the police say are similar to those used by terrorists in their outrages in eight cities last June, an Italian who gave his name as Ralph Ruotolo, 23, of Youngstown, O., was arrested here this morning in the act of placing one of the infernal machines in the rear of the home of Joseph Canteloup, a wealthy fruit merchant. He was placed in jail and Federal authorities notified.

Ruotolo's arrest followed his request of a pedestrian for a match. The man noticed the Italian carried two suspicious looking packages under his arm and notified the police. Chief of Police McCartney and two officers found Ruotolo in the rear of the Canteloup home in the act, they say, of placing one of the bombs under the structure. The Italian was captured after a struggle with the officers. The bombs were taken to the police station, where it was said, an explosive expert has been summoned to examine them.

SENATORS HERE TO-DAY

Senators W. E. Crow, Fayette; R. J. Baldwin, Delaware, and W. G. Mason, Erie, were among Capitol visitors to-day.

CITY'S CAVALRY TROOP MEETS TO REORGANIZE UNIT

Committees Named to Boost Membership and Inquire For Armory For Body

Definite steps toward the reorganization of the Governor's Troop were taken at a meeting held at the Pennsylvania Railroad Men's Y. M. C. A. last night. There were fifty-five former members of the troop present. Lieutenant Charles A. Kline presided.

The meeting primarily was held to discuss the most effective method of bringing the troop back to its position as a distinctive unit. To this end a paper was signed signifying the intention of those present to effect reorganization provided conditions prove satisfactory. Fred O. Lyter was chosen secretary and Robert Cowen treasurer. It was decided to appoint committees on membership and the securing of an armory, and the following persons were named:

On Membership—Robert Cowen, chairman; Wilson Kirkpatrick, Henry Cocklin, Lloyd Pike, John Shade, Stanley Shupp. On Armory—Russell Challenger, chairman; Robert Cowen, Guy Zeigler, Henry Cocklin and Wilson Kirkpatrick.

COUNCIL AWARDS PAVING BIDS AT TODAY'S SESSION

Eighteen Sections of Streets Are to Be Improved at Once; Central Company Gets Job

At one of the longest sessions in months City Commissioners disposed of much important business, at the Council meeting to-day, acting finally on some questions which have been pending for weeks.

Upon the recommendation of Commissioner W. H. Lynch contracts for paving eighteen sections of city streets with sheet asphalt and placing granite curbing were awarded the Central Construction Corporation at bids ranging from \$3.32 to \$3.26 a square yard for paving, and \$1.60 to \$1.63 a foot for curbing.

Commissioner Lynch said the bids were lower than some received in other cities. Because the bids were

Seven Hurt When One Car Hurls Another Into Fence Near Hummelstown

Seven persons were more or less seriously injured last evening when an automobile in which they were riding was struck in the rear by another high-powered car, proceeding at a high rate of speed and hurled through a fence at Beaver schoolhouse, on the road between Hummelstown and this city.

George Lane, of Campbellstown, owner of the car in which the injured persons were riding, was driving it at the time. The other car is owned and operated by an Elizabethtown resident.

Robert Steck, of Hockersville, is reported to have been severely injured about the head and to-day is reported in a serious condition. Peter Painter, of Campbellstown, is suffering with a badly fractured right arm and injured hip.

The other five persons who were riding in the car at the time of the accident are badly bruised, scratched or cut. The other car proceeded on its way without stopping. No persons in it are believed to have been hurt.

Early Morning Fire at 1414 North Third Causes Slight Damage

When a fireplace at 1414 North Third street caught this morning damage to the extent of approximately \$50 resulted. The fire occurred about 5:30 o'clock this morning and the alarm was turned in from box 31 at the corner of Third and Reily streets. Walter Sellers lives in the property, which is owned by Walter Eyre, Green street.

SECRET PLEDGES OF JAPANESE ARE SEVERELY SCORED WILL NOT CALL WILSON BEFORE SENATE BODY

Senator Norris Produces Diplomatic Correspondence on Shantung

BLACK SPOT IN TREATY Ratification Means Pledge to Give American Lives and Blood if Necessary

PLOTTED RUIN OF CHINA Urged Her to Come in War as Ally and at Same Time Planned to Destroy Her

Foreign Relations Committee Hostile to His Appearance to Discuss Treaty

THE FIGHT IS GOING ON All Documents Considered by American Peace Commissioners Asked For

LEAGUE DRAFTS ALSO Senators Are Eager to Have Every Scrap of Information Attainable

By Associated Press. Washington, July 15.—Indications that Japan secretly secured pledges from Great Britain, France, Italy and Russia early in 1917 that in the peace settlement, Shantung peninsula should, for certain considerations, be turned over to the Tokio government, was made in the Senate to-day by Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, who produced what he declared to be copies of diplomatic correspondence embodying the promises of Great Britain and France. Those pledges, the Nebraska Senator declared, fully explained the pressure which resulted in Shantung's transfer to Japan under the Versailles Treaty, whose ratification by the Senate, would write "the blackest page in the nation's history."

British to Get Islands

Great Britain's influence in the matter, he charged, was secured by Japan's support of British claims to Pacific islands south of the Equator, while France's aid was purchased by a promise of the Tokio government to help draw China into the war so that German ships in Chinese harbors would be available for carrying troops and provisions to France.

On the 27th day of March, 1916, said Senator Norris, "the Japanese minister of foreign affairs at Tokio, approached the British ambassador located at that place, with a view of bringing about an agreement with

Washington, July 15.—Indications that President Wilson would not be asked to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for discussion of the Peace Treaty were said to-day to have been received in administration quarters.

High administration officials intimated they had been informed by some members of the committee that the majority of that body seemed hostile to suggestions that the President be asked to appear or that the committee confer as a body with him at the White House. Should the committee decide not to invite the President to appear before it, Mr. Wilson might begin his tour of the country earlier than he had planned. The general understanding has been that the President was withholding decision regarding his itinerary and the date for beginning his "swing around the circle" until the Foreign Relations

FLIGHT TO INDIA NEXT

London, Monday, July 14.—The R-33, sister ship to the British dirigible R-34, which has just completed a round trip across the Atlantic, will start on a trip to India within the next week. The dirigible will visit France, Switzerland, Italy and Egypt and it is expected that the voyage will take from fifteen to twenty days.

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LIGHTNING STRIKES CROWDED CAR. MANY HURT IN PANIC WHICH FOLLOWS

PITTSBURGH — TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS WERE INJURED, SEVERAL PROBABLY FATAALLY, WHEN LIGHTNING STRUCK A CROWDED HAMILTON AVENUE STREET CAR AT FIFTH AND WOOD STREETS IN THE CENTER OF THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, DURING A SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM THIS AFTERNOON. J. T. HOFFMAN, 50, MOTORMAN, WAS SEVERELY BURNED WHEN THE LIGHTNING, WHICH STRUCK THE TROLLEY WIRE CAME DOWN INTO THE CAR AND EXPLODED THE CONTROLLER. A NUMBER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE TRAMPLED IN A PANIC WHICH FOLLOWED.

Rome—The government of Premier Nitti which took office several weeks ago, to-night received a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies. The vote passed by 257 to 111.

GALLIVAN WITHIN RULES OF HOUSE

Washington—Before the prohibition enforcement bill was taken up in the House to-day Speaker Gillett ruled that Representative Gallivan, Massachusetts, in declaring in an address yesterday that he had heard members of Congress had stored away enough whisky to last them twenty years, had not transgressed rules of the House.

NO LETUP IN PROHIBITION FIGHT

Washington—With indications there would be no let up in the bitter fight which several times yesterday reached such a stage that proceedings were conducted in confusion and disorder, resumption of the prohibition enforcement measure was expected to be the only business in the House. Opponents of prohibition, assisted in some instances by members of the "dry" forces who have expressed belief that features of the legislation proposed are too drastic, were expected to continue their fight with moderation.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Lefloy Bell and Pearl M. Anderson, Harrisburg; Ralph D. Holst, Harrisburg; and Fairlie M. L. Lee, Harrisburg; James R. Maynard and Gladys L. McBride, Palmyra; Jacob A. Kline, Hummelstown, and Flonora H. Evidis, Palmyra; William A. Walsh, Jersey City, and Anna L. Walsh, Harrisburg.

THE WEATHER
Harrisburg and Vicinity: Thunder showers this afternoon or tonight. Wednesday fair. Not much change in temperature. Lowest to-night about 65 degrees.

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