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GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO REDUCE PRICES OF FOOD; TRAINMEN DEMAND CUT

Whole Energy Is Devoted to Problem

ALL BRANCHES ARE AT WORK

Sale of Goods Through Mails First Step

Washington, July 31.—President Wilson is giving deep and very thoughtful consideration to the high cost of living, it was announced to-day at the White House and all branches of the Government that might aid in solving the problem are at work.

Through Post Offices First steps in the Federal government's attempt to reduce the high cost of living were taken to-day with the inauguration of a plan for the sale of \$125,000,000 worth of army food stocks direct to the people...

Investigating Raisers At the Department of Justice investigations into causes of increasing living costs were under way with particular attention being given to the question of whether producers or dealers had combined in violation of law to raise prices of necessities.

Secretary Baker at the close of the conference said a price list covering the entire available surplus would be prepared at once by Assistant Secretary Crowell. The list, it was said at the Post Office Department, would be sent out to each of the 54,000 postmasters of the country and to every rural route carrier.

Railroad Shoppers Are Assured of Wage Jump; Warned Not to Strike

Washington, July 31.—Representatives of the six railroad shops who are in conference with railroad administration officials, telegraphed to shop employees over the country to-day not to strike pending final settlement of their demands. The workmen were informed that the railroad administration had consented to enter into a national agreement with the unions covering rules and working conditions.

TURN BACK RAILROADS Mexico City, July 31.—The Mexican railways and the Pan American Railway, which systems traverse the territory between the capital and the Gulf of Mexico and the Isthmus have been turned back to separate management. Information from reliable sources indicates that the government probably will return the systems to the private owners within a month.

THE WEATHER Harrisburg and vicinity: Uncertain weather, probably showers to-night and Friday. Not much change in temperature. Lowest to-night about 70 degrees.

WHAT IS WRONG?

What is the matter with food prices in Harrisburg? Lemons sold yesterday in local markets at three for 10 cents, or at the rate of 40 cents a dozen. A reputable stockholder 100 pieces away was selling the same quality of lemons, supposedly at a profit suitable to him, for 18 cents a dozen.

Several weeks ago fancy head lettuce brought here from California sold for 20 cents. One well-known dealer consulted himself on his business acumen in buying a stock when other dealers thought it could not be sold for that high figure. When he sold, more put it on sale and the price increased to 25 and then to 30 cents, because the people wanted it.

WILL SUBMIT BIDS ON ARMY CANNED FOOD

Committee Hopes to Buy Goods Low Enough to Insure Fair Saving

Harrisburg's municipal food committee to-day was asked to bid on canned goods now stored at the reserve depot at New Cumberland. The bid will be arranged to-morrow and turned over to Lieutenant J. R. Boyle. The committee will meet at the Mayor's house at 11 o'clock. It is expected that Lieutenant Boyle will have samples of the goods on hand.

Mayor Keister has received numerous inquiries regarding a supply of food for Harrisburg. Reports from other cities receiving supplies have resulted in many residents in this city asking why food cannot be sold in Harrisburg. The Mayor has tried to have it understood that when it is possible to get the food at prices that will give the people of this city a chance to buy at low cost, the supply will be forthcoming.

Altoona to Buy Again Reports from Altoona show a very satisfactory result over the sale of the first carload of goods. Up to last evening there remained but 750 pounds of bacon unsold. This was practically sold but the purchasers had either left the city or had placed an order through more than one source, and the small surplus would be sold by noon to-day.

It is probable that the local committee will order bacon, in crate, and in cans; No. 2 and No. 3 cans of tomatoes; canned peas and other vegetables; and one and two pound cans of corned beef and corned beef hash. Prices have been secured by the subcommittee of which Captain Harry M. Stine is chairman, and the local bids will be based on these prices.

Shipbuilder Charged With Defrauding U. S. by Padding Payrolls

New York, July 31.—Charles H. Strang, a shipbuilder, was arrested at his home in West Brighton to-day on an indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of Florida, April 17, charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government by means of a fraudulent payroll. The complaint was made by the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board which operates the Duval Shipbuilding Company in Florida where Strang was employed.

Warns Wages Must Be Raised or Food Lowered

REQUEST MUST BE MET OCT. 1

Brotherhood Will Take Necessary Steps to End

Washington, July 31.—William C. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced to-day that unless the railroad administration had taken action by October 1, on the demands of the brotherhood, that wages of the trainmen either be increased or the cost of living reduced, steps looking to the enforcement of the demands would be taken.

Mr. Lee said a resolution containing this declaration, which had been adopted last night by the special committee of 16 appointed at the recent convention of the trainmen at Columbus, Ohio, would be sent to the railroad administration. The resolution provided that in the absence of action by October 1, the committee would reconvene to consider "the necessity for using the protective features of the brotherhood."

Declares Upeheaval Near Mr. Lee made public an abstract of the report of hearings recently held by the board of railroad wages in the trainmen's demands at which he declared "an upheaval" was nearer in this country to-day than ever before, due to the unrest arising from mounting living costs. The railroad and government departments had better be assisting "to crush profiteering" by the "packers and other industries" he said, than "shouting across the table at each other" at hearings to consider still further increases.

"All of us are to blame," he said, "because we are exerting every effort to get more money for ourselves and better living. Every day we must realize that the profiteers are taking double from the working men what is given them and the trouble with the people on the hill (Capitol) with us and with every corporation and with everybody, is that we are exerting ourselves to get more money for ourselves and better living. Every day we must realize that the profiteers are taking double from the working men what is given them and the trouble with the people on the hill (Capitol) with us and with every corporation and with everybody, is that we are exerting ourselves to get more money for ourselves and better living."

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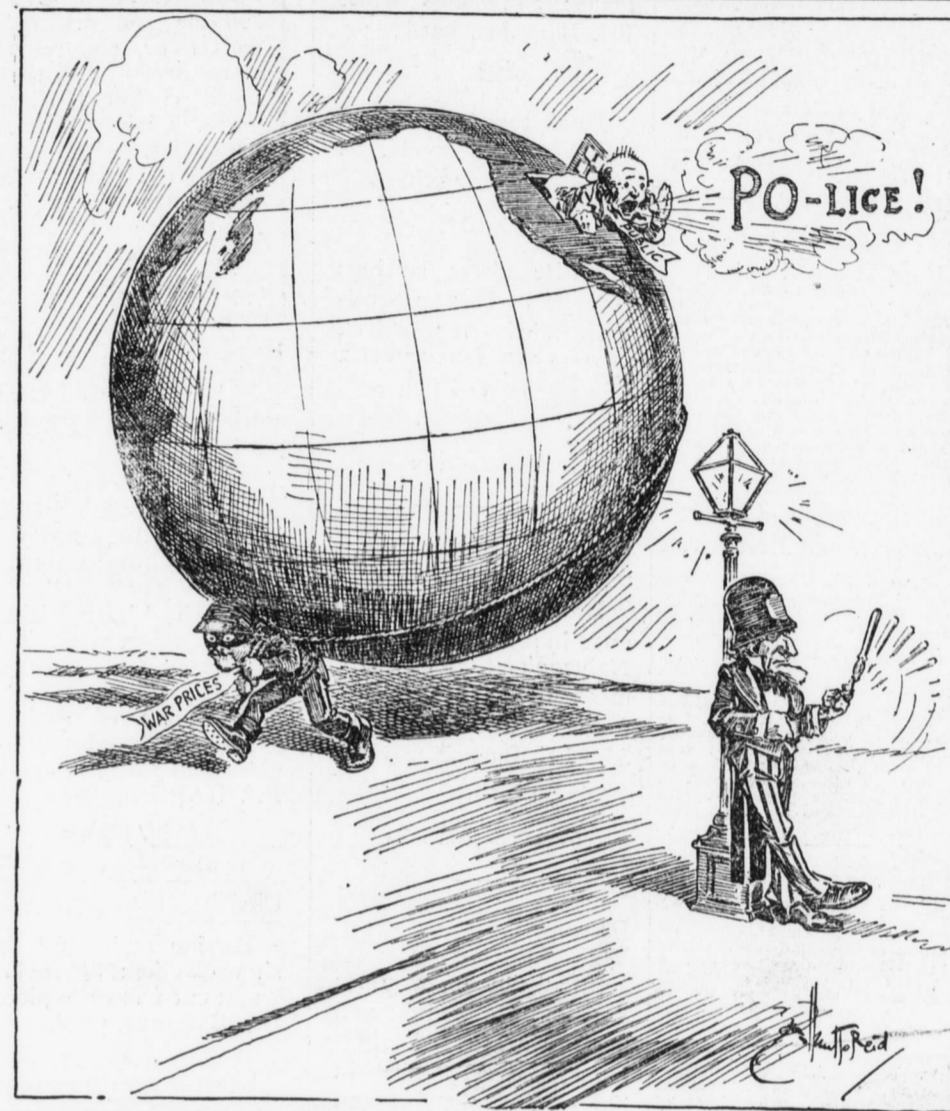
ZEMBO NAMES COMMITTEE TO PLAN TEMPLE

Members Asked to Subscribe For Second Mortgage Bonds

At an enthusiastic meeting of Zembo Temple, A. A. O. of N. M. S., held last evening, there was taken up the question of the proposed erection of a mosque in this city of adequate proportions to take care of the requirements of the local body and at the same time provide the city with an auditorium and facilities sufficient to accommodate large gatherings and conventions that might be brought to this city.

FLIES ACROSS S. AMERICA Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, July 30.—Lieut. Locatelli, a member of the Italian aviation mission now in Argentina, completed to-day an airplane flight from Buenos Aires to Valparaiso, his trip marking the first crossing by air of the South American continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Time For Some One to Act



FIRST MONTH OF PROHIBITION IS RECORD-BREAKER

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COUNCIL HAS AN OPEN MIND ON BATHING NEEDS

Harrisburg wants adequate bathing and swimming facilities and the people should have them. Commissioner W. H. Lynch said to-day, "But before we spend a large amount of money we should know where it would be best to locate the pool or pools in the city."

PETS MAY BE PETS BUT 15 CATS MAKE ANOTHER STORY

Neighbors Appeal to City Health Bureau When Felines Overrun Home of A. J. Pugh Residents in the 300 block in Boas street like pets, even cats but too many cats drove them to desperation and they complained to the city health bureau. Dr. J. M. J. Raueck, after hearing the complaint, had a suit brought against A. J. Pugh, 318 Boas street, charging him with harboring so many cats that they become a nuisance.

Negro Baptists Call Upon Wilson To Probe Riots

Altoona, July 31.—The Baptist State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. convention representing the colored Baptists which met here yesterday sent resolutions to President Wilson deploring the race riots in Chicago and calling upon him to investigate the cause of the awful situation so that the parties responsible, white or black, receive the legal punishment deserved.

HEAVILY ARMED GUARDSMEN ARE STOPPING RIOT

Patrols of Troops Bringing Order in Chicago; Rain Dampens Ardor

Chicago, July 31.—Chicago was comparatively calm to-day for the first time since Sunday, and public officials expressed the belief that the use of five regiments of State troops has effectively quelled the race riots which resulted in thirty deaths and the injury of more than 1,000 persons.

State militiamen are patrolling the danger districts on the south side. They were aided in preserving order by a driving rain, which kept crowds from gathering in the streets.

A dozen arrests were made of whites and negroes charged with carrying concealed weapons and there were several sporadic fights between white men and negroes, but no mob attacks were reported.

Boys Are Charged With Attempt at Robbery

Charged with endeavoring to break into a grocery store at North Cameron and Cumberland streets two sixteen-year-old boys, Frank Pierence, 1107 Cumberland street, and Victor Mutzbaugh, 1112 North Seventh street, were arrested late last night. The youths had started to cut from one of the windows of the store a pane of glass which would have permitted them to reach the window's lock. While about the work they were encountered by Patrolmen Dickey and Burgenstock on their beats and were taken into custody.

2452 PUPILS TO ATTEND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Two New Buildings Will Be Ready By September, Say Principals

With 2,452 pupils already enrolled in the classes of the two new Junior high schools, plans for opening these buildings in September, A. B. Wallize and J. J. Brehm, the principals, announced to-day.

Both buildings will be filled. All pupils in the ninth grade will be accommodated and in the seventh and eighth grades except approximately 500. The total enrollment will be nearly 2,500, it was predicted.

Because the third junior school has not been provided for the city it was necessary this fall to cut down the seventh and eighth grade classes in the two new buildings which are not large enough to accommodate them.

"Hardboiled" Smith's Commander Says A.E.F. Fled Lines by Thousands

Phoenix, Ariz., July 31.—Further defense of Lieutenant Frank H. (Hardboiled) Smith, in his conduct of Prison Farm No. 2 at Chiles, France, and assertions that large numbers of American army desertions made necessary drastic action were contained in a formal statement made public to-day by Colonel Edgar P. Grimstead, mentioned in testimony Tuesday before the Congressional committee in New York as one of the men responsible for alleged prison cruelties in the A. E. F.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Clarence E. Hoover and Grace F. Arnold, Highspire; Elaine B. Wolf and Mabel V. Hoffer, Hummelstown; Jacob Ulrich and Elizabeth Eberle, Harrisburg; Harry R. Fisher and Mabel M. Walters, Pennsylvania; Charles W. Hartzel and Maude E. Goodwin, Harrisburg; Earl H. Houch and Mary E. Tunn, Harrisburg; Horace Briggs and Beattie E. Spriggs, Steelton; Peter Fernandes and Fannie Cuff, Steelton.

STATE TO ASK CAPITOL BIDS WITHIN MONTH

Brunner's Visit Brings Time Nearer, Says Auditor General Snyder

BRIDGE AND BUILDING Hopes to See Changes of Street Lines Undertaken Before Winter

"As a result of the visit to Harrisburg last night of Arnold W. Brunner, the State's architect for the memorial bridge and the new Capitol office building, I think that we are on a fair way to start advertising for bids for the construction of these two works within a month," said Auditor General Charles A. Snyder to-day. The Auditor General, as a member of the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, is taking a close personal interest in the development of the plan to make the Capitol the civic center of the Commonwealth and is urging that there be an early commencement on the notable improvements.

Hiram Billel Elected President of Trust Co.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Allison Hill Trust Company, held yesterday afternoon, Hiram Billel, superintendent of the Boyd Farms, was advanced from vice president to president. A. G. Eden, treasurer, was given the added title of vice president and elected a member of the board of directors. John Campbell, secretary of the Harrisburg Manufacturing & Boiler Company and Herman Tausig, were elected directors to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of W. M. Hoerner and Morris Strohm.

VACATIONISTS ARE VICTIMS OF NEW RAILROAD ORDER

No Reason Given Why Harrisburgers Should Pay Full Fare

SUBURBS SAVE MONEY Fare to Seashore Cheaper if You Get on Train at Marysville

Harrisburg vacationists are the victims of an unexplainable order of the Federal Railroad Administration. They are being discriminated against in special summer rates for no apparent reason. Thursday is the weekly excursion day. From many points 16-day excursion day tickets are being sold at the reduced rate Thursday. Harrisburg folks must reach down into their pockets for the full fare—of eight or nine miles to another town and buy a ticket. The regular round trip rate from Harrisburg to Atlantic City is \$3.36. To-day tickets good for 16 days to and from Atlantic City could be had for \$6.24 at Marysville. The rate to Asbury Park from Harrisburg is \$10.65; from Marysville, \$7.54. Similar reductions were made from other points.

If Harrisburg folks desired to cut the cost of living and take in a sea-shore excursion they were obliged to go to Marysville. The only advantage local excursionists would have would be in train privileges. Buying a ticket here would offer travel on any train. A Marysville ticket is good only on one certain train. Low rate tickets could be had on the Cumberland Valley from Martinsburg to Mechanicsburg; and on the main line from Duncannon west. The reason given is "it is an order of the Federal Railroad Administration. The cheapest excursion rate Harrisburg people can get to Atlantic City without going to a neighboring town is a one-day rate of \$2.50 on certain Sundays.

BREST TIED UP Brest, July 31.—All work in the port has ceased, the employers have declared a lockout because of the demands of the dockers' union.

BRITISH NAVY TO COVER EVACUATION

London—The British government is arranging to send a naval force to Russia to cover the evacuation of the Archangel district by the troops there, it was announced here to-day. A contingent of regular army troops also is being held ready to assist therein necessary.

MAYS SUSPENDED FOLLOWING HIS TRADE

Chicago—Carl Mays, the Boston pitcher, who was traded yesterday by the Boston Americans to the New York Yankees, has been suspended indefinitely by B. B. Johnson, president of the American League. The suspension is the result of the desertion of the Boston club by Mays in Chicago July 13.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS TAKE DROP

Chicago—Unusually sharp setbacks took place in prices for grain and provisions to-day. Corn dropped nearly six cents a bushel to \$1.63 1-8 December delivery, and pork more than \$1 per barrel.

TARIFF MEASURES IN CONGRESS

Washington—The first tariff measures to come before Congress since Republicans regained control were on to-day's House program for action. The bills scheduled for consideration included that levying high ad valorem duties on chemicals, glassware and apparatus; another providing a duty of \$10 a ton on tungsten and the third fixing duties of \$10 a ton on crude magnesite, \$15 a ton on finished magnesite and \$15 a ton plus 10 per cent ad valorem on magnesite brick.

NOMINATED TO SHIPPING BOARD

Washington — After some discussion the Senate Commerce Committee to-day ordered a favorable report on the nominations of John Barton Payne, of Illinois; Thomas C. Scott, of Connecticut, and Henry M. Robinson, of California, to be members of the Shipping Board.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS

Vienna—The Austrian cabinet headed by Dr. Karl Renner has decided to resign.