

PRICES SLASHED IN FOOTWEAR FOR "EXPORT ONLY"

High Grade Shoes Quoted at From \$2.60 to \$4.35 a Pair

Harrisburg shoe wearers have been showing considerable interest in the newspaper stories from Philadelphia to the effect that prices of shoes intended "for export only" are quoted at a figure considerably below the rates of those intended for home wear.

The Philadelphia story says in part: "In the New York Commercial, of yesterday morning, appeared an advertisement offering 'for export only' women's high grade dress shoes in patent leathers and dull leathers at \$2.60 a pair. The same ad offered men's Goodyear welt dress shoes, in victrol, gummetal and tans, at \$3.00 a pair, and smoked horse solid leather, good shoes, at \$3.50 a pair."

Philadelphia hide and leather dealers, when shown copies of the advertisement, were much perturbed that the news should have gotten out. They attempted no explanation as to why shoes could be sold to American consumers.

The article, which was headed "Editorial Comment," appeared in the issue of Hide and Leather on August 2. Discussing profiteering, it said: "This week a hide merchant in the central west states has been trying 15,000 hides on which he expected to win a small fortune, but experienced traders seriously doubt if there are many accumulations of hides or skins, as the rapid advance in values have put tremendous stimulus on the most hardened speculators to reap a rich harvest."

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"To make matters worse," it says another place, "there is a marked tendency in retail shoe stores for salesmen to solemnly assure the customer to buy a pair of shoes that can afford, before they reach extreme figures. This artificial booming is dangerous and unwise. Taking the world over, it is generally agreed there is no real shortage of hides, skins, leather, shoes or other leather goods."

"Hide and leather market conditions continue strong and buoyant, and the markets for shoes, gloves and other leather merchandise are in the same position, but manufacturers and merchants are thinking more of the future than of the present. Leather men are busy delivering goods purchased, but are slow to accept new contracts for future delivery. Hides and skins are held in leather and shoe stores with certainty that future prices are a problem. Some trade members seem to take it for granted that prices of raw hides and skins will continue to rise. Others who are keenly watching developments are more conservative in their views. They feel that the upward rush in prices has been a speculative phenomenon, and that it has been easy for some months to sell right along at good profits; but that it is also probable that some leather is being held out of the market, thus intensifying the prevailing appearance of shortage. Then, again, it is considered likely that leather purchased some time ago by foreigners, but stored in American warehouses, offers a favorable opportunity for shipment, may be sold in America, owing to depreciation in foreign exchange.

"No wonder buyers and sellers are uneasy about the future. They perceive elements of danger. Congress is being stirred to investigate the question of shoe prices. At the same time some New York newspapers are advertising shoes for export at mysteriously low prices. It is a puzzling situation. Shoe jobbers and buyers for big mail-order department stores are studying whether to place orders to-day on best terms possible, or to hold back on the chance of the market calibrating down."

SLAYER WHO SAYS HE IS SON OF SENATOR NEW



Harry S. New, thirty-two year old, who shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Freida Lesser, near Glen Dale, California. Developments of the case have brought out that her first story told by New after he had surrendered to the police that he lost his fiancée because she told him she was going to evade mother-hood is to be used for his defense.

The tragedy has brought to light a romance of thirty years ago. His mother, Mrs. Lulu Berger, of Indianapolis, claims United States Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana, as her father, and says the noted statesman will surely come to her aid.

of sitting on the lid, Austin B. Garretson, former head of the Order of Railway Conductors, testified to-day before the House Interstate Commerce Committee, which is seeking to solve the problem of how best to handle the railroads after the war-time period of Federal control. Garretson said with great earnestness merely as straws which show how the wind is blowing over a sea of industrial unrest. Rumbles heard in many quarters do not mean, he said, that laboring people are about to overthrow the government, but indicate a demand that the government function.

It is largely in the power of Congress, he was declared, to allay the feeling. "But it cannot be done by inaction," he shouted. "Somehow the American people are not prone to want to overthrow the government to-morrow, unless an emergency forces us to act, and then we break all records."

Calling up his resolution, directing the Judiciary Committee to draft legislation for an embargo on the exporting of necessities, Senator Myers, Democrat, of Montana, today declared that "an open campaign for months."

Opposes Wage Increases "Already the railroad employes have threatened to strike if they are not given an increase in wages," Senator Myers said. "I, for one, do not favor increasing their wages."

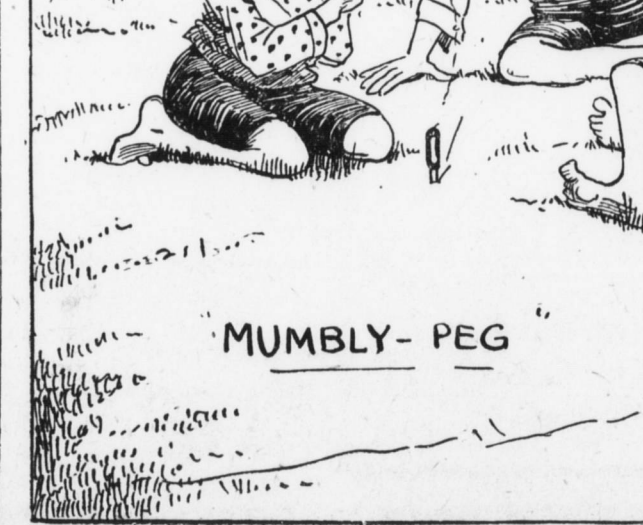
Basic Plan For League Combination of Drafts Submitted by All By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 12.—The plan for a League of Nations used as a basis of discussion at Versailles was not any of the drafts submitted by the United States, Great Britain, France or Italy, but was a combination of all of them, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was told today by David Hunter Miller, lead adviser to the League of Nations commission at Versailles.

Chairman Lodge said President Wilson had told the committee at the White House in March that the British plan, drawn by General Smuts, was used as a basis of consideration, but the witness protested that such was not his recollection. The plan taken as a basis of discussion, said he, "was modeled to some extent on the other plans, but it was not the Smuts plan."

The witness said he had submitted memoranda on the American plan, but did not see the finished product until it was printed in the report transmitted to the committee yesterday by President Wilson. "Where did the plan come from?" asked Senator Lodge. "I suppose it came from the President."

"What became of it?" "I think it was submitted to the commission on the League of Nations."

Days of Real Sport



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Steelton Businessmen to Join in Outing at Guadalupe

The annual picnic of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce at Guadalupe, the summer home of John W. Reilly, near Fort Hunter, will be a more successful outdoor function ever arranged by the Chamber, according to the notices to the membership which were issued by the committee in charge of the event, to-day. The committee is composed of Mercer B. Tate, chairman, Boyd M. Ogelsby, M. W. Payer, George N. Barnes and Frank J. Brady.

The picnic will be held a week from Thursday, and the trip to the picnic grounds will be made in automobiles from Market Square, beginning at 12.15 o'clock. The members of the organization with automobiles have been asked to volunteer their cars for the occasion, to carry the members who are without means of transportation, to the scene of the day's festivities.

The notices announcing the picnic state that the "usual eats, usual games, usual stunts, and a general good time" will be assured all who attend the affair. The notices do not add, but the committee in charge does not hesitate to affirm, that some of the stunts and games will be a little more than "usual," so that curiosity alone is expected to bring out no small number of the Chamber members.

Announcement also was made today that the Steelton Business Men's Association, which had planned to hold its outing on August 21 also, will join the local organization, and the two will hold their picnics together at Guadalupe. Many Steelton businessmen are members of the local organization, and the Steelton organization emphasizes the close relation of business interests between the two communities.

Reservations for the picnic must be in the hands of the committee by August 19, and the charge for a member is \$1.50, the notices state.

Contracts Are Let For State Road Construction

State Highway Commissioner Lewis S. Sadler today announced the award of contracts for road construction in Beaver, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lycoming and Northampton counties.

The awards were as follows: Beaver county, Eastvale borough, and North Sewickley townships, State-aid applications Nos. 122 and 124, 14.481 feet of reinforced concrete construction, Arenberg and McDonald, Norfolk, Va., \$138,431.51.

Jefferson county, Pine Creek township, 26,283 feet of one-course reinforced concrete construction on State highway route No. 60, between Emrichville and Brookville, Arenberg and McDonald, Norfolk, Va., \$237,514.45.

Lawrence county, Union and Mazoning townships, State highway route 81, 29,427 feet of construction, Arenberg and McDonald, Norfolk, Va., \$242,816.71.

Bids for the above projects were opened July 29. The following contracts were awarded on bids which were opened August 5: Lycoming county, Platt and Porter townships, and Jersey Shore borough, route 23, 14,286 feet of construction, W. J. Gephart, Pittsburgh, \$125,271.96.

Northampton county, from Wind Gap to Stockertown, on route 168, 29,182 feet of construction, E. P. Arbogast, Stroudsburg, Pa., \$217,812.

Booze Men's Convention Is on, but Oh, So Different

Reading, Pa., Aug. 12.—It was a doleful set of delegates which arrived here to attend the fifteenth annual convention of the State Liquor Dealers' Association, which opened to-day. Their old-time enthusiasm is lacking. They say no business has suffered more radical changes than has theirs. They can hardly reconcile themselves to the new conditions.

The convention will continue three days. Thomas J. O'Connor, of Erie, is president of the State organization. It is announced that no adjournment will be taken for "social" purposes, but that everything will be strictly business. This is a departure, as heretofore the conventions were nearly all social.

LIGHT SITUATION DUE TO ACCIDENT

[Continued from First Page.] effect of this work, he will not make any further statement. Councilmen accepted the report and ordered it filed. Then they directed Mr. Diehl to continue his investigation and make further statements to Council from time to time.

Mr. Diehl's report to-day follows: "In compliance with a resolution of last week directing an investigation of the electric lighting service, I desire to say that I have gone into the matter far as a limit would permit. Owing to the moving of the fire and police alarm headquarters, but little time could be devoted to the matter. It is to be noted that so far as the occurrence which precipitated the action of City Council is concerned, this was a combination of troubles that was a coincidence, rather than a usual occurrence."

"On the particular night in question a circuit was put out of commission in one instance by a tree falling upon it and breaking the wire, and in another instance a failure of the cable in the river wall at two different points. In each instance correction was made by the Electric Light Company, apparently at the earliest possible moment."

"So far as trouble of this nature is concerned, it is something that cannot be avoided, and the only thing we can expect is prompt repairs. As already stated this appears to have been done. It may be said that the matter is difficult to find the break in a circuit at night when everything is dark and it is necessary for men to go from lamp to lamp and look for the trouble. This necessarily requires time."

Promises Fuller Report "A matter which to my mind is one of greater importance is the sporadic lamp outages. These outages, probably cannot be obviated there has apparently not been the proper efforts, or rather the requisite force to take care of the proposition in a proper manner. Lamps that do not start early in the evening are frequently out until after the people have left the street."

"This matter has been taken up with the city engineer, and promises have been made to take care of these matters early in the evening, instead of making the correction after the entire city has been darkened."

"In view of the promises that have been made by the electric light people I ask the indulgence of Council for a more detailed report will be made."

"I take occasion to say that the Fourteenth Ward installation will be made in a very short time, the major portion of the material now being here. Meantime the very serious trouble we have been having in that section, and which has been entirely due to an inefficient time, the major portion of the material now being here. Meantime the very serious trouble we have been having in that section, and which has been entirely due to an inefficient time, the major portion of the material now being here."

"I also take occasion to say that the matter of voltage which was mentioned when the resolution was discussed has no bearing whatever upon the fixing of rates, prices on various commodities might have a good effect upon the necessities. Everywhere through the northwest the States and cities are giving attention to the question of living costs."

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To Grade Street Commissioner W. H. Lynch presented an ordinance providing for grading Reel's Lane from Fifth to Turner streets, together with a petition of property owners releasing the city from any damages. Ordinances authorizing the purchase of coal for fire companies, and the paving of Sprague street, from Drengring to Turner, house line to house line, instead of with curbing, were passed finally.

Commissioner S. F. Hassler, introduced a measure directing that six-inch water mains should be laid in Berkeley Place and in Rolleston street.

Gov. Sproul Hopeful of Things in General After Return From West

Chester, Pa., Aug. 12.—Governor William C. Sproul arrived at his home here yesterday after an absence of two weeks, during which time he had been in the State of Washington looking over some property in which he is interested.

The Governor said that business conditions throughout the country appear to be hopeful, but that business men are disturbed by the disorganization of the railroad service and the increasing scarcity of labor, while the working people are everywhere uneasy due to the extremely high cost of everything for decent living.

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U. S. FOODSTUFFS TO GO ON SALE FRIDAY

One Day Delay Occasioned by Inability of Food Committee to Get Volunteers; Idea Is to Keep the Overhead Charges Down to a Minimum

Government food will be placed on sale in Harrisburg, Friday morning. It is probable that the sale of canned goods and meats will be started at each of the elevator houses at 10 o'clock. The change in time for the sale of these goods was made necessary because of the inability to secure chauffeurs to handle the trucks.

The committee is desirous of giving the people of Harrisburg the Government food at as low cost as possible. With this end in view the expenses in getting the food to Harrisburg will be held down. A number of chauffeurs have volunteered their services and the subcommittee, in charge of the trucks expect other volunteers. There will be 12 trucks.

Food Comes Thursday The food will be brought here Thursday and distributed to the firehouses. It will be checked up by the chairman at each firehouse, and by the general committee. There will be no change in the prices. Harrisburg is getting the food at less cost than other cities. This is particularly due to the fact that Harrisburg will not have a freight bill to pay.

At a meeting this afternoon, held in the City Council Chamber, members of the general committee, together with the chairman and subcommittee members from each firehouse, and arranged details for selling the goods. The general committee members will be permitted to enter the firehouses unless he or she intends to make a purchase. To aid in observing this rule the coupon tickets will in all probability be sold on the outside. Purchasers may buy with many coupons at ten and five cents each as they please. There will be nothing sold under ten cents. All coupons not used will be redeemed by the cashier.

Must Be No Crowding It was explained at the meeting this afternoon that the purpose of making a rule of this kind was to prevent crowding about the sale counters. Mayor Daniel L. Keister will have an officer at each firehouse. In order to save time it was suggested that purchasers have ready a list of goods wanted, buy promptly, and make room for the next customer. Prospective buyers will not be limited to any number of coupons. They may buy one or more coupons, but once on the inside must make their purchase without any delay.

It was also said this afternoon that there might be a number of folks who would not want a 12-pound can of bacon. To overcome this, the more persons may buy, the more they can divide the bacon when they reach home. It was stated emphatically that there would be no changes made, nor will any orders be received by telephone.

This food was secured through the efforts of the Municipal Food Committee named last week. The latter is the only person who could sign an order for the food, and it must be understood that the canned goods and meats will be offered to the people of Harrisburg at Government prices. Every effort will be made to prevent any person or persons from buying more than the allotment named, six cans each of the three vegetables, six cans of corned beef, two cans of roast beef, and one can of bacon.

publicans of a fine type, well trained in public affairs. The Governor said that he had been in touch with the North Penn Bank situation and the people may depend upon it that the State Administration in behalf of the Commonwealth.

12 CENTS FAIR FOR SUGAR Chicago, Aug. 12. — Henry C. Roloph, in charge of the Federal Food Administration Sugar Bureau, today set 12 cents a pound as a fair price of the commodity to the consumer. He declared that any retail price in excess of this figure was "outrageous profiteering."

SHAH TO VISIT SWISS By Associated Press. Paris, Monday, August 11.—The Shah of Persia, with a suite of 29, will leave Teheran on August 12, for Switzerland. It is learned here, through the fixing of fair prices on various commodities might have a good effect upon the necessities. Everywhere through the northwest the States and cities are giving attention to the question of living costs.

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HARDS CRABBLE ASKS SETTLEMENT

[Continued from First Page.] now is anxious to go, he told a Telegraph representative. Ready to Go "Let the city pay me my money and I will leave at any time," Mr. Berrier replied in answer to a query about settlement. "The Supreme Court ruled on the payment of damages for improvements since '11, and as soon as the city paid I will leave. I believe others in the district feel the same way. Some of them told me so a number of times."

The question of payment for improvements since 1871, was one of the legal points argued before the Supreme Court. The Dauphin county court decided the city must pay for the improvements since that date, and the city appealed from the decision, but the higher court sustained the county judges.

When it was learned that a Telegraph representative had spoken to some of the property owners and other who had not been visited called by telephone to give his opinion in favor of prompt settlement by the city.

Wants to Move "Just say that I want the city to take over the properties now. I heard that you were speaking to some of the property owners in the neighborhood, and I'm one you didn't get to see." The call was made by J. E. Reed, owner of 1320 North Front street, who said that William T. Reed, owner of 1322, and Mary A. Reed, who owns 1324, are of the same opinion.

Frederic W. Dinger, 1224 North Front street, is another resident in the district who does not think there should be any more delay in settling the case. "I'd like to see," he said, "if I could just see as they give me notice, with about two or three months to find another place," he said. "I'd like to see," this whole business closed up now."

It is said that in one or two instances owners of properties secured options on places in other parts of the city but had to release them because they expired before the time that it was thought the city would make.

A. P. Dintaman, who conducts a boat livery at 1114 North Front street, said he is not anxious to go because it will mean that his place of business will be closed. "I have been here for many years and have built up a big business. Why should I care to leave?" Mr. Dintaman said. "Of course, I would like anything to stop the improvement now that all the points have been decided. But it was determined to get what I believe was due me, and I must comply the courts for the settlement of me and the careful consideration they gave to the cases."

In October motions for new trials in the cases on the east side of the street, in which the city is endeavoring to assess benefits for proposed improvements on places to west side will be argued before Judge S. J. M. McCarrell. Counsel for the property owners claim that the city has no right to assess benefits on the district when the improvement will be one of general benefit to the city. Other legal questions about the proceedings also may be argued.

Plan Inquiry Into Deaths of Kalbfus and Kelly

Warren, Pa., Aug. 12.—Inquiry will be made into the cause of the accident in which Joseph Kalbfus, of Harrisburg, and E. W. Kelly met death Sunday morning at Saybrook, Coroner Chapman, who was out of the city, will delve into the cause of the accident.

The official taking of testimony into the cause of the accident will be held Wednesday evening, August 20, and there will be a score or more of witnesses summoned. District Attorney Eddy will conduct the examination in behalf of the Commonwealth.

Advertisement for ROTHERT & CO. featuring a SPECIAL ONE DAY SALE of Quality Brand Aluminum Ware. The ad lists various items like kettles, coffee pots, and sauce pans, with prices ranging from \$1.59 to \$4.50. The sale starts Wednesday, August 13 at 9 o'clock. The address is 312 Market St.

EUROPE BUYS FOOD MUCH CHEAPER

[Continued from First Page.] as he served the old masters in the past. Discussing the Plumb plan for tripartite control of the roads, Mr. Garretson said that "utterly unjust" capital account, while the other plans submitted to Congress added to it until the grandchildren of the present generation would stagger under the load."

"The Board of Directors, under the Plumb plan," Mr. Garretson said, "would be the court of last resort in determining wages, but the right of employes to strike would not be abridged."

"But," he explained, "the employes would be partners in the enterprise. If the wage board would hear wage disputes and refused to grant increases it would pledge a large percentage of employes' business to it. So if a body of employes went on strike, they would find a large employe element who felt their own rights had been invaded and injured and who would stick."

"It will be a long time before you eliminate strife from industry," Europe's imports of food from this country, particularly that purchased with the \$100,000,000 fund which President Wilson said was necessary to stop the western spread of Bolshevism, drew the fire of Senator Myers, who declared in a speech that people abroad were buying American wheat cheaper than they could be purchased at home.

President Wilson's suggestion that Congress could show what can be done to control mounting prices by remedying the extortion which it has been charged was rampant in the drafting of a bill by the district commissioners in conjunction with Chairman Murdock of the Federal Trade Commission, which would put under license all dealers in food, fuel and wearing apparel with the licenses revocable on proof of profiteering.

Nine tenths of the energies of labor leaders are given to the job