



WILL TAKE STEPS TO CHECK RISING CLOTHING PRICES

Producers to Consumer Will Gather in Conference at Washington

STANDARDIZED PRODUCT To Be Sold at Reasonable Price as Check to Extravagance in Purchasing

Washington, Dec. 19.—Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference here early in January of persons interested in the production of wearing apparel, from the producer of raw materials to the consumer of the finished product.

The calling of the conference was announced to-day by Assistant Attorney General Figg, who said that in addition to affecting economies in operation, it was planned to provide for the production of standard quality cloth and garments for sale at a reasonable price, as an inducement to the public to check extravagance in purchasing.

Producers' Suggestion Suggestions for the conference came from producers of wearing apparel and a number of seventy-five being chosen, the personnel of which will be announced after the Christmas holidays. The amalgamated clothing unions will be represented in the conference.

Mr. Figg said it was generally agreed among producers that one essential for reducing the cost of clothing was to have manufacturers devote their plants to necessities, meaning the type of clothing purchasable by the average man. Some clothing manufacturers were said to believe that men's suits could be sold at a profit for \$25, if an arrangement could be worked out between mills, manufacturers and retailers, whereby a certain percentage of business could be devoted to goods of standard quality to be turned out in quantity.

No Attempt at "Uniform" There is no intention to design a "uniform" for the public, Mr. Figg stated, and the standard goods under consideration would be standard in quality, rather than in pattern.

The Department of Justice also is taking other steps to turn the attention of the public to the lower priced goods, neglected in the reaction from the "economy" program. Mr. Figg has suggested to the National Retail Drygoods Association that "economy departments" be established by the association's members which would call the attention of customers to the fact that goods of excellent quality but medium in price still are to be had.

Disapproval of "Economy Sales" Mr. Figg has disapproved the action of some merchants, however, who were said to have taken advantage of the suggestion and inaugurated "economy" sales. The government does not desire to stampede the public into purchasing goods not needed, simply because they are advertised as "bargains," Mr. Figg said.

With the coal strike over, officials expect to give renewed attention to the cost of living. A call was sent out to-day from Attorney General Palmer's office for a meeting of the committee with whom he has met frequently in the past on the price of necessities. The committee members are Charles C. Baker, Daniel and Wilson, Director General Hines, Chairman Murdock, of the Federal Trade Commission, and others are members of the committee.

Distillers Hear Liability For Whisky Cannot Be Further Provided

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Still without a plan so far as learned, to dispose profitably of 35,000,000 gallons of liquor before the government must be out of the country, Kentucky distillers to-day heard a pronouncement by the Connecticut Mutual Insurance Company, attorneys here, that liability for whisky could not further be provided by the company. This action was taken by the company, it was announced, because of the fact that no valuation can be placed on liquor now that it cannot be sold. While no other insurance company has taken similar action, whisky men were said to forecast further announcements of this kind shortly, which, it was said, would endanger safety of their stocks from fire or damage.

STEAMER GOES ASHORE Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—The American steamer Toka was gone ashore on the coast of Nova Scotia, according to a report received here. Her position was considered dangerous. Tugs have started to her assistance.

The Toka is a wood cargo steamer of 1,541 tons. She sailed from Rotterdam on November 26, bound for Hampton Roads.

THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Snow this afternoon and probably to-night and Saturday with rising temperature, lowest to-night about 15 degrees. Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably snow to-night and Saturday. Rising temperature. Moderate east wind.

Unable to Rent House Family Tramps Streets



London, as well as Harrisburg, is having great difficulty with its housing problem. This photograph, taken in the English capital, shows a man walking through the streets, accompanied by his wife and their five children, bearing an appeal to some good Samaritan for shelter. All of the children are under five years of age.

HOVERTER AT WORK ON MESSAGE TO CITY

Mayor-Elect Selects Albert M. Hamer as Secretary; Will Conduct Police Court Hearings

Mayor-elect George A. Hovertier said to-day that he is at work on his inaugural message and is giving close study to the municipal problems that will be before City Council during his term, so far as they can now be seen. "I have been sitting with Council during discussion of the budget for the coming year," he said, "and have been very much impressed with the efforts of the councilmen to give the city a dollar's worth for every dollar expended and to keep down expenses wherever possible. The members have been kind and courteous and the experience has been most enlightening."

Replying to a question as to his attitude on public matters, Mayor-elect Hovertier said he will embody in his message and will not discuss them at this time. "You may say that I have finally decided to name Albert M. Hamer as my secretary," he said. "I have selected Mr. Hamer because he has experience with the work, is a man of clean habits, honest and well and favorably known in the city. He will take office January 5, when I do, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of the present incumbent. I am much gratified that he has accepted."

AGREEMENT WITH PACKERS ENDS LONG ROW

Caused Expenditure of Much Money and Untold Bitterness

Washington, Dec. 19.—Retirement of the packers from all lines of business except the meat and produce business, ends a fight of long standing which has been an issue in elections and political debate for years, the subject of much attempted legislation, the cause of the expenditure of thousands of dollars in investigations and untold bitterness between the packers on the one hand and the government, livestock producers and small business firms on the other.

The present settlement is an outgrowth of an investigation started by the Federal Trade Commission by direction of President Wilson on February 7, 1917. A letter reviewing that work and what it accomplished was transmitted to the White House last night by Chairman Murdock and his associates.

Tannery Is Destroyed at Loss of Million

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The Eberle Tannery Company in Westfield, Pa., was damaged severely by fire yesterday with a loss of one million dollars, covered by insurance. The blaze started from a defective electric wire or overheated motor. Ninety thousand hides of leather were damaged, 50,000 of them being a total loss.

DAUGHTER IS BORN TO MRS. ENRICO CARUSO New York, Dec. 19.—A daughter was born last night to Mrs. Enrico Caruso, formerly Miss Dorothy Park Benjamin, of New York, who was married to the tenor in August, 1918.

POSTAL CLERK CHARGED WITH RIFLING MAILS

Father of Six Children Confesses the Theft of Money

CAUGHT BY TEST LETTER Worked Sixteen Years on the Same Job Before Stealing Christmas Mail

Joseph L. Bell, 45 years old, of 743 South Nineteenth street, is in the custody of W. T. Eddy, Deputy United States Marshal, awaiting the return of United States Commissioner John A. F. Hall. Bell is charged with rifling the mails and stealing money. He was arrested last night by A. B. Crawford, post office inspector for this city. Bell has been in the postal service for sixteen years.

Surprised at Arrest Bell was employed as a night clerk. He looked after city mail from routes 2, 3 and 4. Test letters were used and one mailed yesterday failed to reach its destination. It was traced and found on the person of Bell. He had spent some of the money at the Philadelphia Quick Lunch, and the balance was found in a coat pocket, the letter in which it was sent being discovered later where Bell had thrown it.

At Least One Prophet Is Not Without Honor in His Own Country There will be no fires to-morrow, but each successful day and three months should have at least one alarm according to the tip passed out to city firemen to-day by Record Clerk Earl White, of the Harrisburg Police Department, who is rapidly developing into an accurate fire prognosticator.

Radicals Are Being Assembled at Pittsburgh For Immediate Deportation Pittsburgh, Dec. 19.—Radical foreigners who are to be deported were being assembled here to-day from points in West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania preparatory to their departure to-night for Ellis Island.

WILL NOT ABANDON BILLS IN SENATE WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Bills proposing government regulation of the packing industry now before the Senate Agriculture committee, will not be abandoned as a result of the decree, Senators Kendrick and Kenyon declared, authors of the measures, announcing.

CHARGE DISCRIMINATION Middleboro, Ky., Dec. 19.—Discrimination against miners by mine operators of District 19 embracing parts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia, is charged by S. A. Keller, district president of the United Mine Workers of America. He said to-day that 8,000 of the 20,000 miners in the entire field are idle, many having been discharged by mine owners because of their union activity.

WANTS BAN LIFTED Washington, Dec. 19.—Representative Richard Olney, of Massachusetts, called at the White House to-day to urge President Wilson to proclaim demobilization immediately, with a view to lifting the wartime prohibition ban.

VICTORY FOR U. S. PALMER DECLARES ON STRIKE'S END

Tells Investigators Termination of Coal Trouble Was Not a Settlement

GOVERNMENT WINS FIGHT Cites Compliance With Demands and Return to Work as Proof

Washington, Dec. 19.—Termination of the coal strike was not a settlement but victory for the government, Attorney General Palmer to-day told the Senate subcommittee investigating the strike. "The government has won its fight," Mr. Palmer said. "There was no settlement, in actuality; the men and the union officials have complied with our demands and returned to work."

Prospect Now Is For One and a Half Mill Increase in City Tax City Councilmen will meet again to-night to consider the 1920 budget. It was said to-day in official circles that some of the Commissioners are anxious to cut the appropriation requests so that it will be necessary to only increase the tax rate from ten to eleven and one-half mills.

Eckinger Surcharge to Be Heard by Court Five cases have been listed for the December argument court session, to be heard on Tuesday. One of them is an appeal by Coroner Jacob Eckinger from a surcharge made by County Controller Henry W. Gough, in his annual report for 1917, in which he claimed the coroner received fees to which he was not entitled. Another case is a petition by County Treasurer Mark Mumma for payment for issuing 1919 dog licenses. The other cases were: Mary E. Drawbaugh vs. General Cigar Company, motion for new trial; Commonwealth vs. Herbert Mitchell, motion for new trial; Century Manufacturing Company vs. David Seitzoff, motion for judgment for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ASSASSINATE LORD FRENCH

Fusillade Directed at Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Kills Civilian Several shots are said to have been fired by Lord French's assailants. The military present promptly returned the fire and one of the assailants was shot dead. His body lay by the wayside. Ambulances were immediately rushed to the spot. Information gathered indicated that the assassins fired from a field while the vice-regal party was passing along the road.

Jewels Which Adorned Egyptian Princess 1900 B. C. Placed on Display New York, Dec. 19.—Jewelry worn by an Egyptian princess of the Twelfth dynasty, 1900 years before the Christian era, was displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to-day. It is declared to be the finest collection of personal ornaments ever brought out of Egypt.

Man Charged With Theft in Two Ten-Cent Stores Charged with shoplifting in Kresge's and in Woolworth's five and ten-cent stores, Robert Landis, of Middletown, was arrested this morning by Patrolman Lowery. He will be given a hearing in police court during the afternoon.

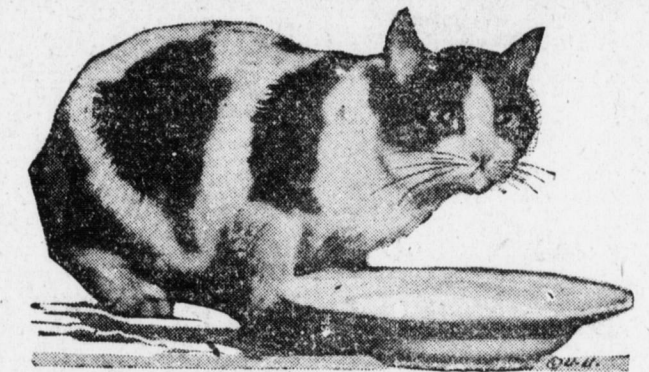
RED BREAK WIRE DEFENCES London.—Severe fighting in the vicinity of Narva, on the Estonian front, where the Bolsheviks broke through wire defences and captured several villages, it is reported in an official statement issued by the Soviet government at Moscow to-day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Amos W. Brandt, Hershey, and Mary M. Marberger, Palmyra; Charles C. Steiner and Carolyn M. Lindley, Harrisburg; Albert K. Foster and Lulu A. Matter, Vilonia.

Forty-Three of Crew Are Drowned When Ship Sinks Far Out at Sea

Tabby, as City Guest, Arouses Ire



The New York City administration is all worked up over an ordinary, everyday tabby cat named Madeleine. She came to public notice in this way: Mayor Hylan ran across an item of \$6.50 for the maintenance of a cat in the Department of Education reports for the month of July, August and September. He wanted to know why, and wrote to David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, asking him to make an investigation.

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DOCTOR FLIES TO ISLAND CUT OFF BY FLOWING ICE

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ACQUIT GIRL OF KILLING FATHER

Doylestown.—A verdict of not guilty was rendered to-day in the case of Clara Bartol, 16 years old, on trial for the murder of her father. The jury was out only 20 minutes.

H. E. HUNTINGDON SUCCEEDS TRUMBULL

New York.—H. E. Huntingdon, a nephew of the late Collis P. Huntington, was elected chairman of the board of directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company to-day to succeed Frank Trumbull.

BUY NEW HIGH SPEED STEEL PROCESS

New York.—The Vanadium Corporation of America has virtually completed negotiations for the purchase of the Primos Chemical Company, it was announced to-day. The Primos Company is an important producer of molybdenum, the principal alloy used in the new high speed steel discovered by Prof. Armold, of Sheffield University.

FIRST CROSS ATLANTIC FLIER KILLED

Rouen.—Captain Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic, died here this afternoon as a result of injuries he received when his plane crashed yesterday near Cottevard, Normandy.

VISCOUNT FRENCH "ALL RIGHT"

London.—News of the attempt to assassinate Viscount French in Dublin was confirmed this afternoon by the Irish office. A late message from Dublin said Viscount French was "all right."