

HOTEL MEN OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ORGANIZE NEW CHAPTER OF GREETERS' ASSOCIATION



—Photo by Roshon.

REPORT SHOWS COST INCREASES

Industrial Conference Board Statement Shows Big Jumps

Boston, Dec. 29.—An increase of 80 per cent to 85 per cent in the cost of living for American wage-earners between July, 1914, and November, 1919, is shown in a statement issued by the National Industrial Conference Board...

higher than the average of prices in the year 1913, which is taken as representative of pre-war conditions. This marks an increase of 1 per cent since July, 1919, when food prices were 90 per cent higher than before the war and of 5 per cent since November, 1918, when prices were 82 per cent higher.

Although all food prices continued higher in November, 1919, than before the war, prices of the following articles were lower than in November, 1918: navy beans, 24 per cent; little beef, 18 per cent; bacon, 12 per cent; chuck roast, 12 per cent; round steak and rib roast, 6 per cent each; lamb, 5 per cent; ham, 1 per cent; sirloin steak and pork chops, 2 per cent each. Other articles for which quotations were reported cost more in 1919 than in 1918.

A continued advancing tendency. One hundred ninety-five retail clothing dealers in 66 cities throughout the United States furnished comparative prices of yard goods and wearing apparel in July, 1914, July, 1919, and November, 1919. The largest average price increases reported between 1914 and November, 1919, were for cotton yard goods, but overall, the cheaper grade of work shirts, knit underwear, and women's shoes and gloves showed increases averaging well over 150 per cent.

The increase in rents the country over between July, 1919, and November, 1919, has been estimated at 8 per cent, and between November, 1919, and November, 1918, at 15 per cent. The largest average price increase reported between 1914 and November, 1919, was for cotton yard goods, but overall, the cheaper grade of work shirts, knit underwear, and women's shoes and gloves showed increases averaging well over 150 per cent.

Fuel, Heat and Light Coal prices were received from 114 dealers in 42 representative cities. From these it appears that the average cost of anthracite had increased 60.5 per cent for chestnut and 62.2 per cent for stove coal since July, 1914; the cost of bituminous coal had risen 66.6 per cent. However, in each case, in those sections where it is most extensively used, the increase of each type of coal was considerably greater. Allowing for this, the average advance in the cost of fuel of all kinds since 1914 represents a rise of about 5 per cent since July, 1919.

STATE GREETERS BREAK A RECORD

Hotel Men's Organization Formed Here With Over 100 Members to Help Business



GEORGE D. WORTHINGTON

Festivities attending the formation of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Greeters ended at the Penn-Harris Saturday night with the statement by Leonard Hicks, of Chicago, manager of the Penn-Harris, the National president of the Greeters, that the Keystone State organization had broken the record in membership of a baby charter with 104 and had set a pace for hospitality. The Greeters is a "hand-and-hand" organization. In the language of George D. Worthington, assistant manager of the Penn-Harris, the president of the new State organization, it is where proprietors, managers, clerks, auditors and others concerned in the hotel business can get together on the same plane, considerations of rank being abolished and all being privileged to speak. The hotel people of the whole country are interested and with changed conditions in their business due to the disappearance of the bars the Greeters are going to be a pretty influential body of men in affairs and in bringing back at least in a modern way the boniface who met his guests at the door and bade them goodby.

Mr. Worthington was given many compliments upon his election and the Penn-Harris and its management came in for highest praise, while every one of the speakers from out of town at the dinner which closed the sessions had a bouquet or two for Harrisburg on its waking up. L. E. Callidine, manager of the Plaza, secretary of the new association, presided at the dinner and the speakers included Lieutenant Governor Edward E. Beddeman, President E. J. Stropole, of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hicks, Horace Leland Wiggins, manager of the Penn-Harris, who spoke on being the host and presented his staff, much to the embarrassment of some of them; C. B. Vost, of York, on being a good clerk; Louis Lukes, of the Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster, president of the State Hotelmen's Association, and Col. "Tom" Leslie, secretary of the association; E. R. Sager, of the Adelpia, Philadelphia; Edward W. Martin, of Walters Park, Wernersville, who will be the next host and representatives of the hotel press from New York and other cities.

Three-minute greetings were given by Gus M. Steinmetz, president of the Rotary Club; Al K. Thomas, president of the Kiwanis Club, and Arthur D. Bacon, speaking for the Travelers' Protective Association. All trespassed upon their time limits, but gave some entertaining views from the standpoint of the man out of the hotel, who often has to look in and stay in.

Carranza Goes After Pirates Off Mexican Coast

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Pirates, buccaners, story-book men in high, leather boots who swear terrible oaths and carry huge swords, are not all dead. A number of them have been found on small islands off the west coast of Mexico and President Carranza has dispatched from Mazatlan a naval expedition equipped for two months' service with the object of routing the outlaws. Travelers on the Pacific have told of late of seeing numerous bands of these pirates who have preyed upon tramp vessels with occasional success and at other times engaged in smuggling. Their headquarters are in the almost inaccessible caves on lonely islands where, it is said, they have stored in such valuable booty which at opportune moments they carry to United States or South American ports. Most of their plunder is obtained from Mexico. The Mexican government is determined to rid its islands of the freebooters and its present expedition after driving out the pirates will set up military posts to guard against their return.

Names Campaign Committee For Brown

Providence, Dec. 29.—President V. H. P. Faunce, of Brown University, has appointed an executive committee to have charge of the raising of her endowment and development fund of \$3,000,000. This committee is headed by Henry D. Sharpe, of Providence, chairman, and Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus, of Boston, associate chairman. The new fund will be used to "increase the salaries of the faculty; to strengthen the instructional staff; and to develop those courses that make for the best manhood, and produce the highest grade of citizenship."

N. Y. Bank Merger Brings Recollections of Ancient Feud

New York, Dec. 29.—Recollections of the political feud which resulted in the duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, at Weehawken, N. J., in 1804, have been revived here by the merger of the Manhattan Company and the Merchants' National Bank, two of the oldest financial institutions in New York.

For more than 115 years the two establishments have dwelt side by side at 40 and 42 Wall street and in 1882 they united in the construction of the new building which they have occupied jointly ever since. In the union of these once rival institutions the metropolis loses probably the last tangible trace of the most famous of early American antagonisms. Although the banks themselves have long since "buried the hatchet" there was a time when they were neighbors in name only—when the mere suggestion of their getting together would have been dismissed as unthinkable.

TO ASK WILSON TO SET ASIDE THE WITSCHKE VERDICT

Recommendations Will Be Made For New Trial Under the Espionage Act

Washington, Dec. 29.—Recommendation will be made to President Wilson by the Department of Justice that the court-martial sentence of death imposed some fourteen months ago on Lathor Witschke, former German naval officer, for plotting against the United States, be set aside and that the officer be tried for violation of the espionage law by a Federal court, it was stated last night by a high official of the department. Witschke, who is said by officials here to have been captured in Nogales, Ariz., early in 1918, is now being held in the military prison at Fort Sam Houston, awaiting presidential disposition of the findings of the court-martial which tried him. Department of Justice officials refused last night to give in detail the nature of the charges against the German officer. Reports were not denied that evidence in possession of the government had connected him with the "Black Tom" explosion at Jersey City and with propaganda designed to arouse the negro population of the south. President Wilson, it was said, after going over the findings of the court-martial was not convinced that the case of Witschke was one within the jurisdiction of the military authorities and for that reason has asked the opinion of Attorney General Palmer.

Dressmakers Plan Big 1920 Program

New York, Dec. 29.—The installation of several new departments and the enlargement of the work by the Associated Dress Industries of America will make up the program for the year of 1920. It is planned by the organization to broaden the scope of the work, which embraces the correction of trade abuses in the garment industry, and to this end an extensive campaign is now in the course of preparation, to go into effect after the holidays, which time also registers the beginning of the buying season for the retail trade of the country. More dresses made in the United States have been shipped to foreign countries in the year 1919 than during any previous year. The annual meeting of this national trade body will take place about the middle of next month.

Company Promoting New Japanese Idea

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Company promoting is the fashion of the day in

Japan. There is capital without limit available, apparently, and the newspapers every day display large advertisements of new capital issues some of which are equivalent to about \$5,000,000 each. New capital issues up to the end of September this year amount to the equivalent of \$1,000,000,000. In the same period in 1915, it was \$38,000,000.

Advertisement for Hill's Cascara Quinine Bromide, featuring a picture of a person and text: "48,000 Drug Stores Sell It. Five million people use it to KILL COLDS. HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE. Standard cold remedy for 20 years. In tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—breaks up a cold in 24 hours—relieves grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. The genuine box has a Red Top with Mr. Hill's picture. At All Drug Stores."

How To Drive Away The Pains and Aches of Rheumatism

Woman Tells of Remarkable Recovery

In Three Days' Time After She Spent Hundreds of Dollars and Tried Almost Everything Under the Sun Without Getting Relief.

Only one who has suffered the terrible agonies of rheumatism, neuritis, sciatica or other inflammatory conditions can realize the feeling of joy and relief that came to me when first I realized that my pains and inflammation had disappeared and I was able to walk and work with perfect ease and comfort. I am a woman 53 years old and before using Cell-O-San, which produced such a marvelous change in three days' time, I had been flat on my back in bed for more than two weeks, unable to lift my arms or move my limbs without the most intense suffering. During two years I had been doctoring with all sorts of internal and external remedies, electricity, salts, poultices and plasters, but each thing I tried, if it gave even temporary relief soon left me in a worse condition than ever. I had reached a point where I thought my malady were incurable and had completely lost faith in everything. Yet, within twenty-four hours after beginning this new process I was encouraged by the improvement that I kept right on. In three days' time the pains had almost entirely disappeared and more than a month not only has there been no sign of their return, but I feel better than I have in years.—Mrs. C. M.

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, featuring a picture of a pill bottle and text: "The Stomach Begins digestion, but the most important work is done by the bowels, liver and kidneys. Failure of these to act efficiently allows the whole body to be poisoned. BEECHAM'S PILLS do more than produce bowel movement. Liver, skin and kidneys are influenced to more active effort with resulting increased effect. It is always safe to take Beecham's Pills Sold by druggists throughout the world. In boxes, 10c., 25c."

Advertisement for Fels White Soap, featuring a picture of a woman washing her face and text: "How quickly they are cleaned with FELS WHITE SOAP. FELS WHITE SOAP. MADE BY FELS & CO. PHILADELPHIA."

Natives Wear Overcoats With Temperature at 100

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Dec. 29.—United States marines garrisoning these new possessions of Uncle Sam cannot understand the fashions affected by the natives. Why a negro or Cha-Cha Indian should wear an overcoat when the thermometer stands at 100 in the shade mystifies them. For some strange reason, the native Virgin Islander believes in wearing every article of clothing he can lay his hands on. All American holidays are now celebrated by the natives, who spend the day parading the streets, some of them wearing overcoats, capes, two or more pairs of trousers and a red bandanna handkerchief about the neck. Also they frequently adorn themselves with the horns of cows or oxen attached to the head just in front of the ears.

German Immigrants Pour Into Argentine

Buenos Aires, Dec. 29.—German immigrants have been pouring into Argentina on every ship that came from Holland. One ship brought 400 Teutonic nationality. Land allotments have been made to these immigrants in sections of the territory of Misiones, a strip of fertile country in northeastern Argentina between Paraguay and the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. There has long been a German colony in Rio Grande do Sul and recently Paraguay announced allotments for cultivation by German immigrants. The arriving colonists are chiefly applying themselves to the cultivation of yerba mate, the plant from which is brewed the famous South American drink resembling tea. It is reported that the Misiones colonists are being given provisional permits to occupy lots of 125 acres each.

Only 2 Deaths Out of 52,000 Persons Who Took Airplane Trips

London, Dec. 29.—The report of Major-General F. N. Sykes, controller of aviation, shows that out of 52,000 passengers carried in 21,000 airplane trips approximately 305,000 miles, only two deaths have been recorded through accidents.

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SOUTTER'S 25 CENT DEPARTMENT STORE

Buy Here Not Alone Because Prices Are Lower, But Because Qualities Are Better

25 GREAT BIG BARGAINS & ALL MILLINERY

In a Big End-of-the-Year Sale Tomorrow

These twenty-five items chosen from our various departments have been selected for their timeliness. The quantities are in some cases limited, but stocks are sufficiently large to take care of goodly crowds. It's an event planned to give a fitting wind-up to a busy year.

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BARGAIN NO. 3: Lot of 69c value Children's Vests, sizes 24, 26 and 28, End of Year Sale, 48c
BARGAIN NO. 4: \$2.25 value 27x34-inch Hit and Miss Rag Rugs, End of Year Sale, \$1.89
BARGAIN NO. 5: Extra large size Stamped Turkish Towels, End of Year Sale, \$1.19
BARGAIN NO. 6: Lot of 39c value Ladies' Boxed Handkerchiefs, End of Year Sale, 25c
BARGAIN NO. 7: 12-inch Crocheted Doilies, End of Year Sale, 25c
BARGAIN NO. 8: \$1.25 value White Enamel Tea Kettles, End of Year Sale, 98c
BARGAIN NO. 9: Lot of 50c value Women's Boxed Handkerchiefs, End of Year Sale, 35c
BARGAIN NO. 10: \$1.25 value White Enamel Double Boilers, End of Year Sale, 98c
BARGAIN NO. 11: 98c value Stamped Luncheon Cloths, End of Year Sale, 69c
BARGAIN NO. 12: Lot of 15c value 1920 Calendars, End of Year Sale, 9c
BARGAIN NO. 13: 75c value Children's Wool Toque and Scarf Sets, End of Year Sale, 39c A Set
BARGAIN NO. 14: \$2.50 value Blue Enamel Model Roasters, self basting, End of Year Sale, \$1.98
BARGAIN NO. 15: \$1.25 value Silk Crepe Combination Suits, End of Year Sale, 85c
BARGAIN NO. 16: \$1.00 value Children's Wool Aviation Caps, End of Year Sale, 39c
BARGAIN NO. 17: 20x20-inch Stamped Linen Centers, End of Year Sale, 59c
BARGAIN NO. 18: This season's smartest models in black and colored Silk Velvets, Hatters' Plush, Velours, Beavers, etc. Large, small, medium, dress and tailored shapes, trimmed and untrimmed, for women, misses and children, including Children's Tams.
BARGAIN NO. 19: \$1.59 value Cut Glass Water Sets, (7 pieces), End of Year Sale, \$1.19
BARGAIN NO. 20: Lot of Men's 50c value Wool Hose, End of Year Sale, 39c
BARGAIN NO. 21: Lot of Men's 50c value Fleece Lined Gloves, End of Year Sale, 39c
BARGAIN NO. 22: Lot of 35c value Flannel Waists, End of Year Sale, 25c
BARGAIN NO. 23: \$1.00 value Mercerized Table Damask, End of Year Sale, 88c
BARGAIN NO. 24: Lot of 33c value Heavy Bleached Part Linen Roller Toweling, End of Year Sale, 25c
BARGAIN NO. 25: Lot of 75c value Plaid and Figured White Voile Waists, End of Year Sale, 39c

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