

REASONS WHY PRESENT PRICES ARE SO HIGH

Baltimore Committee Finds Many Causes For Increasing Costs.

"The high cost of living is a complex problem made up of many elements some natural, some artificial. For its solution a congress should be held in all the states and territories and representatives of the federal government and some united action should be taken looking to a remedy or remedies for the artificial causes of high prices which can and should be remedied."

With this preamble the report of the Baltimore committee appointed by the city wide congress to investigate the high cost of living was presented to the congress.

The report covers fourteen typewritten pages and goes thoroughly into the cause for the soaring prices and suggests a number of remedies.

Summarized, the report says the prices have been raised for the following reasons:

- Increased supply of gold.
- Price control of exchanges and agreements.
- Tariff on foodstuffs and other products.
- Abuse of cold storage to help corner markets.
- Decreased amount of labor on farms and consequent increase in wages.
- Decrease of truck farms and farming around the city.
- Excessive profits by middlemen, due to too many small shops and too much handling between producer and consumer.
- Too much purchase on credit at advanced prices.
- Inadequate transportation to proximate farming districts, especially in winter.
- Bad roads and inadequate repair on same.
- Short weights and inadequate control of scales and measures.
- Abuse of patent laws.
- Architects making no provision in modern houses for storage of goods.
- Telephones, resulting in ordering on credit without bargaining for price.
- Inadequacy of facilities.
- Too high charges and improper conditions of our city markets.
- Growing luxuriousness of the people, which eliminates careful, businesslike housekeeping and shopping.

WIFE ENTITLED TO SALARY.

Not Obligated to Hold Out Hand Like a Monkey, Judge Says.

A wife is a regular employee of her husband and as such is entitled to a regular salary, according to Judge Goodnow of the court of domestic relations, Chicago.

No longer is it necessary that she go through his pockets in order to get change. When Mr. Husband's pay day comes Mrs. Wife may demand her share and be backed by the municipal courts in her demands.

Mrs. Thomas Martin told Judge Goodnow her husband never had given her any money since they had been married.

"She never asked me for any," protested the husband.

"She does not have to," answered the judge. "A wife is not obliged to follow her husband about like a monkey with her hand out asking for money. She is entitled to a fair proportion of his wages. I will see that she gets it, too, in all cases that come before me."

AROUND THE WORLD ON \$3,000

Two Professors Start Soon on Kahn Foundation Trip.

William Erskine Kellicott, Ph. D., professor of biology in Goucher college of Baltimore, and Ivan Mortimer Linforth, A. M., professor of Greek in the University of California, have been appointed to the \$3,000 fellowships of the Kahn foundation, which sends them on a trip around the world with no requirements other than that they see as many places and people as possible. An additional \$300 is allowed each to buy souvenirs.

The foundation was established by M. Albert Kahn of Paris, the first appointments for this country having been made last year. The administrators are Nicholas Murray Butler, Henry Fairfield Osborn and Edward D. Adams of New York city, Charles W. Eliot of Cambridge and Charles E. Walcott of Washington. The founder's object was to make the viewpoint of teachers broader and more international.

DENIES U. S. MEAT TO CATS.

Dr. Andrew of the Treasury Upholds Administration's Economy Policy.

The propriety and legality of boarding two cats at the expense of the United States government, despite the high cost of living, was the baffling question submitted to A. Platt Andrew, assistant secretary of the treasury.

The urgent appeal came from the subtreasury in New York, which, it is alleged, is infested with rats and mice. Kind hearted clerks have been supporting the cats.

Dr. Andrew decided that the high cost of beef and the administration's effort to make a record for economy, made it necessary that the cats should continue to be subjects of charity.

Visitors at Shakespeare's Birthplace.

During the year ended March 31 40,300 persons paid for admission to Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon. Of the 29,000 who signed their names in the visitors' album 9,200 were from the United States.

WILL EXPLORE THE AMAZON VALLEY

Algot Lange Expects to Obtain Some Rare Specimens.

FOR UNIVERSITY MUSEUMS.

Aboriginal Languages Will Be Preserved on Phonographic Records Trio Will Occupy More Than Two Years—Expedition Plans.

Algot Lange of New York, who came out of the farthest jungles of the Amazon valley, in Brazil, a year ago with a wonderful story of the country and its aboriginal peoples, is to lead a three year exploring party on an expedition into the headwater country.

The expedition will be sent out by the University of Pennsylvania primarily to make collections for the anthropological exhibit at the university museum.

In telling of his plans Mr. Lange brought out the fact that the most important appliances to be carried by the exploring party will be a moving picture taking apparatus and a phonograph. He also intends to take a doctor, a navigator, an engineer, a cook and one other man. The physician will have opportunities to investigate hitherto unstudied diseases peculiar to the Amazon valley. Mr. Lange hopes to get an American for his navigator, preferably a naval officer. The cook must be scientist enough to make palatable dishes out of such game as red howling monkey, ant eater, tapir, parrot, forest turkey and wild boar.

To Investigate Savages.
"Our object will be to investigate the savages inhabiting the headwaters of the tributaries of the Amazon river," Mr. Lange said. "From present information there are about 373 tribes speaking a variety of languages."

When Mr. Lange finds his savages he will endeavor to gain their friendship and confidence, learn their language and finally get moving pictures, photographs and phonograph records of their life, customs, language and music. Thus he will bring back pictures of the devil dances and war dances of these aborigines, along with his collection of pottery, baskets, clothing and war and hunting implements indications of a mode of life as old as the time of Caesar.

It is expected that the first stage will take a year and a half, and at the end of that time the steamer will return to Para for provisions and to send what collections have already been made.

The Second Stage.
On the second stage the party will explore the Rio Negro and its continuation, the Caupes river, 2,000 miles from the sea. At the mouth of the Rio Negro, where it empties into the Amazon, is the town of Manaos, which Mr. Lange described as the "wonder city of the valley." There, he said, is a \$3,000,000 opera house, in the midst of other beautiful buildings, which rivals the opera houses of London and Paris in size and splendor.

Seven hundred miles up the river the party will enter the Uaupes, beyond the cataracts of which live wild tribes. This trip is expected to last six months, a return then being made to Manaos to send newly gathered portions of the collection to the United States and receive new supplies and mail.

The last stage of the exploration will take in a number of tributaries of the middle Amazon, known as the Solimoes river. This will last about a year, and the same method of exploration will be followed. The party will visit the Javary river country, close to the Peruvian frontier, where Mr. Lange went through experiences that brought him near to death on a previous journey.

DELAYED BY BORUP'S DEATH.

Expedition to Crocker Land Put Off Until Summer of 1913.

It was announced at the American Museum of Natural History that the Crocker Land expedition which was to have gone northward this summer under the leadership of George Borup and D. B. MacMillan has been postponed to the summer of 1913 on account of the death of Borup and the impracticability of finding a satisfactory substitute for him in the short time remaining before the expedition was to start.

The honorary committee, consisting of President Henry Fairfield Osborn, Chandler Robbins, General Thomas H. Hubbard and Dr. Walter B. James, and the working committee, consisting of Dr. E. O. Hovey and H. L. Bridgman, have begun preparations for the reorganization of the expedition along such lines as circumstances may necessitate without changing the main objects of the enterprise, as set forth in the prospectus issued in January, 1912. It has been decided to make the expedition a memorial to Borup.

Mr. MacMillan's connection with the enterprise continues as heretofore, and he is utilizing the intervening time for the purpose of making additional preparations for the scientific work of the expedition.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Mary Woods of the Brooklyn navy yard cuts the patterns for all the flags made there. She has been making flags for the government for more than thirty years.

Miss Cornelia Bentley Sage, appointed director pro tem. of the famous Albright art gallery in Buffalo on the death of the director of the museum, has been remarkably successful, and her position is now permanent.

Senora de Cueva, wife of the first secretary of the Mexican embassy at Washington, sings old Spanish and Mexican ballads with much feeling. She not only has a voice of unusual range, but is a composer of note.

Miss Julia C. Lathrop of Chicago, an associate of Jane Addams in the work at Hull House, a member of the Illinois board of charity and a graduate and trustee of Vassar college, has been appointed by President Taft as chief of the new children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor.

Mrs. Edgar F. Luckenbach, one of the seventeen graduates at the recent exercises of the Woman's Law college of New York university, is the wife of a millionaire steamship man. She has gained quite a reputation as a yachtswoman and has won several trophies by her prowess at the wheel of a racing yacht.

Fly Catches.

The Pittsburgh club last fall insured Pitcher Marty O'Toole for its own benefit for \$25,000. Recently O'Toole took a \$10,000 policy for himself and at his own expense.

In the National league infielders predominate as "lead off" men—namely, Evers, Chicago; Huggins, St. Louis; Sweeney, Boston, and Knabe, Philadelphia, are second basemen, while Byrne of Pittsburgh plays third. Devore, Moran and Bescher are the outfielders who lead off.

Of the eight "lead off" men in the American league seven are outfielders—Butcher or Graney, Cleveland; Vilt, Detroit, and Lord or Strunk, Philadelphia, left field; Milan, Washington, and Shotten, St. Louis, center field; Hooper, Boston, and Wolter, New York, right field. Rath of Chicago is the only infielder so honored.

Timely Topics.

A decrease of 70 per cent in Fourth of July casualties in New York city in two years is a convincing vindication of the "safe and sane" celebration policy.—New York Tribune.

The postal savings banks have not yet drawn the predicted \$400,000,000 from hiding—only about \$16,200,000. But even so they are proving their worth.—New York World.

It is not too early to have in this country a suitable memorial of Friedrich Froebel. The proposal to erect in Washington a shaft in memory of the world's great educator should win country wide support.—Boston Transcript.

Foreign Affairs.

The new republic of China wants to borrow \$300,000,000. Why can't these young people start in modestly and buy one piece of furniture at a time?—Detroit News.

The difference between Italy and Russia is that the one can grab any amount of Turkish territory without exciting England, while the other can't.—New York World.

When we learn that they have five meals a day in England we are reluctantly forced to concede that England's form of government is in some respects superior to our own.—Ohio State Journal.

Pert Personals.

J. Bruce Ismay's salary is said to be \$175,000 a year. But he has earned it the past few weeks if he reads the newspapers.—Dallas News.

According to the latest estimates, John D. Rockefeller's interest in the Standard Oil company is worth \$220,000,000. We believe he has other means of support too.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Andrew Carnegie says Elihu Root is the wisest man on earth. Elihu probably warned him of the consequences of calling a certain young woman the prettiest girl in the country.—Philadelphia Record.

High Prices.

If you do not go up to the price of meat the price of meat will come down to you.—Philadelphia Record.

Uncle Sam has discovered the solution of the cost of high living problem. "Eat the English sparrow!" says an agricultural department bulletin.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Beef prices have broken all twenty year records. About time for consumers to get together and adopt a set of resolutions in favor of parsimony as the paramount issue.—Toledo Blade.

Coinage Comment.

The only objection to a three cent piece is that some factory is sure to make a cigar bad enough to fit it in price.—Washington Star.

In this age of high living it is a little difficult to see just what the merchants will sell us for these new half cent pieces.—Washington Post.

As a byproduct the coinage of three cent pieces may increase church attendance, while the half cent piece may make tipping a fine art.—New York World.

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