

Washington Notes

RETAIL PRICES
Retail prices during June reached a twenty-five-year high level and are expected to rise more during the last six months of the year, with or without price control, the Department of Labor predicts. During the first six months of 1946, clothing rose al-

most 5 per cent; food, 3 per cent; house furnishings, about 4 per cent; miscellaneous goods and services, more than 1 per cent.

WHEAT

Recent developments indicate that the United States will harvest an aggregate wheat crop of 1,025,000,000 bushels or more, and possibly 50,000,000 in excess of that figure, depending on weather conditions in the Spring Wheat Belt during the next few weeks. Yields of winter wheat have been running so far in excess of expectations that brokers expect a Department of Agriculture estimate to be issued on July 10 to show around 50,000,000 more than the 775,000,000 bushels indicated on June 1st.

GOODS

Manufactures throughout the United States shipped nearly \$10,000,000,000 worth of goods during May and built up their inventories by about \$100,000,000 for a total of about \$16,900,000,000, according to the Department of Commerce.

FATS AND OILS

The outlooks for the supply of fats and oils for the 1946-47 season is not particularly promising, and shortages are expected to continue for at least another year.

MARINES IN CHINA

About 20,000 U. S. Marines will stay in China for the purpose of guarding supply lines from coal-producing areas to the great coastal cities, an essential service that should continue, according to an announcement by Dean Acheson, Acting Secretary of State.

SPARE STAMP NO. 10

Spare Stamp No. 10, good for five pounds of sugar strictly for canning purposes, will be valid until October 31st. This is the second special sugar ration stamp for home canning.

Degnan Suspect



William Heirens, 17, Chicago's No. 1 suspect in the kidnap-killing of little Suzanne Degnan, is shown as he appeared in police showup. Evelyn Peterson, former army nurse, tentatively identified Heirens as the man who assaulted her during a burglary attempt in her apartment last October.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Although 600,000 veterans entered the labor market during June, the number of unemployed persons in the United States was the same as in May—around 2,300,000, according to the U. S. Employment Service.

REFEREES IN BANKRUPTCY

Federal referees in bankruptcy cases have been placed on a fixed salary basis, instead of on a fee system, under terms of a measure recently signed by President Truman. Under it, the referees, who are appointed by Federal district judges, will be paid from \$3,000 to \$10,000 yearly for a term of not more than six years, the cost to be borne by the estates involved.

BUTTER

The Agriculture Department has announced that, starting on July 1st, civilians will get every pound of butter produced in the United States. It ended its military set-aside order on creamery butter on July 1 and it is expected the the set-aside on cheddar cheese will be abandoned after August 31st.

LOST TIME

The time lost through strikes from January through May of this year totaled 81,700,000 man-days. For all of 1945, the figure was 38,025,000.

"IMPRESSIVE FLOW OF GOODS"

"Widespread publicity" of labor disputes and shortages of materials have concealed the "impressive flow of goods" in the first four months of this year, according to Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Commerce. Factory shipments from January through April were 10 per cent greater in physical volume and 40 per cent higher in dollar value than shipments in the same period in pre-war 1941, declared Mr. Wallace, who added that deliveries this year totaled about \$35,000,000,000, part of which could be traced to higher prices.

EVAPORATED MILK

A ten per cent reduction in Government buying will make more evaporated milk available for home use in July, according to the Department of Agriculture.

OPA officials meet all over country, plan stand-by basis.

CARBON COPY

Angus MacIntosh received a letter from his rich Aunt Agnes asking him to send his twin boys to her for a holiday, as she had never seen them. She enclosed a five-pound note to cover the cost of their journey.

A few days later a bonnie-faced lad presented himself at her home and gave her a letter. It read:
young Donald, one of the twins. The other is exactly the same."

CATTLE OVERSEAS

In the first year of operations, the livestock program of the UNRRA has sent overseas more than 100,000 dairy and draft animals. Work animals already sent total 83,000, with dairy cattle at least 20,000. Before the UNRRA program ends in Europe at the close of this year, some 200,000 more head of livestock will have been shipped, according to Director-General F. H. La Guardia.

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