

MANY REPORTS ON ADVANCING PRICES

Flood The Department of Justice in Washington

COMBINES ARE FOUND

Special Agents of the Department All Over the Country Tell of Combines in All Kinds of Business to Control Prices.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Reports from officials and special agents investigating the rise in food prices since the European war began continued to flood the Department of Justice today.

A special agent in the Middle West telegraphed that he had found evidence that sugar producers and refiners had combined to raise prices. Another announced that a State association of flour producers was issuing price bulletins, and that evidence gathered showed the organizations were followed by individual millers.

A wholesale firm furnished the department a circular letter issued by the Spoor & Co. of New York City, announcing a 20 per cent advance in prices on numerous lines of woolen goods effective August 15th.

A charge that a large combination of drug stores has raised prices 100 per cent on various articles is being investigated.

"JOHN DOE" PROCEEDINGS.

Will Begin in New York Thursday to Investigate High Prices.

New York, Aug. 18.—With city department heads planning municipal groceries and meat markets and police obtaining comparisons between retail and past food prices, it was announced at the district attorney's office today that the promised "John Doe" inquiries into the high cost of living here since the outbreak of the war in Europe would be begun Thursday.

District Attorney Whitman will conduct the proceedings. Retailers have raised prices because wholesalers do so according to statements made at the prosecutor's office today.

SUGAR MEN BEFORE JURY.

San Francisco Hotel Keepers Will Show Bills as Proof of Advance.

San Francisco, Aug. 18.—Robert O'Dearn, American sugar beet man, and A. A. Brown, of the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company, were ordered today to appear Thursday before the Federal grand jury investigating the rise in price of foods here.

MILLERS DIDN'T DO IT.

Advance in Price of Wheat Caused Advance in Four Says Agent.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 18.—The recent advance in the price of flour was not due to arbitrary action of the millers, according to C. W. Sterlin, special agent for the Department of Justice, who completed an investigation of the flour markets here today.

"The millers' explanation that the price is controlled largely by the price of wheat seems reasonable," Mr. Sterlin said.

"I have found no evidence of any arbitrary action or agreement to raise prices."

RELIEF BOARD IS BUSY WITH PLANS

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Write to Walter H. Page, American ambassador, and now Germany's representative in Great Britain. He added he had little doubt that Germany would show her appreciation for the generosity of Falmouth and her citizens by footing the officers' hotel bills.

The United States government North Carolina took on board \$200,000 from the cruiser Tennessee which will sail tomorrow for Rotterdam with Mr. Breckenridge on board.

CHARLOTTE LADY IN LONDON.

Came From Berlin on Ambassador's Train—Recent Americans Remain.

London, August 18.—Most of the American residents in Berlin will remain there, according to Mrs. Lucy Halliburton, of Charlotte, N. C., who left on the American ambassador's special train and arrived in London today.

The Americans, according to Mrs. Halliburton, feel secure in Berlin and do not fear a famine. Prices were raised slightly there, she said, but the banks cashed American travelers' checks without discount.

At the same time our collectors on the streets lest they be attacked by ignorant citizens.

Mrs. Halliburton said travelers from Germany were struck by the sudden exodus of Japanese prior to the issuance of Japan's ultimatum.

Mid-week Dance. Exhibition dancing. Moving pictures. (Advertisement.)

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE NELMS MYSTERY

Affidavits Ask Detention of Lawyer and His Wife.

Marshall Nelms, Brother of the Missing Woman of Atlanta, Files Affidavits in San Antonio, Texas.

San Antonio, Texas, August 18.—Affidavits filed in justice court here asking for the detention of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Innes, of Portland Ore., in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Denny and Miss Beatrice Nelms, of Atlanta, Ga., were made public today.

The affidavits were filed by Marshall Nelms, brother of the missing woman, and are said to be based upon circumstantial evidence gathered for the purpose of this case by the United States Bureau of Information, and Deputy Sheriff James Galbreath.

The Nelms sisters disappeared from Atlanta last June and it was believed they had fled to the city of Innes, Ore. Dennis' attorney and obtained a divorce for her. He is said to be near Springfield, Ore., and a request for his detention was sent there.

On Country Farm. Portland, Ore., August 18.—"As far as I know Mr. and Mrs. Innes are on their farm near Springfield, Ore.," John McCort, attorney for Innes said today. "I have not been advised either way to be arrested, though I anticipated that might happen on learning of investigations on foot in San Francisco. I communicated the facts regarding these investigations to Mr. Innes. I saw him last about three weeks ago."

Innes Is Arrested. Eugene, Oregon, August 18.—Victor Innes, wanted in connection with the disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Denny and Miss Beatrice Nelms, of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested tonight by Sheriff Parker and Deputy Elkins, on the Innes farm near Leaburg, about 30 miles from here.

BRIEF REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES COME FROM EUROPE

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"You have to perform a task which will need your courage, your energy and your patience."

"Remember that the honor of the British army depend on your individual conduct."

"It will be your duty not only to set an example of discipline and perfect obedience under fire, but also to maintain the most friendly relations with those whom you are helping in this struggle."

"The operations in which you will be engaged will, for the most part, take place in a friendly country, and you can do your own country no better service than in showing yourself in France and Belgium in the true character of a British soldier."

"Your duty cannot be done unless your guard against any excesses."

"In this new experience you may find temptation both in wine and women. You must entirely resist both temptations and while being with women with perfect courtesy you should avoid any intimacy."

"Do your duty bravely. Fear God and honor the king."

COLLIDED WITH BARK.

German Cruiser Severely Damaged—British Vessel at San Francisco.

San Francisco, August 18.—While the German cruiser Leipzig was putting to sea early today in charge of an American pilot she collided with the British steel bark Lord Templeton lying at anchor in the stream.

The Leipzig held the outward course, but the yards of the sailing vessel are believed to have carried away part of the wireless apparatus. The damage probably could be repaired at sea.

The Matsun liner Wilhelmus, which arrived today from Honolulu, sighted the Leipzig at 9 o'clock this morning, 20 miles south and west of the Farallones and headed west.

The Japanese consul here let it be known that he expects the cruiser Izumi to arrive here tomorrow from San Diego and that she may go into drydock before crossing the Pacific.

FRENCH CAPTURE AEROPLANE

German Craft Reported Captured—Pilot Killed, Officer Captured.

Paris, August 18.—"French troops have brought down a German aeroplane near Dinant, 14 miles south of Namur, Belgium. The pilot was killed and the observation officer taken prisoner. The machine was not damaged."

MAIL FOR EUROPE.

Is Being Dispatched Several Times a Week, Says Mr. Burleson.

Washington, August 18.—Mail for Europe is being dispatched several times a week, the Post Office department announced today. Mail for Germany and Austria-Hungary is sent by steamers landing at ports in Italy, Norway, Holland or Denmark.

CARRY COAL TO EUROPE.

Two British Steamers Clear from Norfolk With the First Cargo.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 18.—With cargoes of coal on board the British steamers Hopemore and Magdala sailed today for Toulon, France and Lisbon, Portugal, respectively. The Hopemore carried 5,678 tons, while the Magdala had 6,933 tons.

This is the first sailing of vessels with coal for the warring countries of Europe since the first declaration of war by Austria-Hungary.

THE GERMAN ACCOUNT.

Of Invasion of Alsace-Lorraine and the Fighting at Liege.

Berlin, via Copenhagen and London, Aug. 18.—The Wolff Bureau, the semi-official German news agency, today gave out the following account of the battle of Huelhausen:

"One and a half French army corps entered Upper Alsace while our troops were concentrating. Two other corps were taken by the enemy, who then marched toward Schirmeck, eight miles from Saales Alsace.

"An investigation has been begun in an endeavor to ascertain if any treachery exists among the local population."

A series of statements of the Liege situation is published from the headquarters of Gen. Steyn, according to which French officers and perhaps French soldiers were sent to Liege before the war to instruct the Belgian garrison in the defense of the fortifications.

"It was impossible to protest against this," says Gen. Steyn, "but after the war began this conduct had to be regarded as a neutral act by France. We had to act with all speed and mobilized. Regiments were sent to the frontier and marched on Liege. Six weak brigades on a narrow front with some cavalry and artillery took Liege.

"The brigades were mobilized and they received as first reinforcements their own reserves. Two other regiments came later. Our mobilization has just finished. Our enemies thought 100,000 Germans were at Liege, and owing to difficulties with the commissaries were unable to advance. This, however, was a mistake. There was another reason for the pause.

"Now, the forward march can be begun and our enemies will have an opportunity to surrender. The German forces is well supplied with goods and arms. The Emperor has given the word not to sacrifice another drop of blood to capture the Liege forts."

"The enemy believed themselves secure in the forts, but the fire of our weakest big guns forced the forts to surrender or quickly demolished them, burning the forts to the ruins."

"The Liege fortifications will no longer serve our enemies but will be a support to the German army."

"GOOD LUCK" AND "GOOD BYE"

French Rejoice at Scotchmen Again Fighting for France.

London August 19.—To the Daily Telegraph comes a story from Boulogne of the experiences of the British soldiers there.

"The people of this city," said the dispatch, "have given over their ordinary requisitions to show their hospitality to the men of the British army who are on their way to the front."

"As the soldiers approach the station to the sound of bag pipes, the crowd becomes more insistent, for enthusiastic soldiers march gaily and are not abashed even when some old woman or young maid frequently happens and amuses the crowd hugely."

"You can't help liking these big strapping men," one remarked. "They call us the 'die-hardies' and we shall live up to our name. As they leave the crowd sings the Marseillaise to which the soldiers reply with 'God Save the King.'"

MUTINY IN AUSTRIA.

Mobilization Very Unpopular With Certain Classes There, Is Report.

London, Aug. 19.—It is officially stated in Paris that the mobilization of the Austrian army was accompanied by much disorder and even mutiny in many places, owing to the unpopularity of the war among many classes of people.

This information is conveyed in a Paris dispatch to the Daily Telegraph which continues:

"In many parts of Austria enthusiasm for the war is completely lacking and the people complain bitterly against spending blood and money in a useless cause."

GERMAN TANKER AT NORFOLK.

Dodged British and French Cruisers for Twelve Days During Trip.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 18.—The German tanker Dolphin, Capt. Kriete, has arrived in Hampton Roads, after dodging British and French cruisers for 12 days. The Dolphin left Hamburg July 29th, four days before war was declared.

"For eight nights the Dolphin burned no lights and the crew hid about the bridge for four days and nights without sleep. He ran his ship at full speed, and succeeded in eluding warships of England and France. He says his wireless operator heard several British warships exchanging wireless messages and from the distinct manner in which the message came in, the ships were not far off."

REPUBLICANS OF NEW YORK GATHER

First Day of State Convention Passed Quietly

ROOT MAKES A SPEECH

Important Changes in the Fundamental Law of the State Are Contemplated in Tentative Platform Prepared.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 18.—Important changes in the fundamental laws of the State of New York are contemplated in a tentative platform prepared for the Republican State convention now in session here.

Upon this platform the party's candidates for election to the State constitutional convention will make their campaign.

One of the principal contests is regarding the extent to which the powers of the governor should be increased.

It is recommended that the procedure for removal of judges by impeachment or concurrent resolutions of both houses of the legislature be simplified. The recall of judges or of judicial decisions is condemned. A thorough reform of judicial procedure is recommended to lessen delays and expenses.

The woman suffrage plank reaffirms and urges the legislature to pass, for the second time, the suffrage amendment to the constitution that it may be submitted to the voters.

The first session today passed in a decorous manner. Temporary organization was effected, Senator Elihu Root, who was elected temporary chairman, made his speech, and committees were appointed.

Senator Root's Address. Addressing the New York Republican State Convention which met here today under the novel condition of being without power to nominate candidates for office since the new primary law calls for their selection by the voters of the party at the primary election on September 28, United States Senator Elihu Root, the temporary chairman of the convention, pointed out the most essential factors which might lead to Republican success this fall.

It is, as he noted, the first time in eighteen years that the Republican party of the State comes to the election of its State government and its national representatives as the party in opposition both in the State and Nation.

He charged that since the Democratic party took possession of the national government a year and a half ago, with a programme "by which the people have been deceived and deceived by others, to reduce the cost of living, and to give new life and prosperity to American production and commerce."

He took up particularly the experiments with the tariff, which he asserted had been carried out in a spirit of hostility to American industry, and said less trouble over this geographical cohesion, but he believed it would be impossible for the voters to make up a list of fifteen delegates-at-large to the constitutional convention properly distributed throughout the State without some previous understanding.

He looked upon it as a duty of the convention to remedy this situation in part by drawing up recommendations, leaving the voters to accept as much or as little as they chose.

TWENTY-FIFTH CASE OF PLAGUE AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, August 18.—The twentieth case of bubonic plague was reported here today. Louise Welsh, a negro, 24 years of age, was removed to the isolation hospital after her illness had positively been diagnosed as plague. She was taken from a residence where her mother also contracted the disease. Her mother died.

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ALL IN READINESS TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS

N. C. Currency Association on Business Footing.

President Brown Returns from Washington With O. K. of Treasury Department—The Procedure Outlined—Raleigh News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 18.—The North Carolina National Currency Association is now ready to receive applications and securities for the issuance of additional currency to the maximum of 125 per cent of the capital and unpaired surplus, these applications and securities to be passed on by the board of the association here last week and then forwarded to Washington for the approval of the Treasury Department.

President Joseph G. Brown is just back from Washington where he presented the credentials of the North Carolina Association and procured the official "O. K." of the Treasury Department, putting the association on its full fledged business footing.

The procedure now will be for member banks in this State to send their applications and assurance here. Then the examining board will pass on them and, when approved, forward them to Washington.

Thus far thirty of the seventy-two national banks in the State have joined the North Carolina Currency Association. The by-laws also provide that State banks and trust companies that become members of the National Federal Reserve chain of banks may come into the association.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF WORK DONE.

Kansas City, Mo., August 18.—Residents of 90 Missouri counties spent today improving the highways and when they were through it was estimated that Missouri roads had been improved to the extent of \$1,000,000 by the 150,000 volunteers.

It is expected that the policy to be followed by the party in selecting candidates so that the voters might act effectively at the primary election "with a common purpose to secure party success at the regular election."

He foresaw an unfortunate result if in each place the Republicans were to act at the primary, "as they naturally might, for residents of their own vicinity, or if the voters of one large place were to vote in that way, while the Republicans of all the rest of the State divided among a great number of candidates."

"Our opponents will have no such trouble," he continued. "More than one-half of the normal Democratic vote of the State is cast in the city of New York, and the great mass of those voters, following the directions of their local party organization will distribute the nominations as that organization directs. The voters in the Republican primary, scattered through sixty-two counties, unbossed, will follow nobody's direction, but will act each according to his own judgment, and it will be necessary that they themselves shall consider what will be the effect of their action in regard to the distribution of candidates."

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PRESIDENT APPEALS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

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MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL.

American Government Determined to Stay Out of European Troubles—Washington, Aug. 18.—The determination of the United States government to keep this country from becoming involved in the European war and its controversies was manifested in several ways today.

President Wilson addressed an appeal to the American people calling on them studiously to refrain from an expression or act that might reveal the slightest partisanship.

For nearly three hours the President and his cabinet wrestled with the vexed cable-wireless censorship situation. That matter still is under consideration.

Official information from Berlin said the Japanese ultimatum had been delivered to the German government and that diplomatic dispatches indicated that war between Japan and Germany was not unlikely.

The Japanese minister at Berlin apparently possessing sufficient authority as ambassador Girard to be prepared to take over the Japanese interests in Germany. The President received from Emperor William a long message of good wishes and congratulations.

The German Emperor took occasion to point out causes of the present war and argued, it is understood that while he was trying to mediate between Austria and Serbia, Russian mobilization began. White House officials denied the message contained any protest concerning the attitude of the American press toward Germany.

The British "charge sought information about the possible cable censorship act under which the Secretary of State would be authorized to suspend the wireless communication system in some official quarters where that wireless censorship would be maintained while the cables probably would be left in their present status."

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CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD MONDAY

To Consider Plans to Move Cotton Crop.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Representative Men of the South Engaged in All Lines Interested in the Cotton Condition Will Be Invited.

Washington, August 18.—To establish close co-operation between cotton producers and manufacturers and banking interests of the country by the present emergency, Secretary McAdoo today called a conference to be held at the Treasury Department Monday. Members of the Federal Reserve Board, Secretaries McAdoo and Houston, Postmaster General Burleson and delegates representative of all branches of the cotton industry will take part.

Cotton producers today told Secretary McAdoo they estimated that of this year's crops there would be 3,000,000 bales of cotton for which they now could see no market.

"I have called a conference to consider the cotton situation, to be held at the Treasury Department August 21, at 11 A. M., to which representatives of the different sections of the cotton industry, the manufacturing of cotton and the banking interests of the country, will be invited. The names of those who will be asked to attend are now being advised and a list will be furnished in a few days."

Reserve Board Will Attend.

The secretary of agriculture and the postmaster general will join the secretary of the treasury in the conference. The Federal Reserve Board will be invited to attend as a high delegation of representatives of the cotton industry to be invited to consider the general problem which has been presented by the present degree of co-operation between the producers and the manufacturers of cotton and the banking interests of the country.

A delegation of representatives of cotton interests from the South, particularly from Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee called on Secretary McAdoo today. They said the fall there would be about 3,000,000 bales which they could not see a market at this time. They sought a practical discussion of the best way in which to take care of this cotton.

Secretary McAdoo said the delegation that they had the sympathy and interest of the administration and that the forthcoming conference was being called for the purpose of considering the subject.

AMERICANS VOLUNTEER.

Airman and Civil Engineer Take Service in French Army.

Paris, Aug. 18.—R. Noble Smith of Baltimore, an airman who was with Hubert Latham in his American dirigible has volunteered for service with the French military aviation corps. He offers has been accepted and he will leave for the front next week.

Adolphe Helweg, an American engineer of New York, who had been in France, finishing the Rouen tram terminus has volunteered and been accepted as a French military engineer. He will be commissioned as an officer.

SHIPPING AMENDMENT IS MADE A LAW.

Washington, August 18.—President Wilson tonight signed the amendment to the Panama Canal act which provides that foreign ships may be admitted to American ports on condition that they register for the purpose of trade. The measure became effective immediately and is expected to aid materially in solving the problem of handling European exports while the American nations are at war.

The President also signed a bill to regulate dealings in cotton futures.

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring a man with a ball bat, a large Coca-Cola logo, and text: 'He believes in Coca-Cola', 'it won't make an athlete—but it will help keep an athlete in prime condition.', 'THE COCA-COLA COMPANY ATLANTA, GA.'