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CONGRESS TO DISCUSS HIGH COST OF LIVING

President Wilson Has Decided to Put Situation Before Congress in Message Recommending Legislation.

These decisions were reached Tuesday by the government agencies working to reduce the cost of living and allay the country's unrest. President Wilson decided to address a message to congress recommending additional legislation to aid in reducing the cost of living. Agents of the department of justice were ordered to ferret out all hoarders of necessities, and profiteers throughout the country are to be prosecuted under the food control act. Director Julius H. Barnes, of the Grain Corporation, decided to maintain the government's guarantee on wheat at \$2.26 a bushel, as a "reserve protection against a higher price later."

At the conclusion of Tuesday's activities by the President, the subcommittee of the cabinet, appointed by the cabinet, appointed by Attorney General Palmer, and by the attorney general himself, announcements were made of these immediate steps to be taken and of the government's wheat policy.

In a lengthy statement showing why the price of wheat would rise for the government guarantee, Director Barnes promised a readjustment of flour prices at the expense of the national treasury as authorized by congress, if later developments indicated a world price for wheat lower than the guarantee basis.

Immediate steps will be taken by the grain corporation to sell standard export flour in every community of the country in carload lots at a price not greater than \$10 a barrel, Mr. Barnes announced. This price, he added, is lower by one dollar a barrel than any price ruling during the last four months.

Using figures described as coming from the grain corporation's own private sources, Mr. Barnes predicted a shrinkage of "probably 400,000,000 bushels" in the wheat production for North America, 250,000,000 bushels if which is in the United States, from the June forecast, and a further shrinkage in European wheat and rye production of 300,000,000 bushels outside Russia.

The department of justice agents throughout the country, the attorney general said in leaving the President, have been ordered to institute a special investigation to find evidence of hoarding and profiteering as prohibited under the Lever food control act, and prosecutions will be instituted without delay.

Attorney-General Palmer declined to disclose what remedial laws were suggested to the President or to go into detail as to how the department would proceed under existing laws beyond saying that operating under the Lever act did not mean the functions of the food administration would be assumed by the department of justice.

Doubt was expressed by some legal authorities of the government as to whether a penalty is provided for profiteering by the food control act, although penalties are provided, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 or from two to four years or both for hoarding and other violations. Attorney-General Palmer without going into this phase of the problem said it was his belief and hope that immediate results toward reducing the cost of living could be obtained through prosecutions under existing laws.

WAR DEPARTMENT WILL DISTRIBUTE ARMY FOOD

Proposes to Sell to Municipalities or Groups of Individuals.

The War department has issued additional information regarding its plan for selling food supplies to municipalities. The original order for selling food supplies to municipalities has been modified to include not only canned and cured meats and vegetables, but all surplus subsistence commodities. The prices made public by the department cover a number of articles, of which the following are representative:

Bacon in crates, 34 cents pound; in pound tins, 36 cents; corned beef, No. 1 cans, \$3.60 a dozen; No. 2 cans, \$3.96 dozen; baked beans, No. 1 cans, \$1.62 dozen; No. 2 cans, \$1.44 dozen; canned tomatoes, No. 2 cans, \$1.28; oat beef, 1-pound cans, \$4.92 dozen; 2-pound cans, \$7.92 dozen; corn hash, 1-pound tins \$2.76 dozen.

It has developed that charter restrictions prevent some of the cities of the country from purchasing in the manner prescribed by the War department in its original offer of the surplus subsistence to municipalities. A municipality or other local government, owing to its charter or other laws, is unable to buy and sell, the War department will ship it upon assignment subsistence stores in not less than case or carton lots, the goods to be paid for or returned within 30 days from the date of receipt. Shipments of this character are to be made only when the mayor of the city or the head of the local government either acts as the government's agent and supervises the distribution of the food, or appoints some one to act.

Subsistence stores will be sold to civic bodies, groups of citizens or individuals.

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TOWN HAS BOUGHT NEW FIRE TRUCK

Handsomeness American LaFrance Truck and Hose Purchased—Fire Alarm Installed.

The town council took a decidedly progressive step at their regular monthly meeting Monday night by ordering the purchase of an American LaFrance fire truck and 1000 feet of new hose. The truck has been here for some time, but pending the granting of insurance rate reductions the formal purchase had not been made. A concession of a 10 per cent reduction on business house rates had been obtained and the matter of reducing other rates is before the reducing bureau of the State department.

A large fire alarm with switch in town office and in fireman's quarters upstairs was recently installed. The big bell can be heard all over town. Our fire department is now in good shape—ready to rank with the best in the State.

When objection to paying was entered by property owners on White street, which has been included in the improvement area, the matter was continued until the next meeting of the board.

SUPERIOR COURT HAS HAD A BUSY WEEK

Two Weeks' Session Began Monday—Big Docket—Judge Harding Presiding.

The August term of Burke Superior court opened Monday for a two weeks' session, Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding. The docket is a full one, and it will take rapid work to clear it up during the term. Affray, retailing, carrying concealed weapon and manufacturing liquor make up the greater number of the cases. Two murder cases are scheduled for trial, the defendants in each being negroes.

The grand jury is composed of the following: B. S. Gaither, foreman; Stanley Berry, Sampson Smith, P. A. Franklin, R. A. Smith, John Propst, A. L. Heavner, Bryson Hoyle, W. L. Lowman, F. P. Saunders, M. L. Childers, L. G. Stacey, W. A. Denton, J. A. McNeely, H. H. Walton, F. E. Bowers, J. H. Giles and J. A. Lackey. Judge Harding's charge to the grand jury is pronounced by those who heard it as one of the most practical charges ever delivered here. He did not take up a long exposition of the law but asked the jurymen to use common sense in making their returns.

Besides those cases which have been actually heard and disposed of during the week many have been continued and not pressed.

Following are the proceedings to Wednesday noon, at which time a jury was out in the case of State vs. R. E. Coleman:

State vs. Tillman Duckworth; seduction; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Gordon Whitener; e. c. w.; fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Charlie Caldwell; a. d. w.; guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

H. H. Speagle vs. Minnie Speagle; absolute divorce granted.

State vs. J. Frank Dees; bigamy; jury after hanging for day and half unable to reach verdict was withdrawn and new trial ordered.

State vs. Sam Morgan and others; a. d. w.; found guilty by jury; Morgan and McKinley Fullbright pay fine and costs.

State vs. Leonard Church; submitted; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Walter Abernethy, Bob Winkler, Henry Cody; judgment that Winkler and Cody pay \$100 fine and costs.

State vs. Jim McCalliard; a. d. w.; guilty; \$100 and costs.

State vs. F. R. Mull and Howard Roper; affray; guilty; Mull \$25 fine; Roper \$15; each pay one-half costs.

State vs. None Michaux; two cases carrying concealed weapon; seven months each on McDowell county roads.

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THE WISEMAN CASE IS STILL UNSETTLED

Supreme Court Will Pass on the Case in November.

Some misunderstanding has arisen regarding the present status of the Wiseman case and to answer inquiries that are being made Solicitor Huffman has given out the statement that a new trial has not been granted. Judge Long just settled the case on appeal to Supreme court, which means that case is ready to be docketed there and that the Supreme court will not pass on it until the second week in November of this year. Meantime the prisoner is in the State's prison, Raleigh, awaiting action on his appeal by the Supreme court.

AT TABLE ROCK.

School opened last Monday with Miss Hattie Cowan as teacher. The attendance has been fairly good this week.

Mrs. V. E. Warlick was laid to rest at Mountain Grove Sunday in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. J. B. Tabor conducted the services after the regular church service.

Burke Co., N. C.,
Aug. 5, 1919

To the Honorable
Judge Harding,
City

Honorable Sir:

Our county has a state wide reputation for being a "Blind Tiger" county.

During this court we do beg of you in the name of all that is decent & right; for the sake of our community and our boys, that you do give every "Blind Tiger" the full penalty of the law & not a fine but a chain gang sentence. We believe it is the only way to break this business up. If they are sorry they are caught but not sorry of their deeds.

Respectfully,
The Mothers,
The Children,
The Good Citizens of Burke Co.

RATIFICATIONS PROPOSED ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Seven Republican Senators Set Forth Changes That Would Be Accepted in Covenant.

Seven Republican Senators have agreed to a reservation proposed as a basis for the ratification of the covenant of the league of nations. The reservations are embodied in a proposed ratification resolution, reading as follows:

"That the Senate of the United States advise and consent to the ratification of said treaty with the following reservations and understandings, to be made a part of the treaty by the instrument of ratification:

"1. That whenever the two years notice of withdrawal from the league of nations shall have been given by the United States as provided in article 1, the United States shall be the sole judge whether all its international obligations and all its obligations under this covenant shall have been fulfilled at the time of withdrawal.

"2. That the suggestions of the council of the league of nations as to the means of carrying the obligations of article X into effect are only advisory, and that any undertaking under the provisions of article X, the execution of which may require the use of American military or naval forces or economic measures, can under the constitution be carried out only by the action of the Congress, and that the failure of the Congress, and that the failure of the Congress to adopt the suggestions of the council or of the league, or to provide such military or naval forces or economic measures, shall not constitute a violation of the treaty.

"3. The United States reserves to itself the right to decide what questions are within its domestic jurisdiction and declares that all domestic and political affairs, including immigration, coastwise traffic, the tariff, commerce and all other purely domestic questions, are solely within the jurisdiction of the United States and are not by this covenant submitted in any way either to arbitration or to the consideration of the council or the assembly of the league of nations or to the decision or recommendation of any other power.

"4. The United States does not bind itself to submit for arbitration or inquiry by the assembly or the council any question which in the judgment of the United States depends upon or involves its long established policy, commonly known as the Monroe doctrine, and it is preserved unaffected by any provision in the said treaty contained."

ICE CREAM SUPPER AT VALDESE

The Valdese Junior Order will give an ice cream supper on August 9th, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited. Mr. J. L. Nelson, of Morganton, and others will be the speakers of the evening.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

Charles W. Harbison and Katie P. Abernethy.

Claywell Burns and Betsy Hallyburton.

Tillman Duckworth and Lula Denton.

J. R. Morris and Ula Shuford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Erwin and children and Miss Eugenia Clark have returned from a week's mountain trip in the western part of the State.

LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

Mrs. E. L. Edwards, who has been ill at Grace Hospital for a week or more, has recovered sufficiently to return home.

Mrs. T. R. Glass has been ill at her home for more than a month and even yet her recovery is not so rapid as her friends would wish.

Many Burke people always attend the annual soldiers' reunion in August each year at Newton. It will be held this year on next Thursday, the 14th.

Protracted meeting will begin at Zion Baptist church Monday, August 11, at 10 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. C. A. Caldwell, will be assisted by Rev. J. G. Murry.

Dr. Alfred W. Dula, of Lenoir, who recently underwent a very serious operation for appendicitis at Lincoln hospital, was able to return to his home August 2nd.

Mr. Thurman Brinkley has purchased the home of Mr. R. L. Bailey on East Union street. The Bailey family is planning to move to Hay, Washington, at an early date.

A meeting will begin at Mt. Home church the 2nd Sunday in August. Rev. C. A. Lineberger, of Wylisburg, Va., formerly of Morganton, will preach.

The street paver is busy this week on "Broadway," one half of the street getting well along toward completion. The sidewalks have been widened on each side, the four sections of cement making them the widest in town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Barry and family, of Norfolk, who bought the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. Lazarus on West Union street as a summer home, arrived last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus are boarding at the Patton house.

Mr. John Morris and Miss Eula Shuford were married Thursday, Rev. C. A. Caldwell officiating. After a wedding trip to Asheville they will make their home in Morganton. Mrs. Morris is the daughter of Mr. A. A. Shuford.

Campmeeting begins today at Rock Springs, Lincoln county, and will continue for 10 days. For the preaching Rev. A. L. Stanford, of Gastonia, and Rev. Loy D. Thompson, of Statesville, have been engaged. Mr. Robert Milam, a gospel singer, of Atlanta, will lead the singing.

The News-Herald has been bountifully supplied with fine peaches this season by thoughtful friends. To Mr. S. M. Asbury, Mr. J. M. McCalliard, Mrs. J. W. Winters, Mr. Arthur Beach we are indebted for some as large and delicious peaches as were ever grown. We get the pick of the crop, you see. Another friend left a generous supply last week but the writer was out of town and failed to get either a sample of them or to learn his name.

Mr. J. C. McDowell has sold his stock of groceries to Mr. McK. Kincaid, and Mr. Kincaid and Mr. H. L. Whitley, who occupied the building next door on "Broadway," have moved into the store occupied by Mr. McDowell. The building occupied by Mr. Kincaid and Mr. Whitley as a grocery store and shoe shop has been purchased by Mr. X. H. Cox, who will use it in enlarging his present business. The work of remodeling preparatory to occupancy will be begun at once.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Working Organization Now in Shape—Board of Governors Has First Meeting.

Preparatory to active service for the community and county the following committees have been appointed:

Roads and Transportation: W. C. Ervin, J. H. Pearson, F. P. Tate.

Finance and Membership: W. I. Davis, J. F. McGimsey, W. A. Harbison.

Civic Improvements: Dr. I. M. Taylor, J. A. Claywell, Rev. F. A. Bower.

Industrial Development: H. L. Millner, N. Lazarus, X. H. Cox.

Publicity: Miss Beatrice Cobb, H. C. Caviness. (Another to be appointed.)

Farm Extension Work: H. Erwin, Dr. L. W. Alston, and J. R. Patton.

The first meeting of the board of governors was held Monday night, the board composed of the president, vice-presidents and treasurer of the chamber and the chairmen of the above named committees.

NOW AFTER PROFITEERS AND HOARDERS OF FOOD

Department of Justice Will Carry Out Orders of the Attorney General.

Agents of the department of justice throughout the country are at work to carry out the order of the attorney general issued late Tuesday that profiteers and hoarders of food and other necessities be tracked down and prosecuted under the Lever food control act. Recommendations for additional legislation necessary to effect a reduction in the cost of living, formulated by the special subcommittee of the cabinet, were in President Wilson's hands, and he was expected to make these recommendations the subject of an early message to congress. Their nature has not been disclosed.

The country faced the definite promise of some cut in bread prices following the announcement Tuesday by Director Julius H. Barnes of the grain corporation that an immediate effort would be made to place on sale in every community where prices are found improperly high standard export flour at \$10 a barrel. The ruling price during the last four months, he said, has been at least a dollar above that figure. The announcement was made at the same time, however, that the grain corporation had decided to maintain the government's guarantee on wheat at \$2.25 a bushel. The prospective world wheat supply, Mr. Barnes said, dictated this action at a "reserve production against a higher price later."

In a statement contending that the price of wheat would rise if the guarantee price were not maintained, Mr. Barnes predicted a shrinkage in North American wheat production from the June forecast of "probably 400,000,000 bushels," with 200,000,000 bushels applying to the United States crop and also a shrinkage of 300,000,000 bushels in European rye and wheat production outside of Russia. The grain director, however, promised a readjustment in flour prices in later developments hold promise of a world price for wheat below the guarantee figure, with the national treasury to bear the expense.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

W. H. Crawley to T. T. Berry, 82½ acres in Morganton township No. 1.

John Long to John Marauda, house and lot in Valdese.

M. L. Probst to T. W. Ward, 26 acres in Silver Creek township.

R. S. Icard to Ben Glass, one-half undivided interest in house and lot in Icard township.

R. L. Huffman, commissioner, to M. K. Cline, house and lot in Morganton.

Isaac Lazarus to C. Moran Barry, house and lot in Morganton.

W. B. Faulkner to Mrs. W. B. Faulkner, several tracts of land in and near Morganton.

BURKE FARMERS' AND WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

To Be Held at Valdese and Hickory Grove Aug. 15 and 16

Farmers' and women's institutes, in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture, the experiment station and extension service, will be held in Burke county, at Valdese, on Friday, August 15 and at Hickory Grove Saturday, August 16. The institute will open at 10:30 o'clock a. m. sharp, new time.

Economical soil improvement, food and feed crops, live stock, pastures, insect pests and their control and marketing will be discussed by M. J. Hendricks, farmer, Davie county, Franklin Sherman, Entomologist, State Department of Agriculture and others.

At the same places and dates mentioned the women's institutes will be conducted by representatives of home demonstration work. All women are invited to come. Some of the topics for discussion will be: Good recipes for fireless cookery, how to prepare food for the sick, balance meals on a small income, up-to-date laundry methods, convenient arrangement of kitchen with one made labor saving devices, discussions on beautifying of the home grounds, community building, etc.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

CHESTERFIELD.

Mrs. Phons McGimsey and children, of Table Rock, are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. E. B. Hood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Puett, of Morganton, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Mattie Wall, of Norristown, Pa., is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. B. W. Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harris spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kincaid near Hartland.

Mr. Jay Baird has gone to work for the Southern Power Co., near Rutherford College.

Mr. Horace Conley has returned home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGimsey on Linville, and Mr. John Benfield at Bridgewater.

Mr. Van Miller, of Morganton, spent Wednesday with his home-folks.

Mr. S. A. McCall, of Marion, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kincaid Monday night.

Mr. J. V. Powell and Master Elbert Powell left Saturday to visit relatives, and will go to Wilkesboro on a business trip.

Mr. George Houk and daughter, Miss Ruth Houk, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Houk, of Bishopville, S. C., Mr. H. B. Houk and daughter, Miss Ethel Houk, of Topeka, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Berts and Mr. Tom Houk, of Caldwell, spent Monday with their uncle, Mr. W. A. Hood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes spent Sunday at Morganton visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stroup.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kincaid, Mrs. Edgar Puett, Mrs. Hardie Sudderth and Mr. Joseph Duckworth left last week to visit relatives, and friends at Newland.

Mr. Robert Smith, Jr., of Catawba Valley, spent Saturday night with his uncle, Mr. R. M. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Byrd, of Glen Alpine, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hensley.

Misses Birdie and Essie Johnson and Annie Laura Cassels visited Mrs. Nora Miller last Sunday.

Miss Ruth Hood was a guest of her friend, Miss Lexie Duckworth, Saturday night.

Miss Agnes Powell and Mr. Marshall Cline, Miss Sophia Powell and Mr. Hobart Logan, of the State Hospital, visited at the home of Mr. Vance Powell Sunday.

A crowd from Caldwell was here for the ball game Saturday afternoon between Chesterfield and Johns river, among them being Miss Ruth Boyd of Lenoir and the Misses Corpening of Gamewell. The score was 8 to 7 in favor of Chesterfield.

Mr. Sam Branch, of Gastonia, is spending a few days at his home here.

Miss Augusta Smith, who is teaching near Icard, spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr. Finley Rader, Master Ine and Virgil Rader and Miss Minnie Rader, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Crouch, in Quaker Meadows, have returned home.

Miss Elvie Harris and Miss Helen Hogan, of Morganton, were guests for the week-end of Miss Ruby Baird.

Miss Louise Hood and Mr. Eugene Wagner spent Sunday afternoon with the Misses Morrow.

Mr. R. W. Sudderth made a business trip to (Continued on second page)

COL. BOWERS' TALE OF HIDDEN TREASURE

Aged Man Who Once Held Forth Here is Spinning Yarns in Washington.

Burke county folks will be more or less interested in a story sent from Washington by Theodore Tiller, correspondent of the Greensboro News, which unfolds a regular "Captain Kidd" tale with Col. Chas. M. Bower as principal. It will be remembered that Col. Bower operated in this county some fifteen or twenty years ago and due to his activities many a Burke farmer dreamed of gold mines and fabulous wealth when the "rich vein" on his "place" should be developed. The colonel's fees for "discovering" the veins differed according to what he judged to be the "owner's" ability to pay. Numbers of them are sadder but wiser to the tune of amounts ranging from ten dollars to several hundred.

Mr. Tiller's story follows: A story of South Sea pirates, hidden treasure and a ship that probably never will sail on the quest for buried gold is unfolded here today with the arrest of an octogenarian who gives his address as Statesville, N. C. The aged Tar Heel is in a police station awaiting arraignment in the police court on a charge of false pretenses, but he sticks to his thrilling story of the hidden treasure and has little patience with the Washingtonians who invested in his enterprise and now seem to have an idea that they have been buncoed.

Both of the Washington papers this afternoon devote considerable space to the modern story of the hidden gold as told to the police by Charles M. Bower, 81 years old, and of rather distinguished appearance. Two Washington bankers are said to have

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