

Much Alarm Felt Over High Price of Certain Food Products

While China is Starving and France is Rioting Over High Prices People of United States Are Becoming More Interested in Subject.

Sugar Reaches High Water Mark; Potatoes Are Out of Sight and Coffee is Soaring Many Foods are Cheaper--

However.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 11.—While thousands are starving in China and France is rent with riots in protest against high food prices, there is renewed attention in the United States to the fact that sugar has reached its highest point in 12 years, that coffee prices are near zenith, and that potatoes are selling as high as \$1.10 a bushel in the field.

No Cause for Alarm. Now householders are asking: "Will this winter see a recurrence of conditions of 1909-10, when the cost of living reached its approximate and declined only after many so-called hoaxes against meat and other high-priced commodities were declared throughout the land?"

To this question economic experts here today answer no. Prices will be higher, they say, in some instances, above those of last winter, but they add that the man who provides his table with plain everyday fare, avoiding fancy brands and near-luxuries, may await approach of cold weather without undue anxiety.

Mess Pork Cheaper. It is pointed out that, generally speaking, with the exception of coffee, sugar, potatoes and a few canned vegetables, September began with conditions more favorable to the consumer, than was the case a year ago. On Sept. 1 mess pork was quoted at \$19 a barrel wholesale as against \$24 on the same date in 1910, the wholesale price of ham is a little more than 15 cents a pound—compared with 18 cents in the early fall of last year; western lard is selling at a fraction more than 9 cents as against more than 12 cents in September, 1910, and butter and eggs are both comparatively reasonable and a few cents cheaper than in last September.

Flour and Bacon. Flour of good quality is selling at lower retail prices at \$3.55 a barrel, the same price that prevailed at this time last year, and bacon may be had at some stores for 29 cents a pound as against 28 and 25 cents a year ago. The average family steak costs about 25 cents a pound as it did last year, though experts say that with all feeding crops short it is not unlikely that beef will go higher as the winter progresses.

Shortage of Potatoes. The cost of poultry will be largely determined by cold storage holdings. Indications are that the shortage of potatoes is serious, not only in this country, but in Great Britain and Germany. In the fall of last year one could buy good potatoes in the field at 55 cents a bushel; today the prices range from 85 cents to more than a dollar. Canned peas, beans and tomatoes also will be higher, but rice remains cheap and unless there is a marked advance in wheat it is urged that the man of slender means can provide for his family without serious strain.

Sugar and Coffee High. Sugar and coffee are phenomenally high, but those who are studying the market predict that decreased consumption which invariably follows a prohibitive advance, will soon restore these two breakfast table necessities to a more normal level.

No. 7 standard Rio spot coffee brought 13 1/2 cents a pound wholesale in New York Saturday as against 10 1/2 a year ago and the standard grade of granulated sugar was quoted wholesale at 6 7/8 cents per pound, the highest level since July, 1899. Failure of the European sugar beet crop and poor prospects in China are given as the cause of the abrupt jump in the sugar market.

Table of Prices. It is almost impossible to strike an intelligent average of the price to the consumer, so much depending upon the location of the dealer's store. The following table of 25 standard commodities, however, shows the prevailing wholesale prices when the month of September opened these figures have changed only slightly since:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Butter, creamery, state; Cheese, choice east factory; Mackerel No. 1 bays; Cod fish, large dried per quintal; Coffee, Rio No 7 per lb; Sugar, granulated per lb; Tea, Formosa, Olong, superior per lb; Molasses, New Orleans prime per gallon; Salt fine domestic sacks 24 pounds; Rice domestic good per lb; Potatoes, eastern per 180 pounds.

Butter, creamery, state best per pound . . . . . 27 .315 Cheese, choice east factory per lb . . . . . 135 .1575 Mackerel No. 1 bays, (Boston) per barrel . . . . . \$26.00 \$24.00 Cod fish, large dried per quintal . . . . . 7.50 7.00 Coffee, Rio No 7 per lb 13375 .10125 Sugar, granulated per lb .0625 .0525 Tea, Formosa, Olong, superior per lb .165 .16 Molasses, New Orleans prime per gallon . . . . . 30 .32 Salt fine domestic sacks 24 pounds . . . . . 94 .80 Rice domestic good per lb .4125 .0475 Potatoes, eastern per 180 pounds . . . . . 2.75 1.75

Says he Will Not Permit Bout

By Associated Press. Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 11.—Upon instructions from state officials the sheriff of Milwaukee county declares he will not permit the staging of a bout between Packey McFarland and lightweight champion Wolgast scheduled for here next Friday night. Promoters of the battle declare, however, they do not intend to violate the law and that the bout will be put on just as they have arranged.

KICKS OVER BURDENS PLACED ON ROADS.

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 11.—F. O. Melcher, vice-president of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad in a letter published here calls attention to the serious nature of pending railway legislation intended to safeguard employees and passengers. He points out for example that one bill introduced in congress requiring all roads to discard their wooden equipment after January 1st, 1912, would cost the railroads more than \$630,000. Other bills now pending would require the roads to enlarge their clearances at a cost of \$444,000,000 and to install the universal block signals at a cost of \$287,000,000. To comply with these three laws would call for an expenditure by the railroads of \$1,361,000,000. This is nearly 10 per cent of the net capitalization of all the roads in the United States, which amounted to \$14,338,575,000 at the end of 1910.

WHITECAPPERS AFTER NEGRO COTTON PICKERS.

By Associated Press. Waxahachie, Texas, Sept. 11.—White cappers last night made a partial successful attempt to drive negro cotton pickers out of the country between Midlothian and Venus, including portions of both Ellis and Johnson counties. Negroes were today reported fleeing in large numbers, leaving farms without help. Two or three negroes were reported as badly beaten by night riders.

DIAZ REACHES BADEN BADEN.

By Associated Press. Baden Baden, Germany, Sept. 11.—General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, arrived here today to take the cure.

Strike Question Not Decided.

By Associated Press. Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 11.—"We have not yet decided the question of a strike of the shop employees. We are still hoping for another conference with Mr. Kruttschnitt, or with the general managers of the Harriman lines. However, we have not and will not modify the demand for recognition of the federation."

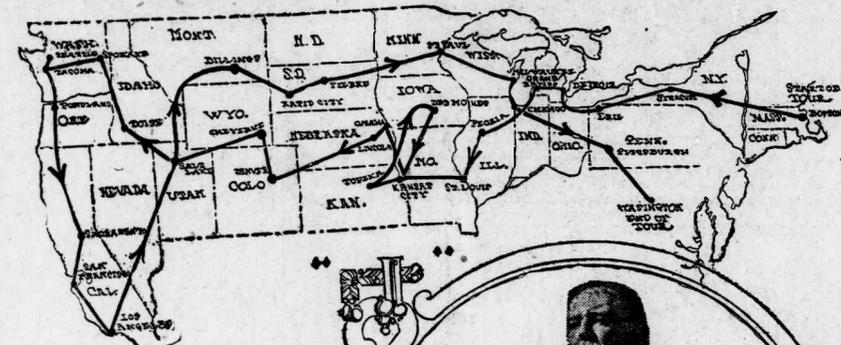
This statement was made today by J. W. Kline, president of the Blacksmiths and Helpers Union of Chicago, who arrived here today.

Railroad President to Retire

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 11.—Official announcement is made today that President C. S. Mellen, of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, is to retire from the presidency of that company but the date has not yet been fixed.

PROHIBITION THE ISSUE IN MAINE TODAY

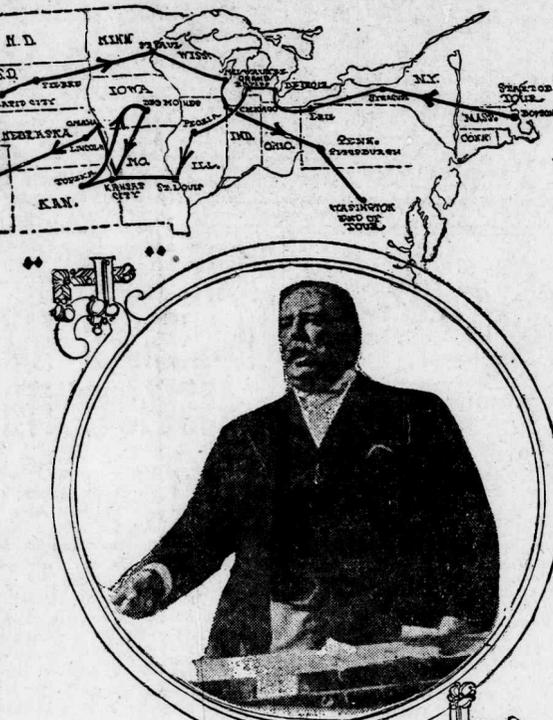
By Associated Press. Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—Main's claim to prohibition fame hangs in the balance today, for in village and city throughout the commonwealth voters at dawn sought the polls to register their opinions on the question of maintaining restriction on the liquor traffic in the state constitution. City voters were early at the polls. In the large centers of population there seemed to be a disposition to do away with the prohibitory amendment; it is in the rural districts where the anti-saloon workers hoped to roll up a vote that would retain it. In churches throughout the state prohibition workers began prayer meetings with the opening of the polls. There are three other questions to be voted upon, each relating to local government.



ITINERARY OF PRESIDENT TAFT The president and map showing the itinerary of his swing around the circuit which begins on September 15, when he leaves Boston, to be on the road for 48 days.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 11.—Forecast: North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia—Local showers tonight and Tuesday; light variable winds.



CHAMP CLARK IS AT HOME TODAY

SHOP EMPLOYEES CONSIDER NEXT MOVE IN STRIKE

By Associated Press. Chicago, Sept. 11, 1911. "We are going to let the Illinois Central Railroad shop employees know before the day is over what the machinists will do with relation to the proposed strike," declared P. J. Conlon, first vice president of the international association of machinists today.

"I expect a message from our international executive board which went into session this morning at Davenport. We are not going to fool with this matter any longer. The board will decide whether the machinists are to sanction this strike or not sanction it."

"As soon as definite action is taken I will be notified and I will at once communicate with the members of the international committee representing the nine trades."

Vice President Conlon would express no conviction as to what the action of the machinists executive board would be, but the persistent report is that it will be unfavorable to the shop employees who are eager to strike.

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Members of the Illinois Central shop employees federation were in a quagmire today over their next move in their dispute with the railroad company.

After the conference of executive board members of the International Association of Machinists in Chicago yesterday where several of the international officers plainly declared they did not favor a strike of the shop employees, the board adjourned to meet in Davenport, Iowa, today. The full executive board will further consider the shopmen's position and final announcement of the machinists position will be made soon.

Should the machinists decide not to endorse the strike, there is small likelihood that J. F. McCreary, president of the Illinois Central shopmen, and his colleagues on the federation committee would order the men out because there would be little funds to depend on for strike benefits.

His Wedding Fees Amount to \$50,000

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Sept. 11.—That the ministry is a paying proposition from a worldly standpoint is borne out by the fact that from wedding fees alone in his 27 years as rector of Trinity Episcopal church of this city, Rev. A. Gordon Bakewell, has taken in \$50,000. Rev. Bakewell is careful to keep his statistics correct and they show that during his pastorate here he has performed 10,036 wedding ceremonies for which he received an average fee of \$5; has baptized 1,099 babies and has officiated at 2,001 funerals.

CHAMP CLARK IS AT HOME TODAY

By Associated Press. Louisiana, Mo., Sept. 11.—Speaker Champ Clark, of the house of representatives, is being entertained today by the home folks, all Pike county and the greater part of the population of the Ninth Missouri Congressional District joining to make his home coming from Washington an epoch in Missouri history.

Schooner Lost; Fourteen Drowned

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 11.—Fourteen men were drowned in the sinking of the schooner Whisper, off the Nicaraguan coast yesterday, according to cables received here from Port Limon. The schooner, commanded by Captain Winston Hall, of Philadelphia, carried a cargo of mahogany which caught fire and an explosion of gasoline sent it to the bottom with all on board.

Proceedings of Canonization.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Proceedings for the canonization of Father Magin Catala, who came to California in 1794 and was stationed at Santa Clara, have passed their first and perhaps most important stage, according to advices received here yesterday from Rome.

A commission appointed by the pope to examine Father Catala's writings has reported that there is nothing objectionable in them. Investigations now will be made into the testimony of 62 witnesses concerning his saintly life and the miracles which he is declared to have performed.

The Small Hat Has Improved The Sex

By Associated Press. Boston, Sept. 11.—Fashion's tendency during the past few days towards smaller hats for women has resulted in a distinct improvement in the condition of the sex according to Dr. George W. Galvin, head of the emergency hospital here.

Died in Effort to Save His France

By Associated Press. Detroit, Sept. 11.—In a vain effort to breast the strong current of the Detroit river yesterday, Clarence V. Huetter, 26 years of age, was drowned attempting to save his fiance, Miss Anna Baetz. His body was recovered. Miss Baetz was saved by a rescuer in a canoe.

NATION WIDE FIGHT AGAINST BREAD TRUST

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 11.—Plans for a nation wide fight against the so-called "bread trust" will come up for discussion at the meeting of the bakers and confectionery workers international union of America which convenes in triennial session here today. The union which comprises a membership of 22,000 and will be represented by about 85 delegates may go so far as to finance and open independent bakeries in an effort to force the master bakers to recognize them even at the expense of a bitter fight.

Plot to Rob the Smithsonian Institute

By Associated Press. New York, Sept. 11.—The police here today are investigating an alleged plot to rob the Smithsonian Institution in Washington of some of the museum's most valuable American relics which the government could not duplicate at any price. It is the intention of the man who has planned the theft, according to the story brought to the police through an informer, to hold the relics for a large ransom.

Southern Cotton Exchange Meets.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 11.—A general meeting of the Southern cotton exchange met in this city today. A large number of delegates are present. The sessions will continue through Tuesday.

The gathering is called to take up a number of matters of interest to the cotton trade, including the question of rules governing the sale of spot cotton; supervision of weights at American spinning centers, amount of tare to be allowed and proper places to hold arbitration meetings.

Cotton Mills Resume Operations

By Associated Press. Boston, Sept. 11.—Nearly 25,000 persons engaged in the New England textile industry resumed work today after various periods of idleness. Within eight days 85,000 textile operatives in New England have been called to their machines.

Big Merger of Many Rice Mills

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Sept. 11.—Twenty-eight of the forty-six rice mills in Louisiana have been merged into the Louisiana state rice millings company with an authorized capitalization of \$9,500,000 according to a charter just published. This combine is the result of a much smaller organization started last March with 18 mills.

Twenty Persons Were Killed As Result of Chinese Rioting

GERMAN REPLY TO FRANCE WAS NOT PLEASANT

By Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 11.—Germany's reply to proposals submitted by France with the idea of reaching an agreement in the Moroccan problem has affected French government circles unpleasantly.

Germany's counter proposals were received in Paris Saturday night, and after lengthy examination by Premier Caillaux and Foreign Minister De Selves, it was decided to refer them to specialists on Moroccan questions. When these have formed an opinion, the premier will call a meeting of the cabinet and lay before it the whole matter for decision.

Germany asks, it appears, that every claim of German subjects to concessions in Morocco shall be recognized by France and that no new enterprise shall be started under the French protectorate without being internationalized equally.

The claims of German subjects, particularly those of Mannes Brothers and speculative companies organized by them are enormous. The German terms also ask for a free hand in Morocco with conditions that would, according to the French view, deprive France of all her advantages and would give Germany privileges in Morocco beyond those of any power, even France.

There seems no likelihood of the French government accepting the German counter proposals. A temporary way out of the difficulty may be that some other signatory of the Algeciras act will ask for another international conference.

A semi-official note issued today says Minister De Selves has examined the observations presented by the German government in reply to the French proposals and that he probably will take a favorable view of the suggestions contained therein for establishing the economic equality of the powers in Morocco, but that in opposition to this international economic equality are privileges desired by Germany alone.

Other points, the note says, are raised by the German response which are equally serious. Negotiations between France and Germany, the note says, in conclusion, probably will be prolonged for some time.

The German Side. Berlin, Sept. 11.—Resolutions protesting against the withdrawal of Germany from her political position in Morocco and against her acceptance of territorial indemnity in the French Congo have been adopted by the German League.

The German imperial chancellor was asked to break off negotiations with France relative to Morocco rather than settle the dispute on that basis. Another resolution adopted demanded the speedier building of war ships. The league declares the German people are strong for the acquisition of western Morocco.

Although the tone of the Paris Bourse was heavy today, the solid structure of French finance was little affected by financial embarrassments in Germany, for the reason that the French buy securities for permanent investment and do not sell them because of fluctuations in quotations.

The worst effect on the French market is that French houses have cancelled many buying orders in Germany and the French banks refuse to renew the German loans. Credit likewise is cut off from Berlin in London.

Portland, Me., Sept. 11.—President Mellen, of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad denied today he would resign his position.

TRIED TO STOP WEDDING AND GOT KILLED

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 11.—William Fisher, a farmer, lies dead at Adairville, Ky., in an undertaker's establishment as a result of an effort yesterday to prevent the marriage of his niece to Ben Manlo, a young farmer of the School, Ky., vicinity. Manlo had the consent of the girl's father, John Fisher, and had gone to Springfield, Tenn., to secure the license and with the young woman was waiting near the state line for a minister.

Realizing the Gravity of The Situation the Chinese Central Government Decided to Suppress The Uprising.

Troops and Rioters Engage in Fatal Clash—Twenty-Seven Counties in One Section Devastated by Floods.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 11.—More than a score of persons have been killed and many wounded during rioting in turbulent Sze-Chuen province in China, according to information reaching here today. Citizens and soldiers were victims of the fighting.

The rioters were led by persons who incited them against the government and population because of the administration's attitude in permitting foreign participation in railroad financing.

It is believed American and many foreigners had left Cheng-Tu, the provincial capital, before the beginning of fighting.

The situation is serious. The central government is moving to check the rioting.

The gravity of conditions and the fearful possibilities of the mammoth uprising has determined the Chinese central government to suppress the trouble. On Thursday the ring leaders of the agitation were arrested. This inflamed their supporters. Fighting followed. Soldiers fired into the rioters, killing some twenty of them. The mob returned and in a subsequent assault upon the viceroys residence slew a number of the troops.

Today, because of cut wires, the capital of the rebellious province is cut off from the rest of the world. Developments since the fighting are unknown. The United States consul at Hankow has left for the rioting scene to investigate conditions. One thousand federal soldiers left Hankow for the disturbed province on Saturday. Other forces are collecting on the Sze-Chuen border. Twenty-seven counties in northern Anhwei and Kiang Zeu provinces have been devastated by the floods of the uncontrolled Yang Tse, according to official reports to the American legation at Peking. Conditions in the Yang Tse valley are reported as even more appalling. The central government has appropriated \$420,000 for relief purposes, but this is inadequate.

ADVANCE GUARD OF COTTON CONFERENCE.

By Associated Press. Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 11.—The advance guard of the Southern cotton growers' conference, which convenes in Montgomery at noon tomorrow, arrived here today. Among the arrivals are President C. B. Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, and commissioner of agriculture, T. C. Hudson, of Georgia. The conference is called for the purpose of establishing this year's cotton yield in rebuttal of bearish reports, and also to urge the slow marketing of the staple.

ADVANCE IN FREIGHT RATES.

By Associated Press. Washington, Sept. 11.—Advances in freight rates on the packages and small lots, filed with the interstate commerce commission by railways generally today, were suspended until April 28, 1912.

The case in which this suspension order was issued is one of the most important now before the commission, as it affects large and small shippers in every part of the country.

PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILD ARRESTED.

By Associated Press. Madison, Wis., Sept. 11.—Parents of murdered Annie Lemberger were taken into custody immediately following the child's funeral this afternoon. It appears, the police believe, that the Lembergers and murder of their daughter than they have told. There is no indication of police suspicion, that the parents were connected in any way with the murder, however.

GOVERNORS WILL ADJOURN TOMORROW AT NOON.

By Associated Press. Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 11.—Governors of thirty or more states are expected for their third annual conference here tomorrow at noon. At 10 o'clock tomorrow morning Governor Wilson will welcome the governors on behalf of New Jersey. Governor Carey, of Wyoming, will respond, then the meeting will begin its scheduled work. In the evening Governor and Mrs. Wilson will receive the visitors at the state cottage at Sea Girt.

Will Attempt A Long Flight

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Sept. 11.—Robert Fowler, the aviator, who will attempt to fly from San Francisco to New York, expected to start at 11 o'clock today, from Golden Gate park. The aviator plans to make the distance in twenty flying days and in a total of 26 days, arriving in New York October 7.