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WILSON GIVES REMEDIES FOR CHECKING COSTS

Present High Cost of Living Not Justified by Shortage of Supplies, Either Present or Future, Tells Congress

In an address to congress last Friday President Wilson laid several specific proposals before congress for checking the high cost of living, but at the same time declared permanent results could not be expected until peace time bases were fully restored by ratification of the peace treaty.

High prices, the President told congress, were not justified by shortage of supplies either present or prospective but were created in many cases "artificially and deliberately" by "vicious practices." Retailers, he said, were responsible in large part for extortionate prices.

Strikers, the President warned the labor world, would only make matters worse and those who sought to employ threats and coercion were only "preparing their own destruction." Leaders of organized labor, the President said, he was sure would presently yield to second sober thought.

"Illegal" and "criminal" were the words the President used in characterizing the methods by which some present day prices have been brought about.

Present laws he said would be energetically employed to the limit to force out food hoards and meet the situation so far as possible, but to supplement the existing statutes he specifically urged the following:

Licensing of all corporations engaged in interstate commerce, with specific regulations designed to secure competitive selling and prevent "unconscionable profits" in the method of marketing.

Extension of the food control act to peace times and the application of its provisions against hoarding of fuel, clothing and other necessities of life, as well as food.

A penalty in the food control act for profiteering.

A law regulating cold storage, limiting the time during which goods may be held; prescribing a method of disposing of them if held beyond the permitted period and requiring that when released, goods bear the date of storage.

Laws requiring that goods released from storage for interstate commerce bear the selling prices at which they went into storage and requiring that all goods destined for interstate commerce bear the prices at which they left the hands of the producer.

Enactment of the pending bill for the control of security issues.

Additional appropriations for government agencies which can supply the public with full information as to prices at which retailers buy.

Early ratification of the peace treaty so that the "free processes of supply and demand" can operate.

Immediate steps by executive agencies of the government promised by the President included:

The limiting and controlling of wheat shipments and credits to facilitate the purchase of wheat shipments in such a way as not to raise, but rather to lower the price of flour at home.

Sale of surplus stocks of food and clothing in the hands of the government.

The forced withdrawal from storage and sale of surplus stocks in private hands.

General recommendations included:

Increase of production.

Careful buying of housewives.

Fair dealing with the people on the part of producers, middlemen and merchants.

That there be no threats and undue insistence upon the interest of a single class.

Correction of "many things" in the relation between capital and labor in respect to wages and conditions of labor.

In concluding the President made a plea for deliberate, intelligent action, reminding congress that an unbalanced world was looking to the United States.

"We and we alone," he said, "now hold the world steady. Upon our steadfastness and self-possession depend the affairs of nations everywhere. It is in this supreme crisis—this crisis for all mankind—that America must prove her mettle."

Land Sale Postponed.

The auction sale of the E. K. Hild farm has been postponed until next Tuesday, the 19th. The J. C. Bowman and S. A. Poteat property are also advertised to be sold on the same day. The advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

PRICES NAMED FOR FOOD GOVERNMENT WILL SELL

Distributing Point for this Section Will Be Atlanta—Sales Began On August 8th.

The shipping point for meats and vegetables which the government offers for sale at cost will be the storage points where this food has been held in reserve by the war department. Atlanta, Ga., is the nearest point for this section and orders should go there. The shipment can be made on and after August 18th.

Prices for the food were quoted as follows:

Meats — Corn beef, No. 1 can, 30 cents; No. 2 can, 28 cents; six pound can, \$2. Roast beef: No. 1 can, 29 cents; one pound can, 41 cents; two pound can, 66 cents; six pound can, \$2.50. Corn beef hash, one pound can, 23 cents; two pound can, 23 cents; two pound can, 23 cents; two pound cans 40 cents; bacon in crates, 34 cents per pound; in 12 pound tins, 36 cents per pound.

Vegetables — Baked beans, No. 1 can, seven cents; No. 2 can, 18 cents; No. 3 can, 18 cents. Stringless beans, No. 2 can, 11 cents; No. 12 can, 48 cents. Corn, No. 2 can, 12 cents. Peas No. 2 can, 11 cents. Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 11 cents; No. 2 half can, 13 cents; No. 3 can 15 cents; No. 10 can, 45 cents. Pumpkin, No. 2 can, six cents; No. 3 can, nine cents; No. 10 can 24 cents. Squash No. 2 cans, six cents.

The number of cans available for sale in each commodity range from 22,302,022 of the No. 3 cans of tomatoes to 1,025 cans No. 10 size, of pumpkin. The largest amounts otherwise are 15,000,000 No. 1 cans and 19,000,000 No. 2 cans of corned beef, 12,000,000 each of the one and two-pound cans of roast beef, 11,000,000 each of the one and two-pound cans of corned beef hash, 13,000,000 No. 3 size baked beans, 18,000,000 No. 2 cans of corn, 10,000,000 pounds of crated bacon and 6,000,000 of bacon in 12-pound tins.

The sale, the war department said, "will be the largest direct sale to the American people ever attempted." The prices were stated to be "materially lower" than those prevailing in the commercial market and the food was described as being in excellent condition.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK OF EXPANDING BALKAN AREA.

London.—With the Rumanians in Budapest, the economic outlook of the expanded Balkan kingdom has brightened. Many of the most important British firms and combines have sent out representatives to study the ground and accept orders. Numerous smaller firms are doing a good business, British Commercial Attache Adams has just come out and is supporting the representatives of British firms by his first hand knowledge of the country.

Thus with conditions which favor the introduction of British merchandise, a broad vista of activity opens out before us. Large deals have been transacted just lately.

UNITED STATES SENDS ULTIMATUM TO RUMANIA.

London.—A dispatch from Vienna by way of Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the United States has sent an ultimatum to Rumania demanding withdrawal of the severe armistice terms presented to Hungary, on pain of a cessation of the shipment of food to Rumania.

HOOVER STOPS ALL FOOD EN ROUTE TO BUDAPEST.

Paris.—Herbert Hoover, head of the inter-allied relief commission, has stopped all relief supplies on their way to Budapest, taking the position that he would be unwarranted in letting supplies reach Hungary while the Rumanians are now depriving the people of foodstuffs.

Members of the American peace delegation said that there are no American troops now in Budapest, and that none will be sent there.

Nanney-Hogan.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. Ruben Nanney claimed as his bride Miss Ella Hogan, of Nealsville, the ceremony being performed at Sugar Hill, McDowell county. Mr. Nanney is the youngest son of Mr. G. W. Nanney, of Rutherfordton, Route 3.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Aug. 11—Misses Flora and Bertha Curtis of Marion, who have been on a visit to Mrs. C. F. Noblitt, returned home Saturday.

C. L. Gilbert and family from Greer, S. C., are on a visit to the families of P. C. and James Harmon in New Fort.

Gordon Justice, arrived Sunday from France, much to the delight of his relatives and friends.

News has been received that Jennings Nichols has arrived from overseas.

McKinley and Reuben Poteat of Marion returned home Monday after spending Sunday at J. M. Kanipe's.

Miss Grace Arney returned Monday from an extended visit to Atlantic City and other points.

Dr. Garren and daughter, Ruth, of Monroe, spent Monday in Old Fort. Dr. Garren at one time practiced medicine here.

James Whitby of Cheraw, S. C., is spending his vacation in Old Fort.

Ted and Jack Saunders of Marion spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. A. McCanness.

The Baptist Sunday school is planning to have a picnic at Catawba Falls Thursday of this week.

J. C. McCurry of Asheville, returned home Tuesday after visiting his mother.

Beecher Hudgins, of Akron, Ohio, is expected in Old Fort Monday, to visit relatives.

Carl Blalock and family of Dallas, Texas, are in the city on a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. P. Norton.

Mrs. F. R. Stegall and family and Mrs. Pigley and family are on a visit to C. A. Nichols.

Mrs. Helen Duffy is on a visit to Mrs. Hicks Grant.

Miss Maude Crawford will leave Tuesday for a few days visit to Asheville.

Mrs. S. Huffman of Mt. Holly, and daughter, Miss Zoe, of New York City, who have been on a visit to the family of S. M. Huffman, left for Asheville for a few days after which they will return to Mt. Holly.

On last Saturday Montreat and Old Fort played a game of baseball on the Montreat diamond, the result being 4 to 2 in favor of Montreat. On the previous Saturday Old Fort won a game from Montreat on the Old Fort diamond.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Aug. 11.—Claud M. Laughridge of Marion visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Regina Mathews, of Rock Hill, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Taylor. James C. Goforth was in Marion last week.

Miss Bertie Taylor of Bridgewater is visiting relatives here.

Ernest Satterwhite made a business trip to Marion last Thursday.

Miss Irene Dysart of Hickory is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Miss Lona Goforth has gone to Chapel Hill where she opened school Monday.

Miss Pearl Laughridge of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting relatives here.

Bratcher Laughridge has accepted a position in Cook's shoe shop in Spencer. Pack Walker made a business trip to Marion last Tuesday.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Aug. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Poteat are visiting the former's sister at Spruce Pine.

Mrs. Willard Curtis and children of Rock Hill, S. C., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith.

Kenny and Renben Poteat spent the week-end with relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. M. B. Poteat is seriously ill at her home here.

J. L. Swann of Glenwood was a welcome visitor here last week.

Mrs. S. C. Jamison and children of Old Fort are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. England.

Mrs. W. A. Proctor and sister, Mrs. C. E. Huffman, are visiting relatives in Shelby.

The Chapel Hill school opened Monday with a good attendance under the leadership of J. E. Kanipe of Marion and Miss Lona Goforth of Dysartsville.

The revival meeting at this place closed last Sunday evening. We hope much and lasting good was accomplished.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mrs. M. E. Caldwell to Thomasville Chair company, timber on North Catawba river, \$10 00.

W. T. Morgan and J. W. Winborne, commissioner, to J. L. Wilson, land near Hattie Wilson, \$200; to J. L. Padgett, lot at Nebo, \$5 00.

Geo. W. Chapman to Bruce B. Gettys, two acres on Buck creek, \$1000, etc.

W. M. Harris to H. T. White, lot in New Fort \$140

J. M. Lancaster to W. S. Owensby, 50 acres adjoining A. D. Frady, \$250.

H. W. Miller to Eliza Wright, 32 acres on Flat creek, \$100.

R. L. Bowman to Carl Davis, land on Water street, Old Fort, \$1100

J. D. Murphy to Marion Williams, land on Commerce street, Old Fort, \$10.

J. S. Jamison to E. S. McCurry, land adjoining W. M. Goodson, on Crooked Creek road, \$425.

M. F. Morpew to D. F. Giles, homeplace on Main street, Marion, \$7,000.

Mrs. Florence Thomas to Mrs. Nellie Lunsford, two lots on Park Hill, \$100.

T. E. Maness to J. R. Gray, lot at Fairmont Park, \$150.

Millard A. Jenkins to J. D. Moore, 28 acres adjoining Buncombe line, \$200

Edward Carr to Dave Gibson, land adjoining Joseph A. Poteat, and Mrs. Little, \$450.

J. L. J. Jamison to Mrs. A. T. Jones, land on Crooked Creek road, \$500.

Sarah E. Brinkley to C. L. Arrowood, land at Nebo, \$700

A. D. Erwin and wife to J. J. Lewis, land at Nebo, \$1,550.

P. C. Pressnell to J. S. Browning, 25 acres, Grant 5198, \$250.

J. S. Kelly to Nancy Pressnell, 25 acres of Grant 5198, \$100

Farmers' Institutes Next Week.

Two farmers' and women's institutes will be held in McDowell county next week—at Dysartsville, Monday, August 18, and at Stroudtown, Tuesday, August 19. The institutes will open at 10:30 o'clock, sharp, new time.

County Agent Thurman urges the farmers to turn out with their families and take advantage of such a splendid opportunity to hear trained specialists on the various subjects.

Economical soil improvement, food and feed crops, live stock, pastures, insect pests and their control, and marketing will be discussed at the farmers' meetings.

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, in which the women will be deeply interested, are good recipes for fireless cookery, how to prepare food for the sick, balancing meals on a small income, up-to-date laundry methods, convenient arrangement of kitchen with home-made labor-saving devices, discussions on beautifying the home grounds, community buildings, etc.

The bond election in Forest City last week for a new \$50,000 school building carried by an overwhelming majority. Work will begin soon, it is stated, and rushed to completion.

ANOTHER RED CROSS DRIVE IN NOVEMBER

American Red Cross Will Ask For Fifteen Million Dollars For Continuing Work.

Plans for a nation-wide Red Cross campaign opening Monday, November 3, and closing Armistice Day, November 11, have been announced.

The primary object of the campaign, which will be known as the Third Red Cross call, will be to enroll members for 1920 but there will be in addition a general appeal for \$15,000,000 to enable the organization to complete its war obligations at home and abroad. There will also be local appeals, where necessary, conducted by the chapters, to secure funds needed for local programs.

During the war there were two annual Red Cross campaigns, the War Fund Drive in the late spring and a Christmas Roll Call for membership. The only campaign this year will be the one in November and in succeeding years there will be only an annual roll call in which the Red Cross will seek the reaffirmed allegiance of the American people expressed in dollar memberships. The money so derived will be used for American purposes and the approval thus received is to be regarded as a mandate to carry on future programs.

"The first task of the American Red Cross is, of course, to complete its obligations to American soldiers and sailors," said Dr. Farrand, chairman, in announcing the program. "The organization plans, as its future policy, to concentrate its efforts upon peace problems at home, unless America should again be involved in war or confronted by great disasters creating special emergencies."

"The Red Cross programs are primarily within the field of public health and will aim particularly at co-operation with official activities, federal, State and local. The Red Cross will seek not to duplicate the work of established organizations, but will endeavor to supplement other agencies where they already exist or to stimulate and organize work where none such exists."

The tremendous task of the American Red Cross in the war has, however, left a continuing obligation which cannot be fulfilled for some months to come, Dr. Farrand stated. In an amendment to the army bill, Congress has prolonged the responsibility of the Red Cross abroad by authorizing Secretary of War Baker to transfer to the Red Cross such medical and surgical supplies and supplementary and dietary foodstuffs now in Europe as is not needed by the army abroad by authorizing Secretary of War American Red Cross to relieve and supply the pressing needs of the countries involved in the late war.

Supplies For War Work.

Inventories of these supplies are now being made. To this will be added such material as the American Red Cross itself has in Europe and these will be distributed in the countries where the organization is conducting its war relief program and where, because of the ravages of war, famine and epidemic, the distress is most pronounced, as in the Balkans, Poland and other eastern European countries. To meet these obligations and administer this foreign relief the Red Cross must raise at this a fund of \$15,000,000, Dr. Farrand stated.

"The Red Cross authorities realize that the astonishing generosity of the American people during the war and the present high cost of living at home might legitimately lead many to expect a release from further demands for assistance to other peoples," continued Dr. Ferrand, "but we must remember that our allies were much harder hit by the war than were we, and that we have incurred obligations to them which honor demands shall be discharged. In naming the sum of \$15,000,000, the Red Cross has tried to determine the smallest amount which will enable it to round out its work and make effective the appropriation of army goods rather than to estimate the generosity of the American people."

In conclusion Dr. Farrand said: "It is believed that the end of our foreign obligations is in sight and, accordingly, the Red Cross is turning its chief attention and energy to the development of a clearly defined home program which already includes systematic preparedness for disaster relief, a widespread nursing plan, continuing home service operations, first aid instruction, and a junior Red Cross program, all of which will depend for their success upon large and vigorous chapters. For these reasons the enrollment of members is the chief purpose of the November campaign. It is the primary ambition of the American Red Cross to be of service to Americans."

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 8:30 p. m.