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FOOD PRICES ARE ABOVE ALL REASON

Food Shipments Abnormally Held Up and Element of Speculation A Potent Factor in Boosting Prices MAY APPOINT FOOD DICTATOR

While Food Probe is Reporting Unjustified Prices Council is Considering Relief Measures.

(By United Press) Washington, April 26.—The results of the first congressionally authorized probe of food prices was reported here today. The conclusion of the report is that there is no just ground for such high prices of many products as are demanded and it recommends the urgent need of the organization of such comprehensive marketing machinery as would bring producing and consuming communities into direct trading relations with each other.

Municipal wholesale markets are recommended.

Conditions unearthed here may be a criterion of what the Federal Trade Commission may find in its nation-wide investigation of the food situation. The probe found reports of food shortage misleading. The prices in many cities are unusually high and the poor are compelled to resort to the strictest economy to provide food. It appears also that the consumers are practicing frugality to an extent never before heard of in this country. The sale of the expensive cuts of meats has greatly fallen off. The decreasing garbage collections in the cities also is an indication of greater household economies.

It is proved in the report that shipments of foodstuffs have been abnormally held up and that the supply has therefore been abnormally depleted. The element of speculation has also been a potent factor in the increase in prices. Shipments of food to belligerents have not affected eggs or potatoes, but the prices of both of these have soared with other foods.

That some American probably Herbert Hoover or Secretary Wilson, will within the next few months become the food dictator of the world is indicated as one of the developments of the international war conference of the allies.

More and more the proceedings of the council appear to be crystallizing into a monumental campaign to feed the allies. Questions of shipping and finance are considered of comparatively collateral but vital importance.

No Vote Yet On Draft Bill

(By United Press) Washington, April 26.—Congress continued today to struggle with the selective draft bill but supporters of the measure feel a renewed confidence that it will pass by a good majority. A poll by Representative Gardner indicates that opposition is weakening and has already reached a point that will make safe a favorable margin. No vote, however, is expected in either house today. The House has agreed, however, to vote on selective conscription tomorrow. The debate closes tonight.

JACOBS—WRIGHT

Mr. Lytle P. Jacobs of Victoria, Va. and Miss Helen M. Wright of Portsmouth, Va. were married Wednesday by Mr. Munden.

Root Accepts Chairmanship

(By United Press) Washington, April 26.—Congressman Root has accepted the chairmanship of the American commission to Russia.

Took Step to Aid Farmers

(By United Press) Washington, April 26.—To aid the farmers of the nation meeting the food situation the Government took steps today to throw one hundred million dollars into the breach. Secretary McAdoo announced that all postal savings deposits will be made immediately available as loans to farmers.

MOYOCK THIS MONTH

Following is the program for the Camden-Currituck Union Meeting to be held at Moyock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell. 2: P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant:— (a) As resides in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris. (b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Shepherd.

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

- 10 A. M. The Scope of the Covenant. (a) The support of the church as laid down therein—J. K. Henderson (b) Home religion as prescribed in the covenant—W. J. Byrum.

- 2: P. M. (c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst. (d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obviated by any change of location—B. C. Henning.

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH

- 11 A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Uttermost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum. 3:30 P. M.—Demonstration B. Y. P. U. program—Representatives First Baptist and Blackwell Memorial Church Unions of Elizabeth City.

Broadway Jones

This is the day movie fans of Elizabeth City have been looking forward to ever since the first announcement that Geo. M. Cohan would appear in "Broadway Jones." This is Mr. Cohan's first and only appearance on the screen and has been healded with rapture from all parts of the country. Don't miss this opportunity of seeing the feature hit of the Spring Season on tomorrow also, "The Perils of Our Girl Reporters," will be the extra attraction at the Alkrama in addition to "Broadway Jones."

Wants Site For A Fair

The directors of the Albemarle Agricultural Association held a meeting in the law office of the secretary, Thomas J. Markham, Wednesday and voted to advertise for bids for a fair ground site. These bids will be opened on Friday, May 4th, and in all probability a site will be selected at that time.

Meanwhile a canvass for stock in the association will be renewed and it is expected that the amount desired will be subscribed before the date set for the opening of bids of those offering fair ground sites.

The bids will be received up to the time set for opening them by W. J. Woodley, chairman of the Site Committee of the Association.

Gas Company Gives Beafit

The ladies of Elizabeth City are to be given an unusual opportunity this week to hear some interesting lectures on fancy cooking.

These lectures are to be given through the generosity of the Gas Company, and are under the auspices of the Parsonage Society of City Road Methodist Church. There will be three lectures to be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 o'clock until 5:30 in the afternoon.

The lecturer is Mrs. Florence Wright, of New York City. Mrs. Wright is a graduate of Simmons College and the Boston Cooking Schools and has had ten years' experience in domestic science. The lectures will be planned with especial attention to unusual recipes for salads and desserts, also some new and inexpensive meat dishes.

All the recipes will be made and cooked before the ladies, and at the close of the lecture will be passed so that every one may taste all that has been prepared. There is no admission charged and all ladies interested in getting some new ideas for entertaining, and better methods for preparing food, economy in materials and such will find enjoyment and profit in attending these lectures.

Mrs. Wright has offered her services to the Parsonage Society and her salary for the week is donated to them. The Gas Company has generously offered the use of their room and a percentage on all stoves and gas appliances sold during the week to the society. So any one purchasing such this week has the opportunity of aiding the society.

The ladies will close the week with a sale of home-made cakes and rolls Saturday morning and serve a supper Saturday evening in the rooms of the Gas Company.

Sunk Schooner By Gunfire

(By United Press) Washington, April 26.—The American schooner Percy Birdsall has been sunk by submarine gunfire, the State Department announced today. The crew was rescued by a patrol. The schooner was not warned.

PRITCHARD—ALBERTSON

Mr. William Cecil Pritchard, of Weoka, Va. and Miss Lessie Katherine Albertson, of this city were married Wednesday by Rev. D. P. Jarriss.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. A. H. Baker on Cedar street. The groom is the son of Mr. G. P. Pritchard of Providence Township and is a successful young farmer.

RETURNS FROM BALTIMORE

Dr. S. W. Gregory has returned from Baltimore where he went to take Mrs. Gregory to John's Hopkins for treatment and is now in his office again.

Dr. Gregory says that Mrs. Gregory stood the trip to Baltimore finely and is doing as well as could be expected.

LETTERS SHOW DESPERATION

BELIEVED TO BE POSITIVE PROOF THAT GERMANY IS CRYING OUT DEFIANTLY WITH HUNGER PANGS

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS) (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Allies in the Field, April 5. (By Mail)—Germany's evident intention of trying for a "short, sharp, decisive struggle" as chronicled by neutral observers in Berlin, is daily making itself visible in black and white out here. Here is an extract from a captured letter, dealing with recruiting.

"There is a general clearance now everyone who can move his legs is passed fit for service in the field. Everybody is now being called up. Even those who at first were declared quite unfit have all been taken."

The reason for these levee en masse seems to be indicated in the following letter, also taken from captured Germans: "Altona.—Want is now only beginning—the hunt for coal and the shortage of food. Every day, turnips, not even cabbage. A serious epidemic of virulent small-pox (Schwarze Pocken) has broken out in Hamburg, but has not reached Altona yet."

"Berlin.—We still have no coal here and last week there was no bread to be had without a struggle. I stood in the snow and cold wind for an hour and a half and was about the tenth in the queue. Suddenly the women rushed through the door like beasts of prey and splinters of glass flew about. I got in with the second batch and secured half a loaf—the very last piece of bread."

Many out here, with such documents constantly being brought to their attention, are of the opinion that the domestic crisis in Germany is responsible for her defiance of the United States and the world at large. They say it is hunger asserting itself empty stomachs crying out to be filled regardless of consequences.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Tonight "Broadway Jones" is the feature attraction, starring the world famous Geo. M. Cohan. "This picture," says Manager Kramer, "is decidedly the greatest picture ever brought to this city, regardless of price."

"As a distributor of mirth and good cheer it is safe to say that Geo. M. Cohan has no equal in the country today. Born on the fourth of July, he has had one of the greatest theatrical careers in the annals of the profession. He is a great lover of America and is respected in every country on the globe.

This will be the movie fans first and only opportunity of seeing Geo. M. Cohan in Elizabeth City.

As an extra added attraction an interesting story "The Perils of Our Girl Reporters" will also be shown. Tomorrow is a notable day in film-land at the Alkrama.

A great big nine reel show of real Stars, like Norma Talmage in Fifty-Fifty, Pearl White in Pearl of The Army, and Helen Holmes in Lass of the Lumberlands.

Norma Talmage in Fifty-Fifty deserves special mention, as she is now the leading star in the wonderful Selznec Pictures. To see her in her new play Fifty-Fifty is a real treat, as both the Star and the picture are the last word in picture perfection.

In view of the fact that the Friday night shows are so packed the management asks that all the children who can do so attend the matinee tomorrow. Those coming in from school will see the whole show.

WEATHER OR NO

Local showers this afternoon. Fair tonight and Friday gentle variable winds.

Some Doubt of Freighter's Fate

(By United Press) New York, April 26.—The International Mercantile Company, owners of the Mongolia, have received no report of the sinking of a German submarine by their freighter, the Mongolia. The commander of the vessel merely cabled his safe arrival.

London, April 26.—Considerable skepticism is manifested here as to the ability of observers to detect a hit of a submarine periscope at a distance of a thousand yards, as reported by the captain of the Mongolia. Americans here hope that the report of the sinking of the submarine will be confirmed.

Wilson Opposes Muzzling Critics

(By United Press) Washington, April 26.—President Wilson announced today that though he favors the espionage bill he is utterly opposed to any censorship of the press which would deny the people their indisputable right to criticize their own public officials.

Friday At New Theatre

Henry B. Walthall, who will be seen in the Truant Soul at the New Theatre, Friday, April 27th, will be remembered as The Little Colonel in the Birth of a Nation. This is not a War Picture, but a picture that will set you to thinking and after you have seen it you will yourself consider it as Henry B. Walthall's greatest masterpiece.

The Truant Soul after it was completed and run for the first time the Board of Censors congratulated Mr. Walthall personally. After you have seen this picture, you will agree with the Board of Censors.

"The Truant Soul" was written by the world-famous author, Victor Rousseau. It portrays a man in death grapple with humanity's great hidden menace, gripping the spectator and holding him tense in his seat from the opening scene to the end. It carries you with the character down to the depth of degradation and despair—to the lowest pit of Hell. It lifts you at the end of the heights supernatural, showing what a woman's love can do for a genius who has drunk of the dregs of life.

It is a photoplay that shows all the horrors of a man of fine sensibilities tormented by the demons of drug. It emerges from the blackness of a Poe to the sublimity of a Tennyson.

Mr. Walthall has poured his whole soul into this production. He has given everything that his experience and his genius has to offer, and he says: "It is my masterpiece."

The story of a great surgeon a genius, a man of fine instincts, but who has a hidden second nature. He performs wonderful operations, he does inestimable good for mankind. But sudden periods come over him when he reverts to the primitive type. He is possessed of temporary atavism. He sinks into the lowest kind of vice. He is cruel, heartless, vindictive, unscrupulous. He reverts to the cave man to the animal, where might is paramount, and he blasts lives and love without compunction. He is the personification of Dr. Jekyll or Mr. Hyde, but Rousseau has woven an entirely different story around the character.

The strange reversion grows until the once noted surgeon has sunk to the lowest depths. He is confined in a sanitarium. There a wonderful woman—a nurse—recognizes his genius sympathizes with his terrible despair, and nurses him back to mental, moral and physical health. He wins life and love at last.

JOHNSON—M'LAUGHIN

Mr. Lawrence C. Johnson and Miss Mary Lou McLaughlin both of Victoria, Va. were married Thursday by Mr. Munden.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE APPALLING

REALIZING THAT NO TRENCH DEFENSES CAN WITHSTAND TERRIFIC LEVELING FIRE OF BRITISH ARTILLERY TEUTONS OPPOSE LIVING WALL TO BRITISH ADVANCE

(By United Press) London, April 26.—Complete repulse of a violent massed counter attack by German forces against the new British positions around Gavrelle is announced by General Haig's morning report today.

Germany is now suffering the most appalling losses of the war. North of the Scarpe river, where the British fought ahead almost by inches in the fact of a great mass of men, the carnage was greater than that suffered by the enemy since the war started.

Dispatches from the front carry the idea that the Germans, beginning to realize that no trench work can withstand the terrific leveling fire of the British artillery, are endeavoring to throw a wall of living human beings against the British advance.

The British losses are said to be exceedingly small in view of the ferocity of the fighting.

REPULSED ON FRENCH FRONT. Paris, April 26.—Two tremendous German attacks on a half mile front west of Carry were repulsed this morning with heavy losses to the enemy, it is officially announced today.

One single British post defending a part of Guillemont farm emerged victorious today from one of the fiercest fought of countless scattered actions marking a day replete with fighting by killing off every man of their German assailants.

JURY LIST FOR JUNE

The following is the Jury List for Pasquotank County, North Carolina, term of Superior Court, beginning June 4, 1917.

FIRST WEEK

Geo. W. Cartwright, Mt. Hermon; A. C. Bell; Enoch Speight; D. W. Cartwright, Mt. Hermon; William Horton; Job Ferebee; Joe Webb; T. Delos Cray; W. H. Wilson; Lemuel Jackson, Providence; Ned Rhodes; J. H. Hale; E. G. Davis; W. J. Williams; Victor M. Jenkins; H. C. Grice; Timothy Temple; Joseph Roach; Joe White, (Pearl street); John Berry; H. M. Cartwright; J. M. Gard, Jr.; T. J. Meades; Milton Ives.

SECOND WEEK

W. H. Bunch; R. C. Winslow; W. A. Jennings; W. C. Morrisette; J. T. Temple, Providence; William W. Sawyer; R. N. Davis; C. A. Long; W. K. Carter; Gilbert Davis; W. T. Swain; Walter Hughes; C. W. Hollowell; W. H. Scott, Salem; J. P. Thompson; S. D. Mullen; L. R. Bundy; G. Pike; F. N. Williams; W. E. Roughton; J. E. Humphries; J. N. Wood; A. H. Baker; O. F. Seymour

THIRD WEEK

Robert Meads; J. A. Meads, Nixonton; R. O. Hooper; W. H. Munden; C. S. Bell; N. B. Brothers; M. G. Morrisette; T. B. Jordan; W. A. Chappell; J. P. Greenleaf; William Lowry; W. C. Overman; H. W. Dingle; Cason Morrisette; W. C. Barnes; G. N. Winslow; E. F. Ayldott Jr.; R. T. Veners; J. C. Modlin; Geo. W. White Elizabeth City; W. J. Skiles; J. H. T. White; S. W. Beasley; M. Wescott.

Institute In Currituck

There will be a Sunday school Institute held at Perkins Chapel on the Moyock circuit next Saturday, April 28, in connection with the second quarterly Conference. The Institute work will be conducted by Rev. E. L. Stack and Rev. C. B. Culbreth. It is hoped that all the Sunday schools will have their officers and teachers present; and the public is cordially invited to attend the services.