

**FOOD BUDGET REACHED
HIGH RECORD IN MAY**
Cost of 22 Articles of Food Increased Three Per Cent Over April

Washington, June 21.—The food budget of the average American family attained a new high record in May the department of labor announced today. The cost of 22 articles of food used in making up the "retail food index" increased three per cent over the total cost in April and seven per cent as compared with January. Sugar advanced 25 per cent compared with the April price; corn meal 14 per cent; flour 7 per cent and potatoes 5 per cent.

During the year period from May, 1919, to May, 1920, the greatest increase—22 per cent—was shown in Springfield, Ill. The next largest increase of 21 per cent was in Butte and Chicago. In Indianapolis, Peoria, St. Paul and Salt Lake City the average family expenditure for the 22 food articles increased during the year 20 per cent; Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, St. Louis and San Francisco 19 per cent. In Atlanta 10 per cent; Mobile and Portland, Oregon 17 per cent; Dallas and Fall River 16 per cent; Jacksonville, Manchester, New Haven, New York, Providence, Rochester, Scranton, and Seattle 15 per cent; Birmingham, Boston, Bridgeport, Philadelphia and Richmond 14 per cent; Buffalo, Columbus, Louisville, Memphis, Newark, Pittsburgh and Portland, 13 per cent.

TWO BIG FIRES AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, June 23.—Starting within several hundred feet of where the great fire of 1904, which wiped out Baltimore's business district, flames early this morning practically wrecked the seven-story building 37 Hopkins place, and quickly spread to four other structures.

The damage according to insurance men at the scene, will likely reach \$1,000,000 and this brings the fire for Baltimore to \$1,500,000 for hours. The first blast began in the seven-story Darby building, swept the wholesale house of Blumberg Brothers.

The chief sufferers by today's fire are garment manufacturers, occupying the building at 37 Hopkins place. They are the American Coat and Suit Company, Tobias, Baker, and Company, New York Pants Manufacturing Company and L. Summerfield. The other buildings were less seriously damaged.

Wholesale prices also advanced during May, the department's review shows, the "index" in this case being 2 1/2 per cent over that of April. "The group of fuel and lighting materials again furnished the most notable example of price increase," the statement said, "due mainly to the recent sharp advance in both hard and soft coal and coke. The index number of this group rose from 213 in April to 235 in May."

**CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY
SEEK RELIEF FROM TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION**

Appeal For Support of Motor Truck to Lift Burden of Short-Haul Business From Railroads

The increasing complications and difficulties of the transportation problem in the throat of which the motor has been gripped since the war has brought forth drastic comment from leaders of industry throughout the country who are becoming more and more concerned over the need of a practical solution to the vexing and appalling problem with which commerce of the United States is confronted.

A consequent result of discussion by these representative business men is a greater realization than ever of the inter-dependence of railway and true-transport. It has come more forcefully apparent to industry that fulfillment of the demand for additional transportation facilities is imperative.

Within the last few weeks scores of business executives who are in close touch with the situation have made such ardent appeals for wider utilization of the motor truck as a means of relieving the railroads of unprofitable and wasteful short-haul shipments that the question has been taken up on every side.

One of the strongest appeals was contained in a statement of William G. McAdoo who declared that, "the country has outgrown our railroad facilities and it will be a long time before the railroads can be brought up to the needs of the country. The most practical as well as the most immediate relief that can be provided is through good roads and the motor truck."

The opinion of business men generally is that the truck is deserving of unqualified support from every branch of industry.

E. A. Williams, Jr., president of the Garford Motor Truck Co., of Lima, Ohio, says there is no doubt that trucks are used to bring relief to the situation which, as he puts it, "has become acute and which should be of the greatest concern to us all."

"Although the production has been greatly increased and a vast number of trucks are seen in daily use everywhere," Mr. Williams said, "there are still not half enough."

Mr. Williams pointed out that trucks already are hauling a large part of the country's short-haul freight and doing it economically. They have solved the problem in switching yards and freight terminals of the big cities. The railroads, he cites, are saved delays and expense caused by congestion from this class of business.

"Long-haul freight rightfully belongs to the railways," Mr. Williams said. "Its swift and sure delivery must not be clogged or hampered."

Mr. Williams is pleased with the sentiment that is being fostered for support of the truck. "Manufacturers, merchants, wholesalers, jobbers, bankers, and other men connected

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These percentages are gained from counting 167,618 words in the Bible, newspapers and correspondence.—Capper's Weekly.

**CANDIDATE MUST BE
"DRY", DECLARES BRYAN**

Great Falls, Mont., June 23.—Speaking before several hundred people here last night, William J. Bryan declared that no candidate who stood against the policy of prohibition should be nominated by the Democrats at San Francisco.

Mr. Bryan will join the Montana delegation en route to San Francisco at Butte this morning.

with the hauling of the country's transportation business are beginning to see the vital necessity of such support," he said.—Adv.



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