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Prices Halted As Consumers Check Buying

Drop of 2 to 4 Cents in Wholesale Meat Prices To Be Reflected To-day In City Retail Market

Army Sales Are \$500,000

68 Schools Will Be Open To-day With Full Stock of Goods for Housewife

Two weeks of intensive warfare on the high living cost waged by federal, state and municipal agencies has brought about a decreased demand for certain commodities, resulting in decreased prices. This is brought out in the reports issued by the Federal Bureau of Markets, which reveal a consistent decline in the wholesale meat prices during the two weeks of active campaigning.

An average drop of 2 cents a pound on the wholesale beef price should be reflected on the retail quotations of to-day, experts say. The price of chuck steak, which the Fair-Price Committee fixed at 23 cents a pound on the list issued Friday, should retail at 21 to 22 cents to-day, committee figures show.

Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, who appointed the fair price committee, said yesterday that retailers are now prepared to reflect all wholesale declines by doing business on the margins fixed by the committee.

According to Edwin J. O'Malley, deputy commissioner of Public Markets, and other food experts, the housewives of the city have been purchasing army foodstuffs in such quantities that they practically have exhausted their household budgets for two weeks in advance, excluding meat and other high priced commodities.

The unsatisfactory conditions existing last week were reported in Monday's opening. Mr. Knop said in his report for the week ending August 23, and continued throughout the week. Food sales have been the rule on all commodities except light poultry and veal. Toward the close these slowed down considerably.

"Supplies of beef were about normal, but were much in excess of the demand. There were more medium and good steers than for several weeks past. The trade was very poor early in the week, and by Thursday the market was demoralized by the lack of demand. The buyer also named the price on everything except loins.

"Conditions in the lamb market were the reverse of those prevailing last week, when the market held steady to firm under a good demand. This week's market opened with an unsettled feeling and prices weakened after the early sales on Monday. While receipts were of the same volume as last week, the lack of demand caused forced sales, with closing prices from \$4 to \$5 a hundred pounds under Monday's.

Just before the fight on the high prices gained headway, during the week beginning August 8, beef prices advanced from two to four cents a pound wholesale. The week ended August 8 showed good steers quoted at 20 to 23 cents a pound, while the price on August 15 was 23 to 24 cents. On Friday the price had dropped to 21 cents a pound. Lamb had registered a remarkable decline, falling from 27 to 29 cents a pound on August 15 to 23 to 25 cents a pound at last week's closing. The veal price has remained steady.

while the pork price has been advancing slightly. Deputy Commissioner O'Malley said yesterday that the public has purchased \$500,000 worth of army food in the nine days of the schoolhouse sales. The schools will be stocked with each variety of food which the city has contracted for to-day, offering customers a wide field for choice and assuring a sales total of more than \$100,000. Mr. O'Malley said that the preparations for the marching parade in the city have delayed the shipment of army food from the warehouses to the schools. A War Department order, he said, has given precedence to the canning and other war equipment which will figure in the procession.

Mr. O'Malley said that housewives could effect a tremendous saving by purchasing the prunes, evaporated fruits and the canned meats which will be available at sixty-eight schools today. The prices are from 20 to 50 per cent below those asked by retailers. No dealer will attempt to meet these prices, he predicted. He announced that dealers in various sections of the city have attempted to meet the sale of army food by slashing their canned goods prices, but they have failed signally except in the case of canned soups, he said.

Food Administrator Williams yesterday commended the retailers of the city for their honesty and square dealing. Four days of searching have failed to reveal a single profiting retailer, he said. "That makes me think that dealers are playing fair with the public," he said. "There is every indication that the meat prices are going lower, because the list fair price list contains many quotations below those of the first list and dealers are abiding by the list. The trouble was that dealers asked any price because they had no goods to sell."

Mr. Williams pointed out the following as the objectives of the Fair Price Committee's campaign: 1. To eliminate the hoarder and the gouger. He said that he thought this has been accomplished through the aid of the public, the dealers and the newspapers.

2. To get the women of the city to purchase with the same care exercised by a man in business. He said that he hoped that buying by telephone would be eliminated in time. 3. To persuade women to be conscientious "buyers in futures." This is a petty form of hoarding indulged in by women who fear further price increases.

4. To secure the cooperation of retailers and wholesalers and protect them from unjust criticism. 5. To get housewives to purchase the commodities enumerated in the fair price list. Mr. Williams pointed out that only a minor portion of the commodities are included in the fair price lists, but these are the most substantial and the most expensive.

6. To secure the war-time cooperation of dealers and consumers. During the war, Mr. Williams declared, there was a tendency to overlook petty differences and to cooperate. The Food Administrator declared that if the Attorney General had not launched his campaign for a reduced living cost the upward movement of prices would have continued unchecked. By making good, he said, prices would have advanced "enormously."

The commission believes that the measures which it recommends would be eliminated by the establishment of terminal markets, often obtainable in this way, the report says. The commission believes that the measures which it recommends would provide a system by which the goods, whereby handling and trucking, and therefore waste, would be reduced, perishables would be saved by the cold storage system, the traffic congestion relieved, time saved for buyers and sellers by centralization, speculation prevented by public auction and other practices regulated through public control.

The report defines terminal markets as a "space devoted to the meeting of the seller and buyer, wholesale as well as retail, preferably a building conveniently located, directly connected with transportation systems and providing for the storage and distribution and display of foodstuffs."

The commission's specific recommendations are: 1. That the City of New York utilize the West Washington and Gansevoort

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"Drastic Changes" May Be Made in U. S. Civil Service

Equal Pay, Independence and Comprehensive Promotion System Under Consideration, Postmen Hear

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Drastic changes in the civil service system to benefit Federal civilian employees are under consideration by the Federal Salary Classification Commission, Edward Keating, secretary of the commission and former Representative from Colorado, to-day told the convention of the National Federation of Postal Employees assembled here.

"Women who do the same work as men should receive the same pay as men," Mr. Keating said. "We believe in a system of promotion which will lead from the lowest end of the ladder to the highest."

"We also are convinced that civil service employees should not be placed at the mercy of any bureaucratic tyrant, no matter what his position might be. The civilian employe is entitled to a fair hearing before an impartial court if he has a grievance."

Representative O'Connor, of Louisiana, warned the Postal employees against striking "unless it is as a last resort," and said the way to recognition is by the power of the Federation at the polls.

"I am a Democrat," Representative O'Connor continued, "but if the Democratic party should manifest hostility toward you and your cause, I say, 'bunt the party from the head down.'"

Representative Nolan, of California, also advised against a third party. Speaking of the high cost of living, he said that "if the President can't do the things he promised to do in reduction of the cost of living, then the government, as an employer, must bring up to meet the cost of living."

Representative Madden, of Illinois, champion of the resolution to increase the pay of postal employees \$150 a year, told the delegates that "it was the best that we could get at present."

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1.—Recommendations for improvement of the postal service will be included in the things to be asked by the National Association of Letter Carriers, which opened its twenty-second annual convention here to-day, according to leaders among the delegates. It is expected that recommendations will be adopted asking for more than three delivery a day in large cities so as to improve the service and lessen the loads the carriers are now compelled to carry. They also desire the transfer of all parcel post business to the wagons for delivery. A wage increase and retirement on pension of employees over sixty-five years will be recommended.

Postal Clerks Ask \$1,500 Will Urge This on Congress as Yearly Minimum ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 1.—Addressing the opening session of the annual convention of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks here to-day, President C. H. Francis, of New York, said the convention will endorse a bill introduced by Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, providing for an immediate increase of 35 per cent of pay for postal clerks. The association will urge upon Congress a minimum annual wage of \$1,500 and a maximum of \$2,200 with an additional \$100 for special clerks in metropolitan offices. He said the present maximum is \$1,500 and the average \$1,300.

The convention will be asked to introduce a bill in Congress for disability retirement for postal employes in the District of Columbia as the first move for a national system of retirement for supernumerary postal workers.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Martin Gullfoye, owner of a South Side cigar store, to-day confessed to the slaying of Peter Gentlemen, described by the police as a gunman, who was found dying in an alley early to-day. Gentlemen refused to tell the police how he had been wounded. When questioned at the hospital, his only reply was: "Get away and leave me alone. I'll get the fellows that shot me."

Graves of Dead Aviators Photographed for Families WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Of the 150 American aviators who lost their lives in France, the graves of 143 have been photographed by the American Red Cross for their families. It was announced here to-day. Every effort, it was said, is being made to locate and photograph the seven that have not yet been found. The graves were located after hundreds of miles of the battle area had been covered.

Only German Bride In Paris Arrives On Army Transport

Wife of U. S. Army Dentist, Arrested in Germany as U. S. Entered War, Tells How She Was Mistreated

Three thousand and ninety-four more troops were brought home yesterday with the arrival of two transports, the Sierra and Von Steuben. The first vessel carried 868 officers and men, and the second 2,208, a large proportion of them members of the famous 1st Division.

The Sierra has just completed her eleventh and last voyage as a troopship and will go back to longer service for the Oceanic Steamship Company. One of the passengers was Mrs. Edith Peterson, wife of an American army dentist, who told a harrowing story of her arrest and torture as an American spy in Berlin. Mrs. Peterson was arrested in Berlin in 1914 when she came to the United States in 1914 from a German prison where she had spent twenty-two years, to study dentistry at Tufts College, in Boston. She then met Captain Peterson, who was an instructor and whom she later married.

"Arrested When U. S. Entered War" In 1916 she went back to Berlin, she declared, to help her parents, who were in financial straits. On the day the United States entered the war she was arrested, charged with espionage, and three days later was sentenced by a German military court to twelve years' solitary confinement in the women's military prison in Berlin. Her experience here, she says, was a nightmare.

"They fed us a gruel mixture," she complained, "that was usually given to horses. The walls of our cells were so mossy and rats and mice were scurrying over the floor all the time. There were French, Russian and Turkish women there, too, and we were all subjected to unutterable indignities by officials of the place. I lost thirty pounds."

Mrs. Peterson related how she established communication with Captain Peterson through "underground sources" and had messages delivered to him at Paris through Copenhagen. When the newspapers in Berlin proclaimed the abdication of the Kaiser, she was told by the armistice was signed a mob broke into the prison, releasing all the prisoners. She made her way in disguise to Cologne, then occupied by the British, but was turned back because the British officials would not believe her story.

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Among the eleven other imported wives aboard the vessel was Mrs. Harvey L. Richards, a German bride, whose husband is an army lieutenant living at Houghton, Mich. They were married in Berlin, Germany, where Lieutenant Richards was killed in action. Then there was the wife of Captain B. N. Robinson, who was formerly a member of the 1st Division, and the bride of Lieutenant Edmond O'Donnell, of Memphis, Conn., who formerly was 3d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, and was killed in action.

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