

CAPPER ADVOCATES JAIL FOR PROFITTEER

Kansas Senator Also Urges Boycott by People to Stop Extortion. INSTANCES OF GOUGING Retailer Less to Blame Than the Manufacturer or the Controller.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Jail for profiteers was urged by Senator Capper (Republican, Kansas), in an address today in the Senate. Profiteers, he said, are more dangerous than Reds.

Advocating legislation by Congress to curtail profiteering, Senator Capper said the people "could help themselves, too, if they would organize to boycott the profit made by refusing to buy goods offered at extortionate prices."

The Kansas Senator said they could be "being snatched" in view of profits reported by large manufacturing corporations and the rise in the value of their securities. He cited figures regarding the American Wool Company, the Central Leather Company, the United States Steel Corporation and others.

Referring to increased prices of cloth, Senator Capper read a telegram from the National Wool Growers' Association stating that the wool in a suit of clothes selling for \$100 costs only \$7.37. "A 50 per cent. increase in the price of shoes by next summer is predicted by the president of the National Shoe Travelers' Association," continued Mr. Capper.

The day this prediction appeared another dividend was declared by the Central Leather Company. The common stock of this company was valued at 58 a year ago. It is now quoted around 165. While the people continue to gape before the leather trust, the price of velvet made thicker. A year ago it was the war demand for leather that made shoes high. Now it seems to be the peace demand for velvet.

"Just now the greatest, yet rich, quick game in America is going in sugar. The increase in the price of sugar will add a billion dollars to the burdens now being borne by the American people. The stock of the Cuban-American Company has advanced more than 200 per cent. in the last twelve months, probably because of the 'sugar shortage.'"

"We have 4,000,000 homeless people in the United States as a result of the million cuttings in lumber. There has been and is shameless profiteering in that industry. The market price of the farmer's live stock has dropped nearly 50 per cent., bringing many farmers to the verge of bankruptcy, but the high prices the consumer pays for meat are virtually unchanged."

"The income tax returns prove the mine operators get excessive profits. All the quotations I have referred to conspire to prove that it is profiteering in the great industrial corporations that has snatched the public rather than by merchants who deal directly with the consumer. No doubt there is price gouging by some of the retailers, but it is the price of goods when they leave the factory to which the Administration's best attention first should be directed."

RAIL BROTHERHOOD TO PRESS WAGE REPLY Will Expect Answer in Conference February 2 or 3. CLEVELAND, Jan. 24.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, through its general executive committee and grand lodge officers, will press Director-General Hines for a reply to the demand for increased wages at a conference in Washington February 2 or 3, instead of Tuesday as previously announced, President W. G. Lee said to-night.

Mr. Hines will be absent from Washington next week and wired he could not meet the committee Tuesday. The wage increase demanded by the trainmen ranges from 25 to 47 per cent. and was presented in July, 1919. No reply has been made. President Wilson is questioning the men to wait "a reasonable time" pending a reduction in the cost of living.

CENSUS COLLECTING TIME IS EXTENDED

Enumeration Not Ended in Larger Cities. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—While it had been hoped to complete the enumeration work in the fourteenth decennial census in fifteen days, Director Sam L. Rogers of the Census Bureau said today the time would be extended and that the count of the population of the country would be completed regardless of time.

His announcement was made as the result of the request for extension of time received from chambers of commerce and other organizations in a number of cities which apparently were under the impression that fifteen days was the limit fixed by law for the enumeration and that any work not completed in that time would remain unfinished.

Director Rogers said the enumeration had not yet been finished in any of the large cities, but that some returns had been received from a number of them.

REFUSES FUNDS TO REPAIR NAVY SHIPS House Committee by One Vote Declines to appropriate \$10,000,000. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—By a margin of one vote the House Appropriations Committee refused today to include in the deficiency appropriation bill a fund of \$10,000,000 asked by the Navy Department for repairs to ships. Naval officials had informed the committee that unless the money was made available necessary repairs to many ships and destroyers could not be made and that 12,000 Navy yard employees would have to be discharged next month.

As approved by the committee the deficiency bill, the second of the current fiscal year, carries \$88,884,000, of which \$71,700,000 was for expenditure growing out of the war. The measure includes an appropriation of \$12,000,000 for the vocational rehabilitation work of disabled service men and \$4,500,000 for the care of war risk insurance patients.

To increase the number of guards at Government bonded warehouses where whiskey is stored the committee included \$1,000,000, or half the amount asked by the Internal Revenue Bureau.

AGAGE BOOMED FOR GOVERNOR BY WATT William Barnes Says Socialist Issue Is Obscured. James R. Watt, Mayor of Albany, boomed State Senator Gage for Governor during his speech before the Albany Society at the Plaza last night. William Barnes, leader of the Republican party in the state, followed with a plea for greater tolerance in men's judgment of their fellow men and a demand that the country at large look upon the trial of the Socialist legislators in Albany with calmer minds and less biased eyes.

Mr. Barnes said that the blame for the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment could be attached neither to the State legislators nor to Congress, but rather to intolerance and the defiance of an intolerant class of personal rights. Speaking of the Socialist legislators, he said: "The issue has been obscured by the New York Bar Association. They have made some believe that the Socialists were suspended and are on trial because they are Socialists. That is not so. The issue is very simple. Either these men have or have not subscribed to principles that would overthrow our Government. If they have they should be found guilty and if they have not they should be acquitted. As for the problems that beset us to-day, we need not the solution of problems, but the solution of the human mind. We have been permitting ourselves to live in confusion."

Mayor Watt's eulogy of his favorite candidate for the Governorship—Senator Gage—consisted in merely saying that Mr. Gage was quite eligible and deserving. It was expected that Gov. Smith would attend the dinner and until it became certain that he would not the Gage boom was withered.

Hines to Meet Switchmen. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 24.—S. E. Heberling, international president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, stated today that a meeting had been arranged for Tuesday, February 3, with Director-General Hines. At this meeting the demands for increase in pay for switchmen will be discussed. President Heberling will be accompanied by a committee of general chairmen selected at a conference held in Buffalo on January 20.

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Formation of regional organizations virtually to underwrite operation by shipping firms, Government aid in some form, establishment of refueling stations under the auspices of the Shipping Board, exemption of the ships from taxation and promulgation by Congress of a general policy declaring the attitude of the Government toward the merchant marine were among suggestions included.

The Shipping Board has available 517 vessels of more than 4,500 gross tons each, not including German ships taken over at the beginning of the war, Mr. Myrick said. All of these vessels, he said, the committee would be taken over by private interests if sufficient inducements were offered. In addition, he said, there are 317 ships under construction.

Ship prices now asked are out of proportion to the value of the ships, Mr. Myrick said, and marine companies will not pay the Shipping Board \$50 to \$75 a ton more than it would cost to build new ships. He recommended payment on the basis of 85 per cent. down, with a first lien mortgage on the ship, and the balance in fixed payments distributed over a period of twenty years with interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

ASKS EXPORT BAN ON HELLIUM Daniels Wants Congress to Keep Supply Here. WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Secretary Daniels asked Congress today to prohibit the export of helium, a non-inflammable gas used for filling military balloons and dirigibles. Mr. Daniels proposed that five years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine be imposed for violation of the export ban.

TREMORS IN NORTHWEST Glass Broken and Walls Cracked in Bellingham, Wash. SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 24.—Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt here at 11:08 o'clock last night. The tremors extended through Washington and British Columbia.

BEDFORD INMATES ON NOISE STRIKE Unruly Girls Sleep by Day, Raise Cain at Night. By shaking the gates of their cells and shouting all night long a band of unruly inmates in Bedford State Reformatory for Girls are making life miserable for the officials of that institution as well as for inmates who do not care to join in their disturbance.

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San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 24.—Copies of official telegrams purporting to throw some light on Carranza's refusal to recognize Huerta were placed in evidence at the last hearing here today of the Senate Sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation. The correspondence was exchanged at the time Carranza was Governor of the State of Coahuila.

A message to the American State Department from the consular officer then at Saltillo was that Carranza had decided to recognize the new government, but the correspondence indicated it was sent without the knowledge of the controversy beginning between Carranza and Huerta. The dispute was concerning the maintenance of State troops. The former government had appropriated annually a certain amount of money for that purpose and regarding the continuance of the plan it is known Carranza and Huerta had disagreed. The dispute was revived after Huerta assumed control of the Government.

to whom I have this day addressed a letter with that purpose in view. I hope the affairs concerning which the aforesaid gentlemen will speak with you will be arranged satisfactorily." On February 27 Arredondo and Arriaga sent to Carranza a message saying they had a satisfactory conference with the President. On the next day Arredondo and Arriaga wired Gov. Carranza as follows: "We have a cordial conference with Mr. President and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of the Interior. It has been agreed to preserve the constitutional order in our State; that the Federal Government shall pay the auxiliary forces, they being subject to the orders of the same under the management of the Minister of Interior. The other points were agreed upon also by mutual consent. Therefore, we entreat you to please express the harmony existing between the State and Federal governments, addressing yourself for this purpose in this way to the President of the republic and to order at the following offices to protect and assist in the work of reparation of the railroads and telegraph lines so informing the said magistracy of this. Tomorrow Mr. Arredondo leaves and will inform you in detail."

This message was placed in evidence as indicating that Carranza, in return for his recognition of Huerta as President of Mexico, sought to bind Huerta to the following conditions: That Carranza be permitted to remain as Governor of Coahuila and that the Federal Government should agree to continue the auxiliary forces, together with the Federal subsidy.

Carranza, however, objected to the control of the State troops by the Federal Government, other messages show, and, disregarding the conclusion reached with Gen. Huerta through his commissioners, attempted to finance his native troops by making levies on financial institutions in the State of Coahuila. Gen. Huerta, learning of this, sent to the Governor of Coahuila the following message, which was received in Saltillo on the morning of March 2: "Please inform us for what purpose you extracted \$40,000 from the bank, as this Government has no information upon this subject."

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YEATS, IRISH POET, IS HERE TO LECTURE Says Sinn Fein Party Is in the Majority Now. William Butler Yeats, leader of the Irish theatre movement, arrived here yesterday from the political excitement of Ireland to lecture on poetry and the theatre. "Ireland has politics on the brain," he said at the Algonquin Hotel, where he went with his wife and J. B. Pond, his manager. "And she won't get politics off her mind until she gets the greatest measure of home rule possible."

He explained he was not a politician, but that he did not think that Ireland would settle down until she had self government. He said that there was no freedom of speech or press in Ireland, and that one was never even sure of getting his mail. Although he had not been interested in politics for fifteen years he said that when he made a trip from his home to Oxford recently his baggage was ransacked and poems confiscated. The Sinn Fein party, he thought, was in the majority now.

When asked what he thought of the Irish bonds which were being subscribed to here he said he preferred to keep clear of high finance. His first public appearance will be at the invitation of the Poetry Society of America in the American Art Association on January 28. Mr. Pond is authority for the assurance that the lectures will be in the language of the country, and that no interpreters need apply.

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By shaking the gates of their cells and shouting all night long a band of unruly inmates in Bedford State Reformatory for Girls are making life miserable for the officials of that institution as well as for inmates who do not care to join in their disturbance. This new revolt at Bedford started Thursday night, when the rebels kept up a continuous din until daylight, when they all went to sleep. They repeated the performance Friday night and yesterday were again resting up for their night's spree.

The leader of the rebellion is said to be Mary Ryan, 22, who has had several clashes with the officers of the institution. A large part of their trouble is attributed by the guards to the fact that the hand-cuffing of inmates has been tabooed since the recent criticism of reformatory punishments. By hand-cuffing the disturbers, they say, they would be able to prevent them from rattling their cell gates and slamming their cell furnishings against the bars.

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