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FOOD GOES LOWER IN FACE OF FEDERAL CAMPAIGN
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GOOD ROADS GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS TOMORROW

DAVIS TO WELCOME HIGHWAY BOOSTERS UPON ARRIVAL HERE

Governor Accepts Times-Dispatch Invitation to Greet Motorists.

VISITORS WILL ASSEMBLE AT FILM SHOW IN LYRIC

Many Southwest Boosters En Route to Capital to Urge Efficient Legislation.

PETERSBURG TO SEND 300 CARS

Scores of Other Cities Will Be Represented in Parade Here Wednesday Evening.

Governor Westmoreland Davis has kindly accepted the invitation of The Times-Dispatch to extend a welcome and greeting to members of the Richmond Automobile Dealers' Association, good roads boosters from all sections of Virginia, and members of the General Assembly when they assemble in the Lyric Theater at 5:15 o'clock Wednesday evening to see the special showing of a good roads moving picture. This feature will be the inaugural event in the program planned to bring before the assembled lawmakers the need of good roads in Virginia.

Start Parade at 6:15.

After the picture has been seen, the good roads boosters will gather on the south side of the Capitol, where a photograph of the group will be snapped. Next will come the parade, for which vast numbers of cars are assembling from all sections of the State. This parade will form at Byrd Park, whence the boosters will proceed immediately after the taking of the picture, and will move promptly at 6:15.

All is in readiness this morning at the checking-in booth in the Grace Street lobby of the Richmond Hotel to care for the incoming boosters. There The Times-Dispatch has established a desk and information will be given to the drivers of cars and their occupants as they arrive from the three corners of Virginia. It is anticipated that representatives from towns and cities in Southwest Virginia will be among the first to make their appearance today.

Many Delegations Start.

Upon arriving at the hotel, a committee from the Richmond Automobile Dealers' Association, which was appointed at a special meeting last night, will meet and greet them and supply necessary information as to accommodations, and arrangements for the parade. The dealers showed unbounded enthusiasm in the parade planned for tomorrow. The checking-in booth will be busy from noon today until 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Among the delegations expected to arrive today will be those from Bristol, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Bedford City, Salem, Wytheville, Radford and East Radford, Christiansburg and Martinsville. These from the Southwest, and many more, will gather to present concrete evidence of road conditions throughout the State to the lawmakers about to convene in session extraordinary.

SOUTHWEST BOOSTERS START ON TRIAL OF STATE HIGHWAYS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BRISTOL, VA., August 11.—Good roads boosters from Lee, Washington and Scott Counties left here early today to join the big road booster run in automobiles to Richmond, arriving there in time for the convening of the Legislature, which will meet pursuant to its own call to consider ways and means of matching the Federal aid funds allotted the State for the building of highways.

The Tazewell and Russell County delegation of boosters joined the Bristol party at Christiansburg, and it is believed that about seventy-five cars will leave Lynchburg tomorrow for the capital. Prominent citizens from Southwest Virginia making the trip are Lieutenant-Governor B. F. Buchanan, Senator E. Lee Trinkle, Henry Roberts, of Bristol; E. C. Buck and D. T. Stant.

MANY CARS BECOME LOST ON FIRST LEG OF JOURNEY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., August 11.—Up to 10 o'clock tonight only one Southwest booster car had arrived at Lynchburg, Senator E. Lee Trinkle and Mrs. Trinkle, occupying this. The Chamber of Commerce had prepared a buffet luncheon at the Piedmont Club for the visitors, it being reported that nine cars had left Roanoke and should have reached here at 8 o'clock.

Because of telephone communication closing down earlier in the night, no trace of the missing cars had been found. At least fifty Lynchburg cars will be in the contingent when the train leaves here at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

The run has aroused great interest here, and the number may be even larger than half a hundred.

PETERSBURG COMING 500 STRONG WITH BANNERS AND BANDS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, August 11.—Petersburg announces it will be represented in The Times-Dispatch booster parade by 300 automobiles. The committee in charge of making arrangements for the "run" met this afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce and perfected final plans for the parade.

All of the automobile dealers are enthusiastic, as well as hundreds of others who expect to join the long line on the way to Richmond. The delegation is planning to leave here at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, with automobiles bedecked with ribbons and banners and accompanied by a band.

TRANSFERS SECOND DIVISION

Famous Marine Command Returned By War Department to Navy's Jurisdiction.

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Return of the marine brigade of the famous Second Division to the supervision of the Navy Department took place here today without formality, the officials and men being "released" from the jurisdiction of the War Department. The parade of the brigade here tomorrow, therefore, will be essentially an affair of the marine corps.

Shopmen's Strike Rapidly Dissolves

Reports to the railroad administration's headquarters show that striking shopmen have returned to work as follows:

Seaboard Air Line—At Richmond, Norlina, Raleigh, Hamlet, Cayce, Monroe, Charlotte, Abbeville, Andrews.

Norfolk and Southern—At Raleigh and Newbern.

Louisville and Nashville—At Etowah, Tenn., and Albany, Ala.

Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac—At Richmond.

Atlantic Coast Line—At Richmond, Petersburg, Clopton, Florence, Sumter and Columbia.

All forces also returned at Macon, Dublin and Savannah.

STRIKING SHOPMEN TAKE OLD POSITIONS QUIETLY

Resume Former Work at All Railroads Almost to a Man.

COUNTRY DISTRICTS SUFFER

Curtailment of Passenger Service on Chesapeake and Ohio Delays Morning Papers—Many Towns Without Ice for Three Days.

With hardly an individual exception, former employees of the Richmond railroad shops, who have been on a strike, returned to work yesterday morning. Speaking of the matter last night Thomas B. Morton who, as chairman of the Richmond Shops Federation, headed the local end of the strike, said:

"Everybody returned to work. It was just as pleasant as could be. There was not a single ripple. The men went in just as quietly as they went out."

Mr. Morton stated further that yesterday the local organization received telegrams stating that all Baltimore machinists who had been out had returned, that the men of a number of shopmen of the Mobile and Ohio, Mobile shops along the Missouri and Pacific had returned to work and that the Central and Georgia, and Chicago and Indianapolis were again back in their shops.

Sunday a committee from the Richmond shops of the C. & O., headed by W. D. Stubbs, vice-chairman of the Richmond Shops Federation, went to Newport News to confer with the 200 men who went out on a strike there. The Richmond committee informed the Newport News men as to all features of the labor controversy and particularly as to why the men should return to work at this time. The conference was held yesterday morning and when the members of the Richmond committee left for home the Newport News strikers had not reached a decision as what action they would take.

Practically all passenger and freight service out of Richmond was normal yesterday, although there was still a slight curtailment of service into the city. All trains are expected to operate on the old schedule today, whether they are leaving or arriving.

Rural Communities Suffer.

The curtailment of passenger service on the Chesapeake and Ohio during the strike caused as much if not more inconvenience at the country places along the line as it did in Richmond. Citizens living in towns on the main line did not receive their morning papers until late in the afternoon, and in most places it was impossible to receive a letter from Richmond and reply to it the same day.

Many of these country towns were without ice for three days, and for the same period their citizens were without their customary supply of bakers' bread, which is usually shipped in every day from Richmond and Washington.

MAJORITY OF TWO DECIDES RETURN OF DANVILLE WORKERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., August 11.—The local railway shopmen who have been on strike since last Monday voted at a meeting tonight to resume work at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning in compliance with the President's request. The meeting was attended by 130 strikers, and the vote to resume carried out by a majority of two. The men voted unanimously to quit work at 10 A. M. September 2 unless a permanent and satisfactory settlement of the wage dispute has been made.

KOLCHAK GOVERNMENT IS NEAR ITS COLLAPSE WITH ARMY IN FLIGHT

Allies Fail to Get Aid to Siberian Chieftain, Whose Regime Nears End.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Complete collapse of the Kolchak movement in Siberia was forecast in reports reaching Washington today. The Kolchak forces have fallen back almost 200 miles from their former advanced lines, and Omsk was said to be threatened with evacuation.

Failure of the allies and associated governments to get supplies to Admiral Kolchak, the advices said, had forced him to fall back steadily before the greatly superior Bolshevist forces, composed of veterans, whose officers include many Germans who fled to Russia when the armistice was signed.

Officials here are known to regard Kolchak's efforts at an end unless most radical measures are adopted by outside governments, and it was suggested that the President might call the attention of Congress to the imminence of Bolshevist control of all Siberia.

LENINE IS REPORTED ABOUT TO QUIT SOVIET LEADERSHIP

(By Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, August 11.—Premier Lenine, it is rumored, intends to retire from the head of the Bolshevist government, according to dispatches from Helsingfors quoting Russian reports.

Strikes are reported to be raging everywhere in Bolshevist-controlled territory. One hundred and fifty strike leaders were said to have been executed.

SOLONS' VANGUARD HERE FOR SESSION

Advance Guard of Legislators Arrives for General Assembly Opening Tomorrow.

GOVERNOR PLANS MESSAGE

Control of Foodstuffs May Vie With Good Roads for Consideration.

For the opening tomorrow of the second special session of the General Assembly held in the last four years—the first to formulate a system of taxation and provide machinery for putting it in operation, the second to meet Federal appropriations of $5,000,000 for highway construction in Virginia—the stage is all set.

Already the advance guard, in the persons of Senator John Preston Buchanan, of Smyth County, and Delegate Wilbur Hall, of Loudoun, has reached Richmond for the opening tomorrow morning, and others from every section of the State are hurrying to the Capitol to play their part in one of the most important sessions the body has held in recent years.

To complete the message he will submit to the legislators, embodying suggestions which seem to him pertinent for their consideration during the time they are here, Governor Davis was absent from his office yesterday. This message will be sent down upon announcement that the Solons are ready to settle for actual business.

Planning Food Measure.

The Governor has not given any intimation as to what suggestions he will make, further than to say that he will urge at this session a consideration of the high cost of living and will have presented a bill designed to curb trusts operating in restraint of trade and legitimate business, and a companion measure regulating storage of foodstuffs in the State.

Delegate Boschen, who, among the delegation in the House from Richmond, stood in solitary support of the antitrust measure sponsored by the Governor at the last regular session, has announced also that he will introduce a bill, framed with the view of cutting down monopolies and combinations engaged in price fixing.

Both the Governor and Mr. Boschen have declared that the origin of such a measure is immaterial to them, their sole object being to relieve the State as far as possible from the food situation, which, they believe, has become aggravated enough to call for drastic remedial legislation.

Consider Two Issues Only.

Mr. Boschen has not outlined the salient features of the bill he will offer, but that which Charles H. Morrisette, director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, is preparing at the instance of the chief executive is a redraft of the one introduced at the last session, with one or two objectionable features cut out. It provides for jail penalties for violation.

It is unlikely that other issues will creep in for consideration at this session. Before the food situation became so acute it was practically the unanimous opinion among legislators themselves that they should consider only the question of taxation for roads and allied subjects. Now, however, times have changed, and with them have changed the minds of the Solons. Food seems quite sure of becoming almost as much of a battle cry as roads.

For highways the Virginia Good Roads Association, at a meeting of its legislative committee, decided it would ask an increase of from 3 to 15-cent tax on general property and a raise of 50 per cent in the automobile license tax, making that levy 60 cents on the horsepower insetead of 40. The general property tax would go into effect immediately, while the other would be effective from next January.

Familiar Faces to Pass.

This probably will be the policy of the General Assembly, since at that meeting of the association's legislative committee were many influential members of both houses of the Legislature, all of whom agreed that this plan seemed quite feasible for raising the revenue needed to match the Federal appropriations up to July, 1922. The task of drafting bills embodying this plan was left to Senator C. O'Conor Goolrick, of Fredericksburg.

This session will marke the passing from the legislative stage of many faces that have become familiar in the Virginia halls through long years of service. Harry R. Houston, of Hampton, Speaker of the House of Delegates since the prohibition session of 1916, will of his own volition have retired to private life when the General Assembly again comes to Richmond. Nelson Groom, a banker, will come as the speaker's successor.

From Farmville has come the news that Dr. Peter Winston, the Nestor of the House, has met defeat at the hands of E. T. Bondurant, of Rice, and will not represent Prince Edward County when the Solons gather for the biennial session in 1920. Likewise, Senator Aubrey Strode, Senator E. C. Mathews and many others will come to Richmond tomorrow for the last time until they enter political life afresh.

MOVE TO REORGANIZE WAR-TIME BODIES TO WAGE FIGHT ON H. C. L.

At Government's Request Former State Food Head Is Returning to Richmond.

Former State Food Commissioner Hugh Sproul, of Staunton, is expected to arrive in Richmond today to take action relative to the request of Attorney-General Palmer that these war-time bodies reorganize for the purpose of fixing fair price lists for foods on sale in the States.

The plan suggested by Mr. Palmer is intended as a blow to the high cost of living, and will be extended to every county and city in the State. It will be the duty of the committee organized by Mr. Sproul to investigate retail prices, with the view of obtaining information as to profiteering, and warn the public if such a condition exists.

PNEUMONIA FATAL TO LAIRD OF SKIBO

Second Richest American Began as "Bobbin Boy" in Cotton Plant.

TRIED TO GIVE AWAY WEALTH

Steel Baron Spends Final Days at "Shadow Brook," His Summer Home at Lenox, Mass.

(By Associated Press.)

LENOX, MASS., August 11.—Andrew Carnegie, ironmaster and philanthropist, died today in his great mansion overlooking a lake in the beautiful Berkshire Hills, where he sought seclusion when bodily infirmity overtook him, and his mind was saddened by the entrance of his country into the world war.

Although he had been in feeble health for more than two years, his final illness was brief—a matter of days. A severe cold developed quickly into bronchial pneumonia, the aged patient lapsed into unconsciousness, and the end came as though it were but the beginning of a deeper sleep.

No ostentation will mark the funeral of the man who, when he began eighteen years ago to give away his millions, was reputed to have the second largest private fortune in America. A simple service, attended only by members of his family and his household will be held at the home, "Shadowbrook," tomorrow or Wednesday. The time had not been determined tonight. It is expected that the body will be taken to Pittsburgh, the city where he laid the foundations for his wealth, for burial.

Wife Was at Bedside.

Mrs. Carnegie was at her husband's bedside in the last hours of his life, but he did not revive sufficiently to permit of any sign of recognition. Their daughter, Margaret, who last April married Ensign Roswell Miller, of New York, was notified that it was apparent that the illness would be fatal, and she hurried from her home at Millbrook, N. Y., arriving a few minutes after her father had died.

The widow of the Laird of Skibo, although overcome with grief at the comparatively sudden death of her husband, bore the shock bravely. Her physician said tonight that she had recovered sufficiently to make it possible for her to go through the ordeal of the private funeral service.

When Mr. Carnegie returned to his summer home last spring it was evident to his intimates that the once great industrial leader was a broken man, and that any slight indisposition might have a fatal end. However, the air of the Berkshires and the seclusion afforded in his beautiful estate appeared to benefit him and he exhibited occasional flashes of the old exuberance that had made him a cheerful companion for so many years.

Proved Easy Prey to Cold.

Mr. Carnegie proved an easy prey to a cold contracted last Thursday, and after a futile attempt to shake it off he took to his bed the following day.

In his last days, whatever his thoughts may have been, Mr. Carnegie appeared as one far removed from the affairs of the world in which he had played so great a part for more than the average lifetime. To his physician he spoke only of his health and the mode of living best suited to it. He always appeared cheerful.

No guards were needed to induce the people of the countryside and the occupants of the summer villas to respect the privacy which they instinctively understood would be desired by Mrs. Carnegie and her daughter.

It was chiefly due to Mrs. Carnegie's description of "Shadowbrook," after a visit to the estate in the early summer of 1917, as bearing a strong resemblance to the country around Skibo Castle, in his native Scotland, that the ironmaster decided to purchase the property. The war had prevented his annual visit to Skibo and, indeed, had made such changes there that it was understood that he had decided to make his country home in America for the remainder of his life.

Plans Giving Away Fortune.

Andrew Carnegie began a race against time, when, in 1901, at the age of sixty-five, he resolved to give away his enormous fortune. He held it "disgraceful" for a man to keep on gathering idle millions. In the comparatively few years which the actuary No man had ever launched a philanthropic campaign of such dimensions.

His was then a fortune of just about $250,000,000, the largest ever acquired by a foreign-born American, second only to the John D. Rockefeller wealth as the largest individual accumulation in the United States, and, built as it was of 5 per cent steel bonds, it would, without so much as turning over one's hands, have approached could allow him, he would disembarrass himself of practically all he had. $500,000,000 by the time Carnegie could call himself an octogenarian on November 25, 1915.

To give this stupendous sum away in about half the time he had taken to gather it was a purpose Carnegie had fairly well fulfilled when death overtook him today. It was giving money away at the rate of over $20,000,000 a year, or more than $50,000 a day.

He declared, when he gave up gathering wealth and announced an era of distribution that he expected to find it more difficult to give his millions away than it had been acquire them. "How would you give $300,000,000 away?" became such a popular query that an English advertiser who employed it, received no less than 45,000 suggestions as to how Carnegie could rid himself of his wealth. Twelve thousand persons solved the problem in part by asking for some of the money for themselves.

The answers which Carnegie himself gave and backed up with millions have

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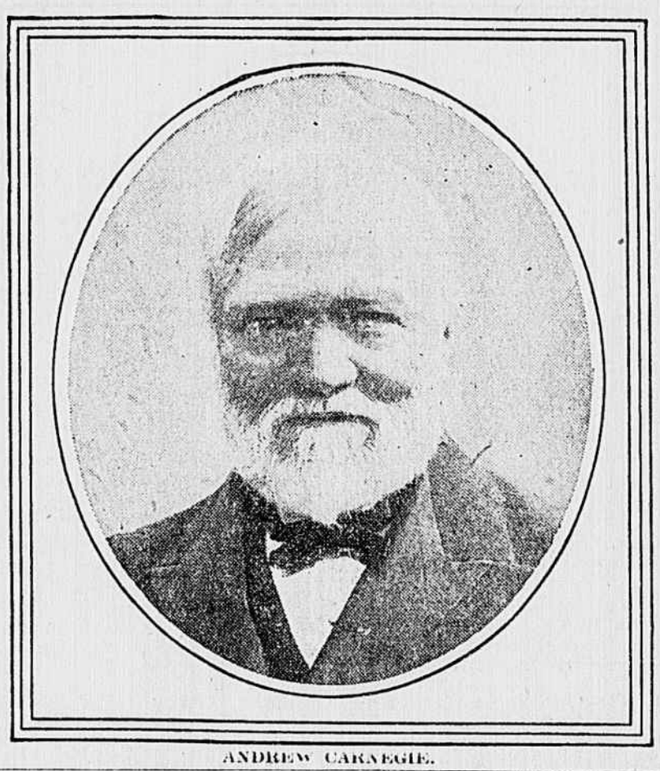
All Automobilists Are Invited to Enter Parade

Every owner and dealer of automobiles and trucks is invited to join in the big automobile and truck parade in the interest of good roads. Parade will form around the lake at Byrd Park promptly at 6:15 o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) evening.

Decorate your car or truck and join the parade.

"Help lift Virginia out of the mud."

Steel Baron Who Died Yesterday



ANDREW CARNEGIE.

FREES SUPPLY OF SUGAR AT REQUEST OF OFFICIAL

Fifty Barrels Put on Market Here Through Efforts of District Attorney Smith.

WILL BE SOLD IN SMALL LOTS

Department of Justice Learns 15,000 Bushels of Potatoes Are Held in Storage by Private Citizen—Case Being Probed.

Sugar shortage in Richmond will be relieved today to the extent of fifty barrels, or 17,500 pounds, released by a local manufacturer at the request of Hiram M. Smith, District Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

This sugar will be placed on sale by two retail dealers, who will sell it in two-pound lots, this amount going to each individual purchaser. In this manner nearly 9,000 Richmond families will receive the benefit of the sugar release.

Mr. Smith declared he didn't think the manufacturer had any idea of evading the law against hoarding necessary foodstuffs, and that the owner did not hesitate to comply with the request that it be placed on the market. The district attorney, through agents of the Department of Justice, is continuing the task of ferreting out the amounts of food in storage, learning by whom it is held and for what purpose.

Holds Many Potatoes.

It has come to Mr. Smith's attention that one man, who is not in the retail or wholesale merchandise business in Richmond, has in storage here approximately 15,000 bushels of potatoes. The owner is a Virginian. The district attorney is having the case investigated and then will take such action as the circumstances warrant. Evidence already gathered is not sufficient to brand the owner as a hoarder.

With the release of the sugar placed on sale through Mr. Smith's efforts, Richmond during the next few days will have a stock of this product augmented by 52,500 pounds, 35,000 of which is now on its way from New Orleans, and will be distributed through a local concern. From this lot, which was secured from the United States Equalization Board through Governor Davis and the Virginia Council of Defense, prospective preservers will be enabled to buy as much as twenty-five pounds.

Kelley Seeks Supplies.

In addition to the amount of sugar intended primarily for Richmond, Colonel C. R. Keiley, secretary to the Council of Defense, has been empowered, as the head of a special committee, to apply to the equalization board for forty carloads, to be distributed principally to the rural communities for canning and preserving purposes. Colonel Keiley will leave for Washington on this mission tomorrow.

PRINCE OF WALES, HEIR TO THRONE OF BRITAIN, ARRIVES ON THIS SIDE

Distinguished Visitor Will Visit St. Johns, Newfoundland, Today.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. JOHNS, N. F., August 11.—The Prince of Wales landed from the battleship Renown at Topsail, a fishing village on Conception Bay, for his first visit to Newfoundland soil today. After remaining for a few hours he returned to the warship. He will come to this city tomorrow.

David Windsor, described as a "healthy, wholesome man with light hair, blue eyes and a somewhat plain, good-natured face," and better known as His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, is twenty-five years old, and as heir apparent to the British throne, is the eldest of the five children of King George V. and Queen Mary.

His family name is now Windsor, changed during the war from Guelph.

He was born on June 23, 1894 and, according to his royal biographers, received "a careful and common-sense education, mentally and physically, and has ever shown simplicity in manner, dress and life." The prince, whose full name is Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David Windsor (his family's favorite name for him is "David"), has four perhaps, distinguishing characteristics. He carries a cane, is a splendid swimmer, and dancer, and is very fond of animals.

SOUTHERN RETAIL MEN HERE FOR CONFERENCE

Five Hundred Merchants Will Attend Sessions for Discussion of Business.

TO CONSIDER GOOD ROADS

Departmentizing of Stores, Community Building, and Co-Operating to Reduce Fire Hazards Among Topics on Program.

Nearly 500 merchants are expected to be present today at the opening of the Southern Retail Merchants' Conference, which meets this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the auditorium of John Marshall High School. There are about 1,600 members of the association in all, covering a territory including Virginia, North and South Carolina and part of Georgia.

Richmond merchants who are delegates to the conference and members of the entertainment committee are: H. Carl Boschen, Leroy S. Cohen, Russell Rountree, Robert S. Gray, J. G. Clothier, W. L. Joel, Horace S. Wright, Henry Schwarzchild, M. M. Mitteldorfer, E. C. Kohler, D. A. Buchanan, Dan Whitlock, Lewis Kaufman, W. B. Scott, William Thalhimer, W. L. Austin, Gilbert Greentree, Aaron Jacobs, Joseph Kass, David L. Goldman, Horace Gans, F. S. Bullington, N. J. Lasher, G. B. Sydnor, Jr., and W. G. Quarles.

Will Extend Welcome.

Officers of the organization are McD. Holliday, of Dunn, N. C., president; R. E. Amis, Virgilina, Va., vice-president; J. W. House, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., second vice-president; W. T. Dabney, Richmond, secretary; H. R. Terrell, Buckner, Va., assistant secretary.

"Community Building" will be the general subject for today, although many important subjects are scheduled to come before the body, among them the good roads question.

At 9:30 this morning the conference will open with an address of welcome from Mayor Ainslie, and W. A. Clarke, of the Richmond Retail Dealers' Association, with greetings from the Richmond business men by Colonel Thomas B. McAdams.

President Holliday will address the meeting at 10:15 o'clock on "Community Building," and an address on the same subject by Dr. Douglas Freeman will follow.

Plan Theater Parties.

Speeches on the subject: "Co-operating to Meet Outside Competition," by J. E. Spainhour, of Wilkesboro, N. C., and L. P. Wilkins, of Sanford, N. C., are also scheduled for the morning session, as well as an address by H. T. Nelson, State agent, New York underwriters, on "Co-operating to Reduce Fire Hazards."

On the subject: "Co-operating to Build Good Roads," S. L. Lupton, president of the Virginia Good Roads Association, and L. S. Tomlinson, of Wilson, N. C., have been announced as speakers.

An address on "Departmentizing Your Business," by W. L. Austin, will close the first session of the convention, which is scheduled to convene at 1:30 P. M. Tonight theater parties will be organized for the entertainment of the guests.

WARN AGAINST SWINDLERS SOLICITING FOR "COMEBACK"

Bogus Soldiers Reported to Have Defrauded Roanoke Citizens of More Than $1,000.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Publishers of "Comeback," the official soldiers' newspaper issued here at Walter Reed Hospital, issued a warning today against swindlers in soldiers' uniform who have been collecting thousands of dollars through the Southern States, representing themselves as solicitors to the newspaper.

The "Comeback," an official announcement says, has no solicitors in the Southern country, and will offer a reward for evidence which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the impostors.

Reports to headquarters say that one of these imposters who exhibited printed receipts, defrauded residents of Roanoke, Va., of as much as $1,000.

Names Feed Census Taker.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Secretary Redfield today appointed Garland Powell Peed, of Norfolk, supervisor of census for the Second District of Virginia.

WAR DEPARTMENT QUOTATIONS PROVE JOLT TO TRADERS

Dealers Squaring Figures With Those Set by Government.

REDUCTION TO RUN THROUGH ENTIRE LIST OF NECESSITIES

Army Blankets Go On Market August 15 at Bargain-Counter Rate.

GARMENT SALES WILL FOLLOW

Estimated in Matter of Provisions Alone Saving to Public Will Reach $25,000,000.

(By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 11.—Food prices are beginning to be lowered in the face of the government's campaign against the high cost of living.

The first jolt given market quotations was the sale of the War Department's surplus supplies. Secretary of War Baker said today that retail dealers, handling the commercial lines of foodstuffs, which are similar to the War Department's supplies, have begun to lower their prices to "make them square" with the government prices.

"It will be the policy of the War Department," asserted Mr. Baker, "to fix prices on all surplus subsistence commodities which will be lower than the price at which similar commodities of like grade are selling in the retail markets."

Further Reductions Coming.

Further declines are expected when the War Department begins, through the parcel post, its sale of products direct to the home. If the retailer continues to cut to meet the government's prices, and the government continues to cut below the retailers' prices, the one to benefit will be the householder. The War Department intends to communicate all price changes immediately to zone officers and postmasters.

It was also announced by the department today that its entire surplus stock of wool, cotton and wool, and cotton blankets, would be put on sale for the public on August 15. They may be obtained either through the parcel post or the municipal selling agencies. The prices will be materially lower than those in the commercial market. Some of the blankets have never been used; others are renovated, and will sell at lower prices.

Will Prevent Cornering.

To prevent cornering of the market by the big buyers the War Department has limited the maximum quantity that will be sold to one customer to 10,000 blankets. The prices will be approximately as follows:

All-wool, new, $6; reclaimed, $5. Cotton and wool mixed, new, $5; reclaimed, $3.50. All cotton, new, $3; reclaimed, $1.25.

The blankets will run from 20-bale to 10,000-bale lots, and the larger lots, of course, will sell for less per blanket than the smaller ones.

Following the sale of blankets there will be sales of undershirts, drawers and gloves, etc. The department regards this as a difficult job, as they are all nearly of the same measure, having been made for the drafted army and for young men. It is probable that in this case the mail carrier will take on his rounds slips containing sizes and prices so that a family can be fitted out by parcels post.

No More Sales in Europe.

It was also announced at the War Department today that there would be no further sales of army subsistence in Europe. It is therefore probable that a considerable amount of what is known as surplus will be returned to the United States and disposed of. The department says that this is due to the recent resolution of Congress relative to army food supplies, and the director of sale in Europe has been so advised.

The allotments of surplus food for sale by the War Department through municipalities and parcel post are valued at $83,000,000. The quantity is enough to give three-quarters of a pound of bacon and a little over one and one-half cans of other food to every man, woman and chid of the country.

The experts of the department have figured out that if the average saving to the consumer by reason of government sale is 25 per cent the average saving to each person will be 20 cents.

Saves Public $25,000,000.

The total saving on a basis of 100,000,000 population will be about $25,000,000.

The items on which the War Department makes its calculations are as follows:

	Amount.	Value.
Baked beans, cans	16,902,766	$ 2,677,971
Stringless beans, cans	2,652,648	301,221
Corned beef, cans	26,892,523	19,653,227
Roast beef, cans	26,390,834	15,944,268
Sweet corn, cans	18,416,609	2,309,993
Corned beef hash, cans	32,769,965	7,190,970
Peas, cans	7,153,609	736,897
Pumpkin, cans	760,583	67,467
Squash, cans	3,000	180
Tomatoes, cans	35,641,976	5,183,101
Total cans	167,643,513	$54,014,296
Bacon, pounds	83,365,114	29,445,632
Grand total		$83,459,928

Campaign Suffers Setback.

The campaign against the high cost of living suffered a temporary setback in the House today, when the agricultural committee was advised by experts from the Department of Agriculture that the Hutchinson Cold Storage bill would probably be declared unconstitutional if passed in its present form.

By attempting to license the cold storage business Chester M. Morrill, solicitor of the Department of Agriculture, said that the act would exceed the power of Congress. He offered a form of taxation as an alternative.

The Hutchinson bill seeks to extend the New Jersey cold storage law, which President Wilson approves, to the nation at large.

Senator Kellogg today introduced a bill providing for a Federal licensing system to cover all corporations, capitalized at $10,000,000 or over, or with assets of that amount, engaged in interstate commerce. He believes such a measure will give force to the Sher-