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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGH PRICES

Retail Grocers Deny Charge of Forming Trust.

MARKET QUOTATIONS SCORED

M. J. Whelan, Member of Association, Declares Wholesalers Should Be Blamed for Misleading Prices Given to Reporters—Association Plans Boycott for Misstating Costs.

That the retail grocers of Washington have combined or formed a trust to keep prices of groceries at a high level was denied last night by members of the Washington Retail Grocers' Protective Association at their eighth annual meeting in the Hutchins Building.

The occasion was the annual election of officers. While no other business was transacted, the charge against the grocers was informally discussed and denied at the close of the business session.

"It is hard to believe that a sane man could make the statement that has been given publicly," said M. J. Whelan, a member of the association, doing business at Third and C streets southwest, "that the retail grocers of Washington have formed a greedy desire to increase profits. There is absolutely no truth in the statement. It is a well-known fact that upon no business proposition affecting the retail grocers' trade of this city you could not find any two members of the trade that would agree upon a plan. That the retailers have formed a combine is ridiculous. It would be an impossibility.

Retailers Not Responsible

"The retailers are not responsible for the high prices of produce," that responsibility lies with the wholesalers to a large extent. The public is misled by the wholesale quotations published in the papers of what produce and provisions can be purchased for in the open market. We retailers would like to buy supplies in the wholesale market at the prices quoted. When we go to the market for our supplies we have to pay from 3 to 8 cents more for what we want than are named in the quotations.

"I asked a wholesaler yesterday why it was that the published quotations were at a lower figure than the actual prices charged, and here is what he told me: 'When we are approached for market quotations,' said the wholesaler, 'it is usually by a kid reporter, who does not know the difference between strictly fresh stock eggs and six months' old storage stock, and when we are confronted by such alleged seekers for information, the quickest way to get rid of such people is the best.'"

"That explanation did not satisfy me. I am sure that the prices are wrongly quoted for a purpose, first to deceive the farmer and country merchant, that the supplies may be purchased by the wholesaler as low as possible, and second, to deceive the public and make the consumer believe the retailers charge an unreasonable profit for their goods, and make it appear that the retailers are responsible for the high prices. I have bills from day to day for supplies I purchase in the Washington wholesale market, and every article will show that the prices I pay are from three to five cents above the current quotation of the day the purchase is made."

Will Fix Responsibility

E. E. Fisher, another member of the association; F. A. Dodge, its president; Perry P. Patrick, secretary, and others, made statements similar to that made by Mr. Whelan. It was stated by officers of the association that at an early day the association will take this matter up and plan a campaign that will show the consumers that the retailers are not responsible for high prices, and fixing the responsibility where it belongs. A boycott against the wholesalers responsible for false quotations and misstating of the facts was intended as the first measure. These officers were elected for the current calendar year: F. A. Dodge, president; George E. Bohannon, second vice president; E. E. Fisher, treasurer; Perry P. Patrick, secretary; Charles F. Diggs, attorney, and these trustees: J. H. Goodrich, E. E. Fisher, J. T. Fowler, H. T. Haight, R. E. Smith, L. F. Lusby, H. C. Rothery, George E. Bohannon, C. V. Sparrow, J. Brayshaw, Jr., A. A. Dedon, R. E. Whelan, H. T. Gover, J. D. Rollins, and F. A. Newman.

SENATE TAKES A HAND IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIGH COST OF LIVING

Stirred to action in response to the increased cost of living, and following the example set by the House on Tuesday, the Senate yesterday took cognizance of the agitation against high prices.

Two resolutions were introduced directing an investigation of conditions, one by Senator Elkins, and the other by Senator Crawford, of South Dakota. Both measures will probably receive prompt attention.

Simultaneously there was introduced in the House a resolution prepared by Representative J. Hampton Moore, calling on the Secretary of Agriculture to inform Congress how long meats, butter, and other food products can be kept in warehouses without deteriorating.

He also introduced a bill applying only to the District prohibiting the keeping of food staples in warehouses for a longer period than six months.

The last development yesterday regarding the agitation came when the War Department made public a statement showing a deficiency of \$1,555,835 for the subsistence of the army, largely attributable to the high prices of food.

Senator Elkins' resolution authorizes the appointment of a select committee of five Senators to make an investigation and report to the Senate. At his request the resolution was allowed to lie on the table subject to call.

Senator Crawford's resolution directed the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to make the inquiry and report to the Senate. The Crawford resolution requested information as to the increase of wages, if any, covering the period since 1898, together with a report on the increase cost of the necessities of life and certain information as to the increase of the circulation per capita, the production of gold, and the world's coinage year by year since 1898.

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"The food trust," said Mr. Moore,

FURS OPEN EVENINGS.

WE BOUGHT ONE CONFISCATED LOT OF FURS . . . BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, Consisting of Lot 365, Which We Will Place on Exhibition and Sale, Together With a **\$300,000** Stock of the **Finest Furs.** The Largest Stock That Was Ever Exhibited and Put on Sale in Washington On Sale at $\frac{1}{3}$ of Appraised Value **By the HUDSON BAY IMPORTING CO.** Of 26 West Twenty-third Street, New York, On Sale To-day, Beginning at 9 A. M., at the Hotel Shoreham.

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The Greatest Special In Men's Coats Ever Offered. A genuine Australian mink lined coat, magnificent Persian lamb collar and extra line broadcloth shell; sold regularly in our store for \$125; sale price \$35	Extra Specials. Finest Caracul Coats. We will put on sale a limited number of the very finest Caracul Coats; they are our regular \$100 and \$150 Coats, reduced for this sale only; one of our best bargains; all sizes \$60	Finest Genuine Hudson Seal. The real genuine seal with the brown background. Made in many different styles. Some with the new long shawl collar, some with the square collar; 50 and 52 inches long; elegantly made. Sale price \$75.00. This coat is our regular \$200.00 coat, and a limited number only will be offered for this sale. \$75
Better Grade Pony Coats The very finest Russian Baby Pony; soft, silky, and lustrous skins; guaranteed by us for 3 years—elegantly lined with heavy broadcloth; beautiful jeweled buttons; the only store offering highest grade Pony Coats for \$50; regular price \$100. \$50	Lynx Sets. In a very fine genuine Australian Lynx. Remember, this is the finest, softest, and silkiest extra long hare lynx; an extra beautiful Rug or Pillow Muff, with an extra large Shawl, elegantly lined and the very newest model, for \$35; actual value \$50. \$35	Persian Paw Sets. A magnificent large Muff and elegant Scarf; Edna May or the Villon Tie. Regular price \$25 \$10

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WOMEN'S COATS. 52-inch Eastern Mink Coats, one of the greatest bargains. \$350, \$650, \$1,000 52-inch Persian Lamb Coats (a great variety of these) \$275, \$350, \$650 52-inch White Australian Fox (very finest grade for evening wear) \$35, \$75, \$125 52-inch Mink Lined Coats (fine Persian collar), extra special \$125, \$150, \$200	WOMEN'S COATS. 52-inch finest Russian Pony, elegantly lined (new model), special \$35, \$50, \$75, \$100 52-inch finest Baby Caracul, elegantly lined (also new model) \$40, \$60, \$80, \$125 52-inch Hudson Seal Coats (the very finest new model) \$75, \$85, \$125, \$175 52-inch Sable Squirrel Coats (beautiful new model), for \$75, \$95, \$125, \$175
FUR SETS. \$200 Fisher Sets, magnificent scarfs and extra beautiful muff \$70 \$250 finest pointed Silka Fox Sets, animal pelterine and fancy rug muff \$85 \$275 White Fox Sets, extra quality, beautiful shawl and muff (animal effect) \$85 Eastern Mink Sets \$75, \$100, \$150 \$200, \$300, \$500 Sets at 1-3 their appraised value. Lynx Sets, very finest Siberian Lynx \$50, \$75, \$125 Representing 1-3 of appraised value.	FUR SETS. Mink Set \$50; value \$90 Mink Set \$60; value \$100 Mink Set \$70; value \$125 Lynx Set \$20; value \$75 Lynx Set \$30; value \$100 Lynx Set \$40; value \$150 Persian Set \$5; value \$12 Persian Set \$10; value \$24 Persian Set \$12; value \$30 Wolf Set \$10; value \$25 Wolf Set \$25; value \$65 Iceland Fox Set \$18; value \$45 Genuine White Fox Set \$35; value \$80
FUR SCARFS. Black, Blue, and White Fox Scarfs, \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50 Black and Blue Wolf Scarfs \$10, \$15, \$20 Mink Scarfs \$20, \$25, \$35, \$60, \$100 Persian Paw Scarfs \$4 Japanese Mink Scarfs \$15 Squirrel Scarfs \$5 Alaska Sable Scarfs \$10, \$15, \$20, \$30 Caracul Scarfs \$5 Representing 1-3 of appraised value.	FUR MUFFS. Black and Blue Wolf Muffs \$10, \$15, \$20 Black, Blue, White Fox Muffs, \$10, \$15, \$25, \$50 Persian Paw Muffs \$10, \$15, \$20, \$40 Mink Muffs \$20, \$25, \$35, \$60, \$100 Japanese Mink Muffs \$15 Caracul Muffs \$5 Squirrel Muffs \$5 Alaska Sable Muffs \$10, \$15, \$20, \$30 Representing 1-3 of appraised value.

DON'T FAIL TO ATTEND. The Furs are examples of the finest skills, workmanship and style, and we will sell them at 1-3 of Appraiser's value.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.
Beautiful Pony Coat for **\$35.00; value \$75.00**
Handsome Mink Coat for **\$75.00; value \$150.00**
52-inch Eastern Mink Coat for **\$200.00; value \$500.00**
52-inch Caracul Coat for **\$45.00; value \$125.00**
White Pony Coat, elegantly made, for **\$35.00; value \$100.00**
Magnificent Automobile Coat, for **\$35.00; value \$60.00**

On Sale in the Magnificent Ball Room of the HOTEL SHOREHAM OPEN EVENINGS.

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BELASCO, To-Night, MAT. SAT.
5:00 Fine 50c, 75c, \$1. Seats \$1.50 & \$2
Evenings at 8 o'clock. Mat. at 2 p. m.
E. H. JULIA
Sothern and Marlowe
Wed. & Thurs. Evs. "Taming of the Shrew"
Friday Night. "Hamlet"
Sat. Mat. & Eve. "Merchant of Venice"

BELASCO NEXT WEEK

MR. OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN'S **MANHATTAN GRAND OPERA CO.**
First Washington Season—Jan. 10-14.
Note: Former arrangement of operas for Wed. and Thurs. evenings changed.
Mon. Evg. Jan. 10—LUCIA, Mmes. Tetrazzini, Severini; MM. John McCormack, Polese, Domenico, Venturini, Scott.
Tues. Evg.—THAIS, Miss Mary Garden, Miles, Trentini, Duchene; MM. Renaud, Dalmore, Scott, Nicolay, Venturini.
Wed. AT—TRAVIATA, Mmes. Tetrazzini, Egner, Severini; MM. McCormack, Sammarco, Domenico, Scott.
Wed. Evg.—JONGLEUR DE NOTRE DAME, Miss Garden; MM. Dufranne, Huberman, Scott, Crabbie.
Thurs. Evg.—TALES OF HOFFMAN, Miles, Cavalleri, Trentini, Gentile; MM. Dalmore, Renaud, Gilbert, Crabbie, Venturini, Fossetta.
Fri. Evg.—Double bill, DAUGHTER OF THE REGIMENT, Mmes. Tetrazzini, Duchene; MM. McCormack, Gilbert, Nicolay. (Followed by) PAGLIACCI, Mme. Walter-Villa; MM. Zorola, Sammarco, Crabbie.
7:30 Seats for all performances now selling at Box Office, 1100 F Street, N.W. \$5 and \$50; orchestra, \$5; mezzanine, \$5 and \$4; balcony, \$4 and \$3; second balcony, \$2 and \$1.50.

AMUSEMENTS.

COLUMBIA TO-NIGHT at 8:15 o'clock
Mata Thurs. 8:00 to 8:15; Sat., 8:00 to 8:30
Wm. A. Brady and Jos. R. Grimmer Announce
THE MAN OF THE HOUR
By Geo. Broadhurst.

OLCOTT RAGGED ROBIN

IN HIS NEW PLAY
By Rita Johnson Young in Collaboration with Rita OLCOTT.

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Delivered by MR. WRIGHT KRAMER.
5 SUNDAY EVES. 8:30.

OUR OWN HAWAII. JAN. 9
NEW JAPAN. JAN. 16
OLD JAPAN. JAN. 23
JAVA, Eden of the Dutch Indies. JAN. 30
MORE ABOUT PARIS. FEB. 6
SALE at Box Office, NOW.
Closes Thursday, Jan. 6. Single Tickets on Sale Friday, Jan. 7.

COLUMBIA THEATER

Washington Symphony Orchestra,
HERMAN C. HAKEMANN, Conductor.
Second Concert. Soloist,
FR. JAN. 7, 8:45. RICHARD LOHLEBERG
Cellist.
Prices, 50c, 75c, and \$1. On sale at box office.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SOUTHERN BALL

Given by the **SOUTHERN RELIEF SOCIETY**
Benefit of destitute Southern families in the District of Columbia, at the New Willard Hotel, Friday, January 21, 1910.
Tickets, including supper, \$3.00. Tickets on sale at the New Willard Hotel and T. Arthur Smith's.

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EXCELLENT VAUDEVILLE.
THE MARYLAND THEATER
THE BETTER KIND OF PICTURES.
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COREA AT STATE DEPARTMENT

Representative of Madriz Faction Receives No Encouragement.

Secretary Knox Declines to Recognize Validity of Election of Doctor as President.

Senor Don Luis F. Corea, former Nicaraguan Minister to the United States, who was recently appointed as the representative of the Madriz faction, called at the State Department yesterday and had a conference with Assistant Secretary of State Wilson. Senor Corea had no additional information on the situation in Nicaragua. He received no encouragement, it was said.

Chase to Vaudeville

Daily Matinee, 2c. Evenings, 25c, 50c, and 75c.
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Same Production and Cast as Seen at the Majestic Theater, New York.
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WEBER & BUSBY'S
PARISIAN WIDOWS
Extraordinary Co. Presenting
The Actors "Boarding House" and "Fun in a Department Store."
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MARGIE HILTON, THE WASHINGTON GIRL.
Next Week—THE GREAT HASTINGS SHOW.

NEW LYCEUM—Matinee Daily.

ALL THIS WEEK.
THE DUCK BILLS
And Its Great Big Chorus of 35—Brothers—3. 5—Burlesques—2
NEXT WEEK—WATSON'S OWN BIG SHOW.

Policeman Robbed While Asleep.

Police of the Sixth precinct are searching for a thief who robbed Special Policeman James Marshall, of 69 O street northwest, while he was asleep in a room in a downtown hotel on Tuesday night last. A gold watch and chain, a gold stickle set with diamonds, a gold locket set with diamonds, and special police badge No. 95 were stolen. A friend who knew Marshall was in the room is under suspicion, and will probably be arrested when the police find him.

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speaking generally, is able to keep up the prices of the necessities of life only by reason of its ability to store these necessities for long periods, and put them on the market only when the prices prove satisfactory.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, on the other hand, insists that Congress leave the matter alone until his department concludes its inquiry.

"Should Congress take this matter up," he said yesterday, "all we can do is to turn over what information we have on hand to the Congressional committee and let them do the rest. The work will cost me nothing. I have the men on hand and the inquiry can be made without extra expense."

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FULTON OR JOHNSTON.

One, It is Said, Will Be Appointed Commissioner. Strong indorsements of Creed M. Fulton for a District Commissionership have been sent to the White House, and there seems to be little doubt that either he or Gen. John A. Johnston will be appointed second Commissioner.

It is stated that President Taft did not take Gen. Johnston under consideration at the time he selected Cuno H. Rudolph, as he did not think he would take the appointment. Gen. Johnston's friends, however, believe he might accept the position. Gen. Johnston resigned from the army twelve years ago, and since that time has lived in Washington. He is wealthy and his appointment has been urged on the ground that the salary would not be a matter of any consequence to him, and he could devote all his time to District affairs.

PERMANENT PRIZE COURTS.

Secretary of State Knox issued a statement yesterday giving a paraphrase of his circular notes sent to the powers on October 15 of last year, proposing to modify the international peace court at the Hague and to invest it as modified with the jurisdiction and functions of a court of arbitral justice. No replies have yet been received. The result of Mr. Knox's proposition, if adopted by the powers, will be to furnish an international judicial body, to adjudicate cases arising in peace as well as in war.

Promotion for Stanton.

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MUNICIPAL JUDGES NAMED.

President Taft yesterday reappointed the four justices of the District Municipal Court. They are Charles E. Bundy, Thomas H. Callan, Luke C. Strider, and Robert H. Terrell.

Included in the nominations sent to the Senate yesterday were the names of the associate justices of the new Customs Court, as follows:
William H. Hunt, United States district judge for the district of Montana; James S. Smith, formerly governor general of the Philippines and judge of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and Gen. Johnston resigned from the army twelve years ago, and since that time has lived in Washington. He is wealthy and his appointment has been urged on the ground that the salary would not be a matter of any consequence to him, and he could devote all his time to District affairs.

MISSION WOMEN MEET.

Quarterly Session Held Yesterday in Hamilton M. E. Church. More than 200 members, representing thirty churches, were present yesterday morning at the quarterly meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the Washington Methodist Episcopal churches, at Hamilton M. E. Church.

The morning session was devoted to the home department. Mrs. J. E. Gilbert presided, and Miss Maude Servance conducted the exercises. Minutes of the annual meeting were read by Mrs. A. B. Lacey, after which Rev. Dr. Charles E. Guthrie made an address of welcome. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Frank T. Isara, showed a balance of \$137.

RAILWAY FINANCES DISCUSSED

Interstate Commerce Commission Accountants Hold Meetings. Two sessions were held yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission accountants at the New Willard, Henry C. Adams, president. Matters relating to methods in looking into railway finances were discussed.

Washington Man Appointed.

James Glosbrenner Sanders, of this city, has been notified by the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin of his appointment to the chair of entomology. Mr. Sanders will also be State entomologist, and will have charge of the entomological work of the experiment station there. He is a graduate of Oberlin University, '01, also of the Ohio State University, '04, and is a member of the Delta Upsilon and Sigma Chi honor fraternities.