

EVERYONE BLAMES EVERYONE ELSE FOR HIGH PRICES

The high cost of living is going higher. Since Saturday nearly all fresh meat has advanced 2 to 4 cents a pound. The butchers blame the packers, the packers blame the farmers, and the farmers blame the war.

The situation is so serious that the Chicago Butchers' Ass'n has called a meeting for tomorrow night at the Hotel LaSalle to discuss the problem.

"The packers in one week have boosted the price of pork loins 9 cents," said Mr. Levy, whose shop is at 1449 N. Clark st., former president of the Illinois Master Butchers' Ass'n. "But they are paying less than a cent more a pound for live hogs this week than they did last week. People should refuse to buy pork. Today I have one loin of pork in stock. I usually carried 15. I am advising my customers not to buy pork for the time being."

Ten days ago local butchers were paying 16 cents a pound for pork loins. Now they're paying 26 cents.

EVEN WOMEN'S HATS ARE GOING UP IN THE AIR IN PRICE

New York, Aug. 11.—The cost of living is going upward by leaps and bounds already as a "result of the European war." New York butchers quoted meats today 4 and 5 cents higher. Butter has soared. Sugar has reached new top prices.

These are purely domestic food staples. On those imported the prices have shot upward to record figures.

Not only in food has the high cost of living soared. Here are some other staples affected because of the cutting off of foreign ports:

Hats, up 15 per cent, because Austria, Germany and England are the largest producers.

Dress goods, already up 10 per cent, and stores beginning to announce "American styles" because Paris is isolated.

Shirts, up 25 per cent, on ac-

count of interruption of British shipments.

Washington.—Very slight increases in foodstuffs prices since war reported today by local dealers. Beef up a few cents. Flour, sugar and vegetables also higher. Many dealers deny costs are higher and charge rivals with arbitrarily boosting prices with war as excuse.

Philadelphia.—Since war started meats in Philadelphia have advanced from 2 to 3 cents a pound. Retailers charge packers and wholesalers with "seizing upon opportune moment to gouge the customer."

Indianapolis.—Sugar jumped fifty cents here today, landing at \$6.37. Beans show next largest increase. Coffee has raised from 1 to 2 cents and tea 3 cents.

Cleveland.—Sharp advance on all imported and domestic foodstuffs. Dealers say due to European war. Retailers say "opportune boosting." Wholesale pork up 25 cents a pound. Beef, flour and sugar prices have made alarming bounds.

Detroit, Mich.—Prices of foodstuffs continued to soar. Many foreign products not to be had at any price. Meat prices highest in years.

Boston.—Meats and beans with flour and sugar increased prices. Vegetable prices reported about even by local dealers. Fish prices said to be lower.

St. Louis, Mo.—With flour up 20 cents a hundred at the mills, due to the rise of wheat resulting from the European war, and hogs selling for \$10 a hundred for the first time in four years and sheep on the upturn, St. Louis housewives today began to see the effects of the struggle in increased retail prices of food stuffs.

NOT EASILY DONE

"A bacteriologist says millions of germs ride on crowded trolley cars."

"I'm not surprised to hear that. A germ is about the only thing that could ride on a crowded trolley car with any degree of comfort."