

the city who have been suffering actual hunger while the Chicago beef barons and wheat kings go on manipulating prices.

The warning of outbreaks similar to those preceding the French revolution, which was sounded yesterday by such a conservative as Jos. P. Griffin, president of the board of trade, is said to have made a great effect on plutes, who have been shaking down the starving for exorbitant prices. But no admission was made at the City Hall that appeals for protection had been made by any of the food hogs.

U. S. Dis't Att'y Clyne is gathering evidence to lay before the federal trade commission when that body arrives here. It is said he has found no justification for the rise in the price of meat.

The county agent reports that he is unable to meet the record-breaking demand made on him by the thousands of members of the hunger army of Chicago. It is planned to make a special appeal to the county board for funds to alleviate temporarily the condition of the poor.

Potatoes climbed to \$3.60 a bushel today; butter is quoted at 44 cents; eggs at 42 and 48 cents; chickens brought 20 cents a pound; live hogs sold at \$13, the highest mark in the history of the packing industry. Milk is said to be ready for another jump skyward.

Fearful of rioting by the hungry of Chicago, with the possibility of "anarchy," is apparently worrying J. P. Griffin, president of the Board of

FOOD RIOTS IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Food rioting broke out in Philadelphia this afternoon.

Shouting: "It's robbery, robbery!" several hundred Jewish women attacked dealers who had advanced prices. Pushcarts were overturned and several shops on Seventh street were entered by the women.

Trade. In a protest wired to the interstate commerce com'n yesterday Griffin assailed that body for "failure to make good its promises to relieve conditions which threaten calamity." Griffin also charged the railroad interests with discriminating against Chicago in favor of Minneapolis in their shipments.

In commenting on his protest to the com'n, Griffin said:

"There are 40,000,000 bushels of grain in Chicago today. Awaiting shipment to Chicago are \$0,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels more. There will be no relief from the present price inflations until food distribution is more nearly normal.

"Recently there has been much advertising of the efforts of the interstate commerce commission and railroads jointly to relieve conditions by providing cars for movement of grain and other foodstuffs.

"I have no hesitancy in declaring that both the commission and the railroads are completely overwhelmed and have lost grasp of the situation. The intervention of the interstate commerce commission has been harmful and its method of relief has been without substantial result."

In suggesting a remedy President Griffin said:

"The law should be so amended as to strictly confine the commission's activities to insuring equality of rates and service.

"The department of justice is a very active body, and I think to them should be left any violations of the law on the part of the railroads or shippers.

"It must not be forgotten that the present demoralized food situation will eventually apply to all commodities unless remedial measures are promptly adopted.

"I am willing to predict that within less than thirty days the commerce of this country will be prostrated unless some large and more influential power than the railroads and the interstate commerce com-