

CANADA MOVES TO CHECK PRICES

Copies of Plan to Prevent Food Corners Are Received Here.

HEAVY PENALTIES PROVIDED Regulations Would Hit American Manipulators, Is Belief Here.

With Congress and the Executive Departments of the Government from the President down, struggling with the question of high prices, the Government has just received through official sources, copies of the Canadian Order in Council, taking stringent action to check unnatural rise of food prices in the Dominion.

The Canadian order prohibits under heavy penalties, conspiracies, combinations, agreements or arrangements to limit the facilities for transporting, producing, manufacturing, supplying, storing or dealing in necessities of life, such as fuel, food and clothing; or to limit the trade, commerce, manufacture or production of such articles or to cause the enhancement of prices.

Under War Measures. Action by the Canadian government was taken under the war measures, prices in the Dominion are apparently upon a par with those of the United States.

The regulations provide that no person shall accumulate or withhold from sale any necessary of life beyond the amount reasonably required for the use or consumption of his household or for the ordinary purposes of his business.

It is ordered that every person who shall at any time hold any necessary of life beyond the amount stipulated, and that any manufacturer, wholesaler, jobber, retailer or other holding an amount beyond that stipulated, shall offer for sale the excess at prices that are reasonable and just.

Heavy penalties are provided for corporations, firms or business concerns and for all individuals, officers or directors who assented to the policy pursued.

In this connection a comparison of the costs to consumers of common necessities in advanced countries in 1915 and 1916, made by Consul Slater is of interest. His table shows the following increases in the six-year period.

Grain. Wheat, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a bushel; corn, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a bushel; oats, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a bushel.

Meat. Pork chops, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound; beef, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound; mutton, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound.

Butter. Butter, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound; lard, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound.

Wool. Wool, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound; hides, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound.

Other goods. Sugar, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound; flour, 1915-1916, 100 to 120 cents a pound.

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JIMMY CONROY. The story is one of exciting humor, with an ever present strain of love running through it.

There are three installments, and there are to be three parts in the series of pictures.

U. S. AGENTS GET DATA ABOUT VILLA

Instructed to Collect All Information Regarding Strength of His Forces.

EL PASO, Dec. 10.—In compliance with requests from Washington, United States agents at the border in the last two weeks have gathered all information possible bearing upon the number, men, the amount of supplies and ammunition, and the movements of Villa and his bandit army.

A report embodying the best information obtainable on these points is ready for transmission to Washington, but the purpose of obtaining this data, or the use to which it will be put is not known here.

Army of 5,000 Men. The data gathered tends to show that Villa, since his raid upon Chihuahua City, commands a guerrilla army of from 5,000 to 7,000 men and that he carried away from Chihuahua City about 100 or more carloads of supplies, including a large quantity of foodstuffs and clothing.

According to the best information obtainable, Villa possesses at least fifteen pieces of artillery with shells. The exact quantity of rifle ammunition is unknown, but is believed to be large.

Controls Big District. The bandit chief, virtually controls the entire district west and southwest of the northern capital. Since last September, Villa has controlled the southwestern portion of the Mexican Northwestern railway line and at times dominated stretches of the National railway lines in southern Chihuahua.

Smaller bands of outlaws are reported operating between the border and Chihuahua City, but their affiliations with Villa is uncertain. In other parts of northern Mexico many bands of bandits are making raids under the name of Villistas, but it is believed here they are organized merely for looting.

Guard Against Attack. To guard against an attempt of Villa to cut the railroad between the border and Chihuahua City or to make a move toward Juarez, 600 government troops with eight pieces of artillery and twelve machine guns were sent south on military trains. A break in railroad communication at this time would seriously impede preparations to strengthen the defenses of the northern capital.

Mexican refugees told United States agents here today that they heard Villa make a speech in Chihuahua City in which he declared that when he had 25,000 men under him he would make a raid upon the United States border and burn towns, "causing a revolution."

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CLERKS WILL GET GRADED INCREASE

Raise on Percentage Basis Now Planned by Lawmakers in House.

(Continued from First Page.) and passed before the end of the week. The District of Columbia bill is well under way and should be approved by the lower body before the Christmas holidays.

Senators Favor Increase. Sentiment in the Senate is growing more and more strongly for higher pay for Government workers, officials of the Federal Employees' Union believe.

In addition to those who already have gone on record as favoring increases, Senators Lee of Maryland, Shafroth of Colorado, Stone of Missouri, and Walsh of Montana, are quoted by union officials as favoring increases.

In a statement issued by Mary E. Gantshorn, president, and Gertrude M. McNally, secretary, of the Federal Labor Union, No. 12776, the conditions of employment of women at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing are set forth.

Most of the members of this union receive \$1.75 a day as machine operatives. The union is trying to get an increase to a flat rate of \$2.24 per day, and also an increase of 20 per cent in wages for all women employees who receive less than \$2.25 a day.

The statement goes into the terms of the higher cost of living, and concludes: "Consider this, and also the fact that most women at the bureau have dependents at home, and it is easily seen that if we are to maintain the standard of living we now have, it is imperative that our wages be substantially increased at once."

CAPTURES CHAMPIONSHIP George M. Oyster, Jr., Awarded for His Percheron Mares at Show.

Local horse lovers learned with pride today that one of their number, George M. Oyster, Jr., the Connecticut avenue butter merchant and dairyman, was awarded the reserve championship at the International Live Stock Show, held at Chicago yesterday, for his Percheron mares. It is the highest honor ever awarded an Eastern exhibitor at the international live stock show.

Widow Asks Heart Balm. Mother of Four Alleges Breach of Promise to Marry.

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The unit known as the Washington

R. R. COMPROMISE NOW IS PROSPECT

Belief Growing There Will Be No Compulsory Arbitration Legislation.

Signs multiply that there will be no legislation this season for compulsory investigation of disputes between railroads and employes along the lines of the Canadian statute.

Labor leaders and leaders of the brotherhoods are working on a compromise plan which will avoid the compulsory feature. Meantime, the Interstate Commerce Committee of the House and Senate both are banking at the President's recommendations for railroad legislation, particularly this one involving the Canadian principle.

How far the President is going in insisting on this legislation is not

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branch of the British-American War Relief has forwarded 1,728 articles since October 25, and the American fund for French wounded has sent 3,131 hospital dressings to France.

Globe Wernicke. The Globe Wernicke Co. 1218-1220 F Street Telephone M. 7604

"At Hecht & Co.'s I Have a Thrift Club Check of One Dollar for Every Boy and Girl in Washington"

Hecht & Co. are going to make your Christmas shopping more profitable. Hecht & Co. and Santa Claus have combined forces with the Continental Trust Co. and are giving away absolutely FREE to every boy or girl in a family Continental Thrift Club Checks for one dollar, good to use as an initial deposit toward a savings account in this strong financial institution.



If you are already a member of the Thrift Club you can add materially to your child's savings account BY MAKING YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT PURCHASES HERE.

Remember, every \$1.00 cash purchase means a check for 3c; good for deposit to your child's credit in the Savings Account started with your dollar check.

NOW is the time to start—so many things to buy, just think how quickly the account will grow with the stream of 3-cent checks coming to you on every \$1.00 cash purchase.

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LAW MEN GIVE SMOKER

Associate Justice Gould and District Attorneys Guests of Georgetown Class.

Associate Justice Ashley M. Gould and prominent members of the District bar were guests of honor at the smoker given by the members of the 1915 class of the Georgetown University Law School at the Raleigh Hotel last night.

Among the guests were Frank J. Hogan, Daniel W. Baker, Francis H. Vanderwerker, Paul E. Leah, Conrad Reid, Hugh J. Fegan, James A. Toomey, James K. Egan, Smith and William E. Leahy.

N. R. Durant was in charge of the minstrel who were Francis P. Petrot, C. J. Aiebb, Hugh Fegan, Jack Knox, J. L. Frambley, G. T. Gibbs, C. P. Sitt and E. P. Duffy. Violin and piano numbers were given by Mr. Sitt and George Elliott, Peter Pine, Joseph Kelley, Francis Cyr, John Smith, James Atmore, Francis Dielmann, Garrett T. Swain, Arthur J. McNamara, Archibald Cecil, George Schumm, Henry Lawless, Lewis J. Bartley, R. L. McWeeney, C. C. Stuart, T. E. Allison and Robert Dawkins, Jr.

The arrangements included Robert M. McAuley, chairman; Ashley M. Gould, Jr.; Maurice Crossman, John Phelan, John Flanagan, E. C. Washington, William E. O'Connell, James Kelly, James P. Wright, Joseph G. Gates, Hammond Davis, Henry Lawless, Lewis J. Bartley, R. L. McWeeney, C. C. Stuart, T. E. Allison and Robert Dawkins, Jr.

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Dainty New Voile Blouses

More than a thousand in all—each in a holly box for Christmas presentation. So many lovely effects—lace trimmed, frilled, hand embroidered motifs, pearl buttons and insertion. Choice \$1.19

Women's Washable One-Clasp Gloves, \$1.50

In black, white, tan, champagne. Finished with neatly stitched backs.

Imported Glace Kid Gloves, \$1.75

A soft, fine glace kid in white and black. Two-clasp style, with three row stitching.

Women's Silk Stockings, \$1.00

Full fashioned hose of pure thread silk, black, bronze, gray, and white, embroidered with silk clox. Each pair in a fancy box.

Kayser Silk Hose, \$1.00

Full regular made Silk Stockings with double soles, heels and toes. Reinforced garter tops. Sizes 8 1/2, 9 and 9 1/2, in black only.

Corset Covers, Special at 25c

Each in a dainty holly box, made of fine cambric, trimmed front and back with embroidery and ribbon.

Iron Wagon, \$1.15

A new shipment. Well made with metal body, wood bottom. Iron wheels.

Three-Piece Toilet Sets, \$3.95

Of Parian Ivory. The set consists of a comb, brush, and mirror in a neat box.

Five-Piece Bedroom Suite, \$58.95

In Golden Oak or Mahogany

The suite consists of a two-inch continuous post brass bed, a dresser, chiffonier, and toilet table with curved fronts, and a side chair to match. Choice of shaped or oval mirrors.

Room Size Brussels Rugs, \$10.95

Woven in rich oriental patterns in color combinations of brown, rose, and green. An ideal gift for a man to give his wife.

Reversible Room Size Wool and Fiber Rugs, \$5.95

For all the year round use. Color combinations of brown, green, reds, and tan. Medallion or small all-over oriental type designs. Fourth Floor.

Character Dolls

Unbreakable character dolls that are truly lifelike in their expression—various styles—choice 98c

Men's Smoking Jackets, \$4.95

Boy Scout, Cowboy, Indian, Soldier, and Policeman. Sizes for little fellows of 2 1/2 to 14 years. \$1.00 to \$3.95

Women's Handkerchiefs 6 for 69c

Made of swiss cloth and finished with a dainty embroidered corner. The set of six in a fancy box.

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WHY NOT A GIFT OF MARABOU

Marabou Scarfs, \$4.50

Selected quality and extra wide, in black and natural. Lined with satin to match.

Ostrich Boas, \$2.95

Effective with any costume. They are to be had in black and white, also brown and champagne.

Boys' Mackinaws, 8 to 18 year sizes, \$5.95

The Mackinaw is the outdoor boys' favorite coat, as it is warm, manish looking and allows freedom of the lower limbs. New garnet, green and gray plaid combinations. Shawl collars. Sleeves are lined.

Fur-Trimmed Juliets, 95c a Pair

Made with turn soles and medium heel, of good quality felt. Colors are brown, red, black, and gray. Third Floor.

Boys' Play Suits

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The Emeraldite Junior Lamp. A splendid lamp, decorative but not "showy" \$5. CARROLL Electric Co., 714 12th.

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