

FOOD PRICES HIT VERY HIGH MARK

During 1914 Were Highest in 35 Years; Other Commodities Show Change

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—Food prices in the United States during 1914 were higher than at any time during the last 37 years with the exception of the year 1882 when they were 4 per cent. higher than 1914 prices, 1883 when they were on the same level and in 1912 when they were 1 per cent. higher. The Bureau of Labor Statistics in its annual bulletin just issued on wholesale prices of commodities reviewing the years from 1880 to 1914 disclose that in the 55 years food prices were highest in 1884 when they were 75 per cent. more than 1914 prices and lowest when they were 40 per cent. below.

In the years of the Civil War and during a dozen years or more afterward prices of all commodities were the highest since 1860 when the first attempt was made at keeping a record of wholesale prices. In 1864 prices of most commodities reached their highest point. Lowest prices were recorded in the years from 1894 to 1898.

The effect of the European war on wholesale prices in the United States is not fully disclosed in the report as prices for only the first five months of the war are recorded. Comparison of Civil War prices with those prevailing in this country during the European war therefore is not possible. The Spanish-American War apparently had little effect on wholesale prices as they remained on about the same level as they had been in the period immediately preceding it.

Farm products prices in 1914 were higher than they had been in the last 44 years. As with food prices their highest point was reached in 1864 when 85 per cent. more than in 1914 and lowest in 1896 when 56 per cent. below.

Clothes and clothing were lower in 1914 than during the previous year and were higher than at any time since 1884 when they were on the same level, except in 1907, 1910 and 1913. Their highest prices were in 1884 when 254 per cent. more than 1914 and lowest in 1896 and 1897 when 25 per cent. lower.

Fuel and lighting prices were 5 per cent. lower in 1914 than in 1913 but were 32 per cent. higher than the lowest point reached in 1894, and 120 per cent. below the highest point, reached in 1885.

Metals and metal products were lower than they had been since 1905, being 8 per cent. below 1913 prices. Their highest point was reached in 1864 when 194 per cent. higher than in 1914 and lowest in 1898 when 27 per cent. below 1914 prices.

Lumber and building materials were 4 per cent. lower than in 1913, 82 per cent. below their highest prices reached in 1864 and 38 per cent. above their lowest point reached in 1897.

Drugs and chemicals were 6 per cent. higher than in 1913 and higher than they had been in 30 years. They were 250 per cent. below their highest point made in 1864 and 33 per cent. higher than their lowest prices in 1895.

House furnishing goods were higher than they had been in 39 years, being 25 per cent. higher than their lowest prices made in 1897 and 184 per cent. below the highest prices prevailing in 1884.

Prices of all commodities combined were 1 per cent. below the prices of 1913 and on the same level as those of 1912. They were lower by 137 per cent. than the high prices of 1864 and higher by 33 per cent. than the lowest prices prevailing in the years of 1896 and 1897.

A FLEA IN THE EAR OF LABOR

There must come a time when the workers of the countries now at war will return to their benches, and nothing that skill and inventive genius and hard work can do to win back the trade and commerce that were suddenly brought to a standstill during the time of the war and diverted to America will be left undone. When that time comes, the competition of our long established industries, as well as those that have sprung up since the beginning of the war, will be tremendous. It requires no mathematical genius to demonstrate that inflated wages will have to return to normal, and possibly to what would be regarded at the present time as subnormal.

It would be wise, therefore, for our citizens to take thought for the future, while the stream of prosperity is at the flood. Their present surplus earnings should be regarded in the light of extras, to be put aside as a provision against the time which is sure to come—when they will be needed. If they do this, instead of yielding to the temptation to raise their standard of living to the level of the high wages they are now earning because of the general trade expansion brought about by the war, they will be taking a wise and provident step, the true value of which will be appreciated hereafter when, with the bursting of the bubble, everything seeks its normal channel, wages included.—CHRISTIAN HERALD.

GET READY FOR PUPILS

Preparations are being made in the schools in the city for pupils to be admitted to the first grade February 1 to February 15. According to D. D. Hammelbaugh, secretary of the board, although many of the schools are crowded now, unless an unusual number are enrolled next month, the new pupils can be accommodated.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES

Dauphin, Pa., Jan. 14.—Walter Speece, of Speeceville, has purchased the Powley property in North Erie street, and Lincoln Masner sold his property in Church street, to William Lyter, of Middle Paxton township.

WILL VISIT METROPOLIS

Camp Hill, Pa., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Charles Bowman and Mrs. R. O. Pratt are leaving Monday to spend a week in New York City.

Deaths and Funerals

MRS. MOLLIE ROCKEY
Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Rockey, aged 53, were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry W. Tewson, 1927 Penn street. Burial was made at the East Harrisburg cemetery.

OPERATOR DIES

Funeral services for Christian Ken-dig Hage, division operator for the Philadelphia and Erie branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Williamsport will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his brother, H. B. Hage, 605 North Front street.

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