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BRUMBAUGH TO BE ASKED TO NAME FOOD INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Big Cities Take Steps to Meet Pressing Needs; Many Organizations Formed in N. Y. For the Purpose of More Orderly Agitation; Phila. Women Form Store

Washington, Feb. 23.—No actual food or fuel shortage exists anywhere in the country and high prices should not be attributed to the present freight congestion, it was stated by the Interstate Commerce Commission and railroad authorities to-day. Reports indicated that all localities are supplied with adequate stocks of living necessities for immediate domestic consumption and the tie up on railroads will improve steadily.

Chicago's lack of empty cars for east-bound shipments is no greater, proportionately, than in other localities. According to the commission, whose reports show that city has received 200 cars daily and half of these were used for export grain.

WILL ASK GOVERNOR TO NAME COMMITTEE TO PROBE PRICES

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—The appointment of a commission by Governor Brumbaugh to conduct a state-wide investigation into the high cost of foodstuffs will be asked by Representative Leopold C. Glass, this city. He declares he will offer a resolution providing for the appointment of the commission when the House meets on Monday night.

prised of three or five members, the one to be chosen to have expert knowledge of market conditions. Stockholders' Close Shops and Because of yesterday's disturbances down town and the declaration of the boycott, the majority of the shopkeepers in the neighborhoods affected failed to purchase heavy stocks of food to-day. A few stores were closed. Their proprietors said they did not intend to reopen until the agitation subsided.

PREFERENCE GIVEN TO FOOD SUPPLIES

Washington, Feb. 23.—To relieve the freight congestion at Chicago, rules requiring boxcars to be kept on their home lines have been relaxed and New York Central equipment is to be used with the preference given to food supplies. This was announced to-day at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

of congestion which were issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission recently, providing that only the same rules under heavy penalty were to have gone into effect February 22, simultaneously with the association's rules. Their operation was postponed until March 15.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Rain to-night; lowest temperature about 35 degrees; Saturday fair and much colder. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night; warmer in the morning; Saturday partly cloudy and much colder; fresh to strong southwest to west winds.

Club women and housewives have joined forces to eliminate the profits of middlemen. The Keystone Co-operative Company has been formed and is to open a store in the heart of the city where the general public may buy food at wholesale prices, plus the bare running expenses and a small percentage to the stockholders.

UNSPEAKABLE HOUSING ADDS TO BURDEN OF CITY'S POOR



Children Being Raised in hovels that make normal development impossible; white plague and other fearsome diseases get in their dread work for lack of stringent code

BOYCOTT PUTS BIG CRIMP IN POTATO DEMAND

Prices Have Already Fallen, but Housewives Are Sticking to Substitutes. Brokers who handle a large part of the potatoes used in Harrisburg to-day reported that the demand has fallen off wonderfully during the week. The exorbitant prices demanded for the potatoes and the boycott rigorously followed by thousands of Harrisburg housewives is believed to be responsible.

DEPUTY AUDITOR GENERAL WILLOCK AND POWELL PART

Resignation Announced Effective Today; Shake-up Following Numerous Differences. The long expected explosion in the Auditor General's Department occurred to-day. Auditor General A. W. Powell at noon announced that he had accepted the resignation of Deputy Auditor General Charles Edward Willock, of Pittsburgh, to take effect February 23. Mr. Willock said Tuesday that he expected to resign very soon.

PLAN DETAILS OF RECEPTION FOR EIGHTH REGIMENT

C. of C., Businessmen and Committee Select Chief Marshal For Parade. Details for the reception and parade for the Harrisburg companies of the Eighth regiment were nearing completion late this afternoon. The publication and convention committees of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce met with representatives of local organizations at Board of Trade hall, at 4 o'clock. A chief marshal was selected, and formation of parade agreed upon.

Phila. Housewives Form Co-operative Store to Lower High Liv. Cost

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Housewives of this city, tired of the protests against soaring food prices and ineffectual remonstrances with dealers, to-day announced they had determined to form a co-operative store, a co-operative store being the medium selected.

Willard J. Loeser Dies of Heart Disease

Willard J. Loeser, 2120 Green street, died suddenly shortly after noon to-day from heart disease. He was the son of W. L. Loeser, an attorney, and was 26 years old.

DARED TO ENLIST, ENOLA SHOPMAN GOES AND DOES IT

Refusing to take a dare, Henry Arthur Collins yesterday quit a \$3 day job at Enola and left for Washington, D. C., to join the United States Army. He will get \$15 a month as a private. Collins was employed as a car repairman at the Enola shops.

Show Grain Deliveries Regulated to Meet Export

New York, Feb. 23.—The American Railway Association to-day sent to Washington statistics prepared to prove that the deliveries of grain at New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore since the beginning of the German submarine blockade have been regulated to meet the reduced export facilities at those ports.

CAUCUS ON REVENUE BILL

Washington, Feb. 23.—A caucus of Senate Republicans was called to-day to consider the emergency revenue bill, now before the Senate and also to frame a general executive program advocated by the Democratic leaders for enactment before the session of Congress ends. Efforts of the Republicans recently to reach an agreement with the Democrats on the subject failed.

ENGLAND TO LOP MILLIONS OF TONS OFF HER IMPORTS

Premier Tells House of Commons of Shortage of Food and German Submarine Menace; To Force Land Owners to Cultivate Soil; Pay of Workers Increased

FARMERS GUARANTEED GOOD PRICES FOR COMMODITIES OVER LONG PERIOD

By Cutting Off Luxuries Lloyd George Expects to Save Million Tons of Space; Paper, Ore and Lumber Are Among Other Articles Greatly Curtailed

London, Feb. 23. — David Lloyd George, the British prime minister to-day presented to the House of Commons in a speech lasting an hour and a half his program for coping with the problem of shortage of shipping space. The speech was a serious and grave effort, the premier giving his audience little opportunity for applause and endeavoring to concentrate attention on the serious situation with which the nation is faced owing to the shortage of foodstuffs and the German submarine menace.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY KILLED WHEN U-BOAT SINKS LINER

WASHINGTON, FEB. 23.—ROBERT ALLEN HADEN, AN AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY STATIONED AT FOO CHOW, CHINA, PERISHED WHEN THE FRENCH LINER ATHOS WAS DESTROYED BY A SUBMARINE, 210 MILES EAST OF MALTA, FEBRUARY 17. CONSUL KEBLINGER AT MALTA CABLED THE STATE DEPARTMENT A REPORT OF HADEN'S DEATH TO-DAY AND SAID THAT THE MISSIONARY'S ADDRESS WAS GIVEN IN CARE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION BOARD AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

RALPH TROUP SERIOUSLY ILL

Harrisburg. — Ralph Troup, of the firm of William F. Troup & Son, piano dealers, 908 North-Third street, is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home, 816 North Sixth street, it was learned to-day. Hopes are entertained for his recovery by the attending physician.

ARSENAL INSPECTION IS ORDERED

Harrisburg. — The United States government has ordered an inspection of the State arsenal at this point and has detailed Major S. M. Rutherford, of this city, a regular army officer home on furlough, to do the work. With National Guard officers he went to the arsenal this afternoon. This is one of the government's "preparedness" measures.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Philip Arva, Jr., Lower Paxton township, and Ella Lydia Good, Linglestown. Walter F. Nye and Mae R. Conrad, Middletown.