

ASK INCREASE IN PAPER MARGINS

Commissions Allowed Wholesale Dealers Not Sufficient, They Say.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Increase in the commission margins allowed wholesale paper dealers in the agreement made last March with the federal trade commission was asked today by the National Paper Trade association in the price-fixing hearing devoted to the jobbers' part in the trade.

The association also asked, through President George Olmsted, of Chicago, that the federal trade commission recognize the jobber as an economic necessity in distribution.

Mr. Olmsted said the paper merchants were willing to continue handling printing cartons lots at the former margin of 5 per cent, which, on the basis of the present 2-cent price, would make the price \$3.15 per hundred pounds for roll paper and \$3.65 for sheets.

However, that the 1.1-3 per cent margin for less than cartons lots but more than one ton should be increased to 15 per cent. That would make the price \$2.40 for rolls and \$2.90 for sheets.

In fixing prices, the commission was asked to establish resale prices in dollars and cents, rather than a percentage to be added to the merchants' base cost.

Mr. Olmsted was questioned by John Walsh, chief counsel for the commission, as to why an increase in commissions was asked.

"When the March prices were set," he replied, "the paper trade was in a chaotic condition. Many papers were threatened with extinction due to the shortage and we were endeavoring to relieve a condition rather than to create a principle. We are now asking for a fair and reasonable return for service rendered."

George E. Hosmer, of Denver, representing the National Editorial association, asked why the differential between roll and sheet paper was \$4 cents a hundred pounds, which he said generally was 15 cents.

Mr. Olmsted contended the differential should be greater than 15 cents and usually had been.

Venable Disagrees. Disagreement as to the necessity for increase in the commission margins was expressed by Bryant Venable, representing a Cincinnati paper company.

He said his company was certain they could make a profit without any advance in the margins and were "very well satisfied" to continue the present margins, provided the government did not interfere with their competition for the paper.

Unless the wholesalers are recognized as a necessary part of the paper trade, American mills will face competition which they cannot meet as individuals from the pool of Canadian mills.

Not Kept Contract. Mr. Venable said his company thought the company had not lived up fully to its agreement with the jobbers when it diverted tonnage last year from mills to publishers' associations.

He said the jobbers have enabled many small publishers to keep operating by providing economic distribution.

"These small newspapers," he said, "are the great source of information and education, the indispensable organs for the development of enlightenment and public opinion. That is the basis of our democracy."

In times such as at present the local newspaper is the unofficial mouthpiece of the government itself. And when these presses cease to run to the source of their news and the inspiration that makes possible the successful consummation of our national purposes will be dried up."

Your Five Hundred Muscles. The five hundred muscles in the human body depend on pure and rich blood for their health and contractile energy.

would conserve more than a million and a half tons of coal a year. In cities stops would be limited to eight to six. On interurban lines the stops would number not more than four to the mile.

Three times as much power is required, the fuel administrator's experts say, to make an electric car stop than to run a car a city block.

SINKING OF SPANISH SHIP BY GERMANS PROTESTED. Madrid, Feb. 9.—The Spanish ambassador at Berlin telegraphs that he sent to the German government Thursday evening a note of the Spanish government protesting against the recent sinking of the Spanish steamer Gralida.

BUENOS AIRES HAS A GENERAL RAILROAD STRIKE. Grain Shipping Paralyzed by Walkout. Troops Called Out to Protect Grain.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 9.—A general strike was declared yesterday by the men of the Central Cordoba railway. The employees of two other lines are expected to go out today.

A MUST UNLOAD PISTOLS; MILITARY MEN WARNED. London, Jan. 31.—(Correspondence Associated Press.) Clubs frequented by military men here on leave have been troubled by officers carelessly depositing loaded revolvers in the cloakrooms.

CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING AUTO LAW. A. D. Gordon, a chauffeur, arrested Friday night by Patrolman Shipley and charged at police headquarters with being drunk and disorderly and violating the automobile law, state and city, was fined \$10 and costs in police court Saturday morning and bound over to the grand jury.

MOTHER CRAZED OVER SON'S TRIPLE CRIME. Clanton, Ala., Feb. 9.—Grady Parrish, overpowered and arrested at Minooka yesterday after he had shot and stabbed his mother, E. E. Crim and perhaps fatally wounded his own wife and E. A. Hobbs, spent a restless night in the Clanton county jail here. While apparently violently insane yesterday, he was more quiet this morning.

Mrs. Parrish, his mother, arrested at Minooka about noon yesterday after she is said to have terrorized the hit man, driving the few citizens away with a shotgun, following the triple tragedy, and placed in the same jail here with her son, is more composed this morning.

An insubstantial outbreak is considered the cause of the tragedy, Mrs. Parrish probably being overcome with grief and excitement over her son's actions.

TO CALL CONFERENCE ON ADMINISTRATION MEASURE. Washington, Feb. 9.—President Wilson next week will call into conference democratic and republican senators to discuss the pending bill to empower the president to co-ordinate departments for the successful prosecution of the war.

Bank Reserve Shows Increase During Week. New York, Feb. 9.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week show that the reserve in the clearing houses increased by \$28,997,986 from last week.

FRENCH MAKE CAPTURE DURING LOCAL RAID. Paris, Feb. 9.—In a raid on a German position near Digneourt, in Torraine, last night, a French detachment took thirty prisoners and one machine gun, the war office announced today.

BRITISH MEAT RATION NOW ONE POUND WEEKLY. London, Feb. 9.—After much cogitation over various proposals, Baron Rhonda, the food controller, last night issued a meat rationing order which gives each civilian approximately one pound of meat weekly.

ESTIMATES AND ACTUAL REGISTRATION DO NOT TALLY. Washington, Feb. 9.—Reports on the registration of enemy aliens show the number registered far above advance estimates in the west and far below in the east.

On the rock of confession Christ builds His church. The foundation of this divine institution is the outspoken loyalty of believers. On this the church depends. Her membership is composed only of those who in sincerity and openness avow Jesus as Lord.

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KAISER FEARS ALLIED AIR DRIVE; WANTS TO FORCE THE ISSUE NOW



Map showing accessibility of German iron ore fields and munition centers—with "zones" showing distances air forces can cover.

(By Basil M. Manly.) Washington.—Germany's iron and steel industries—the basis of the central powers' war machine—lie within easy reach of the great air navies which the allies are building with feverish speed.

The air navies—born of swift fighting planes to gigantic bombing machines with a wing spread of 100 feet—will be ready to begin action by the time atmospheric conditions permit systematic operations.

Germany's "iron country," in Lorraine and Westphalia, will be the principal target of the allied air raids. Look at the map—Germany's principal ore fields, the rich Lorraine beds, lie wholly within a fifty-mile air line from the allied aviation center at Nancy—less than forty minutes' flight even for the slowest machines.

These iron mines cannot be destroyed, of course, but by systematic bombardment the mines are being built for, their operations can be interfered with so as to cut their output in half.

Young People's Services. Loyalty Legion for the Church. Terse Comments on the Uniform Prayer Meeting Topic of the Young People's Societies, Christian Endeavor, Etc. for Feb. 10: "What My Church Stands For"—I. Peter, II: 9-12.

SEVEN SENTENCE SERMONS. There are few, very few, that will own themselves in a mistake.—Swift. I would have you be like a fire well kindled, which catches at everything you throw in and turns it into flame and brightness.—Marcus Aurelius.

THREE BROTHERS MEMBERS OF HIGH BRITISH COUNCIL. London, Jan. 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The appointment of Lord Hugh Cecil to a seat in the king's privy council brings about the unique situation of three brothers being members of that honorable body at the same time, the three being Lord Robert Cecil, Lord Hugh Cecil and the Marquis of Salisbury.

AVIATION NOT EXTRA HAZARDOUS SERVICE. Washington, Feb. 9.—On a report from Gen. Pershing that aviation is not extra-hazardous service, Secretary Baker today submitted to the senate military committee a bill to repeal all extra pay allowances in aviation service, averaging about 50 per cent. The measure submitted by Sec. Baker also would create a new grade "aviator" to be filled by especially qualified civilians paid \$150 monthly.

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Caster Proceedings Against Mayor and Commissioner of Knoxville Fail. (Special to The News.) Knoxville, Feb. 9.—Mayor McMillan and Commissioner Fleniken were today exonerated of outer charges instituted against them by Atty.-Gen. Frank M. Thompson. However, Judge Huffaker in circuit court kindly admonished them to "watch their step."

Counsel for the defendants had alleged that Ed D. Conners had threatened to bring about their removal from office in revenge for ousting him as chief of police. It was a bitter fight, in which some of the most brilliant attorneys of the state were employed. Charges against the mayor included gambling, conspiracy against law enforcement, holding two offices and others, while Fleniken was charged with buying land and improving it at the city's expense, conspiring against enforcement of law and other minor offenses.

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MAY CHECK FLOODS. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 9.—At noon the rain turned to snow, and colder weather was forecast. Lower temperature, it was believed, would tend to check the floods. Railroad officials reported passenger and freight traffic moving at practically normal schedule.

CHARGES QUASHED; LAWYER "SQUASHED". Nelson, of Wisconsin, Speaks in House, Answering Indictment for Anti-Draft Action. Washington Feb. 9.—Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin, in a speech to the house today, made his first formal answer to the recently quashed indictments against himself and his son Byron, which charged them with conspiring to evade the draft law.

CHARGES HUSBAND WITH DESERTION. Mrs. Manda Jarrett Moon Stes Franklin Moon for a Divorce. Mrs. Manda Jarrett Moon, proprietress of the Kentucky house, on Cherry street, has entered suit against her husband, William Franklin Moon, charging desertion and abandonment.

BAND CONCERT AT CHURCH CANCELLED. The band of the Eighty-first field artillery, which was scheduled to play at the services of the Highland Park M. E. church, south, on Sunday, has called off its engagement.

AMERICAN CAPTURED IN RAID AS RESULT OF TARDY DELIVERY OF ORDERS, ALABAMA ARGUES. Washington, Feb. 9.—Delay in delivering orders to forces in France was responsible for Daniel D. Gallagher, an American trooper, being taken prisoner in the first German raid on American trenches, Representative Huddleston, of Alabama, today told the house committee on expenditures in the postoffice department.

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