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LIVING COSTS DECLINING

The United States Chamber of Commerce, in its general summary of conditions throughout the country, has arrived at the conclusion that "the remainder of the calendar year will be marked by a definite trend to lower prices." It realizes the critical condition, but sees no good reason why re-adjustment should not come without financial disorder or economic calamity, regardless of the tightening of the money market, the warlike conditions in Europe and the unrest that is everywhere apparent among laboring men.

The great gain in supply over demand is tending to a lower level of prices in nearly all commodities, and this tendency should make itself felt in quieting the demands of labor for wages to meet increased living costs, demands that have been fully justified; for wages have not, as a rule, kept pace with the advance in prices of the necessities of life.

Many industries are slowing down. Some are shut down completely, and output is generally curtailed. The contraction of financial credits has put an end to many wild-cat schemes, especially in oil speculation. The industries of the country, with few exceptions, are operating at a lower speed and a great curtailment of product. The food supply is abundant, yet its distribution, for reason of inadequate transportation, is keeping prices up.

The prospect is that the United States will produce this year 3,000,000,000 bushels of corn, 800,000,000 bushels of wheat, 12,500,000 bales of cotton, more oats, more tobacco, more sugar and more potatoes than last year, and the greatest rice crop on record, all of which will tend to reduce prices; yet the abundance will only to some unestimated extent enrich the producers, but America will not be pinched in its food supply during the year to come. The promise of abundant crops in many European countries will have a full dinner-pail without the necessity of sacrificing to procure other necessities and luxuries of life.

FRANCE'S NEW COINAGE

France has hit upon a plan to stop the exportation of her copper and nickel coinage, by the issue of one hundred million dollars worth of new subsidiary coinage made from an alloy of nickel and aluminum.

During the war France found that her gold and silver coinage was disappearing from circulation; and since the war, that her copper and nickel coins, which originally had a value much less than that designated by their denominations, have had their intrinsic value so enhanced by the demand for the metal itself that the exportation of the coins removed from circulation the currency necessary for the business of the country, and forced the adoption of a coinage scheme that would make the actual value of the coins less than their market value for the metal they contain.

France now issues her new coins to remedy the currency depression caused by the necessity of issuing paper notes, in the absence of the former gold, silver, nickel and copper that were formerly the basis of her circulating medium. The intrinsic value of the new coins, as bullion, makes further export unprofitable.

When the revision of the French coinage system took place, forty years ago, the government insisted that the metal in the token coinage should be near its approximate value, and the fact that it was nearer this value than the coinage of other countries of the International Union led to the stripping of France of her circulating medium, with a profit to the speculators, who shipped the coins out of the country as bullion, thus realizing a profit of about 40 per cent.

FOR THE FULLER LIFE

Interest in physical education is growing. Everywhere physical culture colleges and so-called life extension institutes are springing up.

All will agree that this attention to hygiene and physical training is an excellent thing. But it seems odd that so many should lay stress on physical culture merely as a means of prolonging life.

The value of physical education in extending life is, after all, only incidental. Its real merit is in making life worth living.

ing to the average men or women is the new zest in life that comes from physical training and health culture. It is less the desire to live longer than to live more fully that is increasing the ranks of the physical culturists.

A hearty appetite, a perfect digestion, a 100 per cent efficient liver, a clear brain and a general physical exhilaration—given these as the reward of physical culture, no one worries much about the problem of life extension.

Owing to the fact that the war department has abolished its fraud and graft investigating sections its facilities for making necessary inquiries are now limited; but this is not to be the end of the work of justice, that should bring before the courts all who are guilty of crimes against the government, in its hour of need. The boy who did not want to go to Europe to fight and die, was a hero compared to the scoundrels, who by their criminal practices may have been the cause of the suffering or death of thousands who did go, or who were preparing for service overseas. The shipping board will present additional cases, and the courts should be busy for some time in the prosecution of the men, who were greater enemies to their country than the Huns, whom we were forced to fight.

The United States Department of Justice, has finally got ready to do business, and has ordered the prosecution of 324 contractors, as a beginning of a move to clean up the war contract controversies. The proceedings will include both criminal and civil actions, involving millions of dollars in amounts ranging from a few thousand to a few millions, and include agreements for the furnishing of supplies of practically every nature, purchased by the government for war purposes.

The terms of the Versailles treaty include the bringing to justice of a long list of German officials. The public is not aware that the conditions have been complied with in any respect. In any event the criminals are still at large and actively engaged in government and military pursuits, or living in luxury upon their blood-stained plunder.

The apple crop of Orange County, N. Y., will be a quarter of a million barrels bigger than last year. This means that the children of those farmers will find something besides doughnuts and broken candy in their stockings next Christmas.

Sometimes the man who calls his wife the queen at home imagines he is the king bee when downtown.

It is significantly observed that the hip pocket is retained in fall and winter styles for trousers.

The Cuban sugar planter who was robbed in New York should be able to appreciate now how the public feels.

All of the reputed pictures of Villa indicate that he has never been prodigal in the use of the bath.

If a girl with dimples is sixteen and upwards you may depend on it she will know how to capitalize them.

Straw votes show the way the wind doesn't blow.

There is never any scarcity of folks who try to take all the poetry out of living.

Many a rascal who waits on retribution to overtake him dies of old age.

Political lightning does not seem to paralyze some candidates' tongues.

It is claimed that suckers will not bite, but the financial shark knows better.

The women may save all their old hats to be tossed into the political ring.

Under suffrage will the men attend pink teas, or will the women attend smokers?

It will probably never be known how many happy homes are broken up by hay fever.

If the bustle should come back, as hinted, could you imagine seven women in one fifteen?

There might be some satisfaction in appetites that could be adjusted to the cost of living.

The innocent bystander who gets hit may not be as innocent as he looks.

Work seems to be about the last thing some

Mr. Austin and Bloom's Journal

Editor World:
In your issue of Sept. 8th, you say: "F. S. Austin, formerly connected with the editorial department of the Devils Lake Daily Journal under Col. J. H. Bloom," etc. I am quite sure you intended no misrepresentation in the above. Mr. Austin was never in any manner connected with the editorial department of the Journal during my control of the paper. He was employed as a stenographer to transcribe the telegraph report as it came over the phone, and was given local assignments to cover, all his work being edited by myself, as a rule. Mr. Austin never wrote a line of editorial for the Journal while he was in my employ. It would not be fair to Mr. Austin to allow the impression to go forth that he was responsible for or contributed to my editorial columns. Others did, but Mr. Austin did not.

—J. H. Bloom.
Devils Lake, Sept. 8

To Mr. Bloom and World Readers:

The term "editorial department" often times is applied to those persons directly connected with the department of a newspaper from which the news emanates to the composing room—to those persons in any manner connected with the editing of copy, and otherwise putting news stories in form for setting into type. It was only in this connection that Mr. Austin was referred to in the above story to which Col. Bloom apparently takes exception.

Mr. Austin never claimed any credit or otherwise for Mr. Bloom's editorials.

But—Mr. Austin, after reading the article of Col. Bloom's which he secured publication of in The Journal prior to its receipt in The World offices, wonders just what he did do while working under Col. Bloom. Not much, he admits, and especially during Col. Bloom's many periods of absence from the city, except:

To secure, as a rule, a news story of every important and nearly all unimportant happenings occurring in Devils Lake and sometimes out of the city, whether it occurred during the day or during the night, and write the stories. And; receive all press dispatches for The Journal over special wires, taking them in shorthand and transcribing them. How well Mr. Austin covered the news field of Devils Lake is for the public to decide.

During Mr. Bloom's periods of absence from the city, from a day at a time to over a week Mr. Austin not only did the work mentioned, but edited his own copy and that of a reporter employed to gather items labeled "Personal Mention," and wrote all heads for the newspaper. During these periods, Mr. Austin gathered the bulk of the news during evening hours.

For a period beginning in September just prior to the termination of war with Germany and ending last winter when Mr. Austin was confined to his home with influenza, he never failed to care for a single press call in The Journal office and never was he so much as off duty for a half day nor did he ever fail to cover public meetings, evenings or Sundays during the same period—and he never received to exceed \$30.00 per week.

But there's nothing in the whole matter to argue, one way or the other—most of the public in Devils Lake knows the results of the efforts of the worker in question, now editor of The World.

If Mr. Austin erred in his definition of "editorial department" he was only human—and even the best of editors sometimes make mistakes.

—THE EDITOR.

Degnan Farm, Scene Of A Field Fire

The Degnan and Erickstad farms west of Garcke, were the scene of field fires Friday. Nearly ninety acres of wheat were reported destroyed, according to available reports. A Mr. Moe, tenant on the Degnan property, is said to have been burning stubble when the blaze reached proportions beyond his control. No statement as to whether the loss was covered by fire insurance, has been made.

Farmers Store Owners Meet Here

Share holders in the Consumers' United Store company mercantile establishment here met Saturday to discuss conditions of business and make plans for the future. It developed that the local project is now out of debt and with the collection of outstanding notes will be in sound financial shape, ready to enlarge its scope of operations.

Board of Administration members, George Totten, Sr., and Robt. T. Muir of Bismarck, were in the city, today making a brief survey of the School for the Deaf. General satisfaction with the conduct of the school was expressed.

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New Brown Calf Skin Walking Shoe. Cuban Heel. Welt Sole. Built on very shapely last. You will be more than pleased with this new boot.

New Brown Kid Skin Boot made by Dutton-Hofers. Cuban Heel and French sole. This is a beautiful number and will make a very serviceable boot as well as dress shoe.

New Brown Kid Dress Boot. This style as well as the above numbers is one of most clever styles obtainable. Shapely French heel, welt sole with imitation tip.

Don't fail to see these new styles before making your next purchase.

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