

NOW IS THE TIME WHEN CONGRESS CAN RENDER A REALLY BIG SERVICE

PRESIDENT WILSON'S speech to congress on the high cost of living has won him more whole hearted praise from the American press and the people generally than any utterance of his since he addressed congress to ask a declaration of the existence of a state of war with Germany.

The president recommended that the food control act of wartime be extended to peace operation and that congress exclude from interstate and interstate commerce goods which did not comply with its provisions; that the food law be provided with a substantial penalty for profiteering; that a cold storage law, modeled after that of New Jersey, be enacted to limit the time products may be kept in cold storage; that all goods released from storage be marketed at the prices at which they left the producer.

There is consciousness of extortion practiced on the people without doubt. It will be found that the same attaches to a multitude of big and little firms, many lines of commerce and the government itself. Revelations of laxity and blundering within the government departments have shown how the public has suffered at the hands of profiteers while the government has kept accumulating great stocks of food after the signing of the armistice, much of which food has spoiled because of careless storage.

The vicious cold storage system is as much an aid to profiteering as the combinations of organized capital organizations that have cornered the marketing of many of our foods. But not all the extortion is being practiced by powerful firms or combines. Much of it is done by relatively small concerns. In fact, the prevalent theory now seems to be: "The American people are making more money than ever before. They are ready spenders and they want what they want and are ready to pay any price for it. No price is too high so long as they will pay it."

That is the theory of the petty El Paso Dealer who thinks he is entitled to all he can get for the public for which that is 500 or 1000 percent profit. It is not the theory of the majority of the retail merchants, but they are one and all more or less at the mercy of others who do figure along that line and who put out goods to the retailers accordingly.

There is a proposal at Washington to stifle profiteers by the publication of their names. That's silly buncombe. Publicity, denunciation, reproach and anger mean no more to them than reasoned argument and pleading. Any profiteer whose name might be published would merely deny the charge immediately and at length, citing names of "facts and figures" to back up his denial.

The rise in the price of retail goods is not the result of anything that nothing will stop it but rigid enforcement of drastic laws or a resort to armed force. If congress will heed the president and tackle the menace with utter courage, there is yet time to save the situation. It is not merely a matter of cheap bread or cheap meat for temporary relief of a dangerous condition. What must be done is a nationwide readjustment of production, wages, distribution and consumption. Nearly everything we buy and sell is too high and must come down.

It was rather noteworthy that members of congress of Little Interviews

There Is Still Need For Closest Economy In America Wants A Plan To Make Army Food Easily Purchasable

THERE is still need for thrift and saving in the United States, said E. J. Childers. "The period of our industrial isolation is as completely behind us as is the period of our political isolation. Our industries are expanded and were speeded up during the four years of the war in order to supply not only our own needs, but also to meet a share of the world's demands. It is inevitable that the high level of war exports will not be maintained. A decline from the level is desirable. We have surplus to sell. The countries across the Atlantic need our commodities and a way must be found to finance their purchases on credit. The domestic consumer will inevitably ask why he should curtail his consumption in order to assist the consumer of foreign countries to consume our products and that on credit. The answer is that an enormous destruction of the world's steel and potential capital has taken place during the last four years, and although the destruction took place in Europe, it is an economic unit. Therefore, the American who does not realize that thrift is imperative is in error."

"It is a strange thing to me that the United States government with millions of dollars worth of surplus food which the people were taxed to buy cannot take a little extra pains to get it back in the most economical way to the people who paid for it," said Glen W. Dangersford from Kansas City. "Here it is established as a parcel post system which is all right for remote places, but I think the war department is shirking its obligation to the people, passing the buck, so to speak. I am not personally much interested in shirking a moral obligation, but I get to thinking that government officials are prone to think that the people are to be benefited by the government instead of governments to serve their people. Here are prices soaring out of sight and men who earn but moderate wages are worried because they are going to support their families and the government is acting as if it did not want to get its hands back to the people. Some have actually proposed sending the food to the Bohemians, in hopes of persuading the mob to be good. That would be so much easier and less work for government officials. Perhaps the officials are afraid of the wholesalers and retailers who want to continue raising prices in order to get back the millions of dollars worth of foodstuffs which the army has been accumulating in my part of the country. The retailers are the worst."

Rippling Rhymes Burning Money

Life is gay and blithe and sunny, since the peace dove hit the breezes; every one is burning money just as though it grew on trees. I insist on thrift and saving, but there's no one to heed my words; Johnny says that I am raving, and throw money to the birds. Men are drawing princely wages, and their breasts are filled with mirth, and they jest foreboding sayings which predict a day of death; but that day will come as surely as tomorrow's sun will rise; things will then be going poorly with the giddy spendthrift guys. Things won't be long along forever as they're booming now, my friends; and the man who's truly clever saves as shy as he speaks. It is patent to the knowing, in expansive times like these, that the know-nothing is growing always on the barbs and trees. There will come a day of trouble, when the boom is left behind, and the kupeck and the rouble will be mighty hard to find; happy then the lads whose wages have been safely placed in bins, who obeyed the seeds and sages, when the saving graft was fine. And how sick will be the mortals who like spendthrifts now behave, who reply with jeers and chortles when we call on them to save!

Copyright by George Matthew Adams WALT MASON.

both political parties applauded the president's speech with high fervor. Partisanship was forgotten utterly, so unanimously and heartily was the approval. The political party that has sufficient sense of devotion to the public interest to grapple with this situation now and drive corrective legislation through congress will so earn the people's thanks as readily to intrude itself politically. There is no matter besides this which the whole people are so intensely interested. It concerns them vitally. Their everyday life is involved in it. Better than for either party to make an issue of reducing the high cost of living would it be for both parties to join hands on it, push through the legislation the president has recommended and demand the rigid enforcement of such measures as may be passed. The force of public opinion is going to be back of congress, the department of justice and the courts. Now let's see what congress will do.

Still The Land Of Opportunity.

THE "Laird of Skibo" is dead. Old Andrew Carnegie, full of years and with a lifetime of achievement to his credit, has gone the way of other mortals.

Mr. Carnegie has left behind him a great deal of money, a record for philanthropy and some 3000 public libraries. He won as much fame as a library founder and a donor to colleges as he did as a steel magnate. What he chiefly stands for in American life is as an example of the foreigner coming here in poverty and semi-ignorance and learning, prospering and becoming great by making use of the opportunities which this land of ours afford to all in equal measure.

Carnegie was a Scotch immigrant and his first job in this country was as a bobbin boy in a linen mill. Then he became, successively, a stoker, clerk, telegraph operator and finally a steelmaster and manufacturer. First and last, his income went up from 20 cents a day to \$25,000,000 or more a year. He did what he did by no wizardry. He applied nothing but common sense, hard work, frugal living and an eye for the main chance. In the years when his boyhood was merging into manhood he had already seen the advantage of saving money so as to have it ready to put into a good investment. Carnegie had only the genius of energy and level mindedness. His career has pointed the way for many another immigrant from Europe and his success in climbing from the bottom to the top in a world where success is measured by achievement ought to inspire every young person in this country.

If we keep this high cost of living up until the wages all go up a lot more to meet it, we'll have a real job bringing back the wages to a reasonable figure if the cost of living ever drops. Better get the living cost down right away.

It's funny. The United States is to pay France \$2,000,000 for damage done by American troops, whereas, if it hadn't been for the Americans, the Germans would have done a hundred times that much damage in what was left of France.

"To work and to save" is the remedy for the increasing cost of living pointed out by the federal reserve board. That's silly twaddle. We have to work like the mischief to buy anything at all and to save is impossible for most of us.

Joe Bailey says morals should be considered in church and not at the ballot box. The absence of morals and the presence of five dollar bills at the ballot box are responsible for the shameful elections we occasionally pull off.

The way to resumption is to resume. -Salmon Portland Chase

Little Interviews

There Is Still Need For Closest Economy In America Wants A Plan To Make Army Food Easily Purchasable

There's the packers not being in it with them. Yet the government is certainly obliged to sell this surplus food to its own people. Within the next few days the government will put out a sugar and flour, too. If I remember rightly, to the Mexicans. I believe it is high time our own people were getting consideration and then there may be less of the discontent that is now alarming the American and most patriotic men and women.

"A large number of patients suffering from mental diseases have recently come before the Associated Charities," said J. R. Owin, secretary of the El Paso El Paso. "A majority of the mental disease cases coming before the charities are the result of nervous breakdowns caused by overwork and worry, but some are clearly the result of nervous diseases which are about equally divided between the American and Mexican population of the city."

"Description and cruel treatment are the most common in the courts of El Paso county," said C. M. McKelvey, district clerk. "I find that description and cruel treatment constitute the basis for fully 75 percent of the divorce proceedings of this county. The records show that fully 40 were divorces."

"Eastern dealers have discovered that wives of farmers don't want cheap stuff any more," said Harvey Olin, clothing salesman for an eastern firm. "In the line of fabrics the farmers' wives want the best. They are willing to pay more for silk linings. They buy less as much as the city dweller of toilet goods, perfumes, complexion beautifiers, and other luxuries. They have more phonographs than city folks and they choose better records. They buy the best dresses, the finest coats, costly waists, and handsome dresses and hats. Not all farmers' wives indicate this in the way of their do. It is a great change over what used to be. There was a time when the farmer's wife was not expected to have any ideas of styles and she was expected to get along with 'rag' clothing in the way of clothes. The man on the farm could not wear fine clothes at his work and it was simply taken for granted that his companion should not. That was another thing which was responsible for the flocking of country girls to the cities. They wanted to look as pretty as

Rippling Rhymes

Burning Money

Life is gay and blithe and sunny, since the peace dove hit the breezes; every one is burning money just as though it grew on trees. I insist on thrift and saving, but there's no one to heed my words; Johnny says that I am raving, and throw money to the birds. Men are drawing princely wages, and their breasts are filled with mirth, and they jest foreboding sayings which predict a day of death; but that day will come as surely as tomorrow's sun will rise; things will then be going poorly with the giddy spendthrift guys. Things won't be long along forever as they're booming now, my friends; and the man who's truly clever saves as shy as he speaks. It is patent to the knowing, in expansive times like these, that the know-nothing is growing always on the barbs and trees. There will come a day of trouble, when the boom is left behind, and the kupeck and the rouble will be mighty hard to find; happy then the lads whose wages have been safely placed in bins, who obeyed the seeds and sages, when the saving graft was fine. And how sick will be the mortals who like spendthrifts now behave, who reply with jeers and chortles when we call on them to save!

Copyright by George Matthew Adams WALT MASON.

Now Get The Rest Of The Gang - By F. Oppen



sure Columbus will be on that great Borderland highway when it is built."

"I am anxious to have all high school students register early," said R. W. Fowler, newly elected principal of the high school, "as it would allow us to start actual class work much earlier than otherwise. The distribution of free text books will take more time at the beginning of the year than has heretofore been allowed for the students to obtain their books, and the pupils themselves seem to be glad to have the start of classes much later."

Travelette

THE WAR COLLEGE

A MILE below Washington monuments a narrow spit of land projects into the Potomac. The surge of water borne commerce in the nation's capital passes it on one side, while on the other is the way of the fighting ships of the nation bound for the navy yard a little farther up on the eastern branch. Bisecting the spit, a bare 100 yards from its tip, is Washington barracks, an army post. The army war college occupies this isolated point. It is an impressive, domed building of classic architecture, very solemn and altogether aloof. Before the war it was the Mecca of those proved men of the army who were allowed to receive the highest refinements of military instruction. The individuals who proved themselves fitted in ten or 20 years in the field, who were the selected men in the great test of experience, were here put over the final jump that led to the gold of crucial service. But more than this, the war college was and is the repository of the military secrets of the nation. Here came those stores of military information, gathered in the world around by secret agents, and correlated and digested against the day of emergency. Here today is being amassed the complete record of the great war, and here sit those experts who will write it into official history. Here comes the chief of staff for detailed information upon which is based the action of our giant nation in any time of emergency.

"Adjustment of passenger rates is now in process at the rate conference in Chicago," said Garrett King, general passenger agent of the El Paso & Southwestern railway. "An attempt will be made by the rate makers to raise a rate whereby charge for actual mileage will be made for the longer routes which are 15 percent longer than the shorter competing routes in any case. Under the present system the rate between two points is the same whether the distance is the most direct route regardless of the route taken. Interchange of tickets is also being considered between the El Paso & Southwestern system on the joint track between Tucson and Anasazi is not allowed by these two competing companies. Exception to this is made in the case where the sale of a ticket originates at Kansas City or Denver and the Rock Island lines outside of Texas."

"The practice of small boys here in El Paso throwing stones through the semaphores along the railroad lines and that of riding on trains are both not only a nuisance, but also a hindrance and a danger to the train service," said H. Tremble, safety superintendent of the El Paso & Southwestern railway. "A semaphore signal out of order means a delay of trains or an accident. Stones thrown through windows of trains have nearly resulted in serious accidents. The danger to the lives of the passengers of the children. Most of those who throw stones are in dangerous practices and one that the railroad has been making every effort to stop."

"The plan of raising a big fund for bringing industries to a city has been tried elsewhere with success and believe it could be done with profit in El Paso," said Alfred E. Rowlands, prominent Real Estate. "A fund of half a million dollars could be raised very easily by graded assessments, and it would not be necessary to raise all at once. The attention of manufacturing interests all over the country would be attracted by such advertising, and enterprises might be brought to the city which would in turn benefit the suburbs to the fund."

"New York money is anxious for investment in the El Paso," said Arthur E. Skeata, secretary treasurer of the Tex-Mex Oil company, "but the New Yorkers want goodly productions, not wildcat acreage and wild. Bona fide propositions get a ready and generous hearing. It is believed that large sums will be invested in oil enterprises next autumn by eastern capital."

"Columbus, N. M., is feeling certain that the route for the Borderland highway will be selected in such a way as to run through that border town," said Charles W. Powers, druggist of that place. "Mayor J. Ross Blair and citizens of Columbus met with the committee which went over the proposed route recently and it is now quite probable, we think, that the route from El Paso west will turn at Eden on the Southern Pacific and run westward to Columbus, thence to Hachita and Rodeo, all in New Mexico, and on to Douglas, Ariz. We feel

Are You Superstitious?

By IMOGENE BURGH DIVORCE RINGS.

A MYSTERIOUS significance has been associated with rings from the earliest periods. They were supposed to protect from evil fascination of every kind, against the "evil eye," the influence of demons, and dangers of every possible character, though it was not simply in the rings themselves that the supposed virtues existed, but in the materials of which they were composed, of the particular metal in which the stones were set, or in some device or inscription on the stone or the circumference of the ring. Quite the newest kind of ring that is being worn is a plain band of gold encircling the little finger of the right hand. It is the divorce ring. The custom was started recently by a fashionable divorcee who had her wedding ring made smaller so that she could wear it on the little finger. We fear, however, that if the idea should be generally adopted the little finger would scarcely offer room for the series of rings that some of our theatrical stars would have to wear. Perhaps in some cases this wearing of the wedding ring, even in this modified form, might be intended to indicate that the old love had not wholly vanished, and that some day

Short Snatches From Everywhere

Any male citizen of 20 years may now be president of Germany, but any woman would take the ring-route of informing the world where they stood, there would be fewer unfortunate love affairs. In some countries rings have become love's indicator. If a gentleman wants a wife, he wears a ring on the first finger of his left hand; if engaged, on the second finger; if married, on the third; on the fourth if he never intends to marry. The only deficiency seems to be that there is no rule for the widower and divorcee. (Copyright, 1919, Thompson Feature Service.)

Kabibble Kabaret

DEAR MR. KABIBBLE, CAN TWO LIVE AS CHEAP AS ONE? IT ALL DEPENDS—HOW CHEAP ARE YOU, RALPH?

And So It Goes - By Hal Coffman



Pat and Chatter

By S. K. LIPNER *COWS MAY COME COWS MAY GO BUT TV GOES ON FOREVER*

ANOTHER wears the crown that Willard wore, They say that Bernard Shaw has lost his punch; From Kipling we get snappy stuff no more, There's a milder on the Hohenzollern bunch; William Waldorf Astor buys Coronets no more, and sighs In the deepening seclusion he deserves, But our old friend Tyrus Cobb Can be found right on the job, With a liking for the latest pitcher's curves.

OLD Hindenburg's no longer on the line, Orlando had to pack his bag and go; Joe Cannon may be feeling fit and fine, But he's not the old amusing "Uncle Joe!" Death has called John Barleycorn, And the friends of Bryan mourn For the chances that he never may reclaim, But the profiteers who nick The consumer to the quick Still, with all their former cunning, play the game.

KERENSKY'S lost the laurels from his brow, Duke Nicholas is gone, the Lord knows where! Even Hoover isn't often heard from now, But no one seems to be inclined to care; "Tipperary's" never sung, And nobody, old or young, Ever asks where Thaw receives his mail today, But the swindlers and the quacks Climb upon our aching backs And we bear them in the old familiar way.



PROFESSORS WILL STILL BE PLENTIFUL. About 1,300,000 aliens are expected to leave this country, and return to their native lands, but their going is not likely to be of any benefit to the Harvard professors who complain that they are earning less than motormen get.

A RULE WITH NO EXCEPTION. The man who works the hardest may not draw the biggest pay. The woman who is a spendthrift may have little common sense. But the prettiest girl may always eat at some old man's expense.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. WHEN was Labor day first celebrated?—H. W. S. A. The first celebration of Labor day was in 1882 by the Knights of Columbus, who gave a parade in New York City. In 1884 resolutions were passed by that organization providing that a parade should be held the first Monday in September of each year.

Q. What is "The Little Church Around the Corner"?—I. R. A. The Church of the Transfiguration at 3 E. 23rd st., New York City, is called "The Little Church Around the Corner." It is famous because of the numbers of theatrical and literary people who are married there.

Q. What is the ancestry of Henry Ford?—L. W. T. A. Henry Ford was born in Greenfield, Michigan in 1863, and is therefore an American. His mother was of Holland Dutch descent, and his father was of New England ancestry.

Q. How many a man who has lost his discharge papers obtain a duplicate?—H. G. C. A. A man who has lost his discharge papers should address a letter to the adjutant general's office, Washington, D. C., giving his name, address, place of enlistment, the organization with which he served, and the place of his discharge. His claim to service will be investigated and his discharge papers reissued.

Q. Is the flesh of turtles which subsists on animal food is not palatable?—H. G. C. A. The flesh of turtles which subsists on animal food is not palatable. The flesh of the Amazonian turtle produces an oil which is of considerable commercial value.

Q. What foods should be avoided by one who wants to reduce his flesh?—A. S. N. A. High cream soups and puddings; dessert, pastry, cakes, preserves, confectionery, nuts, jams, rich puddings; white and sweet potatoes, peas, beans, corn, lima beans, butter, white bread, corn, honey, crackers, brown bread, macaroni, spaghetti, (tapoca); fats and oils—olive oil, cream, fat bacon, and lard.

Q. What was the origin of the phrase "A Place in the Sun"?—F. G. J. A. The expression was used by the former emperor of Germany in speaking of the accession of Alsace-Lorraine to China. The expression was popularized by the Pan-German party which favored a world dominating policy for Germany, and became a slogan of the militarists in that country.

Q. How should one proceed to get a passport?—G. U. The first step in getting a passport is to apply to the clerk of your nearest United States district court for the necessary blanks. They should then be filled out, according to

Little Chris

DADDY," said Little Chris, "we came near having an accident downtown today. You should have seen a man dodge another's car. I think he means Dodge Bros.' car," said George Thelben. And Dean S. H. Worrell, who was having a julep at Thelben's house, laughed a courteous laugh.

EL PASO HERALD

DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE, THAT NO GOOD CAUSE SHALL LACK OUR SUPPORT, AND THAT EVIL SHALL NOT THRIE UNOPOSTED. H. D. Slater, editor and controlling owner, has directed The Herald for 21 years; A. C. Wilmarth is Manager and G. A. Martin is Managing Editor. MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS, AMERICAN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION AND ADDED BUREAU OF CIRCULATION. THE HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY, established in 1881, is the publisher of this paper and also the local news publisher. TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION—Daily Herald, per month, \$1.00; per year, \$10.00. Weekly Herald, per month, \$1.00; per year, \$10.00. Single copies, 10c. PUBLICATION—Superior quality of paper and complete news report by Associated Press, Lead Wire and Special Correspondents covering Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, Mexico, Washington, D. C., and New York. Entered at the Postoffice at El Paso, Texas, as Second Class Matter. "WHATEVER YOU WANT TO KNOW," The El Paso Herald Information Bureau at Washington furnishes readers, free of charge, with accurate and authoritative answers to questions on any and all topics concerning which information can be had from the unparalleled resources of the vast federal government departments, the great Library of Congress and the many experts and scientists in the government service at Washington. Two cents in postage for reply must accompany each inquiry. State clearly the information wanted and address The El Paso Herald Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haack, Director, Washington, D. C.