

We Have Made Eight Increases in Wages in Our Plant Since May, 1915

The Men Who Walked Out of Our Plant Were Securing the Following Wages for an Eight-Hour Day

TANKROOM.	RATE PER DAY.
Foreman	\$5.00
Foreman	4.80
Foreman	4.60
Weighmaster	3.58
Watchman	3.58
System Men	4.10
Cranemen	4.20
Asst. Foreman System	3.90
System	3.90
Starting Sheets	3.82
Mud Men	3.82
Cranemen	3.82
System Men	3.82
Laborers	3.46
Laborers	3.30

CASTING HOUSE ANODE	RATE PER DAY.
Foremen	5.30
Furnacemen	4.46
Furnacemen	3.90
Wheelmen	4.02
Oiler	4.02
Cranemen	4.46
Laborers	3.46

CATHODE	RATE PER DAY.
Foremen	5.30
Furnacemen	5.00
Furnacemen	4.90
Wheelmen	4.60
Wheelmen	4.55
Oiler	4.50
Night Skimmer	4.30
Night Skimmer Helper	3.90
Cranemen	4.70
Cranemen	3.82
Repairmen	4.16
Repairmen	4.08
Laborers (advanced)	3.90
Laborers	3.46
Blister Fce. Men	3.90
Sample Cutter	3.90
Weighers (load and ship)	3.70
Weighers (load and ship)	4.02

TRANSPORTATION	RATE PER DAY.
Assistant Foremen	4.10
Laborers	3.46

The Public of Tacoma Know That We Maintain the Very Highest Efficiency as to Safety and the Very Best Working Conditions

Tacoma Smelting Co.

SUGAR BARONS FIGHT HOOVER; HAVE A REASON

(Special to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—There has been a sugar shortage in the United States. But prices advanced only one or two cents a pound.

There has been no such opportunity since the civil war for large holders of sugar to sky-rocket prices and clean up millions overnight.

But Herbert Hoover, food administrator, had blocked the chance for anyone to make a "killing" in sugar.

He knew the prices at which sugar moved to the refiner, and to the wholesaler and to the retailer, and he had ruled that any refiner, wholesaler or retailer who exacted exorbitant profits would lose his license to do business.

As a result, sugar prices have remained steady and millions of dollars that but for his regulation would have dropped into the hands of the Sugar Shylocks have remained in the purses of American housewives.

That, in brief, is the whole story of the why and wherefore of the row now waging here before the senate "investigating committee" against Hoover and the food administration.

Other influences, however, than certain sugar interests, are vitally concerned just now in discrediting the food administration.

Unscrupulous dealers in other necessities, knowing that their chance for a "killing" may come next, would like to discredit the administration and tie its hands by restrictive legislation before it is too late for them to reap their harvest.

Still others—as instance certain large baking corporations—are still sore from the pressure Hoover applied to force them to cut bread prices, and are out with hammers and tomahawks.

For a fair understanding of the "evidence" against the food administration that is being brought out before the senate committee, the public should recall that Senator Reed of Kansas City, Mo., chairman of the investigating committee, is the senator who fought most bitterly the passage of the food control law.

Also it should be understood that the committee has refused to permit counsel for the food administration to cross-examine witnesses who have been airing grievances against the Hoover administration.

In the sugar inquiry, the chief witness and complainant against the food administration has been Claus A. Spreckles, president Federal Sugar Refining Co.

The food administration admits it refused Spreckles permission to pay more than the agreed price for some 50,000 tons of Cuban raw sugar, and that as a result some 10,000 tons of it went to Canada.

The vast bulk, however, came into the United States at the lower price. To have permitted an increase in the price of Cuban sugar at that time, would have forced a corresponding increase in the price of Hawaiian sugar just then being negotiated, and would have been the entering wedge that would have disrupted the whole system of sugar control.

As to favoritism, which Spreckles charges, it may be developed later at the hearings that Spreckles himself asked for his refineries far more than his proportionate share of raw sugar brought into this country and complained

bitterly when he couldn't get it.

There is no doubt that the opponents of the food administration are determined to go the limit in discrediting Hoover and his work.

They may—and probably will—lay bare more mistakes. Hoover is only human, and he has built up a tremendous organization and grappled with a wide variety of problems in a few short months. Somewhere along the line there may have been slips.

But amidst all the hubbub raised before the Reed committee, the public should not lose sight of the one prime question?

HAS HOOVER GOT RESULTS?

Sugar during the civil war went to 35 cents a pound wholesale, and there was no world shortage.

Early in this fall there was a general propaganda spread by unseen forces thru the east that sugar this winter would be 35 cents a pound.

And no doubt it would have been had the sugar profiteers had their own sweet will.

But Herbert Hoover held the price steady.

There was no "killings" in sugar.

The people were saved millions in excess profits that would have been tacked onto their sugar bills.

And the few men who would have divided most of these millions acquired a grrouch and an extreme dislike for the food administration.

It is possible Mr. Spreckles is one of these, for Hoover himself says:

"I realize that Mr. Spreckles' balance sheet will not look so good next year as last, for refiners' profits have been regulated. Mr. Spreckles therefore has reason to feel badly."

Also it should be remembered that Senator Reed, who fought the food control bill for 10 weeks in the senate and is now chairman of the investigating committee, prophesied the failure of the law and Hoover's downfall.

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LET HIM DICTATE, THEY SAY

By Gilson Gardner
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.
GOETHALS
CAPPS
HARRIS
PIEZ—

—there've certainly been enough heads for the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

The roster reads like the child's hood rhyme about the house that Jack built.

Why? Because the boss hasn't been able to get enough authority to do his work.

The difficulty is with the machinery, not the men.

Authority has been divided between the head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the chairman of the U. S. shipping board.

Chairman Denman was hampered by Goethals. Goethals was hampered by Denman.

Chairman Hurley was checked by Capps, Capps by Hurley. Harris and Piez interfered.

The situation became impossible. So Harris quit.

Piez won't clash with Chairman Hurley of the shipping board. Piez is Hurley's choice. Hurley will dictate.

Nobody here cares how much Hurley dictates, now, if Hurley will dictate one thing:

SHIPS!

CLUB HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The Tacoma Commercial club has invited every Camp Lewis soldier to the "open house" at the club Christmas day. During the afternoon entertain-

ment numbers have been planned, and beginning at 1:30 the soldiers have been invited to drop into the club, use the billiard and card tables, and have a good time.

Christmas evening there will be dancing, with 200 Tacoma girls to dance with. Also cider and doughnuts.

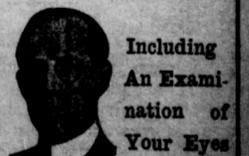
FIND BODY OF SERG. LEACH

After a search that lasted until almost dark Monday evening the body of Sergt. Frank Leach, who was drowned Sunday afternoon when his canoe capsized in American lake, was found by members of the military police.

Leach had evidently tried to swim ashore and been overcome with cramps, as his body was half way between shore and the spot where the accident occurred.

Hellbuts borrowed from the Glacier Fish Co. were successful in bringing the body to the surface. Leach was of a cheerful disposition, and had a smile on his face, even in death. He was a member of the 316th engineers.

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