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MAY CUT SUPPLIES OF ROBBER RETAILER

Food Administration Has Power and Will Exert It if Necessary.

SMALL SAVINGS AID

Warning Issued Against Anti-Pledge Campaign Propaganda.

The retailer who after November 1 attempts to make excessive profits on food stuffs may find his supplies from licensed wholesale distribution and manufacturing concerns cut off, according to an announcement made today by Dean F. B. Mumford, Federal Food Administrator for Missouri.

"The Food Administration by its licensing power has been given the means of obtaining such results," Dean Mumford asserted. Pressure can be brought to bear if deemed necessary. However, through voluntary cooperation, the Food Administration has obtained the elimination of speculation, hoarding and excessive charges in foodstuffs.

"Since the Food Administration began its work, flour has been reduced from \$17 to \$11 a barrel, representing a monthly saving to the consumers in this nation of \$60,000,000.

The Food Administration is trying to effect a union of the American people, so acting together under central government direction and advice that they may effect savings in such a manner that commodities which we may export, such as wheat, meat and sugar, shall not be reduced to a point where largely increased prices for home consumption are inevitable.

Everybody Urged to Do His Part.

The war must be paid for by the people, and their payment must come from their savings. Every citizen may do his or her part in making this saving possible, by conserving a small amount of his ordinary consumption and substituting other foods of which we have a great abundance but which we cannot export."

Authentic reports of anti-American propaganda seeking to prevent the signing of the food pledge cards were received from several states today by Dean Mumford.

"While no positive evidence has been received by the Food Administration of the machinations of such propaganda in Missouri, I have reports from several states showing the existence of a conspiracy to prevent the American people from joining the Food Administration in its effort to conserve the food supply," Dean Mumford declared.

Warns Against Propaganda.

All leaders of the food pledge card campaign are warned against this insidious propaganda and are urged to redouble their efforts. The best answer that can be given to this form of treason is a greater enrollment than the original allotment.

"That this result will be realized," Dean Mumford continued, "is indicated by reports received from the first day's work of the campaign. According to these reports, more persons signed the food pledge cards on the first day of the campaign than signed them during the entire campaign conducted last summer. This report is only partial in its scope."

LOAN CAMPAIGN COST \$310

Expense Will Be Borne by County Banks and St. Louis Organization.

The total expense for carrying on the second Liberty Loan campaign in Boone County was \$310. The biggest item was \$150 for advertising in the papers over the county; \$55 was spent for stenographic work and the rest of the money was used to pay for stationery and long distance telephone calls. The Boone County banks will stand most of this expense and the Liberty Loan Organization of St. Louis the rest. All the men of the Boone County Liberty Loan Organization gave their time free of charge and the citizens lent their automobiles.

OLD GUARD BUTTONS GO FAST

A Thousand Are Put on Sale and Girls Call for More at 9 O'clock.

The sign of recognition today is the Old Guard button. A thousand buttons went on sale. All those on reserve at the Co-Op and the Missouri Store were out by 9 o'clock and the sorority shares were selling rapidly. The individual girls were distributing their shares easily and many were demanding more.

Morris E. Dry, student president, said the sales had been unusually good and that the final results would be known tomorrow morning.

Persimmons Grow Big in Arizona.

George Thomson, county treasurer, received yesterday six persimmons, each of which measured between eight and nine inches in circumference, from James H. Reid of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly employed at the Central Bank. The persimmons filled a shoe box.

THE CALENDAR

- Nov. 1.—Meeting of Margaret Elwang Circle of King's Daughters at home of Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, 315 College avenue.
- Nov. 2.—Increased postage rate goes into effect.
- Nov. 2.—Football mass meeting at the University Auditorium at 7:30 p. m.
- Nov. 2.—Prof. J. W. Hudson will speak on "The Educator and Social Reconstruction" under the auspices of the Alpha Zeta Pi at 8:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
- Nov. 3.—Columbia Equal Suffrage League will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. E. Harshe, 400 South Sixth street.
- Nov. 3.—Missouri-Oklahoma football game on Rollins Field.
- Nov. 3.—Meeting of hog producers of Missouri at the College of Agriculture.
- Nov. 12.—Second Phi Mu Alpha concert by Zoellner Quartet in University Auditorium.
- Nov. 25.—Missouri-Kansas football game on Rollins Field. Homecoming Day at the University.

A MILLION TONS SOON

Chairman Hurley Says This Much Shipping Will Be Completed March 1.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—American shippers will complete 1,000,000 tons of shipping by March 1, Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board told a conference of Atlantic coast shipbuilders, called with reference to speeding up the shipbuilding program.

"In the whole of 1916," said Mr. Hurley, "we turned out a little more than 750,000 tons. We will achieve in the next four months far more than we did in the last twelve. Our new goal is ten times that of 1916, and we cannot achieve it by normal methods and ordinary means."

"This is an extraordinary situation in the country's history. We are confronted by an abnormal task and must apply abnormal methods. Every ounce of our energies and intelligence must be directed against sloth and inefficiency so as to master the new difficulties imposed by the war."

ELECTS THREE NEW MEMBERS

Tuesday Club Met Yesterday in Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

The names of Mrs. William Pearman, Mrs. Will Guitler and Mrs. Richard Silverstone were proposed for membership and were unanimously accepted at the meeting of the Tuesday Club yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

Robert White, violinist, accompanied by Miss Celia Lack Bryan of the Conservatory of Music at Christian College, gave a short musical program. Mrs. J. M. Batterton read a paper on "The Indians in Missouri." Mrs. Tyra Green explained the music of the American Indian. Mrs. A. McAfee gave an account of the Indian wars and massacres in Missouri and Mrs. F. B. Moore gave a talk on the legends, names and places on Indian origin.

86 ENTERED FOR SHORT COURSE

79 Men and 7 Women Included in Enrollment to Neon Today.

The total registration for the Short Course in Agriculture up to noon today was 86, according to Prof. E. H. Hughes, superintendent of the Short Course. Of this number, 79 are men and 7 women. Sixty-one new students are registered. Of the women who entered only one is taking the straight course. The others are entered for work in home economics and Red Cross work.

"The enrollment this morning has been very encouraging," Professor Hughes said at noon. "In view of the labor shortage on the farms and the war situation, we are very well pleased." The registration will continue until tomorrow afternoon.

COLUMBIA H. S. OUT OF COAL

Grade Schools Must Have More by Tomorrow or Close.

The Columbia High School is out of coal. The supply on hand this morning lasted only a few hours and, if the day had not been warm, it would have been necessary to dismiss the pupils.

There was enough coal to run the elementary schools today, but unless more is secured before tomorrow they will have to be closed.

RUNS INTO TELEPHONE POLE

Horse Valued at \$250 Breaks Leg and Had to Be Shot.

This morning while workmen were loading a wagon with shingles at the Taylor-Estes Lumber Company, the horse became frightened, ran into a telephone pole on the opposite side of the street and broke its leg. The horse had to be shot. It was valued at \$250.

All Saints' Day Services.

The services for All Saints' Day at the Calvary Episcopal Church, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning instead of 7:30 o'clock in the evening as announced. The services will consist of morning prayer, a brief address and Holy Communion.

Arrange for Short Course Students.

Special classes will be organized Sunday morning at the Methodist Sunday School for the Short Course students.

CITY BUYS ABOUT 30 CARLOADS OF COAL

T. W. Whittle, for Council, Gets Fuel—1 Car Shipped—5 Start Tomorrow.

HERE NEXT WEEK

Supply Is for Small Consumers—25 Cars to Be Sent—Price Up.

Columbia bought about thirty cars of coal yesterday through its representative, T. W. Whittle, who was sent to St. Louis by the City Council. Mr. Whittle returned this morning. Six carloads will be ready for distribution next week. One carload was shipped yesterday, the other five will be shipped tomorrow.

Twenty or twenty-five more carloads were promised him and will be sent as soon as equipment can be provided. Mr. Whittle talked to Columbus Hale, vice-president of the M. K. and T. Railroad, who promised to do all he could to get equipment to transport Columbia's order. So many back orders are on hand that the railroads are having difficulty in providing transportation for all of the orders.

This coal will not be used by the city plants, but will be sold to small consumers. The means of distribution have not been decided yet. The council will decide this in a day or two. Mr. Whittle thinks the usual method of distribution through the dealers will be used.

Coal Higher in St. Louis Than Here.

The Polar Wave Ice and Fuel Company, a concern operating forty or fifty yards in St. Louis, had only three cars of coal in all of its yards yesterday and was unable to obtain more immediately. Mr. Whittle says coal is higher in price in St. Louis than in Columbia and the shortage is far worse.

Only about four days are required normally in the transportation of Columbia's coal from the mines to the yards here. Owing to the transportation difficulties now, about seven or eight days are taken. This throws all of the local yards behind on their orders.

While in St. Louis, Mr. Whittle talked to Wallace Crossley, lieutenant-governor of the state, who was recently appointed State Fuel Administrator. Mr. Crossley said that one of the duties of the fuel administrator was to see that there was no fuel hoarding. When dealers get a supply of coal they must supply as many people as they can and sell no one an unreasonable supply. Mr. Crossley may take coal from opulent dealers and sell it to less fortunate dealers. This power was given him in Washington at the conference from which he had just returned.

To Divide States Into Districts.

The state will be divided into fifty administrative districts, each of which will have a chairman. The chairman will appoint committees to help him. These districts will have to report the supplies of coal on hand and keep account of large stocks, so that in case of need they can be distributed where they are worst needed. Reports will be obtained from the chairman of each district on the retail prices charged so that the fuel administrator can tell if dealers are conforming with the National Fuel Administration's order of October 1.

The 45 cents increase a ton in the price of coal authorized by President Wilson will go into effect about the middle of the week. The new scale of wages granted the miners goes into effect November 1. This is the cause for the increased price of coal. Mr. Crossley says dealers are confident that this wage arrangement has settled the strike situation for the rest of the war.

SPUDS FOR GERMANY, ANYWAY

Food Department Says Winter Supply Is Assured.

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—Speaking today to a congress of food delegates, Herr Braun, under secretary of the German food department, told the delegates that the subsistence of Germany had been assured for the fourth winter of the war. The German potato crop, was between 4,000,000 and 4,500,000 tons above the estimate and the corn supply for the winter already had been fully obtained.

Dean Loeb to Important Meeting.

Prof. Isidor Loeb of the University, Judge H. S. Priest of St. Louis and Judge Peyton Sparks of Clinton have been appointed by Governor Gardner to represent the state at an important session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, to be held in Philadelphia November 2 and 3.

Miss Frances Thompson Weds.

Miss Frances Thompson, daughter of W. E. Thompson, and Frank Glenn of Columbia were married at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the Rev. W. S. St. Clair. They went to St. Louis.

SPECIAL U. S. WAR TAXES EFFECTIVE AT MIDNIGHT

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—This is the last day of grace from many new war taxes.

With the exception of increased letter rates and tobacco taxes which go into effect Friday, and the special stamp taxes on documents, legal instruments and parcel post packages, which go into operation December 1, all special taxes begin to apply at midnight tonight. They include:

- One cent on each dime paid for amusement admissions.
- Three per cent on payments for freight transportation.
- Eight per cent on passenger fares.
- Ten per cent on payments for Pullman and similar accommodations.
- Five per cent on oil pipe line transportation.
- One cent for each 20 cents or fraction paid for express packages.
- Five cents on each telegraph, telephone or radio message costing 15 cents or more.
- Various taxes on cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and products.
- Ten per cent on club dues.
- Eight cents on each \$100 of new life insurance and 1 cent in each dollar of fire, marine, casualty and other insurance policies.

Although the tobacco taxes do not become operative until Friday many dealers, have already advanced prices in anticipation of the tax levies. Other taxes of the new law, including those on hard and soft drinks, incomes and war-excess profits, have been in effect since the law was approved October 3, but in indirect form.

More Taxes in December.

On December 1, the new stamp taxes, including those on parcel post packages, will be payable, putting the entire law into complete operation, except for increased rates on second-class mail, postponed until July 1 next.

Increases in first-class mail rates probably will be most generally felt by the people. The law provides that the postage on letters, except "drop" or local letters, shall be 3 cents; and that on post cards, including private mailing cards, shall be 1 cent more than heretofore. This increase includes so-called picture postcards. The advances were made effective thirty days after passage of the law, and are construed by the Post Office Department to begin with letters and post cards postmarked November 2.

The increases also have been extended by departmental order to first-class mail to many foreign countries, which under postal conventions, have enjoyed the domestic rates. The new 3-cent letter, rate therefore, will apply to letters to Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Bahamas, Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Santo Domingo, Dutch West Indies, Leeward Islands, Newfoundland and New Zealand. The post card increase will extend to Canada, Cuba, Mexico and Panama, the only coun-

tries which have enjoyed the domestic post card rate.

For consumers' convenience, books of postage stamps containing 3-cent stamps are in readiness for sale and the department has had printed thousands of 2-cent post cards. First-class mail postmarked tomorrow or any time prior to 12:01 a. m. November 2, regardless of time taken for delivery, will be transmitted at the old rates, but that postmarked thereafter must pay the increased toll.

Holder of "Comps" Must Pay.

Amusement admission taxes become effective tomorrow at places charging more than 10 cents. They are 1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction paid for such admission, payable by the person admitted but collected by the government from the amusement proprietor, required to make sworn returns to the treasury. A flat tax of 1 cent for each child under 12 admitted when children are charged also is provided. Passes also are taxed, except those to bona fide employees, municipal officers and children under 12, at the regular rate, which also is extended to cabarets or other entertainment in which the admission is included in the price paid for refreshment merchandise or service. Persons leasing theater boxes must pay 10 per cent on their rental.

The new rates on cigars range from 25 cents to \$7 a thousand and on cigarettes from 80 cents to \$1.20 a thousand. Five cents a pound is the new tax on tobacco, snuff and other manufactured tobacco, while cigarette papers are taxed from 1/2 cent to 1 cent a hundred. As the taxes are now reaching the ultimate consumer, the increases mean about 1 cent more on 5-cent tobacco packages, from 2 to 5 cents on cigarette packages and from 1 to 10 cents on cigars.

The taxes on freight and passenger transportation are also extended to motor vehicle competitors of steam and electric railways and water lines. The passenger transportation tax is not applicable to fares costing 35 cents or less or commutation or season tickets for trips less than thirty miles. Payments for services rendered the federal and state governments are exempt from taxation.

Tax on Pullman Seats.

The 10 per cent tax on Pullman accommodations is applicable to payments for seats, berths and staterooms in parlor and sleeping cars or on vessels.

The 5-cent tax on telegraph, telephone or radio messages costing 15 cents or more applies only to those originating in the United States.

Clubs whose dues are less than \$12 a year and fees to lodges are exempt from the 10 per cent tax on club dues. The new insurance taxes are imposed on new policies issued, with reinsurance policies exempted. Industrial or weekly-payment policies are taxed 40 per cent on the first premium on policies for \$500 or less.

DRIVE AGAINST ITALY IS UNIFYING PEOPLE

Socialists Seek Political Truce to Strengthen Nation in Crisis.

TO SHORTEN LINES

Military Authorities Regard Invasion as Attempt to Force Peace.

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Gratifying evidence of the unifying effect on the Italian people of the Austro-German offensive is shown by official cablegrams received here today. Socialists have shown a disposition for a truce in the political struggle in order to strengthen the people for resistance of the invasion.

The Austro-German invasion is regarded as the last desperate attempt of the Central Powers by crushing Italy, to force a peace before the fourth winter of war begins. Military experts in Rome are pointing out that the enormous mass of the enemy may menace the Italian rear lines of all advance positions.

This numerical superiority of the enemy lines along the entire front makes it necessary to mass the Italian forces by drawing back the arched front and shoring the lines, which are now divided and notched along the Isonzo.

While this will consolidate and strengthen the Italian lines, the enemy lines will be diminished in strength as they advance, as they will be obliged to use large forces to maintain communications and will lose the impetus of the first days of the drive.

Campaign Succeeding, Says Berlin.

BERLIN (via London), Oct. 31.—The campaign of the Italian front is being developed in accordance with the intentions of the Austro-German leaders, the war office reports.

Retreat to New Defense Line.

ROME, Oct. 31.—There were various hill and canal engagements between the Italian armies and the invading German troops yesterday, says a report issued at the war office today. The Italian covering units and cavalry permit the other troops to continue to move toward their new line of defense.

MANY PORK RAISERS EXPECTED

Letters From All Parts of State Express Approval of Conference.

That the conference of Missouri pork producers, to be held in the Agricultural Building of the University, will be well attended is the opinion of E. A. Trowbridge of the College of Agriculture, based on the number of letters of interest and approval he has received concerning it. Almost all those on the program have responded favorably. The acceptance of George M. Rommel of the division of animal husbandry at Washington was received this morning. Mr. Trowbridge urges that Boone County farmers attend.

The members of the Block and Bridal Club, the students' live stock club of the University, are going to help entertain the visitors.

REPORT OF GERMAN MUTINY

Soldiers, It Is Said, Refused to Go to Front.

By Associated Press
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 31.—According to the newspaper Les Nouvelles, a serious mutiny has occurred among the German soldiers at a camp in Belgium. The men, it was said, refused to go to the front and damaged their own rifles while others fired on their officers, several of whom were wounded. The mutineers were finally mastered and removed in cattle trucks.

BIG LOSS IN BALTIMORE FIRE

British Ship and Railway Piers Burned Last Night.

By Associated Press
BALTIMORE, Oct. 31.—A disastrous fire, which wrecked two of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad terminal piers and spread to a British steamship, broke out last night, causing a probable loss of seven lives and a financial loss of three to four million dollars. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin.

Christian Juniors Elect Officers.

The juniors at Christian College elected these officers yesterday: President, Miss Gladys Minges, Sherman, Tex.; vice-president, Miss Lavinia Hickman, Columbia; secretary, Miss Dorothy Schwabe, Columbia; treasurer, Miss Bernice Henderson, Burden, Kan.

These Girls Use No Sugar.

Mrs. W. E. Harshe spoke Tuesday morning at Christian College on food conservation. The girls promised to co-operate in the campaign for pledges. The girls at one of the tables in the dining room have given up the use of sugar.

MUCH POVERTY SEEN

Hoover Pledge Workers Find Many Families Short of Food and Fuel.

Out of coal and food, with a sick wife and hungry children, A. J. Barnes of Bowling street told the canvasser for the Hoover food pledge that he would do all he could to help the government in food conservation. He has a brother-in-law in the army.

"I don't see how I can do much, but I will try," he said.

Mrs. L. L. Hunt, who is working on Mrs. H. K. Bayless' committee, said that in the Clark lane district, on the North Side, the fuel situation is serious. Most of the families have only one bucket of coal, many of them none at all. No one has more than two bushels of coal. In spite of these conditions, Mrs. Hunt found the people very responsive and willing to sign the food pledge.

Only one man and two women did not sign. The man, who is a clerk in a grocery store, refused without giving any reason. The two women did not understand, and looked upon the canvasser as a peddler.

Mrs. H. K. Bayless reports that in her district her campaigners have had not more than one or two refuse to sign. Everybody in the Fourth ward has responded very well, but the fuel situation is not good there. No family had more than half enough fuel to last them through the winter, and there were two who had none at all.

The Rev. E. S. Redd, pastor of the negro Second Baptist Church, will have a meeting of his committees tonight at the church. He will give instructions for the campaign which will be started tomorrow.

"Practically all the women we have visited are very responsive," said Mrs. W. E. Harshe after yesterday's canvass. "The canvassers are working carefully and conscientiously, and the reports so far indicate a splendid success. The girls of Chris-

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Thursday slightly warmer tonight, lowest temperature about 30°.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday, slightly warmer tonight west and central portions.

The Temperatures Today.	
7 a. m.	29
8 a. m.	30
9 a. m.	32
10 a. m.	34
11 a. m.	37
12 m.	39
1 p. m.	40
2 p. m.	41

tian College all registered after I talked to them, and the work there to be carried on through the Y. W. C. A."

Mrs. Carrie George, who has charge of the campaign in the University Cafeteria, had so many signers yesterday noon that she ran out of cards before the meal was over. More than 275 signed at the Cafeteria alone, as against the 220 in all of Boone County, who signed on registration day last summer.

Although the women in charge were somewhat handicapped yesterday afternoon on account of lack of cards, they were able to accomplish much more today, for they have a good supply.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN TO MEET

Discipline Will Be One of the Subjects Discussed Tomorrow.

A mass meeting of the University women will be held at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the University Auditorium. Miss Katherine King will report on the Y. M. C. A. campaign conference held in Jefferson City, at which she was a representative of the women's student body. Rules for discipline will also be discussed.

ONE NEGRO IS A SLACKER

Irvin Pettigrew of Sturgeon to Be Taken to Jefferson Barracks.

Boone County's first slacker was found Monday when Irvin Pettigrew of Sturgeon, one of the negroes ordered to report Sunday for the training camp, failed to appear. Sheriff Whitesides went to Sturgeon yesterday and brought Pettigrew with him. He will be taken to Jefferson Barracks.