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## EMBARGO MAY BE PLACED ON FOODSTUFF

President May Use Embargo to Solve High Cost of Living Problem.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 7.—That every resource at the command of the White House, including, possibly, an embargo upon the shipment of food stuffs and clothing material to Europe, will be used in broadening the scope of the federal probe into the high cost of living, became evident today when the president called before him his most loyal supporters in both the lower and upper houses of Congress.

He asks that the congressional legislation program be speeded up as fast as possible so that the congress might have ample time at this session to consider certain recommendations that might be made contemplating a remedy for the abnormal increase in retail food and clothing prices.

Although branches of the administrative government, including the department of justice and the federal trade commission have been conducting more or less independent investigations into certain conditions properly coming under their jurisdiction, it has not been until today, definitely known that the congress itself would be projected at the instigation of the president into the general investigation.

Speculators in various food-stuffs, including buyers in the grain market, cold storage concerns, packers and great wholesale houses, as well as exporters will come within the field of congressional questioning. The activities of such operators as the former Kansas City street peddler, James E. Wetz, who has cornered the egg market, will be looked into, and operators on the

various grain and produce exchanges in the east will be subjected to searching inquiry by agents of the department of justice.

Prosecutions, it is declared, will quickly follow the gathering of any evidence that indicates an attempt to take an unjustified advantage of conditions based upon a mythical influence of "the war."

As a drastic resort, it is said by those who know the White House sentiments, will be an embargo upon the shipment of grain, cold storage meats and produce, leather and other products.

### Girard-Campbell.

Orr Campbell, of Elvaston, Ill., and Miss Mary F. Girard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Girard, of near this city, were united in marriage December 6th, 1916, at the Ohio street M. E. church parsonage in this city by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Waters, in the presence of a few of the relatives and friends of the bride. The serious illness of the bride's mother prevented the ceremony at the family home. The happy pair will spend their honeymoon in the east and expect to be at home to their friends on January 1, at the farm of the groom near Elvaston, Ill. The well wishes of all who know them go, with them.

### Basket Ball Teams Break Even at Appleton City.

The two basket ball teams from the Butler High School motored over to Appleton City Friday afternoon and tangled with the Appleton City teams. The Butler boys were defeated by a score of 53 to 26. The girls were more fortunate and succeeded in defeating the Appleton City girls 15 to 10.

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS SCARE RESULTED FROM ITS NEWNESS

Disease Not as Fatal as Many Others Which Ravage Country Constantly.

The usual prevalence of infantile paralysis in the United States which has amounted to an epidemic in greater New York, has shown up certain characteristics of human nature.

The total number of cases in Greater New York has been approximately 9,000, the number of deaths approximately 2,300. Fifty thousand dollars was given by a well known foundation for work in stopping this outbreak, and the United States government appropriated \$135,000 for the same purpose. Practically every city of any size in the United States, and especially those east of the Mississippi River, has taken extra precaution to prevent the spread of this disease.

The cause of the disease and its method of transmission are unknown. It appears in unexpected places often at considerable distances from the nearest city in which an outbreak has occurred, as it were, cities which are between the two places. While the disease is not extremely fatal as compared to some others, it is very apt to leave lifelong injury in the shape of paralysis, which affects one or more limbs or groups of muscles.

It is, of course, right to take every precaution to prevent the spread of this disease, but there does not seem to be any good reason for the great amount of excitement which the disease has caused. Certainly, it has received an unusual proportion of attention. When we compare the death rate, and even the total number of cases, of this disease

to some of the other well known ones which are with us year in and out, the reason for this statement will appear.

In Greater New York upwards of 10,000 people die of consumption every year. In other words, the death rate from consumption is greater than the total number of cases of infantile paralysis, and yet no excitement is caused by this disease. In the number of deaths from infantile paralysis and even in the total number of cases it does not compare in importance to the well known diseases, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and typhoid fever, which we have with us always. Yet no extraordinary efforts are made by any board of health at Washington to take charge of these diseases and prevent their spread. Year after year their ravages persist. If similar efforts were made to stop tuberculosis, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and typhoid fever the number of cases and deaths which they all cause would be greatly lessened, but it seems impossible to excite any great amount of interest over diseases to which we have become so thoroughly accustomed. It is the new and mysterious which always excites alarm and interest.—Dr. M. P. Ravenel.

### Lost Stock.

Thomas Kessler, over east, lost a mule Friday valued at \$200. The animal stabbed itself by running against the sharpened end of a rail, and the same day a nice calf of Tom's took sick and died.

A few days ago Knowl Barnett east of town, and G. D. Wood, just north, lost a milk cow each by cornfodder poison.

People should think twice before deciding to turn their stock into the corn fields this year.—Merwin Sun.

## H. PHILBRICK PASSES AWAY AT 77 YEARS.

He Was a Pioneer Citizen and Extensive Land Owner.

Harrison Philbrick, 77 years old, died at his home four miles east of this city at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon of the infirmities of advanced age. He was a farmer and an owner of a fine farm of about 1,000 acres of land. Mr. Philbrick was one of the pioneer citizens of Bates county, having resided here 46 years. He was one of the first surveyors of Bates county.

Mr. Philbrick was a native of New Hampshire and came here at an early day. He was a man of strong character, widely known and highly respected. His wife preceded him to the grave about one and a half years ago. He was a Mason and Knight Templar. He is survived by three sons, Daniel, Perl and George Philbrick all residents of this county, and two daughters, Mrs. Wills, of Neosho, Mo., and Miss Lillie Philbrick of the home address.—Rich Hill Review.

### Beautiful Snow.

This part of the state was treated to the first snowstorm of the season Sunday afternoon and night. The snow commenced falling about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon and continued most of the night and in the morning the earth was covered with about five inches of the beautiful snow. Up to that time the month of December had been one of the mildest for many years, very few chilly days and very little moisture with the thermometer frequently registering as high as 70 degrees. The cold wave was predicted by the weather bureau Friday and arrived on time.

## High Paper Causes Failure.

Macon, Mo., Dec. 6.—Charles W. Shelton of Macon has been appointed receiver for the Macon Times-Democrat, the oldest paper in the county. The Irvin Paper Company of Quincy, Ill., and the Home Coal Company of Macon are among the creditors.

C. N. Tolman, manager of the paper, said the assets were more than sufficient to meet liabilities, but that "the paper had not been making any money on account of conditions, especially that left by a contest, as more than three thousand subscribers paid in advance, and the ever increasing cost of white paper made the fulfillment of these contracts an expense which the receipts were inadequate to meet."

The paper will be continued under the direction of the receiver.

### Premiums for Country Cured Meat.

The Missouri State Board of Agriculture has again set aside \$150 to be awarded in premiums on the best country cured hams and bacon, country cured shoulders, fresh and smoked and fancy country sausage exhibited at the Farmers Ham and Bacon Show, to be held during Farmers Week at the Missouri College of Agriculture at Columbia, January 1 to 5. Send in your meat. The directors will either return the meat to the exhibitors or will sell it as directed.

### Rural Home Makers to Give Play.

The Pleasant Gap Rural Home Makers Club will give a play entitled "A Family Affair," at the Pleasant Gap Baptist church, Thursday evening, Dec. 21. The admission will be 10 and 25 cents. 9-11

# NINE DAYS, Just Nine Days.

Secular Days---Then Christmas. The tremendous volume of business that must be crowded into that brief period should induce early shopping. Comfort, convenience, complete and bountiful assortments, excellence and economy are all assured at this Big Store.

CHRISTMAS SALE ON FANCY BATH TOWELS	Ready-to-Wear Garments Make Economical Gifts	CHRISTMAS FURS	Christmas Gifts for Men
One lot Blue, Pink and Yellow..... 30c	Formerly \$22.50 and \$25.00 Suits..... <b>\$15.00</b>	White Fur Sets..... \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00	All Wool Suits..... \$10.00, \$25.00
One lot Extra Large Heavy, Most any Color Border..... 35c	Formerly \$20.00 Suits..... <b>\$13.50</b>	Red Fox Fur Sets..... \$15.00, \$18.00, \$25.00	All Wool Overcoats..... \$8.50, \$22.50
One lot 23x42 inches, made of best Turkish Toweling, all color borders... 75c	Formerly \$13.50 Dresses..... \$8.50	Black Lynx Fur Sets..... \$10.00, \$15.00, \$25.00	Emery Guaranteed Shirts..... \$1.00, \$3.50
<b>Table Linen, Lunch Cloths and Towels Make Useful Christmas Gifts</b>	Formerly \$6.50 Dresses..... \$3.98	Separate Fur Scarfs..... \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00	Phoenix Silk Hose..... 35c, 55c
Fine Table Damask, 60 inches wide..... 40c	Plush Coats..... \$13.50 to \$25.00	Separate Fur Muffs..... \$5.00, \$7.50, \$12.00	Fine Fancy Hose..... 35c, 50c
Extra Heavy Table Damask 64 inches wide..... 50c	Fancy Coats..... \$7.50 to \$20.00	Angora Cap and Scarf Sets..... \$1.25, \$1.75	Rope Knit Sweaters..... \$2.00, \$6.50
All Linen Table Damask, 62 inches wide, unbleached..... 75c	Childrens Coats..... \$1.98 to \$5.00	Silk Scarfs..... 75c, \$1.50	Mens Bath Robes..... \$3.50, \$5.00
All Linen Table Damask, fine bleached beautiful designs..... \$1.25	Dress Skirts..... \$3.50 to \$10.00	Ladies Sweaters..... \$1.50, \$5.00	Men's and Boys' Caps..... 50c, \$1.50
Huck Towels, plain or fancy borders..... 10c	Silk Petticoats..... \$2.98 to \$7.00	Childrens Sweaters..... 50c, \$1.25	Men's and Boys' Jersey Sweaters... 75c, \$2.50
Linen Towels, hemstitched or fringed... 35c-75	Silk Kimonas..... \$3.50 to \$10.00	Childrens Sweater Suits..... \$2.00, \$2.50	Men's Fine Mufflers Silk and Knit... 50c, \$3.50
Lunch Cloths in round designs scalloped edges, all linen... \$2.50 to \$5.00	Bath Robes..... \$2.50 to \$5.00	Boudoir Caps..... 35c, \$1.50	Men's Fine Neckwear..... 25c, \$1.00
Lunch Cloths in square design, hemstitched hems, all linen..... \$1.50 to \$4.00	Mercerized Petticoats..... \$1.00 to \$1.50	Leather Hand Bags..... \$1.00, \$5.00	Men's Suspender and Arm Band Sets... 50c, \$1.00
	Crepe De Chine Waists..... \$1.48 to \$5.00	Sweet Grass Baskets..... 15c, \$1.50	Men's Cuff Link and Scarf Pin Sets... 35c, \$1.50
	Longerie Waists..... 98c to \$1.48	Phoenix Silk Hose..... 80c, \$1.50	Men's Flannel Shirts..... \$1.00, \$3.50
	Outing Petticoats..... 35c, 50c	Cotton Blankets..... \$1.25, \$2.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats..... \$2.00, \$8.50
	Knit Petticoats..... 65c, \$1.00	Wool Blankets..... \$5.00, \$10.00	Men's Heavy Unionsuits..... \$1.00, \$2.50
	Ladies Heavy Underwear, Union Suits and separate garments..... 25c to \$1.50	Baby Blankets..... 65c, 85c	
	R. & G. Corsets..... 50c to \$3.00		

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