

## PROBE OF ADVANCE IN FOOD PRICES IS BEGUN

**Criminal Prosecutions Will Follow if Manipulation Is Found to Be the Cause**

Washington, Aug. 14.—Legal forces, state and federal, all over the country got into action today, carrying out the president's suggestion for an investigation as to whether food prices are being increased artificially on the pretext of the European war, and criminal prosecutions will follow if that is found to be the case.

The national capital authorities started the campaign with a grand jury investigation, to which commission merchants, wholesalers and retailers, buyers for hotels and restaurants were subpoenaed and citizens having evidence were invited.

President Wilson, officials said, aroused by what he considers wholly unjustifiable increases in the cost of food, is giving his personal attention and encouragement to the investigation.

### ELECTRIC STORM

The worst electric storm of the summer visited Monett, Friday afternoon. Lightning struck several places around town. At the telephone office the lightning ran in on the wires worse than it ever had done before. The rain fell in torrents and Kelly Creek was washed out good. Hail fell quite lively for awhile and cut leaves off the trees.

At Aurora the hail was more severe. A watermelon patch near there was riddled and not a whole melon was left.

### BOOT-LEGGERS CAPTURED BY SHERIFF AT REUNION GROUND

Deputy Sheriff Hugh Brixey assisted by Roy Newman landed on two bootleggers at the reunion Tuesday evening and landed them in the county bastille. Their names are A. J. Alexander and Ben Nickel and claim to come from Springfield.

Squire Plattenburg said their bad actions should be fined \$300 each and in default of which they went to jail. It is said there were six in this bunch and other four took a hint and departed. There is a box of whiskey at the C. & W., depot shipped to Alexander.

### RESIDENCE DAMAGED BY FIRE

The fire department was called out Saturday afternoon by a fire at F. L. Williams residence, 400 Fourth street. The fire caught in the roof near the kitchen chimney and had burned quite a large hole when discovered. The fire department was called and put out the flames in a short time. The damage by fire and water will be \$300 or \$400.

Mrs. Williams has had typhoid fever and was sitting up for the first time. The baby is also sick.

### DISINFECTING THE SEWERS

The city is having the sewers disinfected this week. Lime and crude oil are being put down all the manholes leading to the drains and the tank and stream therefrom have been thoroughly treated.

Instructions from the members of the state board of health will be followed and we will soon have a sanitary Monett.

### Not So Strange After All

You may think it strange that so many people are cured of stomach trouble by Chamberlain's Tablets. You would not, however, if you should give them a trial. They enable the stomach to perform its functions naturally. Mrs. Rosie Rish, Wabash, Ind., writes, "Nothing did me the least good until I began using Chamberlain's Tablets. It is decidedly the best medicine for stomach trouble I have ever used. For sale by all dealers."

### STOCK KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Chas. P. Horner lost a cow and hog during the electric storm, Friday. Lightning struck the animals. The cow was a valuable Jersey and was quite a loss to Mr. Horner.

### DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMEN OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Aurora, 1—C. H. Kennedy.  
2—S. P. Williams.  
3—Geo. Hutchison.  
Buck Prairie—Wyatt Cannady.  
Turnback—Loney Pendleton.  
Ozark—R. E. Kimmons.  
Lincoln—J. F. Kreger.  
Green—Mentor Gass.  
Red Oak—J. L. Swope.  
Stotts City—M. Rice.  
Bower Mills—C. W. Lafeyer.  
Mt. Pleasant—Henry Burnett.

Freistatt—Henry Stillvagen.  
Spring River—H. E. McShane.  
Forest Park—B. C. Wolf.  
Peirce City—J. K. Saunders.  
Hoberg—W. A. Agan.  
S. Mt. Vernon—Chas. Lawson.  
N. " —J. E. Cherry.  
The committee organized by electing J. L. Swope, Chairman; Chas. Lawson, Secretary and J. E. Cherry, Treasurer.

### REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN OF LAWRENCE COUNTY

Aurora, 1—A. J. Crawford.  
2—J. N. Reynolds.  
3—John S. Musgrove.  
Buck Prairie—John Overstreet.

Turnback—W. F. Smith.  
Ozark—N. McCoy.  
Lincoln—Geo. Hobbs.  
Green—John Robertson.  
Red Oak—J. R. Wooten.  
Stotts City—J. O. Underwood.  
Bower Mills—L. L. Simpson.  
Mt. Pleasant—W. L. Boucher.  
Peirce City—C. C. Crouse.  
Forest Park—John Mulkey.  
Spring River—C. F. Porter.  
Freistatt—Walter Davis.  
Hoberg—D. E. Straight.  
S. Mt. Vernon—Harry Whaley.  
N. " —Tom Gardner.  
The committee organized Tuesday by electing H. T. Whaley, Chairman; Leo Simmons, Secretary and W. L. Smith, Treasurer.

### SOME FINE GRAPES

Mrs. E. C. Drowley presented the editor and family with a basket of the finest grapes we have seen. They were of the white, red and purple varieties, perfect in flavor and of large bunches. They were beauties.

### DIED

John H. Matthews died at the home of his son on East Broadway, Wednesday evening, at 5 o'clock of consumption. He was born at Muscatine, Iowa, 63 years ago.

The funeral was held at the home Thursday afternoon conducted by Rev. W. A. Todd. Interment was made at Odd Fellows cemetery.

### SURPRISE PARTY

The members of the G. I. A. gave Mrs. Mulhall a surprise party, Friday evening. The affair was intended as a farewell party but the Mulhalls will not leave town as they expected. Mr. Mulhall's run out of Neosho having been pulled off and he will now work out of Monett.

The guests were glad to know a farewell party was not in order and enjoyed the evening the better knowing their friends were not to leave town!

The lodge presented Mrs. Mulhall with a handpainted plate. Refreshments were served.

### INJURED IN RUNAWAY

Mrs. Joe Reed, of Butterfield, was badly injured in a runaway at Cassville, Thursday evening. The team became frightened at an automobile and ran away throwing Mr. and Mrs. Reed and their little child out of the buggy. The child was reported killed but was only bruised.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Homer B. Gembeling.....Aurora  
Ruth Hampton.....Greenfield  
Frank Crawford.....Bowers Mill  
Zetta Spencer.....Bowers Mill  
Joseph Rutz.....Newton Co.  
Helen Belt.....Barry Co.  
C. F. Mader.....Erie, Pa.  
Catherine Kuntz.....Peirce City

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

## PANAMA CANAL IS TO BE OPENED TO COMMERCE DAY

**Ancon Will Be First Ocean-Going Steamship to Pass Through the "Big Ditch."**

Panama, Aug. 14.—The canal was the scene of activity tonight in preparation for its opening tomorrow.

On board the steamer Ancon officers and men were busy setting everything shipshape for her start early in the morning on the first voyage of a big ocean going steamship through the new highway. The Ancon, 10,000 ton register, owned by the United States war department and leased to the Panama railroad for New York-Colon trade, has not discharged her cargo, as it is planned to have her make the journey fully loaded.

In order that the Ancon's journey may be wholly unimpeded, all other traffic on the canal will be suspended.

Those aboard will include Governor Goethals, the canal builder, and numerous other high officials and President Belisario Porras of the republic of Panama and members of his cabinet. Most of them will be accompanied by their ladies. During the voyage buffet luncheon will be served, but without wine, as the canal zone is "dry" territory.

### CASSVILLE NEWS

Leroy Jeffries of Monett, was at the reunion this week.

Will Steele of Monett, spent several days at the reunion this week, mingling with his many friends. Mrs. Steele and little son Tom are at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Hon. W. A. Wear suffered an attack of nervous prostration, Wednesday.

Friday of last week lightning struck W. T. Ayers barn in Mitchell addition, disconnecting some parts of the barn, but doing no serious damage.

Frank Jackson and son E. H., of Kings Prairie township and J. L. Moody of Pleasant Ridge township, were visitors in this city Tuesday.—Democrat.

### PEIRCE CITY ITEMS

Dave O'Brien, who is in Mt. Vernon at the sanatorium, is expected home Saturday night.

G. W. Wilson left Thursday night for Houston, Texas, Mrs. Wilson and Carrie, will visit relatives here and in St. Louis before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery left Tuesday morning to spend a month at Claremore, Ok. Elmer Wormington of St. Louis is visiting relatives west of this city.

Mrs. D. H. Smith came down from Monett Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Carl Glassford, who is quite ill.

Mrs. Park Printess who was here to attend the funeral of her sister, Miss Julia Wilson, left Tuesday night for St. Louis.—Southwest Journal.

### The Twenty Year Test

"Some twenty years ago I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Geo. W. Brook, publisher of the Enterprise, Aberdeen, Md. "I discovered that it was a quick and safe cure for diarrhoea. During all these years I have used it and recommended it many times, and it has never disappointed anyone." For sale by all dealers.

### TORNADO AT BUTLER

A small tornado passed over Butler, late Thursday. A large Chautauqua tent in which there was over 100 persons was blown down. Many were cut and bruised but no one seriously hurt. Trees and buildings were blown down.

Misses Olive and Golden Wright, of Joplin, came Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends. They will go from here to Dixon.

### PERSONAL INJURY CASES

Attorney D. H. Kemp returned Friday morning from St. Louis where he has been for the past two days taking depositions in the case he filed for Edgar Hedrick, in the Circuit court of St. Louis, against the Merchants Bridge Terminal Railway Company, for \$35,000. Mr. Hedrick was a switchman and lost his leg in the terminal yards because of the failure of the Railway Company to block a frog. The case will be tried this fall, in the city of St. Louis.

While on this trip Attorney Kemp was employed by Chas. Garrison, Luther Broyles and Robert Kemery to prosecute their individual claims for damages they sustained while passengers on the United Railways Company lines, and in the City of St. Louis, last May. Mr. Garrison was struck by part of the car window frame on the head with such force as to cause a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain. Mr. Broyles left shoulder was broken, and Mr. Kemery's left hand was badly mashed and he received other injuries.

Mr. Kemp's personal injury cases are getting to be quite numerous and extensive.

### MRS. ELIZABETH JONES

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. T. Watson, Thursday, August 13, aged 69 years. She had been ill for several weeks.

Funeral services will be held at St. Lawrence Catholic church, at 8:30 o'clock, Saturday morning, August 15. The remains will be taken to Springfield for interment.

Mrs. Jones was a widow and had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. F. T. Watson, the past five years, making frequent visits to her sons in Springfield. Children surviving her are Mrs. Ella Wolfe, of Philadelphia; Connie, Willie and John Jones, of Springfield; Charles Jones, of St. Louis, Jim Jones, of St. Joseph, Mrs. F. T. Watson and Frank Jones, of Monett.

### VERONA NEWS

Troy Wilks is sick with typhoid fever.

Jesse Vaughn and Chas. Thomas of Monett, drove to Verona, Wednesday.

J. Y. B. Wood has accepted a position with The Menace Publishing Co., at Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Barris, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lemert and daughter were Monett visitors, Sunday.

Mrs. Jinnie McQueen is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Marion Tate, while Mr. Tate is sojourning in Colorado.

Last Monday night burglars broke into J. T. Miller's hardware store with the intention, no doubt, of securing money, but when they learned that none had been left there for their special use, they filled their pockets with knives and departed. They gained an entrance through rear window.—Advocate.

### Newton County Licenses

Wm. H. Gorsuck,.....Joplin  
Iva Horton,.....Joplin  
W. H. Lane,.....Springdale, Ark  
Sarah Salsman,.....Neosho  
C. C. Wiggan,.....Oklahoma City  
Laura Gardner,.....Oklahoma City  
H. C. Tuck,.....Neosho  
Marie Graves,.....Neosho  
E. P. Allison,.....Joplin  
Mallie Kanatzer,.....Joplin  
Harry Barnes,.....Webb City  
Lena Gilstrap,.....Joplin  
Jasper Henry,.....Webb City  
Mrs. C. E. Guy,.....Webb City  
Ben Westernan,.....Carl Junction  
Maude Eddington,.....Carl Junction  
Benjamin F. Miracle,.....Fairview  
Ida Mae Wood,.....Stark City

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Vermilion, Mrs. D. S. Maybaw, Misses Fern Maybaw and Clara Dalton attended the Carthage Fair, Thursday.

Miss Goldie Buchanan visited in Aurora, Friday.

Will Reardon has returned from St. Louis and is visiting his father near Peirce City.

Miss Gertrude McKenna, of Springfield, will come tonight to visit relatives over Sunday.

J. E. Sater and W. E. Marion went to Springfield Saturday to look after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Daily went to Joplin, Saturday, for a short visit.

Mrs. J. D. Prigmore went to Rolla, Saturday, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who live on Third street, are the parents of a son born this week.

Mrs. Philip Tate and daughter Gladys spent the day Thursday with Mrs. J. B. White north of town.

Mrs. Arthur Erwin, Misses Genevieve Martin and Mary Meagher attended the Reunion at Cassville, Friday.

Miss Anna Welsh returned to her home at Muskogee, Okla., Friday morning, after a visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Froyley have returned to their home at Aurora after a visit with friends here.

Mrs. Fay Geister came in from Springfield, Saturday, to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

Mrs. T. J. Dwyer went to Springfield, Friday, and returned home bringing her son George, who has been ill in a hospital there with an abscess in his side.

Dr. C. T. Dusenbury accompanied Victoria Avaro to the St. Johns hospital in Springfield, Friday. The patient is very ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Claud Linthicum has returned from a visit at Aurora. Her sister from Springfield, Ill. visited at Aurora at the same time she was there.

The Misses Blakemore have returned to their home in Prairie Grove, Ark., after a visit with their brother, C. A. Blakemore and wife.

Robt. Grames, who had his hip broken in an accident in the railroad yards about six weeks ago, is now improving nicely. His nurse, W. P. Williams, has returned home.

One third of a persons life is spent in sleep. Restful sleep necessitates a good mattress. You can find a complete line of the best mattresses made at Callaway's.

Chas. Williams, an inmate of the Barry county farm took an outing this week and came to Monett. The manager phoned our city officials and he was sent back to Cassville under protest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. B. Callender, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mills, Laura and Louise Rice, Mrs. A. W. Wightman and Mrs. J. J. Cooper accompanied the funeral party of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones to Springfield, Saturday morning.

The road being built by the Neosho special road district toward Diamond is now graded, graveled and rolled from Allen Ford bridge to a short distance this side of the Camfield farm. The work so far done is of the very best and this road will be an extra fine one when completed.—Neosho Democrat.

Just to keep up his reputation as a fisherman, G. A. Vanfleet has been doing some more fishing this week and on Tuesday night captured a catfish which weighed 17½ pounds. Some time ago Mr. Vanfleet caught one which weighed 20 pounds, and at another time one weighing 10½ pounds. So far he holds the record for large fish, but Rev. W. M. Elliott is just getting settled in his summer home near Mr. Vanfleet's place and as soon as he gets fishing operations started we predict that Mr. Vanfleet will have strong competition in this line.—Neosho Democrat.

John T. Westbay went to Fayetteville, Ark., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith attended services at Mount Joy, Sunday.

Mrs. C. N. Collum, of Peirce City, is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

L. H. Turner, of Springfield, was in town, Saturday.

Jake Lettle and Fred Buseman, of Aurora, were in town, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thomas, of Corsicana, were in town, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brewer, of north of town, were trading here Saturday.

J. W. Sanders, of Springfield, was in town on business, Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. J. Charles, of Sapulpa, Ok., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Beal, of Republic, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Carter.

Mrs. W. J. Mills left Sunday night for a visit at Denver, Tacoma, Wash., and San Francisco.

Connell McQuary, of Seligman, was in town on business, Saturday.

Misses Bertha Jeffries, Flossie Charles and Pearl Peters drove to Corsicana, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Goetz attended services at Mt. Joy, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shade Wallen, of Fairland, Okla., spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bush.

Miss Summers and Miss Decker, telephone operators at Peirce City, visited the telephone girls here, Friday evening.

Mrs. Harrison Yocam and son Jack, of Vernon, Tex., came Thursday to visit Mrs. L. A. Blood and Charlie Blood.

The five members of J. W. Armstrong's family who have had typhoid fever, are improving nicely.

Mr. James Williams, of Newtonia, is visiting his daughter Mrs. W. E. Blankenship and son's W. P. and B. E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hagler, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wainright visited E. W. Combs and family, Sunday, and enjoyed a feast of watermelons and cantaloupes and other farm products.

J. W. Woods who has been visiting W. E. Blankenship and family left Monday morning for a visit with relatives and friends at Wanda before returning to his home in Sapulpa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lynde, of Kansas City, came Sunday for a visit with relatives here. Miss Inez Douglas, who had been visiting there for some time, came with them.

Mongee Messer and Lea Hiers, of Neosho, visited with Miss Lois Blankenship, Sunday. Mr. Messer returned home Sunday night. Lea will visit here for a week.

Henry Prince, who was the Frisco watchman at the west crossing for several months, moved his family to Bolivar, Monday. Uncle Mark Tiernan, the former watchman, has again taken the place. Both these men have been very efficient in this position.

Mr. and Mrs. Jock Avaro purchased Frank McGrath's boarding house business and took possession, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath will live on their farm and the young ladies will do light housekeeping in town.

A picnic party to Sidway's ranch, Sunday, was composed of John Callan and family, J. E. Moody and family, Miss Elizabeth Conrey, Miss Kate Reardon, Will Reardon and Vincent Wilson.

Max McClanahan returned home, Sunday night, from Springfield where he was called by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Montie Brown. Mrs. Brown was a little better when he left.