

SOME REASONS FOR SOARING FOOD PRICES

The food consumed by New York City costs, at the railroad and steamer terminals, 350 millions of dollars a year. The New York State Food Investigating Commission has made a study of the food supply of the biggest city, and reaches this conclusion, among others, says the World's Work.

The high cost of food in a large city is beyond doubt due in very large part to the chaotic and uneconomical system of handling which it undergoes. The New York Commission, after careful investigation, charged this increase of 45 per cent in the cost of New York's food to waste and not to excessive profits. It proposes reformed methods of food distribution, which it believes would save at least 60 millions a year. Every city is a problem by itself, and the New York Commission's recommendations might be of small value to other places. But there can be no doubt that the local distribution of food, almost everywhere stupidly indirect and wasteful, is a factor of expensive living that well deserves looking into everywhere.

Of general interest, however, are

many of the Commission's observations respecting the habits, preferences, and idiosyncrasies of the people in relation to the cost of their food. Every body knows, of course, that the people who buy by telephone pay the highest price and get the least for their money, but this investigation has brought out the fact that the telephone has generally increased prices because it has multiplied deliveries. The housekeeper who used to make out one daily list now seizes the phone and sends in an order every time she thinks of anything she wants. She always wants immediate delivery. The delivery system now adds from five per cent (in the case of the big store) to 15 per cent (in the case of the corner grocery) to the cost of the article. The sensible proposal is made that enterprising grocers and butchers give a coupon, redeemable in goods, for every purchase taken away personally.

The New York Commission believes that the extraordinary price now charged for steaks and chops is traceable to the increase of small apartments, without cellars or pantry room, and to the gas-stove. City

people living thus soon forget that there are such things as roasts and stew-meat.

They forget, too, that food can be bought in bulk instead of in cans. Of canned goods the Commission has a good deal to say. Last year the canned goods trade of New York City was almost 150 millions of dollars. Canned goods are expensive. They sometimes run 10 or 12 ounces to the pound. Package goods average 40 per cent more in cost than the same goods in bulk. The trading-stamp adds three per cent. It is, of course, an unmitigated nuisance and an expensive folly, but many people in this world like to think they are getting something for nothing.

More foresight in buying goods in bulk personally instead of by telephone will save money for the householder. A co-operative marketing association with the neighbors would save more. Fewer deliveries and fewer commercial frills like trading stamps will save money for the retail buyers. Behind all this, in New York and in most other cities, comprehensive facilities for efficient food distribution are woefully needed.

INVENTOR EIFFEL STUDYING PROBLEMS OF THE AIR

While the French Airmen Vostrines and Garros are trying by practical work to find a way to insure stability in aeroplanes and safer landing facilities, a well known engineer, M. Eiffel, the builder of the famous Eiffel Tower, of Paris, is carrying out elaborate experiments in wind pressure by means of which he hopes to solve theoretically the problems of aviation. At Auteuil he has established an enormous aerodynamic laboratory which contains among other elaborate apparatus a system of fans capable of producing wind currents of all speeds up to 45 yards a second. By an ingenious contrivance of balance he is able to test the pressure on a plane surface at different angles and in different positions, thus ob-

taining statistics most useful to French airmen. He is also giving attention to the question of wind pressure on the walls of an airship shelter, also the force of different kinds of propellers used on aircraft.

After preparations of the most elaborate kind the Fourth International Exhibition of Aerial Locomotion has just been opened to the public following an official visit by the French President. Airmen from all parts of the world and representatives of foreign governments, are in Paris, to study the latest aerial inventions. From parachutes to engines, everything pertaining to aerial navigation is exhibited and one section is devoted to motorboats.

Work of the Road Commission

Lieutenant H. C. Edgington, engineer for the Alaska Road Commission was among the southbound passengers on the Alameda, from Valdez. Lieut. Edgington says that the road and trail work this year has been as successful as could be expected, when the limited amount of money appropriated for the work and the great demands made upon the commission are considered.

The trail between Seward and Iltard has been completed, under the direction of R. S. Giddings, one of the most competent employes of the commission.

Lieut. Edgington will remain in the South for three months, returning then to Valdez.

FAIRBANKS NOT AT ALL ACTIVE

Dundas Yager arrived in Juneau from Fairbanks on the last trip of the City of Seattle.

Things generally looked pretty blue for Fairbanks, according to Mr. Yager.

The country has never really recovered from the failure of the Washington-Alaska bank. Money is tight and properties are idle because no funds are available on development work and operating expenses.

The Rhodes mine and mill is the only one he says that is paying dividends among the quartz operators. But this does not mean that the values are not there.

Placer operations under the drifting methods are nearly at an end and even in this branch of the mining industry, it is almost impossible to get cash advanced for running expenses.

No. 2 Ester was taking care of itself and the rich tributary, Eva, had developed some surprises.

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And 'twill save our only shoes
If we do not have to chase the items in.—Douglas News.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION.

Case No. 940-A.

In the District Court for the District of Alaska, Division No. 1, at Juneau.

First National Bank of Juneau, Plaintiff, vs.
Ellen G. Bach, Frank Bach, Northwest Rubber Company, Schwabacher Bros. & Co., Inc., defendants.

To the NORTHWEST RUBBER COMPANY and SCHWABACHER BROS. & CO., Inc., defendants, GREETING:

In the name of the United States of America and pursuant to an order of the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause made on the 5th day of November, 1912, you and each of you are hereby commanded to be and appear in the above entitled court holden at Juneau, in said Division, in said Territory, and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within thirty days from the date of the last publication hereof; and if you fail so to appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for and the Court will grant the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: Judgment on a promissory note against Frank Bach, in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with interest thereon at the rate of twelve per cent (12 per cent) per annum, from the 24th day of May, 1909; one hundred dollars (\$100.00), against all the defendants herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the above entitled court this 5th day of November, 1912.

E. W. PETTIT, Clerk.

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SENT TO HOSPITAL.

Joe Souza, a prisoner of the federal jail, serving three months for hooch peddling, was sent to St. Anne's hospital this morning by the marshal's office to undergo a minor operation. Dr. Mahone is in attendance.

STEAMER GEORGIA FROM THE WESTWARD.

The Georgia arrived from Sitka and way ports at 5 o'clock this morning with the following passengers: From Sitka—Victor Johnson, Knute Knutson, A. Goodman, Martin Lynch and wife; from Tenakee—V. Cunnane, R. Blanchard, J. Melody, Ed Coru, L. Marku, John and Alex Kivalo; from Gypsum—T. W. Albertson, Chas. Twoney, A. Brown and N. A. Erickson.

The Brute.

Mrs. Knagg—Henry Knagg, if you're not in before 10 I'll never speak to you again.
Mr. Knagg—Fine! I'll be back at 11.

THE BALKAN PEOPLE

Stefan, Prince Nemanjich-Dushan-jich, in a communication to the New York Times has something to say about the people of the various countries of the Balkan peninsula which, if literally true, would indicate that the rest of the world has important lessons to learn from the people of that part of the world. He takes up a quotation from a previous communication by one Dr. Johnson, in which the statement is made: "The Balkan people are not like those of any other part of the world," and adds: "They are not. There is not a poorhouse nor a pauper; not a beggar nor an illegitimate child; not an insane asylum or insanity; not a murderer or a thief to be found in the entire length of the country." The rest of the world might be prepared to part with a portion of its advancement and higher civilization to insure such results, if it were possible to do so.

SPECIAL TERM OF COURT.

In the District Court for the District of Alaska, Division No. 1, at Juneau.

In the Matter of Calling a Special December, 1912, Term of Court at Juneau.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an order of the Honorable Thomas R. Lyons, District Judge for the District of Alaska, Division No. 1, made on the 4th day of November, 1912, at Juneau, Alaska, a SPECIAL TERM OF THE DISTRICT COURT will be holden at the United States Court House at Juneau, Alaska, beginning on Monday, the NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1912, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

E. W. PETTIT, Clerk of the District Court for the District of Alaska, Division No. 1.
Dated and published at Juneau, Alaska, this 5th day of November, A. D. 1912.

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16, 22, 28, Feb. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27,
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Nov. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, Dec. 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, Jan. 2, 8, 14, 20, 26, Feb. 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, March 3, 9, 15, 21, 27.
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