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MANY AGENCIES ATTEMPT TO LOWER FOOD PRICES IN THE UNITED STATES

Federal Authorities Will Pay Strict Attention to Profiteering; Will Be Offered on August 18th. Discussed in Congress.

Immediate Sale of Surplus Army Foodstuffs Ordered

Washington, August 2.—In the face of growing unrest over the high cost of living, as indicated by the spreading strike of railroad workers, many government agencies moved today in efforts to effect a return to normal price levels.

Immediate sale of all surplus foodstuffs purchased for the army, instead of only canned goods, was ordered by the War Department. Millions of pounds of meat, beans, pumpkin, squash and other commodities will be offered to the public Monday, August 18, through the parcel post system at prices materially lower than those now prevailing in the market. Purchasers will have to pay postage charges from place of storage.

Director General Hines, Commissioner Colver and Assistant Secretary Leffingwell, appointed by the conference, assembled by Attorney General Palmer to recommend steps to reduce living costs, were engaged today in an exchange of memoranda.

Nothing Final Decided.

The impression went out that the committee had agreed that steps could be taken by Congress, which would alleviate the situation at once but it was said at Mr. Hines' office that nothing final had been decided upon. The committee was instructed particularly to deal with profiteering and to suggest how law enforcement agencies should proceed to bring to justice men guilty of extortion through unreasonable prices.

If any recommendation is made to Congress, it is believed most likely that it will deal with the sale of the wheat crop at market prices and the absorption by the government between the prices and the \$2.26 guaranteed to the farmer. Many officials have indicated that this is the most practicable step.

Congress continued to discuss the living question and at the White House President Wilson was said to be receiving full reports of all phases of it, including a resolution asking the Banking Committee whether reduction of the currency inflation would help the situation. In the House an attempt to recess for two weeks was blocked by Representative Igoe, Democrat of Missouri, because his resolution to have the Federal Trade Commission investigate the price of shoes was not acted upon.

Railroad Men "Highwaymen."

Demands of railway employees for more wages drew from Representative Blanton, Democrat of Texas, who said the railroad men were acting like "highwaymen" in attempting to obtain "another unfair billion dollar" raise. Introduction in the House

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FORTY MEMBERS LEFT FOR MAGNOLIA MONDAY

Little River County Boys and Girls are At Magnolia Attending Short Course This Week.

When number 3, Kansas City Southern pulled into the station at 6:15 Monday evening, a large crowd was impatiently awaiting to board her, all bound for Magnolia, to attend the summer short course in agriculture. The crowd was about forty boys and girls from the various clubs of Little River county. They were a merry bunch of fellows, and will no doubt have a good time and receive much helpful information during their weeks stay in that beautiful little city in Columbia county.

Also on the train was about 75 or 100 boys and girls from Sevier and Polk counties, who were going to Magnolia for the same purpose. At Texarkana they were joined by a similar delegation of Miller county club members and all proceeded to McNeil in a special coach over the Cotton Belt Route and from McNeil they went to Magnolia in automobiles to the agricultural school.

They will return to Ashdown next week, and no doubt they will have many interesting things to tell that they saw and did on the trip.

Farmers Short Course.

County Agent G. M. Johnston states that a number of farmers from this county will attend the Farmers' Short Course at Fayetteville, leaving here on the 17th. The county agents will also attend the week's work. All who think of going should communicate with Mr. Johnston.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

Annual Course for Young People Begins at Arkadelphia.

Arkadelphia, Aug. 5.—Today marks the opening of the Second Annual Methodist Young People's Conference at Henderson-Brown College. The mornings will be given over to class room work. Dr. Ed F. Cook of Kansas City will give a series of lectures at 10 o'clock each morning. Miss Ruby Van Hooser, returned missionary, will conduct special classes in missionary work. The afternoon will be devoted to recreation.

OUT OF ICE AGAIN

Local Ice Plant Breaks Down as Usual and the Public Suffers.

The usual break down at the Commonwealth Public Service plant has occurred, and the public is out of ice. Last week an engine gave way and power has been furnished for the city it is said, with a crippled engine. Ice has been scarce for several days and Tuesday there was no ice to be had and with poor prospects of being relieved for several days, or at least until the local ice dealer can get a shipment in from Texarkana. The ice that the company have been making resembles snow very much, but still it is cooling to a certain extent.

CONFERENCE PROSPECTS ARE LOOKING GOOD

Over One Hundred Boys from Over Little River County Are Expected to Attend.

Committees who have charge of every detail of the conference arrangements have been appointed and all are working to make it a big success. About 100 boys, representing all sections of Little River county, are expected and the committee is asking for entertainment for them in the homes of Ashdown.

These boys in many cases will be our relatives or friends, and in every case will be representative boys whom it will be a pleasure to have in our homes for the time of the conference.

If you have boys 12 years old or above do not fail to ask the committee to send you two boys or as many as you can accommodate. If you haven't boys of your own you will enjoy having two of the conference delegates as your guests, so phone the committee that you will entertain some.

The banquet on Saturday night is always a helpful and an enjoyable affair, and the program is one of importance. The banquet is to be held in the Goldsmith building and only registered delegates are to be present. This includes our own local delegates, members of the county committee, local conference committee, pastors and other adult leaders.

The committee is anxious to get in all registrations as early as possible so they may know how many plates will be necessary to serve the banquet. The conference program as published in the Little River News is complete and should prove very helpful. The citizens of Ashdown and of the county are invited to attend every session of the conference possible. It will be an inspiration to you and an encouragement to the delegates. Sunday promises to be a great day in the lives of all delegates. All men and older boys are invited to attend the meeting at 3 o'clock in the Methodist church. The ladies are to have a meeting at the same hour in the Presbyterian church to which all mothers and sisters are invited.

The farewell service at night is for everybody, but all delegates and especially parents of boys are urged to be there.

Any boy in any rural community in Little River county who is interested in attending can get all information, registration blanks and etc., by writing to W. G. Escott or any member of the committee.

TALK TO BANKERS

R. E. Waite of State Bank Association Talks on Banking.

R. E. Waite, secretary of the State Bankers' Association, spoke to the bank officials and employees in the city Monday night. The speaking was held in the directors' room of the First National bank. It is generally supposed that when bankers talk to bankers the subject would be money, but not so on this occasion. Mr. Waite talks of things more important in banking than strong vaults and heaps of money, the human elements. His remarks were divided separately to the stockholders, the directors, the executives, the assistant cashiers and teller and the clerks. Also the janitor and his part in the success of the institution came in for a share. The great fifth element, the public, and the various points of contact between the bank and that public was amplified. Mr. Waite spreads the gospel of good cheer, inspires his collaborators with a new insight into their work and the part that it plays in the life of the country. He stressed the importance of the cheery word, the appreciation of each other and the public, the smile that counts so much in the day's work. Human elements is a subject that should not only be interesting to bank people, but to busy people everywhere.

NEGROES DENY CHARGES

Texarkana Residents Say They Are Not Arming Themselves.

Texarkana, Aug. 4.—Several leading negroes of the community held a meeting Saturday afternoon and adopted resolutions declaring that the report which has gained general circulation that negroes here are arming themselves and organizing for the purpose of precipitating a race riot "has absolutely no foundation in fact, and that the colored people are going quietly about their business rather seeking to avoid trouble than to start it, and that we believe these rumors have sprung from some irresponsible party or parties who have for their aim and purpose the destruction of peace and harmony between the two races." The resolution further says, "We hereby assure the citizens that we shall put forth our best efforts to continue the good relations that exists between the two races in this city."

Despite these resolutions, some of the local officers are a bit skeptical. They say that about two weeks ago, when a visiting negroess from Indianapolis was arrested for gross insolence and insulting conduct toward white women on the street car, that her champions in court at her trial were the same "leading colored citizens" who signed the resolutions at Saturday's meetings. They also signed her bond for appeal to the higher court after she had been fined.

NEGROES CANNOT ENLIST

Are Barred Temporarily From Army by the War Department.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Enlistment of negroes for the infantry will be discontinued temporarily under an order issued by the War Department. This action was taken only because the authorized enlistment of negroes already had been exceeded.

MAKE REPORTS ON ALL OIL AND GAS LEASES

Many Companies are Selling Stock in Arkansas; Many of Them for Arkansas Development.

Little Rock, Aug. 5. — (Special) — Aside from the high cost of living, there is no question which just now concerns so many people in Arkansas at the development of the oil fields of Arkansas and Texas.

Up to last night the State Bank Commissioner had authorized 71 companies to sell stock in Arkansas, of which 34 are Arkansas companies, and 12 of them for Arkansas development.

The Bank Commissioner is today sending to all companies authorized in the state, which he will require them to fill out in duplicate and file in his office every ten days.

The blank shows the authorized capital, the number and par value of shares, the number of shares sold before and after authorization, the total of common and preferred shares.

The company must report the property holdings under following heads:

Real estate and leases. Each tract to be described separately, with explanation as to worth to the company, at what price it was purchased, and its present value.

Oil Production.—Number of producing wells, daily barrel production of each, and tract on which same are located.

Gas production.—Same as for oil.

All other physical property—itemize and value of each.

The property that has been acquired, with cost, since authority was granted.

True and correct balance of books, including cash receipts, its source, disbursements and for what purposes it was spent.

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FIRE MONDAY NIGHT

Jim Medley Home Almost Destroyed by Fire, Cause Unknown.

The home of Jim Medley near the tinguished in a few minutes after a on fire Monday night at about 10:30. The building was the property of Dr. R. L. Meeks and was insured. Two rooms were gutted by the flames and the paper from the walls of the other two were burned. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes after a stream had been turned on the flames. The Medley family lost considerable articles of clothing and bedding, but saved a large part of the furniture. They carried no insurance.

Dance at Red Bluff.

Red Bluff, Aug. 2.—(Special).—The young people of this place enjoyed a dance last night in the dance hall. A large crowd was present and all had a good time. The out of town guests were Misses Lavada Cobb, Hazel Wood, Ethel and Lola Donham, and Doc Donham.

Decorating Court House.

Judge P. M. McCord has workmen at the court house making some needed improvements. The interior is being decorated with a new coat of paint. The offices are being screened and the entire building being made more tidy and comfortable.

TWO ARE KILLED, FIVE INJURED IN WRECK

Engineer and Fireman Killed in a Wreck on K. C. S.; Many Others Were Injured.

Fort Smith, Aug. 2.—Engineer A. F. Easterday of Mena, and Fireman Fred Holt of Heavener, Okla., were scalded to death and five persons seriously injured when Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 3, Kansas City to Port Arthur, went into a ditch about noon today at Bunch, Okla., about 30 miles from Fort Smith.

The injured:

J. L. Stockton, mail clerk, Kansas City, right arm cut and body seriously bruised.

R. L. Shannon, mail clerk, Kansas City; caught under mail rack, back badly hurt.

M. E. Lincott, baggage and expressman, caught between safe and side of car; seriously cut and bruised.

Mrs. W. H. Hawkins, Sayre, Okla., seriously injured about head and shoulders by jumping through a window.

R. W. Green, (negro minister), Texarkana, Ark., back wrenched.

Other passengers were severely injured and shaken up.

A relief train from Stillwell, nine miles from the scene of the wreck, carried doctors and nurses to the aid of the injured, who were later placed on board a special coach and taken to the company hospital at Kansas City.

The engine and all cars turned over with the exception of the two Pullmans. The engine and mail car were demolished. Engineer Easterday and Fireman Holt being terribly scalded. The engineer died four hours later, while Fireman Holt lived about half an hour being pinned under the engine. The engineer is reported to have said the wreck was caused by spreading rails.

REVIVAL MEETING

Meeting Closed at Elmore Sunday Night—Begins at Hicks.

Rev. C. S. Wales concluded a series of meetings at Elmore Sunday night. There were four accessions to the church, three by baptism Sunday night. He began a meeting at Hicks this week, and reports good interest.

AGED NEGRO DIES

Columbus Jones, One County's Oldest Negro Citizen, Dies.

Columbus Jones, 85 years old, and one of Little River county's oldest and best negroes, died Thursday at his home near Millwood.

STRIKE SPREADS OVER ALL PARTS OF COUNTRY; TO CRIPPLE RY. SERVICE

Officials Predict Railroad Schedules Will Be Seriously Crippled; The Steel Mills and Factories May Strike With Others.

Other Unions May Strike With the Railroad Men

Chicago, Aug. 3.—A complete tie-up of the railroads of the country was very probable in the opinion of M. L. Hawver, president of the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shopmen's Union, which called a strike of shop crafts Friday. He returned from Washington today and declared the strike is spreading rapidly and has overwhelmed the international officers.

Advices today from Cleveland were that the Executive Board of the American Federation of Railway Workers, with a membership of 26,000, chiefly unskilled labor in Cleveland and the East, had decided to strike tomorrow, according to Mr. Hawver.

The maintenance of way men's union also is preparing to strike it was said. With more than 250,000 shopmen on strike and the number increasing, both President Hawver and Secretary John D. Saunders declared railroad schedules and industry would be seriously crippled within a day or two. Already steel mills and other industries at Gary and other northern Indiana points and in Chicago have begun to feel the effects of the strike and when the strike is more complete factories and mills will virtually be forced to close down.

Spreading Like Wildfire.

"This movement is spreading like wildfire and we are not going to lay down until we get our demands," said president Hawver. "It has not received the endorsement of our grand lodge presidents, although they now are getting ready for a strike August 24."

"The seriousness of the situation seems to be better understood in the East than out here, although I did not realize the extent of the shopmen's strike until I had returned here and seen the reports that had been received."

Men Propose a Three Concern Control System

Washington, Aug. 4.—Organized labor came out today with the unequivocal, formal demand that private capital be retired from the railroads.

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