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REASONS FOR LOW PRICE OF FARM PRODUCTS

Madison, Wis.—The division of markets at the state capital has concluded a comprehensive investigation of food prices and has reached five conclusions as to the reasons for the low price of farm products to the producer and the extremely high price of the same products to the consumer. They are:
The duplication of services in the transfer of the products from the producer to the consumer.
The lack of storage and warehouses.
The monopoly by private parties of certain agencies essential to the distribution of products.
A wasteful system of retail distribution.
A reduced agricultural production which is due to the inability of a man with small means to engage in farming on account of the high price of land.
What's the next step?
The Union label directs and concentrates public sentiment against the evils peculiar to many industries.

INTERESTING AUSTRALIAN NEWS BUDGET

Queensland and N.S. Wales Labor Governments Active in Reform

(By W. Frances Abern, Australian Correspondent, The Federated Press) Sydney, N.S.W., June 19 (By Mail)—The labor government of Queensland is pushing ahead with its policy of state-owned butchers shops. Forty-two government shops have been opened, securing their meat from the government cattle ranches, and selling meat to the people at rates far below that charged in the privately-owned shops of the state.
It is expected that within the next few months 56 shops will be opened in various parts of the state. Negotiations have been finalized for the treatment of state ranch cattle for the current year—5,000 head from the state, and 10,000 head from the ranches in the north. The beef secured from these will be used for local consumption, primarily for the requirements of the state-owned butcher shops.

Militarism Perpetuated
Although the elements that have prolonged the war were not so pronounced in Australia as in other parts of the world, they are none the less working silently and secretly to fasten on the people a scheme of militarism that will place the Australian Commonwealth in line with all the evils of despotism accentuated in older lands. The same old excuses that the country must be prepared for any emergency to protect it from attack are being put forward as reasons for perpetuating militarism in Australia.
Labor Government as Mediator
The New South Wales Labor government will try and settle the mining strike which has existed at the Broken Hill silver mines since May, 1919, when the men struck for higher wages, better working conditions, and compensation for sickness and injuries received while working. The Labor government has instituted an inquiry into the strike proper, as well as into the economic conditions of the Broken Hill mining industry, including the profits of the owners.
It is claimed by the men that all their demands can be met by the company out of increased profits derived because of the present high price of silver. The inquiry will investigate this feature of the matter, and will probably order the men's claims to be met, which the government will legalize by legislative enactment.
Prison Farm System
The New South Wales Labor gov-

WILL IGNORE INJUNCTION

Milwaukee.—Despite the injunction granted a local cigar company, the striking cigar workers here will go right on picketing as usual. This was the declaration of Charles Koneck, publicity committee, cigarmakers' union.
"We shall go right on picketing the shops just as before," he said. "The union is a law abiding body and stands for no more nor less than our rights on the picket line. We will present an answer to the injunction in court."
"The strike benefits being paid members still out of work have been increased from \$12 to \$14 a week for those on the picket line."

LANDLORDS RAISE RENTS TO CATCH "SUCKER" BUYERS

Milwaukee.—How dozens of Milwaukee landlords are raising rentals to catch "sucker" buyers and get rid of their antiquated holdings, was revealed in complaints filed by victimized tenants. The landlords boost the rents to a maximum, then hurriedly procure a buyer, tell him their tenants have been paying that amount for years, that the place is a gilt edge investment, and that it can still stand higher rentals according to the complaints.
The "sucker" falls, so to speak, for the seller's praises of the property and buys. He expects to get the promised "cream" on taking possession and puts an added levy on the rental.
Tenants already paying an exorbitant rent, cannot stand the extra increase and so appeal to the rent bureau.

PLUMBERS WINNING

Detroit, Mich.—Striking steamfitters and plumbers are forging ahead to victory, slowly but surely. The "American" plan campaign initiated by the master plumbers and steamfitters is frittering away as one boss after another is signing agreements with the union, granting the wage demand of \$1.25.
The government has decided to close a number of the jails and institute an extension of the prison farm system. Under the latter scheme all first offenders will be able to serve their sentences in what may be regarded more as a reformatory than a jail.
The big object of the government is to allow prisoners to have as much sunshine as possible instead of incarcerating them in dungeons, claiming that by this prisoners will stand a better chance of reforming than if they were subjected to a rigorous jail treatment.

WOULD VOTE HENDERSON IN SAYS N. LENINE

In Order to Show That He Could Do No Good By Reform

(By the Federated Press) Berlin, June 14 (By Mail). (N.Y. Bureau).—If Nikolai Lenin, Premier of Soviet Russia, were in England at present he would vote for a government headed by Arthur Henderson, the moderate Labor leader, with the avowed object of helping show the working class by this example that nothing much could be done for it along reformist lines. At least this is what a Norwegian communist publicist name Friis, who recently interviewed Lenin in Moscow says the Bolshevik leader told him. In the course of the interview, which is printed in the Rote Fahne, the Berlin organ of the Communist Party of Germany, Lenin said:
"We must use legal methods just as long as possible. On the other hand, I think that a 'Communist Party' which carries on legal agitation exclusively is not worthy of the name it bears. The question of what to do in every individual case is a practical thing. This is the case with the question of taking part in elections to Parliament. In general we were always for participation in the elections, but under extraordinary circumstances, for example, the election for the first Duma, we have favored the boycott."
"Anti-Parliamentarism is one of the Communistic children's diseases against which I have often had to fight. In Italy this disease is widespread. Why, there is even a special party called the Soviet, of Naples, which is the organ of the Communist Abandonists, i.e., those opposed to voting. In this country, as you know, I have had to fight Bukharin and Radek over the same question. I was against the idea that we were obliged to overthrow the Kerensky government at once, and I was in favor of the Brest-Litovsk peace. Later on both of them openly admitted that they had made a mistake and Radek has learned the lesson well that he has excelled everyone else in fighting against the anti-parliamentary tendency in Germany, against Laufenberg, Wolkheim and the Hamburg Communists.
"I may sum up my idea of what is necessary to do now as follows:
1. Fight the Mensheviks; 2. Fight against the children's diseases within the ranks of the Left Wing Socialists."
"Our standpoint was for first making a thorough investigation of economic conditions, and then showing personal convictions and taking changes. If I were in England now,

SINCLAIR IS NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS

Radical Group in Los Angeles Will Run Famous Novelists

Los Angeles, Cal.—At a meeting attended by representatives of 22 labor, radical and liberal groups in this city, eleven candidates for the judiciary, district attorney, state senate, state assembly and the United States Congress were nominated to be voted for in the November elections. Upton Sinclair was chosen by the party, which has no name as yet, to make the campaign for election to congress from the 10th congressional district. Attorney John Beardsley, who though politically classified as a Progressive Republican, has won many admirers among radicals and laborites for the brilliant manner in which he has conducted the defense of Sidney Flowers, soldier editor of "The Dugout" charged with criminal syndicalism, was nominated for district attorney.
A platform was adopted declaring for free speech, proportional representation, the immediate release of all prisoners now confined for political, industrial or religious beliefs, immediate action to remedy conditions under which post-office employees and teachers of Los Angeles are laboring and an increase of their pay. Resolutions were adopted against the use of injunctions in strikes, and other labor disputes, the use of public funds by the district attorney's office for employing stool pigeons and agents provocateur for the purpose of disrupting labor, and against the Anti-Labor organization known as the Better America Federation.

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