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PRICES SHOW
A DOWNWARD
TENDENCY IN
THE STATES

Effect of Attorney-General Palmer's Work is Seen

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

Officials Well Pleased and Look For Bigger Results After Congress Deals With Food Laws—Meats Cheaper on the Chicago Market

Washington, Aug. 28.—Prices are beginning to turn downward in various parts of the country, but the pump has not yet gathered momentum sufficient to affect purchases being made for immediate use, according to reports to the department of justice.

Attorney-General Palmer, asked yesterday how soon results could be expected from the campaign to reduce the cost of living, the outcome of which railroad employees have been requested to await before pressing demands for wage increases, said all the government wanted was a fair chance to show what could be done to take the artificial inflation out of the market. He said officials were well pleased with the success so far attained, and that results were expected when congress enacts amendments to the food control law, by which criminal penalties can be imposed on profiteers and hoarders.

Meats Down a Bit.
Chicago, Aug. 28.—A drop of one dollar a hundred pounds on the average for hogs, with lower prices for beef cattle at the stock yards yesterday, was due to several reasons, including the general protest against the high cost of living. Market men said the tendency was for the fall marketing and they professed to see a break in high living costs.

GOVERNMENT TO
TAKE OVER LIQUOR
SALE NOVEMBER 1

Wholesale Vendors Will Cease And Government Commission Will Supply Retail Vendors—Appointments to be Made Next Week

The announcement that the government probably will take over the wholesale vending of liquor on November 1 was authorized this morning by Premier Foster. In reply to an inquiry regarding the government's policy, the premier said that the matter would be taken up at a meeting of the government held in Fredericton next week and it was probable that the commission authorized by the act would be appointed to administer the sale.

At the last session of the legislature the prohibitory act was amended to permit the government to take over the buying and selling of liquor and to appoint a commission to carry on the business. The legislation is merely permissive and no date for putting it into effect was fixed. It was understood, however, that six months at least would elapse before the change was made and when the wholesale license expired on May 1, they were renewed for six months only and at the end of this period the government commission will be ready to take their place.

Under the new legislation the commission will be the sole wholesale vendor for the province and the only authorized source through which licensed retail vendors may secure supplies of liquor. The change was made at the request of temperance organizations and upon representations made by them.

REACHING OUT FOR CARRYING
TRADE ON THE BLUE DANUBE

Vienna, Aug. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—It is reported that British and French capitalists are negotiating for the purchase of Austrian, Hungarian and Serbian steamers to monopolize the carrying trade on the Danube river. Roumanian shipping companies are not disposed to sell their interests, desiring to enter into competition if they are able to secure foreign backing.

GETTING READY FOR
PARLIAMENT ON
NEXT MONDAY

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—The sessional programme, it is understood, was again under review at a meeting of the cabinet council yesterday afternoon. The various departments of the government which are desirous of continuing in force legislation enacted under the War Measures Act have been engaged in drafting the necessary bills, and it is likely that a considerable number will be ready for introduction and consideration as soon as the address in reply to the speech from the throne has been adopted. The debate on the address is likely to last for several days after the house meets on next Monday.

One of Empire's Big Men, General Botha, Passes Away Suddenly

Notable Career Brought to Close by Attack of Influenza; A Leader in Boer War Against England, he Had Become One of the Sturdy Props of Empire

Pretoria, Union of South Africa, Aug. 28.—General Louis Botha, premier and minister of agriculture of the Union of South Africa, died suddenly early this morning following an attack of influenza.

Louis Botha was born at Greytown, Natal, in 1863, and was a member of the district of Transvaal, in which he represented the district of Vryheid. At the beginning of the Boer war in 1899, he was Veldt-Garnet for that district. Joining the Boer forces in Northern Natal, he soon rose to high commands. He was in charge of the Boer forces at the battle of Colenso and Spion Kop, and following the death of General J. J. Joubert, he was made commander-in-chief of the Transvaal Boers. After the fall of Pretoria he re-organized the Boers, with a view to prolonged guerrilla warfare, his forces offering steady resistance to the British up till late in 1901. Following the peace negotiations between the Boers and the British, General Botha took a leading role in the period of reconstruction. After the grant of self-government to the Transvaal in 1907, General Botha was called upon to form a government. He was premier from December, 1912, owing to disension in the cabinet, but was immediately asked to form a new government.



GENERAL BOTHA.

At the outbreak of the great war in 1914, General Botha took command of the Union forces in South West Africa, achieving a complete success and compelling the German troops in that region to surrender. With General Jan Christian Smuts, General Botha signed the peace treaty with Germany on behalf of the Union of South Africa on June 28 last. He arrived at Capetown from Europe on July 28.

LENINE SEEKS PEACE WITH THE ROMANIANS

Copenhagen, Aug. 28.—Nikolai Lenine, Russian Bolshevik premier, has sent a delegation to Kishinev to negotiate peace between the Russian Soviet government and Roumania, according to a report received here from Budapest today.

CHANGE IN PROMINENT
CITY LAW FIRM IS
ANNOUNCED TODAY

W. H. Harrison Joins Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford and Change in Firm Name Follows

It was announced this morning that W. H. Harrison of the firm of Powell & Harrison had entered into partnership with the firm of Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, and that the name of the new firm would in future be Barnhill, Sanford & Harrison.

Mr. Harrison was lieutenant-colonel in command of the 2nd Divisional Ammunition Column. He took this unit all through the war, bringing it back to St. John some months ago. While in France Colonel Harrison made an outstanding name for himself and won the D. S. O. Before enlisting Colonel Harrison was the junior member of the firm of Powell & Harrison. He is one of the foremost young lawyers of the city and also holds the position of court reporter for the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. He attended the St. John High School and later the University of New Brunswick. After graduating from this institution with the degree of B. A., he took the study of law at Harvard University and there obtained the degree LL.B. He returned to this city and practiced for some time by himself, later entering into partnership with H. A. Powell, Esq. The vacancy in the firm of Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford, caused by the recent death of the late Mr. Ewing, will be filled by Mr. Harrison, and his many friends in and about the city will wish him all success.

ANOTHER STATEMENT
ON SUGAR MATTER

Toronto, Aug. 28.—With reference to an Ottawa despatch of August 28, stating that the wholesale grocers, in their convention at Ottawa, had predicted that sugar would rise to twenty cents a pound before the present shortage would be relieved, Hugh Blain, president of the Wholesale Grocers' Association of Canada, said yesterday: "There must be some mistake about this as no discussion took place at the convention as to what the price of sugar was likely to be. It was, however, stated to the convention that speculators in the United States had bought fifty cars of granulated sugar held in Halifax at the usual discount off, and is resold to the retail trade at these figures, with the freight added. The shortage in sugar has been caused entirely through the lack of shipping facilities owing to the marine strike which prevented refiners from getting raws and if shipping facilities can be restored to normal conditions without further delay, we should get supplies of refined to meet our requirements within the next thirty or sixty days."

"I would like to warn the public against buying sugar beyond their pressing requirements, because hoarding sugar is certainly going to increase the price to the consumer."

Conservatives Eleven; Liberals But Eight In The Borden Cabinet

If Sir Douglas Hazen Goes In It Will Be 12 To 8

NO FIFTY-FIFTY TO IT

High Protectionist Wing Believed to Have Seen to That and it is Too Late Now for Cure of the Situation by Living up to Promise—The Outlook for an Election

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Aug. 28.—As it is believed here that a successor to Hon. Mr. Carvell in the cabinet is about to be appointed, and as there is a growing conviction that a Conservative has been selected by Sir Robert Borden, though he pledges because of the stiff objections of the public observers are studying the personnel and the political complexion of the cabinet as it now stands.

Leaving out the public works portfolio, there are now eleven Conservatives in the ministry and eight Liberals, and if Sir Douglas Hazen should enter the government, as is thought increasingly probable, the count would stand twelve to eight, although Liberals say that an equal division as between parties was agreed upon in 1917.

It is asserted that Sir Robert Borden has never been able to carry out the pledge because of the stiff objections of the high protectionist wing of his party and it is pointed out that the time has gone by for that cure of the situation, inasmuch as shrewd observers on both sides are convinced that the country will demand with increasing force a dissolution of the ministry and an appeal to the electors in order that a fresh House of Commons may be elected and a new ministry formed in accordance with public opinion.

AMUNDSEN DRIFTS
IN ICE PACK OVER
"TOP OF THE EARTH"

Norwegian Explorer Will Make Final Dash for Pole in Airplane and Fly Back—Is North of Siberia

Seattle, Aug. 28.—Bound for the North Pole, Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer of the South Pole, is at present drifting in his ice locked schooner, the Maud, somewhere north of western Siberia, according to beliefs held by the Seattle Norwegian vice-consulate and Viljalmar Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer.

At the time the Maud was reported to be expected, after reaching the pole, to return either to Grant Land, west of Greenland, or Melville Island, which lies to the Arctic Ocean north of Canada. Should he reach Melville Island he probably would journey by sea to Nome, Alaska, or overland to Dawson, Yukon Territory.

Two airplanes, it is believed, formed part of the Maud's equipment when she left the Arctic Ocean north of Canada. The final dash to the pole may be made in one of the planes. Amundsen, it is believed, may also fly back to civilization in one of the machines.

Nothing has been heard from Amundsen since Sept. 1, 1914, nearly one year ago. At that time the Maud was reported taking off for her motors at Dixon Island, a White Sea point. After taking the oil she sailed northeast into the rapidly freezing waters of the Arctic Ocean.

From White Sea Amundsen expected to drift to the Siberian Islands, which lie in the Arctic off Siberia. At the New Siberian Islands, it was believed, the drift would carry the boat toward the pole. Amundsen intended to use the airplane if he found the drift would carry him across the "top of the earth."

Amundsen, in a degree, followed the footsteps of his countrymen, Fridtjof Nansen, in 1896-98. Nansen in the Fram started on a drift across the pole, but left his boat and tried unsuccessfully to reach the goal on foot. Later the Fram drifted across to the pole as Nansen got.

The Maud carries wireless sending apparatus, but no receiving instruments. Amundsen said he would not install the receiving apparatus because he did not want to be worried by news from the outside world. The Norwegian government this summer arranged to establish several food depots on Grant Land from Cape Columbus to Robinson Crusoe, for the use of Amundsen in case he comes out by his eastern route. If he comes toward the west and strikes Melville Island he will pass near Melville Island when he discovered the Northwest Passage in 1908-06.

Amundsen expects to obtain scientific data at the pole. He will take soundings, observe the ocean drifts, study the ice conditions and bring back full reports.

Geo. S. Conover, jeweler, shot himself dead in his store in Toronto last night. He had been ill.

Some Showers.—Moderate southwest and west winds, partly fair today and on Friday; showers in some localities. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh southwest winds, partly fair today and on Friday; showers in some places. New England—Fair tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature, moderate west winds.

Balkans Ablaze; Revolution In Montenegro

Fighting All Over the Country and Situation Serious; Serbs Try to Suppress Uprising But do Not Meet With Success

London, Aug. 28.—Fighting has broken out everywhere in Montenegro and the whole country is in a state of revolution, according to news received here. The situation is extremely serious and the Serbians are using strong measures in an attempt to suppress the uprising. "We seem to be in for a recrudescence of the Balkan trouble," was a statement made to the Associated Press today from an authoritative source. The Montenegrins have cut the railway between Virpazar and Antivard on the coast. The Serbians are receiving reinforcements, but are not meeting with success in their efforts to put down the revolutionary movement, according to the advice, which represent the Montenegrin national spirit as thoroughly aroused and the animosity of the people against the Serbians increasing.

EX-KAISER WANTS A
FEW THINGS TO MAKE
NEW HOUSE PRESENTABLE

Matter of Marks Also on His Mind and He Sends Secretary To Berlin to Fix up Money Matters

Amerongen, Aug. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Former Emperor William of Germany has sent one of his secretaries, Major Krauff, to Berlin, to arrange his finances and probably also to confer with the German government regarding the bringing of furniture from his German castle for use in his newly purchased home, the House of Doon.

Although there have been few callers recently at the Bentinck Castle to see the former German emperor, there has been a constant stream of German officers and other persons to Wiesbaden, where Frederick William, now-time German crown prince, is residing. It is reported that Kaiser Wilhelm and his father are keeping in touch with events through almost daily telephone conversation.

MUST KEEP UP THE NAVAL
EXPENDITURE, SAYS JELICOE

Great Reduction Impossible, and it is Likely to Remain at About a Pound a Head

London, Aug. 28.—(Reuter's)—A cable to the Times from Wellington, N. Z., states that, in replying to a deputation of the navy league, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe said that any great reduction in the naval expenditure of Great Britain will be impossible, and it is likely to remain at about a pound a head.

New Zealand, if it desired to do its share in maintaining the navy, should also contribute a pound a head, either in cash or as a New Zealand unit, maintained and trained in complete uniformity with the imperial fleet, and in no way tied merely to the shores of New Zealand.

BRITAIN CAN KEEP TROOPS IN
ARMENIA ONLY IF THE UNITED
STATES WILL TAKE UP TASK

Paris, Aug. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—British troops began leaving the Caucasus region on August 16, and were out of districts where they have been protecting Armenians before September 15, said Davis Arnold of Providence, R. I., managing director of the American committee for relief in the Near East on his return to Paris from London. In the British capital he interviewed Viscount Peel, under-secretary of war, who told him it was impossible for the British to retain troops in Armenia unless the United States should give assurance she would send troops to relieve them within two or three months.

Mr. Arnold, who left Constantinople three weeks ago, says it is imperative that Turkey, both European and Asiatic, should be policed by foreign troops before any actual partition of the country takes place. He says if this is not done there will be wholesale massacres.

"For human reasons, Mr. Arnold said, the United States should accept the mandate for all Turkey. I believe 100,000 Americans could police both European and Asiatic Turkey and keep the country in order for two years, or until local conditions are stabilized. From 300,000 to 500,000 Armenians now in Russian Armenia will undoubtedly starve or be killed if the British leave without other foreigners entering to act as a police force, as Armenia is being oppressed equally by the Georgians, Turks, Tatars and Kurds.

"These people hem in the Armenians on all sides, persecute them and will not permit food to reach them. The 40,000 children now being fed by Americans must inevitably starve if no foreign police force is provided. Even with British protection, the relief workers lost thirty per cent of their foodstuffs in transportation. There are probably another half million Armenian fugitives in Southern Russia who want to return home but cannot do so."

More than thirty persons in Chicago lunch room were poisoned last night after drinking coffee. The health department is investigating.

MASSACHUSETTS
UNDER PROHIBITION;
ARRESTS ARE FEWER

Boston, Aug. 28.—Official figures on arrests for drunkenness in six of the larger cities of the state, for the first month of prohibition, Edward C. Bailey, state director of prisons, said yesterday, indicated that these arrests in the future would be so low as to constitute a negligible quantity in sending persons to jail and correctional institutions.

The six cities, which included Worcester and Holyoke, Mr. Bailey said, had a total of arrests of \$29 for July as compared with 975 for June. He said the reports for August would show a further decrease.