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PROFITTEERING

Startling advances in the price of all necessities is an old thing to us by this time. Profiteers appear at every turn, but not always in the guise of the increased price.

High prices are only one device; holding back the market another. Sugar is a fine illustration. Fruit is another. The price of sugar was and is eleven cents a pound and there is apparently none to be had in any quantity. This shortage of sugar and its relation to the canning season would seem to indicate some plan to prevent the house-wives from laying up a store of jellies, preserves, and canned fruit for the coming winter. The government has recently awakened to the situation and started action. Already two carloads of sugar have been discovered side-tracked for months. The owners of these cars have apparently been willing to pay demurrage at the rate of \$10.00 a day to aid in the advance of the price of sugar. The owners of this consignment of sugar have been arrested and it is reported that they will be prosecuted under the Lever Law.

More drastic action than anything yet undertaken is now being considered by the Federal Government. Stores run and operated by the United States are now being planned throughout the country. This will mean one of two things: men engaged in furnishing food and raiment must operate within the laws of reason or they will cease to exist. The government will under-buy and under-sell any institution in the land. However questionable such a proceeding might appear as an economic proposition, there can be no doubt that as between starvation and what it might entail and the proposed action on the part of the government, the latter course would meet with universal approval.

The high cost of living is prevalent in Highland Park. At this particular time we are paying the highest prices in the history of the City. We have just received a report from the Committee appointed by Mayor Hastings to look into the question of the high cost of ice. The Committee comes to the conclusion that the present price of \$15.00 per ton is justified and will be justified for the next thirty or forty-five days.

We are relieved when the Committee finds that no further advance would be warranted.

The Committee shows a schedule that the manufacturer's price of ice was raised arbitrarily from \$3.50 per ton in the latter part of March to \$8.00 per ton on July 1, 1919, and that the price of the retailer was increased correspondingly. Apparently from the report, the Purity Ice Company rebated \$1.00 per ton shortly after July 1st. This dollar found its way into the pockets of the retailing ice man. The consumer paid then as he pays now \$15.00 per ton for ice. There is a method open to the City of Highland Park, which furnishes water to this company, to demand that this item of the high cost of living be immediately reduced. The City Council has sufficient inherent power to cause the wholesale price of ice to be reduced to \$3.50 and the retail price to be reduced correspondingly.

The report sets forth that the Purity Ice Company will enter into a contract with the City of Highland Park to deliver ice after October 1st, 1919, at \$8.00 per ton, delivered to the consumer. Do we understand that this means delivery as the ice dealers have commonly made delivery, to all the people in such amounts as they may require, and upon the terms usually employed? This ice question is a many-sided one with thorns on every side.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Clapsaddle of Kankakee spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. George Koon.

Miss Emma Evans has returned from Jacksonport and Sheboygan, Wis., where she spent the past three weeks visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Urbauer and family of Naperville were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Schwab on Labor Day.

Mrs. Joseph F. Leaming left Sunday for Grand Junction, Colo., where she will visit relatives.

Mr. H. S. Matz spent the week end in Hammond, Ind., visiting friends.

Mrs. Prichard of Green Bay road is in Detroit, Mich., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cornwell.

Thomas Peters who has been in the navy for the past two years landed at Camp Merritt, N. J., last Friday.

Mr. William Garrity who has been in Kansas City, Mo., since last February, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Frank G. Hoyle of Sycamore Place has returned home bringing her sister, Mrs. Gambel, of Baltimore, Md., with her, after touring California and the Yellowstone National park.

The J. V. Norcross family returned Monday from Long Lake, Phelps, Wis., where they spent the past few weeks.

Miss Mildred Goelitz has returned from Rocky Mountain Dancing Camp, Steamboat Springs, Colo., where she spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born Friday, August 29th.

Word has been received that Sgt. Arthur McCaffrey, who has been with the Quartermaster's Dept., for the past twenty months, returned to this country from France last Saturday, landing at Camp Merritt, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Udell and two children spent the week end in Grand Rapids, Mich., visiting Mr. Udell's brother, Mr. R. S. Udell.

Miss Marjorie Leaming is spending a week in Madison, Wis., visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar M. Ball entertained twenty-six guests at a picnic, Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ball and family and the Marshall family of Evanston were the out of town guests.

Mrs. F. C. Norenberg and children have returned from Barrington, Ill., where they spent the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Patterson have moved from the Vetter residence on McDaniels Ave. to their home on Vine Ave.

Mrs. H. O. Larsen of Evanston is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans while her husband is in New York on a business trip.

Ethel Lathrop Marley will reopen her piano studio at 321 E. Park Ave. on September 15th.

Mrs. Nathan Corwith is at Sage, Wyo., for a week's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGrady and family of Chicago were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCaffrey last Monday.

George Hessler and Al Mayer spent a few days this week at Bangs Lake.

Barrett Sleeman who has been with the Marines for the past twelve months, returned home Sunday, honorably discharged.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walthers and family spent a few days at Menominee Falls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ohrmund and daughter, Ethel, spent the week end in Campbellsport, Wis.

Miss Margaret Nolan left Tuesday for Techny, where she attends school.

Lieut. Jean Donnelly of the Royal Engineers, recently returned from Russia, and Mr. Albert Convers, of Oswego, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Dotnelly of Second St.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Pratt left Monday for an extended motor trip thru the south and the east. They will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Benson in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Dailey spent the week end in Mattoon, Ill., visiting relatives.

Mrs. C. M. Vall will have as her guest next week Miss Margaret McCullough of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Wallace Michaels of the H. H. Michaels, former grocers of this city, has returned from France where he has been in active service. He spent Tuesday in this city visiting friends. Mr. Michaels has re-enlisted in the army and is in service at the border.

Frederich Muench of Olney, Ill., visited his sisters, the Misses Muench, on Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Nelson spent yesterday in Winnetka as the guest of Mrs. Blackstead.

Dr. and Mrs. John O'Neill have returned to the Moraine Hotel. Dr. O'Neill recently received his discharge from the Surgeon General's office.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pratt returned a week ago Monday from a four months' sojourn in New York and vicinity.

Mrs. Dora Utley and two sons motored here from Seattle, Wash., and are the guests of Mrs. Utley's brother, Mr. Albert Johnson, and family, of Ridge Rd. They will remain indefinitely.

The Misses Ruth and Florence Grinker of Chicago were the week end guests of the Misses Siljestrom.

The Misses Emma and Florence Hupprich of Madison, Wis., are spending several weeks as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gieser of Green Bay road.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Kathryn Helen Bain of Waukegan and Mr. Harry Overton Smith of Hamilton, Ont., which took place yesterday. The Rev. Frederick L. Gratiot of Chicago officiated.

Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Wolcott have returned from Nantucket, R. I., where they spent the past few weeks.

Little Mary Louise McNiell, four weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ranny McNiell, passed away Saturday. Funeral services were held at Prior's Undertaking rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moran spent the week-end with relatives in Forest Park.

Many friends of Salome Brand will be glad to hear that she is recovering rapidly at Milwaukee after several throat operations. She is expected home October 1st.

Miss Ruth Schendorf spent the week end at Wauconda as the guest of Miss Helen Murphy.

Theodore Arnswald left Wednesday for a trip through the south.

Mrs. James Jennings left yesterday for West Virginia where she will join her husband. They will make their future home in Akron, O.

Miss Olivia Orth is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Orson Brand. Albert Arnswald spent the week end in Chicago visiting relatives.

Mr. Alex Smith is spending his two weeks' vacation motoring thru Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Orth, Jr., of Random Lake, Wis., were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Brand.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Bible school will meet at 9:30 next Sunday morning.

The morning service will begin at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Henry Seymour Brown D. D., Superintendent of the Church Extension work of the Presbytery of Chicago, will speak. Dr. Brown was one of our speakers during Holy Week this year and all who heard that powerful message will want to hear him again.

The Young People's Society will meet at seven fifteen. Miss Dorothy Purdy will lead.

The regular September meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Ruffner next Monday afternoon, September 8th, at 2:30 o'clock. This is to be a Mothers' and Daughters' Day and each mother will be escorted by her daughter or daughters. A special program has been prepared and an afternoon of interest, to both mothers and daughters is assured.

The Wednesday night prayer meeting will be omitted during the month of September.

The Deerfield Township Sunday School convention will be held in the First United Evangelical church of Deerfield on Sunday afternoon, September 14th. The convention will be open at two o'clock. All Sunday school workers are urged to attend.

Any who desire to donate vegetables to the Bohemian Settlement in Chicago can do so by sending them to Bowden's market on Mondays. Mrs. A. J. Metzler, tel. 977, will be glad to give further information.

The Rev. Cleland Boyd McAfee, D. D., Ph. D., will speak in this church on Sunday morning, September 14. Dr. McAfee was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Chicago from 1901-04, and of the Lafayette Presbyterian church, Brooklyn from 1904-12, and is now professor of Systematic Theology at McCormick Seminary. This spring Dr. McAfee was one of a small group of ministers sent over to France for special preaching among the American troops. He returned just a few weeks ago and during August occupied the pulpit of Central Presbyterian church, Denver.

TRINITY CHURCH

Rev. P. C. Wolcott has returned from Nantucket, R. I.

The regular weekly services will be resumed, beginning Sunday.

Slang has now reached the stage where Jennie, the shop girl, often says "good-night" in the morning.

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UNITED EVANGELICAL

Well, the vacations and campmeetings are over and no doubt we all come back with a new appreciation of home and Church and Sunday school. We ought to have a big showing next Sunday as a lot of new scholars have come into the school during the vacation season. The Sunday services will be resumed as follows: 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 10:45, morning sermon; 2:30 p. m., Mission Band; 6:45, Keystone League; 7:45, evening sermon. The Baraca boys will have a surprise for the congregation next Sunday. Come out and see what it is. All visitors are welcome, especially the soldier and sailor boys.

STATE'S ATTORNEY AFTER FOOD PROFITEERS

Food Administrator to be Put Back on the Job in Lake County

If present plans are put into effect, John S. Clark, city superintendent of schools, and food administrator of Waukegan during the war, will be back at his old post within a few days. States Attorney Welch who is directing the drive on profiteers in Lake county, announced that Mr. Clark would be urged to assume his old position as head of the food administration in Waukegan and take an active part in establishing a sche-

dule of fair prices for various commodities. Likewise Mr. Gridley of Libertyville will be requested to accept his old position as head of the food administration for Lake county on the side of Waukegan.

"We are going to make a persistent drive," Mr. Welch said today, "are going to carry out our part of the program which is to be state wide in its scope." According to the prosecutor the federal investigators still are making a probe for alleged profiteering in sugar in Waukegan and steps will be taken to punish the guilty parties as soon as the report is made by headquarters.

The old toppers look almost as good nowadays as the butter-milk that is being handed out to them.

The picnic parties show their appreciation of beautiful scenery by entering it all up with paper boxes.

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