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LIVING COSTS RISING; STILL BELOW 1929

Steady Increase Is Shown for April, May and June.

FOOD PRICES MOUNTING

Electric Rates Are Steady for Year; Lower in Other Cities.

Indianapolis' living expenses in June were 25.1 per cent under the boom day expenses of June, 1929, a report of the bureau of labor statistics, United States department of labor, reveals today.

The report, issued by Isidore Lubin, commissioner of the statistics bureau, shows a 41.3 per cent decrease for Indianapolis from June, 1929, and a 5.7 per cent decrease from June, 1932, one year ago.

Prices, however, compiled for April, May and June of this year, reveal a slow climb, the bulletin discloses. Wage earnings in Indianapolis are not listed in the report.

Prices for Three Months

Food prices in Indianapolis for the three months listed show the following:

	April	May	June
	Cents	Cents	Cents
Steak, pound	25.7	26.7	27.8
Bacon, pound	16.5	16.5	15.5
Chick, roast, pound	15.0	15.4	15.8
Pork chops, pound	16.5	17.5	16.8
Bacon, pound	17.5	17.5	18.0
Ham, pound	27.4	28.8	31.5
Lamb, leg of, pound	22.7	23.0	24.5
Hams, pound	21.0	21.0	20.5
Milk, quart	8.0	8.0	8.0
Milk, evaporated	6.6	6.3	6.5
Butter, pound	26.0	29.0	29.0
Cheese, pound	19.8	21.8	23.0
Lard, pound	6.8	8.2	9.0
Veal, round, pound	13.5	14.0	15.0
Eggs, fresh, dozen	13.5	16.0	18.0
Bread, pound	4.8	4.8	5.5
Flour, pound	6.0	6.0	6.5
Macaroni, pound	14.6	14.4	13.3
Rice, pound	5.3	5.3	6.0
Potatoes, pound	5.3	5.2	5.4
Sugar, pound	5.2	5.4	5.5
Prunes, pound	9.0	9.6	9.8

While a few cities in the nation received cuts in electricity rates, Indianapolis was among the many to find electric rates steady from the period Dec. 15, 1932, to June 15, 1933.

Cheaper in Columbus

Indianapolis rates were given by the bureau as 6.3 cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours and 6.0 cents for the next 50 kilowatt hours. Compared to this was the rate given for Columbus, O., at 6.0 cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours, and 5.9 cents for the next 75 kilowatt hours.

A similar comparison was given for Baltimore, where the rate was cut to 5 cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours, and 3.4 cents for the next 175 kilowatt hours. Another comparison was listed as Washington, D. C., where the rate is 3.9 cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours, and 3.6 cents for the next 50 kilowatt hours.

Rating of 128.3

The June, 1933, cost-of-living index, as computed by the bureau for the entire nation, reveals a rating of 128.3, based on 1913 as 100. Food is the only group that was lower than in 1913, the bureau asserted.

Basing 1913 as the 100-mark, the bureau lists the following index figures for the nation for June, 1933: Food, 96.7 per cent; clothing, 119.8; rent, 108.8; fuel and light, 148.4; house furnishings and goods, 147.7; and miscellaneous, 194.5.

THIRD TRIAL SOUGHT IN ANDERSON MAYOR ROW

Mellott Files Motion in Madison Circuit Court.

By United Press ANDERSON, Ind., Aug. 8.—A third trial of quo warranto proceedings filed by Jesse H. Mellott against Mayor Harry R. Baldwin was sought today in a motion filed in Madison circuit court.

Baldwin won his fight to retain the mayoralty of Anderson in second trial of the charges here last month. The first trial ended in a jury disagreement.

A copy of the new motion, in which procedure of the second trial and jury instructions of Special Judge John L. Craig were attacked, was sent to Judge Craig at Greensburg.

Mellott charges Baldwin unlawfully was appointed to the mayoralty by the city council while the plaintiff was ill in an Indianapolis hospital.

5-DAY WEEK ORDERED

American Central Life Operates on New Schedule.

Home office of the American Central Life Insurance Company, North Meridian street and Fall Creek boulevard, Monday started operation on a five-day-week standard. Saturday work will be eliminated.

A skeleton organization will handle the business of the reinsurance service on Saturdays, it was announced. The company announces itself in complete alignment with the NRA program.

FETE FOR SCOUT TROOP

Parents Council to Sponsor Event at Linwood Church.

Parent council of Boy Scout Troop 48 will hold a lawn fete Saturday night at Linwood Christian church, East Michigan street and Linwood avenue. Knights of Pythias uniformed band will provide music.

Max M. Darmstandler, scoutmaster; Mrs. Harry Byrket, C. E. Scholl, and Mrs. Opal Fox are in charge of arrangements.

Counterfeit Money Passed

Indianapolis merchants and other residents today were warned by police to keep a keen watch for counterfeit money. A bogus 50-cent piece was passed at the Polar Ice and Fuel Company sub-station, Ray street and Senate avenue, Monday.

SWIMMER IN FILMS



COAL BARONS BACK DOWN IN LABOR BATTLE

Company Union Provisions Will Be Withdrawn From Code.

ACTION UNDER PROTEST

Warning Will Be Sounded by Gen. Johnson When Hearings Start.

BY RUTH FINNEY

Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—Coal companies will withdraw the company union provisions in their NRA codes as steel men did at the first session of coal code hearings Wednesday.

The recovery administration is understood to have received assurance that this action will be taken, but the coal men, like the steel men, insist that their surrender comes in response to a public demand by Administrator Hugh S. Johnson, not as a voluntary action.

Accordingly, when the coal hearings begin, Johnson will warn the coal men that the codes submitted by Northern Coal Control Association, Smokeless and Appalachian Coal Association, and other groups which have not recognized labor violate the national recovery act.

After a recess and a quick conference, the coal men will agree to omit wording in conflict with the law, though probably they will announce their intention, as did the steel men, of doing all in their power to retain company unions in their mines.

Reservation Is Made

The code submitted by the biggest operating group in the industry, Northern Coal Control Association and Smokeless and Appalachian Coal Association, says, after reciting collective bargaining provisions of the recovery act:

"The foregoing shall apply to each employer in his relations to his own employees, but no employer shall be required to deal jointly with other employers, or with representatives of any employees other than his own, and any collective bargaining shall be on behalf of only those employees participating therein, the employer being free to deal separately with any other of his employees not so participating."

The recovery act itself provides that "employers shall have the right to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing and shall be free from the interference, restraint or coercion of employers of labor, or their agents, in the designation of such representatives or in self-organization or in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection."

MINERS ARE BALKING

Elimination of all clauses in conflict with this provision will remove the most serious barrier to agreement on a code or codes for the coal industry. The most bitter opponents of labor unionization in the coal fields have been the coal company subsidiaries of United States Steel, and it was for that reason that the recovery administration arranged steel code hearings in advance of coal codes.

This background of Steel Corporation opposition to coal miners' unionization is responsible for refusal of employees of the H. C. Frick Coke Company and other mines in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, to return to work under the arrangement arranged steel code hearings in advance of coal codes.

Just back from the ill-starred London economic conference, from which he emerged with enhanced prestige, State Secretary Cordell Hull is expected to head this movement.

Members of the American delegation to London are convinced that little improvement in American trade with Europe is to be expected soon. Economic self-sufficiency is more than the aim of nations in that quarter of the globe, and America does not enter very largely into the picture.

In the Far East, the horizon is growing darker instead of brighter. Japan is seen as aiming at a further widening of her sphere of influence in Asia, and further conflict there is regarded as inevitable. China is in chaos from which there is little hope of escape, under existing conditions, for a long time. Even her partition is regarded as a distinct possibility. In such event, the work of the trade will go to those nations sharing in China's spoils.

Economically and politically, therefore, far-sighted statesmen here are beginning to realize that improved relations between the United States and her American neighbors are increasingly important.

HITCH-HIKER IS HELD

Boy, 17, Is Accused of Slugging Driver and Stealing Car.

Police today held James Lloyd, 17, Star hotel, who is said to have admitted that he is the hitch-hiker who slugged Henry Leukhardt, 1211 East Ninth street, and stole his car Sunday night.

The youth and a 13-year-old boy were arrested after a downtown chase by police. Lloyd is said to have admitted that he was alone when he attacked Leukhardt in Mars Hill.

Lloyd was charged with vehicle taking and robbery and the boy will be tried in juvenile court on delinquency charges.

White operates filling stations at Decatur and Monroeville.

RUNAWAY GIRL HELD

Attempt of 15-Year-Old Miss to Thump Ride Her in Jail.

Attempt of 15-year-old girl to thumb a ride landed her in the city detention home today.

She is Ruby Knowles, 15, of Charleston, W. Va., who told police that she had run away from home. She was endeavoring to obtain a ride on White River boulevard when officers saw her.

ALLEY OOP—No. 1

Turn to the Comic Page for the Second Episode

By United Press

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 8—Complaint by the state that Hadley O. White, Allen county road supervisor, failed to pay gas tax was dismissed in circuit court here when the defendant produced a receipt for the amount allegedly unpaid.

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VERDICT NEAR ON U. S. TRADE WITH RUSSIA

Survey Committee Soon to Reach This Country to Study Situation.

EUROPE AFTER 'PLUMS'

America Will Have Strong Opposition in Race for Big Business.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, Scripps-Howard Foreign Editor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—The future of Russian-American trade, once worth more than \$100,000,000 a year to the United States, is in the balance. The next few weeks will tell the tale.

Former Senator Smith W. Brookhart, of the agricultural administration, in an interview today, declared that Great Britain, France, Spain, Italy, Poland and other European countries feverishly are striving to capture this trade and will do so unless the United States outlays them.

About forty Soviet experts are about to embark for this country, to study the situation, with a view to future purchases of cotton, industrial and railway equipment, aviation, automobiles and machinery of almost every variety.

Trade Ties in Balance

On their reports and upon what sort of terms Amtorg, the Soviet buying agency in this country, is authorized to send back to Moscow, depends the fate of Russian-American trade for years to come.

The United States will have to meet strenuous opposition abroad. The most important powers of Europe and Asia only have not extended recognition to the Soviet Union, but financially are backing their nationals engaged in filling orders for that country.

"In one respect we are fortunate," said Brookhart. "The Russians prefer American products in many cases, and as their great need is for almost all kinds of machinery and for raw cotton, we are situated ideally to fill their orders."

Right now I could sell them 1,000,000 bales of cotton if I could give them the credit Europeans are giving them. (A million bales of cotton at present prices amounts to about \$5,000,000.)

Ready for Huge Orders

"Under proper conditions they would buy about \$100,000,000 worth of railway equipment from us."

"Within the next five years I estimate that, given normal credit facilities, we easily could sell them \$300,000,000 worth of our products. And that is a lot of money in times like these."

"My investigation proves the Soviet Union is a good risk. Since coming into power they have imported \$42,000,000 worth of foreign goods and exported \$3,650,000,000 worth of their own. They never have defaulted on a cent."

The government stands back of every purchase made, and vast resources are back of the government. Russia produces \$30,000,000 worth of gold annually, more platinum than all the rest of the world put together, more oil than any other nation save the United States, and her timber reserves are the greatest on earth. And her entire foreign debt amounts to only \$350,000,000.

Chance Is Here

"The other day in London, Soviet Foreign Minister Litvinov announced that Russia was prepared to buy \$1,000,000,000 worth of what the rest of the world was anxious to sell. Whether we get our share of this trade depends on the terms we are prepared to offer."

"Certainly the next few weeks will be crucial ones for us, so far as our trade with Russia is concerned."

"Our chance to get in on the ground floor is at hand. If we don't get in, other countries will."

STORM'S TOLL RAISED

Boy, 14, Is Third Victim of Cloud-burst Last Week at Rochester.

ROCHESTER, Ind., Aug. 8—A wind and rain storm here last week had claimed its third victim today with the death of Charles Keller, 14, from pneumonia as result of a drenching during the cloudburst.

The boy was hitch-hiking from Chicago.

A mother and her 4-year-old son were killed instantly when lightning struck a corn crib in which they had sought refuge from the storm.

PARK FETE SCHEDULED

Church Sponsor for Triangle Festival and Supper Friday.

Second annual Triangle park "Feast of Lanterns" will be held Friday night at Arsenal and Brookside avenues. The event is sponsored by the Woodruff Avenue Presbyterian church and parents of Boy Scout Troop No. 44.

Supper will be served from 5 o'clock on and a fifty-piece band will entertain. Harry Spurgeon is general chairman of the festival. The Rev. W. C. Ball is pastor of Woodruff church.

CIGARETS ARE STOLEN

Case Valued at \$36 Taken From Truck En Route to Warehouse.

A thirty-six-pound case of cigarettes, valued at \$36, was stolen from a truck en route from the Cobura warehouse to the Smuck Trucking Company offices, 437 East Louisiana street, police were informed today.

The cigarettes, property of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, were consigned to a Greensburg company. Trucking company employees said they believed the case stolen at Delaware and South streets.

8,000 TROOPS WAGE 'WAR' IN HILL COUNTRY OF KENTUCKY; MANEUVERS ON HUGE SCALE

