

# SHORTAGE FEAR SENDS GROCERY COSTS UP HERE

Rise Is General Through Commodity List; Flour In Sharp Climb.

The effect of the European war, combined with heavy "precautionary" buying by the public, was felt today by Indianapolis housewives in the form of increased commodity prices.

Local grocers reported substantial price increases in practically all meats, flour and sugar.

The retail price of canned goods generally remained the same as a week ago, despite heavy case-lot buying, but local dealers were uncertain how long they would remain stable.

**Flour Prices Up**

Grocers reported increases of from 10 to 25 cents in the retail price of a 24-pound bag of flour. Heavy buying of sugar in the last few days has sent the price of a 25-pound bag soaring, the increase ranging from 35 to 60 cents.

Grocers, pointing out that there is no actual shortage of sugar in the country, explained that the refiners are reluctant to dispose of their sugar stocks until the market stabilizes, and as a result, wholesalers are "rationing" the retailers.

Some of the heavy buying of sugar was attributed to home canning.

**Hog Prices Climb**

The rise in meat prices was attributed to the livestock market situation. Top hog prices a week ago were \$6.85; today they were \$8.75 a hundred. Other livestock prices were up similarly as the result of decreased receipts by the packers.

Lard prices, affected by the livestock market, were materially higher today than a week ago. Many grocers reported they were selling lard at cost, or below cost. Some stores reported eggs up 2 cents a dozen.

Butter prices generally were up 2 or 3 cents a pound. A shortage in the supply of navy beans was reported by several grocers.

**Potatoes, Oranges Up**

One grocer said he paid \$1.25 a bushel for potatoes yesterday and \$1.65 today. He said he had increased his retail price from 29 to 35 cents a peck.

He said he was notified by a commission house today that the wholesale price of oranges had jumped 50 cents a crate and cabage 30 cents a bushel.

**IRAQ OUSTS NAZI ENVOY**

LONDON, Sept. 7 (U. P.).—The Information Ministry said tonight that the Iraq Government had asked the German minister at Bagdad to leave within 24 hours.

# Nazi Consul Bides Time In Olympic Club Hoax

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7 (U. P.).—German Consul Fritz Wiedemann maneuvered today for a possible "vote of confidence" by the famed Olympic Club's board of directors when he announced he would not withdraw his resignation which was allegedly obtained through trickery.

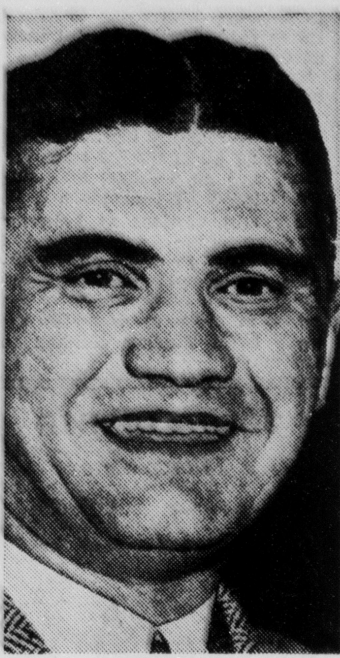
"We shall wait and see," he said when informed the directors had declared his resignation had been obtained fraudulently and that they might decline to accept it.

It had been engineered through a "squeeze play" which the embarrassed club officials called a "cruel hoax."

Capt. Wiedemann, Adolf Hitler's superior officer in the World War and his close confidant since his rise to power, submitted his resignation to the club at the request of a telegram signed with the name of Frank J. Moran, club secretary.

Mr. Moran, a wholesale coal dealer, promptly denounced it as a "rank forgery."

The news got out and to the press he issued this statement: "I wish to thank the board of directors for the tact with which they handled a delicate situation. To save them from further embarrassment, I decided to resign."



Fritz Wiedemann... appreciates 'courtesies.'

# Tomorrow Last Chance To See 1939 State Fair

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Miller, Indianapolis; Ruth Royer, Spencer; Betty Ann Pervine, Lafayette; and Wanda Yenger, Terre Haute. One of the four, selected on the basis of the best "4-H Club Report," will represent Indiana at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Dec. 2 to 8.

Other 4-H girls who will represent Indiana at the Club Congress in Chicago, are: Canning—Ruth Ratcliff, Martinsville; Julia Carr, Rushville; Marie Watkins, Terre Haute; and Anna Louise Busby, Anderson. Clothing—Miriam Clayton, Linton; Jane Young and Estel Fivecoat, Indianapolis; and Geraldine Mow, Rochester. Room Improvement—Mary Louise Foster, Connersville; and Charlotte Hinshaw, Monrovia.

Donald Brown, Battle Ground, showed the grand champion Chester White sow, "Perfect Lady." The reserve grand champion was owned by J. R. Corron, McComb, Ill. The grand champion Chester White boar was exhibited by Parkison Bros., Francesville.

The Buck & Doe Run Valley Farm of Coatesville, Pa., showed the grand champion Poland China boar and the reserve was owned by E. A. Williams, Liberty. The senior and grand champion Poland China sow was shown by Noble Allee, Greencastle, and the junior sow by Oscar Anderson, Leland, Ill.

A. P. Stemen, Middle Point, O., exhibited the grand champion ram and ewe of the Lincoln breed of sheep. Buck & Doe Run Valley Farm owned the champion Hampshire ram. The champion ewe was owned by L. T. Dwyer, T. C. Claspell, Oshawa, Ontario, showed the champion Cotswold ram and the champion ewe was owned by W. E. Bryan, Ft. Recovery, O.

# TRADE FIELD OF U. S. CLEARED IN SOUTH AMERICA

High Pressure Methods of Germany and Italy Expected to Ease.

By THOMAS L. STOKES  
Times Special Writer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. — The European war is switching this country's interest toward Latin America.

Military necessity requires attention to adequate defense in our Caribbean outposts and the Panama Canal, which President Roosevelt now has militarized, while Europe's preoccupation with war opens an opportunity to increase our trade in Central and South America, where Germany and Italy have been making inroads by high-pressure methods, barter arrangements and propaganda.

All these matters will come before the projected conference of American republics, for which negotiations now are under way and which is expected to be held at Panama City within a month or so. There the United States and its Latin-American neighbors will consult about their common trade and defense problems, as provided in the declaration of American solidarity adopted at the Lima conference last December.

**Opportunity for U. S.**

The declaration provided for consultation in case of a threat to peace, security or territorial integrity, but with a definite understanding that the republics will act independently in their individual capacity, recognizing fully their juridical equality as sovereign states.

Argentina balked at a more strongly cemented pact among the American republics at Lima, but has been brought into line for a modified declaration.

The United States has an opportunity to improve its relations and trade with Argentina in current negotiations for a reciprocal tariff agreement. Public hearings on proposed mutual tariff concessions will begin here at the State Department on Oct. 16.

Difficulties confront negotiation of an agreement with Argentina because her principal articles of export—wheat and beef—can find little outlet in this country. But there are numerous articles which each can sell to the other on which tariff adjustments can be made.

**Trade Experts Sent South**

These include carpet wool, flaxseed, hides, among other of Argentina's products which this country can absorb, and, on our part, machinery, textiles, office equipment, petroleum products and others for which there is a market in Argentina.

Numerous government agencies are now engaged in promoting trade and cultural relations with Latin America, all co-ordinated in an interdepartmental committee which has been very active recently.

The United States has sent numerous trade experts to South American countries as advisers, as well as military and naval missions. Recently Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins appointed Dudley P. K. Wood, a New York business man, who has had experience in Latin American trade, as a member of his staff of business experts. Mr. Wood is devoting his attention to Latin American trade problems.

# Ickes to Guard Natural Resources; U. S. Acts to Halt Food Price Increases

Government May Impose Rigid Control; Hoarding Held Needless.

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eral statutes regulating war-time profiteering.

The President, however, was keeping in closest touch with the price situation and invited Secretary Wallace to lunch at the White House, presumably for a complete review of the background and causes of skyrocketing food prices.

Mr. Ickes told his press conference:

"I can see no legitimate reason for the present increase in commodity prices because of the European war."

Mr. Ickes named sugar as one of the commodities in which he indicated an artificial scarcity is being built up to boost prices.

He said a study may be made of Federal powers to protect natural resources from exploitation. He said he anticipated attempts to exploit American oil, coal, timber, fish and mineral resources by war profiteers.

**Fears Petroleum Coup**

"Almost as much destruction could be wrought to our national resources through internal exploitation as if we were invaded by a foreign nation," Mr. Ickes said. "I am apprehensive that there will be the usual effort made by petroleum interests to rape our natural resources for the sake of war profits."

Officials believed that retail price boosts, following closely the boom in the commodities markets, are not the result of actual war demands from abroad. They attribute the increase largely to a speculative belief that war buying will come soon, and partly to fear among consumers—though Washington maintains this fear is unfounded—that shortages of certain foods are in prospect.

Housewives who, remembering World War days, buy unusually large supplies of sugar, flour and other staples may be hurting their

own interests, it was pointed out. Any tendency toward hoarding might create temporary local shortages and encourage price increases which the facts do not justify.

These facts are, according to the official view here, that the present supply of foodstuffs is adequate and, of most commodities, much more than adequate; that there is no present extraordinary demand, either domestic or foreign, and no reason to believe that such demand will develop in the near future.

The situation in brief:

CHICAGO—Sugar advanced market limit 25 cents a hundredweight each of last four days; retail groceries not yet reflecting price rises in commodity markets; navy bean advanced within past week from \$2.35 to \$2.50 a hundred pounds.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar, retail 6 cents per pound yesterday, an increase of 1 1/2 cents over Tuesday; beans, bacon, rice, salt meat, butter, lard jumped 2 cents per pound yesterday.

LOS ANGELES—Some public markets placed sugar limit at 20

pounds per person; white beans up to \$4.90 per 100 pounds compared to \$3.65 Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Chain stores not affected but independents report "virtually every edible" increase "virtually every edible."

BUFFALO—Food staples in general advance 5-10 per cent last few days; sugar up 2 cents per pound; shortage imported foodstuffs.

KANSAS CITY—Hogs up \$1.50 hundredweight yesterday, biggest advance since last war; grocers report housewives buying more sugar, lard and other staples.

BOSTON—Sugar up 1 cent per pound; retailers report 30 to 40 per cent increase in demand; beef, lamb, porks showing seasonal advances.

ST. LOUIS—Retail pork chops up 10 cents to 45 cents since last week; lard up 8 cents; beef slightly higher.

Detroit, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Columbus and San Francisco all reported increased prices and demand for sugar, but no shortages.

# DEWEY CONCILIATING S. BEND BY PHONE

DETROIT, Sept. 7 (U. P.).—Federal Labor Conciliator James F. Dewey today carried on simultaneous negotiations in Detroit and South Bend, Ind., in an attempt to avert serious strike consequences in the automotive and aviation industries.

Officials of the C. I. O. United Auto Workers Union were called to meet here with representatives of the Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp., where the union's nine-day strike threatened airplane plants relying on Bohn plants for 75 to 90 per cent of their bearings. Bearing shortages also threatened automotive production, already stopped at Packard because of the U. A. W.'s strike at the South Bend, Ind., Bendix plant.

Mr. Dewey supervised South Bend negotiations by phone.

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# U. S. Holds Lead

Despite much recent publicity intimating trade reversals, the United States still is far ahead in South America. Our comparable gains over a long period exceed those of Germany, while Great Britain has been losing.

Last year, United States trade was 36 per cent of the Latin American total, compared with 25 per cent in 1913, while Germany's percentage of the total was 17 per cent compared with 16.7 per cent in 1913. England's share has dropped from 25 per cent in 1913 to 12 per cent last year.

It is expected that Congress now will be more inclined when it returns to vote additional authority for loans to promote trade with Latin America.

Last session Congress rejected the Administration's proposal for \$500,000,000 for loans to South America through the Export-Import Bank.

# WALSMAN, M'NUTT GET TAX POSITIONS

Membership of the County Tax Adjustment Board was completed today with the naming of John G. McNutt, attorney, and Albert F. Walsman, City Hospital business manager, as board members.

Mr. McNutt, 5438 Lowell Ave., was chosen by County Superior Court judges and Circuit Court Judge Earl R. Cox as a taxpayer representative to the body. Mr. Walsman was appointed by Mayor Reginald Sullivan as the City's representative. He previously had served as a taxpayer's representative.

Other members of the board, which is to open its budget review session Monday, are Pliny H. Wolford, Harvey Hartsock, Carl R. Thorbahn and Frederick C. Alberhardt.

# PAY INCREASE ASKED BY MARITIME UNION

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (U. P.). — War developments brought a strike threat to ocean shipping today and at the same time the State Department began enforcing its drastic ban on American travel abroad.

The National Maritime Union announced demands for a 40 per cent wage increase and \$250 bonus for each man asked to sail into the war zone.

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