

WEATHER.
Indiana—Showers and thunderstorms this afternoon or tonight, cooler northwest portion Sunday, part cloudy, cooler east portion. Lower Michigan—Local showers and thunderstorms tonight and probably Sunday, cooler Sunday.

FARMERS PROTEST ECONOMIC CONTROL

THINKS PACT
SAFE WITHOUT
ANY CHANGES

Wilson Says Democrats Should
Push Treaty As it
Stands.

BY L. C. MARTIN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—All efforts by democratic senators to agree with republicans on a program of reservations to the peace treaty were abandoned today as the result of word from Pres. Wilson.

The president, in a talk late yesterday with Sen. Hitchcock, senate administration leader, strongly discouraged even the discussion of reservations by democrats. He made it plain to Hitchcock that, in his opinion, the day for discussing reservations is a long way off.

What democrats must concentrate their efforts on, in the president's opinion, Hitchcock said, is defeat of all proposals to amend the treaty.

At the president's suggestion therefore, Hitchcock will begin a drive next week in a speech to the senate against acceptance of amendments. While it has been generally recognized for weeks that there are not enough votes in the senate to make general textual amendments, the president is said to feel that the slightest possibility of amendment of any section—the crossing of a "Y" or the dotting of an "I"—must be removed before he will even consider reservations.

Breaks Off Parleys.
The president's attitude, as stated by Hitchcock today, broke off virtual negotiations which promised to develop into a compromise on mild reservations. These negotiations were begun by some democrats without consulting Pres. Wilson.

Following his talk with Wilson, Hitchcock said, "In the end a compromise may become necessary." But, he added, "the president is not at all sure reservations must be accepted, and at any rate won't cross that road now."

Reservations are regarded by Wilson as likely to be embarrassing, would indicate, in the president's view, that the United States has little faith in the treaty.

United States Would Lose.
Hitchcock, in his speech, next week in the senate will point out, he said, as the president did in their talk yesterday, that amendments would mean that the United States would lose the benefits conferred by the treaty. He cited access to German dyestuffs as an example.

"Amendment in the president's view," said Hitchcock, "would mean that the United States would have to go back to Germany, hat in hand, begging for acceptance of conditions of peace."

"The president said that if the senate made it necessary to negotiate a separate peace with Germany, he would send Sens. Knox and Lodge to Berlin to make the new treaty."

Sen. Lodge said today that if it becomes apparent that a majority of the senate is willing to accept "milk and water reservations" he will vote for rejection of the treaty rather than accept such a program.

Millionaires
of Chicago Get
Donated Shoes

By United Press.
CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—J. Ogden Armour, head of the Armour meat packing plant, Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears Roebuck company, H. H. Kerk, banker and president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and Koser C. Sullivan, wealthy politician, all were proud possessors of new shoes today, the gifts of the Chicago Builders and Traders' exchange.

These men recently said they were unable to afford new shoes at present prices.

Armour in a letter thanking the builders and traders said from the bids received from the exchange on several building projects he was interested in, he marveled that he was interested in a mere pair of shoes, and suggested they present him with a wardrobe for a year.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 16.—Guests to the birthday party of Harry Austin, colored, came armed with razors. Harry adjourned the party with a revolver. A "good" time was had.

The Lighter Side
In the Day's News

NEW YORK—"Speaking for God when the spirit moves you after 11 p. m., is a misdemeanor, William Turner learned in court. Turner was arrested for keeping a neighborhood awake.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Two cats and a dog broke up a real estate business and led to a suit and counter suit for \$10,000 each between Mrs. Sarah Lodewick and Esther Schultz, neighbors.

DETROIT, Mich.—Dropping their professionally long faces, allowing them to break into hundreds of sunny smiles, Michigan undertakers made merry here last night at the annual convention ball.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Federal authorities are investigating complaints of profiteering by undertakers.

BURLINGTON, Vt.—While taking a bath in a hotel here, George L. Preston was robbed of jewelry valued at \$100 and \$75 in cash. "I sure was cleaned," said Preston.

GLASTONBURY, Conn.—Shortage of girl help in the wrapping room led the Williams Soap company to install phonographs to dispense lazy airs while the girls work. Result—more girls than needed.

CLEVELAND.—Chicken thieves broke into Martin Tavis' chicken roost and departed with two bull pups.

SHAWNEE, Okla.—Too hot to sleep in a hotel room Bill Dillman, farmer, crawled out on the street in his nightshirt and slept in an empty wagon. "Dismissed," Judge Saunders said.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Mrs. Harry L. Mounts' mouth saved her jewels. She put her rings in her mouth when attacked by robbers. They choked her but she only screamed for help and frightened the robbers.

PANA, Ill.—Army aviators arranged an airplane trip for ex-Pres. William H. Taft who was here speaking at the chautauqua. "I am not built for airplanes," Taft said in refusing.

MILITIA AWAITS
STRIKERS' VOTE

Troops Will be Called Out if
Men Do Not Return, Says
Hammond Sheriff.

By United Press.
HAMMOND, Ind., Aug. 16.—The result of a vote being cast by striking workers of the Standard Steel Car Co. here whether to return to work, will determine whether or not state troops will be called out to quell disturbances between strikers and strikebreakers, Sheriff Lew Barnes of Lake county said today.

Sheriff Barnes yesterday asked Gov. Goodrich to hold state troops in readiness. Should the vote, which will be completed at 6 o'clock tonight be unfavorable for returning to work, the soldiers will be called out immediately the sheriff said.

Four companies of militia are now being held in readiness, Barnes said.

Five or six hundred pickets guarded the plant today allowing only the office help to enter. There was no disturbance.

GERMAN ROYAL FAMILY
DOESN'T WANT TO RETURN

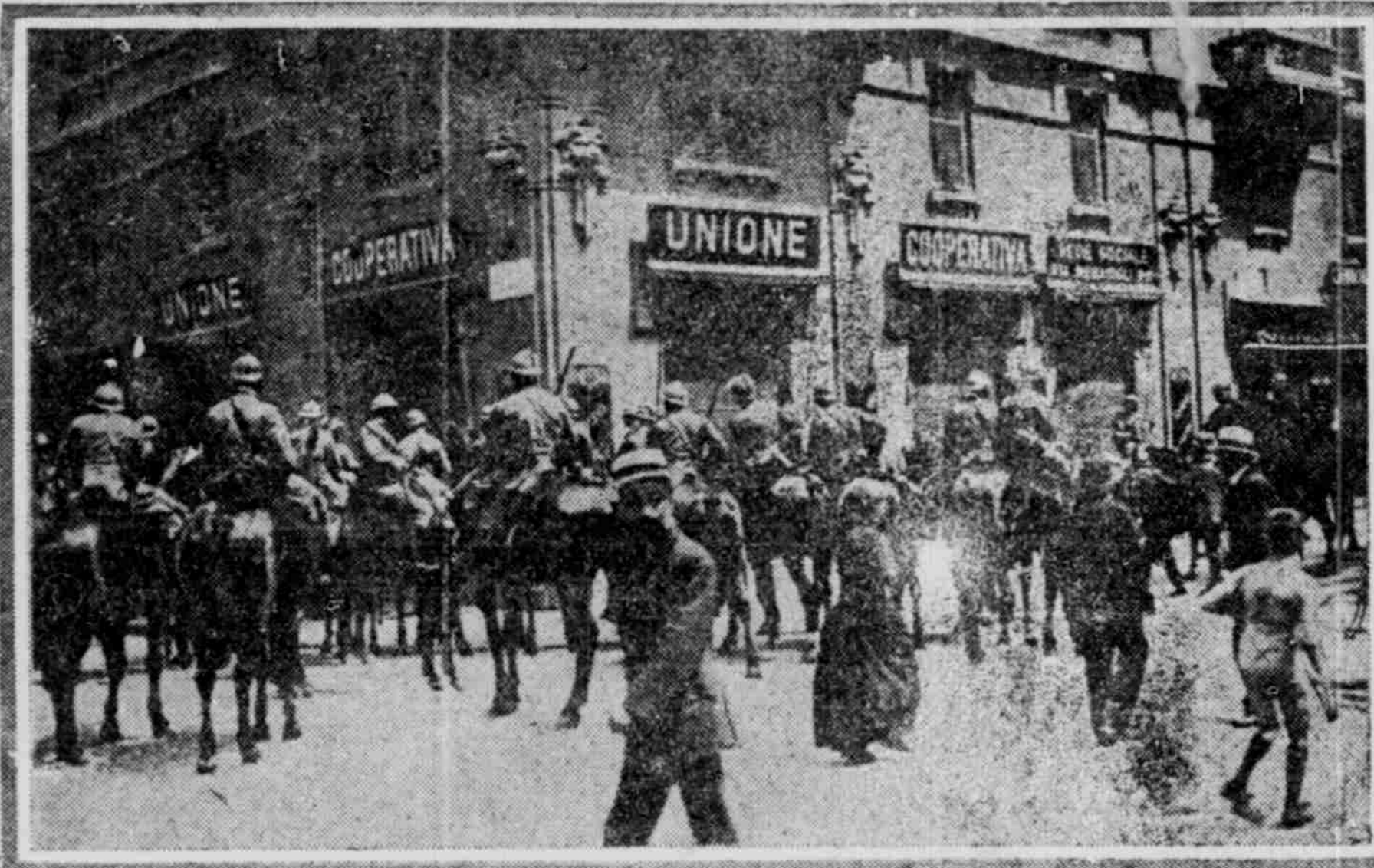
By United Press.
ZURICH, Aug. 16.—In view of Archduke Joseph's success in heading the new Hungarian government, monarchists have urged the former Emperor Karl to re-enter political activity. But Zita, the former empress, has decided against such step, it was learned here today.

"No," she is quoted as saying, "the emperor's position was hell. We have done our duty. We have suffered enough. And we don't want to return to power."

FIVE DIE IN SMASH.

LIMA, O., Aug. 16.—Five persons were instantly killed near here Friday night when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Western Ohio traction car.

Recent Food Riot Mob of Milan, Italy



One of the first photographs of the recent food riots in Italy. Mobs in many of the big cities attacked stores and warehouses, maltreated proprietors and helpers, and carried off the contents of the shops. The police were unable in many cases to handle the situation and the government was forced to call out the military. Here is shown an Italian cavalry patrol at an intersection in Milan after they had dispersed a mob of food rioters.

OHIO IS HOT ON
PACKERS' TRIAL

Gov. Cox Gives Forceful Impetus by Asking Seizure of Meats.

By United Press.
CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 16.—Forceful impetus was given the fight against food profiteers in Ohio today by the action of Gov. Cox in asking United States Atty. Gen. Palmer to seize 2,420,000 pounds of meats stored in the state and to institute proceedings against several of the big Chicago packers.

Grand juries were reported hurrying their work in all parts of the state and it was conservatively estimated that 200 persons would be indicted. Police were today serving the 23 affidavits issued in the office of the state's attorney general for 23 men charged with violation of the various state food acts. More affidavits were prepared today.

Sell Hoarded Sugar.
Federal officials also seized 200,000 pounds of sugar in Canton, O., and will endeavor to dispose of it to the public on the grounds that the stock was hoarded.

Cox today urged instant action by the government for fear that the big packers involved may attempt to rush their stored meats out of Ohio and also destroy their storage house records.

State officials were considering plans to put out of business every concern guilty of profiteering.

FRENCH TROOPS RELEASE
LUXEMBURG DEPUTIES

By United Press.
LUXEMBURG, Aug. 16.—At the request of the local burgo-master, French troops charged the parliament building with bayonets today, scattered the labor demonstrators and released the imprisoned deputies.

Workmen, demanding a \$90 instead of a \$50 bonus as protection against the advanced cost of living, had previously stormed the parliament and imprisoned its members.

British Prince
Next Stops at
Halifax, N. S.

By United Press.
ST. JOHN, N. B., Aug. 16.—Bearing the prince of Wales the British cruiser Dragon was streaming eastward today toward Halifax where the vessel will anchor tomorrow alongside the Renown, which brought the prince across the Atlantic.

After divine service on the Renown, which will be held shortly after noon tomorrow, the heir to the British throne will begin a two-day program of receptions and addresses. He will leave Monday evening for Charlottetown, Prince Edward island, where he is due Tuesday morning.

Here is War Department's
Official Award Of First
Shot Honors to Alex Arch

Special to The News-Times.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Who fired the first shot of the American forces in the war with Germany?

This question, which has been a matter of little controversy has at last been cleared up beyond dispute by an official report which the war department has received from Capt. Ralph T. Heard of the sixth field artillery. Capt. Heard certifies that the first shot was fired by Sergt. Alexander L. Arch of South Bend, who at the time was chief of the section, battery C, sixth field artillery.

Give Official Version.
The battery was placed some 400 meters east of Bathelemont in a small orchard. The captain's description of the scene goes into minute detail and says in part:

"Long before 6 a. m. on Oct. 23, 1917 the majority of the men were at their posts anxious to see the first shot of our striving competitors in the other batteries should beat us out by a few minutes. There was some talk about who was going to pull the lanyard of the first shot. The officers wanted to and so did all the men, but it was thought fair to let the chief of the section on the gun get what credit it gave as it was after all his gun."

"However in order to let nearly every one do something, their duties were spread about. The French lieutenant figured the data from the map, one soldier set the sights, another set the elevation of range, another the angle on site, another cut the fuse—shrapnel was the projectile."

U. S. AGENT GOES AFTER
RETAIL COAL DEALERS

By United Press.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 16.—An investigation into coal prices in Indianapolis, which may extend throughout Indiana, was opened today by Charles P. Tighe, special agent to the department of justice in charge of the high price investigations.

Tighe said he believes he has concrete evidence of combination of retailers for restraint of trade. He said it has been particularly noticeable in a case where the prices of one dealer regulate the prices of all other dealers in the city. In one instance, he said, a big Indianapolis retailer boycotted an Indiana mine because the mine operator had been selling his products to another retailer here who was turning it over at a smaller profit.

That these conditions prevail in many Indiana cities was the belief of Tighe. He said if he can find sufficient grounds the scope of the investigation will include the entire state.

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First Shot Unobserved.
"When all was ready the executive officer gave the command, 'fire,'—and the first shot was on the way. The shot was unobserved due to the heavy fog. No one said anything of note, as we did not know at the time if we were really the first to fire. Some one did say, however, 'Well, if that is the first shot, I sure hope I am here when they fire the last. In the group about the gun there were about 20 men, all of the C battery except the French adjutant."

"The hour of the first shot was 6:05 a. m. The information afterward showed us to have actually fired the first shot. The gun crew of the first action was Sergt. Alexander Arch, chief of the section; Cpl. Robert E. Bralley, gunner; Sergts. Edward Warthen, Lonnel Dominick and Frank Grabowski, and Pvt. Louis Varady, and John Wadsworth, cannonier.

Fire 19 Shots First Day.
"In all 19 shots were fired that day, 14 high explosive shells and five shrapnel by the piece. As we later found out the first of the other batteries to fire began the next day on the 24th and C battery fired the first shots of any caliber in the United States forces in the war against the central powers. The original first case was split down its side because it was too strong and this case was taken by a correspondent for safe keeping after our return to the billets and is now on exhibition in Chicago."

"The gun was a French 75 millimeter, No. 13,749, and has since been shipped to the United States military academy at West Point, N. Y., as a trophy. It fired over 20,000 rounds in action, before it left, and its gun crew were never injured while it was there."

IDENTIFY VICTIM OF
MYSTERIOUS MURDER

By United Press.
NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—The man murdered mysteriously at the McAlpin hotel Thursday has been identified today as Cecil E. Landon, a student in the University of Oregon, whose home was at Portland, Ore. He returned from service in France on the transport Great Northern and was discharged Tuesday as a sergeant in the quartermaster corps.

The police had no clue to the murderer today, but feared he had been lured to the hotel with the view of robbery and murdered when it became evident that was the only means of obtaining his money.

WILSON ATTENDS BENEFIT.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Pres. and Mrs. Wilson this afternoon will attend the baseball game between army and marine corps teams for the benefit of St. Elizabeth's hospital.

STORED FOOD
SHOWS HEAVY
GAIN OVER '18

Government Figures Reveal
Some Very Enlightening
Figures On Hoarding.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Officials of the department of justice today planned an investigation of storage houses in which holdings of butter, eggs, dairy products and poultry have increased from 20 to 299 percent since last year.

Prices have soared for poultry and all dairy products during the same year.

Exact data on the holdings of all big storage houses in the country are now in possession of the bureau of markets which has just finished a careful survey. Justice department officials plan to ask for all the facts brought out in this survey, results of which have just been announced.

"Steps are now being taken to combat this situation," said C. B. Ames, assistant attorney general in charge of the campaign to prosecute food profiteers during the absence of Atty. Gen. Palmer.

Hoarding Lifts Prices.
"I am glad to note that the information gathered by the bureau of markets confirms the belief of the chief factors causing the high cost of living is hoarding of great stocks of food. It thoroughly demonstrates the wisdom of the policy already adopted by the justice department."

The canvass made by the bureau of markets shows that cold storage holdings of creamery butter Aug. 1, 1919, were 40.6 percent in excess of those of Aug. 1, 1918, or an increase of 36,053,549 pounds. Holdings Aug. 1, 1919, totaled 124,839,792 pounds. Case eggs held in storage Aug. 1, 1919, showed an increase of 20.4 percent over one year ago when only 6,523,942 cases were reported. The total Aug. 1, 1919, had jumped to 7,852,288 cases.

Chickens classed as broilers increased 285.2 percent during the year, according to the market bureau's canvass. Aug. 1, 1919, holdings were 6,159,154 pounds as compared with but 1,598,847 pounds a year ago.

Average Increase Big.
Other increases in stock held Aug. 1, 1919, as compared with Aug. 1, 1918, follow:

American cheese, increased 20.1 percent, 623,605 pounds or 47.2 percent.
Swiss, including block cheese, 1,571,428 pounds or 357.8 percent.
Brick and munster cheese, 306,691 pounds or 57.8 percent.
Limburger cheese, 393,774 pounds or 89.8 percent.
Cottage, pot and bakers cheese, 4,463,724 pounds or 185.8 percent.
Cream and neufchatel cheese, 89,214 pounds or 40.6 percent.
Frozen eggs, 3,840,054 pounds or 25.3 percent.

Holdings of nearly all varieties of poultry showed increases in keeping with the increases of dairy products. Poultry holdings follow:

Roasters increased 5,787,360 pounds or 395.7 percent.
Fowls, 1,653,817 pounds or 28.6 percent.
Turkeys, 1,209,180 pounds or 42.4 percent.
Miscellaneous poultry 9,020,483 pounds or 140.6 percent.

Canada Next
On Probable
Strike List

By United Press.
WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 16.—Canada will have to face the calamity of a nation-wide strike this fall unless the dominion government crushes profiteering, it is forecast in a resolution passed at an executive meeting of the Imperial Veterans in Canada last night. A copy was forwarded to the federal authorities.

The veterans condemn "wholesale robbing of the public" and place upon it blame for "a prevailing spirit of unrest throughout Canada."

FALL OFFERS FIRST
TREATY AMENDMENT

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The first amendment to the peace treaty offered in the foreign relations committee was proposed by Sen. Fall, New Mexico, to section 34. This section requires Germany to renounce in favor of Belgium the Kreise of Eupen and Malmady.

Fall's proposed amendment would require a plebiscite on this question and would have the result of the plebiscite communicated to a commission appointed by the allied powers, instead of having the League of Nations oversee the transfer of the territory as the treaty now provides.

HYLAN THINKS
STRIKE IS FAKE

Intimates Interborough Officials and Men Are in Collision For Higher Prices.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Mayor Hylan was to ask a "showdown" this afternoon in the threat of five thousand employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit company—operating the principal subway and elevated lines in Manhattan and the Bronx—to go on strike at 4 o'clock Sunday morning unless their wage demands were granted by 6 o'clock tonight.

The men were just granted a 10 percent increase but now ask an additional 50 percent increase, which would mean \$1 an hour for motormen and slightly less for other employees.

Hints "Inside Job."
In a formal statement Hylan intimated that the strike was an "inside job"—meaning that the employees and company were in collusion to force the public to pay increased fares. The I. R. T. has been agitating for a fare raise from five to eight cents for sometime.

The strike threat was made by the Brotherhood of Interborough Rapid Transit Employees, which is not affiliated with the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees. The latter directed the recent successful strike on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company lines. The brotherhood was organized with the approval of the company.

Hylan called a meeting of the public service commission. A committee of the brotherhood and officials of the company for this afternoon, when he will reiterate his charges and ask an explanation.

WILL SEIZE BIG
NEW YORK HOARDS

Federal Search Continues Unabated—Men Inspect Warehouses.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Search for hoarded food continued here today and federal authorities planned to seize enormous quantities as soon as investigators have completed their evidence.

Under orders from Mayor Hylan, Fire Commissioner Drennan assigned 375 men from his department to inspect warehouses.

The board of health has joined the fight on high prices. Commissioner Copeland threatens to revoke the health department licenses to all firms found hoarding or profiteering.

Arthur Williams, federal food administrator for New York, issued a warning to consumers, asking them to avoid hoarding on a small scale for fear prices would soar still higher. Even small hoarding would be an obstacle in the way of the lower price crusade, said Williams.

Sale of surplus army foodstuffs begins early Monday at more than 40 schools and fire engine houses. Prices average half the costs at public markets.

Sale of army clothing and blankets yesterday was so brisk it required several patrolmen to keep the crowd of 1,500 impatient customers in order at the army store.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 16.—John Dominic was admitted free to a ball game. It cost him \$10 to go home again. He yelled "Kill the umpire" in the presence of a policeman.

AGAINST ALL
REGULATION
OF EXPORTS

National Grange Will Push
Comprehensive Program
Before Congress.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—A program calling for repeal of war time food control, abolition of control of exports and enactment of legislation to protect farmers was announced today by the National Grange, representing 700,000 farmers.

The Grange plan to be urged upon congress at once is as follows:

Ending of wheat price regulation and all price fixing on primary food or clothing material at the end of the present crop season.

Removal of all restrictions and regulations based on war powers of congress, including the food administration activities.

Clear definition of the constitutional power of congress to deal with hoarding, conspiracies and combinations to enhance prices and with waste or destruction of food or similar products under peace conditions.

Immediate termination of the powers of the war trade board.

Removal of all internal revenue taxes of food products.

Demand Repeal Tariff.
Revision of tariff schedules to afford protection for farm products equal to protection for manufactured products.

Immediate revision of discount and grading rules especially on wheat and adequate representation to actual producing farmers in the formation of grades and discounts to be adopted in the future.

Liberal appropriations for increased work and legislative authority, if necessary, to extend activities of the interstate commerce commission, federal trade commission, tariff commission and the department of justice on the basis of pre-war laws.

Recognition of organizations of producing farmers in making up the personnel of committees, boards, or commissions to direct enforcement of existing or proposed laws.

Want Pre-War Conditions.
Immediate restoration of government to pre-war conditions by hastening the demobilization of fighting forces and superfluous government employees.

Abandonment of unnecessary government functions.

Enactment of laws to definite legality of collective bargaining among agricultural people.

Enactment of laws to safeguard purchasers of foodstuffs, commercial fertilizers and farm seeds.

This program was laid before a joint session of the house and senate agricultural committees today by National Grange representatives. They stated that it is supported in whole or in part by other farm organizations.

Heads of farm organizations said that the drive against high prices has turned public indignation unfairly upon the farmer and that it has incited prosecuting attorneys to persecution of innocent farmers.

PERMIT RUMANIA TO
OCCUPY BUDAPEST

By United Press.
PARIS, Aug. 16.—The peace conference in a note forwarded to Bucharest yesterday, agreed to continuation of Rumanian occupation of Budapest.

However, the allies did not accept the other proposals of Rumania's note, which justified her actions, pointing out that the armistice of November, 1918, was no longer binding. The Rumanians declared they did not receive Premier Clemenceau's note, warning them to cease their advance, until after they had entered Budapest.

ARREST LINEMAN ON
GRAND LARCENY CHARGE

By United Press.
MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 16.—George Roche, a Western Union lineman, was arrested here Friday on instructions from Jacob L. Mooney, Chicago chief of detectives, who charges him with grand larceny. Mooney declared that Roche robbed a Chicago jewelry firm of three diamonds valued at \$650 and \$320 in currency.

Roche says he is innocent, and is supported in his plea by the local superintendent.