

LOOKING FORWARD

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LIVING COSTS DIFFER

Food Administration and Labor Department's Statistics Show Considerable Discrepancy—Difference Said to Be Due to Rent Clothing and Other Items

Washington, Sept. 22.—The increased cost of living in the last 12 months is three and a half per cent, according to the United States food administration, or 15 per cent, according to the department of labor. The simultaneous announcements of the food administration and the labor department's bureau of labor statis-

tics, with their very considerable discrepancy, is hardly a coincidence; it is the result of a pronounced difference of opinion and of method.

Rent, Clothing, Etc. Officials at the food administration explain that the major part of the increased cost of living is due not to food but to rent, clothing, transportation and other items, and especially due to the advanced standard of living. The food administration's compilations are based solely on the statistical basis of the nation's expenditures for food at wholesale. The labor department's figures are based on investigation of family budgets in various cities.

What the increased cost of living

amounts to, inclusive of all the items of the average family budget of a working man, was stated recently by the bureau of labor statistics on investigations in various Pacific coast cities. Compared with costs six months previously the cost of all essential living expenses had increased in Seattle 18.10 per cent, in Tacoma 20.7 per cent, in Portland 15.93 per cent, in San Francisco 10.86 per cent, in Los Angeles 11.89 per cent. The item of clothing taken separately, increased for the same period in the same districts, respectively, 25.82 per cent, 30.92 per cent, 27.63 per cent, 28.29 per cent and 28.20 per cent. The increase since then, of course, has been enormous.

Increase to Farmers The food administration in its report admits there has been more than a 3.5 per cent increase in prices paid to farmers but contends that this is reduced in actual household purchasing by a reduction of speculation and profiteering and narrowed margins between farmers and wholesale prices under food regulations, that is, that the food administration has been able to make a 35 per cent increase to the farmers and only a 3 1-2 per cent increase to the consumers.

Comparative Figures Comparing again the two statements of the food administration and the labor department, showing the percentage increase compared with a year ago:

Department of labor: Bread and flour (no figures); rice, 26, increase; sugar (no figures) decrease.

Meats: Chuck roast, 30 increase; round steak, 27 increase; rib roast, 28 increase; sirloin steak, plate boiling beef and bacon, 26 increase; hens, 38 increase.

Food administration: Breadstuffs 9.3 increase; vegetables, 63.1 decrease; sugar, 7.4 decrease; fruits, 30.5 increase; oils and nuts, 54.3 increase; fish, 6.9 decrease; meats, 20.08 increase; poultry and eggs, 26.5 increase; dairy products, 6.3 increase.

The increased retail prices for all food staples combined, retail figures for August compared with July, was 7 per cent, the labor department says owing mainly to the decreased costs for the month of beef, ham, lamb and navy beans. Pork chops and eggs show the greatest increases. Bread, potatoes and coffee did not change in the month.

Increase in Five Years Making a comparison of costs now with costs five years ago, the labor department finds a combined increase of 10 per cent of 67 staple articles for which prices have been obtained systematically in the last five years. All of these articles show increases of 52 per cent and more and four of them increases more than 100 per cent as follows:

Meat, 127 per cent; hard and flour 106 per cent; potatoes, 105 per cent.

Whatever the disparity of the increased cost of food between the labor department and the food administration, officials of both establishments attribute much of the additional living expenses to an elevated standard of existence by the working classes.

Finally—and this is one of the serious problems of the department of la-

bor—the full satisfaction of aspirations without need of full time labor, so that workers can and do lay off part of the week as a result of which there has grown up an institution of waste that no longer satisfies itself with indicating its new elevation of social status by better food, better clothes and cheap jewelry, but must manifest its prosperity by showing: —W—S—S—

HOW TO AVOID THE INFLUENZA

Washington, Sept. 22.—Safeguards respiratory diseases are urged on the American people tonight by the surgeon general of the army to prevent spread of the epidemic said to have been introduced in America by men from U-boats. The surgeon general's admonitions follow:

Avoid needless crowding. Influenza is a crowd disease.

Smother your coughs and sneezes. Others do not want the germs that you would throw away.

Your nose, not your mouth, was made to breathe through—get the habit.

Remember the three C's—clean mouth, clean skin and clean clothes.

Try to keep cool when you walk and warm when you ride and sleep.

Open the windows, always at night, at the office when practicable.

Food will win the war if you give it a chance. Help by choosing and chewing your food well.

Your fate may be in your own Wash your hands before eating.

Do not let the waste products of digestion accumulate. Drink a glass or two of water on getting up.

Do not use a napkin, towel, spoon, fork, glass or cup that has been used by another person and not washed.

Avoid tight clothes, tight shoes, tight gloves. Seek to make nature your ally, not your prisoner.

When the air is pure breathe all of it you can; breathe deeply.

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SAYS NO PEACE IN SIGHT

Berlin Paper's Interpretation of Answer to Austria

Copenhagen, Sept. 22.—America's answer to Austria-Hungary's recent peace note, and the speech of Premier Clemenceau, of France, on the same subject should, according to The Lokai Anzeiger, of Berlin, be posted on billboards and communicated to the German people by the distribution of millions of pamphlets.

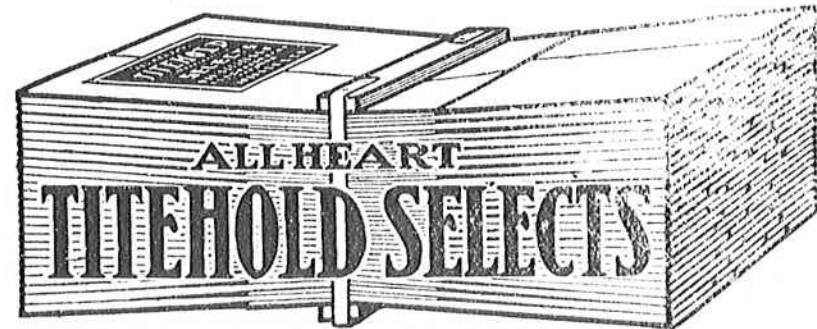
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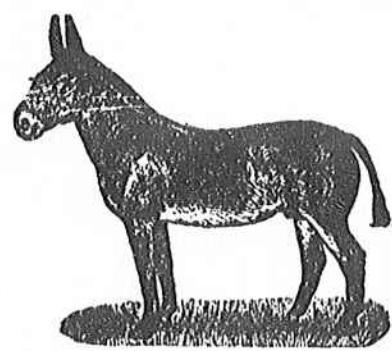
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