

EGG PRICES DROP TO PRE-WAR LEVELS

Market Flooded With 231,477 Cases—Country Brand on Sale at 27 Cents.

VEGETABLES IN PLENTY

Greens Come by Shipload and Potatoes Are Low at Wholesale.

Eggs—real fresh eggs of the glaucous Eastern variety, the genuine 18 carat hen fruit of commerce—no longer are being marketed at jewelry store prices.

Dr. Eugene H. Porter, Commissioner of the State Department of Farms and Markets, sang an Easter carol on the theme yesterday from his office in Albany.

Wholesale markets in lower Manhattan were flooded with eggs this last week and egg prices have tumbled down practically to pre-war levels.

Western first grade eggs sold at 25 to 26 cents a dozen wholesale. The fresh henry white eggs from nearby sections brought from 30 to 35 cents.

Commenting upon the same subject, Herschel S. Jones, city director for the same State department, said: "The best eggs to be had anywhere in New York city—the best selected, fancy eggs—should not be more than about 45 cents a dozen, retail."

It is something of a shock to the consumer to observe a commodity for which there is a strong seasonal demand, as for eggs at Easter time, suffering a slump instead of a boost in price at the very moment when demand is most insistent.

Wise men who profess to know about such phenomena explain it by saying the Amalgamated Society of Working Men of the country began to buy eggs uncommonly early this year because of the mild weather and the early spring, and that, as their union recognizes no rules limiting output, they have continued to buy early and often, so that many of them have sore throats from continuous cackling.

Commissioner Porter, since man may not live by eggs alone, adds the timely information that "big shipments of green vegetables from Virginia came in during the week by the Old Dominion Steamship Line from Norfolk."

Potatoes are cheap and plentiful in the wholesale market. Up-State New York potatoes of ordinary quality sold at 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents a pound, wholesale.

EASTER FLOWERS FAIL TO HIDE GLOOM OF FLORISTS

Crowds Admire Beautiful Displays, but Rush to Buy Does Not Materialize—Prices Cut in Some Shops to Help Sales.

Deep gloom permeated the fragrant atmosphere of most of the city's florist shops last night. The chill wind of business deflation that wrought havoc with other businesses and caused a general lightning of purse strings everywhere had nipped the Easter flower trade in the bud.

Although in the many shops that help brighten Fifth avenue and the Broadway theatre district there were certain blooms that continued to lift their heads proudly above toponch price tags, and although some of the favorite plants seemed to be making a bold stand against the wave of deflation, there was no concealing the disappointment of most of the dealers.

Despite the fact that the shops seemed crowded most of the time, and that many of them remained open far into the night, there was at no time the great push that had been anticipated, and according to the florists the buyers were not as liberal with their money as in former years.

Even in the best shops what are considered as big orders were few and far between, and it is upon these big orders that the florist must count for a great part of his Easter financial harvest.

VINCENT ASTOR'S NEW YACHT IS LAUNCHED

The Second Nourmahal is a Swift, Steel Oil Burner. Vincent Astor's new yacht, the Nourmahal, named after the famous craft of his father that was lost at sea for upward of two weeks in the fall of 1909, was launched yesterday from the yard of Robert Jacob on City Island.

The new Astor yacht is a swift, steel oil burner. Her beam is twenty-five feet, her draft ten feet and her steel hull is of three-eighths inch to five-sixteenths inch plate.

The craft is also designed to be quite commodious, with a large dining saloon at the forward end of the deckhouse, with galley and pantry directly aft; also a smoking room 14 by 12 feet and a living room 22 by 18 feet.

Two Winton engines of the full Diesel type of six cylinders each are the drive for the craft, through the water. These speed producers are of 12, 15 and 16 inch bore, with 18 inch stroke.

CHANGE IN PRIMARY LAW, G.O.P. DEMAND

City Leaders for Conventions to Name State and Judicial Candidates.

New York city organization Republicans are a unit in backing the repeal of the present primary law to the extent of reorganizing the existing system for nominating candidates for State and judicial offices.

The demand, according to Fifth avenue dealers, was mostly for plants and of these the bougainvillee held first place. These plants were selling in only a few of the best shops and were bringing from \$5 to \$15 each.

Mr. Livingston, Kings county leader, has expressed himself as certain of securing for his party a possible union of going too far in changing the present primary law.

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HELD IN SANITARIUM; WOMAN SEEKS \$35,000

Mrs. Mayhew of New York Says Her Property Vanished. Alleging that she was illegally detained in Stamford Hall Sanitarium, at Stamford, Conn., from June 1, 1919, until May 15, 1920, Mrs. Mary L. Mayhew of Brooklyn began a suit in Stamford Saturday against the sanitarium corporation for \$35,000.

Mrs. Mayhew, 45 years old, was a teacher in a New York public school, and, according to counsel, she was placed in the sanitarium by her husband, Zenas Mayhew of 42 West 44th street, New York.

She also alleges that her health was impaired by being imprisoned with drug and liquor addicts and insane patients; that her mail was opened and read; that some of her letters were confiscated, and that she was compelled to scrub floors, wash windows and perform other laborious work.

DEB'S WORD OF HONOR SATISFIES COMBERS

Yet He Thinks Daugherty's Action 'Singular.' "I regard the Attorney-General's action as singular," said Samuel Combers, head of the American Federation of Labor, when asked yesterday what he thought of Mr. Daugherty allowing Eugene V. Debs, former Socialist candidate for President, to quit prison at Atlanta and go to Washington without guard.

DRUG ADDICTION GROWING IN CITY

Chief Magistrate McAdoo Urges Abolition of the Manufacture of Heroin.

Chief Magistrate William McAdoo issued a statement yesterday declaring that the army of drug addicts in this city is increasing and that there can be no permanent relief until the manufacture and distribution of heroin is abolished by act of Congress.

Heroin, the Chief Magistrate says, is the drug which almost invariably is taken by the young addicts who pass through his office on their way to Rikers Island for treatment.

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Mr. Livingston could not be reached yesterday, but F. J. H. Kracker, his first lieutenant, expressed the Brooklyn attitude, as follows:

"We are in favor of a return to the State and judicial conventions because the State platform is better. But we do not believe in tampering with the direct primary law any further."

Samuel S. Koenig, head of the New York county organization, said: "For all offices below State and judicial we favor party designating committees, all opposing candidates for nomination to come in by petition. However, we are open to conviction that there should be no change in the present method of nominating such candidates, that all candidates for nomination should be named by petition."

"The Bronx is most decidedly for designating committees below State and judicial candidates," said Richard W. Lawrence, leader of that borough. "The present method is haphazard and entirely bad. The usual method is for the county leader with one or two of his lieutenants to agree upon an 'unofficial' candidate. The candidate's name has to be presented to the public through petitions with which the organization is supposed to have nothing to do. It is both bothersome and cumbersome. The result is the rank and file of the organization has little to say about the candidate—much less than if there were party designating committees."

Joseph H. De Graglia, Queens county leader, said: "Not only are we for fulfilling our platform pledges to return to State and judicial conventions but personally I am for a return to the convention system of nominating all candidates from Governor right down to 'game warden.' My notion is that direct primaries are a device for the wealthy alone."

J. P. Thompson, Republican leader of Richmond county, said his organization had given little thought to modification of the present primary law beyond a return to State and judicial conventions, but there was no question that party designating committees were the right thing.

FIRE IN CIGAR STORE.

Fire started in a cigar stand in the Liggett Company's drug store in the Hotel McAlpin building, at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street yesterday, and was put out without disturbing hotel guests. The store had not opened for business when the fire was noticed by two firemen, Edward Berger and William Otinger, of Patrol No. 3, who were passing. They tried to check the fire, which was supposed to have started from defective wiring.

MENNONITES LEAVING CANADA TO LIVE IN U. S.

Party of 59 Has Trouble at Border on Way to South.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. REGINA, Sask., March 26.—A party of fifty-nine, accompanied by five cars of stock and effects—the advance guard of the Mennonites move from Manitoba and Saskatchewan to Alabama, and Mississippi—have arrived at North Portal, Sask. This is the first large party to move. They are from Herbert, Sask., and are having difficulties with the customs officials, admittance to the United States having been refused to several on the ground of not being naturalized and to others because of lack of money qualifications. One is putting up a legal battle, and is reported to be in communication with four Senators.

The Mennonites are leaving Canada because of dissatisfaction over the Saskatchewan school laws and the poor crop conditions of the last two or three years.

Selling heroin is a crime under the city and Federal laws, and leaves the seller liable to severe punishment if convicted. The addict who buys the drug also commits a crime, and if convicted, usually is sent to the penitentiary, from which he is transferred to the Workhouse Hospital at Rikers Island for treatment. The addicts who go through Chief Magistrate McAdoo's office also go eventually to the same place.

CROSS TRADE MARK LONDON ACTUAL MAKERS. Question of Taste. The French have an amiable little proverb which declares that "it is not necessary to eat the whole of an egg to know that it is bad." The few articles shown below, then, are sufficient proof that we have many more as good.

Stern Brothers. West 42nd St. (Between 5th and 6th Avenues.) West 43rd St. Our initial Display of the New Assortments for Spring and Summer 1921 in Sun Parlor or Porch Furniture. A complete showing of distinctive Furniture in Reed, Willow, Cane and Old Hickory at Prices Decidedly Lower than we have been able to quote for several seasons past.

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