

## GROSS ABUSES IN FOOD GAMBLE COME TO LIGHT

DAMAGING EVIDENCE IS DISCLOSED BY GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION OF HIGH PRICES

EMBARGO ON FREIGHT FOLLOWS CAR SHORTAGE

Widespread Illegal Speculation in Nation's Food Markets Indicated by Unofficial Statement—Transportation Facilities Grossly Misused Is Declaration in Statement.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—A high official intimately connected with the food probe has told the United Press that the government has obtained "damaging evidence" of widespread and illegal speculation in the nation's food markets.

The official expressed the belief the investigation has showed "gross abuse of the country's transportation facilities."

Freight Embargo Declared. Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—The Pennsylvania railroad has announced an embargo on all freight except perishables and goods under government shipment. This order affects lines west of Pittsburgh. Car shortage caused the order.

### BABE'S CORPSE FOUND AND MYSTERY BARED

St. Helens, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Sheriff Standwood has found an infant's corpse buried in a shallow grave in a field near Effmet. Mysterious letters told the officers a man and baby had been murdered and buried there. No man's body was found.

### BUSIEST, NOT GAYEST, SOCIETY SEASON.

New York, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The season in New York, that is what Society calls season, is at its height, and the day before Thanksgiving was quite the busiest one that matron and debutante and those who follow in their train, have ever experienced. The prospects are that the Christmas holidays will mark a record for the number of functions of a social nature that will take place. In other words, New York is in the midst of its biggest society year. Not its gayest, but its biggest. The number of entertainments given, the dances and dinners, and functions large and small, have increased in quantity, even if not in quality. For society has felt the effects of affairs in Europe. Hardly a well known family in New York but is touched in the matter of relatives and connections by the fighting abroad. Intense gaiety is not to be thought of, but the prosperity of the country, the well-being of its people of all sorts, is reflected in the amount of entertainments that is taking place. Now York society is benefited by this condition, for in times past it has shown a disposition to explode and a sobering hand was essential. Lavish display of mere wealth is no longer tolerated. Too much is needed to aid the innocent sufferers of the war to permit it. In fact, the relief feature of society is now its most important part. The simple fact remains that although one may not hear so much of New York society through sensational report, it is enjoying, or spending, or enduring, whichever way one may care to put it, the busiest season that it ever had.

### Seals Will Save Home.

As an officer of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association was going down the street today he was met by a little youngster, ten years old, who appealed to him for some bread and coal for his mother. In vestigation brought to light the fact that a widow is living alone with three children in one of the city's poorer quarters, every member of the family having tuberculosis. It appears that three years ago the father contracted the disease and was not given proper care. He soon died, but not before he had infected his wife and children with the dread ailment. Now the family is in a pitiable condition. There is still time, perhaps, to save them from their father's fate, and immediate steps will be taken by the Anti-Tuberculosis committee which directs the expenditure of the Red Cross Seals fund to aid them.

### HAD TO LEAVE HER PRINCE IN JAPAN



Miss Margaret Embry. (Special Correspondence.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 8.—Miss Margaret Embry of Louisville, Ky., who recently returned from Yokohama. Touring the Orient, she purchased what is said to be an Egyptian mummy prince, 5,500 years old. Custom officials objected to transportation of his former Highness and he still reposes at Yokohama awaiting shipment.

### Riveria Receives Beautiful Flag

Department Inspector Presents Stars and Stripes to School Children—Old Veterans and W. R. C. Present Too.

This afternoon, shortly after 1 o'clock, Violet Morgan, department inspector of W. R. C., surrounded by members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. stands here, presented to Mrs. Nellie Neil, principal of Riveria school, and the children of that building, a handsome flag to be floated from the staff of that building. Mrs. Morgan spoke briefly in behalf of the donors, and the gift was graciously accepted.

### FLAG RAISING IMPRESSIVE

Children Cheer Lustily as Presentation of Flag Is Begun.

Yesterday afternoon the flag raising ceremony at the city hall was all that was predicted for it. The children were stationed on the street in close formation, all grade and parochial children being in attendance.

Attorney George T. Cochran delivered a brief address, referring to the story of a "Man Without a Country." When he had finished, the band played "The Star Spangled Banner" as Post Commander Faulk raised the colors, of about five feet by seven feet, to its place on the staff where it floats today. Superintendent McCullough then called for the flag salute and the pledge of allegiance which was given lustily. The happy blending of colors, the enthusiasm of the children and the generally impressiveness of the ceremony, made it one long to be remembered. Prominent W. R. C. and G. A. R. members were clustered about the speaker's stand. With the singing of one verse from "America" the gathering disbanded. While it took less than half hour to execute, the event was one of more than ordinary importance. It was marred only by the failure of many of the adults on the street to salute the flag as it was lifted by the bearing of the head. The children however, were prompt to bestow the tribute every American is bound by national patriotism to do—to recognize the national airs when played.

### New York's Bohemia.

New York, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—New York's Bohemia is apparently having a new lease of life, and it has attained the distinction of pulp criticism. One of the clergymen whose church is on Washington Square, where the American equivalent of the Latin quarter exists, has declared that he does not believe that the real Bohemia is half bad. Incidental circumstances have proven responsible for the renewal of interests in the old neighborhoods that surround Washington Square, and where, in a very real sense, a Bohemia exists. Artists and literary persons dwell in the vicinity from choice, and they are being catered to, restaurateurs and others. Practically a whole new block of low studios; there are several clubs created, a theatre is being built in Greenwich Village, which is adjacent to Washington Square.

## LIBERAL PARTY THROWING SUPPORT TO LLOYD GEORGE

London, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—The Liberal party has met, conferred, and formally resolved to support the Lloyd George regime in prosecuting the war. This has removed all doubt of the Lloyd George government having a full support. The action means the new premier will have the backing of Liberals, Unionists and Laborites. The Irish group sympathies have not yet been disclosed.

## BELGIAN DEPORTATION BILL INTRODUCED BY SEN. LODGE

Washington, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Senator Lodge has introduced the American Rights' League resolutions condemning Belgian deportations and asking congress "to support President Wilson in every measure undertaken to maintain America's traditional position as freedom's friend and champion of oppressed."

Evidence Asked of England. President Wilson has instructed Secretary of State Lansing to send Britain an outline of the German re-

## IDAHO INFANTRY ORDERED HOME

Washington, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—The war department has announced 6000 border militiamen will be returned home immediately and mustered out.

### JAPS TAKE TO RUSS DANCERS



Miss Mary Dorr.

Russian dancers are immensely popular in Japan now since the recent Russ-Japanese alliance, declares Miss Mary Dorr, a dancer of the Russian school, who has just returned from the Orient.

"The Japanese made life miserable for Russian dancers before the war," she said. "It was almost impossible to get interest aroused in that form of dancing. Since the alliance the Japanese are endeavoring to study every form of Russian literature and art."

### The Weather.

Rain and possibly snow in Eastern Oregon. Fresh south winds in interior. South gale along the coast.

BREMEN WAITS FOR THE DEUTSCHLAND TO COME. New York, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—The Deutschland is due in Bremen today and word of her safe arrival is anxiously awaited.

MYSTERY AND SCANDAL STARTED BY FALL. Salem, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Clara Rauscher jumped or fell from a second story hotel window and her skull was fractured. The police are questioning J. W. Kreutz, of Buena Vista. The hotel clerk charged Kreutz registered the girl as his sister.

### DANGER GROWING FOR FILM ACTORS



Charles Ray.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—That the business of being a motion picture star is not as easy as it used to be, and that more demands are being made upon players than heretofore is the opinion of Charles Ray, noted film star.

"It is nothing for a director these days to shout out, 'Jump off, Bill, we'll take care of your family if anything happens!'" says Ray.

"If Bill says he can't or won't it means the end of Bill's film hopes. Of course, the famous 'dummy' still comes in for 'nerve stuff,' but the producers are attempting as much as possible to do away with it because the film public wants everything true to life."

### Girls Quintet Will Play At Pendleton

Invasion of Pendleton is Beginning of Winter Season of Basketball for Girls of the High School.

Coach Tozier, director of athletics for girls of the public schools, and Miss Kirtley, domestic science instructor, chaperoned a group of athletic girls from the La Grande high school to Pendleton this morning. Tonight at Pendleton the La Grande girls will play the strong Pendleton team in the first game of the year. Both schools depend on getting away to a good start, and are out to win tonight's contest. Girls' rules will be used.

The squad making the trip is composed of Marie Love, Edna Jones, Jeanne Smith, Meza Miller, Thelma Oesterling, Fern McCullough, Alice Spencer. From these the team will be picked by Miss Tozier tonight.

The team departed with the best wishes of the supporters at home.

### PERSONAL MENTION

T. S. Williams and wife have gone to Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Buzzard, of Albany, arrived last evening to visit their daughter, Mrs. Claude Mackey.

J. Minnaugh, of Wallowa, was a business visitor in La Grande this morning on lumber business.

Linden McCullough, superintendent of schools, left today noon for Baker to attend the Boys' conference there for the week-end.

George Stoddard has returned from Portland where he went on business. While in Portland he was registered at the Hotel Portland.

Richard Roberts, delegate from the Methodist church South Sunday school to the Boys' conference at Baker was among the first to leave for the convention city, going out this morning on the early train.

M. F. Davis, of Union, went to Elgin today to be present at a joint affair given by the K. of P. and Odd Fellows of that city in celebration of recent extensive repairs to the lodge home there.

LONG CHASE IS SUCCESSFUL. Fugitive Japanese Overtaken and Will Be Deported From Portland. Portland, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Immigration officers have arrested K. Makabata after a two-year hunt. Makabata escaped from a Japanese steamer here in August, 1914. Immigration men pursued him relentlessly. Makabata hid in various places throughout the northwest. He will be deported.

## GERMANS MOVE NEW COLUMNS TO MONASTIR

DRIVE AGAINST MACEDONIAN ARMIES ANTICIPATED ON FACE OF NEW MOVES.

GREAT NUMBERS TAKEN FROM ROUMANIAN ARMY

Western Front Reported To Be Generally Quiet Except at Points Where Allies Claim to Have Upper Hand—French Battleship Reported Lost With All Hands Gone Down

Paris, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—The minister marine has officially announced the French battleship Suffren is lost. She left Gibraltar en route to Lorient, November 24 and hasn't reported since. She carried 730 men, was 17 years old and of 13,000 tons. All hands were probably lost.

Captures by Germans. Berlin, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—Germans have cut off the retreat of Roumanians at Prael and Altschanz passes. Many surrendered. One Roumanian army division was captured with 8000 men and 26 cannons. Germans seized the most important commercial towns.

Many Roumanians Trapped. The ninth German army took 10,000 prisoners yesterday. The pursuit was the hottest and trapped large Roumanian forces on the Alt river. Prisoners included ten battalions, one squadron and six batteries.

Western Front Quiet. London, Dec. 5.—(United Press)—Salonika advices have indicated Germans along the Monastir front are strongly reinforced and it is believed they soon will start a drive against the allies Macedonian armies. French drove Germans from trenches on the left bank of the Meuse. The Western front is otherwise uneventful.

Retaliation Against Greeks. Admiral Fournet has started blockading Greek ports in retaliation for recent Athens riots. All supplies are halted and it is believed Greece cannot exist 20 days without fresh food-stuffs.

### GRATEFUL PATIENT BUYS RED CROSS SEALS.

Tells Why He Supports Great National Red Cross Christmas Movement.

"Personal experience means much in one's attitude toward the Seals. Will you let me tell you both gratitude for the saving of my life and a desire to help exterminate tuberculosis makes me buy and use Red Cross Christmas Seals?" This is a request in a letter from a cured patient in one of Wisconsin's County Hospitals for Tuberculosis, who says:

"I was shocked to learn, in 1910 that I had consumption. I thought that was the end of me. Fortunately for me the National Tuberculosis Association and the American Red Cross had taken up the task of informing the nation that a pulmonary tuberculosis can be arrested and perhaps cured by a combination of fresh air, good food, perfect rest, and freedom from care. In course of time this good news had reached Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association was organized to carry the message into every corner of the state. Through this propaganda sanatoria were established in various parts of the state. So when the disease became a very personal matter to me, there was an institution near at home to teach me how to breathe, eat, rest, and think, so as to live with tuberculosis, and at a price within reach of my moderate purse. This was all the result of philanthropic propaganda of these national organizations and the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association, to whom I must always be grateful for my present health and strength."

What Red Cross Seals have done in Wisconsin they have done and are doing in every state in the Union. All but ten per cent of the proceeds, which is used for expenses, remains in the state where the Seals are sold to be used for the prevention of tuberculosis.

Red Cross Sale at Postoffice. Tomorrow Red Cross stamps may be procured at the postoffice.