

FOREIGN BUYING IS CURBED BY ALLIES

Committee of Mystery, Representing All, Passes on Every Purchase Made.

BRITAIN ACTS AS BANKER

How, Where and to What Extent Money Shall Be Spent Is Determined by Dominating British Influence on Board.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Of the millions of dollars spent daily in this country by the allies for war supplies, not a dollar, it was learned authoritatively, can be spent without the sanction of a committee sitting in London.

The personnel of this committee has never been published, and probably never will be. It consists, however, of representatives of each of the allied nations from Great Britain to Montenegro, controls absolutely the purchase of all war supplies in any foreign country, acts as a financial check and supervisor over all the war chests of all the allies, and seeks to eliminate competitive bidding.

Home Purchases Not Restricted. Over purchases made in home markets by various nations, the committee holds no supervision. Its sphere is limited strictly to purchases outside the boundary lines of the nations at war and their colonies.

The committee is designated by a French title, the English translation of which is "the international war supplies committee."

Under the guidance of the committee the allies can refrain from a competition which if permitted would send prices to prohibitive levels and consequently swell the cost of conducting the war. Instead of coming into the American market when supplies are needed and waging a financial contest for them, the allies have adopted a system of placing one big order at a time in this country. When the contract for this order is signed the next nation's needs are taken up and another contract is placed, this is maintained until all are cared for.

Britain Acts as Banker. Great Britain, as banker for the allies, dominates the committee. One of the chief functions of the British members is to act as a mouthpiece of the British treasury, allotting to other allied nations the amounts advanced by Great Britain to them for the purchase of war supplies in this country. Each country is financed to a certain extent on the basis of Russia, almost wholly by Great Britain.

The British members advise the representatives of other nations where and just how much Great Britain will permit them to spend at stated intervals, how much they will be permitted to contract for in the United States with the British guarantee of payment and how the money shall be spent.

The only time the committee's plan failed of operation was about six months ago and the effects of the failure have not yet been eradicated. This was in connection with purchases by the allies in the United States. Russia has been notified by the British members that she might spend a certain amount of money for war supplies in this country. The amount allowed was between \$300,000,000 and \$500,000,000.

Huge Commitments Make Trouble. Whether the allotment was fully understood by the Russian government is not known, but what Russia did was to spend the sum allotted and in addition make huge commitments in this country for further supplies. These commitments, covering many months, were said to run into the hundreds of millions of dollars, and in excess of the amount allotted her by the British government.

In making these contracts, Russia apparently failed to consult the committee. When the contracts became due in part, Russia had insufficient funds to meet them and the committee, not having authorized the making of the contracts, had to devise quickly some method of paying the bills. This was extremely difficult and the demoralization of the foreign exchange markets in this country was attributed in no small measure to this cause.

Since that time Russia has adhered strictly to the wishes of the committee. Bills Paid by British. In return, Great Britain is paying her bills here. Not only these bills, but those of Italy, and more recently France, are being paid today by Great Britain.

A single financial house—J. P. Morgan & Co.—acts as the disbursing agency of the British government in this country. Its disbursements are understood to cover payments of all goods purchased for the allies here.

Great Britain keeps a record of the amounts which her allies draw against her and separate transactions between the British government and those of the other allies provide for a settling of the score among the allies.

delivered another address today on the boat. C. C. Thomason, of the State Superintendent's office, gave a stereoscopic lecture in the high school auditorium last night.

GLENDALE PEOPLE ANXIOUS

Offer of Expenses Made to Bring Road Survey Through Town.

CANYONVILLE, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Surveyors at work from Glendale to Wolf Creek and Cow Creek to seek the best grade on the Wolf Creek side of the mountain from Glendale, report that the grade is 19.8 per cent, while the Cow Creek crossing route is about 4 miles shorter and the grade is less than one-third that of the Glendale route.

Glendale people realized the difference was against them, they called a mass meeting and offered to pay expenses of the survey if it would follow the road to Glendale back up the south bank of the Cow Creek to the Cow Creek road.

Beautiful Red Vine Lures Tourists to Poison.

Portland Druggists Prosper When Eastern Visitors Pluck Enchanting Poison Oak Leaves and Then Learn Error.

LOCAL drug stores report an unprecedented sale of poison oak remedies in the past few months, and thereby hangs a tale—the old, old tale of how evil always appears disguised in colors of beauty and allurements.

Just at this season of the year the poison oak changes its hue from plain green to red, the most gorgeous red among all the colors that appear among the stretches of Autumn foliage.

Many do not recognize poison oak in this attractive scarlet disguise and to them the pretty leaves have a disastrous attraction. It is with visiting tourists, however, that the poison oak has played most false, for they don't even know, in many cases, that such an irritating thing exists.

Time and again visiting tourists have come into the hotels laden with the graceful vines and brilliant leaves of poison oak, to learn all too late the manner in which they had plucked.

All of which is fine for the druggists who have poison oak remedies to sell, but, as the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce would say, "a damned poor attraction to put up for visiting tourists from the East."

There seems to be no way to combat the danger, except for the Chamber or other organization to take steps to warn the tourists, through the hotel clerks, that when they see out in the Oregon woods, if they see a graceful vine, or a slender shrub (it grows in both forms), which has brilliant red leaves shaped in the general contour of a small oak leaf without the deep flanges in the edge—that is a shrub to look at and not to pick, if they want to avoid a pleasant memory of their visit to Portland.

MIRACLE DRAMA IS COMING

Drama, Similar to 'Damaged Goods,' Opens at National Tomorrow.

Final performances of "The Price of Her Silence," featuring Miss Florence LaBadie, will be given at the National Theater today. The drama has created something of a sensation in Portland. Appearing on the screen with it will be "Everyheart," an unusual morality play, and "A Corner in Cats," comedy.

"The Miracle of Life," a drama similar in its handling to "Damaged Goods," but treating of the subject of birth control, will be featured at the National tomorrow.



BEN SELLING

Leading Clothier, Morrison at Fourth

VANCOUVER CLUB ASTIR

COMMERCIAL BODY TO REORGANIZE AND INCREASE MEMBERSHIP.

Paul E. Poindexter With Executive Committee Is at Work After Quiet Survey of Resources.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The Vancouver Commercial Club will be reorganized, rejuvenated, renovated and revived. The work already has begun and will continue night and day for the next month or six weeks.

"Vancouver now fully realizes that to come into its own it must have a real, representative, business-like organization if it is to compete successfully with its neighbors," said Mr. Poindexter tonight. "You can't get game by using blank cartridges. Vancouver has great natural advantages and great opportunities. Now its citizens realize that through a central representative organization—an organization that serves as a brain, the dynamo of the community, that they can place Vancouver in the first rank where it rightfully belongs. It will be only through a representative organization, taking

UNIVERSITY HEAD NAMED

DR. RAY LYMAN WILBUR IS PRESIDENT OF STANFORD.

New Official Is Graduate From Institution He Will Have in Charge After First of Year.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Oct. 15.—Appointment of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur as president of Stanford University was announced today. He will succeed President Bramer January 1. Dr. David Starr Jordan, the present chancellor of the university, resigned as its first president in 1913. At that time, when President John Casper Bramer, then head of the geology department, was made president, he announced that when he reached the age of 65, in May, 1915, he would step down. Last May, in answer to the request of trustees and faculty, he consented to remain as president until his successor was appointed.

On October 14, when he was notified of Dr. Wilbur's appointment, he formally tendered his resignation. Dr. Wilbur was born at Booneville, Ia., April 13, 1875, the son of Dwight Locke Wilbur and Edna Marie Lyman Wilbur. He received his A. B. degree at Stanford in 1896 and his master's degree a year later.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 15.—Widows' pensions of \$12 a month have been granted to Hattie B. Hill, Portland; Christianna Ken-

AUTUMN sports call for new apparel—garments that will satisfy the critical taste of the young man and please the eyes of the admiring throngs that behold him.

—New York is sending me the latest styles in young men's Suits and Overcoats; they're on display here as soon as received—something new nearly every day. \$15 to \$25

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gan adopted at a meeting of the officers of the Western Oregon Fruit Distributors held in Roseburg. Among those in attendance at the meeting were C. A. Malboeuf, general manager of the association; C. A. Brand, president, and F. W. Franz, secretary. Verbal reports of the officers indicated that the apple crop was short in all sections of the country, presumably on account of the prolonged dry weather.

STABBING IS YET MYSTERY

Woman Victim at Seattle Identified as False Accident Defrauder.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 15.—Mrs. Jean Thomas, who was dangerously stabbed Wednesday night by a man who attacked her at Eighth avenue and King street, was identified by the police yesterday as Mrs. Myrtle Maud Johnson, who served a term in the Washington Penitentiary for making false accident claims against public service corporations. Mrs. Johnson, who admitted her identity, has a record of more than 50 accident claims against corporations, extending from Kansas City to the Pacific Coast, according to the police.

There is much mystery about the stabbing. When first taken to the city hospital she said she had been robbed. She later denied this, but would give the police no definite information concerning her assailant.

TEACHERS ON EXCURSION

Franklin and Benton County Institute Has Programme on Rives.

PASCO, Wash., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The joint teachers' institute being held in Pasco for Franklin County and Benton County went on an excursion up the Columbia River today. The steamer "Twin Cities" was chartered for the day and the instructors taken aboard where the regular programme of the day was carried out.

Large advertisement for a Saturday night shopping service. It features illustrations of various goods like shoes, clothing, and furniture. Text includes: "The Entire World Contributes Its Choicest at the Stores Listed Below. All Specialists in Their Line. OPEN TONIGHT (SATURDAY)—COME! The Convenient Shopping Time. Members by Invitation--The Saturday Night Shopping Service"

- List of participating stores and their addresses: C. H. Baker (Shoes, 270 Morrison), A. & C. Feldenheimer (Jewelers, Park and Washington), Knight Shoe Co. (Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Broadway and Morrison), Mathis (Clothing, Furnisher, Hatter, 147-149 Sixth street), Powers Furniture Co. (Furniture, Draperies, House Furnishings, Third and Yamhill), Phegley & Cavender (Clothing, Furnishers and Hatters, Fourth and Alder), Rosenthal & Co. (Hanan Shoes, Main Store, 129 Tenth street, Branch, 308 Washington street), Samuel Rosenblatt & Co. (Clothing, Furnishers and Hatters, 266 Morrison), Ben Selling (Clothing, Furnisher and Hatter, Fourth and Morrison), Sherman-Clay & Co. (Pianos, Talking Machines, Records, Sixth and Morrison), M. Sichel (Men's Furnisher and Hatter, 331 Washington), Staiger Shoe Co. (Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, 292 Washington), Max M. Smith (Florist, Cut Flowers and Plants, 141 1/2 Sixth st., near Alder), Woodard, Clarke & Co. (Druggists, Wood-Lark Building, West Park and Alder).