

DELIVERIES SLOW, SHARPE DECLARES

Shortage of Clothing for Soldiers Explained by Quartermaster-General.

BIG ORDERS PLACED EARLY

Garment Makers' Strikes Said to Have Held Back Needed Supplies—1,300,000 Men to Be Provided For Early in 1918.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Criticism of the system of the War Department and Council of National Defense in securing clothing and other supplies for the Army was renewed by members of the Senate military committee today during the further examination of Major General Sharpe, Quartermaster-General.

General Sharpe said in response to questions that his approval of contracts negotiated by the Council's supplies committee was to an extent perfunctory and none had ever been disapproved. He defended the establishment of the civilian committee, however, as a necessity because of the enormous task involved in handling war orders for the expanding Army.

Shortages of winter clothing, General Sharpe attributed largely to belated deliveries on account of garment makers' strikes and lack of special machinery in private factories, and to the decision to send American soldiers to France earlier than originally planned.

Overcoat Deliveries Slow.

Orders to clothe more than 1,850,000 men have been given, General Sharpe stated, and early next year it is expected to have on hand enough for 1,300,000. Overcoat deliveries, he said, were 48 per cent behind contract, November 20.

Steps taken by Secretary Baker before the American war declaration to secure clothing for a large army were again recounted by General Sharpe. On April 4, two days before the war, the Secretary authorized emergency contracts to clothe 500,000 men, and contracts were let in the open market without advertising. For another half-million men contracts were let in May with the assistance of the Council of National Defense.

Cantonnement Work Discussed.

Questions relating to cantonnement construction contracts were asked by the committee, but General Sharpe said all cantonnement matters had been handled by General Littell. The latter and his assistants, including Major Sterrett, are to be called soon.

Tomorrow the committee expects to hear, probably in executive session, Major-Generals Wright and Greble, commanders of Camps Doniphan and Bowie, respectively, regarding their recent inspection of General Pershing's expedition, and their own camp experiences.

Senator Weeks today brought out the fact that Boston wool dealers early in the war offered wool supplies to the War Department.

"Was anything done?" he asked.

"Not then," General Sharpe answered. "Later I think the Council of National Defense took up the matter."

Scraps Contract Cancelled.

Senator Weeks brought out that the supplies committee of the Council recommended a contract for sorting scraps from Army cloth at 6 cents a pound and that it was found excessive and cancelled. Two cents later was reported as a fair price. A Mr. Kaplan said to be a brother of a member of the Council's committee, was mentioned as a member of the firm that got the 6-cent contract.

At the 6-cent rate the private contractors' profits were estimated by General Sharpe at \$400,000 a year. If he had known all the facts at the time, General Sharpe said, he would not have signed the contract.

SUGAR CROP APPORTIONED

Members of International Committee Confer With Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Sir Joseph White Todd and J. Ramsay Drake, allied representatives on the international sugar committee, which has just worked out a plan for dividing next year's Cuban crop among the allies and the United States, discussed the sugar situation here today with Food Administration Hoover.

The allies, they said, must depend upon the Western Hemisphere next year for their sugar supplies. Plans are for the allies to go through the year on half their normal consumption, as they realize they have had supplies in the last few months only through sacrifice by the American people.

\$50,000 THEFT DISCLOSED

New Yorker Held for Embezzlement of Government Property.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Louis Davidson, proprietor of a both shrinking and refitting works in this city, was locked up in the Tombs prison tonight on a charge of embezzling Government property.

The arrest was made in connection with the disappearance of 350 bolts of olive drab uniform cloth valued at \$50,000, which for several months has puzzled the quartermaster's department of the Army.

ROUGH DANCING IS TABOO

Aberdeen and Hoquiam to Curb Public Amusements.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Police matrons hereafter will be in attendance at all public dances given in Aberdeen and Hoquiam under orders of the police departments of the two cities, following many complaints against rough dancing.

Any person found resorting to rough dancing will be ordered to desist or leave the floor.

INCENDIARY PLOT FOUND

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alarmed and fled, leaving his belongings behind him.

State Fire Marshal Wells has a theory that an effort was planned to burn all of the mills in that vicinity at one time and bewilder the residents of the little town by starting all the blazes possible.

One of the letters discovered contains information upon which is based the belief that a scheme was brewing

to destroy grain warehouses from Gaston to Sheridan and Salem, as these towns and the intervening distance were specifically mentioned in the letter along with the reference to the warehouses.

The fire in the Johnson mill did damage which the fire marshal estimates at \$20,000, the loss including 4975 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of oats, 29 tons of chopped feed, 1 1/2 tons of flour, and did considerable damage to the building.

Safe-Drilling May Be Blamed.

At first the theory was advanced that the job was done by yeggmen, as the safe had been drilled from the back side. Fire Marshal Wells said, however, that his deputies have located some young women who, while on their way home from a dance, discovered the fire, and they say that the fire started in another end of the building entirely from the one in which the safe was located.

The Fire Marshal advances the theory that the work on the safe was done as a blind.

The three deputies returned to McMinnville today for conferences with District Attorney Conner and Sheriff Henderson and further investigations will be made.

It is expected that evidence of a still more serious nature will be brought to light, as the deputies told Mr. Wells of certain information they had obtained from an apparently reliable source, but it is of such a nature that they are unwilling to divulge it at this time.

FOOD STOCKS CHECKED

BUREAU OF MARKETS STARTS A NATION-WIDE SURVEY.

Only One County in Oregon Selected Because of Wide Variety of Industrial and Agricultural Interests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Forty-one counties in 31 states and New York City have been selected by the bureau of markets for an intensive store-to-store canvass as a part of the nationwide food survey to be made December 31 by the bureau in co-operation with state and local agencies.

All retail dealers in groceries, meat, flour and feed in the territory will be asked to fill out blanks showing how much food they have on hand on the day of the survey.

The results from this store-to-store canvass, the bureau announced today, will be used in checking up returns to be received by mail from all dealers, manufacturers and holders of food-stuffs in all other sections of the country. The counties were selected because of the wide variety of industrial and agricultural industries found among them. Among the counties selected are:

Coos, Or., and Walla Walla, Wash.

Numerous surveys of food and market conditions are being made by the bureau of markets of the Department of Agriculture, all of them directly independent of the Federal food administration, officials of the latter state. It is understood here that Coos County was selected in Oregon on account of the location of leaders of the O. A. C. extension department.

Several restaurant keepers in Portland have received blanks on which information for one of the surveys is to be recorded. Other restaurant men, hearing of the matter but not receiving blanks, have rushed to the food administration to seek enlightenment.

The possibility of fines or penalties. They have been sent away assured that they need not worry about answering Department of Agriculture blanks unless they receive them.

INDIANS READY TO BATTLE

Chief Promises Band's Aid to U. S. If Call Is Issued.

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 27.—Venturo Montoya, Governor of the San Juan Pueblos, today declared he was "ready to send all his men, old and young, to fight for the flag if they were needed."

The Governor and some 25 Indian village officials were here attending the hearing of a case in Circuit Court in which the court held that Montoya was entitled to recover from Ambrosio Martin, his predecessor, the "Lincoln Case" and other incidents of the Governor's office, which Montoya claims Martin has held illegally.

President Lincoln, during his administration, presented a gold-headed cane to the Governors of a number of New Mexico pueblo villages, and they have been carefully preserved and handed down from each chief to his successor.

RED CROSS BUYS SUPPLIES

Umatilla Chapter Appropriates \$5000 for Material.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—An appropriation of \$5000 for the purchase of materials to make surgical and hospital supplies has been made by the directors of the Umatilla County chapter of the American Red Cross. A cutting machine has also been ordered and will be used to cut the surgical supplies and patterns to be made up by the chapter and the auxiliaries.

Seven different patterns of surgical garments will be made here this year. Two new members were placed on the executive committee. They are Mrs. Henry Thompson, in charge of the home classes in nursing, and James H. Gwynn, director of publicity.

POTATO GROWERS TO MEET

Starch Making Will Be Main Topic at Vancouver, Wash., Conference.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—The Clarke County (Potato Growers' Association will meet here Saturday. Professor M. J. Newhouse will discuss starch making. A representative of a starch factory at Beaverton, Or., will tell what his factory is doing and how it is done.

C. S. English, president, and Mr. Newhouse, inspected the Beaverton plant yesterday.

A series of lectures on potato culture will be given in Vancouver, Ridgefield, Washougal, East Mill Plain and Battle Ground in February. The study of home economics also will be demonstrated, and the food value of prunes and potatoes will be shown.

REMARKS CAUSE TROUBLE

Fireman Gets Into Difficulty When He Talks Pro-German.

Alleged pro-German remarks by Daniel Haller have made him serious trouble. His case was reported yesterday to the Municipal civil service board.

It was found that Haller was born in Dietzenbach, Germany, and that in signing civil papers at the time he sought admission to the fire service in 1911 he said his place of birth was Denver, Colo. He has taken out his first papers. His alleged pro-German statements at the fire station brought about the investigation of the civil service records.

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GUNS STILL ACTIVE

Artillery Battle Is Raging on Verdun Front.

GERMANS TWICE REPULSED

Two Shock Battalions Sent Forward Beaten Back by French Forces; Teutons Leave Prisoners and Many Dead on Field.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Artillery fighting continues on the Verdun front, where the French yesterday broke up two

German attacks, the War Office announces. Following is the statement: (Verdun front) the artillery battle continues on the front north of Caurieres wood.

"Information now at hand shows that the attack carried out yesterday by the Germans in this region was very violent. After strong artillery preparations, the enemy sent forward two shock battalions. They were dispersed by the French fire. In the second attempt parts of the enemy troops succeeded in approaching our positions, but were immediately ejected in a spirited engagement.

"The enemy dead remaining on the ground between the lines and in the wire entanglements demonstrated the importance of the losses suffered by the Germans who left prisoners in our hands."

LONDON, Dec. 27.—"Except for some hostile artillery activity north and east of Ypres," Field Marshal Haig reported today to the British War Office, "there was nothing to report last night."

Colonel Pierce Joins War Council. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A further

step was taken by Secretary Baker today toward the expansion of his new War Council into the dominant War Department agency on all instructions relating to supply and equipment in appointing to membership on the council Colonel Palmer E. Pierce, who now represents the department on the War Industries Board. Colonel Pierce has been nominated to be a Brigadier-General. He will continue to serve on the War Industries Board.

FOREIGN TRADE INCREASES

Overseas Clearances Show 1,500,000-Ton Rise; Total Drops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Clearances of American merchantmen from this country in the overseas trade increased more than 1,500,000 tons during the 10 months of 1917, as compared with the same period last year, figures issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce show.

There was a decrease, however, in

total clearances, the figures being 42,686,787 for the 10 months this year, as against 45,064,838 in the same period the previous year.

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