

GOVERNMENT COIN USED VERY FREELY

Admiral Bowles Tells of Big
Funds Expended in Ship-
yard Deals.

VALUE RECEIVED DOUBTED

Former Head of One Concern, Who
Now Has Nothing to Do With Com-
pany, Draws \$10,000 Salary.
Labor Is Not Profiteering.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Rear Admiral Bowles, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, today told the Senate investigating committee that the government was paying all salaries in the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, under its contract, excepting some, aggregating about \$150,000 a year.

The Admiral cited the Sloan Shipbuilding Corporation of Seattle, Wash., as an instance of where the government had taken complete control. The contract, he said, had eliminated Sloan from the company, but continued to pay him \$10,000 a year instead of \$25,000 formerly paid by the company.

"Still drawing \$10,000 and yet nothing to do with the company," suggested Senator Nelson.

"Yes," responded the Admiral, "just to keep quiet and help us keep things in order. I'll admit it looks like too much, but it was driving a bargain in which we had no absolute rights."

Yard Has Big Contract.
The Sloan yard, the Admiral testified, has a \$7,500,000 contract for 15 wooden ships and 2 per cent are complete, as the government already has advanced \$1,750,000.

The government, he said, insisted on a reorganization of the company in August and forced new accounting methods. The Admiral said the government had taken a \$750,000 mortgage on the Sloan plant.

Senator Nelson suspected a possible connection of the steel corporation with the Sloan contract. He asked if Joseph B. Cotton, who had helped General Goethals negotiate the original contract with the Sloan Company, was not the same Cotton whom he recalled as having been in Wisconsin as counsel for the steel corporation and who later on had moved to New York.

Admiral Bowles said he had been told it was not.

Labor Assumes Responsibility.
Meyer Bloomfield, of Boston, in charge of the industrial service department of the corporation, said labor had assumed its share of responsibility and that there have been no organized efforts of labor to profiteer. Replying to questions he said he had seen no evidence of enemy activity in the ranks of labor.

"So far as this wage problem is concerned," Mr. Bloomfield said, "some profiteers are beating us to it." "Do these conditions prevail on the Pacific Coast?" asked Senator Johnson. "On the Pacific Coast," he replied, "as a whole, I think the situation is pretty well taken care of."

The inquiry will be resumed tomorrow.

104 TRAINS ELIMINATED

PENNSYLVANIA CURTAILS SERVICE
TO MOVE FREIGHT.

Congressional Limited Cancelled and
Not More Than One Parlor Car
Will Be On Any Train.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—The Pennsylvania Railroad today made a drastic cut in its passenger service in an effort to clear the lines for freight traffic. The company cancelled 104 trains, including the Congressional Limited, operating on the lines east of Pittsburgh. The change will take effect January 6.

Not more than one parlor car hereafter will be permitted on any day-train anywhere on the Pennsylvania system. All parlor cars will be withdrawn on the Schuylkill Division, which includes Reading, Pottsville and Wilkesbarre.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will not use the Pennsylvania station in New York, because it would create too much congestion, but the two companies will alternate in train service between New York and Washington.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 2.—Railroad executives of lines in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico, meeting here today, decided to abolish all up-town passenger and freight offices, eliminate passenger and freight solicitors and appoint a committee of five, which will revise schedules so as to do away with unnecessary passenger trains and substitute therefore needed freight trains.

MISSING GIRLS FOUND

PORTLAND TRIO HAS GAY TIME,
BUT NEARLY GOES TO JAIL.

Dorothy and Clara Lang and Jane
Darling Tell Los Angeles Police
They Would Get in Films.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The dream of a glorious screen career of Dorothy and Clara Lang, twins, of Portland, who have evaded the police of the entire Coast for nearly a month, and Jane Darling, another 13-year-old Portland girl, came near collapsing in the City Jail today following an all-night outing with a New Year's party. A trip in the overboard of a quantity of jewelry and \$7 were records to the happy party.

Frank McClelland, who wears a Deputy Sheriff's star, was host to the three girls. Along toward the early morning hours he misplaced his Deputy Sheriff's star and the \$7. Unable to locate these articles in his clothing he seized all of the jewelry owned by the girls, according to the story of the quartet.

After a long argument they reported to the police station and requested Detective Sergeants Bean and McCann to straighten out the tangle. Then it was that the girls were recognized as the Portland runaway. McClelland found his star and money in an inside coat pocket. A letter from M. S. Newman, of Portland, dated a month ago requested the Los Angeles police to

watch for the Lang twins, as they had mysteriously disappeared. As the girls were without funds and wanted to work in pictures, the Newmans felt anxious about their welfare. A later letter received here several days ago from Newman countermanded the order for their arrest.

After the jewelry tangle had been straightened out and the girls lectured about the dangers of a city they were permitted to go.

"We have had all kinds of amateur experience on the stage," declared Dorothy Lang.

"When we signed a contract to go to Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Newman prevented our going. We ran away and are making our way by working in each city." The girls were staying in an apartment-house at 557 Fremont avenue.

Detective Bean said that, while the girls had committed no wrong and the entire affair was a misunderstanding, he had advised them to return to their home or get in touch with a reliable picture concern. This they agreed to do.

NORWAY IS WARNED

QUESTION OF HOW TO GET ENOUGH
FOOD ALL-ABSORBING.

Government Proclaims Suffering and
Danger in Store and Says Chances
of War Now Greater.

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 2.—With the beginning of the new year the Norwegian newspapers are discussing the foreign political situation in general, and especially the problem as to how an understanding with the United States regarding food exports to Norway can be reached. A system of strict rationing as regards flour, bread, sugar and coffee was put into effect today with the prospect that a lessened ration might be necessary two months hence.

The government warned the Nation, through the clergy at the New Year's service, in an official proclamation, that suffering and danger were in store for it during the coming year and called upon the people to show resignation and practice frugality, as the food supply was poor, while the chances of Norway being drawn into the war were greater than before. The newspaper criticized the government for withholding information as to whence the danger threatened.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—An agreement has been reached between the War Trade Board and the Scandinavian countries whereby a quantity of necessities shall be sent to Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

HOOVER DEFENDS ACTION

BUT FOR CONTRACT SUGAR PRICES
WOULD HAVE GONE HIGHER.

Food Administrator Does Not Believe
His Warnings of Shortage In-
duced People to Hoard.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Food Administrator Hoover told the Senate investigating committee today he did not believe his earlier warnings of sugar shortage had anything to do with frightening people into hoarding or provided an excuse for dealers to raise prices. He believed the high prices extorted by dealers in isolated cases were an illustration of what would have been a general condition throughout the country had not the food administration arranged prices between producers and refiners.

Had the government purchased sugar imports as he advocated last Summer, the food administrator said, no price agreements would be necessary now. The voluntary price agreements, he thought, had retarded soaring prices and in some cases actually had been the causes of reductions.

BUILDING ACTIVE AT CAMP

New Structures at Lewis Canton-
ment Will Cost \$400,000.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Jan. 2.—With the beginning of work today by the camp Quartermaster's Department, a total of \$400,000 worth of construction is in progress in Camp Lewis.

The new hospital plan begun under the direct supervision of Major John Coffee Hays includes a large building to provide adequate quarters for the nurses, a building to quarter the base hospital officers and a dental infirmary. The three buildings will cost about \$150,000.

Work is soon to begin on an extension of 20 feet to the administration building, and a tailor and shoe shop, equipped with modern machinery, will be erected near the Quartermaster's warehouses.

Improvements are under way at the remount station, where new stables and hay sheds are being built at a cost of \$30,000.

FIVE NEGROES SENTENCED

Hanging Deceit for Soldiers In-
volved in Houston Riots.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 2.—Five of the negroes tried by the last court-martial in connection with the Houston riots have been sentenced to be hanged, according to the verdict of the court announced by Major-General Ruckman this morning.

They are privates of Company I, 24th United States Infantry. Execution of the sentence will be suspended until after the case is reviewed by President Wilson. Three of the 15 tried were sentenced to 10 years at Leavenworth and seven to seven years each.

SUICIDE IS NEW THEORY
Money Belonging to E. J. Frasier
Found on Gearhart Beach.

SEASIDE, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Money supposed to belong to E. J. Frasier, who left Eugene recently after being convicted on a charge of forgery, was found on Gearhart Beach Tuesday afternoon. The money is now in possession of City Marshal Ober, of Gearhart, and the authorities at Eugene have been notified. It is thought Frasier became demented and committed suicide.

A man bearing his description was seen in Gearhart for several days, acting in a peculiar manner.

GRAND JURY IS SUMMONED
Liquor Violation to Be Investigated
by Yakima Officers.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—A grand jury was called in Superior Court this

morning to report January 15. Prosecuting Attorney Schumann says he has a number of cases of alleged illicit sales of liquor and other complaints to submit to the grand jury. It is not expected that sensational cases, such as followed a grand jury session two years ago, will be duplicated this year. On that occasion several county officers were put on trial, one forced to resign, and later all three members of the Board of County Commissioners were recalled.

Army Orders.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Major-General George W. Read has been assigned to command the 15th Cavalry Division of regulars at Camp Logan, Texas.

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SATIN BED SPREADS \$2.95—\$3.25

—Fine finished satin bed spreads, in many new circular patterns; with hemmed ends, \$2.95; scalloped, \$3.25.

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—Very heavy crochet spreads for single beds; in a good variety of designs; excellent quality.

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—One of our finest and most popular corsets—made of fine broche in flesh color. With low bust, medium long hip and back. Daintily trimmed with lace and ribbon.

—Medium bust, medium long hip and back style. Made of good coutil, with embroidery trimming. Finished with guaranteed clasp.

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