Supplies Committeemen Grab Jobs Totaling \$128,830,-000. Confesses Member.

SOLDIERS POORLY

Uniforms Shown to Be Shoddy and Not Half as Warm or Good as Huns', While 80 Per Cent of Army Shoes Don't Fit.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- In further investigation of clothing and other

Before presenting the statement asked for by Senator McKellar yesterday. Eisenman in concluding his test mony, staunchip defended the commit-tee's work, upheid the policy of secrecy in advance of lerung contracts and again insisted that the men given the much-discussed scrap-sorting contract would have been limited to a nominal

### Defense Council Suggested.

Members of the military committee tonight were prepared to launch legis-lation the first results of the inquiry. Chairman Chamberlain plans to introduce tomorrow a bill to create a new Cabinet member, known as the Secre-tary of Munitions, to have complete s of all war material purchas-It is promised virtually unanittee support.

Another bill which Senator McKellar plans to introduce tomorrow as a re-sult of the investigation would amend the National defense act creating the Council of National Defense, so as to abolish all civilian advisory commit-

Nine ilrms were named in Mr. Eisen man's statement as being among those who had received Army supply orders from the committee and whose repre-sentatives served with the committee. Firms Are Listed.

The firms named, their representative on the committee, the amount of the contracts received and the total of contracts for the kind of merchandise in which they were interested, follow:

American Woolen Company, F. R. Eddington, \$82,735,000 (\$238,692,000).

Wallington, Sears & Co., Mr. Balley, \$3,572,000 | \$191,372,000).

William Iselin & Co., Idecoin Cremwell, \$1,072,000 (\$74,825,000).

J. Spencer Turner, A. L. Scott, \$8,437,000 (\$101,572,600).

Called States Busting Company, George Stavens, \$1,546,000 (\$90,310,000). Cleveland Worsted Company Company, Charles #4,007,000 \(\$149,338,000)

Of the contracts given to the Cleveland Worsted Company, of which Mr. Elsenman is a stockholder, it was al-leged that only \$612,700 were negotiat-

ed after the supplies committee was During his explanation of the cor mittee's work, Eisenman again vigor-

tions impugning his motives and insulting, and clashed with Senators Bay City Newspaper Man Senator Weeks and McKellar.

## Eisenman Partly Backed.

Testimony supporting Eisenman's satentions that quality of Army clothing had not been lowered by his orders for use of more reworked wool, or shoddy, in the cloth was given by Michael E. Driscoll, an expert wool manufacturer of Raritan, N. J., who said the new cloth virtually is as warm and

Testimony regarding Army shoes also was heard today from E. J. Bliss, of Boston, who said about 80 per cent of American soldlers' shoes do not fit and charged delay by the War Depart-ment in adopting a correct shoe fitting

Inquiry into the clothing question will be resumed tomorrow. At an executive session late today, the committee decided to expedite its investiga-tions as much as possible and here-after limit detailed examination of wit-

ORIENTAL NATION HAS 125,000 MEN

Do Ita Share in Struggle Against Autocracy.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.-China already has 125,000 men behind the firing lines in Mesopotamia and France, Dr. Well-ington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to this country, said in an address here today before the Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York. When the Chinese commissioners now in the United States return to their own country, British advice to their government, Dr. Koo said, undoubtedly would result in increased military activity. "China in-tends doing her utmost in this struggle

## EVERY MEAL A POISONOUS INJECTION

Few folks suffering from kidney and bladder troubles ever think that the meals which they are taking are hastening their death. Every morsel of food taken gives up its quantity of uric acid. This poison is taken into the system through a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder. In the healthy man nature provides an outlet for this poison. Those in ill-health must take a medicinal help to drive this death-dealing poison from the system. For over 200 years GOLD MEDAL Haarism Cil Capsules have been doing this work. They effect prompt relief in all diseases arising from kidney and bladder troubles. Don't put off this vital matter of attending to your health until it is time to make your funeral arrangements. Get a box of GOLD MEDAL Hanrism Oil Capsules today. Look for the genuine. Your druggist sells them. They are guaranteed or money refunded. Insist on GOLD MEDAL Brand.—Adv.

against autocracy," the Ambassador The members of the commission, Dr. Roo declared, had been greatly impressed by the earnestness of the American people in the war prepara-

"At present there about 125,000 Chinese with the allies in Mesopotamia and France," Dr. Koo said. "These are skilled bricklayers, masons and carpenters, but when this commission returns we have no doubt that their advices will result in increased military activity.

activity.

"We of China have been impressed by the business ethics of the American people and you of America knew that China also has followed a policy of business honesty.

"We have natural wealth and an abundance of cheap but efficient labor, and with the assistance of this great Nation we should be able to do our share. We realize that we must do our bit and do it quickly."

## POLICE WORK IS STUDIED

Head of Tacoma Protective Office Confers With Lola Buldwin.

Having been appointed superintendent of the Tacoma Police Department patterned after the Portland system, and established through the co-opera-

### EARLY VICTORY PREDICTED

Serbia's Foreign Minister Sends New

ers was expressed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia in his New Year's greeting to the State Depart-ment. The message made public today

new year to tender to Your Excellency in the name of the royal government of Serbia and in my own name our best wishes in the Arm conviction that it will bring us final victory over the common foe. I doubt not that it will open a new era, which will insure the intellectual and economic forces.
"PASCHITCH,
"Foreign Minister."

### WORK FOUND FOR 35,400

Municipal Employment Bureau Reports Year's Activities.

Portland's municipal employment \$3.673.000 \$1591,372,000).

William isein & Co., Lincoln Cremwell,
\$1.623.000 (\$74,825,000).

J. Spencer Turner, A. L. Scott, \$8,437,000
(\$101,372,000).

United States Rubber Company, A. W.
Lawrence, \$5.762.000 (\$74,878,000).

W. H. McElwain Ca. J. F. McElwain,
\$8,239,000 (\$39,536,000).

United States Busing Company, Carrette City, and 13,634 outside the city and 13,634 outside the city and 13,634 outside the city. The work furnished was of every sort. Among other figures in the rebureau got work during 1917 for \$1,664

inside the city and 12,555 outside the city. The work furnished was of every sort. Among other figures in the report are 1448 apple pickers sent to Hood River; 432 men sent to Eastern Oregon grain fields, 836 strawberry number of farm hands sent out was 5557. Drector Jones asserts the Portland bureau will have the best record for 1917 of any old in the services of women record by Austria." concluded Dr. Change and Canada, and even for 1917 of any city in the United

## WRITER GOES TO CAPITAL

Johnson's Secretary.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 .- (Special.) -Franck R. Havenner, one of the best known of San Francisco newspaper men, has accepted the position of private secretary to United States Sena-tor Hiram W. Johnson. He leaves for Washington in a few days to assume durable. He added, however, that the German uniform is 50 per cent better and cost less.

Washington in a lew days to be durable. Havenner succeeds Paul Herriot, who resigned the secretaryship recently to join the aviation

newspapermen. Havenner is a Stan-

New Hospital at Paris Planned. CHICAGO Jan. 3 .- A commission

made up of 80 members of four affilated organizations of physicians, surgeons, and medical research workers meeting here today launched a cam-paign to raise \$350,000 to be used in the establishment of "the allied hos-pital unit" base hospital in Paris. The members present represented the

Ambassador Declares His Country Will

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## Columbia River Falls.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3,-(Special)—The Columbia River has dropped so far that the lower dock is no longer covered with water here and the fire department today went down and cleaned off the mud that had accumulated. While it has been raining the last few days, it is thought here that the river has reached its crest this time. It has made a record for eing so high at this season of the year.

Meat Stock Largest in Years. CHICAGO, Jan. 3 .- According to 1 of cut meats at leading Western packing points are the largest in 10 years. They aggregate 267,258,000 pounds, an increase of 100,400,000 in December.

Day Spent in Argument on Proposed Amendment to Constitution. .

### CLARK PROPOSAL OPPOSED

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt Principal Speakers; House to Consider Resolution Next Thursday.

Army supply contracts negotiated by local work, Miss Ethie B. Marsh is council of National defense, the Secate military committee today received from the cases as come to that branch of the police service.

Charles Elsenman, vice-chairman of the contracting committee, a statement of merchandise bought from firms whose members or employes are or were contracted with the committee.

Of supplies worth about \$500,000,000 higher the last eight months, Mr. Elsenman a statement discloses that sizes 300 werth came from such contractors' representatives became connected with the committee.

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this method was illegal and unneces-mary and would put Congress in the po-sition of saying that it recognized wom-an's rights to vote, but had proposed the most difficult method of having that right registered.

Mrs. Catt Makes Speech. Year's Greeting.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt spoke for the suffragists, taking as her argument the speech Chairman Webb, of the Judiciary committee, made to the House for the passage of the prohibition constitutional and an expressed by the Minister of all amendment. In that speech Mr. passage of the prohibition constitution-al amendment. In that speech Mr. Webb pleaded with the House to refer the amendment to the states and let the states decide for themselves in that way. By substituting the word "suf-frage" for the word "prohibition" throughout Mr. Webb's speech, Mrs. Catt used the Congressman's argument for her cause completely.

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"The charge that the majority of women are pacifists in the sense in which that word is used at the present time is absolutely disproved, not alone in the countries of our alles, but in our own country, by the zeal with which women have thrown themselves into war service," said Dr. Shaw.

Wemen Also Volunteer.

"It is no overstatement to say that where one man offered voluntarily to enlist 19 women have offered for active war work in the field in which women can serve the Government, and there are at present several millions of women today serving their country with just as much zeal in work as greatly needed as that in the camps or in the trenches; while thourands more are preparing themselves for the service so that just as soon as the country calls more men to fill the ranks they can fill the vacancles and carry on the absolutely essential work of provisioning and providing the Army with the equipment of war.

"If we need a more definite statement of this point, we need only to turn to the last election in Canada, which hinged entirely upon conscription." Women Also Volunteer.

by Austria," concluded Dr. Shaw, "it is a clear indication that the loyalty of American women, measured, not only during the war, but in every emergency in our country's history, demands that at this time the Government shall recognize the services

## RUSSIAN PARTY ARRIVES

Relative of Kerensky Comes to Study American Railroad Methods.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—Vladimir Baronovsky, of Petrograd, who said he was related by marriage to ex-Premier Alexander Kerensky, of Russia, arrived here today with his wife from the for-mer realms of the Czar, on their way section of the Signal Corps.

Havenner is best known as a political writer and reporter. He has been with the San Francisco Bulletin for several years and is president of the San Francisco Newspapermen's Club, an organization of 135 active, working acted in an advisory capacity to the Russian naval forces in the present

Haranovsky is the son of a prominent munitions manufacturer who is known as the "Krupp of Russia." He is here to study American rilroads and to introduce American methods in the chabilitation of the Russian-Siberian lines. His sister is the wife of Keren

The Bolsheviki rule in Russia canno last long, in the opinion of the visitors who said Kerensky was in hiding awaiting an opportunity to assert him-self and gain the upper hand.

## A. L. GROVER, 26, IS SUICIDE Man Shoots Himself When Despond-

ent Because of Debts.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3 .- (Special.)—Alfred Lawrence Grover, 26 years old, married and father of a son-committed suicide Monday by shooting himself with a rifle while his wife was visiting in Woodland, Wash. His body was found the next day by neighbors He wrote letters to his parents at Woodburn, Or., to his wife and one to his neighbors. He said in one of the letters that he was so heavily in debt he was giving up the struggle. Three weeks ago his baby tipped over its high chair and its head struck a sharp corner and death resulted.

Mr. Grover was employed by the
North Fork Logging Company. The

RUMOR SAYS NAON TO QUIT Argentine Ambassador Comments,

"Not That I Know Of."

body will be taken to Woodburn for

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan. 3 .-It is reported without confirmation that Dr. H. S. Naon, the Ambassador at Washington, has resigned in consequence of friction arising from the

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publication of the Secret Jelegrams sent by Count von Luxhurg before the latter's dismissal as German Minister to Argentina, to Berlin through the medium of the Swedish legation, In those telegrams Count von Luxburg advised the "sinking without a trace" of Argentine vessels and informed his government concerning ormed his government concerning ferman propaganda in South America. ome of the dispatches were withheld from publication for several weeks and it has been reported previously that Ambassador Naon, who sent them to his government with the expectation that they would be given out, was to be recalled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Naon, the Argentine Ambassador, when informed of the foregoing dispatch from Buenos Aires, said there was no comment he could make and added in response to a question as to whether he had resigned. "not that I know of."

The Government here also has received unofficial reports without confirmation that Ambassador Naon is to

## EARLY SHOPPING PATRIOTIC

Tacoma Women Have Chance to Help Shipbuilding Programme.

TACOMA, Jan. 3 .- (Special.) -- If Ta-WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Arguments by officials of the National Woman Suffrage Association occupied all of the first day of the hearing by the House suffrage committee on the constitutional amendment resolution which the time of the time of the suffrage committee on the constitutional amendment resolution which the time of the time o shipbuilding plant may be doubled in size. Mayor A. V. Fawcett today issued an appeal to the women to shop early so the workers can be handled without

lelay.

The Foundation Company, now building ships for the French government, the same concern that has a plant at

Portland.

Bayly Hipkins, Portland general manager of the Poundation's Western wards, told the City Council today that 10 ways would be constructed if the employes could obtain adequate transportation,

### JEWS GIVE FOR HOMELAND

Fund Being Raised for Establishing Palestine Project.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—More than one-quarter of the first \$1,000,000 fund be-ing raised for immediate needs in re-establishing a Jewish homeland in Palestine has been subscribed, it was announced tonight by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs. The campaign started Mon-day and met with an enthusiastic re-sponse from Jews in all parts of the Country, Dr. Wise stated.

Among the larger contributions are:
Jacob H. Schiff, \$25,000; Marion Travis,
of Tulsa, Okla., \$25,000, and Eugene

## CREWE HOUSE IS LOANED

Meyer, \$24,000.

London Home Becomes Great Anglo-American Exchange.

LONDON, Jan. 3.-The Marquis of Crewe, former Lord President of the Council, the Daily Express says, has loaned his London home, Crewe House, to the government for a national pur-

The house will be used, it is said, as the official headquarters of Viscount Northeliffe and the British mission to the United States, thus becoming great Anglo-American exchange, devoted to the united work of the two

## **GOVERNMENT BUYS PRUNES**

Total of 1,700,000 Pounds Purchased in Pacific Northwest.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 3.ert Paulus, secretary of the Salem Fruit Union, announced today the disposal of 1,700,000 pounds of Northwest prunes to the Government. The sale practi-cally cleans up packing-houses of the Northwest of those sizes, and leaves about 1,000,000 pounds of other sizes in their hands.

The prunes were sold at approxi-mately \$125,000. mately \$125,000.

The sale to the Government includes 1,000,000 pounds of 50-50s and 700,000 pounds of 60-70s. This is believed to be the largest single sale of prunes ever consummated in the Pacific North-

## AUTO ACCIDENT IS FATAL

Austin Myers, of Central Point, Succumbs to Injuries.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)— Austin Myers, who was injured in an auto wreck at Central Point December 31, died at the Sacrad Heart Hospital in Medford last night. In Medford last night.

His wife, who also was injured, is
on a fair way to recovery, says the attending physician, Dr. Sweeny. She
will be out of the hospital in a few o is days. Mr. Myers was well known in states.

## MRS. WILSON AIDS POOR

White House Motor Truck Used to Distribute Coal to Needy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took a hand today in helping the city's poor, suffering from a oal shortage, by putting a White House motor truck at the disposal of the movement for free distribution of oal to the needy.

Hawaii to Import Less Food.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Rigid conservation of food in the Hawalian islands will effect a reduction of ap-proximately 25 per cent in the terri-tory's imports of foodstuffs from the for the islands, who was here today on his way to attend a conference the country will be established soon at with Food Administrator Herbert C. Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, it was an-



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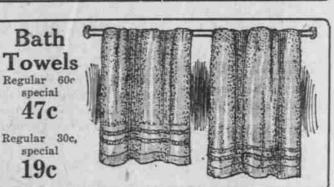
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Hoover and commissioners from all nounced at Western Department head- land adjacent to the camp, who have quarters today, as the result of the waived officially their rights of prose action of the owners of 60,000 acres of cution for trespass.

Parcels Can Be Sent to Portugal. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Establishsan Francisco, Jan. 3.—Laterish ment of a parcel post mailing service between the United States and Portugal, effective immediately, was provided in orders received here today by Jesse S. Roberts, superintendent of the railway mail service for the Eighth District. Packages for this service must not weigh more than 11 pounds, according to the instructions.

Red Cross Succors Sardania.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 .- The Amerwashingrow, Jan. 3 - 1 and the first relief from this country to Sardinia.

A cablegram from Rome today said Captains Carroll and J. P. Stevens, representing the Red Cross, arrived at Sardinia, December 17. Everywhere Sardinia, December 17. Everywhere they heard expressions of gratitude to

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