

TEXTILE WOOL PLIES UNDERGE PILES UP

War Trade Board Expected to Revoke Export and Import Licenses.

IMPORTANT FIRMS INVOLVED

Admission Made at Inquiry at New York That Agreement With Semi-Official Agency Was Violated.

NEW YORK, March 17.—A mass of direct testimony and documentary evidence indicating the connection of certain American wool importing and manufacturing concerns with an alleged conspiracy to insure German interests in the balance of power in the world's textile markets after the war, was in the possession of state authorities at the close last night of an inquiry conducted by State Attorney General Lewis.

Deputy Attorney Becker, who had active charge of the investigation, indicated that a transcript of the evidence taken will be furnished the War Trade Board at Washington, which, it is expected, will revoke the exporting and importing licenses of the alleged conspirators if they violated their trade agreements by acting as "dummies" in the purchase for German account of wool and textiles in South Africa, Australia, South America and elsewhere.

A feature of today's session of the inquiry was an admission by Otto Kuhn, wool manufacturer, that he had worried mills of Passaic, N. J., that his company had acted as the agent of German interests in bringing wool from British colonies into the United States in 1915.

Company's Agreement Violated. This was done, he said, after the company had agreed to abide by restrictions imposed by the Textile Alliance, Inc., a semi-official agency, to which the American and British governments gave regulatory powers designed to prevent these materials from reaching Germany.

Proceeding Kuhn as a witness, Thomas French, naturalized German and president of the Botany mills, testified that a majority of the company's stock was owned by Germans.

According to Mr. Becker, the "wool hoarding" scandal, which was exposed by Eugene Schwerdt, a wealthy wool merchant of New York and Boston, arrested February 25 and now awaiting internment as an enemy alien, was the result of the scheme originally intended to enable Germany to obtain sufficient wool for military and industrial purposes during the war.

Hoarding Conspiracy Alleged. But when the British fleet drew a blockade along the German and neutral European coasts, the Deputy Attorney General declared, the conspiracy developed into one of hoarding the wool, until peace should be concluded.

Officers of the Textile Alliance, Inc., who requested the investigation, issued a statement tonight containing this comment: "It will be seen that Forstmann, Huffman & Co. and the Botany Worsted Woolen Mills alike by false representations made to the Textile Alliance, Inc., to the National Association of Wool Manufacturers and to the British Embassy as to their ownership, status and condition, obtained in 1915 their approval by the British Embassy and the Foreign Office as approved recipients of British merchandise."

PATRIOTIC TEACHER LOSES Yakima Man Quits Job, Is Accepted at Home, but Rejected at Camp.

YAKIMA, Wash., March 17.—(Special)—F. H. Kreis, a member of the Yakima High School faculty, who recently resigned his position to enter the military service, has found himself the victim of the same system which has caused similar inconveniences and less to other Yakima men.

Mr. Kreis was examined here and accepted as physically fit for service. After surrendering his position in the school here and going to Camp Lewis he was rejected because of a slight eye defect. He therefore is barred from the service and is out of a job, another teacher having been engaged to take his place.

26 Attend Older Girls' Conference. KALAMA, Wash., March 17.—(Special)—About 25 towns in the four counties of Southwestern Washington were represented at the Older Girls' conference, which opened at Kalama Friday. Mrs. Calvin Standt, of Tacoma, presided. Mrs. Staff Captain McAbee, of the Salvation Army of Seattle, spoke. About 50 girls from out of town were in attendance.

Awaiting The Joyful Sound The Wonderful Music that Bursts Forth When the Stork Arrives.

Advertisement for a baby product, featuring an illustration of a baby and text describing its benefits for infants.

Moving Picture News



At Top—William Farnum, star of "The Heart of a Lion," Fox Film Adaptation of the Ralph Connor Novel. "The Doctor," at Majestic Theater. Bottom—Mary Pickford, "The Nation's Sweetheart," in Her Comedy Photoplay success, "Amarilly of Clothesline Alley," at Peoples Theater.

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

- Majestic—William Farnum, "The Heart of a Lion."
Peoples—Mary Pickford, "Amarilly of Clothesline Alley."
Columbia—Ethel Barrymore, "An American Widow."
Star—Frank Keenan, "Loaded Dice."
Sunset—Douglas Fairbanks, "The Habit of Happiness."
Lafayette—Lillian Gish, "The Family Skeleton."
Globe—Jack Pickford, "Freckles."

Star.

Frank Keenan has given the film world many a masterly characterization—he's a remarkable portrayal of "Iron Man"—but he has never contributed such a powerful bit of acting as in his first Pathe play, "Loaded Dice." This picture is a drama of unusual strength, carrying a punch in nearly every scene—offering a succession of tense situations which will delight the lovers of real drama. It's a picture not to be forgotten at the theater door. Add to this Keenan's portrayal of Richard Gordon, a man defiant of all religion except the creed of self and greed of power, a scheming, domineering, wicked and relentless person, and the photoplay becomes fascinating.

Sunset.

Douglas Fairbanks, alias "Sunny" Wiggins, anti-gloom specialist, puts over some capital film entertainment in that Triangle hit, "The Habit of Happiness." Not only in this live-reeler complete with Fairbanks stunts, including a free-for-all scrap that borders on the sensational, but the picture gives the athletic star an opportunity to deliver a vivid preachment on his hobby—the smile as an antidote for all human ills.

Liberty.

Instead of the familiar book of Charles Ray's characterizations, he is seen as a youth of great wealth in "The Family Skeleton," fighting against an imaginary craving for drink—so vivid in fact that he speedily becomes a drunkard, to be brought into the right perspective again by a trick evolved by the girl he loves. The picture is a triumph for Ray, who as realistic as the fool's drunkard as he is as a gawky farmhand. His characterization is always convincing, more so than the rather preachy story the author has evolved. Sylvia Bremer (recently changed from Bremer), Andrew Arbuckle and Billy Elmer put over some stuff in this Ray Paramount. Ray is Billy Bates, a chap told so many times to beware of drink because it's a family weakness that he is driven to it. Poppy Drayton, of the Follies-who-love-him, decides to interest Billy in herself that she may forget himself for a time. She visits a cafe where Billy is drinking and is accosted by Spider Doyle, ex-prize-fighter. Billy attempts to interfere

into unconsciousness. Some funny bar-room scenes are shown.

Mary Aids Marine Recruiting.

Some of the scenes in "Amarilly of Clothesline Alley," the Artcraft picture starring Mary Pickford, were taken in San Francisco, and the noted star arrived in that city as a recruiting Navy-Marine Corps drive for recruiting was being made, and was invited to lead the big parade through the downtown streets.

Dressed in the regalia of a United States Marine, "America's Sweetheart" took over the baton of the leader of the Marine Band of 50 pieces and marched proudly down the street, while a hundred thousand people cheered the beloved star. San Franciscans who witnessed the spectacle observed that General Pershing himself, returning from Europe, would probably draw no larger crowd on the streets than did this little girl wielding a baton almost as big as herself. She was dressed with her free hand to the enthusiastic multitudes.

Author of Farnum Film a Soldier.

Ralph Connor, who wrote "The Doctor," from which William Farnum's newest William Fox production, "The Heart of a Lion," has been made, is now a Major of the Forty-third Cameron Highlanders of Canada.

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To Save is our Duty and your Duty—the Duty of every loyal American—America is tremendously engaged in a war for the liberty of all peoples; her normal industrial and business activities are being speeded up to meet the demand of the hour.

—It is our common duty—every man, every woman, every child—to save for investment and for future need the increasing substance which intensified appeal for our labor and our material resources is bringing to us.

—That Government of which we are a part protects us in our labor; let us save daily, that we may lend to that Government which will continue to protect us in the years to come.

Our Savings Department Is Open During Regular Banking Hours, and From 6 to 8 o'Clock on Saturday Evenings. The Government requires that your income tax return be made before April 1. Citizens who have not as yet made their returns may obtain the forms therefor at this bank. The returns, when properly filled out, should be sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue, Custom House, Portland.

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W. E. Kearns, of Milwaukie, died last night at Good Samaritan Hospital following a brief illness from pneumonia. The deceased was a student at Lincoln High School in this city, and was president of the Junior class. Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Miss Sue Truby is the honor guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Matson at American Lake.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 17.—(Special)—At the annual election of officers, Chapter D. P. E. O. Sinterhood, elected the following for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. E. Bailey; vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Scott; recording secretary, Mrs. S. F. Whitehouse; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. W. McCready; treasurer, Mrs. Rose Olmsted; chaplain, Mrs. C. A. Litter; journalist, Mrs. John Dopp; guard, Mrs. E. F. Burgham; delegates to state convention which meets at Salem in May, Mrs. J. E. Bailey and Mrs. A. E. Scott; alternates, Mrs. J. W. McCready and Mrs. Rose Olmsted.

The last of a series of very successful card parties given by Orpha Temple, No. 18, Park Street, will be held in E. P. Hall, Eleventh and Alder streets, Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. Suitable prizes will be given.

This is hospitality week at the Portland Art Museum. Today being the opening day, the board of trustees of the Art Association, the members of the association and the staff of the museum will be hosts, and they extend to every one a cordial invitation to visit the museum some time during the week. Admission will be free and there will be a short programme in the afternoon and tea will be served from 4 until 6. Mrs. Holt C. Wilson, Mrs. Charles H. Carey, Mrs. George Good and Mrs. A. E. Doyle, throughout the week the museum will keep open house with a different woman's organization acting as host each day.

SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED Baker Church Honors Boys Who Are Now Serving Country.

BAKER, Or., March 17.—(Special)—Special services were held here today in several churches in honor of the Baker soldiers who are serving in the army. At St. Stephen's Episcopal church a service flag displaying 50 stars for members of the church who are serving in the army or navy was unfurled. One member, Harry Russell Bowers, who died in France, May 5, 1917, was the first to die in the service from the Baker district. A special mass was said at St. Francis Catholic Cathedral for its members who are in the service, and was attended by the Knights of Columbus.

Investigators having recently found extensive undeveloped coal fields in Serbia, this country may some day become a great fuel producer.

80 Years Old, Bathed Internally for 20 Years

Mrs. D. C. Newcomb writes Dr. Chas. A. Tyrrell, of New York, as follows: "My next birthday is July 13th—80 years old. Have used Tyrrell's 'J. E. L. Cascade' for more than 20 years. Best and only remedy that brings relief without the use of drugs. My experience proved that it always relieves. No danger from it. My ailments were principally Biliousness, Constipation, etc."

This is by no means an exceptional letter. Dr. Tyrrell is received, as there are now over half a million Americans using Dr. Tyrrell's "J. E. L. Cascade" with like results. Study the scientific use of Nature's cleanser—warm water—it eliminates all poisonous waste from the lower intestine and gives Nature a chance to work up a clean plenty of good water.

You will be astonished at the difference in your feelings the morning after internal bathing.

The "J. E. L. Cascade" will be shown and explained to you by Woodard, Clark & Co., Portland, Or., who will also give you free on request an interesting booklet on "Why Man of Today is Only 50% Efficient." This booklet and know just why internal bathing is so effective in the promotion of better health—Adv.

URIC ACID IN MEAT BRINGS RHEUMATISM

Says a Little Salts in Water May Save You From Dread Attack. Rheumatism is easier to avoid than to cure, states a well-known authority. We are advised to dress warmly; keep the feet dry; avoid exposure; eat less meat, but drink plenty of good water. Rheumatism is a direct result of eating too much meat and other rich foods that produce uric acid, which is absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also impurified by the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work; they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate the uric acid, which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these harmful poisons. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which helps overcome uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well—Adv.

Advertisement for Chas. Ray Liberty, featuring a large illustration of a man in a military-style uniform and the text 'CHAS. RAY LIBERTY NOW PLAYING The Family Skeleton'.

Advertisement for 'That's What I Want! ASPARKLING HUNYADI SPLIT' featuring an illustration of a bottle and a glass.