# NEWELL DEFENDS INQUIRY OF PRICES

Committee Members Fairminded, Women Told.

# ACHEVEMENTS ARE RECALLED

Prevention of Increase in Portland Bread Prices Cited.

### HEARINGS WILL CONTINUE

Investigation of Meat Prices Will Begin Today; Public Is Warned to Consreve Food

Praise for the personnel of the fairprice committee and cor work accomplished by the committee thus far in preventing an increase in the price of bread, was given by W. K. Newell, federal food ministrator for the state of Oregon, who yesterday took up the gauntlet in defense of the committee recently appointed by him to investigate the food situation in Portland, and which had been criticised by Portland women as being unfair to the public and repre-

sentative of "big business." The fair-price committee, Mr. Newell declared, is composed of four representatives of the dealers, one producer and four representatives of the conmers all persons of unquestioned integrity and fairness. The committee was appointed by Mr. Newell as a result of a recent telegram from Mitchell Palmer, attorney-general, and its composition was in line with the federal official's orders.

### Co-operation Is Invited.

"The committee is composed of persons who are known to have the interests of the public at heart, Mr. New-The committee already ell declared. has spent a lot of time in the work and has mapped out work for the future which will keep all members busy. They are receiving not a cent of pay and are doing the work as a publicspirited service. Such being the case, ers to carry him on a litter at the 1 think they are entitled to the co-point of a gun to the American lines. speration and thanks and not the abus of the community."

In the telegram received from Mr. Palmer, the Oregon food administrawhich would include "one retailer of groceries, one of drygoods, a representative of the producers, a repre sentative of organized labor, a house-wife, two or three representatives of the public generally, also a wholesaler when practical.

In making his selection Mr. Newell used, as a nucleus, the food investigating committee which had handled the situation during the war, naming three of that original committee upon he new fair price committee. Mr Newell enumerated and commented upon his appointments yesterday as follows:

Appointments Are Defended. Thomas G. Farrell, of Everding & Farrell, representing the wholesalers, chairman of the committee-"A man who, as chairman of the price-fixing committee during the war did most splendid service."

Emil Gunther, Gunther & Hickey, representing the retail grocers, also a member of the original committee "One of the most successful and fairminded grocers in Portland."

J. C. Green, of the Green market, Yamhill street, representative of the etailers-"Another who demonstrated his fairmindedness while acting on the emmittee during the war.

Thomas Roberts, Sr., of Roberts brothers, representative of the drygoods men-"A man who has served many times on arbitration boards and whom the public has confidence." 100 m tacked these men as representative of "blg business."

#### Balanced Committee Alm. The other five members of the com

mittee are as follows: Mrs. George W. McMath, for a considerable period the president of the congress of mothers and member of the Oregon vocational board,

representing the public. Mrs. H. B. Torrey, wife of Professor Torrey of Reed college, representing

C. E. Spence, master of the Oregon state grange, representing the pro-

ducers. V. Kaiser, representing organized labor, succeeding Harry Anderson, who

was originally placed on the commit- to Brussels. The allies, desiring to Mrs. G. L. Williams, representing the on the change. It has been realized housewives, taking the place of Mrs. T. also that Brussels is much more con-

T. Munger, president of the Consumers' league, who was originally appointed to the committee but resigned on account of Ill health. 'It was the aim to have the commit-

tee well balanced," Mr. Newell de-"It was not proposed to arm It with a hatchet and give it orders to go out and knock industry. But a Simian, Scaring Children, Is Held s therough investigation was planned and is being carried out. No statements will be issued that are not true and cannot be backed up,

Halting of Bread Rise Cited. bottom of things cannot be done in a Sims captured on North Union avenue minute, and I consider that the commit- yesterday. tee has already accomplished much. I venture that their achievement in pre- unknown owner and was frightening venting an increase in the price of children along Union avenue when the bread is as beneficial to the public at "cop" arrived and effected its capture.

## AUTO UPSETS NEAR SALEM; 1 DEAD, 3 HURT

MRS. VERNA MARKS OF MON-MOUTH DIES INSTANTLY.

Driver of Party, on Way to Independence at Early Morning Hour, Loses Control of Machine.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Aug. 24 .-Special.)-Mrs. Verna Marks of Monmouth was killed instantly at 2 o'clock this morning when an automobile in BANDIT LEADER IS KILLED which she and three others were riding, overturned on the Salem-Independence highway, two miles south of Salem. Al Vernon of Independence, driver, suffered bruises, though not serious. Miss
Winifred Strom of Corvalits and Cloyd
Hesley of Greenwood to Tolking Hesley of Greenwood, in Polk county, were injured.

The party, which was on its way to Independence, had gone to Salem yes-terday. After visiting and attending a theater, the four started home at late hour. The survivors were unabl count for the accident, but said Mr. Vernon lost control of the machine which overturned.

Mrs. Marks was crushed. Her body was taken to Salem early this morning. Miss Strom, Mr. Hesley and Mr. Vernon were brought to Independence.

### SERGEANT YORK HAS RIVAL

Seattle Has "One-Man Army" That Achieved Results.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 24 .- (Spe lal.)-Seattle has a "one-man army" nearly, if not quite, the equal of Tennessee's Sergeant York. He is Swan Johnson, of 68 West Etruria street, formerly a sergeant in company G of the 16th infantry, first division. He has to his individual credit the capture of no less than 100 Germans, including an officer, several machine guns and a quantity of other material, all accomplished while he was suffering from three wounds, any one of which might have been fatal to a less hardy man this occurred during the second battle of the Marne, July 18, 1918.

A distinguished service cross was nailed to him recently, but nothing came with it to show his right to wear it. So he dropped into the recruiting station in Seattle today to find if he could not get something to show that he was entitled to wear the cross.

Questioned as to how he might have earned the medal, Johnson told of leading a squad of doughboys against machine gun nests, of being wounded three times and eventually compelling the Germans to surrender. Following the surrender he compelled the prison-

## HILLSBORO MAN MISSING

George Reiser Last Seen July 8 Af-

ter Discharge in San Francisco. SAN PRANCISCO, Aug. 24.-Army and civil officers have combined in a search for George Reiser, 29 years old, who has been missing since July 8, the that Jesus Renteria had been killed day he was to depart to his home in Hillsboro, Or., it was announced today. rifle fire of three horsemen," he said. Reiser, sergeant of company H of the 6Id infantry, was discharged as cured from the Letterman general hospital at the Presidio and purchased a ticket of the bandit gang last night with the

to Hillsboro. awaiting passage to his train. The said he accompanied a scout patrol of cholera is threatening Tokio. ticket, according to railroad authori- which was endeavoring to follow the cording to army officials, carried considerable back pay on his person the

day he was last seen His nearest relative is his brother, Fred Reiser, at Sherwood, Or. George Reiser is described as 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds.

## SCHOONER AND 20 SINK

Francis A. Goes Down After Collis-

ion With Lord Downshire. HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24 .- The Yarmouth fishing schooner Francis A., with her captain, Percy Ross, and five of the crew of 19 men, went down in collision with the British freighter Lord Downshire during a heavy fog 100 miles south of Sable island last

The freighter, bound from Baltimore for Belfast, send word by wireless to day that she was bringing the survivors here.

The schooner was owned at Yarmouth and salled from that port.

## LEAGUE TO CHANGE SEAT

Geneva to Be Abandoned for Brussels to End Ill Feeling.

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PARIS. August.—(Special Cable.)—
From an authoritative source it is learned that the seat of the league of nations will be changed from Geneva wipe out any ill feeling, have decided

venient than Geneva. News of the change has caused great satisfaction in Belgian conference cir-

## PLAYFUL MONK ARRESTED

for Disturbing Peace.

Unless the owner calls at police headquarters shortly and claims his property, the Portland police intend adopt-"An investigation that goes to the ing a playful monkey which Patrolman

The monkey had escaped from its large as anything which the women it is being held at police headquarters as a charge of disturbing the peace.

# U. S. PURSUIT FORCE ERUPTION KILLS FISH ENDS MEXICAN DASH

Troops Ordered Back to Border Patrol Duty.

### RAIN BLOTS OUT 'HOT TRAIL

Mountain Storms Encountered by Pursuing Troops Cause Abanment of Bandits' Chase.

American punitive expedition which crossed the Mexican border on Tuesday morning last, have been ordered to withdraw, Colonel George T. Langhorne announced at 4:39 o'clock today

The troops are marching out of Mexitonight, Colonel - Langhorne anunced. The first troops are expected to reach Ruidosa late tonight.

Colonel Langhorne said the American forces will resume their station to morrow along the Rio Grande.

### Aviators Reach Marfa.

Lieutenant Harold G. Peterson of Hutchinson, Minn., and Lieutenant Paul H. Davis of Strathmore, Cal., the American aviators whose capture by bandits was the immediate cause for sending American troops across the line, arrived at Royce flying field at 4:25 P. M. They crossed to Mexico with the punitive expedition Tuesday. Both are well.

Jesus Renteria, the bandit leader, was shot and killed by Lieutenant R H. Cooper when bandits fired on Coop er's machine, according to Lieutenant UKRAINE TROOPS ADVANCE Harold G. Peterson, who reached here

tonight. Peterson's report that Jesus Renteria had been killed failed to check with reports at military headquarters. An of-ficial army report said Jesus Renteria was believed to have been located 60. miles south of Chihuahua City, where be was said to be hiding.

Peterson said he received his information that Renteria had been killed from scouts

Bandit Reported Killed. "Two bandits we were pursuing yes terday told ranchers along the route when Lieutenant Cooper returned the The ranchers, in turn, informed ou

The Americans were hot on the trail intention of continuing the pursuit all He was last seen at the ferry building night, Lieutenant Peterson said. He (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

scouts.

# DIAMOND LAKE, ANGLERS' FA-

VORITE HAUNT, DISCOLORED.

Cause of Disturbance at Spot Nine Miles From Crater Lake Is Puzzle to Sportsmen.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 24 .-(Special.)-Residents of Klamath county are at a loss to account for the un precedented eruption which occurred last week in Diamond lake, Thousand of fish were killed and waters of th entire lake were discolored. Diamon lake is located about nine miles from

fishermen. News of the disturbance was brought to Klamath Falls by R. E. Clanton, state master fish warden, and H. D. Stout seputy game warden, who were at the lake early in the week in company with four other Klamath Falls sportsmen Mr. Clanton and Mr. Stout were unable o explain the cause of the eruption as it occurred prior to their arrival Though puzzled, they said perhaps the destruction of the fish, was caused by an under-water eruption that was gen-eral over the entire lake.

## MARFA, Tex., Aug. 24.—Troops of the 10-CENT COFFEE FLOUTED

Advance From Nickel Unjustified Declares U. S. Attorney.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 24 .- (Spe cial.)-Uncle Sam has opened war on Seattle's 10-cent cup of coffee. high cost of coffee here immediately became the object of federal inquiry when United States Attorney Saunders set the government investigation machine in motion. At the federal district attorney's request government inrestigators were asked to join in the drive. Mr. Saunders' wrath was of law." stirred by the fact, he said, that a large number of Seattle restaurants several days ago raised the price of

coffee from 5 to 10 cents a cup.
"Such an advance is absolutely unjustifled," the government attorney declared in instructing his staff to start an investigation, "and is just plain, ordinary profiteering. If there is any put the 10-cent cup of coffee out of business before the men of the fleet arrive here, for heaven's sake do

All of Podulia and Large Parts of Volhynia Are Taken.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 24,-A dispatch received here from Beresida, in the government of Minsk, says an airplane has reached there bringing advices from Kamenete-Podolsky to the effect that General Petlura's Ukraine troops have occupied Kiev, taken the whole of Podulja and larger parts of Volhynia and the government of Kiev. The advices add that Ukrainian armies are approaching the Dnieper river along the entire line.

Infection Reported to Have Been

HONOLULU, Aug. 24 .- A Tokio cable to the Hawaii Shinpo says an epidemic Several cases have been reported. brought to Tokio from Shanghai.

# IN KLAMATH WATERS MILITARY COURTS UPHELD BY BAKER

Only Minor Changes Are Needed, Says Report.

## SEVERE PENALTIES INDORSED

Board Horrifies General.

#### CHAMBERLAIN BILL RAPPED and of the 36th, 78th and 80th divisions

General Kernan Concedes That Trial Judges May Not Always Be Competent and Advises New Study.

Judges Not Competent. The most serious defect in the existng system, the report asserts, arises from "the lack of competent trial judge advocates and counsel," and as a remedy it is recommended that defense counsel be appointed for each general and special court-martial and that special inducements be offered young officers to study law in order that they

may be fitted. "It is noticeable," the report said, that officers who served with fightng units are as a class favorable to the present articles; on the other hand, officers whose duties kept them remote from the scenes of battle, view the sys-tem with a more critical eye."

Declaring that the "soversign" reme-dy proposed by the most pronounced critics is to transfer administration to those who are lawyers first and soldiers by courtesy only, General Kernan expressed the opinion that this would make it impossible for the com necessary discipline to military success which is the "first purpose of an Three Hundred Arrested for Refus-

Chamberlain Bill Attacked.

from the president and the war department heads the power to review courtsties, has never been used. Reiser, ac- bandits and they encountered a Car- The infection, the cable said, was martial findings and place appeal "in

CHAPLAIN KEEPS MORALE OF

Croix de Guerre, Citation and Letter of Commentation Received by Astoria Pastor.

Crater lake and is a favorite haunt of Idea of Enlisted Men Sitting on division, in which the 162d Infantry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 .- In approvng the report submitted to him by Major-General Francis J. Kernan, head on courts-martial and their procedure, the commander in chief of the Ameri-Secretary Baker today took the official can expeditionary forces in France, the made by the Spruce Production corstand that the present system should not be changed except in minor details. of the French armies of the east, cites P. Disque, its former chief in produc-Inferentially, the secretary upheld General Kernan's view that "courts- William S. Gilbert, major of the corps subcommittee of investigation will re-

The war board's report reflected the opinion of 225 officers who were cir-cularized. More than half of these mander of the French armies of the land. gave hearty approval to the present east. system, 43 condemned it as basically "Pe wrong and the remainder, a total of 67, pointed out specific weaknesses, which they thought should be remedled, lation from Adjutant-General Miller

IFINY.

The report criticises the pending LONDON, Aug. 23.—Three hundred tered the Chamberlain bill which would take soldiers, belonging to Warwick, Berk- follows:

# FRANCE DECORATES

TROOPS AT HIGH LEVEL.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.) Major William S. Gilbert, who for 21 years has been chaplain of the Ore gon troops, has received the French croix de guerre for his services with the first army corps in France. He was attached to that organization as

was a regimental unit.

There were in France only eight chaplains with the rank of major. As senior chaplain of the first corps Major Gilbert had under his direction 55 chaplains of the corps headquarters COST-PLUS PLAN IS RAPPED After the armistive Chaplain bert was also superintendent of schools, 70 being organized in the corps area Casey, Washington, August 4, after two and a half years of service, 17 nonths of which were spent in France Major Gilbert has resumed his tion as pastor of the First Presby terian church of Astoria. The French citation accompanying the decoration reached Major Gilbert by registered

mail last night, and says: Major-General Francis J. Kernan, head of the special war department board of the east. With the approbation of which is strongly condemnatory of the the commander in chief of the Ameri- methods pursued and the contracts in the order of the division Chaplain ing airplane spruce and fir, the house

> companied. "At general headquarters, May 23, Wednesday or Thursday night, when

With the citation and decoration was letter of commentation and congratu-

### of the war department in Washington. TACKS AVENGE SPEEDER

Motorcycle Officer Gets Puncture

in Chase on East 82d Street. Some disgruntled speeder who has seen heavily fined in police court is selieved to be responsible for a large number of tacks which were found by Motorcycle Policeman Bert yesterday portunity to place their witnesses be along East Sighty-second street where the motorcycle officers lay in wait for

violators of the traffic laws. The speed "cop" started after a speeder late Saturday but was forced to give up the chase because of a punctured tire. Upon investigation he found a large quantity of tacks in places machines while waiting for passing

# CHOLERA THREATENS TOKIO mander to obtain among his troops the BRITISH SOLDIERS MUTINY spruce production, even though they

ing to Obey Orders.

shire and Gloucester regiments were

fusing to obey orders to embark for Kerbaugh company, cost approximately France. \$4,000,000 for 36 miles of line, or an The soldiers, who had been on leave, are for the most part veterans. They adequate logging road can and is being objected to embarking because they had heard they would be sent to the a mile. Black Sea after their arrival in France, whereas they had received promises from Disque, on the Clallam county

# were being sent to Turkey, not Russia.

TESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 92.2 shorter route to Lake Pleasant.

degrees; minimum, 8i degrees.

TODAY'S Fair, continued warm; gentle northerly winds.

That the Milwaukee road week

National.

Secretary Baker uphoids present system of courts-martial. Page 1.

American army of pursuit to withdraw from to snapping it up at a low figure when Mexico. Page 1. Mexico. Page 1.

Soviets begin organizing political party.

Page 4. Treaty and prices to occupy congress this of its construction is utterly unnecesweek. Page 3.

Foreign. Allied note to Hungary demands real repub-lic. Page 6. Herbert Hoover demands allies act firmly on Hungarian situation. Page 2.

Demobilization of army and navy goes for ward rapidly. Page 3. Pacific Northwest. Portland spruce inquiry to be most thorough of hearings yet held. Page 1. Bruption kills fish in Diamond lake. Page 1.

Domestic.

Chaplain W. S. Gilbert of Astoria gets croix de guerre. Page 1.

Monmouth woman killed and three injured when auto upsets near Salem. Page 1.

Slayer of husband succumbs to grief. Page 7.

Treble rise in Idaho tax is denied. Page 7. Sports.

Vernon 8-0; Seattle 6-4, Oakland 0-0; Sacramente 1-6, Los Angeles 6-1; Salt Lake 3-1, San Francisco 2-2: Page 10. High-priced coaches are due for overthrow, a Dr. Browns of O. A. C. contends. Page 10. Abe Attell hears buzz of come-back bec. Page 10. Cincinnati and Chicago maintain lead in National and American league races. Page 11.

Pacific Coast League results: Portland 5-2,

Portland and Vicinity. Lieutenant A. E. Easterbrook, northwace, visits Portland friends. Page 17.

ev. F. O. Belden extois reign of King David as mighty influence. Page 18. ghteen graduate from training ship Irig-in harbor. Page 12. ormation of police union promises fight with city officials. Page 18. and administrator defends activities of fair-price committee. Page 1. leet welcome here will be royal affair. Page 11.

Cost of fighting forest fires in this district did make such a tender, and were met to date totals \$150,000. Page 12.

# MAJOR W. S. GILBERT PORTLAND SPRUCE PROBE LOOMS BIG

All Transactions to Come Up for Scrutiny.

## SEATTLE HEARING NEAR CLOSE

senior chaplain after having been for senior chaplain of the dist Colonel Stearns Avers Full Inquiry Is Welcomed.

He was mustered out of service at Fort Officers Reply to Accusations of Extravagance by Citing Need of Hurrying Work.

(BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.) SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 24 .- (Spe cial.)-With a mass of testimony almartial have always been agencies for creating and maintaining the discipline of armies" rather than agencies for the "Helped to maintain at a very high the committee will summon severa-"nice interpretation of technical rules level the morale of the troops he ac- more witnesses, and that it may not conclude its local inquiry before

### Inquiry to Be Extensive.

The Portland probe is to be by far the more extensive of the series, inusmuch as all of the records of the Spruce Production corporation and division will then be available at headquarters. The entire transactions of the spruce division, from the time that America called for airplane stock to the signing of the armistice and the adjustment of

contracts, will be thoroughly exhumed. Colonel C. P. Stearns, president of the Spruce Production corporation and mmander of operations, who succeeded General Disque, and who has witness here, declares that he

#### fore the congressional board of inquiry Cost-Plus Plan Condemned.

Thus far in the Seattle hearing it has been testified, by a number of Puget sound lumbermen, that the costplus methods of logging spruce, as followed in Clallam county, were where the motorcycle officers hide their travagant and impracticable and that Seneral Disque pursued a high-handed and dictatorial attitude which made it wholly impossible for certain patriotic loggers to serve their government in

## offered to do so without profit.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Three hundred tered the records of the inquiry are as

That the Olympic peninsula logging arrested today at Southampton for re- road, built by the Siems-Carey-H. S average of about \$112,000 a mile, while constructed for from \$15,000 to \$40,000

That the route taken by the road, that no one would be sent to Russia line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. unless he volunteered. A war office Paul railroad, via Lake Crescent to statement tonight says that the men Lake Pleasant, route. The road, timbermen have testiffied, should have been built further west, via the Pysht river or the Hoko INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS river, where it would have tapped spruce immediately and have gained a

That the Milwaukee road, seeking a route through to Grays Harbor, may possibly have exercised influence in what President Wilson will do next is prob-lematical. Page 4.

the selection of the course taken by the government's spruce line, with a view government's spruce line, with a view

That the expensive and solid nature

sary for logging purposes, and tends to indicate that the road may have been intended secretly for the future use of the Milwaukee. That General Disque did confer with Milwaukee engineers and officials regarding the route, though various dis-

interested engineers, as well as logging representatives, were present at the time the decision was made That General Disque and the spruce production corporation displayed marked favoritism toward the Slems-Carey-H. S. Kerbaugh corporation, which built the road, and which was given a contract to produce 250,000,000 feet of fir flitches within 18 months or the cost-plus basis, while independent logging operators were refused con-

#### tracts or asked to sublet work from Siems-Carey.

Contracts Under Fire That the Siems-Carey contracts for railroad construction and for the construction of two mills, one at Port Angeles, the eventual destination of the spruce on tide water, and one at Lake Oregon bankers report steady increase in Pleasant, in the heart of the spruce business. Page 17. area, were extravagant, and that such construction was unnecessary. mills were to cost respectively \$1,200,-900 and \$1,000,900.

> could have supplied all the spruce required and were perfectly willing to That independent logging operators

That independent logging operators

School board session tonight expected to by General Disque with terms which sizsic. Page 13.

#### PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS!

