

AMERICA SPENDS USELESS MILLIONS

Luxuries Jam Holds of Incoming Ships.

DECADENT ROME OUTDONE

Impoverished Families of Europe Co-operate With Naked Savages to Satisfy Orgy of Waste.

NEW YORK, April 4.—(Special.)—Americans—a race of people fond of clothing themselves in the skins of wild animals and decorating their persons with bright colored stones and ornaments of gold and silver.

Thus many some lexicographer of the future describe the inhabitants of these United States of America. Announcement that in March importations at the port of New York called attention anew to the large part of luxuries play in the manifest lists of incoming cargo vessels.

The high cost of living evidently is without power to stay the appetite for non-essentials which, developed in this country during the war, is still waxing. While the compilation of the figures for March has not yet been made, February tabulation just made public threw interesting illumination on this kind of trade.

Millions for Non-Essentials.

Art works over 100 years old, \$1,502,723; art from Philadelphia, \$559,024; art from Virgin Islands, \$12,077; other free art, \$66,893; art works, \$14,915; furs not dressed, \$6,980,938; furs dressed, \$296,042; fur lots, \$418,401; all other furs manufactured, \$508,287; unmanufactured platinum, \$809,036; manufactured platinum, \$338,088; diamonds cut, \$6,200,256; diamonds uncut, \$2,744,094; pearls, \$53,927; precious stones, \$459,495; other precious stones, cut, \$389,286; imitation precious stones, \$62,480; mother of pearl, \$244,950; silk cocoons, \$102,467; raw silk, \$23,483,874; wash silk, \$254,187; silk blotting cloth, \$89,194; beads, \$1,802,416; embroideries, \$22,271; hand laces, \$126,832; other laces, \$1,097,959; nets and netting, \$206,617; all other lace articles, \$20,485; gloves, \$1,802,416; \$1,640; ostrich feathers, \$111,120; crude feathers, \$78,162; dressed feathers, \$206,617; feathers for millinery, \$161,614; all other furs dressed, \$596,042; gold and silver laces, \$133,950; all other gold and silver manufactures, \$25,448; jewelry, \$44,404; ivory tusks, \$67,587; perfumery, \$381,480; spun silk, \$72,756; silk beltings, \$24,471; silk handkerchiefs, \$100,850; veils and veiling, \$279,766; silk laces, \$387,969; ribbons, \$4,458; all other manufactures of silk, \$107,110; art silk yarns, \$837,008 and art silk manufactures, \$117,280.

Decadent Rome Surpassed.

It is a tabulation which stimulates the imagination. Every quarter of the globe is contributing to the growing appetite of the United States for non-essentials. Proud Europe, Europe of the past, during the war, are co-operating in unconscious association with naked South sea savages to satisfy the demands of the figures suggest that an orgy of spending unequalled even in decadent Rome is at its flood.

The above list does not pretend to be exhaustive as to luxuries imported through New York in the shortest month. Many other items might readily be cited. In perfumery France heads the list with \$289,117 worth. Other countries in this heading were Netherlands, \$11,483; French West Indies, \$11,062; Switzerland, \$48,052; Germany, \$460,155; China, \$10,235, and Asiatic Turkey, \$29. The importation of diamonds, which, because of their present high prices—some six or seven times the normal war values—deserve special notice, were almost equally various as to source. England sent the bulk of the uncut stones, 25,656 karats, valued at \$2,417,695 worth, and the Netherlands, naturally since Amsterdam is the great center of diamond cutting, most of the finished gems, 29,573 karats, valued at \$4,809,092. Diamonds in the rough also came from Belgium, \$101,296; Netherlands, \$258; Brazil, \$54,160; British Guinea, \$38,076; and British South Africa, \$139,285. Cut stones were received from Belgium, \$622,408; Denmark, \$10,060; France, \$174,925; Switzerland, \$5,734; England, \$413,266; British South Africa, \$12,581, and Poland, \$48,894.

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ENGINEER WHO SEEKS REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE NOMINATION

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Mr. Weber graduated in electrical engineering at the University of California in 1904. Since 1918 he has been secretary of the city board of electrical examiners, and for the past year has been vice-president of the state board of engineering examiners. During the war he served the emergency fleet corporation.

"Continued prosperity with lowest possible taxes," is the slogan Mr. Weber has adopted in his quest for the nomination by the republican party.

free and by a liberal construction of the law includes furniture, musical instruments, and other household goods. England and France led with consignments worth respectively, \$28,332 and \$66,712. Oddly Asiatic Turkey struck Chicago territory early today, between three and four inches of snow falling. The temperature remained around 39 above zero. Trains from the north reached Chicago from three to 12 hours late, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe reporting the greatest delay.

Chicago Snowfall Heavy.

The snowfall was the heaviest reported in Chicago at this season in a number of years.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 4.—The almost unprecedented storm which swept the southeast and south central sections of Nebraska, abated early today with higher temperature and bright sunshine.

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Grand Jury to Be Given Details of Portland Truck Agent's Various Dealings.

Police, sheriff's offices and Burns operatives all over the country were still looking last night for August Junge, head of the Portland office of the Diamond T Truck company, who became a fugitive following sensational financial deals in which local auto purchasers, bond houses, banks and fellow automobile dealers are believed to have suffered losses aggregating \$100,000 to \$100,000.

The district attorney's office was unable yesterday to give any definite figure as to the amount of money which is to be accounted for as a result of the financial deals declared Junge as to the amount of money lost just previous to his disappearance last Sunday. A careful investigation is being made and the entire matter will be announced. It will probably be some time, however, before any definite figure can be given out as to the amount of money lost by the various victims.

The search for cars not yet located which had been taken from the sales garage of Junge early Sunday morning at the time the place was stripped of trucks and machines by different persons who claimed to have some claim to the machines as a result of financial deals, was continued yesterday.

Harvey Thatcher, head of the auto theft bureau, announced last night that a touring car had been located yesterday at the Fourth-street garage as the result of the efforts of Officer J. H. Miller.

GUARD GETS POWER BOAT

Crew at Mouth of Siuslaw Has Vessel for Station.

EUGENE, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—The coast guard crew at the mouth of the Siuslaw river near Florence has received a power boat for the station. Captain Robarge and Engineer Lockwood, in charge of the station, have just arrived at the station from Astoria with the craft and it is now in commission. On account of extremely heavy weather, they were compelled to stop at Newport on the way down the coast and their trip was delayed a number of days. They made the trip from Newport to the mouth of the Siuslaw in about six hours.

POTATO FORECAST MADE

Hood River Crop Expected to Be Same as Last Year.

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Weather conditions are considered ideal for berries and fruit. According to Mr. McIsaac, Mr. McIsaac states that less than five carloads of the past season's potato crop remain unshipped.

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