SHADY' WORK SEEN **CLOTHING DEAL**

Witnesses Testify That Relatives of Committeeman Get Clothing Con-Whereby Enormous Profits Can Be Obtained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- The Senate War inquiry committee today investigated further the canceled scrap uni-form cloth picking contracts let by the committee on supplies of the Council of National Defense to the Base Sort-ing Company of New York, under which witnesses testified the company ould have made excessive profits aggregating several hundred thousand llars annually,

Charles Eisenman, vice-chairman of the committee, who approved the con-tracts and Samuel Kaplan, another member of the committee, whose ther, it was developed, is financialinterested in the company, will be company, will be n a further inquiry the committee proposes to make. It was further de-reloped today that Kaplan's brother is reasurer of the company, owning a connecticut woolen mill commandeered by the Government

Loss Causes Yelf of Protest. Quartermester-General Sharpe testified that when the War Department canceled the contracts last Thursday both Eisenman and Kaplan protested. The Government, he explained, will

The Government, he explained, whit take over the work.

In concluding today his testimony regarding clothing and other Army supplies, General Sharpe placed responsibility for delay in obtaining supplies of wool for Army clothing on the Council of National Defense. The Council's committee, which had taken over the question of wool supplies, the General said, recommended use of shoddy material in making uniforms and delayed accepting raw wool offered last April by Boston dealers. No large purchases were made until September, chases were made until September, after prices had risen greatly, he said. Senator Weeks told the committee he was reliably informed that a loss of \$150,000,000 to the Government re-

Replying to testimony yesterday of mmanders of Camps Bowie, Tex., and miphan, Okla., that overcrowding of his and lack of Winter clothing caused deaths of many men in recent disease epidemics, General Sharpe said the authorities knew tents would be short for the men suddenly called into service, but that supplies now are ample to reduce the tent quota from 12 to five men, as recommended by

gun controversy. Secretary Baker, also, if he desires, will be given an opportunity to make a statement on the machine-gun question.

their brains and of their hands and their bodies is freely given, but it re-quires something to supplement the ef-forts of these devoted people. There must be supplies, there must be ban-dages, there must be medicines, surgi-cal appliances, food and thousands of things which these people at the front can put into use, but which they cannot supply

would go abroad and see the work being done and the good being accomplished by the Red Cross would come back willing to give his last spare dollar to assist in that work. I know how I feel about it; my time and all that I have is at the disposal of the Red Cross.

Defense Council Committee
Members Involved, Senate
Inquiry Develops.

FAT CONTRACTS ALLOWED

Women Give Assistance.

At this town I also saw several hundred uniformed girls, belonging to what is known as the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps, These are recruited in England and have a certain standing in the army and perform such duties as driving ambulances, cooking, sorubbing, sewing and many other tasks which can only be performed satisfactorily by women. They are the times tooking set of girls I ever saw in my life and they were all animated by a high and noble purpose.

We drove on to Amiens that night, and wors turned over to the tender margices of two officers of the British armily, who were to have charge of us during the next four days, and to show us section along the British front.

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We were taken on a most interesting trip through the battlefields of the Aisne the next day, and a visit to some of the destroyed towns near the front. The aut o in which I rode was in charge of a basitenant of the Burham Light Infantry, who had been through the battle of the Somme, and who was thoroughly familiar with the entire country. country.

Albert Is Viewed.

The firm point of interest was the town of Albert. Here is a beautiful cathedral, die tower of which is surmounted by a colossal statue of the Virgin Mary with the Child in her arms. At the bombbig of the town, a German shell struck the base of this statue, causing it to lean forward with the Child suspended in its arms over the city. It was not entirely jarsed loose, and hung for some days shakily. The superstitious French people felt that if the Virgin felf the town would fall, so one night some ensineers ascended tower and fastened the statue in its leaning position securely with steel ropes. This put heart into the French, they fought vigorousity, the town was spared and the Virgin is still in the leaning position.

We drove north to a point where one of the most startling alteirs of the war occurred. This point is a little south of Butte de Warlencourt, where the British for seven months drove tunnels under the German base position, and two miles of the German tranches. They placed in 19 mines 4000 tons of ammonal, an explosive having 11 times the force of dynamite. In other words, it was the same as if 40,000 tons of dynamics. mite had been planted.

Explosion Is Terrific.

After seven months of hard labor in driving these tunnels, for which Cornish and Welsh miners had been imported, the fireworks took place. I saw the crater which had been caused by the main explosion. It was at least 75 feet deep and several hundred feet in diameter. The Lieutenant, who was present when the blast was touched off, said the air was perfectly black with bodies of German soldiers. horses and debris of every description. It is said to have been the greatest ex-plosion the world has ever known. I am informed that by agreement no such performance will be pulled off by either side in the future. This, how-ever, completely destroyed the German lines at this point.

British Tank Inspected. short for the men suddenly called into service, but that supplies now are ampie to reduce the tent quota from 12 to five men, as recommended by Surgeon-General Gorgas.

Policy Displeases Committee.

Regarding lack of motor trucks for training men at the cantonments, General Sharpe said the Department's policy, not his own, is that trucks ahall not be supplied until the men go abroad. Rolling kitchens and many other vehicles, he also said, would not be furblicles, he also said, would not be furblicles.

On the road to talked-about tanks, which have played such great part on the English side of this war. This monster stood at the side of the road where it had been put out of commission by a German shell, which had torn a hole in it about the size of a man's had them including the onicer, who was an American, had the mitralleuse in his car, and stood upright, firing upon the Germans without being touched by the heavy rifle graves of two soldiers who were the graves of two soldiers who were the killed.

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who visited in Marshfield during the holidaya will be quarantined promptly upon returning to Bandon and kept under surveillance for 10 days. Three new cases have occurred in Marshfield within the past two days.

School Bids for Scrap Metal. School Bids for Scrap Metal.

Students at the Benson Polytechnic School may make metal fittings and apparatus used by the city. A plan is to be submitted to the City Council Wednesday by City Commissioner Kell-carry on their work rests with us. In common parlance, it is up to us who cannot fight to assist in every way possible that noblest branch of our service, the Red Cross.

The person that will not cheerfully help this cause is not worthy the name of American; in fact, he is not even worthy to be called a Hun. There is no name that can be applied to him. I am satisfied that any person who

Besieged City Early Learns Need of Hiding From Destructive Hun Bombs.

EXIT FROM TOWN BLOCKED

Return to Brussels by Motor Through Fighting Lines and Has Exciting Experiences.

BY HUGH GIBSON. secretary of the American Legatien in Brussels at the outbreak of the war. Copyright, 1917, Doubleday, Page & Co., by Cus F. Wood.

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Getting around Antwerp in the evenng is quite in undertaking at this time; no street lamps are lighted, all the window shades lined with black, and heavy black shades are placed over the small electric lights in the court-yards of hotels, etc.—all of this to keep from giving any indication to the Zep-pelins as to where to drop their visit-ing cards.

heavy detachment of soldiers uards the approach to the Saint An-oine, and there are patrols in all the treets. The few motors allowed on streets. The few motors allowed on the streets have no lights, and are stopped by all the patrols, who do not call out, but rise up silently in front of you and demand the password. It is a ticklish business finding one's way. is a ticklish business finding one's way. The big searchlights on the forts sweep the skies from nightfall until dawn, making a wonderful sort of fireworka. When I got back to the hotel I found Prince Caraman Chimay waiting for me with a message from the Queen. Also noor Prince Ernest de Ligne, whose son, Bodouin, was killed in one of the armored motors several days ago.

Armored Cars in Fight. Young De Ligne, who was a volun-teer, was in one of three armored cars that went out on a reconnaissance to-ward the German lines. Just before entering a sunken road between two fields they stopped a Flemiah peasant and asked him whether there were any Germans anywhere about. The peasand asked him whether there were any Germans anywhere about. The peasant told them that three Uhians had yeen seen a short time before, but they had gone away. The three motors, De Ligne in the first, started down and were attacked by about 40 Germans under command of a Major. De Ligne was shot in the head and died shortly afterwards. The man who took his place at the wheel was killed, and several others of the party were also badity wounded and have since died. The third motor came up from some little distance bahind and opened on the Germans, killing or wounding nearly all of them, including the officer, who was killed.

A young chap named Strauss, whose

ants composing d by the council to conserve ray d by the council to conserve ray diles. Eisenman, the witness said, took full responsibility for and defended the contracts.

A clique in New York, Kaminsky charged, was interested in trying to get control of the country's ray buginess. He also asserted that Charles Kaplan knew all details connected with the contracts given the sorting company and said the 6-cent price for sorting seraps was excessive. A good profit with the splendidly uniformed soldiers, whom I had known in Eruspany and said the 6-cent price for sorting seraps was excessive. A good profit with the splendidly uniformed soldiers of the United States, England, France and Belgium was most marked.

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AMERICAN CAMP VIEWED

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Belgian Troops Encountered. About a kilometer out of Malines we ran into a considerable detachment of Belgian infantry and lancers and a large armored motor with two mitrailleuses. We were told that the Belgians had taken and retaken Sampsi three times during the day, and while neither side occupied the town at that precise moment they were both advancing on it, and that it might be rather warm for ordinary motors. They finally agreed to let us talk to the commanding officer, who turned out to be none other than Colonel Cumont, the owner of the building occupied by the lagaof the building occupied by the lega-

He was up on a railway embankment, lying on his stomach between the ralls, watching some German patrols through a pair of big field glasses, and when we hailed him, rolled gracefully over the side, and came down to talk to us. He had been out on the track most of the time for three days and was a rather disreputable-looking person, but apparently glad of a chance to talk with someone from the outside world. He said he thought we would have time to get through before the row began, and in any event he would warn his men so that if we came scuttling back we would be given the right of way to safety. way to safety.

Evidences of Battle Found. We passed several Belgian patrols along the way and finally got into the town, which showed clear evidences of fighting; some of the houses were burned to the ground, and all that were standing had their doors and windows smashed furniture broken and strewn

burned to the ground, and all that were standing had their doors and windows smashed, furniture broken and strewn about the floors with broken bottles and dishes, mattresses and goodness knows what else; and above all arose that terrible smell of burnt flesh.

We were nearly through the town when we were halled by a detachment of about 26 Belgians, who had got through and occupied the grounds of a villa on the edge of the village. We stopped the car, and I got out and went ahead, they remaining with leveled rifles, in their usual hospitable manner. When I got to within 26 feet of them we heard the whirr of a machine gun—which the Belgian soldiers call a cinema—and a German armored car poked its nose around the corner for a look-see. It was firing high to draw a return fire and locate any Belgians there might be in the town, but they all scurried behind cover, closely followed by me. They were taking no chances, however, and called me to stay in the middle of the road. Without wasting any time in formality I made clear my identity, and, on heing shown through a breach in the wall a disagreeable-looking body of German infantry and lancers about a half a mile away approached through a field, I decided that we were on the wrong road and made back for the motor.

I told my passengers what was up, and that we had to go back to Mallines. We then tried getting out toward the west from Malines, but soon came to a point where the road was inundated, and had to turn back for the third time. It was then getting pretty late in the afternoon, and even M. de Woeste had to admit that we had best come back to Antwerp rather than try to make a roundabout journey to Brussels after dark.

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dark.

All the way back into Autwerp we met Belgian forces advancing to the attack. They are getting to know the flag better every day and we were greeted with waving hands and cheers everywhere we went. When pearly in town, a young chap ran out of the ranks to where we were waiting for them to get by grabbed me by the shoulder, and said:

"I am born an American."

"Where were you born?"

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"Aurora, Illinois. My father worked

Aurora, Itinois. My father worked in —'s glycerine works."

"Who do you know in Aurora?"

"I know Mr. Evans and Mr. — and Mr. — and Mr. Beaupre" (former American Minister at The Hague).

"What's your name?"

Just then a noncommissioned officer came along and ordered him back into the ranks; the motor started ahead, and I lost track of the boy in a cloud of dust.

FARMERS TO GET NITRATE

War Industries Board Will Sell 100,000 Tons at Cost.

have been wrecked in the North Sea, according to a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen, quoting advices received there from West Jutland. The Zeppelln is said to have fallen in flames into the sea. into the sea.

TERMINAL RELIEF PLANNED

Inspectors Will See That Consignees
Remove Freight Promptly.

After a bit Major Nyssans sent out a messenger to the farthest battery.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Assignment of inspectors to the various railroad terminals in the New York district, to see that consignees remove their freight shipments promptly, was agreed on at a conference here today between the joint committee investors.

Two Riddle School Teachers Marry.

RHDDLE, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Two of Riddle's school teachers have been married in the past week. Miss been married in the past week. Miss been married in the past week. Miss of Remove Freight Promptly.

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White Hope of Wooden Ship Industry, Says Hurley.

BUILDING PROMISES KEPT

Contracts for Construction of 500, 000 Deadweight Tons Will Be Placed in Western Yards During Year 1918.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Dec. 29 .- "The Shipping Board expects to place contracts during 1918

while the price has not been definitely set, the secretary said it would probably be approximately \$75 on board cars at the seapoard. All sales will be for cash and the farmers will have to pay rall freight charges, the state fertilizer tag fee and any other local charges.

The department of Agriculture is arranging for the distribution of the price which will be sold to farmers only for their own use during the coming season and generally not in excess of the amounts used by them heretofore.

TELLICAL CRAFT TEUTON CRAFT WRECKED Sound is going ahead with the wood ship programme on the Pacific Coast."

Mr. Hurley said the Board desired to

River from Laredo, at 9 o'clock last and a landing was made on Mexican night. The crew was taken in charge by Mexican soldiers, who notified the mil-Hawalians Ask for Prohibition. itary authorities at Neuvo Laredo. Automobiles were sent to Hidalgo and the Americans reached Nuevo Laredo

Shortly after leaving San Antonio has been forwarded to Congress ask-the balloon, at a height of 200 feet, ing that prohibition be enacted in the encountered a 45-mile wind and drifted trapidly southwest. The Rio Grande firms which signed the petition are was mistaken for the Neuces River, the big sugar plantation agencies.

with Pacific Coast shipyards for the construction of 500,000 deadweight tons

Lost in North Sea.

London, Dec. 29.—A Zeppelin and leaplane, which was accompanying it, ave been wrecked in the North Sea.

All, Hurley said the location desired at the limit of their capacity. The Board, however, is not disposed to encourage the establishment of new yards. It proposes to use the yards that are existent and available, Senator McNary left Mr. Hurley's of-

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Jealousy tells ENVY any envy immediately starts the story that "Dr. Smith" has a private graveyard and that he (envy) has forgotten more medicine than "Dr. Smith" Congenial spirits who line the curbs or gaze idly out of

office windows while "Dr. Smith" rides by in his twelvecylinder car, confirm the adage that "Satan finds mischief for idle hands to do" by spending their time concecting new stories to injure the man whose success so angers them. I pity the envious and jealous. I never knew an envious man who was happy or one who ever amounted to much,

because the demands of envy upon time and talent are so heavy there is no time left for tending to one's own business or acquiring proficiency in any field of endeavor. If there ever was a dentist who thought and read by night and worked and thought by day in an effort to MAKE GOOD with his patients and to establish a reputation for

superior workmanship, I can truthfully say I DO. The growth, the enlargements, the broadening of scope and capacity of this office are the natural results of correct

principles and the early establishment of system. My talents are no more than those given other men; my knowledge of dentistry no greater (nor less) than that of my fellows, but I WORK harder and THINK faster, and

always PLAY FAIR. If there is a day laborer in the city who has worked harder or longer hours than I have for the last 10 years building up my business, I want to shake hands with him.

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