GRAFT IN SALE OF U. S. ARMY GOODS TO FRANCE, CHARGE

PROMISED 72,500 AUTOMOBILES, FOUND ONLY 34,211 MACHINES SAYS TARDIEU.

By Hudson Hawley
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PARIS, April 18—Graft charges including the sale of the vast army stores left in France by the American government, for which France paid $400,000,000, were aired in the chamber of deputies Friday, with Tardieu rushing to the defense of Paul Morel, former under secretary of finance who engineered the original deal

Tardieu told the chairman that Morel obtained these stocks for $400,000,000, after the United States had asked $1,100,000,000 and had later come down to $750,000,000. The stocks were not inventoried, he declared, because it was feared that the Americans might sell directly to the French people.

Morel defended the French in this with patriotism, knowledge and success, Tardieu declared. Deputy Vavasseur charged, that before the French took over the supplies, "the Americans committed shameless pillage of the camps."

"An Ali Baba's cave," shouted some deputies.

"We were promised 72,500 automobiles and we found only 34,211. Commercial agencies attached to the liquidation made excessive profits. We lost six million francs upon the frozen meat at Sevres—and nobody was punished. We sold one lot of goods for which we paid 540,000 francs for 250,000 at Tours and nobody was punished. We sold at 50 francs a hundred kilos of what were described as 'rags' but what in reality excellent merchandise and one buyer sold it at 2,500 francs—and he hasn't paid the government yet."

TWO BOOZE BOATS

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her to heave to and when this was not done, opened fire with high-powered rifles and pistols.

SEATTLE, April 18.—Another fight between customs officers and alleged whiskey-running launches was reported today when the cutter Scout came in with the Seattle launch Nansen in tow, captured after a fierce running fight down the straits.

Seaman S. D. Ancel was hit and slightly wounded by a bullet meant for Captain Lychtenburg of the Scout.

The Nansen's crew is in custody.

TODAY IN CONGRESS

By United Press

Senate.

Discussion of the Colombian treaty. Democrats continue fight on committee organization.

House.

Bill restricting immigration to three percent of aliens already here, to be reported. Democrats to name committee members.

W. O. W. LODGE

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delegation. Following the speeches, F. M. Sexton of the local lodge led the assemblage in a community sing.

The city key was carried in the parade by the Misses Nova and Norma Read, riding in a dainty cart drawn by a Shetland pony.

A fancy drill was then executed by the drill team of Multnomah Camp No. 77, W. O W., following which all lodge members adjourned to the local hall for the purpose of forcing 50 hapless candidates to walk the hot desert sands.

Following initiation ceremonies, a banquet was served, presided over by J. A. Pate, district manager of the lodge. J. O. Wilson of Portland, head manager of the national order, was among the guests at the local celebration.

A number of out-of-town women accompanied their husbands to The Dalles. They were entertained by Mrs. F. H. Watts, who opened her home to the Woodmen's wives.

$90,000 ALIMONY HIGHEST GRANTED

First victory in the famous Stillman divorce case in New York went to the wife of the international financier and president of the National City Bank. It was in the court granting of a record alimony of $90,000 a year, and $47,000 special counsel and legal expense money in defending her suit. Banker Stillman sued his wife for divorce, naming a French-Canadian Indian guide as co-respondent and disowning his two-year-old son, Baby Guy Stillman. Mrs. Stillman filed a counter-suit, naming Florence Lawlor Leeds, former Broadway chorus girl, as co-respondent. Mrs. Leeds is also the mother of a two-year-old boy. This photo of Mrs. Stillman is exclusive.

DENVER'S WOMEN, HUMAN SPONGES

REV. McMENAMIN SAYS THEY DRINK MORE LIQUOR THAN EVER.

By United Press

DENVER, April 18—Denver's young women are drinking more liquor than ever before, according to the Rev Hugh McMenamin, pastor of the Immaculate Conception cathedral.

Asserting that parents are responsible, the Rev. McMenamin declared that young girls consider it a gay adventure to become intoxicated.

EX-KAISERIN'S BODY IS NEARING BERLIN

By United Press

DOORN, Holland, April 18—With the body of his consort nearing Berlin, former Emperor Wilhelm with the former Crown Prince, remained in seclusion in the castle. They returned late last night, after seeing the Kaiserin's casket put aboard the train. The body was accompanied on the journey to Potsdam by most of the former royal family, representatives of the Dutch government and clergymen.

VOGEL AND STAPLES TIE IN GUN SHOOT

EACH BREAKS 23 OUT OF 25 CLAY TARGETS—INGRAM SECOND.

Breaking 23 out of 25 clay targets shot at, for a percentage of 92, C. Vogel and W. Staples tied yesterday morning in the regular weekly shoot of The Dalles Rod and Gun club, held at the club's traps on the beach below the city. Dr. A. P. Ingram ran a close second in the scatter-gun contest, breaking 45 out of 50 birds shot at for a percentage of 90.

The following persons participated in the shoot:

	Shot At	Hit	P.C.
Manning	75	57	76
C. Vogel	25	23	92
Dr. Ingram	50	45	90
Staples	25	23	92
Curl	25	11	44
Denny	75	40	53
Dr. Thompson	50	36	72
A. Vogel	25	21	84
J. Stadelman	25	16	64
L. Dawson	75	56	84
R. E. Williams	75	48	64
Huls	50	40	80
G. Healey	50	34	68
E. Thompson	25	21	84
Mrs. E. Thompson	25	19	76
Dr. Eames	25	19	76
C. Kruurdy	25	19	76

New York Letter

by Lucy Jacobs Price

NEW YORK, April 18.—An artist can be a salesman, too. J. Monnickdam, from Holland, is out to prove it. He arrived in New York the other day on a trip around the world, on which he is to make his own expenses—traveling and living—as he goes, by selling his own pictures. If he succeeds in doing it, he has a fortune of $50,000 coming to him from a wealthy Hollander who is interested in helping young artists and offered the purse for the trip. The only condition is that the artist must not sell to dealers or agents. In London, Monnickdam obtained an audience with King George who commissioned him to paint several pictures. The money from these was sufficient to pay the expenses of himself and wife to New York. Yes, his wife has so much confidence in him that she has started around the world with him on the more or less precarious basis.

Who—above the age of 18—has forgotten the "Merry Widow Waltz?" There was a time when it was difficult to hear anything else than that swinging song from the musical comedy of the same name. And now it is to be revived. It will be the "Floradora" of next season. How about the hats? Do you remember them, too? The cartwheel sailors?

In the spring New York's fancy is turning not at all lightly to thoughts of export trade. However much the city recognizes the interest of the whole country in this matter, it is wont to take unto itself a very special part in it. That's not because New York is over-vain; but as the nation's greatest export shipping point, it feels a proprietary interest in it all. Consequently it is cheering up considerably right now. There have been some pretty lean months for the exporters and they are about due for a cheering. But just as the total freight handled by the railroads is an unerring standard for measuring domestic business, so the amount handled by the foreign freight forwarders unfailingly points to the export situation. And they have started to hang out the fair weather flag. Lewis J. Stone, president of one of the large freight-forwarding companies, said the other day that his clients who have been reporting "nothing doing" are now inquiring for freight rates; and that bookings and reservations already made by his concern indicate a steady growth of business within the next few months. It means that the foreign trade convention to be held in Cleveland in May can take an hour or two off from its study of how to improve conditions and spend it in cheer for a glimpse of the upgrade.

It's fortunate for some good Americans that the registering-to-vote ceremony doesn't include the test given Harry Weicke in the naturalization court the other day. He was classed as an enemy alien during the war and had finally reached the proud point of being examined for his final citizenhsip papers after considerable delay. The judge asked him, as a final question, to sing "The Star Spangled Banner," and he sang it clear through—words and all, while 200 people stood and gave him the sort of applause at the end that he deserved.

A children's theater is the plan being pushed by an interested group of New York women. They are planning to bring about the construction or leasing of some suitable place, where plays and motion pictures, dances and other entertainments solely for children, may be given.