

**COAL AND OIL TOO HIGH
SAYS HIGH ARMY OFFICER**

Government Is Held Up on Prices for Fuel, He Asserts—Claims Bids Are Not Competitive, As the Bidders Pre-Arrange

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—That the United States government is "held up" and made to pay exorbitant prices for coal and oil for fuel is the charge made by Brigadier General J. B. Aleshire, quartermaster general of the army, in his annual report now made public.

By law fuel supplies for the army must be purchased under the bidding system, the lowest bidder getting the contract. General Aleshire says that under the present system bidders communicate the amount of their bids to one another, and trade agreements keeping up high prices are thereby maintained.

As an example of the excessive prices demanded and obtained under the bidding system, General Aleshire cites the case of the transport Burnside, operating between the Pacific coast and the Philippines. On one occasion it was necessary to coal the Burnside under an emergency without asking bids. In open market, coal was purchased at \$3.60 a ton, for 400 tons. Previously the army had paid \$5.25 per ton for the same grade of coal, under the bidding system.

Four hundred dollars was saved on the one purchase, and it is estimated that by buying regularly in the open market \$9,000 a year could be saved in coal purchases for this vessel alone. Similar conditions prevail on the Atlantic coast, and also in the purchase of anthracite coal for use in army posts.

General Aleshire asks that congress give him authority to use his discretion in purchasing fuel, so that the government may escape the present system of excessive prices. Such authority has already been granted to officers of the navy department.

**MADISON SQUARE GARDEN'S
LAST EQUINE EXHIBITION**

Famous Homes of Display of Horses Is Soon to Give Up Ghost and Promoters of Horse Shows Will Have to Look Elsewhere

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—What is declared to be the greatest—and also the last—of the notable aggregations of horseflesh Madison Square Garden has known had its inaugural here, and will continue through all next week.

As the famous Garden will be torn down next spring, the National Horse Show Association, of which Alfred G. Vanderbilt is president, will have to seek a new home for next year's exhibition.

Forty thousand dollars in cash, in

addition to numerous prizes and trophies, will be awarded. This small fortune is divided among 152 classes, including every type of horse from the illiputian Shetland pony to the broddignagian Clydesdale. The show opened Monday is the twenty-seventh given by America's premier horse show organization.

**BALLOON MENACES LIVES,
SO COUNCILMEN ASSERT**

Tolliver's Dirigible Causes Uneasiness and Smaller Gasbags Are Summoned to Escort the Big One Out of the City

United Press Service

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 22.—C. H. Tolliver's big dirigible balloon is menacing the lives of a thousand residents of the residential district in which it rests here, according to the city fathers, who fear it will explode. They have sent to Los Angeles for two smaller balloons to be used in carrying the big gas bag out of the city limits.

At Riverside, Calif., William Peters is apparently elected mayor over L. H. Edmiston, socialist.

Pekin reports indefinite rumors of foreigners massacred in various cities. Revolutionists, says Hankow, are increasingly inimical to foreigners and foreigners have been warned to leave Hankow to avoid expected battles.

**RECALL AMENDMENTS GETS
BIGGEST CALIFORNIA VOTE**

Certified Official Figures Were Mistaken in Putting Criminal Case Reversal Issue Down as Most Popular of Amendments

United Press Service

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 22.—The recall amendment received the highest majority at the constitutional amendment election October 10th, although Secretary of State Jordan's certified official figures some time ago credit amendment No. 26, declaring to reversal in criminal cases, with the highest confirmative vote. The error was due to a mistake made in use of an adding machine.

BRIEFS BY WIRE

At Sacramento the body of Street Car Conductor M. P. Manners was found in an alley, evidently a victim of alcoholism.

At Washington, Chairman Stanley of the steel investigating committee, said he would issue on J. D. Rockefeller a duces tecum subpoena, in order to get papers bearing on Rockefeller's Minnesota iron ore deals.

At San Francisco Fletcher Husband was found drowned in a bath tub, having been weakened by lack of oxygen consumed by instantaneous heater. He was organist at St. Luke's church.

Defendants in cases brought owing to the tar-and-feathering of Miss Chamberlain at Lincoln Center, Kan., are expected to assail her character.

**SCAB NOT ABUSIVE TERM,
SAYS MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

Decides That Word Has Become Legitimate by Constant Usage, and Foreman of Strikebreaker Gang Loses Suit

United Press Service

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—The term "scab," when applied in a quiet and dignified way cannot be construed as abusive language, according to a decision of Judge Tazewell of the municipal court. The word has become legitimate by constant use, the court says.

The decision was the result of the trial of Waslam Watkins, a striking shopman, who is alleged to have applied various opprobrious epithets to A. W. Garska, former of a gang of Japanese strikebreakers.

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SWEDISH STADIUM FOR OLYMPIC GAMES HUGE

Will Have 80,000 Seats and Be Completed by First of Next Year—Car of Russia Gives Gold Cup for Decathlon

United Press Service

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 22.—The new stadium for the Olympic games next year is now so far advanced that it is certain that it will be completed by the first of the year. It will have

30,000 seats, of which 2,500 will be reserved for athletes.

In addition to the usual prizes, the car of Russia has given a gold challenge cup for the decathlon—the combination of ten sports which is a new item in the Olympic program, and the German kaiser has given challenge cups for shooting and riding.

There will be an international jury to decide each sport.

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Modern Woodmen of America dance at Houston's opera house, Friday night, November 24. Good show.