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REACH APEX OF PROFITEERING

Speculators in Siberia Not Satisfied With 100 Per Cent Profit—1,000 Per Cent Often Gouged From Customers.

OMSK, Siberia, Sept. 8.—Profiteering has reached its apex as "a fine art" throughout central and western Siberia where no speculator is satisfied with less than 100 percent profit and often gouges as much as 1000 percent out of his hapless customers, according to stories collected here.

These traders, many of them smugglers, who, taking advantage of the shortage of everything except the products of the country, the unstable value of the ruble and the difficulties of transportation, contrive to get through with a few pairs of shoes, particularly ladies' shoes, a few cases of silk or dress goods, a few cases of tinned fruits, or in fact, any foreign-made product whatsoever, reap rich harvests.

Before a regular express was inaugurated the many special trains coming up from Vladivostok and Harbin were the targets of the speculators. By connivance with the porters and unknown to the other occupants, nearly every special brought stowed away under berths and in other parts of the train, in its complement of merchandise secure corners, to be handed over upon arrival at some designated point.

The Red Cross has had its difficulties sidestepping the designs of this gentry from time to time. On one occasion, it is related, a Red Cross representative in Irkutsk was approached with an offer of a hundred pairs of shoes as a gift for the good of the cause. In due time they arrived, from Dairen, but in place of one hundred pairs there were one thousand. They had passed the customs free of charge being consigned to the Red Cross, and it was the owner's expectation

that the extra 900 would be delivered to him. They were all bundled off to Dairen.

The speculators' day will have gone however, it is said as soon as the traffic is readjusted under the Interallied Committee management and legitimate commerce is resumed. Many of the abuses have already been corrected through closer government inspection at the frontiers, but in spite of all efforts to check it, the speculation evil still persists.

SUGGESTION BOXES ON DREADNOUGHTS

WITH THE PACIFIC FLEET, Sept. 8.—Suggestion boxes have been established aboard the dreadnought Mississippi of the Pacific fleet, for the purpose of avoiding, according to Captain W. A. Moffett, to the "contentment and comfort of all hands."

An order recently issued by Captain Moffett contains the following on this subject:

"All suggestions will be made in writing, and will be addressed to the commanding officer and placed in one of the suggestion boxes. There is a suggestion box in the crew's reception room and another on the amidship bulkhead forward on the main deck.

"These boxes will be opened as often as practicable, not less than an interval of once a week, by the executive officer, and the suggestions considered by him and forwarded to the captain.

"All suggestions will be signed by the writer in each case."

RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH INFRINGED ON IN TOKIO

TOKIO, Sept. 8.—Declaring that editions of thirty newspapers have been suppressed because of attacks on the government over the high cost of rice, the Yamato charges that ruffians belonging to the Seiyukai or government party, has threatened its chief editorial writer, and says "this is an act of oppression of the right of free speech."

Late Photo of Prince of Wales



This photograph of the Prince of Wales was taken just before he left England to visit Canada and the United States. It shows him in the uniform of the Prince of Wales Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) of which he is colonel in chief.

HOSPITAL NURSE PRAISES TANLAC

GAINS ELEVEN POUNDS—"I AM FEELING FINE THESE DAYS," HE SAYS

"Tanlac did so much for me that I feel it is a duty I owe to others to let the people know about this medicine," said C. M. Rhamey, who lives at the Hotel George, on Sixth St. San Francisco, Cal., to a Tanlac representative, recently. Mr. Rhamey, who is a nurse by profession, has been nursing in the hospitals for the past eight years.

"Last February, while nursing for the Red Cross Society, I broke my leg in two places," continued Mr. Rhamey, "and was sent to a hospital, where I was in bed for five weeks. While there, waiting for the bones in my leg to knit together again, I lost my appetite and got to where I could hardly eat a thing and naturally, I lost weight. I took several different kinds of tonic in the hope they would build me up, but none of them seemed to do me a bit of good.

"One morning I happened to be reading the paper and saw a state-

ment by a lady in Los Angeles who claimed she had gotten such wonderful benefit by taking Tanlac that I made up my mind to try the medicine myself to see if it would do anything for me. So I bought a bottle and by the time I had finished about half of it I was feeling so much better that one morning when I looked at my watch and saw it was 11 o'clock, I remarked to one of the attendants, 'Say, I'm hungry,' and it was the first time in months that I had actually felt like eating. From then on I started right in to pick up and my appetite got better and I slept better at night and gained in weight right along until now I have already put on eleven pounds in weight. I am feeling just fine these days and even my doctor has remarked how much better I am looking. I have never allowed my name used in connection with a medicine of any kind, but I have had such excellent results from Tanlac, after all the other things failed, that I take great pleasure in recommending Tanlac to anyone needing a medicine to build them up."

Tanlac is sold in Klamath Falls by the Star Drug Co., and in Lorella by the James Mercantile Co.—Adv.

SHOE INDUSTRY PROSPERS.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—A trade development reflecting the extraordinary prosperity of the British shoe industry and calling to mind recent newspaper reports of combinations within the industry forecasting a British monopoly of this business, is the proposal of the British United Shoe Machinery Company to raise its capital to \$6,000,000. Most of the machinery now used in England footwear factories is purchased from this concern.

HALL USED AS MARKET

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 8.—Liberty Hall, built as a public meeting place in the new courthouse, is to be converted into a public market as a means of reducing the high cost of living. The big amphitheater is to be equipped with stalls and an outdoor market will be operated by the county authorities.

JAPANESE ADVOCATE OF UNDER-SEA CABLE WILL ARRIVE IN S. F.

TOKIO, Sept. 8.—Kakichi Uchida, a leading advocate of the proposed new cable between Japan and the United States, will leave for America and England next month. In the United States he says he will seek permission of the American government for the landing of the cable and will also discuss the proposition with American telegraph companies.

"The cable itself," said Mr. Uchida, "will probably be made in England where I shall inspect the cable factories. Personally, I feel confident that the proposition will go through. Present cable facilities are so inadequate that business is greatly delayed. Business houses feel the need of better facilities for the handling of steadily increasing trade communications."

NATURE BLOTTING OUT SCARS OF WAR IN NO-MAN'S LAND

DOVER, England, September 8.—Former British officers returning from France and Belgium, where they have been going over the ground where a year ago they were still fighting, express astonishment at the manner in which nature is blotting out the scars of war.

"No man's Land everywhere is covered with a mass of scarlet poppies," said one officer, "and the disappearance of the rusty barbed wire makes one almost forget the place was ever the most desolate prospect a man ever saw. But the trenches are still there, and so is much of the timber, both startling reminders of the days when we did not know just what was going to happen next."

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