

tion counsel when Commissioner Kats had finished his questioning regarding the price.

Conceivers' Compensation.
The "conceivers' compensation" amounts to \$650,000 in the company's valuation and it represents the price paid to the men, who, as Corporation Counsel Syme put it, "thought it would be a good thing to have an electric light plant in Washington."

COAL DROPS IN N. Y.

Prices Tumble as Grand Jury Opens Investigation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—With a sudden tumble in coal prices here, regarded as the best evidence that the \$11 and \$13 a ton coal of recent weeks was the result of conspiracy, the Federal grand jury inquiry into the high cost of living began here today.

"There never has been a real shortage of coal at this port," Frank M. Swacker, in charge of the investigation, said.

"Our evidence thus far is that some what more than usual has been shipped here from the mines. Jobs have for some time past been refusing shipments on the plea that they were not up to the quality contracted for."

"The truth is the government's action has started the speculators running to cover."

The grand jury beginning today will concentrate on the coal inquiry for several days probably, but will go into other alleged price conspiracies before adjourning.

In its coal investigations the jury has the benefit of information furnished by the Federal trade commission and the Department of Justice.

BUYING PANTS IS BUSINESS

So Rules Commissioner of Workmen's Compensation Board.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 11.—An employe who, while at work, rips his trousers so extensively that it is necessary he reclothe himself, is in the course of his employment and on business arising out of his employment while on his way to get a pair of pants, ruled Commissioner Scott, Commissioner Leeb and Chairman Mackey of the compensation board, concurred.

G. A. R. TO AID

Veterans Asked to Support Half-Holiday Plan.

Members of the G. A. R. are urged to get behind the efforts of Government clerks to obtain all year half holidays on Saturday and for retirement of civil service employes, in the current bulletin of Kit Carson Post, No. 2.

BULLET HITS TWO BOYS

Youngsters Drop Shell on Stove and It Explodes.

FEDERALSBURG, Md., Dec. 11.—Two sons of Alfred Orange, aged four and seven years, obtained a cartridge and were playing with it near the kitchen stove.

The younger brother dropped it up on the stove. It exploded, and a thumb and two fingers of the boy were blown off.

BRIMER TO PRACTICE LAW.

Harry W. Brimer has resigned his position in the Department of Justice to enter upon the practice of law in Washington. Mr. Brimer is a native of Tennessee, and a graduate of the Georgetown University law school. He has been connected with the Department of Justice since April, 1914.

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MORE SHOPPING DAYS TO XMAS.

WILL IT BE A WHITE XMAS—OR DO YOU THINK IT WILL REIN-DEER?



POSTOFFICE STEPS INTO FOOD FIGHT

Acts to Cut High Cost of Living as Justice Department Starts Probe.

(Continued from First Page.) City are included in the list of concerns given by the Postmaster as places where containers may be procured.

The first zone rate applies to both the first and second zones, in each city, it is explained. The list which is being distributed in the city includes the names of 700 farmers in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

THREE FOOD PROBES ON

U. S. Grand Jury, Utilities Board, and Grocers on Trail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Fire from three quarters was to be poured into the stronghold of commission men and speculators believed to control the country's foodstuffs here today.

The Federal grand jury, the State utilities commission, and the executive board of the National Retail Grocers' Association are all hot on the trail, and a break in prices, due to pressure from these bodies is expected.

Meeting of Grocers.

Representative retail grocers from Chicago, San Francisco, New York, Boston, New Orleans, St. Paul, and Des Moines will attend the meeting of the executive council of the National Retail Grocers' Association.

"It is probable that a boycott against commission men, jobbers, and wholesalers who have taken advantage of conditions to force unusual profits will be instituted by retailers all over the country," Frank B. Connolly of San Francisco, vice president of the association, said today.

The grocers will also be asked to send a committee to Congress to work for embargoes on foodstuffs.

Charges Inaccuracies.

Sol Westerfield, of Chicago, charged the Department of Agriculture with making inaccurate reports concerning foodstuffs stored here. He will ask the Grocers to investigate the report that the Chicago butter and egg board found 700,000 more eggs in storage than were enumerated in the last Government report.

When the State utilities commission meets today an order to limit the time foodstuffs may be held in storage and to force standardized and accurate bookkeeping by cold-storage houses will be considered.

VOCAL TEACHER BANKRUPT.

Sydney Lloyd Wrightson, a teacher of singing, of 2123 LeRoy place northwest, today filed a petition in bankruptcy in the District Supreme Court.

The petitioner sets forth that his liabilities are \$16,214.57, and that his assets are \$208.44. Attorneys Nason M. Richardson and Charles S. Shreve represent the petitioner.

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BULGARS SWEEP ON FROM SOUTH

Capture Bridgehead at Cernavoda and Cross Danube Into Roumania.

SOFIA, Dec. 11.—Capture of the west bridgehead at Cernavoda was announced in today's official report.

A Bulgarian force crossed the Danube into Roumania near Silistria and captured the city of Kalapasi.

In Macedonia, the statement said, several enemy attacks had been repulsed.

Forcing back of the enemy for several hundred feet by allied forces west of Subotica was also announced. Announcement of their successes confirms reports of the further envelopment of Roumania by the Teutonic allies. Cernavoda is in the southern section.

AUSTRIAN AEROS IN RAID

Successes Claimed in Attacks on Enemy Air Stations.

BERLIN (Via Sayville wireless), Dec. 11.—A highly successful air raid on enemy aerostations at Belgina and batteries at Scobbs was announced in the Austro-Hungarian official statement for December 6, received here today.

The raids were carried out by naval aeroplanes, and despite bad weather conditions three hangars at Belgina were struck.

CONSTANTINE PROTESTS

Complains Against Allies Blockade of Greece.

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—King Constantine's government made formal protest to the allied powers today against continuance of the allies blockade.

ITALY PREPARING

Ready to Make Vigorous Offensive During Coming Year.

ROME, Dec. 11.—Italy, no less than her allies, is preparing to make 1917 a year of its most vigorous prosecution of the war.

"Two events today so indicated the new determination of the nation. One was the calling to the colors of the class of 1908 one year in advance of the time of men of that age ordinarily would be called upon for military service."

The other was the vote of confidence accorded the present government by Parliament. The session was a secret. The vote was 374 to 26.

STATEMENT BY HOLLWEG.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11.—Germany is expecting an important announcement from Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg when the Reichstag convenes tomorrow, advises from Berlin asserted today.

The Vossische Zeitung declares it has been informed that "an important political statement will be made the nature of which is being kept profoundly secret."

FOUR TAUBES BAGGED.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Four German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday, south of the Somme. There was intermittent cantonnement yesterday announced today.

ELECTRIC SHOW CONTINUES

Exhibition Started More Than Week Ago.

Washington's electrical show at 1212 G street, started more than a week ago, was continued today and will also be open tomorrow. The show was staged in connection with this city's celebration of America's Electrical Week.

Large crowds visited the exhibition all last week, and this patronage led those in charge to continue the show for two days this week.

E. J. Graham heads the committee which planned the exhibit. Special attention has been attracted to the display of toys, because of the approaching holidays, in addition to the electrical appliances on boats, the electrical refrigerator, and other novel devices.

WILL DISCUSS RETIREMENT

Congressman Hamill to Address Interior Department Employes.

Congressman James A. Hamill, of New Jersey, will speak before the Department of the Interior branch of the Federal Employes' Union on "Retirement" this evening. The meeting will be at the Pythian Temple at 8 o'clock.

Nominations for officers of the branch will be made at this meeting. A general discussion of retirement legislation will follow Congressman Hamill's address.

Cold Cause Headache and Grip

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box, 25c.—Advt.

The Palais Royal
Shop Early. A. Lisner, G and Eleventh Streets Mail Early.

Special Inducements to Early Shoppers
Tomorrow, Tuesday, from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.

Only too little time remains between now and Christmas. To encourage shopping in the less busy early hours of the day the following special prices are quoted for tomorrow morning.

\$1.00 Silk Stockings 75c
Tomorrow—only from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.
All new, all perfect, suitably boxed for presentation. White, black, black with white clocks, white with black clocks, navy with white clocks. At 75c pair for one hour only—on Street Floor. Limit—3 pairs to each purchaser.

\$1.00 Combination Suits 50c
Tomorrow—only from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.
Envelope Combination Suits, empire style, stamped for embroidery work in Butterfly and French Knot designs, finished with net footing edge. At 50c for one hour only—one to each purchaser. In Art Needle Department, on Second Floor.

\$1.95 Dainty Voile Waists, \$1.50
Tomorrow—only from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.
Choice of three remarkably pretty styles—1. Allover Embroidery Voile Waist, with large pointed collar, trimmed with cluny lace—2. plain voile model, with large embroidered sailor collar and embroidered frill—3. elaborately trimmed waist with organdy panels and Venise insertion, large cape collar edged with val lace. In neat Christmas boxes. At \$1.50 for one hour only on Third Floor.

\$12 Mahogany Sewing Tables \$7.50
Tomorrow—only from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.
Reproduction of Martha Washington Sewing Table, with three drawers and two side pockets. Solid mahogany and superior cabinet work. Just the present for mother, wife or sister. At \$7.50 for one hour only—on Fourth Floor.

59c Tea Table Covers, Etc. 29c
Tomorrow—only from 9:30 to 10:30 A. M.
Choice of Tea Table Covers, Scarfs and Shams, of excellent quality linen-finish material, with ornamental hemstitched edge, embroidery and inset ornamentation. At 29c for one hour only. Limit four (4) to each purchaser. Basement Store. No Phone Orders.

Xmas Sale OF Men's Cravats AT 29c and 65c

These prices are not limited to specified hours—but they are none the less extraordinary.

Every year the leading maker supplying the Palais Royal with 50c and \$1.00 Neckwear lays aside all short ends of his silks—lengths too little to create dozens. They are made up for a great Pre-Christmas Sale. Now here—at 29c and 65c for choice. Make selections tomorrow and be assured of the choicest patterns and colorings.

Palais Royal—Street Floor.

Special Sale OF Smoking Jackets AND BATH ROBES

Here at all prices to \$10.00, with a Special Sale at the popular price of \$4.95

Smoking Jackets of heavy, double faced cloth, with silk corded edges and trimmed cuffs and pockets. Oxford gray, navy, maroon, heather mixtures. All sizes up to 44.

Palais Royal—Street Floor.

Pictures
In rich gold frames
75c and 95c
The old masters have been reproduced in these facsimiles of oil paintings. The connoisseur will not have a word of adverse criticism—while the prices are only 75c and 95c.
Palais Royal—Fourth Floor.

Cedar Chests, Rugs, Baskets, Curtains, Cretonnes
And other Gift Suggestions in the Palais Royal Upholstery Department, Second Floor.

Cedar Chests, \$9.98—A \$12 value. Plain, Neat Style Chests, guaranteed, made of 3/4-inch thick genuine red cedar, 43 inches long; equipped with lock and key; standing on casters.
Mating-Covered Utility Chests, \$1.98, \$2.25 to \$5.75.
Mating-Covered Sewing Stands, \$2.98.
Auto Cushions, 69c, \$1.10, \$2.50—Covered in black imitation leather; everybody that drives a car, will appreciate one of these cushions.
Table Scarfs and Pillow Tops, 79c to \$1.50.
Waste Baskets, 49c—Mahogany or white enamel frames, filled with pretty silkolite.
Silk Fiber Rugs—All true reproductions of the fine Persian Rugs; 27x54, \$8.95; 36x60, \$11.95.
Sample pairs and odd lots of Portieres, regularly \$5 to \$10 pair, at \$2.85 a pair.—One to 3 pair lots of Finely Mercerized Armure Portieres, in shades of rose, light and dark green, blue and brown that we used as samples in our store. To close out at \$2.85 pair.
\$12 a pair Silk Frou Frou Portieres—Strips, \$2.85 each.
Marquise, Voile and Curtain Nets 19c yard—Values to 40c yard. Two big table lots of these popular materials for the hangings of your windows. Marquise and Voile, with fancy and plain hemstitched border and tape edge. Curtain Nets, 36 inches wide, in neat, conventional effect. Choice of white, cream, and ecru.
Quaker Lace Curtains—The name, "Quaker Lace," woven into every pair, which guarantees the quality. \$4 to \$5 values in this important sale of Lace Curtains at \$2.85 a pair—Purchase way below regular price.
Irish Point Lace Curtains with new style domestic Irish point lace border, made for 1917 season. Mounted on fine imported net. A neat and effective window drapery; entirely new design. Only \$2.85 a pair.
Buy your Cretonne at headquarters, Palais Royal, Second Floor, at 22c a yard.—Values to 45c yard. One big table lot of imported and domestic grades in pretty floral and striped effects; black background, bird designs, etc. All are suitable for making shoe bags, laundry bags, pillow tops, draperies or slip covers. Only 22c yard. 31 to 36 inches wide.

Christmas
Is the time when joy should be exuberant. You make some one happy by the selection of a little gift. It need not be expensive in order to make them think well of you and make them feel that you have thought well of them.
You will find at our store many little tokens of friendship which can be purchased at small cost, but which, nevertheless, will bring much pleasure to the recipient.
Our clerks will extend to you every courtesy, and show you articles without any obligation on your part to buy.
The National Remembrance Shop
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NEXT WEEK SEATS NOW
ORCHESTRA \$1.00
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GIFT CHINA
On Fourth Floor
An Annual Sale—including many unusual values—and innumerable suggestions of what to give. Don't fail to visit this FOURTH FLOOR. Let it be tomorrow—before the prizes are carried off.
Table 1 for choice 25c
Fancy Cups and Saucers, Baby Plates, Tea Pot Tiles, Tea Pots, Cake Plates, Children's Cup, Saucer and Plate, Hatpin Holders, Oatmeal Sets, Mugs, etc.
Table 2 for choice 50c
Mayonnaise Sets, Japanese Vases, Fruit Plates, Imported Wall Plaques or Chop Dishes, Cake Plates, Chocolate Pots, Celery Trays, Tea Pots, Powder Boxes, Hair Receivers, Salad Bowls, Mahogany Candlestick Outfits.
Table 3 for choice 79c
Berry Sets (7 pieces), Sugar, Cream, and Tea Pot Sets, Comb and Brush Trays, Candlesticks, Olive and Candy Dishes, Roll and Bread Trays, Cake Plates, Powder Boxes, etc.
Table 4 for choice \$1.00
7-piece Celery Sets, Salad Bowls, Cake Plates, Flower Vases, Beer Steins, Tea Pots, Berry Sets, Almond Sets, Mugs, Cups, and Saucers, etc.
Table 5 for choice \$1.25
Dresser Sets, Sugar and Creamers, Almond Sets, Salad Bowls, Mayonnaise Bowls, Tea Pots, Chocolate Sets, Jardiniere, Celery Trays, Beer Steins, etc.
Table 6 for choice \$1.50
Salad Bowls, Sugar and Cream Sets, Cake Plates, Mayonnaise Sets, Cracker Jars, Comb and Brush Trays, Salad Sets, Tea Pots, Celery Trays, Jardiniere, etc.
Table 7 for choice \$1.98
7-piece Cake Sets, 7-piece Berry Sets, Salad Bowls, 17-piece Tea Sets, Dresser Sets, Celery Sets, Cake Plates, Silk Boudoir Lamps.
Palais Royal—Fourth Floor.