

Wars, Roebuck Trade Method is Attacked.

Washington, March 6.—Complaint was issued today against Sears, Roebuck and Company, of Chicago, by the Federal Trade Commission charging unfair methods of competition in the conduct of its business.

The complaint summons the firm to answer a charge it has advertised sugar for sale at 3 to 4 cents a pound actually at a loss, but only upon condition certain amounts of other groceries be purchased for which a sufficient price is charged to make a profit on the combined sale.

The complaint further charges Sears, Roebuck and Company, with the purpose of injuring competitors, has circulated catalogues representing the quality of merchandise sold by its competitors as inferior.

The complaint charged the low price on sugar was made for the purpose of lessening competition and creating a monopoly.

A hearing has been set for April 11.

Hotel Improvements.

The Burris hotel, with Mrs. G. W. Goodbee Proprietor, is undergoing repair and enlargement, work having been started last week. The additional rooms will make the hotel more comfortable and will better accommodate the traveling public in every way.

Town Lighted Again.

After weeks of darkness during the repair of machinery and moving of electric light plant, the town is once more lighted and we may add, well lighted, too.

The Hood Electric Light Co., sold the plant to McCreary Lumber Co., and the machinery has been moved to the mill plant on the river where it is believed it can be more successfully operated.

The Germans adopted a new method of frightfulness in dropping rubber balls filled with liquid mustard gas on the Americans, but no serious effects resulted.

Daylight Saving is Law Of Land.

Don't make any dates for 2:30 Sunday morning, March 31, because there ain't gonna be no sich animal. In fact, there will be no 2 o'clock. At 60 seconds after 1:59 it will not be 2 o'clock but 3 o'clock. Similarly, if you contemplate any sort of engagement, business or social, for 1:30 Sunday morning Oct. 27, you had better make plain which "1:30" you mean, because there is going to be two of 'em on that day. Exactly 60 seconds after 1:59 a. m. Sunday morning, Oct. 27, it will not be 2 o'clock, but 1 o'clock again.

That is what President Wilson did Tuesday, March 19, when he affixed his signature to the daylight bill which had already been passed by congress. As a result, the universally accepted plaint that life is growing more complex every day, has another supporting argument.

However there is going to be very little confusion, after all. Just remember to do this, and you'll be all right:

Before you go to bed on the night of Saturday, March 30, set every watch, alarm clock, grandfather's clock, cuckoo clock or other timepiece in the entire house, one hour ahead. This is going to be done in every household in the entire United States. On the morning of Sunday, March 31 when you awake, the change will have been accomplished.

Boys From Washington Parish Are Making Splendid Record As Engineers At Camp Beauregard.

The boys from the old Company "G" of Bogalusa are making a fine record in their new organization—the Engineers. The men belong to Company "D" and have made Company D the best company in the Regiment by constantly working hard and undergoing all hardships without a murmur. They usually call themselves the Flag Company as they carry the flag more than any other Company.

All of the boys take great pride in their Company and every one is trying to make the Company better every day, and more efficient for the great task that lies ahead.

The Company is commanded by Captain William A. Wintle of Leesville, La., and has for one of his assistants 1st Lt. Herbert H. Lester of Bogalusa.

The non-commissioned are practically all from Washington Parish and former members of the Bogalusa Company. Almost all of the men who were transferred to the Engineers are now non-commissioned officers.

Sergeant Nolan L. Smith is first Sergeant of the Company and has for his Supply Sergeant, L. Searcy Young; for his Mess Sergeant, John Whittington; for his Line Sergeants: Mason Magee Dewey R. Reagan, Esco Simmons, Augustos Peralion, James D. Ramey, and Albert M. Voss. For his corporals: James I. Ray, Earl H. Lear, Doyle A. Baham, Cecil A. Burris, Delos O. Knight William E. Magee. And they are all the in Company; all hustlers and will no doubt be promoted very soon if the hard work is kept up.

Corporal Burris just back from a furlough and reports he had the best time of his life while at home in Franklinton, La., and is very eager for the trip over the sea.

Sergeant Simmons is leaving for a few days visit with his mother at Mt. Hermon, La.

"The Boys."

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The Baptist church at Talisheek La., will entertain the Fifth Sunday meeting of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes, the opening session to begin at 9:30 Saturday morning, March 30.

Some splendid subjects are arranged for discussion and since this is the youngest church in the association a large attendance is urged for this meeting.

Franklintonian Held By Federal Authorities.

Frank N. Douglas, a farmer living near here was taken in charge by federal authorities in New Orleans last week when he was found to be connected with Elder Wheaton, a Russellite, in the sale of "The Finished Mystery," a book which has been placed under the ban by the government. This book was written by Pastor Russell and is said to be seditious, but was sold extensively from the New Orleans headquarters before being seized by authorities. Friends of Douglas here think he can be exonerated of any intention of violating government regulations.

From Across The Seas.

Levy J. Simmons, the first of "our boys" to sail for the other side, we understand is among the mine-sweepers, possibly off the coast of Scotland.

We reproduce below a message just received from him, which we believe will be enjoyed by many.

Dear Mrs. Brock:—
Your card came to me this day bearing glad tidings, and you can't imagine how glad I am to hear that I am remembered by the good people at home. Especially in such a good deed as you spoke of on your card.

Allow me to thank you for your kindness, your remembrance and for your "Sponsorship". I am sure I was well represented in the service.

I sincerely hope that the Service was a success and that all the boys were represented. I know it will do them all good, to know that they are being remembered in all the good things at home.

I presume you would like to know where I am and what I am doing, over in this part of the world, but Mrs. Brock I regret very much that I cannot tell you. The government is getting very strict in censoring our letters. Consequently we have to be very careful in writing our letters, unless we want them turned down. All that I can say is, that I am over here, well, and feeling fine.

Hope this finds you and yours well and happy, and enjoying life. Best regards to all friends, and wishing the Sunday School and Church much success and prosperity.

Again thanking you for your kindness, and with lots of love and best wishes to all the people in Dear Old Franklinton.

Respectfully,
Levy J. Simmons.

A Steam Laundry Service.

There is offered to the residents of Franklinton and vicinity a quick and clean service of steam laundering at considerate prices. The service includes gents' collars and shirts, ladies' waists and skirts, woolen and silken suits and in fact, extends to all wearing apparel, table linens and bed coverings.

The Babington Drug Store Incorporated, has the agency for the Bogalusa Steam Laundry which offers this service with a guaranty of satisfaction. Shipments made Tuesdays and returns Fridays.

General News Items In Brief

An artillery attack involving the entire fifty mile front held by the British inaugurated the German offensive in the west, while intermittent attacks of violence were made against the French on the west front. The Germans penetrated the British line between Cambri and La Fere.

British and French destroyers sunk two German destroyers and two torpedo boats in a battle off Dunkirk.

The Senate by a big majority adopted the Gore amendment fixing the price of wheat at \$2.50 per bushel.

Leon Trotzky, Bolsheviki leader, has asked America for railway and transportation experts and ten officers to reorganize his volunteer army.

The Senate committee, by a vote of eleven to seven, ordered a favorable report on the bill increasing the powers of President Wilson.

In a sweeping order the War Trade Board put a ban on the importation of eighty-two articles, products similar to nearly all of which are manufactured here.

Governor Pleasant said the people of Louisiana were being aroused to the situation, and with good seasons, enormous crops will be gathered.

Washington expressed confidence in ultimate victory, basing belief on the awful death toll exacted by British which necessarily must exhaust Germany's manpower resources in a short time.

John and Otto P. Streich, German alien enemies, were arrested in Bogalusa and sent to the parish prison in New Orleans.

Fourteen pardons were recommended by the State Board of Pardons.

The lines around wheat flour consumption were drawn tighter by the United States Food Administration.

Dispatches from Moscow stated despite the peace treaty the Germans were marching on Moscow from three sides intent on the city's capture.

The collector of internal revenue declared dodgers of income and profit taxes need expect no mercy.

Superintendent Mooney's automobile was stolen while the family attended a theater.

The Canadians launched the greatest gas attack in history sending 5,000 drums of lethal gas into the German lines.

The German monster cannon which bombarded Paris Saturday and Sunday was located in St. Gobain forest, west of Laon, seventy-six miles from the French capital.

"Be as calm as your boys on the firing line," French High Commissioner Tardieu advised the American people.

The Germans forced back the British line to the Somme where the Tommies contesting doggedly every inch, reformed their lines to check the German advance.

A patrol of four Americans crawled a mile and captured a German in a listening post.

The Germans employed ninety-seven divisions, aggregating 1,174,000 men, in their attack, said a dispatch to London.

English shock troops covering the retreat of the British checked the tremendous German rush, while the army retired to prepared positions to reform its line.

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To The American People

There is no foundation for the alleged violations of law attributed to our Company by agents of the Federal Trade Commission and I want to say emphatically that Swift & Company is not a party to any conspiracy to defraud the Government. Nor has Swift & Company been guilty of improperly storing foods or of making false entries or reports.

Conferences of packers, where prices have been discussed, have been held at the urgent request and in the presence of representatives of either the Food Administration or the Council of National Defense. And yet the packers have been accused of committing a felony by acting in collusion on Government bids!

We have done our best, with other packers, large and small, to comply with the directions of the United States Food Administration in all particulars, including the furnishing of food supplies for the U. S. Army and Navy and the Allies, now being handled through the Food Administration.

We will continue to do our utmost, under Government direction, to increase our production and assist the Food Administration. We consider that the opportunity to co-operate whole-heartedly and to our fullest powers with this branch of the Government is our plain and most pressing duty.

The Trade Commission Attorney has, by false inference and misplaced emphasis, given to disconnected portions of the correspondence taken from our private files and read into the Record, a false and sinister meaning with the plain purpose of creating antagonistic public opinion.

The services of the packers of the United States are most urgently needed, and I regret exceedingly that we should at this time have to spend our efforts in defending ourselves against unfounded, unproved, and unfair assertions such as are being daily made public.

L. J. Swift, President



Swift & Company, U.S.A.