

# Kiddies' Hats

On Sale Saturday at

## Big Reductions

Our Fine \$2.50 to \$5.00 Hats at



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Mothers! Here is your chance to buy daughter's new Christmas Hat—at a BIG saving! A wonderful lot of pretty hats, including our entire present stock, together with a fine group of the very latest New York models, secured especially for this Saturday sale.

All the smartest and most becoming styles, of finest quality materials and in the best colors—Hats that are positively worth \$2.50 to \$5.00, in three groups, at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00—a saving in many cases of more than half. (Millinery Dept., Third Floor.)

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### LARGE POWDER PLANT CLOSES

Barksdale Company May Soon Be Converted Into Dye Works.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 12.—The plant of the Barksdale Powder company, near here, which had gradually been enlarged since the beginning of the European war until it had become one of the greatest producers of the deadly "T. N. T." explosive in the country, has partly shut down and may be converted into a dye works.

war the plant again was enlarged and specialized in the manufacture of "T. N. T." Just before the armistice was signed the company employed 5,000 men and was shipping 25 cars of "T. N. T." daily. It was a cargo of explosives from this plant which nearly destroyed the city of Halifax a year ago.

Thousands of deep sea mines were fitted at this plant in the last few years. The explosive was melted and poured into the mines in liquid form and allowed to solidify in cooling. The mines were designed to explode by spark and unusual precautions had to be exercised in shipping them.

council, recently attended a meeting in Washington of state councils. It is believed they will have some announcement to make soon concerning future activity. The present Illinois council will be maintained, declared Mr. Shanahan, down through its county units until war is officially ended.

### PLAN AIRPLANE EXCURSION SERVICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—An airplane passenger excursion service for Lake Michigan points surrounding Chicago next summer is being planned and an effort made to recruit several army aviators for the project.

### ILLINOIS WILL DROP COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The Illinois Council of Defense will cease to be an official body simultaneously with the signing of the peace treaty, declared David E. Shanahan, member of the council and speaker of the lower house of the general assembly.

### FINDING BACK DOOR? YES

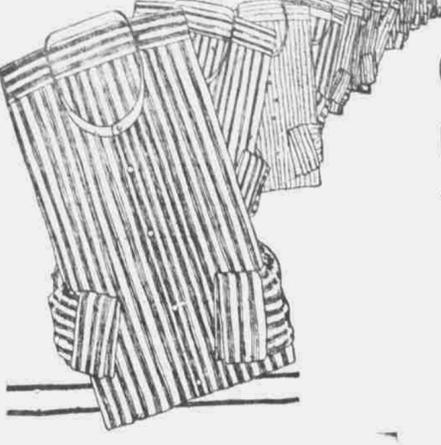
#### New Associations Avoid Law Complications by Filing Statements of Purposes With Federal Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—American manufacturers are rapidly forming export associations which plan to carry the products of the United States to every nation on earth, to create and enlarge demands for goods "made in America" and to furnish cargoes for the American merchant marine to transport over the seven seas. The trade invasion of other countries will begin in earnest when Europe has been supplied with food and reconstruction materials and the world gets back to a normal peace basis.

To save collisions with provisions of the Sherman antitrust act and the Clayton law, the new associations are filing statements of their purposes with the federal trade commission, taking advantage of the Webb bill permitting such combinations solely for the purpose of export trade. This act enables Americans to combine their strength to compete successfully with similar combinations in other countries. Up to the present, 52 statements have been filed, embracing combinations of machinists and tool makers, paper makers, lumber manufacturers and general exporters.

As a general rule, the combinations have been effected along the line of trade associations—that is, all manufacturers in the producing of a certain article or series of articles are banding together, somewhat along the lines followed by the German cartels. Some experts believe that this system, combining the strength of the department store idea—that is, that each combination should include some two manufacturers of each article and that the association should be able to furnish complete stock orders to its customers and to meet foreign competition only. Officials who have studied the problem think the danger of an outgrowth of these export associations similar to the great metalgesellschaft of Germany which controlled metals and metal products in all parts of the world both in production and distribution, is eliminated by a provision of the Webb bill which prohibits any exporters' association from engaging in importing activities. This provision does not, however, make unduly strict control of raw materials. It also is provided that the Sherman act shall not apply to any in any way in restraint of trade within the United States, the federal trade commission having jurisdiction over their activities and each individual manufacturer or jobbing member of the association is liable to the Sherman and Clayton acts insofar as his domestic business is concerned.

# Shirt Sale



## Several Hundred Handsome, New Silk Shirts

Regular \$7.50 and \$8.50 Values  
**Saturday Special \$5.95**

Fresh, new, up-to-date merchandise—as fine a lot of shirts as any man ever laid eyes on—and they'll sell in "double quick" time when news of this big event reaches men who want high-class shirts. Better get a few of them yourself.

## Suits—Mackinaws—Sweaters

### The Kind YOUR Boy Will Like and Should Have

**Corduroy Norfolks—\$7.50 to \$10**  
Boys' Nobby Corduroy Norfolk Suits of genuine corduroy—the kind that looks well and "holds its own" under the most severe wear that "rough-and-tumble" boys are apt to give them. Military style or patch pocket coats of natural drab and seal brown corduroy; \$7.50 to \$10.00 each.

**Fine Hand-Tailored Suits—\$25**  
Boys' Hand Tailored Norfolks—the very highest quality, both of material and tailoring; mannish style of rich Scotch mixtures, each with two pairs of knickerbockers; just the suit your boy should have for Christmas; unusual values at \$25.00 each.

**Minnesota Mackinaws—\$10 and \$12.50**  
Here are mackinaws of the best looking and most dependable kind at extremely low prices. Made of genuine Minnesota mackinaw cloth, light in weight, yet very warm and extremely serviceable; new brown and maroon plaids at \$10.00 and \$12.50 each.



**Boys' "Wilson" Sweaters, \$15.00**  
"Wilson" Sweaters for boys of all sizes, shaker knit, of finest quality all-wool yarns; pull-over style, in all school colors, at \$15 each.

**Boys' \$2.50 and \$3 Sweaters, \$1.59**  
Boys' Special Sweater, in military style, pull-over style with shawl collar; regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values; very special, \$1.59 each.

**Dandy Christmas Ties, 25c to \$1.00**  
Boys' Four-in-Hand Ties, a practically endless variety of patterns and colorings, and unusual values, at 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c and \$1.00 each. (Christmas boxes free.)

**Boys' Sleepers at \$1.00 to \$2.00**  
Good, Warm Sleeping Garments for big and little boys; made of best quality outing flannel in neat colorings; 1 and 2 piece styles; \$1.00 to \$2.00 each.



### Important Notice

Contrary to the usual custom—this store will NOT remain open nights, the week before Christmas, except Saturday nights, as always, and Monday and Tuesday nights, December 23 and 24. Do your Christmas shopping NOW and avoid possible disappointment.

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### U. S. DISCARDING WASTE SAVING

#### War Savings Committees Report Many Persons Rushing to Make Purchases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Reaction from war-time economy is apparent in reports to various government agencies since the signing of the armistice. War savings committees in all parts of the country have submitted statements tending to show that persons who abstained from buying unnecessary clothes during the war have rushed to shops within the past week or two and bought according to pre-war standards.

Retail businesses report stimulation of business by peace news. In some cases, the response was immediate, business showing a big jump within a day or two after Nov. 11. This reaction seems most marked among the wealthier classes.

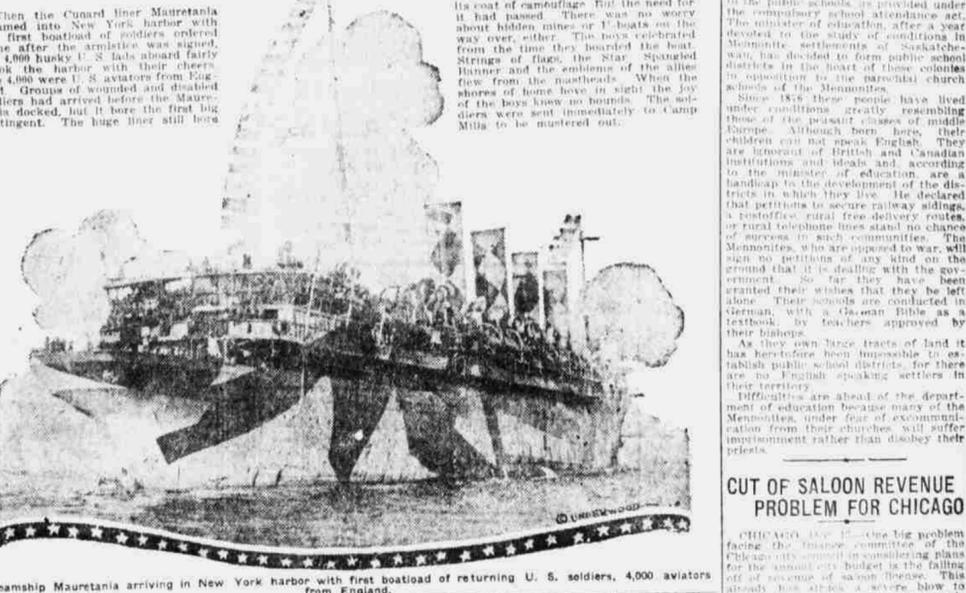
Reports gathered by the federal reserve board also show more activity among wholesale houses to meet the demand of retailers. The wholesale business, however, is somewhat restricted by the desire of retail merchants to let their stocks run low, while waiting for prices to come down. Thousands of retailers quickly arranged special sales of their stocks at lower prices, in view of the uncertainties of the future course of prices.

Building operations have taken a sudden start after the long enforced period of sluggishness during the war, and building materials are now beginning to flow away from former war enterprises, toward peace time building projects. Private building seems to be holding back, however. Municipalities and states have turned their thoughts to building roads and bridges, held up during the war by shortage of materials, and within the next month officials here look for a multitude of advertisements for bids for these projects.

At least \$8,000,000,000 must be raised in the United States next year from war bonds or war savings certificates, argue that floating of these loans without corresponding saving in money and materials merely serves to inflate credit and the practical result of this inflation is a general rise in prices.

The treasury now seeks to develop means of continuing thrift propaganda throughout the next few years,

### THE FIRST BOATLOAD HOME



When the Cunard liner Mauretania steamed into New York harbor with the first boatload of soldiers ordered home after the armistice was signed, the 4,000 husky U. S. lads aboard fairly shook the harbor with their cheers. The 4,000 were U. S. aviators from England. Groups of wounded and disabled soldiers had arrived before the Mauretania docked, but it bore the first big contingent. The huge liner still looms

its coat of camouflage. But the need for it had passed. There was no worry about hidden mines or U-boats on the way over, either. The boys celebrated from the time they boarded the boat. Strings of flags, the Star Spangled Banner and the emblems of the allies flew from the mastsheads. When the shores of home were in sight the joy of the boys knew no bounds. The soldiers were sent immediately to Camp Mills to be mustered out.

When the ship arrived in New York harbor with first boatload of returning U. S. soldiers, 4,000 aviators from England.

### MENNONITES MUST PATRONIZE SCHOOLS

RENSA, Sask., Dec. 12.—In the future subjects of the Mennonite faith in the public schools must send their children to the compulsory school attendance act. The minister of education, after a year devoted to the study of conditions in Mennonite settlements of Saskatchewan, has decided to form public school districts in the heart of these colonies in opposition to the parochial church schools of the Mennonites.

Since 1875 these people have lived under conditions greatly resembling those of the small classes of middle Europe. Although German here, their children can not speak English. They are ignorant of British and Canadian institutions and ideas and according to the minister of education are a handicap to the development of the districts in which they live. He declared that efforts to secure railway sidings, a postoffice, rural free-delivery routes, or rural telephone lines stand no chance of success in such communities. The Mennonites, who are opposed to war, will sign no petitions of any kind on the ground that it is dealing with the government of so far. They have been granted their wishes that they be left alone. Their schools are conducted in German, with a German Bible as a textbook, by teachers approved by their bishops.

As they own large tracts of land it has heretofore been impossible to establish public school districts, for there are no English speaking settlers in their territory.

Difficulties are ahead of the department of education because many of the Mennonites, under fear of excommunication from their churches will suffer imprisonment rather than disobey their priests.

### CUT OF SALOON REVENUE PROBLEM FOR CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—One big problem facing the finance committee of the Chicago city council in considering plans for the annual city budget is the falling off of revenue of saloon license. This already has struck a severe blow to Chicago's income, according to records of the city's finances. If the sale of liquor is prohibited after July 1, it is estimated the city will lose \$1,000,000 in revenue from saloons and allied industries quitting business.

to educate the public to the duty of paying off indebtedness before raising war-time economy. In fact, students of economy in the treasury declare that unless the American people learn lessons of thrift which populations of England, France, Germany and other warring nations have learned during the past four years, the country will be in position during reconstruction of absorbing much more than its share of the world's available stock of food, materials and labor, needed for the physical rebuilding of devastated portions of Europe.

Treasury agencies studying banks' conditions in industrial communities particularly where war materials were manufactured, find that savings and checking accounts maintained by workmen do not have balances proportionate to their advances in wages during the war.

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