

WILL IMPROVE MARKETS HERE

Dealers and Food Leaders Confer on Retail Conditions in Capital.

It is expected that conditions in Washington markets will soon be greatly improved as the result of a conference held yesterday at the Lafayette Hotel between dealers and representatives of the local food administration.

While no definite plan was adopted, several ideas were advanced as to the manner of improving conditions for both the dealers and the consumers. Various plans are at present being considered by the food administrator and it is expected that at the next meeting something definite will be announced.

Restrict Wholesale Buying.

An effort will be made to restrict the hours of wholesale buying. It is pointed out that the present plan permits the merchandise to be sold three or four or possibly more times before reaching the consumer. As each one of the merchants handling the goods must make a living, the price naturally is boosted every time the goods are sold.

By abolishing the use of the middleman in selling this goods it is expected that not only will the price be lowered but the goods will be in better condition owing to the fact that it will not have been handled so much.

May Purchase Anytime.

The present practice permits a buyer to purchase goods at any time. It is reported that some of the goods bought as early as 11 or 12 o'clock on the night previous. This will be abolished, it is believed, and from buying and selling only "wholesale" hours are expected.

Already the public is benefiting by the establishment of the branch office in the Center Market of the local food administration. The inspectors in charge of this work have found considerable improvement in trade is noticeable. One bad practice which has been stopped by the inspector is that of selling field or silo corn under the name of sweet corn.

In a report of this work, it was found that some of the inspectors had found it that none of the persons buying it did so without knowledge of what they were getting. As no one wished to eat the tough corn it was sold to commission merchant who disposed of it to the man to feed to cattle and horses.

FIVE PERSONS HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Arthur Weiburg Struck by Machine Stepping off Car.

Automobile accidents were responsible for injuring five persons yesterday.

An unidentified driver of an automobile collided with Arthur Weiburg, 23, at 14th street southeast, as he stepped off a street car at Fourteenth and Grand streets northwest. He was taken to the Garfield Hospital.

An automobile driven by Robert D. Walker, 32, at 14th street southeast, was overturned at Virginia avenue and Sixth street southeast, slightly injuring the four occupants of the car.

Alfred Petrosella, of Alexandria, Va., drove an automobile, knocked down Gus Giesler, 29, Twelfth street northwest, at Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

The car of Walter E. Hinzman, of 14th street southeast, was struck by a taxicab when his automobile ran into an excavation near the K street viaduct.

A collision occurred between a street car and the Washington Railway and Electric Company when an automobile driven by F. B. Kelly, 524 Fourteenth street northwest, collided with the street car at Eleventh and New York avenue northwest.

War Industries Board Urges Paper Saving

Save paper, says the appeal of the paper economy division of the War Industries Board.

To save paper, the bulletin issued by the War Industries Board states, means that consumers are equal weight of cost and economy.

A few of the suggestions the board urges are:

"Save paper bags and wrapping paper."

"Use a market basket and eliminate unnecessary paper wrappings in this way."

"Save newspapers."

"School children should use both sides of their note-books and use a slate for scribbling."

No Fancy Straw Kellys For Civilians During War

A plain straw hat for the male civilian next year has been ordered by the War Industries Board. As he cannot hope to be fascinating in any kind of a hat except one of khaki color, this order should be of little moment. There will be no new or fancy styles of straw hats for Americans next season.

"No elaborate cords, or buttons to be used and no eyelashes except in harvest hats for farmers."

Save Paper's "Tote Sam" program.

Late Photo of King George and Queen Mary of England



KING GEORGE AND QUEEN MARY. This photo of King George of England was made on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his wedding, July 6, and is one of the latest to arrive in this country.

HUNS RESORT TO VILE PLOTS TO DISRUPT RUSS AND POLES

No Limit to the Means Berlin Employs to Undermine Governments of Opposing Countries.

Acts of shocking oppression and wanton assassination were resorted to by Germany to disrupt the Rumanian army and government and to literally exterminate the valiant Polish legions, which had been loyally fighting within the Russian army, the Teutonic armies on the Eastern front.

They range from secret plots against the nation and offices of the King of Rumania and the brutal arrest and maltreatment of that country's Minister at Petrograd to orders which were obeyed to "shoot" German spies, one of Polish patriots, as proven by the fifth installment of the official German-Bolshevik disclosures made public by the United States government yesterday.

The "implacability" of the Rumanian general staff, as one German document characterized it, and the indomitable and unflinching spirit of the Polish legions, presented in the early days of the conspiracy, formidable and disturbing obstacles, to Germany's major plot against Russia.

Berlin Staff Impatient.

Moreover, the Berlin General Staff was impatient to make its troops from the Eastern front, preparatory to the March offensive in France, which it was planning at that early date. German could having failed to corrupt the Rumanians and Bolshevik secret propaganda having proved sterile, Germany's fury led it to commit, in conjunction with its Bolshevik co-conspirators, excesses of violence upon a wholesale scale.

The remarkable aspect of the whole official expose is not so much the fact of Germany's criminality, as startling as the details prove to be, as the fact that our government has been able to collect unswerving proof of her guilt.

"Counter-Espionage."

Possessing the actual detailed evidence to enlighten the world as to Germany's infamy, and the story as it stands now is only partially told. Additional chapters to be given to the public during the remainder of the counter-espionage.

Measures Against Poles.

Here are a few exact quotations from the documents concerning the systematic of counter-revolutionary Rumanian officers:

"1. To take the most decisive measures, up to the shooting en masse, against the Polish troops which have submitted to the counter-revolutionary and imperialist propaganda."

"2. To arrest Gen. Dvobor-Mentzky."

"3. To arrange a surveillance of the commanding personnel."

"4. Send agitators to the Polish legions to consult regarding the Polish revolutionary organizations known to the committee."

"5. In carrying out a counter-revolutionary activity of Polish officers, immediately arrest them and send them to the Stavka to the disposal of the counter-espionage."

W. S. S. \$1,000 Club NEARLY ALL PAID UP

A canvass being made of the membership list of the District War Savings Stamp Committee's "\$1,000 Club" discloses the fact that the majority of members have already completed their pledges by purchasing stamps to that amount. Many of these purchases were made during the current month, and, as a result, it is expected that the District of Columbia will register second place in per capita sales of these securities.

Many of the members signified their willingness to invest still more, but with the District of Columbia's \$1,000 as a limit a single individual may hold, this cannot be done.

The name of Dr. W. A. Mess was added to the membership list yesterday as the result of a purchase made by him of stamps to that amount through C. A. Weber, a letter carrier.

400 BATTLE BURGLAR. Five Score Shots Fired; One Takes Effect.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—A pitched battle between 400 Chicago policemen reinforced by United States army sharpshooters and a burglar barricaded in an apartment house in the heart of Chicago's most fashionable district today ended when Detective Sergeant Paul Belun encountered and captured the man single-handed.

Although five score shots were fired, the only man injured was the burglar, who was wounded in the ankle. He gave the name of Max Miller. Thrilled citizens watched the encounter from places of safety.

Three Candidates Report.

Only three candidates for the Northwestern University football team reported for practice, but, undismayed, the coach, Fred J. Murphy, put them through a short workout on a muddy field. Most of the fifteen or twenty men who were expected to report are with the Students' Army Training Corps at Fort Sheridan. Capt. McLaughlin and one other are the only regulars for the 1918 roster, and they will report soon.

Bowdoin Cuts Football.

Brunswick, Me., Sept. 18.—There will be no intercollegiate football at Bowdoin College this fall, President Kenneth M. Sills stated today. With the intensive military program planned for the students, he said, there would be no time for the game.

Convalescent Yanks To Operate Biggest U. S. Hospital Dairy

The establishment of a model dairy plant at the largest American hospital in France, capable of producing milk to supply 20,000 injured fighting men daily, was announced by the American Red Cross yesterday.

France has agreed to loan the plant 1,000 cows. It will be operated by convalescent soldiers. Lack of fresh milk according to the army doctors seriously retards the recovery of wounded and sick soldiers. At present only condensed milk, shipped from the United States, is obtainable in France. Similar dairies will be operated at all of the American base hospitals as soon as arrangements can be made.

PENETRATE DEFENSES FOR HINDENBURG LINE

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three miles was scored. At various points the British swept beyond their old trench system of May 1918, prior to the German super-drive.

The drive was launched between Holnon Village, two and a half miles northwest of St. Quentin and Gouzeaucourt, six and a half miles northwest of La Catelet.

Violent fighting raged tonight in Lempre Village, only three miles southwest of La Catelet. Fresnoy-le-Petit, three miles west of St. Quentin, was captured.

The British penetrated the German positions west and southwest of Hellicourt, where they are about three miles due south of La Catelet, which is thus threatened by envelopment.

The formidable Siegfried line crumbled like pasteboard in many sectors of the attack.

Berlin officially admitted tonight that the German center between Hargicourt and Omizon Brook—a front of some five miles—was penetrated, but added that "counter-attacks are progressing." The assertion that "We are fighting west of the Siegfried positions" is meant to camouflage the serious reverse and instill hope in the German people that the main line is still intact.

To the east of Holnon, which formed the extreme right of the British line of attack, the French joined the offensive, driving for local objectives which at last accounts had been reached. Details of the defense of the United States are still outstanding at this hour.

Epehey Falls to Allies.

The fiercest all-day struggle raged in and around Epehey, where the Germans concentrated the chief energy of their defense. By nightfall, however, this village, too, was taken. It lies a little more than five miles due west of La Catelet and twelve miles northwest of St. Quentin.

The whole German positions between La Catelet and St. Quentin are under the British. The British is resumed with anything like the same success that crowned today's assaults.

Tanks again took a prominent part in the drive.

On the American front in Lorraine the situation was comparatively quiet except for a German counter thrust last night launched from the east bank of the Moselle, the Germans made little of the Vittonville and Champey regions, in an effort to wrest Vandieres village on the west bank from the Americans. The assault was snuffed in the making by the French.

"Sensational New American Blow" in Lorraine is Frankly Predicted by the French Press.

French Reach Joux.

Meanwhile Gen. Mangin's French tenth army has reached Joux and Aisy, a mile and a half from the western end of the Vittonville des Domes. French guns are raking two of the five main German supply roads. The French are reported to be infiltrating across the Hindenburg line in the direction of the Anizy-le-Chateau and into the forest further north.

Capture by the French of Hill 151 and penetration of the Pinon Forest present grave threats to the rear of the German lines. At French advances on this front have been made in the face of the stiffest German resistance, but the considerable German reserve forces collected for the defense there at Anizy-le-Chateau and into the forest further north.

The offensive in the Balkans is progressing successfully and spreading rapidly. Already it has extended to the north of Monastir, where the vital Bulgarian rail center of Pilep is seriously menaced.

More than 700 prisoners had been taken by the Greek-Serb-Greek forces. A military authority pointed out significantly today that the new Greek army, organized since Venizelos took hold of Greece's affairs, has not yet entered into action.

Fifty Greek troops in the allied booty taken on the Macedonian front. The Serbs are reported to have advanced more than ten miles on a twenty-mile front between Zhorzko and the Cerna River.

Serbs Advance 10 Miles On 20-Mile Front.

London, Sept. 18.—The Serbians have advanced ten miles on a twenty-mile front in their drive in Macedonia, according to latest news from that front. Fifty guns have been captured.

The Serbs state the Bulgars are not fighting with anything near their old time vigor. Most of the reinforcements were isolated in the Pilep region when they were urgently needed to repulse the Greek attacks, now pushing down hill and the operations are described as "going well."

The new Greek army has not yet been engaged in the offensive.

Franco-Serbs Continue Successes in East.

The Serbian troops are meeting with continued success, according to a communication received recently from the Serbian headquarters at Salonica.

Col. Peshitch, assistant chief of staff, announces that the rupture of the enemy front has been extended toward the west up to the Gradshitzka.

The Jugo-Slav troops have debouched on Kozjak, the most important point in the region, he writes. "The Serbian and French troops rival one another in endurance, in bravery and in the spirit of sacrifice."

In his second communication Col. Peshitch tells of the repulse of a number of Bulgarian counterattacks, and of the flight of the troops sent to aid the Bulgarians.

The Serbian troops have captured fifty prisoners, he states, and over fifty guns.

Germans Poison Wells in Towns.

Paris, Sept. 18.—The Germans are poisoning the wells in the towns they are forced to abandon, according to the newspaper La France du Nord, of Boulogne. The paper says a French soldier from that city and seven companions were from public drinking water in a town they had just captured.

These Are Not Home Guards, But Senators Examining Hun Souvenirs



Senators find as keen interest in souvenirs of European battlefields as do their constituents and as much satisfaction in donning a Hun helmet to see how it fits as does a small boy. Witness this group: Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, chairman of Military Affairs Committee, with a German gun over his shoulder; Senator William H. Thompson, who brought the souvenirs back from France, wearing a helmet and apparently ready to don a gas mask; and Senator John J. Walsh, of Montana, and Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, at the extreme right, each with rifle in hand. All the impedimenta of war was picked up by Senator Thompson on battlefields.

ALEXANDRIA

THE HERALD BUREAU, A. S. Donagan, 27 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 18.—As a war measure city council tonight adopted a resolution granting the Mount Vernon and Camp Humphreys Railway Company permission to erect poles and string wires from a point on the river front at Wylie street to Royal street and thence east on Royal street to King street. After reaching King street they are also given permission to lay cables on the pole of the Washington-Virginia Railway Company already erected on the east side of Royal street as far south as the center of Hunting Creek.

Col. Park of Camp Humphreys, appeared before a joint session of council and explained the government wanted the railway company granted permission to erect its poles and string its wires as a military necessity. There are, he said, 32,000 men at Camp Humphreys, and both the steam roads and the jitney service are inadequate. A similar permission was granted a steamer would have to be procured and the men, he said, would go directly from Mount Vernon to Washington.

Attorney James R. Caton, on behalf of the company, told council that the road will cost \$60,000 and the company has expended \$40,000 for new equipment.

The resolution granted is a temporary measure pending the granting to the company of the ordinance for the work. However, it gives the company permission to proceed with its work at once.

The road is now nearing completion and a part of it may be used within the next six weeks, it is thought.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 1. Councilman M. C. Kelly voting against it and Councilman Sullivan did not vote. Just previous to the calling of the joint session President Burke outlined the purpose of the meeting. In the board of aldermen the measure was passed unanimously.

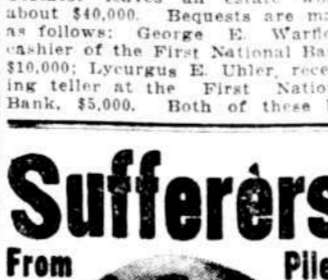
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The funeral of Charles Mankin took place this afternoon. Rev. E. V. Reeseter, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, officiating.

The will of Charles Chusman, dated November 12, 1917, was admitted to probate today in the Circuit Court for this city in vacation. Testator leaves an estate worth about \$40,000. Bequests are made as follows: George E. Warfield, cashier of the First National Bank, \$10,000; Lycourge E. Uhler, receiving teller at the First National Bank, \$5,000. Both of these be-

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LEPER IS CAPTURED; NOBODY WANTS HIM

Local Authorities Will Take Steps to Prevent His Return.

John Early, the leper who was caught at Tryon, N. C. Tuesday afternoon declares that he will not return to Washington.

Dr. William C. Fowler, District health officer, not only refuses to send for the leper but declares that he will take steps to prevent him from being returned to the city by the authorities of North Carolina.

As Early stepped from the train at Tryon Tuesday afternoon he was met by his brother, James Early, and Marshall Webb, who had been notified.

Since his escape from the isolated but on the Eastern branch, Monday morning the leper has been in constant contact with hundreds of people. Persons using the bus which he slept on the day he was by him are open to contagion.

Authorities declare that Early has cost \$2,000 a year for the four years in which he has been in the District's charge.

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Kidneys need help. You should use GOLD MEDAL Haaslem Oil Capsules immediately. The oil, being majority of the blood, which is swept from the tissues of the blood, is not eliminated through the kidneys, disease of one form or another will claim you as a victim.

A number of important amendments were set aside for consideration today. Of these it is probable the chief fight will come over the proposal made by Representative Moore of Pennsylvania to impose a tax of \$3 a bale on cotton. Members from the Southern States announced that they would oppose the amendment with all the power at their command, while Mr. Moore hopes to be able to rally to his support the members from the manufacturing and agricultural States.

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