

gust the British people with their government and to provoke them to upset it on the ground that it is not protecting them.

Men are fighting in Europe now to upset enemy governments and thereby weaken their opponents.

In the U. S. some of us are trying to upset our own government at a time when the war crisis demands stability and continuance of the government.

Most nations, in this crisis, have abolished elections. This was not necessary in the U. S., nor would it have been possible. But this coming election ought to be a mere formality. The vote ought to mean in so many words, "You've done well, Mr. President. Carry on."

**Editor's Note.** — W. G. Shepherd, the writer of the foregoing striking article, has probably seen more of the European war than any other American. He had been in Mexico for two years reporting the revolutions when war was declared in Europe. Within three weeks he was on the French front. Later, he spent several months in Germany.

For many months he was the only American correspondent with Gen. French at British headquarters in France. He was in Serbia when the central powers drove out the Serbian army, and went with the army. For many months he was with the allied armies at Saloniki, going from there to London.

He wrote the first detailed story of a Zeppelin raid in London for American newspapers. Shepherd returned to this country several months ago and went to the Mexican border. This newspaper considers this article by Shepherd one of the most significant and important contributions to the literature of the presidential campaign.

It contains much food for thought by Americans who put the interests of their country ahead of partisan politics.

## PROSECUTIONS IN GAMBLING CASE MAY BE PUSHED BY FEDERAL GOV'T.

Racetrack gamblers yesterday got most of their news about winning and losing ponies in the afternoon's races from late editions of the Daily News and the Hearst papers.

Mont Tennis' service, General News Bureau, was cut off. Usually it's flashed out so the names of the winning ponies are known a few minutes after the races are run. Stopping of this service left the bookmakers no other course except to buy the Victor Lawson dope sheets or Hearst's layout.

On the basis of evidence gathered before Judge Landis, the federal government may start prosecutions. Dis't Att'y Clyne was in Landis' court all yesterday, and if the court inquiry ends today Clyne will push it on the quiet.

Police raided St. James hotel, 37 N. Halsted, yesterday and arrested 27 on gambling charges. The prisoners are believed by police to be old-timers who formerly used Mike-the-Pike Hettler's place at 28 N. Halsted for a hangout.

## OPEN VERDICT IN DEATH OF GIRL AT SIEGEL-COOPER'S

The coroner's jury which met today to hear evidence of how Mary Minnick came to her death by an elevator in Siegel-Cooper's dept store, Sept. 23, returned an open verdict. The inquest was held in L. C. Ball's funeral parlor, 502 S. Dearborn st.

The jury heard the story of how the girl who was a clerk in the Siegel-Cooper store, attempted to jump from a runaway passenger elevator, was caught between the doorrail and the iron elevator cage and was torn and mangled until her body fell to the bottom of the shaft, dead.

The witnesses were Helen Smith, a clerk, and James McNeal, negro elevator operator, who jumped from