

HERE'S HOW U. S. GOVERNMENT IS SQUEEZING PROFITS OUT OF WAR

By GILSON GARDNER

Washington, Sept. 23.—The government is making a hard but winning fight to curb "war profiteering." The President has found business is only partly patriotic and a strong hand is required to squeeze out extortionate profits even in war's necessities.

The first experience in this line was that of Secretary Daniels with the coal operators. The best price the operators had to offer was \$2.95. The secretary used his war power to fix a tentative price of \$2.35, since reduced by the President to \$2.

As the navy uses about 2,000,000 tons a year the illegitimate profit squeezed out is \$2,000,000 if measured by the operators' "patriotic price," or \$3,000,000 if measured by the current market price.

A "patriotic price" was also made on steel. April 6, in response to Secretary Daniels' request, the steel operators offered to sell 10,000 tons to the government at \$58 a ton for ship plates and \$50 a ton for "bars and shapes." The market price was between \$50 and \$55. This represented a saving of \$7,500,000.

But it soon appeared this was merely a beginning of what the government needed. The steel and copper people were accordingly asked for a rock-bottom price. They declined to make a price the same to allies and the general public, as well as to the government, so Daniels announced the government would commandeer steel. Producers were told to furnish what the government needed at "cost plus a reasonable profit."

Steel costs are now being worked

out by the Federal Trade Commission.

The same trouble was encountered in buying fuel oil. The trust wanted \$1.50 a barrel at San Francisco. The secretary fixed a tentative price at \$1.08 which will be scaled down to a "cost plus" basis. On the amount of oil used by the navy in three months this saved \$350,000.

To get the oil transported the government had to requisition six tank ships with an aggregate capacity of 53,239 tons, at \$1.75 a ton a month instead of \$2.50 a ton demanded. This saved \$7,133,297 a year.

With these beginnings it has become the settled government policy to fix a price on basic materials and allow "cost plus a reasonable profit."

Much depends on what figures are to be taken in estimating "cost." That battle is being fought desperately. The profiteers are striving to protect their enormous war profits. But every day sees the anti-profiteering press squeezing harder on the grist.

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VATERLAND TURNED ON GERMANS

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—Kaiser Wilhelm himself has contributed Uncle Sam's greatest aid in transporting armies to France.

Thanks to the kaiser's orders to the German shipping companies, Uncle Sam has today one ship which can transport half a division or over 10,000 men, with all their equipment. The ship was designed primarily for that purpose. The great Vaterland, outwardly a floating passenger palace, whose stripped of her ornaments, is the world's greatest troop transport.

As if the submarine were foreseen, the Vaterland is equipped to withstand submarine attack better than any ship afloat. Gun platforms for a whole flock of rapid fire guns were cunningly built into her. Her speed enables her to run away. Through a system of watertight compartments she is practically unsinkable. If struck squarely by two or three torpedoes she would remain afloat.

As Uncle Sam's engineers have proceeded to remove the Vaterland since the American flag was hoisted over her, they have been running into surprise after surprise. They have found their work already done for the most part.

The suitability of the Vaterland for transport purposes have heightened the suspicion that she was built especially to carry a little army for a surprise attack on a distant coast—the United States of Brazil in all probability—if things had gone as the kaiser planned, and our turn had come.

The highest military experts in Germany were consulted in the building of the Vaterland. And now their pet weapon is turned against themselves. The Vaterland can cross the Atlantic in less than a week. She could

take 20,000 men per month to Europe. The troops sailing on the Vaterland can drill every day. On her giant upper-deck a whole regiment can deploy. No troops have ever sailed the seas in the solid comfort enjoyed by the boys who go "over there" in the Vaterland.

Thank you, Bill!

House Fighting New Censorship Postoffice Asks

By Gilson Gardner.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—A military censorship, with power to suppress newspapers, is again before congress. A paragraph in the "trading with the enemy" bill now in conference, it is claimed, would give the postmaster general power to suppress any publication voicing sentiment he disapproved.

The paragraph was sent to the conferees by the postoffice department and by them incorporated in the law. But when the conference report came to the house Friday, Sept. 21, it was objected to by half a dozen members and went over under the

UNCLE SAM'S MAIL BAG MUST BE CENSORED FOR SKY LETTERS

By MILTON BRONNER

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Wilson and Postmaster General Burleson now have under consideration a mail censorship plan whose object will be to eliminate chances of information being slipped out of this country to Germany and her allies.

Uncle Sam is the only belligerent in the world who exercises absolutely no censorship on mail matter.

There is a censorship on cables. The only order on mail up-to-date has been one forbidding the attempted mailing of matter to Germany and her allies. Aside from that, we have been relying upon the vigilance of our allies.

This has worked very well up to a certain point. But it has not closed all the chances for a leak.

The greatest censorship bureau in the world is the British. Not only have vast stores of useful information been obtained by censoring letters, but immense numbers of tips to Germany have thereby been killed.

Practically all mail from this country to the six neutrals of Europe is censored by the British and French.

Mail for Asia is censored by the British and Japanese. The British and French censor all mail for Africa.

But there are ships that ply direct



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ly between Havana and Spain and between South American ports and Spain. The chances for a leak into Germany via Spain, are, therefore, many.

Obviously the job for Uncle Sam is to exercise a scrutiny of all mail going to Cuba and the South American continent.

Cuba will readily help us, having come into the war because we came in. The South American matter will have to be handled in a different way if it is to be effective. It will need a real censorship on all mail matter for those countries.

The censorship will have to be exercised here at home, because we can't expect neutral countries in South America to do the job for us.

Whether the government is prepared to make so drastic a move at the present time is unknown. It all depends upon the plans the President is now considering.

Censorship of South American mail would entail the employment of a big bureau of clerks. There would have to be people thoroughly conversant with European languages, and, especially, with Spanish and Portuguese. There would have to be experts who could detect code messages in seemingly simple personal and family letters. And there would have to be still others who could detect messages written in invisible ink.

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Red or yellow; 4 quarts for	
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Package	
PEAS	25
Fancy Early June Peas;	
2 cans for	
JAR RUBBERS	25
3 dozen for	
GRAPE NUTS	25
2 pkgs. for	
SHREDDED WHEAT	25
2 pkgs. for	
BORAX	12
1 lb. package	
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Cake	

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Pk.	
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