

# GERMANY HOPED TO BUILD UP BIG WOOL MONOPOLY

## Shipments by Sympathizers in United States Were First Made in Exchange for Dyes.

New York, March 15.—Wool shipments to Germany in exchange for dyes badly needed in this country were endorsed early in the war by the American State department, according to testimony given by Julius Forstmann at the opening today of Attorney General Lewis' inquiry into an alleged conspiracy to obtain for Tonic interests a dominating position in the world's textile markets after the war.

Forstmann is a naturalized German and head of a Passaic, N. J., firm of woolen manufacturers. He admitted, however, that he had acted as agent for German interests in wool purchases after March 26, 1915, the date on which American woolen manufacturers voluntarily submitted to regulations imposed by the Textile alliance, incorporated, a quasi-official agency created at the instance of the British government, to control consumption of textiles from British colonial possessions so that none of these materials would reach Germany.

Instructions from Bernstorff. Early in his examination Forstmann said he had "instructions" from Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, to take orders from H. E. Albert, then fiscal agent of the German government in this city in all matters relating to wool shipments during the time the United States remained neutral. He maintained that these transactions for German interests were legal, as they had the approval of the State department in agreement with the German embassy at Washington.

The witness declared William J. Bryan, then secretary of state, endorsed the shipments because, in exchange for the wool, Germany released quantities of dyestuffs which were sorely needed by the American manufacturers.

Says Form Was Regular. Forstmann declared that after his firm, on March 28, 1915, submitted itself to import and export regulations imposed by the textile alliance, he made no purchases or shipments of wool for German account except on contracts negotiated up to that time.

Deputy Attorney General Becker, who questioned the witness, held that this would constitute a technical violation of the firm's agreements. The penalty for such violation, according to Mr. Becker, is the cancellation of the license under which the offending company has been permitted to carry on its importing or exporting business.

Mr. Becker has stated that he expects to show during the investigation that when embargo regulations imposed by Great Britain became even more stringent through the entrance of the United States into the war, Germany schemed to accumulate stocks of wool, cotton and jute in the United States, South America, Australia and South Africa, which were to be gotten through to Germany when peace was concluded or sooner if possible.

# BOOST SALARIES OF MANY EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENT

Washington, March 15.—Abolition of the nine sub-treasuries and an increase of \$10 a month in the salaries of government employes earning from \$480 to \$2,000 a year are provided for in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill as it was passed today by the house. The measure, which carries a total of \$69,500,000 now goes to the senate.

Railway mail clerks are not included among the government employes affected by the bill, as pay increases for them are provided for in another measure now pending. Government clerks in Washington would be required to work eight hours a day instead of seven, as at present.

The sub-treasuries, which would be abolished through elimination of provision for their expenses, are located at New York, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans.

# Few French Vessels Run Down by German U-Boats

Paris, March 15.—For the week ending March 9, says an official communication dealing with shipping casualties, 887 merchantmen entered and 1,031 left French ports. There were no French vessels of more than 1,600 tons sunk by mines or submarines during this period. Four vessels of less tonnage, however, were sunk. No fishing vessels met with disaster. During the week four unsuccessful attacks were made on French merchantmen.

# Army Officer Is Sent to Prison From Camp Dodge

Camp Dodge, Ia., March 15.—Captain Albert F. Knapp, supply company 337th field artillery, has been found guilty of misuse of company funds and sentenced to three years in Fort Leavenworth penitentiary and dishonorably discharged from the army, it was announced today. His home is in Virginia City, Nev.

# Federal Appointments.

Washington, March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Lola E. Pence was appointed postmaster at Boxelder, Pennington county, S. D., vice Olin Harris, resigned.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the use of the capital of the First National bank of Woonsocket, S. D., from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Lieutenant Leonard O. Riggert, medical reserve corps, is assigned to the army balloon school, Fort Omaha. First Lieutenant Clarence E. Earnest, medical reserve corps, is relieved from duty at Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., and will proceed to Fort McPherson, Ga.

# Germans Will Find Little Wheat In Odessa, Says Grain Expert

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, March 15.—J. Ralph Pickell, a grain expert, who has just returned from Russia, said today that the Germans will find no wheat in Odessa. What little grain there was in Odessa, he said, was consumed by the inhabitants, refugees and disbanding soldiers.

He declares that Nikolaiev and not Odessa is Russia's great wheat storing center and that a large army of Cossacks stand between the invading Germans and the vast storehouses in the central and northern provinces of Russia.

Pickell says there are 5,000,000 bushels of wheat stored at Nikolaiev. "The port of Nikolaiev is 200 miles northeast of Odessa, on the mouth of the river Bug and gets its wheat from

# GERMAN LEADERS SAY GREAT BATTLE ONLY SOLUTION

## Von Ludendorff and von Hindenburg Both Declare Allies Reject Peace and Must Now Fight.

Amsterdam, March 15.—Germany is now stronger than her enemies in men, material and air forces, and in tanks as well, General von Ludendorff declared in an interview in the Cologne Volks Zeitung.

The general said the enemy was welcome to attack and would find Germany ready, and that if he was not inclined to make peace he would have to fight.

"Our front in the west is now much more favorable for us than it was last year," General von Ludendorff told the interviewer. "How difficult the situation must be gauged from the fact that we had to restore calm in the east and defeat Italy in the south. But now we are stronger than the enemy both as regards men, material, aerial forces, tanks. Everything, in fact, of which he boasted is standing in readiness on our side in the greatest abundance."

"If the enemy wishes to attack now let him do so. He will find us ready. If the enemy does not want peace he will have to fight, and this fight will, of course, be the most tremendous of the whole war. With God's aid we will obtain a German peace, not a doubtful peace."

## So Says Von Hindenburg.

Amsterdam, March 15.—According to news received here, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has stated in an interview in Berlin that the entente had shown an unresponsive attitude toward Germany's peace intentions and that the great German offensive, therefore, must go on. In well informed neutral quarters recently the Associated Press correspondent was told that the Germans were prepared to lose 300,000 men in an offensive operation.

# SAMMIES BASK IN WARM SUNSHINE ON FRENCH FRONT

## Warm Spring Weather Puts New Life Into Activities of American Troops on Battle Line.

(By Associated Press.) With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 12.—After weeks of rainy snow, wind and murky weather there came to the American front today its first bath of genial spring sunshine.

The skies were cloudless and in the moderate temperature that prevailed, sweaters were discarded by the men for the first time since last summer, while in the villages where they are billeted and in the camps in the training area the tents were decorated with rolls of bedding being given an airing.

Men and horses basked in the sunshine in the streets and on the hill-sides—a grateful experience after the winter damp chill. Everywhere one could see equipment hung out to dry, tent flaps and hut windows open and hospital patients breathing the sweet spring air. Meanwhile, the transport work was being expedited by the rapidly drying roads.

In the training areas the fullest advantage was taken of the open weather, the officers crowding the men to willingly renewed efforts to make them fit for front line service.

## Aeroplanes in Evidence.

Under the sunshine and the still atmosphere airmen all along the line sprouted flocks of planes, both on trial and on serious missions, and everywhere there was expectant readiness for an enemy offensive if it should develop.

The troops, both on the front and in the training areas are on the tip-toe of expectation for the arrival of Secretary of War Baker, the presence of whom in France was announced in the Paris morning newspapers and took the whole army by surprise. Word of the secretary's presence in France was spread rapidly by telephone from the bases to the furthest outposts. Officers in villages at outlying points stopped the newspaper motors and asked for definite word when Mr. Baker would arrive. "The old man will find us ready to pass inspection," it was said. In army circles there is a general gratification over the coming of Mr.

Baker in order that he may see at close hand what has been accomplished thus far in the face of the obstacles and the difficulties of distance and especially the moral and physical condition of the troops, so that he may carry home a personal knowledge of easily remedied deficiencies and complaints.

# ASK 19 MILLION TO SPEED FOOD OUTPUT FOR WAR

Washington, March 15.—Secretary Houston has asked congress for \$19,730,893 to continue and extend during the 1919 fiscal year the war emergency activities under the food production law. He proposes to use \$8,000,000 for the purchase and sale of seed to farmers for cash at cost; \$1,080,986 for dealing with the farm labor problem, and \$6,100,000 for the development of the co-operative agricultural extension work in co-operation with state agricultural colleges.

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### March Sale--Rockers

Including many samples from the Exhibitions and many from our own stock—Priced at—  
**\$2.98, \$4.50**  
**\$6.95, \$9.75**

One like illustration, in brown mahogany—cane back, tapestry upholstered seat. Our Price.....**\$24.50**

### Dining Room Tables

From the Furniture Exhibition Show-Room. Many handsome Period styles, many massive Colonial designs. Each and every one a quality table. Prices—  
**\$10.50 \$13.50 \$17.50**  
**\$21.50 \$26.50**

### Sale of Complete Bedroom Suites

Elegant Bedroom Suites from Chicago and Grand Rapids Exhibition Showrooms. Many handsome reproductions of the Period style, many others in beautiful Colonial designs in the golden and fumed oak, walnut, mahogany and birdseye maple finishes. Quality suites at much lower prices—  
**\$61.50, \$79.50, \$85.50, \$97.50,**  
**\$115.00, \$127.50**

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**98c \$1.49 \$1.98 \$2.75 \$3.95**

### Stewart Phonograph

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