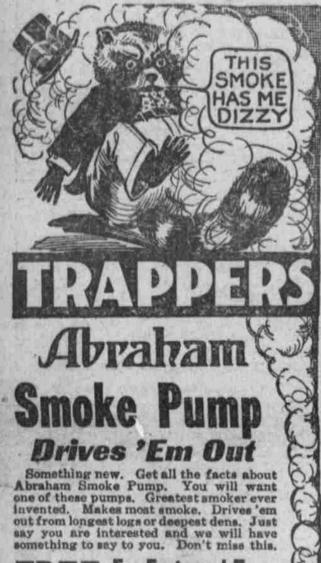
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Uncle Sam Will Begin the country imediately upon the sign-ing of the legislation by the Presi-**Fight on Profiteers**

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A Washington dispatch, dated Oct. 11, says: Prosecution by the federal lieving that other dealers, seeing that government of profiteers in all parts the government means business, will of the country were being planned stop exacting exorbitant profits. here tonight as the result of action by congress today in finally approving sent to the President today after brief additional authority needed.

many communities in anticipation of favor of their final passage and eight the passage of the additional legis- against. lation, which consists of amendments to the federal control act, and it is ments of justice to prosecute all profthe plan to Attorney General Palmer iteers, whereas under the original to institute proceedings against prof. food control act, dealers with an aniteers simultaneously in all parts of nual business of less than \$100,000



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Palmer has stated that he intends to make "conspicuous examples of the worst profiteers in each locality, be-

The food control amendments were debates in both houses, the votes in

Evidence, it is known, has been col- the senate being viva voce, while in

The amendments allow the departwere immune. The departme t of justice plans to devote considerable attention to the petty profiteers, because of reports showing that retail prices have adv need slightly, while wholesale prices have been reduced.

Another amendment gives the government authority to regulate clothing prices, which have shown a large advance since last spring. Another gives the same power over food containers.

The legislation makes it certain that a fine f \$5,000 or imprisonment for two years hangs over the heads of the violator of any section of the food control act, whereas penal provisions were lacking for some sections of the original law.

DON'T WANT HUGE ARMY

The Baker bill for army reorganization, familiarly known in Washington as the War Department bill, is moving slower with each succeeding week and the time may be close at hand when it will cease to move at all. The testimony Major-General L. Sibert against the measure following that of other capable military men before the House Military Affairs Committee lengthens the already long line of objectors and criticisms of the bill to perpetuate the war time autocracy of the general staff. Congressman McKenzie of Illinois is reported to have informed General Sibert that funeral services will soon be held over the War Department military bill as one reason for soliciting the general's opinion on reorganization which was given unreservedly against autogracy by the general staff and a big army. There may be some doubt whether in the stress of the fight in Washington, political and military, the house committee and many congressmen may not have overlooked the one real reason for the general satisfaction the defeat of the Baker plan will provide for the greater proportion of the general public. Members of military committees and army officers of various grades may have professional reasons for desiring the substitution of a different scheme of reorganization. The general American citizenship is more interested in one point than in all others combined --- that the defeat of war department measure and others of similar character will save the United States from the dangers that inevitably accompany a great military machine. Whatever may have been the mental reservatrunk several years ago. Doctors said tions of others during the war the my only hope of cure was an operation. American public was sincere in its hostility to militarism, and naturally pletely cured me. Years have passed and recoiled from the movement which the rupture has never returned, although had every appearance of turning the am doing hard work as a carpenter. United States into a militaristic nano trouble. I have nothing to sell, but tion. That is of more importance in will give full information about how the popular mind than any of the hair you may find a complete cure without line distinctions as to the seat of operation, if you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 721 F Marcellus Avenue, Manasquan, N. J. Better cut American people want no huge army out this notice and show it to any others regardless of its directors, or their who are ruptured-you may save a life individual ideal. or at least stop the misery of rupture and individual ideas. - Pittsburgh Dis-

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