

### CHINA WILL GO TO WAR FOR MONEY

Ready to Join Allies if It Can Escape Payment of Boxer Indemnities.

#### WANTED AS TRADE ALLY

Washington, March 3.—Negotiations looking to China's entrance into the war against the central powers now are in progress at Peking and in all the entente capitals, it was learned here today, and their success depends only upon the harmonizing of the rewards to be given China with the amount of co-operation demanded. It was regarded as practically certain that China will sever relations with Germany, and a declaration of war probably will follow, if the entente will guarantee satisfactory relaxation of the restrictions imposed upon the eastern empire by the world powers after the Boxer troubles.

#### What China Wants.

Facts learned today from official and diplomatic circles serve to clear up much of the obscurity which has overhung events in the far east in the last month. Occasional vague dispatches from China and references in the Reichstag to "China's abandonment of neutrality" have thrown only dim light upon Germany's endeavor to keep China out of the struggle, the entente's moves to bring it in, and China's reluctance to change its present state of peace without adequate guarantees.

China desires to secure the complete remission of the Boxer indemnities, which total over \$300,000,000 a year, and continue until 1940. If it entered the war the part which otherwise would be paid to Austria and Germany could be repaid.

Information here indicates that the entente already has agreed to postponement of payments in case China begins hostilities, but does not corroborate Tientsin advice that France and Belgium, in behalf of the powers, have offered complete remission. The sums involved are such an appreciable part of China's total expenses that a satisfactory agreement might well remove the financial difficulties of the government.

The entente powers, on their part, are anxious to have China in the war, not only as a reservoir of men, but as the biggest open trade market after the war.

#### Bank Clearings Records Reach New High Mark

All records for Omaha bank clearings were swept by the boards yesterday.

Clearings were the largest ever recorded by a single day in the history of the local clearing house. They reached the sum of \$7,996,842.85, a gain of over \$3,000,000 over the corresponding day last year, when the clearings were \$4,911,082.66.

The week just ended also was the largest week in the history of the clearing house. The total clearings for the six days were \$39,918,541.31, a gain of \$10,000,000 over the corresponding week a year ago, when the clearings reached \$28,936,093.36.

#### Homer P. Lewis Visiting Old Friends in Omaha

Homer P. Lewis, superintendent of public schools at Worcester, Mass., is visiting here for a few days. He will look over the high schools and a few of the grade schools on Monday. Mr. Lewis was principal of Omaha High school, for thirteen years before he went east.

When Mr. Lewis left Omaha he owned a house on West Farnam, but he sold it just before the cyclone struck Omaha.

#### Generally Fair Weather Is Predicted for Week

Washington, March 3.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, March 4, issued by the weather bureau today are:

Plains state, and upper and middle Mississippi valley, generally fair; higher temperature Monday and Tuesday and moderate temperature thereafter.

Rocky Mountain and plateau regions generally fair, with temperature above seasonal average.

#### Cambro-American Society Entertains at Jacob Hall

John T. Yates was the principal speaker at the St. David's day program, given by the Cambro-American society Thursday evening in Jacob hall. Rev. Mr. Morgan gave the invocation and J. E. Evans and Mrs. Charles S. Ingalls spoke in Welsh. Welsh songs were sung. Those taking part in the program were:

### Seven Hundred Millions Worth Of Food Wasted in U. S. Kitchens

Secretary Houston Says Way to Beat H. C. L. Is Raise More Crops and Save Victuals.

#### THERE IS PLENTY TO EAT

Washington, March 3.—Greater food crops and the practice of household economies were urged by Secretary of Agriculture Houston today as measures to help reduce the cost of living. American families, he estimated, in a statement on the food situation, waste in their kitchens annually more than \$700,000,000 worth of edibles.

There is nothing in the situation to justify hysteria, however, he declared, because there is no real shortage of food in the country.

Mr. Houston emphasized the importance of the food cost investigation directed by President Wilson and held out hope that increased acreage this year may insure greater food supplies. Wheat and potatoes, he said, were unusually short last year, but nevertheless there will be enough to supply every nearly normal need.

#### LABOR DEFENDING NINE-HOUR LAW

Speakers Before Central Union Say Limit of Women's Work in Danger.

#### HOWARD AND GRAND JURY

Behind closed doors last night the Central Labor union discussed warmly some pending bills in the state legislature. The proposed laws, which "would work harm to the working men and women of the state," were branded as "fostered in Hell and fathered by the devil" by some speakers. Sentiment was unanimous to register a protest against such bills, even if it was found necessary to maintain special lobbies down in Lincoln for that sole purpose.

#### Law For Women Assailed

Secretary L. Ash of the Cooks, Waiters and Waitresses' union was very outspoken in his arraignment of Senate File 225, a bill which, he says, would abrogate the nine-hour law for women employees of hotels. He said that a petition in skirts would surely invade the capitol to register the protest of waitresses, if the house didn't frown the bill out of existence first. He averred that behind the bill were hotel landlords, who chafe under the present law's restriction which forbids them to let women work after 10 p. m., or more than nine hours a day.

#### Jerry Not Called to Testify

Representative Jerry Howard brandished his fist while he told the labor leaders how the recently-adjourned grand jury ignored his request to appear before that body and give "very important information pertaining to the treatment the working women and girls are receiving from their employers, the captains of industry."

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### THIRTEEN CONVICTED IN LABOR GRAFT CASE

Four Chicago Labor Leaders and Nine Manufacturers Found Guilty by Jury.

#### CHARGE IS CONSPIRACY

Chicago, March 3.—The thirteen defendants in the so-called labor graft case were found guilty by a federal jury today.

The defendants were four former business agents of the electrical workers' union and nine members of the Chicago switchboard manufacturers. The charges were conspiracy and maintenance of a boycott. It is alleged that by action of vandalism and persecution by means of strikes and bribery the defendants kept outside manufacturers and certain Chicago manufacturers who were not in the ring from obtaining or filling contracts.

Michael J. Boyle, business agent of local 134, was alleged to have been the leader of the band. Besides Boyle the defendants were: Raymond Cleary, assistant to Boyle; C. L. Hampton, former business agent of Boyle's local; Frank A. Lundmark, former business agent of local 713; and John Culbert, Charles Kreider, Warren E. Ripple, Otis B. Duncan, Julian J. Neilsen, James Obermiller, G. W. and E. E. Berthold and C. J. Peterson, manufacturers.

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to "Hon. George Haverstick and members of the grand jury," but may a reply did he get.

Frank Pinney, secretary of the socialist party of Omaha, urged the union to lend its support to his plan to thwart high costs of foodstuff by co-operative buying. He invited the members to attend the meeting Monday in the council chamber of the city hall. The United Buyers, of which Mr. Pinney, E. I. Morrow and Earnest Pierce are officers, is going to meet then, he said, with Omaha housewives to tackle the problem of getting more food for less money.

#### Missouri Valley Man Is Touched For Thirty

A. C. Waltham of Missouri Valley, Ia., residing temporarily at 1901 Binyon street, Friday evening handed \$30 to a stranger on Seventeenth street, between California and Webster streets. The stranger threatened to shoot unless the Iowa contributor cheerfully and noiselessly.

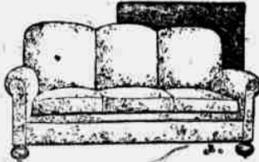
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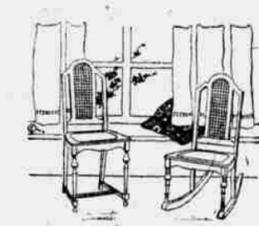


#### New Overstuffed Davenport

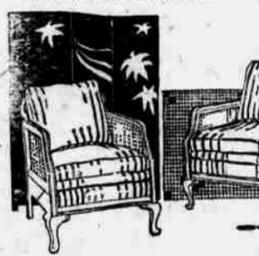
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Bedroom Rockers and Chairs Dainty new Queen Anne and William and Mary patterns, in brown mahogany and American walnut finish, with hand woven cane seats, \$8.00 and \$9.00 each. Other types in mahogany and walnut, at \$5.00 and \$6.00.



Queen Anne Davenport and Chair Similar to illustration, with genuine mahogany frame; finished antique brown and luxurious loose cushion upholstery, covered in rich damask, with blue and brown colorings predominating. The Davenport is specially priced at \$99.00 and the Arm Chair at \$59.50.

## Good Furniture Cheaper than Ever Before!

The above headline perhaps sounds a little queer to many folk in the face of present-day high-cost-of-living agitation. Nevertheless, it is true that the BEATON & LAIER COMPANY are selling good furniture, rugs and draperies at from 10% to 15% lower prices than ever before.

### Beaton & Laier's 1917 February Business Was 230% Greater Than in February, 1916

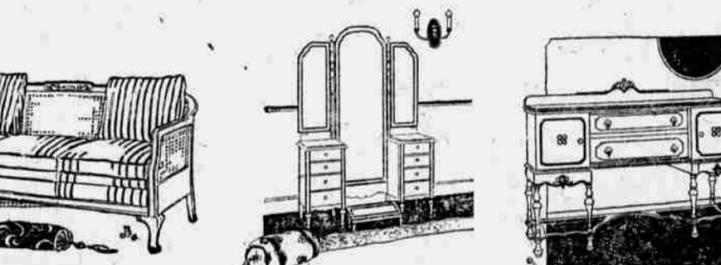
These are the actual figures—and we are truly thankful to our friends and patrons. The lesson this teaches is that volume enables us to sell on a lower price margin. Consequently we are pricing our merchandise 10% to 15% lower than ever before. Your most careful inspection and comparison, both of prices and quality, is cordially invited.

#### Only Truly Dependable Merchandise Sold Here

So-called "cheap" furniture, rugs and draperies we do not carry, for "cheap" merchandise is expensive at any price. Carload after carload of the newest, cleverest, and best in moderately-priced furniture, rugs and draperies direct from America's leading manufacturers are now arriving daily and being priced in plain figures that everyone can read and compare.

#### Do We Extend Credit?

Yes, and cheerfully, when desired—but remember that one big reason for our lower prices is that we operate upon a cash basis both in buying and in marking our goods, thereby saving our patrons thousands of dollars.



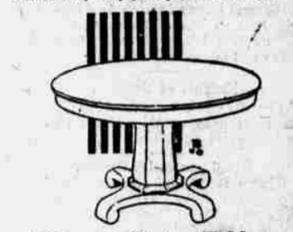
Vanity Dressers A Beautiful William and Mary type, like cut, generous in size and done in solid mahogany; finished antique brown; modestly priced, \$88.00. See the handsome Adam Vanity Dresser, in brown mahogany. Priced at \$57.50.



Among the New Buffets are a handsome William and Mary type in brown mahogany, 54 ins. long and another in American walnut, 60 inches long. Priced \$79.50 at each. William and Mary Buffets, in Jacobean Oak. Priced as low as \$24.75.



New William and Mary Dining Chairs Carefully built of select oak with full Spanish leather slip seat, \$4.85 and \$4.95. Other new patterns in oak dining chairs at \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.50 and \$3.



Mahogany Dining Tables We are closing out a half dozen patterns of genuine mahogany Dining Tables, in colonial and modern types, with 54 and 60-inch tops, at special prices, ranging from \$46.00 and \$49.75 to \$99.00.



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