

## PERE MARQUETTE IS LOOTED FROM INSIDE

Commerce Commission Cen-  
sures Officials of System and  
Bankers Who Aided Them.

### MINORITY TOO CARELESS

Washington, April 20.—The financial downfall of the Pere Marquette railroad and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railway is attributed in a long report made public today by the Interstate Commerce commission primarily to "breach of trust by corporate officials, often for personal gain."

"That downfall with its deplorable consequences," the report reads, "can be traced only to betrayal within and not to compulsion without. Neither rivalry, nor low rates, nor regulation, nor all combined, can be found on this record to have contributed in any appreciable degree to the disaster."

"Nothing disclosed in the record before us is more to be regretted than the readiness of great banking institutions to loan enormous sums of money upon exceedingly precarious security in aid of such schemes as have been devised in the wrecking of these railroads."

"Not only this, but the high officers of such institutions while acting ostensibly as directors of the railroads, have in fact been little more than

## 'Most Beautiful Woman in Colorado' Dies in Paupers' Hospital in Gotham

Denver, Colo., April 20.—Mrs. John W. Springer, divorced wife of the Denver banker and capitalist, once a society leader and called the "most beautiful woman in Colorado," died last night in a paupers' hospital on Blackwell's Island, New York City, alone, save for one friend, who remained true to her, according to advices received here.

Because of Mrs. Springer, two men are dead and one is serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary at Canon City, Colo.

Mrs. Springer had been married

two years when, in 1911, Sylvester Von Puhl and George E. Copeland were killed by Harold F. Henwood in a local hotel in a discussion of Mrs. Springer.

Following this Mr. Springer sued for divorce and Mrs. Springer was granted \$5,000 and went to New York. Little was heard of Mrs. Springer until recently. Then she began posing occasionally for motion picture concerns in the east. Her funds exhausted, and when she became ill a short time ago she was forced to go to the hospital on Blackwell's Island.

### Limit Put On Discharge Of Married Guardsmen

Washington, April 20.—Discharges from the National Guard will not be granted enlisted men solely because they are married, according to instructions sent out by the militia bureau. Where a soldier has independent means which will prevent his family from becoming a charge upon the government he will not be mustered out.

The War department has been flooded since the original order was issued with inquiries and protests from national guardsmen, many of whom have been discharged under the dependent family rule and against their wishes, because they were married men.

## Nine Seized German Ships Nearly Ready for Sea

Washington, April 20.—Vigorous steps are being taken by the government to repair the seized German ships and it is believed nine of them will be ready for sea in the next thirty days.

A bill to empower the shipping board to take foreign built craft on the ways and pay for them probably will be introduced in congress next week. Nearly 1,200,000 tons now is building for foreign interests.

The scarcity of officers for the great fleet the shipping board plans may require legislation to relax some of the restrictions of the present law.

### Treasury Will Issue Notes Only as May Be Necessary

Washington, April 20.—Treasury certificates of indebtedness, authorized up to \$2,000,000,000 in the \$7,000,000,000 war finance measure now

### Chairman Hoover Asks Boys to Raise Beans

New York, April 20.—On the ground that beans are the best of foods for war emergencies, Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the National Food commission, urges the Boy Scouts of America to devote their energies to the cultivation of this crop.

before congress, will be issued, Secretary McAdoo announced today, "as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the treasury" as soon as the bill becomes a law.

The bonds authorized by the bill probably will not be offered before sixty days. Meanwhile certificates of indebtedness maturing June 30 and bearing accrued interest in payment of subscriptions for bonds will be sold.

## German Papers Express Hope of Speedy Victory

Amsterdam, April 20.—(Via London.)—German newspapers express the opinion that the record figure of the sixth German war loan will prove to the extent that the attempt to exhaust Germany's financial strength is a failure and that this, coupled with the American crop shortage and the German submarine exploits, must bring a speedy victory.

The Vossische Zeitung attributes the success of the loan to the "fires that flamed up in German breasts at President Wilson's repulsive treatment of us."

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung says that "this 'U-boat' loan showed that even a world power like the United States is unable to shake the confidence of the German people" and that it is made plain that Germany wants "no business peace, no renunciation of peace, but victory full and complete."

## Ambassador Elkus Seriously Ill With Spotted Typhoid

The Hague, April 19.—(Via London, April 20.)—United States Ambassador Elkus is seriously ill at Constantinople with spotted typhoid fever, according to a dispatch from Berlin. The Vossische Zeitung says a German specialist is assisting the embassy physician.

Washington, April 20.—Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople is suffering from a light attack of typhus and every attention is being given him according to dispatches.

Minister Morris at Stockholm telegraphed that the Swedish minister at Constantinople reported that Ambassador Elkus had "spotted typhus."

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