

GREAT GRAFT IN ARMY CONTRACTS IS UNCOVERED

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Raincoats Involved in Fraud; Many Are Arrested.

By Associated Press.
New York, July 22.—Extensive conspiracies involving bribery and graft in connection with army contracts for rubber raincoats sent to soldiers in France were disclosed tonight by Department of Justice officials simultaneously with the arrest of 17 officers and employes of 15 manufacturing companies in New York and Brooklyn on charges of bribery, fraud or conspiracy.
Officers of the quartermaster's corps involved are under surveillance and probably will be arrested soon in Washington or other cities.
Involves Great Sum.
Hundreds of thousands of dollars of raincoat contracts are tainted with fraud already uncovered by Department of Justice agents, and other disclosures affecting army orders for clothing, soldiers' equipment, machinery and supplies and involving arrests on criminal charges may be

made soon, it was learned.
Most army officers at whom the finger of suspicion points are of the lower ranks, but a few of the ranks of major and colonel are said to be under investigation.
Direct bribery of unnamed army officers who had charge of letting contracts or inspecting goods is charged against a number of those arrested tonight.
Intimidate Inspectors.
It was announced that in some cases manufacturers intimidated military or civilian inspectors of raincoats by threatening to use influence in Washington to obtain their dismissal if they did not approve the coats manufactured. Others practiced fraud by secretly shifting rejected goods to other plants to which inexperienced inspectors or those "who would play the game" were assigned.
Those arrested were: Felix Gouled, a wealthy clothing manufacturer, who is charged with acting as "go-between" for other contractors and with seeking to solicit contracts under the illegal contingent fee system; Joseph Sydeman, William Sydeman and Joseph Wood, of the Sydeman Rubber company; Ralph Cohen, of the Yorkshire Manufacturing company; Ralph Rosenthal of Haneuer & Rosenthal; Alfred Zittel of the Automobile Raincoat company, Inc.; Louis Fried, S. Halpern, of the Interborough Raincoat company; Polly Clamons of the Manchester Waterproof Coat company; I. M. Halpert of the National Cement company; Simon Harris, of the Harris Raincoat House; Morris Lesser, of Lesser & Stenge; Joseph Pines, of the Pines Rubber company, and L. I. H. Yellim, of the Eureka Rubber Manufacturing company.

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American Coal Miners Make New Record for Week

Washington, July 22.—American coal miners established record production of bituminous coal for the week ending July 13, figures made public by the fuel administration show. A total of 13,243,000 tons was mined, an increase of 2,987,000 tons over the week before and 1,031,000 tons above the average estimated weekly requirements.

Honduras Wars on Huns

Washington, July 22.—Honduras, which broke diplomatic relations with Germany on May 18, followed that action last Friday by declaring war. The State department was notified today of the action.

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Fighting of Americans Revelation to Poilus

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"The fighting of the Americans was a revelation to us. They could hardly wait until the word was given to go over the top. They seemed impatient to get at the boches."
"When finally the word came, they leaped over the trenches, some of them peeling off their coats after running a few hundred meters in the great heat and fighting in their shirt-sleeves."

Two American Mine Men Held For Ransom by Mexican Band

Eagle Pass, Tex., July 22.—Two Americans were captured by Mexican bandits, headed by Felipe Muquizar, it was learned today. One of the men is New Malone, foreman of Pedro de Blanca ranch, for whom \$5,000 ransom is asked, and the other is Sam Barksdale, taken at Hacienda San Miguel. Mexican troops are pursuing the bandits into the Sierra mountains.

Solons Visit Rome

Rome, July 22.—American representatives visiting Europe were received by Ambassador Page and were entertained by Colonel M. C. Buckley, military attaché at the embassy. They will leave for the Italian front Monday night.

Two Teuton Planes Shot Down From Air By American Fliers

With the American Army in France, July 21.—Two more German airplanes were brought down Saturday by American aviators, according to unofficial reports.
One of the machines was brought down by Lt. David E. Putnam of Massachusetts. Lt. Baker Brody Freeman shot down the other.

Gasoline Price Jumps Half Cent Gallon to Meet Rate Advance

Washington, July 22.—To meet the increased railroad freight rates, the fuel administration has announced that it would permit an increase of one-half cent a gallon in the wholesale tank wagon market price of gasoline, naphtha and refined oil. The retail price shall not be advanced more than the wholesale price.

Italians Continue to Gain Ground in Albania

Rome, July 22.—The Italian troops are continuing to gain ground in the bend of the Devoli river in Albania, the Italian war office announced today. The advancing troops yesterday took a hundred prisoners and captured seven machine guns.

Von Hertling Recovers

Amsterdam, July 22.—Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, who has been in the car of physicians at main headquarters, has fully recovered from his indisposition.

Paris Wards Off Plane

Paris, July 22.—A German airplane made an unsuccessful attempt to reach the region of Paris today. It was driven off by the French anti-aircraft fire.

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