

South Side GROGER ACCUSED OF PROFITEERING ON ARMY GOODS

Alleged to Have Sold Government Food for Personal Profit—Federal Agents On Alert.

Sam Bronstein, grocer, 5100 South Twenty-fifth street, was charged Monday by Sgt. J. M. Brill, in charge of the army retail store at the South Side, with violation of the federal profiteering act.

It is alleged Bronstein purchased canned tomatoes at the army store at 9 cents a can and sold them at 15 cents. Bronstein, it is said, admitted he had been buying government goods and selling them at a profit. His case has been turned over to the Department of Justice, and, according to Sergeant Brill, will be prosecuted to the limit.

Other cases are being watched where persons are said to be buying government goods and selling them at a profit. Federal agents have been assigned to investigate wholesale purchases of army goods.

Contrary to a rumor that the army store will be closed this week, an announcement was made Wednesday that the store will continue indefinitely from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. daily. Cold storage beef, chickens, ducks and other fowl will be placed on sale commencing Wednesday.

In addition to several thousand cases of corn, peas, pork and beans, tomatoes, a number of tons of apples, have been placed in stock. The salt will be sold at half a cent a pound in 50-pound lots.

Car Shortage Said to Be Cause of Decline in Price of Cattle

Shortage of refrigerator cars, said to be partially caused by the fuel shortage, is reported to have materially affected the cattle market. Buyers representing the packing houses at the stock yards have been slow in purchasing cattle and some have intimated that their respective plants had all the beef they could handle at present and as a consequence prices for beef cattle have declined.

Reported slumps of retail prices of meats in Chicago have not affected the local situation, according to a canvass of several markets in Omaha.

South Side Brevities

For Sale—Cow and three pigs. 5118 S. 24th—Everything. E. V. Lorig, 2418 N. street.

Scores of healthy canaries. Four choice, \$10. Frank Egan, 2418 N. street.

Lost—A tan-colored side curtain for a Douglas roadster. Call South 742. Edward.

Modern Woodmen of America camp No. 1045 will meet Thursday night to hold its annual election of officers.

Kensington of Adah chapter O. E. S. will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at home of Mrs. J. E. Miller, 4425 South Twentieth street.

Team strayed from barn Sunday night at 11 o'clock. One bay horse and one black bay, with a white spot on head. Finder please call South 5112. John Grady, 4225 S. street.

Why worry about the Christmas gift problem? Solve it for the year 1920 by joining the Economy Savings club at the Live Stock National bank, corner Twenty-fourth and N streets.

THANKS TO YOU.
Compliments of the season we wish to all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year with heartfelt thanks for the liberal patronage given us. All we can offer in return and make it go around is a promise of renewed efforts in better of service and some advice. We would advise extreme care of your clothes. Make one outfit go as far as two. As kind to clothing will be higher notwithstanding some news to the contrary and the only avenue of relief in our opinion is more production or less consumption. Let us take our part. Leave to wear overalls where overalls belong; woollens where woollens belong and taboo silks only as a luxury. Good American wool and cotton is good enough for good Americans. Don't criticize us. We are not appointing ourselves your guardian, but we do think the American people are getting dipped on silks. Save 10 per cent of the pay check for the rapid ahead and don't rock the boat while we are going through the current. She's doing fairly well if you will just float her out nice and evenly into the open waters where we can put on more steam. JOHN FITZ & CO.

Invite Astronomers Of Omaha to View Pictures of Moon

Special invitations have been mailed to every scientist in Omaha to see the first moving pictures ever taken of the moon. The pictures were made with the famous Hooker telescope, the most powerful instrument of its kind in the world, which was recently completed at the Mount Wilson observatory at the Carnegie institution at Washington.

The mirror of this telescope is 100 inches in diameter and required five years to complete. It brings the moon in closer range than ever seen before.

A queer coincidence of the picture is that the pictures of the moon will be shown at the Moon theater. They will be shown December 28, 29, 30 and 31 in addition to the regular feature.

Christmas Package Delivery Expedited By Postoffice Plans

An organization has been formed at the postoffice for the handling of the Christmas rush season, in a manner which Postmaster Fanning believes will insure prompt deliveries.

Stalls have been arranged in the basement of the postoffice for the distribution of all incoming parcel post packages, which will give additional space on the first floor for the outgoing packages.

All parcels for the outlying districts, formerly delivered from the substations, will be dispatched direct from the main office, a departure which Mr. Fanning believes will expedite deliveries.

Supreme Council Is Again Discussing German Peace Terms

Paris, Dec. 17.—German claims in connection with settlement of peace terms details were again before the supreme council today. In dealing with these the council reached a unanimous agreement to permit the Germans to collect their customs duties in gold.

In a further discussion of the question of compensation for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow a discrepancy was developed between the estimates of the reparations committee and those of the German experts regarding the total of mercantile tonnage and floating docks available for reparations purposes at German ports. This discrepancy amounted to about 100,000 tons.

Begin Investigation On Conspiracy Charges In Recent Coal Strike

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—A grand jury summoned by Federal Judge A. B. Anderson began an investigation of charges of conspiracy on the part of coal miners and operators to limit the production of coal. The charges brought by the government allege violation of the Lever fuel act, wartime measure and of the anti-trust laws, which have been in force for years.

The grand jury received instructions from Judge Anderson to let its conclusion be an answer to the question "whether the United States government or a group of men shall rule this country and whether we shall be governed by law or force."

Rotarian Christmas Meeting Hears About Freight Car Equipment

Nearly 150 men were present at the Christmas meeting of the Rotary club in the Hotel Fontenelle yesterday noon. Fred Montmorency, general freight agent of the Burlington railroad, addressed the Rotarians on "Freight Car Equipment." "Demand for freight cars has increased 60 per cent in the past five years, while the supply of cars has increased only 31 per cent," Mr. Montmorency declared. "The result is that grain elevators have been forced to hold up grain and other raw products have not been transported to markets."

The Rotarians will hold their next meeting on December 30.

First Primary Candidate.

Lincoln, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The first candidate for the primary to file with the secretary of state is Norman T. Johnson of Upland, who files for presidential elector on the republican ticket from the Fifth congressional district.

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon From Vacuum Cleaners—Bureau-Grandes Co. A. O. U. W. Meetings Resumed—The regular meeting of the central committee of all the A. O. U. W. lodges of Omaha was held at the Temple last night.

Grand Larceny Charged—Frank Miller, giving his address as St. Joseph, Mo., is being held by police on a charge of grand larceny. According to the police, Miller stole a check for \$87, an overcoat and a suitcase from Carl Fredericksen, 2519 South Twentieth street.

Firemen Lose Chain—The firemen of engine house No. 12, Twenty-seventh and Jones streets, will appreciate the return of a wheat chain which was lost from their apparatus while making a run Tuesday night on Jackson street, between Eighteenth and Twenty-seventh streets.

Former Omaha Dies—A. Martin, pioneer Omaha tailor, died last week in Chicago, where he moved a few years ago. He came to Omaha in 1848 and started business on Tenth street. He is survived by a son, Harry, and two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Cohn and Mrs. Anna Herka. All of the children live in Chicago.

Personal Injury Suit—Mary Toth, 19 years old, by her mother, Mary Toth, filed suit in district court against the National Refining company for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained when the child fell from a truck belonging to the defendant March 10, 1919.

Hotel Changes Hands—Harry L. Keen, for the last five years manager and owner of the Hotel Keen, Eighteenth and Harney streets, has purchased the Flatiron hotel, Seventeenth street and St. Mary's avenue. Mr. Keen will assume ownership on January 1 and will retain H. L. Greer, the present manager of the hotel, who will conduct the business along the same lines as in the past.

Inspects Fort Omaha—Col. C. E. Alley, U. S. A., of the general staff at Washington, D. C., who is making a tour of inspection of the government vocational schools at the different forts throughout the United States, visited Fort Omaha Tuesday. According to Lieut. W. C. Burns, acting adjutant, Colonel Smith reported that Fort Omaha was the best he had seen since the start of his tour.

AT THE THEATERS

"THE BOOMERANG," played at the Brandeis last night, was a real treat.

It is the story of a doctor, just home from studies abroad, whose first patient, is on the verge of a nervous breakdown caused by jealousy in love. In his prescription to his patient the doctor finds a return blow when he suddenly awakes to find himself in love with his nurse whom he has assigned to his wealthy patient to joment jealousy in the heart of the object of his affection.

Of course it all works out nicely, with the audience hugely enjoying one case where the doctor is forced to take a good stiff dose of his own medicine.

Robert Conness, as Dr. Gerald Summer, carried his part extremely well. Lillian Concord, the nurse, who served the doctor with his own prescription, won the hearty approval of the audience.

Harry Hayden, as Bud Woodridge, the first patient, whose malady is loveless jealousy, gave a finished performance, receiving appreciation from the audience through the entire play.

The company arrived over the Burlington from Lincoln, just in time, hurriedly to prepare for the evening performance, after Manager Joy Sutphen of the Brandeis was forced to abandon hopes for the promised matinee.

The splendid quality of the act—

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We have taken 300 blouses from our regular stock which formerly sold for \$7.50, \$8.75 and \$9.75. For quick clearance we offer them special at \$5.95.

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ing in "The Masquerade" is greatly enhanced by the artistic lighting effects employed. "Dimmers" are now novelty at the theater, but as used by Mr. Guy Bates Post at the Boyd this week, they add a distinct quality of "atmosphere" to the play. The audience senses rather than feels the charm, but it is appreciated. The mechanical arrangement of the stage is such that shifting from one scene to another is accomplished with such facility that the waits are reduced to a minimum, and the continuity of the action is thus preserved from the tedious interruptions experienced when the settings are handled in the usual way. The engagement is for the entire week.

"Tea for Three," which will be the Christmas week attraction at the Boyd, is one of the sprightly, sparkling comedies of modern manners that have been so popular in late years. It is presented by a very capable company with Norman

Hackett at its head. The engagement opens Sunday evening.

One of the features of the new show opening at the Empress today will be the offering of Kalauihi's Hawaiians, in which seven people take part. An entertaining vehicle is to be presented by Heim and Lockwood, in which frivolous smart talk and some new songs with dancing are intermingled. Work and Keit have combined some startlingly sensational acrobatic feats with dancing and comedy. A novelty entertainer is "The Love Girl," who will present an act of diversified talents.

In the Italian character role of the musical comedy "Not Yet, Marie" the work of William Edmunds is extremely amusing. He is one of the principals in a cast which includes 15 people. The attraction is the stellar feature this week at the Orpheum. One of the laughable acts of the bill is the musical farce,

"The African Duke," presented by four people, with the blackface comedian Farrell Taylor in the leading role. An offering which delights children this week is Carl Emery and his big troupe of trained dogs. "Behind the Grandstand," a comedy sketch presented by Harry and Emma Sharrock, is one of the decided hits of the show.

Announcement is made by Manager Sutphen of the Brandeis that the date for "The Chocolate Soldier" is December 21 and week. This production, by Ralph Dunbar, is on the same elaborate scale as "Robin Hood," which many herabouts heard. "The Chocolate Soldier" is not only scenically and musically beautiful, but is a regular riot of fun.

The Harry Hastings' big show, with Dan Coleman, is at the Gayety the current week. This year's entertainment is one riot of fun. The book and lyrics are entirely new, being the second edition of "After

the First of July." The music is all original and brimful of harmony, having been written by Mr. Coleman and Richard Cosby for this production. Ladies' matinee daily at 2:15.

Former Employee of Omaha Smelter Dies at Home Here

Patrick Riorban, 49 years old, died at his home, 805 North Twentieth street, yesterday. He moved to Omaha 30 years ago and for 15 years was employed by the Omaha Smelting and Refining company. He is survived by his widow, six daughters and one son, all living in Omaha. Funeral services will be held in the Holy Family church on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

Four cities in Sardinia have been linked by an airplane mail service that connects with a daily steamer for the Italian mainland.

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Special Offering in Mina Taylor Dresses for Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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This is a sensible, inexpensive suggestion—try it. We are offering beautiful, well made gingham and percale Dresses. High, low and V-shaped necks, in checks, plaids and stripes; braid, button and fancy contrast trimmings, belted and pockets. At prices that will cause you to think twice before you buy that present for wife or mother. All sizes.

We have them as low as \$2.49
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1,000 pieces of aluminumware will be on sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Saucepans, tea kettles, skillets, coffee percolators, bread pans, rice boilers, cake pans, pie pans, dish pans, and numerous other aluminum articles. Do not forget to take advantage of this sale. Do your Xmas shopping at HARPER'S. Try HARPER'S today; it will pay.

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From 9 A. M. to 10 A. M.

<h3>Children's Gloves</h3> <p>One large lot of Children's Gloves and Mittens; made of knit wool; thousands of pairs for one Hour.</p> <p>Limit of two to a customer.</p> <p>45c Main Floor.</p>	<h3>Misses' Skating Sets</h3> <p>Children's Skating Sets, consisting of scarf and cap in brushed wool, camel's hair and knitted vicuna; in plaid, stripe and solid color; some finished with fringe. No C. O. D.'s—no phone calls—limited number to a customer.</p> <p>Limit of two to a customer.</p> <p>50c Downstairs Store.</p>
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From 7 P. M. to 8 P. M.

<h3>Picture Frames</h3> <p>Nontarnishable Imperial Silver with velvet back; oval style with ball feet.</p> <p>Three desirable sizes.</p> <p>FOR ONE HOUR ONLY</p> <p>Limit of two to a customer.</p> <p>Each 25c Main Floor.</p>	<h3>Sweaters</h3> <p>Men's and Boys' Heavy Rope-stitched Slipover Sweaters; gray and browns; 175 of these sweaters placed on sale for 1 HOUR.</p> <p>Limit 2 to a customer.</p> <p>A practical gift.</p> <p>Limit of two to a customer.</p> <p>\$2.00 Main Floor.</p>
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