Holly and Mistletoe Are Likewise Plentiful On Omaha Market-No Relief In Sugar Shortage.

Sugar, which is now selling between 20 and 22 cents a pound on the local market, continues to remain scarce, and wholesalers and retailers are not expecting any relief for at least several months. The large increase in demand and the poor sugar crop last year are given as the reasons for the present

Butter and eggs remain side by side in their exceedingly high prices with no future prospects of an immediate drop in price. The best package creamery butter is 82 cents a pound, and the best eggs are 82 cents a dozen. Different qualities of tub butter are selling between 70 and 80 cents a pound.

ing to the size of the tree and the spread of the limbs, are plentiful on the market. They sell between 75 cents and \$10 and \$12. Mistletoe is 66 cents a pound.

Apples, both cooking and eating.

are plentiful and have taken a small drop in price during the last week. Large, red cooking apples are sell-ing between 75 and 85 cents a peck. The large Delicia apples are \$1 a dozen and Jonathans 50 and 60 cents dozen. Medium sized Delicias are 65 and 75 cents a dozen.

Grapefruit is Cheaper. Cabbage is 5 cents a pound, sweet potatoes 71/2 cents a pound, leaf lettuce 71/2 each, Bermuda onions 10 cents a pound and radished and Tyreen onions are 5 cents a bunch. th Cottage cheese is 5 cents a fasund, brick cheese 45 cents a ellund, cream cheese 42 cents and Swiss 75 cents a bund.

Grapefruit is 77 and 8 cents each.

Fancy oranges are 35 and 45 cents a dozen. Mixed nuts are retailing three pounds for \$1.

SUGAR CONTROL

McNary Announces Compro-

Director Wright said Illinois was \$5.00 06.00. the only state to reduce its taxes last year, so far as known, and that the board's action showed a rate reduction for two successive years.

The total value of all property in The total value of all property in the state is a little more than \$8,000,
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Lithuanians After

\$100,000,000 Loan

From United States

New York, Dec. 19.—A financial and commercial mission from the Lithuanian government, which has arrived here, announced that it hoped to negotiate a loan of possibly \$100,000,000 in the United States with which to purchase supplies of clothing, machinery and raw materials.

Members of the mission will considered the state of the state

Members of the mission will confer with American financiers regarding a possible loan. As security, they said, Lithuania could offer various concessions and a blanket mortgage on, extensive state lands and forests.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 1.500; market, steady; beef steers, choice, fed. \$16.00\pmu(12.56; charred fed. \$12.50\pmu(12.56); fed. yearlings, \$9.00\pmu(12.50; choice, fed. \$16.00\pmu(12.56); charred fed. \$12.50\pmu(12.56); fair beef, \$7.00 warmed up, \$9.00\pmu(12.56); fair beef, fer with American financiers regard-

CHRISTMAS TREE BRINGING UP FATHER-









Market and Industrial News of the Day

LIVE STOCK

Christmas Holly Wreaths.
Oleomargerine is retailing between 33 and 45 cents a pound, and peanut butter is 22½ cents a pound.
Christmas holly wreaths are 30 cents each, with holly in the bulk selling at 40 cents a pound. Christmas trees, which are selling according to the size of the tree and the Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union Stock Yards, Omaha, Neb., for 24 hours ending at 3 o'clock p. m., December 19, 1919: RECEIPTS-CARS Cattle, Hogs. Sheep.

C. M. & St. P. C.
Mo. Pacific
Union Pacific
C. & N. W., east
C. & N. W., west
C. St. P. & O.
C. B. & Q. east
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C. R. I. & P., east
C. R. I. & P., west
Illinois Central
C. G. Western Totals receipts ... 91 Cattle, Hogs. 548 1,589 653 2,865 769 2,861 949 2,824 1,839

Total 4,433 11,978

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Illinois Reduces Its

Rate of Taxation

For Second Time

Chicago, Dec. 19—The Illinois tax levy board fixed the 1919 tax rate at 40 cents on the \$100 of valuation. This means a saving of \$4,000,000 over the 75-cent rate of 1917, despite the fact payment will be one-half instead of a third of valuation, according to Omar H. Wright, state director of finance.

The last legislature provided for the assessment of property on the basis of half the full valuation instead of a third. The levy of 40 cents this year would have been 60 cents on the old basis, sind is a reduction of 20 per cent as compared to 1918.

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Webstern Cattle.

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15 00 18 5 17 cows. 1005 7 co.

Spot Coffee—Dull; Rio 7s, 15c; Santos.

16 00 \$1.000 \$1 cows. 1005 7 co.

Spot Coffee—Dull; Rio 7s, 15c; Santos.

17 00 \$1 cows. 1005 7 co.

Spot Coffee—Dull; Rio 7s, 15c; Santos.

18 20 \$2.5 kg.

Omaha Hay Market.

Receipts light on both prairie and allmarked up for arrivals later in the day.

around 19 and 15 cents higher, but weakened off toward the close to steady to 10 cents higher. Good quality mixed and mediumweight hogs are selling largely at \$13.40

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FAT LAMBS.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Short Term Notes

feeders, \$5.00@11.25; feeding cows and helfers, \$5.00@8.00.
Hogs-Recelpts, 10,000; market, steady; light, \$13.00@13.50; mixed, \$13.40@13.70; heavy, \$13.25@13.50; bulk of sales, \$13.25@13.50; \$13.50 Chicago Live Stock,
Chicago, Dec. 18. — Cattle—Receipts,
8,000 head. Estimated tomorrow, 4,000
head. Market steady. Beef steers,
medium and heavy weight, choice and
prime, \$18.40@20.00; medium and good,
\$10.75@18.40; common, \$8.35@10.75; light
weight, good and choice, \$12.25@19.25;
common and medium, \$7.50@12.00; butcher cattle, heifers, \$6.25@14.25; cows,
\$6.00@13.00; canners and cutters, \$5.00@
6.00; veal calves, \$15.25@16.00; feeder
steers, \$6.75@12.00; stocker steers, \$6.00
@10.25.
Hogs—Receipts, \$35.000 head; market.

New York Produce.

New York Dec. 19.—Butter—Firm; creamery higher than extras, 73% @74c; extras (92 score), 73c; firsts, 61½ @72c.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.
Chesse—Steady, unchanged.
Live Poultry—Firm; chickens, 25c; fowls, 25@35c; roosters, 29c; turkeys, 45@50c.
Dressed Poultry—Steady; chickens, 31@47c; fowls, 25@36½c; turkeys, 47@52c; roosters, 23@24c.

New York Grain. Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits. New York, Dec. 19.—Evaporated Apples Dull.

Prunes—Firm.
Apricots—Quiet.
Peaches—Inactive.
Raisins—Strong. Kansas City Produce. Ransas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Butter—Packing, 1 cent lower, 46c; other grades anchanged.

Eggs—One cent lower; firsts, 64c; secunds, 43c.

Poultry—Unchanged. Dry Goods Market. New York, Dec. 19.—Cotton goods mar-kets today were stronger. Yarns were firmer. Raw silk was steady and slightly higher. Burlap shipments from Calcutts were the lightest since May.

GRAIN MARKET

Omaha Grain Market.

Omaha, Dec. 19, 1919.

Corn arrivals today showed considerable increase and constitued practically the entire receipts of grain at this market, 1994; 109

36.75 36.85 36.75 36.85 36.25 36.40 36.15 36.40

St. Louis Grain.
St. Louis. Dec. 19.—Corn—December, \$1.48; May, \$1.41.
Oats—December, 83%c; May, \$5c.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Corn—December, \$1.49%; January, \$1.41% @1.41%; May, \$1.35%; July, \$1.33%.

Local Stocks and Bonds.

New York Metals.

New York, Dec. 19.—Copper, iron and antimony unchanged.

Lead—Spot and January, 7.30@7.40.

Zinc—Steady; spot, 8.20@8.30.

At London: Spot copper, f204 2s 6d; tin, £322 2s 6d; lead, £41 10s; others unchanged.

Chicago Potatoes.

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Dec. 19.—Potatoes—Steady;
arrivals, 21 cars; northern whites, sacked,
\$3.60; bulle, \$3.15. Jobbing: Red River
Ohios, \$3.50; western russets, \$3.50 \mathrea{3.50} New York, Dec. 19.—Cotton futures, closed very steady; December, 38,10c; January, 36,82c; March, 34,82c; May, 32,68c; July, 30,95c. New York Coffee, New York, Dec. 19.—Coffee—Rio No. 7. 15c. Futures, steady; January, /14.66c; May, 15.13c.

Spot Cotten.
New York, Dec. 19.—Cotton—Spot. teady; middling, 39.25c. Har Silver.
New York, Dec. 19.—Bar Silver—\$1.23.
Mexican Dollars—\$1.01%. New York Sugar. York, Dec. 19.—Sugar-

FINANCIAL

FOR 1920 IS NOW

CERTAIN TO PASS

Veneral Receipts of cattle were very light today, only 3,500 head showing up, according to the sestimated. This makes toding to the sestimated. This makes toding to the sestimated. This makes toding to the sestimated the smallest risk and the smallest tion Before Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Enactment was likely and the strong tropy of the strong tropy

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

New York, Dec. 19.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:
Favorable features constitute a large majority of the unusually full list of important trade and industrial happenings this week. Resumption of coal production, enlarged fuel shipments, removal of all restrictions of light, fuel and ship bunkering, reopening of speeding up of closed or partially idle mills, factories and furnaces, active buying of iron and steel, augmenting of unfilled orders, further advances in these and other metals, sharp cold weather stimulating buying of heavy wearing apparel, a rally in foreign exchange and the passing of the Edge bill reawakening export buying of grain and hog products, a slight decline in the weekly food index notwithstanding this due to lowered quotations for dairy products, eggs, beef and potatoes, lower prices for hides and leathers and to crown all, new high records volume of holiday trade are among the outstanding events making for unusual activity at this season of the year. Weekly bank clearings 35.531.

New York Bond List.

*U. S. 2s reg. 100

*U. S. 2s coup.100

*U. S. 2s coup.100

*U. S. cv 3s reg. 88½

*U. S. 4s reg. 105½

*U. S. 4s reg. 105½

Am.T.&T. cv 6s 99

Anglo-Frnch 5e 85½

Arm. Co. 4½ 2 82

Atch, gen. 4e. 76½

B. & O. cv 4½ 86

Bth. Stl. ref. 5s 86½

Cen. Leath. 5s. 86½

Cen. Pac. 1st. 75½

C. & O. cv 5s. 78

C. B. & Qit.4s. 95

C. M&S.P.cv.4½ 84

C. R.I.P.Ry.f.4s. 86½

C. & S. rf. 4½s 72½

C. Cop. cv. 7s.105

C. of Paris 5s. 92½

*D&R.G. ref. 5s. 47

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Erie gen. 4s. 40½

Gen. Elec. 5s. 94½

*Bld. 1Ask.

*New York Money.

New York Money. New York, Dec. 19.—Mercantile Paper-Unchanged. Sterling—Demand, \$3.74%; cables \$2.75.
Francs—Demand, 11.05; cables, 11.00.
Guliders—Demand, 36%; cables, 37.
Lirc—Demand, 13.20; cables, 12.15.
Marke—Demand, 2.04; cables, 2.06.
Time Loans—Strong; unchanged.
Call Money—Easy; high, 8 per cent
low, 6 per cent; ruling rate, 6 per cent
closing bid, 7 per cent; offered at 8 pe
cent; last loan, 8 per cent.

Liberty Bond Prices. New York, Dec. 19.—Liberty bond at 11:30 a. m. today were: 34s, first 4s, 93:32; second 4s, 91:40; first 93:50; second 44s, 91:54; third 93:56; fourth 44s, 91:54; Victory 98:92; Victory 4%s, 98:58.

London Money. Lendon, Dec. 19. - Bar silver - Un

My HUSBAND Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

How Lillian Underwood Set the Stage for the Conference. Mr. Walters kept his promise punctually. I went to the door myself to answer his ring, glad that Katie had gone to the "movies."

My little maid is so frankly curious and gregarious a creature that I have not the problem of door service which confronts so many house mistresses. It does not matter whether it be day or evening, hours on duty or hours off, the sound of the doorbell is the signal which draws Katie with a movement as swift and sure as that of a homing pigeon flying to its nest.

Form any reasons, however, I preferred that Katie should not see my visitors, if the encounter could be avoided. I was reasonably sure that it could be, for Jim and Katie upon coming home would go straight to their own room, unless I intercepted them with some question or di rection for the morrow.

I was as frankly glad to see

Esther Walters again as I was un-easily troubled about a further encounter with her brother. The girl, a wonderfuly pretty creature with big Irish eyes of violet shaded by long lashes, a clear olive skin dash-ed with carmine, and black hair whose lustre would make any selfrespecting raven put his wing out of sight in humiliated envy, threw her arms around me impetuously as I opened the door.
"Oh, my dear Mrs. Graham!" she exclaimed, and I noted again the at-

tractiveness of her throaty contralto voice. "It does seem so good to see you again. I'm awfully glad I graduated last year. It would just make me sick to think of going back to school with you not there." I kissed her warmly before I ex-"It is good to see you, dear," I re-

tended my hand to her brother. plied, heartily, and then changed my ness said a great many of the thefts "I am so glad you could come

living room." He murmured something as banally conventional in return and went men. After the armistice, the force through the introduction to Lillian was enlarged. with the same unsmiling formality His whole attitude was at hostilely wary as that of a Missourian is supposed to be. I was as sure as if he had uttered the words aloud, that he thought himself the center of some scheme to save me at the expense

of Kenneth Stockbridge. Lillian, after the introductions and the usual small talk following, took the reins of the situation in her own hands with her usual directness in verbiage stripped of frills. I had previously assured her of Esther's absolute trustworthiness in keeping to herself anything which she might

"Mr. Walters," she said crisply "of course you have guessed that it was not to play bridge that we invited you to come here tonight. Mrs. Graham and I wish to consult you upon a most important project connected with Mr. Stockbridge. Mrs. Graham assures me that your sister can and will keep her own counsel absolutely, but I am wondering we wish to bother so young a girl with so grave a matter." The Card Game.

"I do not know your connection with the case of Mr. Stockbridge, Mr. Walters returned, icily, "but i Mrs. Graham wishes a third person at this interview, the purpose of which is wholly dark to me, I prefer that my sister should also be pres-

"I will try to make my position clear to you a little later," Lillian retorted, good-humoredly. "And of course we are very glad to have Miss Walters present. Shall we go to the library?" She looked at me. "We thill have be disturbed. shall be less likely to be disturbed I rose and led the way to the li

brary without further comment. think none of us felt in the mood for conversation. Pretty Esther Walters was both bewildered and fright-ened, her brother, watchful, Lillian ernment, is making a tour through cool and inscrutable as ever, while I the devastated regions. This rehabilitation is observable in the retinct resentment at the young attinct resentment at the young attorney's attitude. Lillian brought out the folding card table and set chairs around it.

"We might as well give this thing an air of plausibility," she said, motioning us to seats, and dealing the cards expertly. "If each of you will be good enough to take up your eards, so that anyone coming into this room will think we were playing, I'll play the dummy, for I am afraid I shall do most of On Indemnity De the talking." We all three obeyed her, although

Mr. Walters picked up his cards gingerly as if he suspected some explosive substance were hidden in them. His sister, beginning to re-cover from her first fright, had now all the eagerness of youth for adventure. Her eyes, fixed on Lillian, were shining with excitement, the carmine tint of her cheeks deep-As for me, I was occupied with

doubting wonder as to whether even Lillian's skill would be able to remove Mr. Walter's erroneous ideas concerning my attitude to-ward Kenneth Stockbridge. (Continued Monday.)

My HEART and HIGH OFFICERS PRAISE DETZER BEFORE COURT

Civilians Looted U.S. Trains.

New York, Dec. 19 .- Called as character witness at the court-mar-tial of Capt. Karl W. Detzer, charged with brutality to American Mans, France, Lieut. Col. E. O. Saunders, formerly chief of the Department of Criminal Investigation of the American expeditionary oldiers of the overseas forces in Le forces, testified that the accused officer's reputation was "excellent" and that under the same circumstances he would reappoint him to the judge advocate, Central department, stationed at Chicago.

Names High Officers. The witness named several high officers in the D. C. I. who, he said, requently had discussed Capt. Detzer during gatherings at headquarters in Chaumont, and they always spoke of him most favorably.' Among those mentioned was Col. W. R. Pope, chief of Le Mans area; Maj. Gen. H. H. Bandholtz, Captain Peterson, formerly chief of police

department. "A necessity existed all over Europe for D. C. I. men," he said. "We sent operatives to Germany, Italy and England in addition to having

of Oakland, Cal., and Captain Flood,

member of the New York police

them in France." French Looted Trains.

Looting of trains carrying supplies for the army of occupation, was so frequent, Colonel Saunders testified, that an armed convoy had to accompany each train. Whenever trains stopped, the armed guards had to get off and patrol. The witand he believed the greater part of the looting was done by them, many over, Mr. Walters. Come into the arrests having been made. It was necessary, he explained, to organize eight companies with a total of 1,000

35 Million Dollars Of Tires Piled Up in The Open and Ruined

Washington, Dec. 19.-Automoile tires worth more than \$35,000,-00 thrown in a pile many feet high, and covering more than an acre of ground, were ruined through exosure to the weather at the motor transportation corps base at Verneuil, France, Captain Robert Clenening, an officer at the camp, told house committee investigating war expenditures during the war.

No coverings of any kind were laced over the tires for more than

0 months, Captain Clendening delared, although there were many anvas tarpaulins scattered around the camp or being used for less important purposes. Approximately 5,300 motorcycles,

after being placed in perfect repair for use by the A. E. F., were parked at the same camp and allowed to stand exposed to the weather for months until they became useless piles of junk, other witnesses told

France Rapidly Is Rehabilitating Its Devastated Regions

Soissons, Dec. 19.—(By The Associated Press,)—Gradual transformation of the battle-swept regions girls. of northern France back to their normal condition is being every-where noted by The Associated Press correspondent, who, with speduction of modern equipment and it is even noticeable in the return of animals, depleted by the war, back to the normal basis required for the domestic needs of this region.

On Indemnity Demand For Sinking of Ships

Paris, Dec. 19 .- (Havas.) - Allied xperts are not agreed as to what demands should be made on Germany as reparation for the sinking of the interned German fleet at capa Flow, according to the Matin. some are disposed to accept newly constructed ships from the Germans, while others would require the immediate delivery of German light cruisers. It is probable, the newspaper says, that a compromise will be reached. Such a step is now being discussed by British delegates who will submit it to the British

Drawn for The Bee by McManus DEALERS PLAN

Conference Called for January at the Instance of **Assistant Attorney** General.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference here early in January of persons interested in the production of wearing apparel, from the producer of raw materials to the consumer of the finished product.

the finished product.

The calling of the conference was announced today by Assistant Attorney General Figg, who said that in addition to effecting economies in operation, it was planned to provide for the production of a standard quality cloth and garments at a rea-sonable price as an inducement to the public to check extravagance in

Producers Call Meeting.

Suggestions for the conference came from the producers of wearing apparel, and a committee of 17 Give "Brutal" Captain Good
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Christmas holidays. The amalgamated clothing unions will be represented in the conference. Mr. Figg said it was generally

agreed among producers that one essential for reducing the cost of clothing was to have manufacturers devote their plants to necessities, meaning the type of clothing purclothing manufacturers were said to believe that men's suits now selling by a certain percentage of business could be devoted to goods of standard quality to be turned out in

quantity.

There is no intention to design "uniform" for the public, Mr. Figg said, and the standard goods under consideration would be standard in quality rather than in pattern.

The Department of Justice also is

taking other steps to turn the attention of the public to the lower, priced goods, neglected in the re-action from war prosperity. Mr. Figg has suggested to the National Retail Drygoods association that "economy" departments be estab-lished by the association's members, which would call the attention of customers to the fact that goods of excellent quality but medium in price still are to be had.

Another H. C. L. Meeting. Mr. Figg has disapproved the action of some merchants, however, who were said to have taken advan-tage of the suggestion and inaugu-rated "economy sales." The govern-ment does not desire to stampede the public into purchasing goods not needed, simply because they are advertised as "bargains," Mr. Figg

With the coal strike over, officials expect to give renewed attention to he cost of living. A call was sent out today from Attorney General Palmer's office for a meeting of the committee, with whom he had met frequently in the past on the trend of prices. Secretaries Baker, Daniels and Wilson, Director General Hines, Chairman Murdock of the federal trade commission and others are members of the committee.

Factory Girls and Millionaire's Wives In Tribute Canvass

New York, Dec. 19.—A \$22,000 canvas of "Idealized American Womanhood, an enigmatic interpretation of Madonnahood," which will be presented by the War department to Red Cross headquarters in Washington as a tribute to the great ministering organization from the beligerent forces was placed on exhi-

Before being placed on permanent exhibition in Washington the painting probably will be shown in Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis and Cleveland.

The canvas, by F. Luis Mora, has been acquired by Secretary Baker through Maj. Joseph G. Kitchell, formerly of the general staff. The title is "Thine Is the Glory."

Portraits of more than 1,000 wom-

en Red Cross workers who rendered most conspicuous service in the war were carefully selected by Red Cross headquarters and divisional and chapter officials throughout the United States and scientifically fused or blended into one remarkable face by Major Kitchell and incorporated n a large allegoric composition by M. Mora. Among the portraits selected were those of Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice president; Mrs. W. H. Vanderbit, Mrs. August Belmont and those of many shop and factory

Women Prisoners Leap

From Fast Moving Train Oil City, Pa., Dec. 19.-Mrs. Vera Killaher, 22 years old, and Mary Shevler, 29, both of Youngstown, O. leaped from a fast Pennsylvania ishment of new ones and the intro-, passenger train 40 miles from here, while being taken to Kittaning, the county seat, by Constable C. E. Stevenson of Kaylor, where they had been arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Mrs. Killaher suffered severe lac-erations about the head and other minor injuries. She was put on board the train again and taken to Kittaning General hospital. The ther woman was caught at Red Bank, near here.

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