

WASTE OF GOODS UNBELIEVABLE IN WAR CONDUCT

Reavis Tells of 945,000 Saddles for 140,000 Horses—189,000 Autos Almost Given Away.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—The War department needed 195,000 branding irons to burn the letters "U. S." on 300,000 horses purchased by the department for the war and paid 39 1/2 cents per pound for the copper heads.

The branding irons were delivered to the government two months after the armistice was signed and were found of an inferior grade of copper, so the department sold them back to the manufacturer at 11 1/4 cents per pound.

This was one of the methods which the War department practiced in handling the money subscribed by the people for carrying on the war, according to Congressman C. F. Reavis, who was chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the investigation of expenditures, and who told the story to a large crowd of banqueters at the 30th annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican club held at the Lincoln hotel in which the congressman was the principal speaker.

Gives Names and Dates.

Congressman Reavis told the story of war expenditures as disclosed by the committee in its investigation, not only giving figures, but names and dates also. His subject, "The High Cost of Democracy," was loudly applauded.

Mr. Reavis said that the government purchased 104,000 cavalry horses and then for these horses bought 945,000 saddles. For the 140,000 artillery horses 1,200,000 sets of double harness were purchased. Great quantities of harness leather was also purchased, which, with the item of shoes added took 300,000 more hides than were raised in the United States that year. The saddles and the harness are still in the warehouses.

When the war ended, the government had 130,000 automobiles in the motor transport corps. It still has them, at least such as have not rotted away.

7,000 Trucks Standing.

"I've seen 7,000 trucks in one place where they had stood for seven months, with no effort being made to dispose of them. Up to September 4, last, not a machine had been sold. This was in order that our industrial system should not be disturbed. I saw more than 1,000 Packard limousines with the upholstery rotted and the tires bursted out in the open for 11 months. No effort was made to sell them."

A total of 70,130 new cars were received and paid for after the armistice, he said, while 130,000 already on hand were rotting and are rotting today. This all in order that industrial conditions be not disturbed.

"They shipped 39,993 new autos to France after our army had been brought home, and this despite the fact that we already had 150,000 cars over there," Mr. Reavis said.

Five weeks after the last shipment went to France, according to the congressman, every one of the cars over there to France at 20 cents on the dollar and allowed ten years for payment.

"And we are told that this was in order that we might keep from breaking the heart of the world."

He told the story of sugar, how this country filled the warehouses of France and only six weeks ago sold to that country 26,000,000 pounds at 2 cents a pound. Not only did the administration sell sugar to France, but it sold all that the army had and there is now nothing left for the use of this American army.

Reveals Secret Meeting.

Mr. Reavis told of a secret meeting behind closed doors between representatives of the war department and civilians, with every civilian representative of a big packing institution.

"And the next week, purchase was made of \$22,000,000 worth of cured meats to feed Europe while at the same time we had \$200,000,000 worth of meat spoiling in France."

The congressman refers to this as a conspiracy between these so-called civilians and the war department "to ship the meat away for fear of breaking the market and reducing the high cost here at home."

Julius Orkin Forced Out of Business to Make Way for Theater.

Because of the plans of the World Realty company to erect a new theater on the site at Fifteenth and Douglas streets, occupied by the Creighton block and the Julius Orkin building, the \$150,000 stock of women's wearing apparel carried by Julius Orkin must be closed out within five weeks, and he will retire temporarily from business. He must vacate the store by April 1.

Mr. Orkin has operated his store at this location for 18 years. The business was originally established 30 years ago by K. Scofield. Mr. Orkin will leave for California, following the disposal of his stock and fixtures, but will return to Omaha after a few months, when a building may be erected for his business.

Mr. Orkin just returned from the east with a corps of his buyers, who had secured a large stock, anticipating a record-breaking season. The stock has already started from the east, so the orders can not be cancelled.

C. F. Emerson Resigns Armour Position to Join Skinner Force



C. F. Emerson, superintendent of the specialty department of the Armour Co., South Side, has resigned to accept a position with the Skinner Packing Co., where he will work directly under R. C. Howe, general manager.

Mr. Emerson started to work with the Armour Co. five years ago as a salesman. He later became a buyer of canned fruit and soda fountain supplies, and more recently he has superintended the specialty department and all outside purchases of the South Side Armour plant. He will assume his new duties with the Skinner Packing Co. tomorrow.

Dances, Style Shows, Theater Parties for Spring Market Week

The program for the Spring Merchants' Market week, beginning February 23 and lasting four days, was completed by the committee in charge yesterday. The evening entertainments for visiting merchants include a reception, musical and dance at the Chamber of Commerce Monday, the opening day; a dance at the Hotel Fontenelle, Tuesday; an Orpheum theater party and a mid-night dance at the Hotel Rome, Wednesday night; and an informal ball at the Auditorium on Thursday night.

This entertainment will be interspersed with luncheons and style shows at the large jobbing houses of the city, and a large number of prizes will be distributed during the four days. A lot in Minne Lusa today and a Douglas motor truck are numbered among the prizes.

U. S. Shipping Board Wants Men for Work on Both Coasts

An unlimited number of men is wanted by the United States shipping board for work at Newport News, Va.; San Francisco, Cal.; or Seattle, Wash. The men do not enlist, but agree to work for a period of one year.

The men are placed in the training camps at a salary of \$30 per month and receive an outfit of clothing. After a cruise to the West Indies they are placed on a merchant ship at a \$65 salary. Quarters and food are supplied them. Information may be obtained by applicants at Everystreet.

Omaha Boy in Navy Dies At New Mexico Sanitarium

Word was received here Saturday of the death of Morris D. White at Alamogordo, N. M., from tuberculosis. Mr. White, who was 26 years old, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary E. White, and was an electrician in the United States navy, serving on board the Wyoming when stricken, and was from there invalided to the sanitarium. He enlisted in the navy in 1915, and was sent to the hospital in the fall of 1918. The body will be brought to Omaha for interment, the funeral being private.

Recurrence of Influenza Passes the Danger Point

Since the influenza outbreak started in Omaha January 14, the health department has received reports of 69 deaths from influenza and 79 deaths from pneumonia. Only 29 influenza cases were reported last week.

The total for week before last was 144, and the total for the previous week was 402.

Dr. J. F. Edwards, health commissioner, is confident that the season's recurrence of influenza has passed the danger point.

"77" FOR COLDS

For Grip, Influenza, Catarrh, Pains and Soreness in the Head and Chest, Cough, Sore Throat, General Prostration and Fever.

To get the best results take "Seventy-seven" at the first sign of a Cold, the first sneeze or shiver.

Charged With Selling Mythical Carnival Equipment by Mail

R. C. Baker, arrested here Friday by Postal Inspector George R. Cellar, defrauded theatrical and carnival managers throughout the country of thousands of dollars in operations extending over a period of one year, Inspector Cellar declared yesterday. Baker is under indictment in Birmingham, Ala., and Kansas City, Mo., on charges of using the mails to defraud, Cellar claimed.

He would answer advertisements for theatrical and carnival equipment, it is claimed, stating he had exactly the equipment wanted. Then after collecting a third or more of the purchase price by telegram or mail, in advance, he would disappear. An affidavit filed yesterday charges Baker attempted to mulct Charles

Marcel, New Orleans carnival manager, of \$400 through his alleged mail fraud scheme. Baker was arrested at the Postal Telegraph office where he went to get the \$400 Marcel had wired as an advance payment. He will be given a hearing Monday before United States Commissioner R. D. Neely.

Pray & Co.'s New Store Will Be Ready by May 1

A wide display of men's furnishings from cuff links to hats will be the feature of the new haberdashery of George Pray & Co., now under construction at 1908 Farnam street. The place will be open for business May 1. The present location of Pray & Co., at 510 South Sixteenth street, known from coast to coast through the "Pray for men," will be maintained along with the new establishment.

Word from California has it that Jim Jeffries has produced a new species of corn. No doubt this will put the old champion on his feet.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY.

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

Authentic Modes for Spring

Youthful Smartness, Clever Workmanship and Distinctive Style are the leading characteristics of our Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

Spring Suits

The most popular and individual types of the newest Spring Suits are expressed in the short Eton, or Bolero Jackets, and longer Coats in straightline effects, jaunty Sport Suits, and smart, mannish tailor-mades come in the following materials—

Homespun Velour Checks Cabardine Serge and
Poiret Twill Silvertone Tricotine Tweed

Spring Coats

Fashion Determines the Vogue of POLO CLOTH COATS FOR SPRING

Their air of out-o'-door activity—their smart, well-tailoredness—their comfortable light weight, that is yet warmth-giving—no wonder coats of Polo Cloth are Fashion's happiest thought for Spring. They are mostly of knee length, some even shorter, many are leather trimmed, and leather belted, with exceedingly smart collar and pocket effects.

Spring Dresses

Beautiful and exclusive are the styles in dresses for street and sports wear, also afternoon dresses, made up in the most desirable silk and woolen fabrics; the materials are—

Jersey Tricotelette Charmeuse Foulard
Serge Georgette Crepe Tricoline Taffeta

The Art Is Not to Travel Much—But to Travel Well—And With A Hartmann Trunk

The trunk that you can travel any distance with and find "Not a Wrinkle at the End of the Trip."

The Hartmann is the trunk with the special features, such as laundry cases, shoe boxes, removable retainers for suits, coats and dresses, clothes hangers for either men's or women's clothes, adjusting locking bar for sections of trunk, bottom keyless lock, electric iron device, and many, many others equally as important.

Come in tomorrow and let us show you the HARTMANN WARDROBE TRUNKS.

Set the Table With Dainty Silver—This Table Silverware 1/2 Price

Wm. Rogers Arbutus pattern. Every piece sold with an absolute guarantee of satisfactory wear. Included in this sale are:

- Berry Spoons
- Orange Spoons
- Tea Spoons
- Knives
- Forks
- Table Spoons
- Gravy Ladles
- Fruit Spoons
- Butter Spreaders
- Food Pushers
- Cold Meat Forks
- Cream Ladles
- Olive Forks
- Child's Spoons
- Bouillon Spoons
- Soup Spoons
- Ice Cream Forks

Values That Will Interest the Housewife in Linens and Domestic

Irish Linen Table Damask, \$3.25 Yard

Bleached Irish linen table damask, of an excellent quality, heavy weight, 2 yards wide, \$3.25 yard.

Damask Tray Cloths, 85c Each

Linen damask tray cloths, size 17x26 inches, neat hemstitched edge, 85c each.

Madeira Luncheon Napkins, \$12.50 Dozen

Madeira luncheon napkins of round thread Irish linen, with neat hand scalloped edge and hand embroidered design in corner, \$12.50 dozen.

13-piece Irish Linen Luncheon Sets, \$5.00

13-piece Irish linen luncheon sets with scalloped edge, and embroidered eyelet work, \$5.00 set.

From the Downstairs Store VOILES 69c yard

New and beautiful colored voiles, a very interesting assortment in light or dark colorings; these are of splendid quality, and are unusual values for 69c.

Only \$6.95 For a Pair of Pumps or Oxfords

We were fortunate in securing a sample lot of shoes from a large manufacturer at a very low price, and we will give the women in this vicinity an opportunity to secure an unusual value in pumps and oxfords.

They include all the very latest styles and designs—one-eyelot ties. Plain and Colonial pumps in Havana brown, black glaze and mat kid, also brown and black calfskin, with plain or perforated vamps. Light hand-turned and welt soles, military, Cuban and full covered Louis heels.

These are sample sizes and come mostly in sizes 3 to 5.

Glimpses of Spring As Seen by Dame Fashion

Silk Jersey Lingerie

Bewitching and Luxurious Silk Jersey Lingerie

Jersey Lingerie garments including: Stepins, Teddy Bears, Knickers, Drawers and Vests; are made of a beautiful quality Jersey silk, tucked and hemstitched, some trimmed in Georgette and others in colored embroidered nets. Something very new and dainty.

Hand Made Sweaters

Silk Filet and Crochet Sweaters have been very popular, and will grow in popularity, as the season advances, because they are stylish and practical. Some are Coat effects with Tuxedo collar, others in Slip-Over style. The leading colors are: Navy, Rose, Turquoise, Apricot, White and Black.

Fabric Hats

The last word in Spring Hats is the Fabric Hat, made of Georgette, Satin, Crepe, Hair Cloth and Batavia Cloth, trimmed in fancy yarn and flowers.

A Sale of Notions Monday

Supply your sewing basket needs at these saving prices:

- 1/4-inch lisle elastic, yard, 5c
- Shopping bags of strong cord, large size, each, 19c
- Slip-on dress shields, pair, 39c
- Bias tape, 4-yard pieces, each, 5c
- Skirt belting, assorted sizes, white or black, yard, 10c
- Velvet grip hose supporters, pair, 29c
- Sanitary aprons, good quality, each, 50c
- Sharp pins, 300 count pkg., each, 3 1/4c
- New paper shopping bags, each, 10c
- Invisible hair pins, 3 boxes for, 10c
- Silk frill elastic, 1/4-yard pieces, each, 29c
- Safety pins, card, 3 1/4c
- Sanitary belts, each, 39c
- Ironing board covers and pads, patented non-slip styles, covers, 59c, pads, \$1.00
- Dress shields, regular style, pair, 23c

New Season Silks

Here a pattern of artistic design blends with the most exquisite colorings, a riot of color printed with striking effects, or beautiful, plain silks. A gorgeous assortment for your selection.

Plain Silks, \$2.19.

5,000 yards of plain silks, satin, messaline and chiffon taffetas, in large assortment of good street shades, 36 inches wide. On sale Monday at \$2.19 yard.

Georgette Crepe, \$2.29 Yard.

Special sale of Georgette crepe, all pure silk, nice, heavy weight, in white and flesh, for dresses and blouses, 40 inches wide. On sale Monday at \$2.29 yard.

Black Taffeta, \$3.95 Yard.

Black chiffon taffeta, an extra wide width, also good and heavy for suits, skirts and dresses, 40 inches wide. On sale Monday at \$3.95 yard.

Silk Shirting, \$2.35

Special sale of silk shirting, white ground, with pretty colored stripe. On sale Monday at \$2.35 yard.

Crepe de Chine, \$2.29.

Crepe de chine, 40 inches wide, all pure silk, in a large assortment of pretty, plain shades, plenty of flesh and white. On sale Monday at \$2.29 yard.

Wash Satin, \$2.95 Yard.

Wash satin, a guaranteed quality to wash and give satisfactory wear, in flesh and white, 36 inches wide. On sale Monday at \$2.95 yard.

Black Satin, \$3.49 Yard.

Black satin duchess, a nice, heavy quality, rich, raven black, 36 inches wide. On sale Monday at \$3.49 yard.

SILKS On Sale Monday, \$1.95 Yard.

One large bargain square of plain and fancy silk, suitable for dresses, skirts, waists and linings, consisting of:

- 36-inch fancy stripe taffeta.
- 36-inch fancy plaid taffeta.
- 36-inch fancy stripe messaline.
- 36-inch imported pongee, natural color.
- 36-inch figured poplin.