

### Alleged Fraud In U. S. Harness Sale Is Probed

Investigation Reveals Agreement to Sell Army Equipment for From 6 to 10 Per Cent of Cost.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—For several days a section of the special committee of expenditures of the War department, which brought to the attention of the country unheard-of extravagances and woful waste during the world war, has been holding an inquiry into sensational reports growing out of the purchase of harness for the army and according to Congressmen Jeffers, who is the ranking member of the committee, the revelations promise to be more startling than anything connected with the recent war.  
The harness purchased during the war approximated \$22,000,000. During a brief campaign extending from February to May of this year, harness to the amount of \$3,300,000 was sold for a price of between 60 and 65 per cent of the cost to the government. Hardly had the surplus campaign been started when the surplus property division of the War department put a stop to further sale on the ground that a company was negotiating for the purchase of the entire surplus.

**New Firm Organized.**  
This company was formed by Colonel Goetz and Major Byrum, who had much to do with the purchase of the harness, originally including double sets of artillery harness, saddles, bridles, etc. Sitting as a board to adjust claims, these officers had much to do with the postponement of the sale of the harness to the public, according to testimony given before the special committee of the house, Mr. Jeffers said.  
By September 1, the two officers were honorably discharged from the service and then proceeded to organize the United States Harness Corporation, with stockholders from a number of the big dealers of the country who were called upon to put \$10,000 each into the hands of the War department to secure possession of the surplus harness.

**Contract Made.**  
An agreement was entered into with Mr. Morse, director of sales, and who was recently awarded one of the distinguished service medals, that this new corporation take over the surplus harness at a minimum price to be paid the government that would net it between 6 and 10 per cent, whereas the harness sold under advertisement netted the government between 60 and 65 per cent.  
"The revelations before the committee are perfectly rotten," said Congressman Jeffers. "The committee proposes to find out whether by resolution the government can repudiate the contract, or failing in that we propose to lay the evidence before the new attorney general to show that a conspiracy to beat the government exists in the War department and somebody or some bodies ought to be sent to the penitentiary."

### Constantine's Plans For Return to Greece Are Now Complete

By The Associated Press.  
Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—The members of Constantine's family, with their families and servants, will leave tomorrow for Brindisi, from which port they will depart for Athens. The departure of Constantine himself for Venice tomorrow afternoon will be informal.  
Constantine will arrive at Phaleron, four miles from Athens, at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.  
The party will pick up the Greek council of ministers and Crown Prince George at the island of Melos and they will join in the triumphant entry into Greece. Before landing at Phaleron, Constantine will don the uniform of a generalissimo in the Greek army.  
Constantine is spending most of his time in study, going over the communications from the Greek government and answering his personal correspondence.

### Senator McCormick Sees Little Hope for League

Paris, Dec. 14.—Doubt relative to the future of the league of nations has been expressed by United States Senator Medill McCormick, says a Geneva dispatch to the Echo de Paris. Senator McCormick, the dispatch asserts, has declared that he has an impression that the league will be smothered by the eloquence of its members and that a great deal too much time is lost in useless verbiage.

### Two Die in Fire

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 14.—Two persons were burned to death and heavy property damage resulted from a fire which destroyed a hotel at Hamilton early today. W. W. Trimble, an aged confederate veteran, and Robert Nichols, a boy, were the victims.

### Nurse Who Gave Life For Sake of Patient



Gertrude Heim.  
Miss Gertrude Heim, 19, nurse at the Omaha Emergency hospital, Tenth and Douglas streets, who died, a martyr to duty, Sunday, from pneumonia contracted while on night duty.  
Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 9 in St. Philomena church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

### Woman Police Head Says "Picture Trust" Forced Resignation

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Teamed Wire.  
New York, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Ellen A. O'Grady resigned today as fifth deputy police commissioner because "Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright took the enforcement of the welfare laws against motion picture theaters out of my hands and placed it in the hands of a Mr. Levy who is connected with the motion picture trust."  
"For two years Commissioner Enright tried to force me out of the police department," declared Mrs. O'Grady, as her voice shook with emotion. "But I held on, because I loved the work and I wanted to make sure that the women and children of this city would be protected."  
"The strain was too much for me this morning. Acting Captain Amon, who was the uniformed head of the 70 detectives and 20 police women of my department, came to me and said that Police Commissioner Enright had just ordered him to tell me that my work in connection with the motion picture houses was 'too strenuous.' So I took my gold badge out of my handbag, ran up to Commissioner Enright and said: 'Here's my badge; I'm through with the police department.'"

### Government Report Shows Cotton Crop Biggest Since 1914

Washington, Dec. 14.—The cotton crop which began the season in the worst condition in 50 years turned out to be the biggest crop since 1914, with a production of 12,987,000 bales, according to final estimates announced by the Department of Agriculture.  
The lateness of winter, the department said, has helped to increase the size of the crop by permitting the plant which was late in getting started to mature.  
The price of cotton paid to producers December 1, was announced by the department as 14c a pound, the lowest for that date since 1915.  
The final production estimate is 1,500,000 bales more than forecast from the condition of the crop late in June. Vast improvement was shown as the season progressed and the August condition brought a forecast of 12,783,000 bales. That was reduced by the September condition to 12,123,000 bales.  
In Texas and South Carolina the crop is very large, closely approaching the record. Oklahoma's crop is a record one, as is that of Arkansas. Production in California and Arkansas has about doubled the production of any previous year.

### Farmer Kills Himself; Despondent Over Prices

Rockwell, Ia., Dec. 14.—Despondency over the low prices of farm products is blamed for the suicide this morning of Charles Fields, a farmer. He blew off his head with a shotgun. Fields recently lost his farm because of inability to meet payments. A widow and two small children survive him.

### Iowa Factories Lay Off 18 Per Cent of Employees

Des Moines, Dec. 14.—Careful training of factory employees and concentration on a particular profession was the remedy proposed at a conference of heads of manufacturing industries held here recently for present industrial stagnation.

### Committee of 17 Meets Behind Closed Doors

Representatives of Farmers in 13 States Will Study All Angles of Problems; May Call in Experts.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Realizing the importance of its action as regards both the grain and market fields, the Committee of 17 went into session behind closed doors at the Congress hotel today to consider every phase of the selling of grain. The meeting probably will last all week. The committee made no public announcement of the progress made during the first day's session.  
This is the third conference which has been held by the members representing 13 grain producing states. Farmers and others interested in the grain business of the United States are anxiously awaiting action by this committee, which represents the grain section of the whole country. This body, chosen by the American farm bureau federation last July, has realized from the beginning what a stupendous task it faces and plans to study every angle thoroughly with the hope that a permanent solution of the problem might be worked out.  
Experts probably will be called in to explain the various co-operative systems.

### Money Loaned in Crap Game Cannot Be Recovered by Law

New York, Dec. 14.—The appellate term of the supreme court today decided that when a person lends money to another with the knowledge that the money is to be used in a crap game he cannot recover if the borrower does not repay the loan of his own accord.



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### Two Killed in Ship Explosion

Coal in Bunkers of Boat at Seattle Ignites When Stevedore Lights Match.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Two men were literally blown to pieces and three others were seriously injured by an explosion of coal gases in the bunkers of the steamship Victoria of the Alaska Steamship line here Monday. Chief Officer Hansen was in the hold with his head stevedore when the latter struck a match. The explosion followed.  
Witnesses told of a sheet of flame 100 feet high accompanying the explosion. The casualty list follows:  
Dead: BERTRAND E. PRINCE, 48, head stevedore, Seattle. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, 40, station man on the Victoria, owner of a ranch at Hood River, Ore.  
Injured: Albert Hansen, 47, chief officer of the Victoria, Seattle. George Matheson, 50, foreman of carpenters, Seattle. E. W. Raymond, 44, chief port engineer, Seattle.  
City firemen declared it evident that the explosion was caused by Prince's match.

The damage to the Victoria was negligible, according to those who inspected the vessel shortly after the explosion.  
**McGraw Will Face Trial In Federal Court Friday**  
New York, Dec. 14.—Subpoenas have been issued to witnesses in the celebrated case of the United States against John G. McGraw. The trial is expected to begin in the federal district court on Friday.

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### Vandal Robs Luna in New York Church of Diamonds and Pearls

New York, Dec. 14.—Pearls and diamonds said to be worth from \$10,000 to \$100,000 were stolen from a golden vessel in the Catholic church of St. Vincent Ferrer here, it was discovered today. The precise value of jewels and

money stolen could not be learned today because of the absence from the city of Father Hoffmann, the pastor.  
Most of the valuables were priced from the luna, a vessel of gold used in the church's ceremonies. They constituted part of the furnishings of the church, regarded as among the finest and most beautiful in the city.  
Commercial motor vehicles entering Great Britain are exempt from duty. Passenger cars and chassis pay 33 1-3 per cent ad valorem duty.

**Loot From Bisbee Mail Valued at \$20,000 Recovered**  
Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 14.—Checks and money orders totaling \$20,000, were recovered this morning with the finding of a sack of registered mail, stolen Friday from a railroad truck at Osborn, eight miles south of here. The mail bag, found in a clump of bushes two miles from Osborn by two boys, had been ripped open and hundreds of letters and small packages torn open.

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<b>Baby Doll At \$3.75</b> 16-inch Baby Doll with hair and sleeping eyes, jointed.	<b>Baby Doll At \$3.00</b> 13-inch Baby Doll with sleeping eyes, jointed.	<b>Painted Doll At \$7.95</b> 16-inch painted doll, boy or girl, washable face, fancy dresses and suits.
<b>Kid Body Doll At \$6.75</b> 21-inch genuine kid body doll with soft bisque head, sleeping eyes, long curly hair, jointed. \$6.75.	<b>Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy At \$2.50</b> Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy. Limited quantity only.	<b>Kid Body Doll At \$8.75</b> 24-inch genuine kid body doll and bisque head with sleeping eyes, long eyelashes, long curly hair. Double jointed.
<b>Kid Body Doll At \$12.50</b> 28-inch genuine kid body doll, double jointed, bisque head, sleeping eyes, long curly hair with eyelashes.	<b>Kid Body Doll, \$5.00</b> Also a 17-inch genuine kid body doll with bisque head, sleeping eyes with eyelashes, curly hair and double jointed. \$5.00.	<b>Baby Doll At \$5.00</b> 19-inch Baby Doll with sleeping eyes, jointed.
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at \$1.45	at 65c
8,000 rich, luxurious scarfs, imported silks of the finest quality and sold at less than one-half price.	8,000 exquisite full-shaped scarfs, showing many beautiful silk, repp, heavy twills and basket weaves and sold at a saving of about one-half the regular price.
at \$1	at 35c
10,000 rich silk scarfs in a wide variety of beautiful patterns and colorings. Sold at about one-third the regular price.	4,000 beautiful large scarfs in an assortment of well chosen patterns and colorings.