

Court Orders the Return of Estate Taken During War

Widow of "Coffee King" Who Died in Germany to Receive Large Sum When Judges Naturalize Husband.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—A decision which is expected to result in a return of the \$7,000,000 estate of August Sielcken in New York to the widow of its founder, Mrs. Clara Sielcken, following its seizure by the alien property custodian during the war, was handed down in superior court here today.

Negro Is Lynched.

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 4.—Robert Lewis, a negro, accused of the murder of T. W. Greer, a railroad watchman, was lynched here today by a mob which forced the policeman who had arrested Lewis to surrender his prisoner.

Wage Reductions. In All Parts of U. S.

Steel, Tool and Gun Plants Announce Cuts From 10 to 20 Per Cent.

Detroit, Jan. 4.—The Packard Motor Car company's plant, closed several weeks ago, reopened in some departments Monday with several thousand men on part time. A number of other automobile plants now closed for inventory will shortly put small forces back to work, it is expected.

Wages Are Reduced.

Ironwood, Mich., Jan. 4.—A wage reduction of 15 per cent was announced yesterday by the Steel and Tube Company of America, which operates the Newport and Anvil Falls mines here.

Winchester Cuts Wages.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—A wage reduction of 10 per cent, effective January 1, was announced yesterday by the Winchester Repeater Arms company.

Denver, Jan. 4.—The Denver Rock Drill company announced Monday that it would put into effect immediately a wage cut of 20 per cent. The "high cost of over-production" was given as the cause. About 325 men are affected.

Poet Speaks Here.

Memories of the conquest of the west are passing away with the dying of the heroes of those days, John Neihardt, famous Nebraska epic poet, told a group of his admirers at a luncheon in the University club Tuesday noon.

Neihardt won the prize given by the American Poets' association for the best book of poetry published in America in 1919. He read selections from his poetry at the luncheon.

Brokerage Firm Accused of Fraud At Court Hearing

Owners Accused of Making Gift to Woman to Be Used In Purchasing Total Holdings of Company.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 4.—Evidence which they contend shows conclusively that Morris Bros., Inc., September 21, 1919, presented to Mrs. Stella M. Etheridge a gift in the sum of \$100,000 and that she in turn used this money in purchasing the total holdings of Morris Bros., Inc., was produced in federal court yesterday by attorneys for W. D. Whitcomb, temporary receiver for the wrecked bond house in chancery proceedings before Robert F. Maguire, temporary master in chancery.

Mine Officers Re-Elected Says Re-Publisher

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4.—While canvass of the 400,000 ballots cast in the United Mine Workers of America election December 14, may not be completed for a month, Ellis Searles, editor of the Mine Workers' Journal, declared today there was no question of the re-election of President John L. Lewis of Illinois, and Vice President Phillip Murray of Pennsylvania. They were opposed by R. H. Harlin, Washington, and Alexander Howat, Kansas, respectively.

Promoter Is Held For Iowa Officers

Chicago Police Arrest Man Wanted for Embezzlement In Sioux City.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—George P. Johnson was arrested today on a charge of embezzlement from Sioux City, Ia. Johnson, according to the information given the Chicago police, promoted a milling company and after selling stock amounting to \$75,000 came to Chicago.

Johnson said he had been indicted for embezzlement and had been released on bonds.

Sioux City, Jan. 4.—George P. Johnson of Sioux City, who is under arrest in Chicago, on an order from Sheriff W. H. Jones of Woodbury county, Ia., is under indictment here on a charge of embezzling \$75,000 from the Alitalia Cereal Milling company, and also on the charge of larceny of a \$400 note.

Johnson was excused from trial in district court here last fall when he furnished an affidavit from Chicago saying that he was sick there and would be unable to stand trial for at least six months. Since that time it has been learned that the twice indicted man was in physical condition to stand trial and his arrest was expected.

Hedging System Of Grain Trade Put Under Fire

Farmers' Representatives, at House Hearing, Fail to Offer Any Substitute Which Would Afford Protection.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The hedging system long followed in the grain trade was opposed today by representatives of farmers' organizations who appeared at the first of a series of extended hearings by the house agriculture committee on bills designed to put a heavy tax on strictly speculative dealing.

There was no evidence, however, to indicate that the organizations wanted the government to abolish grain exchanges, and while some witnesses declared present conditions were "bad," they were unable to offer off-hand substitute plans which might afford greater protection to the grower.

A. L. Middleton, president of the Farmers' Elevator company of Eagle Grove, Ia., said the experience of farmers in his section had prejudiced them against future selling or even hedging. The system of hedging by which a man buying actual corn sells an equal amount in futures, had been regarded by the trade as legitimate, although he added that it led to a temptation to reckless speculation. On one hedging transaction his company, he said, lost 20 cents a bushel.

Representative Tincher, republican, of Kansas, said he was surprised to find that farmers, owning a co-operative elevator company, had been "gambling." Asked if that was

permitted under his charter or by the laws of Iowa, Mr. Middleton said that so far as he knew, there had been no prosecutions and that more than 15 per cent of the elevators in his state made a practice of hedging.

Income Tax Blanks Will Be Ready Soon Is Announcement

Washington, Jan. 4.—Forms for reporting individual income tax returns for 1920 on net incomes of more than \$5,000 will be ready for distribution January 10, the bureau of internal revenue today announced.

Studebaker Plant Opens.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 4.—The Studebaker corporation will resume work on a scheduled production of 90 automobiles daily January 10, it was announced here today. The output will be increased gradually until it reaches 500 cars daily, it was said.

Postmasters Appointed

Washington, Jan. 4.—Special Telegram—Postoffice discontinued: Ariz., Yuma county, Yuma, mail; Ark., Franklin county, Fayetteville, mail; Cal., Colusa county, Colusa, mail; Conn., mail; Idaho, Blaine county, Blaine, mail; Ill., mail; Iowa, mail; Kan., mail; Ky., mail; La., mail; Maine, mail; Md., mail; Mich., mail; Minn., mail; Miss., mail; Mont., mail; N. Br., mail; N. C., mail; N. D., mail; Ohio, mail; Okla., mail; Pa., mail; S. D., mail; Tex., mail; Va., mail; W. Va., mail; Wis., mail; Wyo., mail.

8,881 Failures in U. S. in Last Year

Liabilities \$259,121,805 Compared to \$113,291,237 With 6,451 Bankrupts.

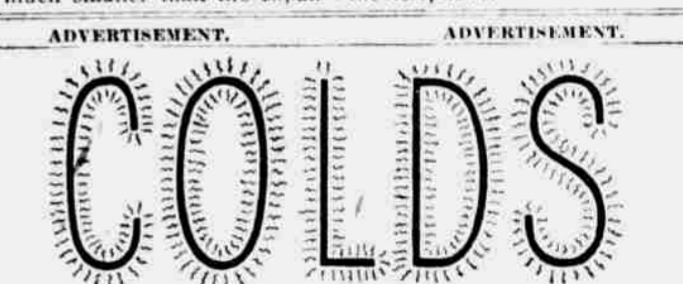
New York, Jan. 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s record of failures for 1920, made public today, showed 8,881 commercial failures throughout the country, with \$259,121,805 in indebtedness, against 6,451 failures in 1919, involving liabilities of \$113,291,237.

The increase of 2,430 in number of commercial insolvencies last year as compared with those of 1919 is relatively much smaller than the expansion of \$181,800,000 in liabilities, showing the rise in number of failures to have been 37.7 per cent and of indebtedness 169.5 per cent, the report said.

After four successive years of diminishing commercial mortality, it continued, business reverses of 1920 increased sharply. This was said to be "not unnatural" in a period marked by general economic readjustment.

Divorced by Phone.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A divorce suit by long distance telephone was heard before Judge Jesse Baldwin in circuit court today when he granted a divorce to Mrs. Theodore B. Fogelstrom. Mrs. Fogelstrom's father, J. D. Holman of Centerville, Ia., was unable to come to Chicago, so lawyers took his testimony over the telephone.



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The first dose opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages of head; stops nose running; relieves headache, dullness, feverishness, sneezing. "Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance. Tastes nice. Contains no quinine. Insist upon Pape's.

Dear Bob:

Here's a San Francisco traffic policeman on his 1000 wooden platform at Third and Market streets. A hotel guest, who fairly devours statistics, tells me more traffic passes this corner during a day than on the cross streets of any other city in the United States, including New York. Yet these traffic officers find time to answer questions and give you the most courteous directions whenever you get lost. Just called to dinner—will write Monday.

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Tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock begins our great semi-annual clearance sale of men's and women's high-grade shoes, including such makes as Laird & Schober, Wright & Peters and Ziegler Bros. for women and Johnston & Murphy and Howard & Foster for men at reductions from 25% to 50%. Come early.

Sale Starts Tomorrow, 8:30 Sharp FOR WOMEN

LOT NO. 1— \$18.00 Laird, Schober & Ziegler Bros. Beaver, Brown, Gray and Field Mouse Shoes now— \$7⁸⁵	LOT NO. 2— \$14.00 Slater & Morrill's Brown Russia Calf, Brown Kid and Black Kid now— \$8⁸⁵
LOT NO. 3— \$15.00 Wright & Peters and Ziegler Bros. Brown Kid, Russia Calf, Suede and Patents now— \$9⁸⁵	LOT NO. 4— \$12.00 Russia Calf, Brown Kid, Black Kid and Novelty Boots go at— \$7⁸⁵
LOT NO. 5— \$11.00 Brown, Black and Colored Kid Shoes, with military and Louis heels, now— \$6⁸⁵	LOT NO. 6— 700 pairs broken lines Novelty Boots and Street Boots that sold up to \$12.00, now— \$4⁸⁵

Extra Special 800 pairs that sold up to \$10.00, in patent button and lace, kid button and lace, some with combination tops, while they last— **\$2⁴⁵**

FOR MEN

LOT NO. 1— \$15.00 Howard & Foster's Russia Calf and Black Calf, in all styles and lasts, now— \$9⁸⁵	LOT NO. 2— \$14.00 Slater & Morrill's Russia Calf, Kid Black Calf, all style toes, now— \$8⁸⁵
LOT NO. 3— \$11.00 Russia Calf and Black Calf in several makes go at— \$6⁸⁵	LOT NO. 4— 500 pairs broken lines, worth up to \$10.00, go at— \$5⁸⁵

LOT NO. 5—Johnston & Murphy's and Stacy Adams \$17.50 shoes, in Black Calf and Russia Brogues, now— **\$10⁸⁵**

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