

SPECULATORS IN EATABLES LOSE THEIR LICENSE

Virginia Wholesalers Forced Out of Business for Letting Food Spoil.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 1.—Notice has been received by Dr. Harry E. Barnard, federal food administrator for Indiana, that the license of Lester Brothers, wholesale food handlers of Newport News, Va., has been withdrawn by the federal food administration as a result of a practice that is said to have been more or less general, not only in the east, but through this section and in Indiana—permitting shipments of food stuffs to deteriorate while in freight yards, and incidentally adding to railroad congestion.

The federal food administration's special investigator, James A. Ford, developed the facts against Lester Brothers, Dr. Barnard is informed. The report says Lester Brothers "had been tempted by war conditions to speculate in essential foodstuffs, profiting by unusual demands that had arisen on account of war activities in that section."

The firm ordered a car load of onions from Minneapolis, and transferred the order to a third person, who refused to carry out his agreement, owing to his inability to sell the onions to the government. The market then dropped and Lester Brothers could have disposed of the onions with small loss, but rather than do so they threw the shipment back upon the consignors. In another instance they are alleged to have refused to accept five carloads of potatoes, which were allowed to spoil. They vacillated and then insisted that the railroad had possession of the potatoes and refused delivery. The railroad proved this statement unfounded and the license of Lester Brothers was suspended and the firm is now in liquidation.

British Bring Down Five Enemy Planes

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Five German airplanes were destroyed or put out of action by the British, who lost none of theirs.

Two hostile machines were brought down in our lines on Saturday," says an official statement given out here. "A third was brought down in the enemy's lines. Two other hostile machines were driven down out of control. None of our airplanes is missing."

Lusitania Orphan To Wed Aviator



Miss Virginia Loney

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The engagement has been announced of Miss Virginia B. Loney, Lusitania orphan, to Robert Howard Gamble, formerly of Richmond, Va., and now an aviator in the navy corps at Jacksonville, Fla.

Although only sixteen years old when the Lusitania was sunk, she proved a heroine in the lifeboat which saved her. One of the sailors rowing the lifeboat before they were picked up by the U. S. S. Paul collapsed and Miss Loney jumped to his position and took up the oars.

Her father, Allen B. Loney, and her mother were lost with the Lusitania. She made her debut in New York last spring and has been living with Miss Mary B. Chamberlain. She is here to a fortune reputed to be \$1,500,000. Gamble is a Yale 1910 student. The wedding is set for April.

Masonic Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 1.—Richmond lodge No. 196, F. A. M. Stated meeting and installation of officers.
Wednesday, Jan. 2.—Webb lodge No. 24, F. A. M. Called meeting; work in the Master Mason degree, commencing at 7 o'clock.
Thursday, Jan. 3.—Wayne council No. 10, R. & S. M. Stated assembly and installation of officers.
Friday, Jan. 4.—King Solomon's chapter No. 4, R. A. M. Called meeting; work in the Royal Arch degree.
Saturday, Jan. 5.—Loyal chapter No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting and installation of officers.

A Maine fisherman claims to have pulled up a pint milk bottle with a live crab in it. It is evident that the crab had crawled into the bottle when small and stayed there until it grew so large it could not get out.

AMERICAN PRISONERS TAKEN BY HUN



First American captives being questioned by Teuton officers and photos of three of the captives inset.

Here are the first pictures of American prisoners taken by the Germans since the United States troops entered the war. In the top picture German officers, at the left, are seen questioning the Sammys and taking great enjoyment out of it. The Yankee captives in front are not having such a good time. Three of them are helmeted and two are bareheaded.

The photos are not identified and the men are undoubtedly some of those listed in Pershing's reports as missing. They are the first photos of their kind to reach this country and were published in "Welt im Bild," a German propaganda organ to illustrate a story about the capture of the American army by the kaiser's soldiers. The organ is printed in ten

languages and distributed among quillies, ignorant people who do not question the tremendous fabrications. English sources furnished the photographs to this country.

The captives were taken in a raid on the front line trenches soon after the first Americans went into active service.

WOMEN SUFFER FROM HUN RAID

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTHERN ITALY, Jan. 1.—A large enemy fleet of airplanes participated in the air raid over the city of Padua and nearby towns Friday night, when 13 persons were killed and 60 wounded, the majority of the latter being women.

In Padua the bombs fell in public squares, near hotels, clubs and churches, and, from the manner in which the raid was carried on, unusual barbarism and personal bitterness were shown.

A bright moonlight night favored the raiders, who operated over a wide area, embracing the cities of Treviso, Montebelluna, Castelfranco and Padua. This squadron first appeared over Padua at 8 p. m., when a deafening bombardment fairly shook the city. Explosions began in the suburbs and gradually approached the center of the city, where the streets, hotels and public places were filled with people.

One bomb struck in the middle of the main square, opening a huge crater and killing one person and maiming many.

Another struck a wing of the famous Palace of Giustiani, near the St. Antonio Church, where the body of St. Anthony of Padua is buried, killing three women, one of whom happened to be of Austrian birth, and one the wife of an Italian officer who had just arrived in the city on a holiday leave. The Carmelite Church and seminary also were struck, and the oldest house in Venetia, dating from 1150, was damaged. One of the main hotels near the central square and the Anglo-American Club were rendered uninhabitable from fallen plaster.

Two persons were killed outright in front of the club. A member of one of the foreign missions visiting the city while going to his lodgings stumbled over the headless body of a woman. Only 6 soldiers were among the 73 casualties.

The other cities within the raided area escaped with little or no damage. Many thousands of humpback salmon, native of the Puget Sound, where they were collected by the government two years ago, entered Penobscot, Denys, Penobscot, St. Croix and other rivers this autumn as part of the fisheries bureau plan of stocking the East with the pride of the Pacific coast catch.

NEW CHIEF OF SECRET SERVICE



W. H. Moran.

W. H. Moran, who has been deputy director of the United States secret service, succeeds his former chief, William J. Flynn, retired.

A 4,000,000 palace for the Japanese parliament is in the course of construction.

Doctors Hand Out Live Tips

They Take the Public Into Their Confidence

Prominent physicians claim people fail in life because of "nervous hunger," that it is the active, bright-eyed, strong-nerved man or woman who is "there" at work or play.

Strong, well-nourished nerves is the great secret of success, health and happiness.

Men and women try to live regardless of health, strength, ambition, energy and hope; they exceed the speed limits, wasting nerve strength and energy, and fall to store up reserve force, afterwards they only exist, life has no joys.

Without energy, ambition, strong nerves, and pure blood one cannot hope to enjoy the fullest measure of success and happiness.

A noted specialist says, "Phosphated Iron brings strength to the blood, nerves and brain, that is a perfect combination of vital elements of great tonic qualities when taken by 'nervous' humans, that it will increase body and nerve energy, restore ambition and staying powers."

He also says: "If you are the victim of overwork, worry, excess of mental and physical forces, have the blues, and the pleasures of life are no longer enjoyable, that you need Phosphated Iron to brace, build you up and put you on your feet again."

Special Notice—To insure physicians and their patients getting the genuine Phosphated Iron we put up in capsules only, so do not allow dealers to substitute any pills or tablets. For sale in Richmond by Conkey Drug Co.—Adv.

RED CROSS SHIPS KNITTED ARTICLES

The Wayne County Red Cross association shipped the following articles to the Indianapolis warehouse, Saturday:

Surgical Dressings—960 Gauze compresses, 9x9 inches. 750 Gauze compresses, 4x4 inches. 440 Gauze strips, 6x3 inches. 45 Gauze rolls, 3 yds. by 4 1/2 inches. 4 Ambulance pillows. Total 2,199 pieces. Hospital Garments—30 Bed shirts. 30 Pairs bed socks. Total 90 pieces. Knitted Articles—65 Sweaters. 56 Pairs socks. 10 Pairs wristlets. Total 187 pieces.

There will soon be a "corps of ferrets" on the battle front in France for the purpose of helping to clean out the rats now infesting the galleries in the chalk hills left by the Germans in their retreat. The ferrets are now being mobilized and several hundred have been shipped.

THE OLD RELIABLE BLOOD BUILDER

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Wednesday Leaders

10 LENOX SOAP47¢
COCOA Hershey's brand 1/2 lb.18¢
OATS New Bulk, Rolled—2 lbs. for15¢
BEANS New Navy—per pound18¢
EXTRACTS
Lemon or Vanilla. 2 oz. 15¢
MILK Hebe, small6¢ Large .2 for 25¢
PET. WILSON or CARNATION Small, 3 for20¢ Tall, 2 for27¢

PORK & BEANS

Hood Brand, 15¢
CORN FLAKES9¢
STARCH Best Bulk—3 lbs. for 21¢

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"Cut Out Refreshments" is Plea to Church Societies and Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Three meals a day and no more, and the abandonment of the wasteful habit of serving refreshments at clubs, church meetings, societies and the like, are conservation measures now being urged through the women's section of the Indiana State Council of Defense, and through the women members of the ninety-two county councils of defense in Indiana.

Under the instructions sent out by Dr. Harry E. Barnard, the Federal Food Administrator for Indiana, speaking through the women's war organization, refreshments at clubs, churches, lodges and the like will be served only when such refreshments actually take the place of one of the three regular meals for the day. The plan for "cutting out the refreshments" applies to the homes as well as to societies and churches.

In a letter sent to the women members of county councils of defense, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, of the Council of Defense sets out the demands of the Food Administration and asks the women in the counties to

see that local publicity is given the rules for war time conservation. The letter points out that all ham and bacon are reserved for the soldiers, and that lard must be used sparingly. It is urged that all pork be used in smaller quantities than formerly, and farmers are being asked to cut their pork ration in half.

In the matter of bread, according to Mrs. Carlisle's letter to women, the Food Administration suggests that large families buy the "twin loaf," pay cash and carry the loaf home at 16 cents. Under the cash and carry plan the unwrapped ordinary loaf sells at 8 cents. The women are asked to encourage the cash and carry system and will be asked everywhere to patronize dealers who sell bread at prices fixed by the Food Administration.

Keeping The Quality Up.

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, the World-Famous Cure for Colds and Grip is now 30c per box. On account of advance in the price of the six different Medicinal, Concentrated Extracts and Chemicals contained in LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, it was necessary to increase the price to the Drugist. It has stood the test for a Quarter of a Century. It is used by every civilized Nation.

Girls Object to Having Love Letters Censored

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 1.—Several West Lafayette young women are up in arms against Uncle Sam's system of military censorship. So are several West Lafayette young men who belong to Battery C, the local unit of a regiment of field artillery now in service in France. The reason is this: Several of the battery men have sweethearts at home and they write frequently to them. Lieutenant Floyd W. Sense, of West Lafayette, is the Battery C censor. He reads all "Q. K." on them before they are permitted to leave the camp. What the young women object to is having Lieutenant Sense, who himself knows all about West Lafayette affairs, reading the love letters written to them by the soldier boys. But Uncle Sam's regulations are strict and unyielding. Lieutenant Sense continues to read the love letters, or else they do not go into the mail at all. They young women say they think Lieutenant Sense might take some things for granted and not read every line their sweethearts write, for it keeps the soldiers from saying things they would like to say.

The tasks of the cow elephant have been found best adapted to the making of billiard balls. The task of the female is not so curved as that of the male, and the fine nerve passage is not so clearly seen.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

MINE BLAST KILLS MANY

SCRANTON, Penn., Jan. 1.—Many miners are reported killed by a gas explosion in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania coal company near Throop, about six miles from this city.

Company officials are silent and information is vague. At noon 17 bodies, some dead, and some alive, were reported taken from the mine.

BAD STOMACHS BUSINESS FAILURE

In this day of high efficiency more failures are due to disordered Stomachs than to any other cause. Nothing undermines the body and mind so quickly as Stomach Trouble. It saps the energy and reduces ambition and vitality to a low ebb. Cathartics frequently aggravate the trouble. Overcome quickly your Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Trouble with Mayr's Wonderful Remedy, as it reaches the seat of the disease. Millions have been restored by it. Let one dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy convince you today. For sale by Quigley's drug stores.—Adv.

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