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Uncovering Illegal War Contracts

The announcement of Attorney General Palmer that the department of justice has "uncovered illegal transactions involving millions of dollars" in connection with alleged fraudulent war contracts, may lead to civil and criminal prosecutions.

The American people never has been satisfied with the enormous sums that were spent in erecting cantonments and gigantic industrial plants for the manufacture of munitions of war. Taxpayers were unable to see why millions of dollars were expended for operations that under private contract would have cost one-half or one-third of what it cost the government to have the work done.

Questionable vouchers, the statement of the department of justice says, has resulted in the withholding of \$4,420,000 in one class of contracts alone. About \$150,000 will be recovered

in the northern Pacific division as the result of an investigation in the shipbuilding activity. Another \$325,000 is under scrutiny in Ohio.

During the war, the military establishment dealt rigorously and often harshly with privates who transgressed against some military rule. Investigation of the court martial activity showed that privates were sentenced to serve long terms in the federal prison for the theft of a little food or a small piece of clothing. Transgressions that did not involve theft from the government but were violations of discipline were severely punished.

The theft of a piece of equipment by a soldier is not a bit more reprehensible, perhaps less so, than the outright steal of thousands and millions of dollars by civilians engaged in government work. If there was fraud and graft in war contracts, the guilty ones should be punished as harshly as were the soldiers who were guilty of minor infractions of the military code. Justice demands fair play.

The ends of justice will not be served if a contractor or federal official padded a payroll, delivered inferior goods, or overcharged with the purpose of defrauding the government, and is able to escape the penalty for his crime. There is no difference between his case and that of the soldier who is languishing in prison because he stole food or clothing.

The American people will applaud the efforts of the department of justice if it succeeds in uncovering dishonest agents of the government and sees that they are punished.

girl had sabotaged it in the streets. But life took a new turn when he saw a man kiss his wife farewell in front of the Pennsylvania station, New York. He rushed his girl toward a crowd hurrying toward the Philadelphia express and bade her a fond farewell. When the crowd thinned they joined a throng for Washington and repeated the act. They repeated it again before the Chicago train.

This was too much for a colored porter who had been watching. He stepped up to the gob, "Boss," he said, "why don't you go downstairs and try the Long Island station? Dem trains am leavin' mos' all day time."

Apparently poverty-stricken, save for the blushing bride at his elbow, the newly made bridegroom asked the magistrate the charges for having tied the nuptial knot. The judge, regarding him with sympathy and compassion said, "Two dollars and a half friend."

The swain extracted a roll that would have taxed the contract muscles of a mule's throat. The eyes of the judge bulged, but he thought quickly and added the single word, "Each."

Memories of Old Days
 In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

The street car company started work tearing up North 8th street to replace its "rolling stock" with a better grade of track. Brick paving was to be put down in compliance with an ordinance by the city council. Samples of the new postal cards

manufactured by the government arrived in the city. The cards were light grey with a glazed surface and printed with blue ink, instead of black. Many complaints were coming in to the police department over the fact that automobile drivers were being stoned by gangs of small boys who congregated at several corners where loose gravel could be obtained.

Henry Helmick, hoseman on fire department No. 2 was injured when the pole of a hatchet falling from the top of the new West Side hose house struck him on the head.

MOVING TO INDIANA

SEYMOUR, Ind., April 26. A. A. Lams, superintendent of the Indiana division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, announced Sunday that the division freight department, in charge of R. L. Galleher, will be moved from Cincinnati to this city by May.

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Answers to Questions

Interested Subscriber: Do women in Indiana have full suffrage or is it limited?—It is limited to presidential electors. Is it necessary to register?—Women must register at the regular registration when next fall, prior to the presidential election. Where?—At the same precinct polling places where men register. Do they have to pay poll tax this year?—Probably not, although, so far as can be ascertained, there has been no official ruling on this point.

F. S.: Is there an actual shortage of freight cars and locomotives?—It is officially estimated that there is a shortage of 160,000 freight cars and 2,000 locomotives. Some say that 700,000 cars and 20,000 locomotives are needed in addition to present equipment to move the freight offered. There is an acute shortage of flat cars.

Farmer: How does the receipt of hogs at the principal markets in March, 1920, compare with March of last year?—The receipts in 1920 were 1,909,122 against 7,845,443 a year ago.

Reader: What was the gain in percent, if any, of building operations in Richmond in March as compared with March of last year?—Sixty-nine per cent.

Readers may obtain answers to Questions and Answer Department. Questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

Men's trousers are being cut with the flask flare, i.e., with more fullness about the hips. However, it's just as well to remember that there's many a slip between the hip and the hip. In the face of the eighteenth amendment, tailors have done what they could to accommodate the demand for storage facilities. But even with the most skillful fitting it is next to impossible

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Eyes Inflamed?

If your eyes are inflamed, weak tired or overworked; if they ache; if picture shows make them feel dry and strained, get a bottle of Bon-Opto tablets from your druggist, dissolve one in a fourth of a glass of water and use as an eye bath from two to four times a day. Bon-Opto allays inflammation, invigorates, tones up the eyes.

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"At night I couldn't sleep or rest, but would just toss and roll about the bed and would get up the next morning feeling worse than I did the night before."

"I took Vola-Tonic and from the way it built me up I think there must be magic in it. My nerves are in much better condition now. I sleep soundly every night and get proper rest."

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While the cleansing of the teeth seems fairly well assured by regular use of the tooth brush, this can be no means be depended upon to maintain the whiteness and lustre of the enamel. This is only too well appreciated by thousands of particular men and women who, in spite of the liberal use of various tooth powders, pastes and liquids, seem unable to remove the tinge of yellow or gray from the front of their teeth, or black or brownish fringes about the edges.

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