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OBEY PRESIDENT MUST Wilson Will Be Empowered to

Take Charge if Privileges Are Abused

WASHINGTON, May 24. beernment control of all great monopo in the United States will be authorized not directed-by Congress. This legislation is expected to "keep

combinations which will be permitted form during the present emergency, de sits the Sherman antirust law. A bill will be reported out of the Sen

Interstate Commerce Committee within tes days authorizing President Wilson direct the operation of all the railroads. Se will be authorized to commandeer all antialiting plants and factories engaged " production of material necessary in the

ruction of vessels. The President will have virtually the press of a dictator in directing distribuof supplies of all kinds, and there is a plan under way in Con rest now to thwart the efforts of great al operators to keep up prices by auperiging the President to fix prices on this

DENOUNCES COAL MEN

The first step toward this end was taken meterday, when Senator Cummins, of Iowa, ement to fix the prices on all supplies for

The combination of coal companies in the country today is one of the worst ernes in history." Cummins said. "Such anity will result only in one end-direc-ns of operation by the Government of all metpolies before this war is over."

No obstacles have been placed in the err of the formation of a coal trust by the ery of the formation of a coal trust by the Geenment. Arrangements have been side for coal companies, railroads and wise transportation lines to pool their in-uests in some cases, Aiready there has been a marked decrease in the cost of pro-decing and distributing coal, and Interstate Commerce Commission authorities declared bear the railroads would save \$600,000,000 examily under the new combination permetally under the new combination per-mitted by the Government.

instead of working in competition with more than a hundred different gradings, the spanies have reduced their gradings to fewer than a dozen. On Lake Superio the coal companies now have common dis ion points instead of individual bunkes for each company. Similar arrange-rests are being made at Newport News, patimore and l'hiladelphia.

The coal companies are being allowed to combine, together with the railroads. that there may be no competition and waste d energy," declared Edgar E. Clark, mem-ber of the Interstate Commerce Commis-

KILLINGS BY SENTRIES BLAMED ON LIQUOR

Court-Martial Witnesses Declare Guardsmen's Victims Were Under Influence of Rum

Liquor indirectly was to blame for the free fatal shootings in which sentries of he First Pennsylvania Infantry, National ganizations and within a few days probably hand, have figured recently, according to mut-martial witnesses. The court-martial hearings of three en-

head men of the regiment, who, as sen-ties, have shot and killed persons who falled is halt when challenged or who attacked men, have been concluded. A report of cases has been forwarded to the com-nder of the Department of the East at versor's Island. In the three cases liquor was blamed. At the courts-martial no charge of in

Leading Agricultural States Report Mighty Boost With Recent Precipitation WHEAT IN FINE SHAPE

Prices of Foodstuffs Forty Years Ago and Now

 May 24, 1877
 May 24, 1917

 Butter, pound
 \$8,14

 Eggs, dozen
 1012

 Cheese, pound
 1235

 Potatoes, bushel
 115

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Beef, short ribs, pound .06%4 .20% Turkeys, alive, pound. .09 .24 ,21 1/2 .22

CHICAGO, May 24. General Precipitation is the best ally Uncle Sam has right now. He is doing his part by deluging the country with a series. of rains that have saved the wheat crop in many sections and nided other grains and foodstuffs. "Each ten minutes' rain is worth a mil-

ion dollars to the American farmers," one statistical expert said today. Reports from all leading agricultural States gathered today showed that crop prospects in general were exceptionally good, due nonity to the recent rains, while the heavy frost failed to cause the destruc-tion that was feared at first.

Here are the reports by States; ILLINOIS-Wheat meadows and pas-area showing improvement under the muchneeded rains. Great progress made in corn planting throughout the State. Many crops up in the central and south portions. Oats, potatoes and vegetables growing nicely Condition of fruit generally satisfactory.

WISCONSIN-Experts say the warm sun following the two days' rains will help seeded fields and gardons immeasurably. High winds saved most of the growing crops from damage by the heavy frost of Tuesday night.

MINNESOTA and DAKOTAS-Rains. followed by warm sun, causing crops, de-layed by earlier cold, to boom. Present weather worth millions to farmers. 10WA-Farmers are "caught up" as re-ult of recent rains. Corn prospects fine.

with ten per cent increased acreage. Blg increase in potatoes and garden forage. Winter wheat conditions poor compared to other crops, but expected to improve. Spring wheat better, with more acreage, Peaches failure, owing to winter kill, but

ther fruits normal. MISSOURI-All crop prospects good and expected to improve under anticipated warm weather. Only slight damage from recent frust.

recent trust. KANSAS and NEBRASKA—Heavy rains, great boost to early crops. What prospects greatly improved; corn fine. Truck gard-eners report fine early stands. Wet weather unfavorable to hay crop just coming in, become

however. TEXAS-Wheat and oats crops estimated at 20,000,000 bushels, about double normal yield. Corn above normal. Food products

drow 25 per cent increase in acerage. Cot-ton backward because of cool weather. Some wheat already being harvested. Most of crop expected to be cut by June 15. Wheat accesses in Texas pan handle region 100 per cont above normal. OKLAHOMA — Oklahoma wheat crop

Saved by rains. Nearly 3,000,000 acres planted this year, 20 per cent above normal, Bumper crops of corn and alfalfa pre-dicted. Cotton condition good.

Hoover Opens Food Office

WASHINGTON, May 24. - Herbert C. Hoover, chosen by President Wilson to be food administrator under the Lever bill mened offices here. He will proceed mmediately with plans for food control orwill begin to select his assistants. Mr. Hoover's only stipulation in accepting the place was that neither he nor his alds should receive pay for their services.

THRILLING SLEUTH TALE are not required to register as they go into Canada, all persons engaged in business of any sort are. This Bachman failed to do. It was on those grounds only that the al-leged swindler was deported. After sticking **REVEALS CLEVER CHASE** Alleged "Wallingford's" Arrest Like Sherlock Holmes Story. Caught in Canada

leged swindler was deported. After sticking to him like a lesch. Postal Inspector Smith and deputy marshals arrested him the minute he came on American soil. When the arrest was made. Bachman was taken in an automobile to Flattsburg and held in \$12,000 bail. He is nowsodged in fail there and will be brought of Phila-delphia within the next few days. His trial is scheduled for next month. Smith said that Bachman, besides chang-ing his name, was living in disguise. He A story rivaling atmost those of Sherlock

Holmes was told by Federal officials who ing his name, was living in disguise. If assumed a farmer's dress and sold insur-ance on the side. His actions aroused Careturned to Philadelphia today after arresting, on the Canadian border, Clawson D. nadian authorities, but even they were le a morry chase, Smith explained. Bachman, of 502 East Johnson street, Ger-mantown, said to be the "Wallingford" who devised the alleged \$2,500,000 International Gas and Electric Company swindle in this city several years ago.

PHILADELPHIA EXPORTS MORE THAN DOUBLED

Director Webster Offers Impressive Demonstration of Growth in Shipping

man had been trailed for more than nine days by Canadian officials who thought him a German spy. Mr. Smith, who returned today, said that Bachman had changed his name to "Fred Backman," and had put Exports from Philadelphia during the present year linve been greater than those of the corresponding peri d of 1916, it was forth all the cunning of which he was capa-ble to keep out of reach of the arm of said today by George S. Webster, Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries. He pointed ut, further, that last year's exports more Smith assisted the Canadian authorities than doubled those of 1915. He furnished this record

#152.000.000 . 221.000.000 180.000.000 "These figures." Director Webster said, "do not take into account domestic ship-ping valued at \$906,000,000 in 1916."

That New York fears Philadelphia may take from her the tille of "first port of the United States" was admitted to the Director by a New York expert sent norm to study conditions.

Further indications of the peri' import ance was given when the Mexican consu

COSTLY FLAWS FOUND IN NATION'S CONTRACTS

> Shipping Board Abandons Cost-Plus-Ten-Per-Cent Plan of Payment

> FOUND LABOR OVERPAID

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, May 24. Discovery that builders who have taken lovernment work on the basis of cost plus 0 per cent are paying unprecedentedly high wages and exorbitant prices for materials, making the cost to the United States on the percentage basis two or three times the normal, has resulted in the Pederal Shipping Board's abandoning its plans to build all its wooden vessels on the cent-plus basis No more contracts for these merchant ves-sels will be awarded except at definite set figures. That has been finally determined y the board, it was learned authoritatively

Disclosures were made that on emergency Government work at Fort Myer Va., just across the Potomae from Wash Via. just across the Poterane from Wash-ington, where it was necessary to build barracks to quarter men training for com-missions, carpenters received \$12 a day on the basis of 16 per cent of the cost to the contractor having that Government job. he would receive \$1.26 a day on every carpenter be complexed at that figure. In many places where the Government awarded contracts on the cost-plus basis, contractors empleyed at that figure, basis contractors on the cost-plus basis contractors unsated in private work at a definite figure have reported that they have been unable to compete in the labor imprest.

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One of the letters, received by the Shipping Hoard from a big jumber concern is

ing hourd itom a log hinder concern is special. It says: "We have beard considerable comment thick would indicate that the Government is considering the placing of ship contracts i 10 per cent above cost

disposed to keep the cost down; in fact, the higher the costs the greater their profit, and this would work a hardship on the lum-bermen and other interests who are not working on dovernment contracts, but would be compelled to go into the fabor market and compete with the shipbuild-ors, who would under such a plan find it to their advantage to pay extremely high wages. Wages.

"It sounds very patriotic to offer to take on Government work at 10 per cent above cost, but that plan might be greatly abused."

DIES AT DINNER TABLE

Barton C. Trump, Camden Cabinetmaker, Heart Disease Victim

Barton C. Trump, a cabinet maker who ived at 5129 Funston street, this city, fell dead today in the City Hotel, 112 Market street. Camden, just as a walter was about to serve him his dinner. Coroner Pratt pronounced the death due to heart disease.

Trump was thirty years old and an empioye of the Victor Talking Machine Com-bany. He was sitting at the table with a friend. Just as the waiter approached with the tray, he swayed against him and fell to the floor.

CHURCH TO SUPPORT LOAN

Raleigh, S. C., Starts Ball Rolling in Buying Bonds

WASHINGTON, May 24-The Church was today called to the support of the Lib-erty Loan of 1917.

The Treasury Department announced that the formation of Liberty Lean Bible classes, each member of which will be urged to buy one bond, has begun, the first being in Raleigh, N. C. with a membership of 150,

Brumbaugh to Visit Fort Niagara

We have heard considerable comment thick would indicate that the Government a considering the placing of ship contracts of 10 per cent above cost. It secure to us that this plan might run abor proces up to unheard of figures, for, atturally, the shiphuilders would not be

COAL OPERATORS' TAX MAY BE COMPROMISED

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Woodward Expects Bill'to Pass if 2 Per Cent Levy Is for Two Years Only

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, May 24. Representative James F. Woodward, of Allegheny, chairman of the House Appropriation Committee and a member of the joint committee that is handling revenue-raising measures, announced today that probably the Woodward bill placing a tax of 2 per cent on the value of all coal mined and washed would be amended to provide that the tax be in effect only until the next session of the Legislature, two years hence.

hence. The bituminous operators are having prosperous times just now and from what i can learn they are not disposed to fight the bill if the time for levying the tax is limited to two years. "Ar. Woodward said. He has talked the matter over with Sena-tor Sproul and other members of the joint committee. It is likely, he said, that the bill carrying the two-year clause will be reported out of committee in the Senate next week.

next week. next week. From another fairly authentic source, however, it was learned that there was little prospect of a coal-tax bill being passed at this session. "The bill is dead," is the way one man in a position to know the attitude of the Senate leaders expressed bimadf himself.

Representative Woodward believes that if the coal-tax bill mees through and is con-tinued in effect for two years, the 50 per cent of the tax to be returned to the coalroducing countles would be sufficient to repair all damage done by mine-caves.

U. S. May Insure Aviators

WASHINGTON, May 54. - Intimation ran given that the Government might take under consideration legislation to obtain life and accident insurance for aviators at a reasonable rate, unless the private com-panies come to some agreement.

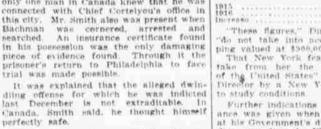
Chandler Price **Must Advance** \$200 June 30th

The price of the Chandler Six becomes \$1595 on the first day of July. The present model, identically the same car, will be continued after that date. UNTIL THAT DATE THE PRICE REMAINS \$1395.

It has always been a basic part of Chandler policy to keep the Chandler price low

We have kept it low, Men considered the original Chandler price of \$1785 estab-'lished four years ago an impossible price. Later when the Chandler Company reduced that price to \$1595 the trade thought we were courting disaster. Further reductions came as a positive shock to the industry.

And meanwhile the Chandler Company prospered. Chandler business grew to front rank proportions. The Chandler car was never cheapened, but, rather, improved and refined from season to season until the whole motor car purchasing public has come to recognize the Chandler car as a car of surpassing values.



erfectly safe. He would have been except for the cer-ficate, it was explained. Although tourists

Bachman, who had evaded arrest for six

conths while a nation-wide search was be-

ing made for him, was found living in Can-

ada as a farmer by Postal Inspector Frank

under the direction of Chief Postal Inspector James T. Cortelyou.

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erfectly safe.

Wilbur Smith, of Philadelphia, working

Before he was taken into custody Bach

in their search, and during the whole time only one man in Canada knew that he was 815 916

ation was brought against the sen tries, but it was said that the witnesse mid that each of the men killed was under the influence of liquor when the shooting

Lieutenant Colonel Millard D. Brown has aid repeatedly that liquor caused most of the shootings and that it should be kept sway from the men and from others at least

wring the war. While Major Thomas F. Meehan, who resided at the courts-martial, would not discuss the cases, a man conversant with the proceedings said :

Rum was responsible in every instance. It was either the case of a drunken man who, in a spirit of bravado, defied the senby to carry out his orders; the case of a funken man who didn't know what he was doing, or it was a case of a drunken man made malicious and dangerous by tink and forcing the sentry to shoot in self-defense.

"Only in one case was there any ocamon for sympathy for the victim, and every case the sentry did only what a duties required him to do. It was bin from the evidence that too many responsible characters still fail to realize that this this country is at war and that this no time for taking chances with bo

Elkton Marriage Licenses

ELKTON, Md., May 24.—Couples taking mmarriage licenses in Elkton today were: Morge A. McCool and Hazel Moran, Whitand Dickinson and Bertha Nolan, Maynard Rossins and Mary Haas, John Byrne and Anna O'Mara, all of Philadelphia; Frank Wilbrahams, Carneys Point, N. J., and ary T. Ahearn, Philadelphia; Frank J. Lawille, Baltimore, and Irene S. Houston, Madelphia; Alfred M. Mahoney and Lilan Sweeney, Chester, Pa.; Elmer C. Spart and Ida A. Bonser, Easton, Pa.; Illiam B. Goodwin and Georgianna B. Parith, Trenton; James B. Hugh, New Jork, and Marie C. Smith, Brooklyn; George B. Davis, Martinsburg, W. Va., and Laura J. Harvey, Coudersport, Pa.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harris, 844 Lombard st., and Emma dman st. 19 N. 18th st., and Kathryn 19th at. 1602 N. Flora st., and Willa 2 Field st. 5, 1118 Fairmount ave., and Reba-Mifflin st. diffin st. wn. Kennett Square., Pa., and ken tell Catharine st. . 1223 Jessup st., and Emile Dorf-ard ave. udwig. 2812 N. 18th st., and p. Bethlehem, Pa. Uterson. 2818 W. Susquehanna na M. Eckert, 3059 N. Fercy st. 915 W. Dauphin st., and Jane 2011 N. 10th st. sirker. 2442 Jefferson st., and stry, 1743 Wylie st. er. 1448 South st., and Bessie S. 38th st. . 18th st. sicki, 274 American st., and wwith, 6822 Sears st. 8114 Westmont st., and Martha and st. 1127 N. 8d st., and Laura Monroe st., and Dora 426 Monroe St., and Ruthy 2012 N. Rist st., and Ruthy 2025 N. Sibh st. In. 2825 Ellsworth st., and 2112 Manton st. 2 N. Lawrence st., and Rose Lawrence st. . Jr., Swarthmore, Pa., and ack 2027 N. College ave. 2426 Falethorp st., and Mary 2426 Falethorp st.

Tranklin st., and Ida Chestnut st., and Ida

TOBYHANNA IS A-BUZZ PREPARING FOR CAMP

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Pennsylvania Town to Be Site of Training for Machine-Gun Corps

STROUDSBURG, Pa., May 24, Plans and specifications are being con pleted for a bury summer, since announce-ment was made of the establishment of training camps at Tobyhanna, situated on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western

Stroudsburg. Indications are that the War Department will make the Tobyhanna camp one of the largest and best established in the country. During the last few weeks considerable pre-liminary work in completing details for the arrivals of thousands of troops and the making of first-class soldiers from the plain meaning the back been accomplished under the stroudsburg.

making of first-class soldiers from the plain recruits has been accomplished under the direction of Major C. H. Summerall, regular United States artillery officer, formerly stationed at Fort Myer, Va., and Captain H. L. Waggoner, of the reserve corps. Captain Waggoner has been ordered by the War Department to direct the clearing of many miles of forest, now surrounding the site for the establishment of a machine-gun range. The exact nature of the canton-ment at Tobyhanna has not been finally

nent at Tobyhanna has not been finally ment at Tobynamia has not been many determined, but it is probable that a ma-chine-gun school for the training of the National Guard of many States will be established in addition to the artillery in-

hanna.

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Railroad about twenty-six miles from

structions. Men in military circles of this county are enthusiastic over the idea of establishing no large a machine-gun range and the elab-orate details planned for the bringing of thousands of men for training at Toby-hanna.

Our whole purpose has been to build the best light-weight Six and sell it at the lowest possible price.

We have sold the Chandler car for hundreds of dollars less than cars of similar quality

Now, however, the Chandler price must be advanced.

It must be materially advanced to cover greatly increased costs which have arisen this Spring by reason of unprecedented conditions in the material supply and labor markets and in problems of transportation.

Production costs throughout the past three months have advanced steadily and in long strides. This is a condition which we cannot control. It is a condition which we must meet.

So the Chandler price must be advanced. In making this advance we do not depart from our firmly established policy of keeping the price just as low as it can be kept and still provide reasonable manufacturing profit.

At \$1595 the Chandler car will still be under-priced.

It will be distinctly under-priced, as compared to other cars which some may consider of similar quality. By test of any conceivable comparison this statement is a provable fact.

Now you can buy this great Six at \$1395 f. o. b. Cleveland.

While the \$1395 price holds, the demand will continue to greatly exceed our production, and we cannot guarantee deliveries.

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