

PAYMENT OF WAR BILLS IS HELD UP

Creditors Who Supplied Goods Still "Cool Heels," Vainly Waiting

MILLIONS INVOLVED

House Objects to Mineral Clause—Sends Bill to Conference

Washington, Feb. 15.—The payment of sums aggregating several million dollars to many persons and corporations who supplied the war needs of the United States before the signing of the armistice upon informal agreements, and in the absence of formally executed contracts, has been put off a little longer through the action of the House of Representatives yesterday in rejecting the conference report.

The House was willing to agree to all of the bill except that part inserted by the Senate, Section 5, providing the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to make payments to persons and corporations who supplied, or made preparations to supply, ores and minerals to the government. The House was opposed to making these payments to persons who made preparations to supply the government, but never did because of the abrupt ending of hostilities, and sent the bill back to conference with instructions to strike that provision out, by a vote of 216 to 117.

Millions Involved The payment of several millions of dollars to hundreds of persons, firms or companies that did work for the government during the war awaits the passage of this bill. Thousands of agreements were made by them with the Federal departments during the war that are really valid contracts except that instead of being signed by the chief of the procurement division of the Ordnance Department, they were signed by one of his assistants. The Controller of the Treasury ruled recently that payments could not be made under these agreements.

The bill now before Congress authorizes the Secretary of War to make adjustments with persons or corporations who furnished supplies to the government upon order of any Federal officer.

Mine Owners' Predicament Many mine operators it is said, accepting assurance of the government, increased their capital stock and spent considerable sums to increase their development and production. When the war ended the government had no need for the ores and they are unable to obtain any more from the government to make up for the large amounts they spent.

FIVE PHILADELPHIANS REWARDED FOR VALOR

American "D. S." Crosses for Two—Italy Bestows Honors on Three Others

Five more Philadelphia soldiers have been cited for bravery in action. Two of the men have received American Distinguished Service Crosses, while three others have been honored by the Italian Government.

Lieutenant John R. Castleman, air service pilot of 128 Rochester avenue, Westchester, and Private George W. Pyrah, Company F, 117th Engineers, whose home is at 5619 Stokes street, have received the American Distinguished Service Cross. Pyrah is a nephew of James Dobson, the carpet manufacturer.

Captain William O. Butler, of Germantown; Norman Sweeter, of 1214 Hunting Park avenue, and John Kennedy, of Lansdowne, have been awarded the Italian Cross of War for heroism on the Italian front.

Lieutenant Castleman successfully accomplished a photographic mission six kilometers back of the enemy lines when attacked by seven enemy planes. The act happened last October near Romagne.

Private Pyrah's citation was for heroism near Sommeville October 15, when, with a party, he went forward to cut some wires. He disabled an enemy machine gun, which killed one of his party and wounded another, and then charged the crew with his bayonet, capturing three prisoners.

FREE SCHOOLS FOR PHILIPPINES \$15,000,000 Voted for Universal Education by Insular Legislature

Washington, Feb. 15.—Passage by the Philippine Legislature of an act appropriating 30,000,000 pesos (\$16,000,000) for the extension of universal free education in the islands is regarded by Acting Governor General Yeater as the most striking development of the legislative session in Manila just closed, according to a long cable review received today by the War Department.

The measure will extend primary education to all children of school age for a term of years under a systematic educational scheme that can be extended over the entire field, he said.

Ten normal and seven agricultural schools are provided for with largely increased appropriations, and 180 young Filipinos are to be trained in American colleges as specialists. The act is expected to make English the common language of the polyglot islands.

SCHOOLS SWAP TEACHERS Mexican and American Colleges Institute Exchange for Research

Washington, Feb. 15.—(By A. P.)—Arrangement for an interchange of professors and students between the University of Washington and the National University of Mexico was announced here today by the Mexican embassy.

The languages, histories and social evolution of the two countries will be the objects of special study to promote friendship between them.

QUADRUPLETS BORN HERE Four Babies of Mr. and Mrs. Lissi Are Born

Mrs. Anna Lissi, wife of Giovanni Lissi, yesterday gave birth to two boys and two girls in the home of the family at 516 Pierce street.

WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S WEATHER Unsettled

The Down Stairs Store Begins the Week Anew With Fresh, New Things—Many at Special Prices

A Little Group of Sample Dance Frocks Special at \$25—Savings Average \$10 You will find mostly one or two of a kind—which adds to their desirability. Soiree silk frocks in maize, light blue or orchid pink are daintily with tulle. Silk tulle will be seen over silver cloth; it is edged with tinsel braid. Figured net is in pale blue, and lovely net embroidered in silver is combined with light-blue or cherry-colored tulle.

New Wool Jersey Frocks



in styles for young girls and women. Collarless bodices are embroidered in silk, and many skirts are tucked. Broad girdles are finished with odd buckles. Other frocks show coat effects embroidered in silk, and many have attractive vests, collars and cuffs of contrasting color jersey. In the group are Pekin blue, navy blue, rookie, tan and Copenhagen blue.

The Silk Store Is a Lovely, Colorful Place

Every day finds new, lustrous silks in beautiful colors arriving to still further brighten our already large and assorted stock of Spring silks. And because this Silk Store is part of the Wanamaker business you know that every piece of silk is exactly what it is represented to be. 36 inches wide means a full 36 inches, not 35, and you will be well satisfied with the quality of the silks.

Not a Petticoat Nor a Bloomer

—but it serves the purpose of both. They are really pantaloons like grandmother wore in her day. But these are made of soft silk jersey, and nothing could be better to wear with the new narrow skirts.

Crepe Nightgowns Are Durable

and pretty, in this case, with these extra sizes. One of pink or white crepe is prettily stitched in blue.

Butterflies Adorn Another

pretty crepe gown in regular sizes. It is pink with blue butterflies and blue stitching. \$2.50.

Surely Spring Is Very Near for Here Are Pumps!

Dark tan calfskin pumps will please most every woman. They have imitation wing tips, turned soles and high, covered heels. \$4.90 a pair.

High Shoes—Special at \$4.90 a Pair

Dark tan calfskin shoes have welted soles and medium heels. Gray kidskin shoes have tops of cloth to match. The soles are welted and the heels are medium.

Women Want Spring Wraps That Can Be Worn Right Now

Well, here they are! Smart canes or coats are on really good lines that you will not easily tire of. Tweeds in a great variety of models and shades are lined throughout or half lined. Tweed, by the way, promises to be one of the season's favorites. \$22.50 to \$35.

Spring's Lighter Mood

is cleverly interpreted in the newest dolmans and cape-coats. Full-flowing back lines are delightfully graceful, and the fronts of the wraps show all sorts of interesting surprises in the way of belts, vests, pockets, sleeves, etc. Silvertone, silvertip, Bolivia, ivory and tricotine lend themselves admirably to the loose lines. \$35 to \$135.

Three Groups of Women's Winter Coats Reduced for Final Clearance

When you realize that these are some of the finest wraps in our stock, you will want to take advantage of this opportunity, which will not come again. The coats are mostly one of a kind, beautifully lined in silk or durable satin. There are odd lots of fine quality velour and broadcloth, many are fur trimmed.

Hundreds of Jaunty Spring Suits

New ones come in every day now, so that there are always plenty for you to choose from. Styles have taken a decided change for this Spring. The box coat is much in evidence, and vests of bright-colored silks, often embroidered, lend a pretty touch.

Comfy Chair Cushions 75c Each

Soft, comfortable chair cushions are generously padded. They are covered with various heavy rep-like cretonnes in unusually good patterns. The cushions are tufted and are shaped to fit good-sized chair seats.

Cretonne at 60c a Yard Is Worth Over a Third More

It is 36 inches wide, and the color combinations seem almost endless. The small, conventional designs and the large, original designs are side by side to allow wide choosing.

A Third Less Than Usual—Women's Lambskin Gloves—\$1.65 a Pair

Fine lambskin gloves are pique sewn. You may choose them in white with black stitching on the backs, black bindings and black clasps. Women who like to be correctly dressed will appreciate the perfect fit of these gloves.

Fine Gingham, 30c a Yard

Good quality, firmly woven ginghams such as usually sell for much more. There are innumerable pretty small checks, well blended plaids and plain colors.

Fresh Organdie Neckwear 50c, Special

Such dainty things as you will want to wear with dark frocks are made of white organdie trimmed with bands of Copenhagen, rose, tan and green, and all with hand-embroidered dots in color. Four pretty new roll styles and one round neck style to choose from.

5000 Splendid Sheets

They are all seamless sheets of good, heavy bleached muslin, for both single and double beds. Every one special.

Rugs Special in the February Sale

Body Brussels Rugs, Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs, Seamless Velvet Rugs, Seamed Axminster Rugs, Wilton Rugs, Wool and Fiber Rugs, Rag Rugs, Plain-Color Rag Rugs.

Over 300 Attractive Spring Hats Special at \$8



Shiny fine straw and lustrous large straw are each so good-looking that it will be difficult to decide which to choose! Shapes turn up and have perky quills or bows for adornment, or are large and turn down all around. Most of the latter conceal lovely surprises underneath, in the way of colorful facings.

Men's Substantial Overcoats Substantially Reduced

Two groups taken from our own good stocks and lowered in price. All handsome, dark color coats, every thread of them all wool and sound in fashion for next Winter as well as this.

For Men Who Need Shoes

and for men who like to buy ahead there are the special shoes at \$3.40 a pair. They are made of good dark tan or dull black leather. There is a saving of about \$3 on each pair.

Special Corsets

At \$2—Pink or white coutil models for average to full figures are very well made. They have low bust lines. At \$2.50—Topless corsets with elastic all around are boned only to the elastic in front—which is a good feature.

Trim, Adjustable House Dresses at \$3

They are unusually pretty house dresses made with adjustable waists and hems and re-enforced under the arms. Made of percale in pin stripes of lavender, blue, pink or black, and piped in color.

Not a Dress—An Apron

but it looks like a dress and will serve as one in warm weather. It is of sturdy striped gingham with short sleeves and elastic at the waist and it fastens down the side. Ric-rac braid trims it. \$2.

Mattress Pads

Their prices are low because they have irregularities in the quilting, but that will not make the slightest difference in their service.

Pretty Scarfs at \$1

for bureaus, buffets and the like. The centers are of fine linen-finish line trimmed with wide insertions and edgings of imitation cluny or filet laces. 17x30 inches.

Centerpieces

These also with fine linene centers trimmed with fine imitation cluny or filet laces. 45-inch centerpieces at \$1.75 to \$4; 54 inch at \$2.50 and \$3.25.

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