

SAY RIVALS KNOW U. S. TRADE SECRETS

European Censorship Works to Advantage of Foreigners, It Is Suggested

BUSINESS MEN PROTESTING

Delays arising out of the European censorship and the handling of American cable and mail communications in European offices are affording foreign individuals an opportunity to abstract valuable business information...

American business men have been protesting against the delays to Washington, and have pointed out that the interruption of business messages sent by cable and mail, in a measure, nullifies the benefits which might otherwise follow the lifting of the American export restrictions...

Utilizing Secret Information Explaining the effect of the mail and cable delays, the Commercial Museum in today's news letter says:

Many cases are known to have been brought to the attention of the authorities in Washington which, on the surface, at least, would seem to suggest that the European countries through which the American cables and mails pass are utilizing the information contained therein in such a way to give their traders an unfair advantage over American competitors...

It may be said in this connection that it is inconceivable that any European government, taking advantage of the necessity of maintaining a rigid blockade against Germany, would deliberately resort to any such unfair practice against American firms or the nationals of any other associated country, as has been alleged. It is conceivable, however, that there may be such a laxity in the system of censorship and handling, or such an absence of the proper safeguards in the offices through which the cables and mails pass, as permits an occasional individual to abstract business information of a valuable and confidential nature...

Want Abuses Corrected "Whatever the merits may be of the controversy which has arisen over the handling of American cables and mails in European offices, and obviously all the facts upon which to pass deliberate judgment are not obtainable, it would seem that the controversy itself justifies the proper office of the government, after a judicial examination of all the information which may be placed before it, in issuing a statement of the facts in the case or in recommending such other action as the facts may warrant."

"If the facts developed upon examination of all the evidence in the case bear out the contention that the present method of handling cables and mails in European offices is being utilized to the disadvantage of the American business men, a presentation of the facts through the proper diplomatic channels would, undoubtedly, be sufficient to correct the abuses proven, regardless of whether they have crept into the system through official or individual laxity."



CAPTAIN THOMAS BAILEY Mrs. Mary Bailey, 5325 Lena street, Germantown, has received a letter from her husband, Captain Bailey, telling of his decoration with the Distinguished Service Cross. He is captain of Company K, 11th Infantry, and saw service in every battle in which the Iron Division took part.

COMMUNITY HALL TO OPEN MONDAY

Indoor Playground Provided for Juveniles to Keep Them Safe From Harm

The first community hall in this city will be officially opened next Monday evening by President Judge Charles L. Brown, of the Municipal Court, in the Haddington Free Library, Sixty-fifth street and Girard avenue.

The idea of a community hall has been fostered for a long time by those interested in the development of juveniles and also of community centers. Playgrounds were provided also for open-air demonstrations; but up until this time there was no hall supported by the city where children could play indoors.

Judge Brown will be the principal speaker on the opening night. He will be followed by Judges Utley E. Crane and Raymond MacNeille, also of the Municipal Court, and Ellwood J. Rotun. Judge Brown has been particularly interested in the development of such centers, as, in his opinion, it provides an excellent means for the keeping of mischievous youths off the streets at night.

"WHITE WING" IN ARDMORE

But One Man in New Street Cleaning Department

A street-cleaning department for Ardmore will be a reality in a few weeks. It will consist of one "white wing," to be employed by the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce. His job will consist of keeping Lancaster avenue, through the business section of the town, thoroughly clean.

Thomas Cronin, of the business organization, will unofficially act as chief of the street-cleaning department, to see that the "white wing" does not grow weary in well doing. A special financing committee is visiting business men to obtain contributions for the work from them.

FIRMS HERE LOSE TRANSIT CONTRACT

Chicago Company to Build Byberry Line for \$370,892

VARE IS FAR UNDERBID

Senator Vare and the Mc-Nichol Paving and Construction Company, together with other Philadelphia concerns, have been underbid for the construction of the surface trolley line to Byberry. The work will be done by the North American Railway Construction Company, of Chicago. The out-of-town firm will build a portion of the line for \$370,892.

The line for which proposals were opened will extend to Bustleton. The work to be done was divided by the specifications into twenty-nine items and includes among the materials of materials to be furnished 175,000 pounds of steel for the viaduct to be erected over Pennypack creek, 20,000 cubic feet of excavation, 25,000 pounds of cast iron tubing, 2000 square yards of macadam paving, 6000 feet of lumber, 2000 pounds of re-enforced steel, together with large quantities of girder and T rails.

While the prices asked in the different items were double and in some instances treble the amount paid for the same materials and work prior to the war, the sums bid were lower in the aggregate than had been estimated by Director Twining, which was \$400,000.

The bidders and aggregate amount of the proposal of each were:

Table listing bids for the Byberry line construction, including North American Railway Construction Co., Mc-Nichol Paving and Construction Co., and others.

WAR ALLOTMENTS MODIFIED BY LAW

Risk Insurance Bureau May Seek Reimbursement for Duplicate or Overpaid Claims

The bureau of war risk insurance is not relieved from seeking reimbursement in case of overpayment of allotments and allowances, under the interpretation of the act of Congress approved February 25, 1919, and known as the "Treadway act," it is announced.

The bureau must continue to demand reimbursement in cases of overpayment by duplicate check, payments continued beyond the date of a man's discharge, desertion, death, commission in the service or overpayments due to change of status of allottee, all of which cases do not come within the provisions of the "Treadway act."

The "Treadway act" provides that when an existing award is modified, "no reimbursement from the person receiving an allowance shall be required for allotments and allowances already paid nor shall any deductions be made from allotments and allowances to be paid in the future for any change in award made in previous allotments and allowances, except where it is conclusively shown that the person receiving the allowances, does not bear the relationship to the allottee which is required by the act and except in cases of manifest fraud."

The bureau of war risk insurance holds that this act does not give legal title to a person receiving payment to which he was not entitled, but simply releases the bureau from the duty of obtaining reimbursement. When a refund of such payment has been obtained either by direct payment to the bureau or by deductions from continuing allotments and allowances the bureau is

BLACKJACKED BY SOLDIERS

Aged Wayne Man Robbed by Two After Attack

Found unconscious at Railroad avenue and Polo road, near Bryn Mawr, on Saturday night, Edward Reinhardt, 76 years old, of the Waywood, Wayne, was unable to tell how he was injured until yesterday, when he related in the Bryn Mawr Hospital that two soldiers had attacked him and beat him on the head with blackjacks. He says he was robbed of a small sum of money.

The Haverford township police department is making an investigation, but Mr. Reinhardt is still so weak that he cannot give any clear description of his assailants.

MAKETLA Woolen Blankets. Campers, Tourists, Motorists. Make your outdoor life more enjoyable. We are sure of success and comfort on your trip by adding a Maketla army blanket to your outfit.

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER

AS A COURTESY TO THE LITTLE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN WHO HAVE VACATION THIS WEEK, THIS INFORMATION IS ALL ABOUT

New Fashions for the Younger Generation



The New Apparel for School Girls

THE Girls' Store is "receiving" this week the hundreds of little ladies who have more time than usual to go a-shopping. Hosts and hosts of pretty new things are ready.

Intermediate Girls' Suits, \$22.50 to \$39.50

For the hard-to-fit girl are Suits of navy blue serge and shepherd checks, in belted, box and Norfolk styles, with skirts to shoe-top; 12 to 16 years.

Intermediate Girls' Dresses, From \$15.00 to \$29.50

Lovely Silk Frocks in many attractive straight-line jacket and chemise effects; tunic, panel, tucked and ruffled skirts. Of taffeta, in navy blue, Copenhagen blue, rose, tan and taupe. Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years. The Dress sketched, \$17.50.

Girls' Spring Coats, From \$15.00 to \$29.50

Fancy belted and flare-back Coats with novelty pockets; also short, double-breasted Sports Coats. Of serge and checked and plain velours. Blue and tan. Sizes 10 to 16 years.

Girls' White Dresses, \$5.75 to \$21.50

Of sheer white batiste, voile and organdy, in dainty jacket, panel and chemise styles, effectively trimmed with Valenciennes lace and insertion, and with soft ribbon girdles; 6 to 14 years.

Girls' Fine Chambray Wash Dresses at \$9.75

Of fine chambray, in pais, rose, shell pink and pale blue, with organdie collar and cuffs. Empire, panel and yoke styles; collar, cuffs and pockets hand embroidered; hand-made hem. Sizes 6, 8 and 10 years.

Girls' New Regulation Dresses in Blue, \$5.00. Straight plaited yoke Dresses of blue Hague cloth, with braid-trimmed sailor collar and cuffs; detachable white shield. Sizes 6 to 12 years. See sketch.

THERE'S LASTING WEAR AS WELL AS SMART STYLE IN OUR BOYS' CLOTHING FOR EASTER

OF COURSE you want him to look his best on Easter Sunday—that's one of the reasons why you are going to buy his Spring Suit this week. But what about the many, many days to come after Easter? Will the Suit withstand the rigors of springtime play? That's one of the reasons why it is such a pleasure—and a sure, safe investment—to buy Boys' Clothing here. Rest assured, we've seen to it that no Suit can enter our stock unless it is made in a way and of fabrics which guarantee lasting serviceability and a full dollar's value for every dollar of the price:



Spring Suits—\$8.50 and \$10.00

Of durable mixed chevitis in a smart belted style for boys 7 to 17 years. Thoroughly made, and with each pair of knickerbockers full-lined.

Spring Suits—\$16.50 and \$18.00

Of handsome mixed chevitis, homespuns and all-wool blue serges, in several trim new styles for boys of 8 to 18 years.

Spring Suits—\$20.00 and \$22.50

Of fine twill all-wool serges and other handsome fabrics, in scores of good styles—including many of the novel waist-line effects—for boys of 8 to 18 years.

Blue Serge Knickerbockers

Separate Knickerbockers which will help to lengthen the life of many a play-worn blue serge suit. Sizes 8 to 18 years—\$2.50 and \$3.00.

Boys' Neckwear

A great variety of fabrics and patterns to give the finishing touch to the Easter costume. Four-in-hands, 50c, 65c and \$1.00. Windsor Ties, 35c and 50c.

Wonderful Variety of New Wash Suits

Becoming little styles for tiny lads of 3 to 9 years, in a variety of good fast-color washable fabrics. A collection of special value interest is made up of Chambray "Middy" Suits, in blue, green, brown and gray, at \$3.75 and \$4.00.

Girls' Easter Millinery

THE new Pokes, large and small—the one shown in the sketch, \$10.00. The new cape-lines with flower trimming and velvet streamers; the lovely droop-brim Leghorns; smart Tailored Sailors and rough-straw Mushrooms—and a host of other delightful new Hats, in styles for little Miss Six-years-old up to her debutante sister. Trimmed Hats, \$5.00 to \$12.00. Tailored and Sports Hats, \$1.95 to \$8.00.

Easter Frocks

For Little Maids of 2 to 6 Special at \$2.95

Quaint Dresses of organdie in buff, old rose or lavender; with a deep surplice collar of white organdie tying in a sash—usual at \$2.95. Hand-smocked Dresses of white voile, fastened in front, trimmed with crochet buttons; with turn-over collar, cuffs and pockets of colored voile. Straight Dresses, so becoming to small girls—special at \$2.95.

Suits and Dresses for Large and Stout Women Our Specialty

Hirsch's 923 MARKET STREET. We Will Open a Charge Account for You! SECOND FLOOR



Skirts \$9.98 & \$4.98. Wool poplins, serges, panamas and silk striped taffetas. Some trimmed with braids, buttons or neat tucked effects.

Flower-Trimmed Georgette Millinery \$5.00. New conceptions with milan straw crowns, New summer shades—peacock blue, white with black crowns, navy blue and heliotrope with sand color crowns.

Exceptional Group of Silk Georgette Waists \$3.98. We say exceptional for they show lovely new ideas expressed in beads and embroidery. New collar effects. White, flesh and new suit shades.

Silk Crepe de Chine Envelope Chemise \$1.98. Scores of neat latest trimmed styles.

IN OUR BASEMENT The Best Showing of Newest Suits and Dolmans \$14.98. Nowhere in the city will you find so many styles at this popular price. All the new styles and newest braid and button trimmings. Made of all-wool poplins and serges.

Women's EASTER DRESSES \$9.98. Of rich silk satins, taffetas, georgette combinations and all-wool serges. Every new trimming effect embraced. All the new and popular colorings.

Girls' Capes and Coats \$5.98. Of serge and poplins. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Girls' Regulation Dresses \$1.98. Of blue and white. Sizes from 6 to 14 years. Girls' Lingerie \$2.98. Lace and embroidery trimmed. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Girls' Silk Dresses \$7.98. In neat plaid. Sizes from 6 to 14 years.

HIRSCH'S—HOME OF STYLE & ECONOMY

Great Economy Sale Raincoats and Rubber Goods

Here's a wonderful opportunity just as "April showers" are about to come upon us and raincoats and rubber goods are sold at a premium elsewhere at this season, yet Goodyear offers these goods at unprecedented price slashings. Act quickly if you would share in these wonderful savings. Direct from factory to consumer is the reason for this remarkable sale.

Men's and Women's Raincoats

For rain or shine. Styles of every description and color. Imported and domestic materials. Trench and plain models. \$8 Economy Price \$5.00. \$12 Economy Price \$7.50. \$15 Economy Price \$10.00. \$17 Economy Price \$12.50. \$25 Economy Price \$15.00. \$45 Moleskin Trench Coats, \$22.50.

4 Boys' and Girls' Raincoats, \$2

WATERPROOF MONEY BELTS 20c. RUBBER KITCHEN APRONS, \$1.50 VALUE... 80c. RED RUBBER GLOVES 25c. \$9 HIP BOOTS \$4.50. HOT-WATER BOTTLES, \$1.50, NOW... 75c. MEN'S RUBBERS 75c.

Boots, Black Rubber Coats and Oil Clothing at Special Prices

"Ked" Tennis Shoes for Men, Women and Children