

# WAR CONTRACTS PROBE IS BEGUN

### Minnows in Net to Be Thrown Back, Big Violators Pun- ished, Daugherty Says

## VINDICATION FOR INNOCENT

Washington, June 15.—Investigation of war-time contracts with a view to prosecutions, both civil and criminal, where it is found the Government was defrauded or made the victim of profiteering, is being conducted by the Department of Justice, Attorney General Daugherty announces. The department, Mr. Daugherty asserted, is building up a formidable investigating organization and nothing will be left undone to give the details of the Government's war dealings the full light of publicity and the scrutiny they deserve at the hands of an Administration pledged to correct abuses in Federal affairs. He promised that men and business organizations who took advantage of the Government's war predicament to raid the Treasury would be ferreted out and held up to scorn, while those against whom suspicion has been directed unfairly, will be given their long-sought opportunity to vindicate themselves.

# Has Mayor Four Aces in Harmony Deal?

Continued from Page One

As such only would they receive consideration and support from himself and his friends. Nothing more.

Cunningham and Brown have no patronage in sight except what the senior Senator can give them and the Municipal Court.

For two and a half years to come they can hope for nothing from Mayor Moore and the City Administration.

Thus it came about that the Vares were compelled to recognize the Penrose leadership. Today the senior Senator holds all the trump.

There are two offices to be filled this fall, Register of Wills and Receiver of Taxes, recognized as Vares departments. If the purposes of Senator Penrose are carried out, they will not be Vares offices after this year.

There is excellent authority for the statement that the edict has gone forth that neither Mr. Sheehan nor Mr. Kendrick will receive the Penrose endorsement for re-election. THEY MUST GO.

It is pointed out that Chairman Watson, of the City Committee, is a Vares favorite. If the down-town leader so desires he may be permitted to name Mr. Watson for one of the above vacancies—perhaps.

Senator Penrose is not particularly enamored of the course of Mayor Moore. He has so expressed himself to intimate friends. He feels that the Mayor has not made the most of the opportunities that were presented to him when he was elected.

At the same time Mr. Penrose is loathly alive to the necessity of giving recognition to the City Administration. It has been clean, efficient, from a business viewpoint, and has, in spite of its political blunders, the following of the better element of the citizenship.

Moreover, it has a strong pull with the woman voter, and Senator Penrose, with the shrewdness of experience, is beginning to estimate the power of the woman in politics.

For this reason the Administration, not as a matter of admiration, but of expediency, will very likely be given consideration in the make-up of the

ticket—possibly the naming of the candidate for City Treasurer.

There was no mention of the Mayor at the City Committee love feast. None was expected. To that extent Mayor Moore is outside the ramparts.

"As long as the Mayor has control of the police and firemen, and can keep them out of politics and prevent their being tampered with by the Cunningham-Brown-Vare crowd he can snap his fingers at them," said a member of the Administration today.

Therein lies the crux of the situation. Can Mayor Moore hold his public safety force intact against the wiles of the combine?

To do this he must be ruthless and take steps to identify every avenue of approach against the police. It is a notorious fact that the combination is boasting, not only of what it will do, but of what it has already done with the police.

The Bureau of Health has closed its doors in the face of every politician. Unfortunately for the Administration, the vast majority of those behind its doors are children of the Vares regime. Director Furbush has retained and, it is common knowledge, has positively declined to remove any of these incumbents. The plea in extenuation is efficiency.

Political practice heretofore has been to have an assistant director in every city department as the political manager, leaving the Director free to handle the technical and business problems.

Mayor Moore has refused to avail himself of this experience, although urged by well-meaning friends who regarded it as self-protection quite as much as practical politics.

There remain two or three moves on the part of the Mayor which would create consternation and throw the fear of high heaven into the combine. His friends recognize that it is not too late, but soon may be.

The new independent movement leaders have made tentative advances to Mayor Moore. Thus far he has not allied himself with them. He recognizes Senator Penrose as the head of the party. Senator Penrose is the titular saint and actual head of the combine.

The new Independents are against the combine. They are thus against Senator Penrose.

Under the seeming placidity of the City Committee reorganization all the old political hatred smolders.

The Trainers still hate the Vares and refuse to accept Cunningham as their leader.

At the command of Penrose, Cunningham and Brown would be compelled to sacrifice the Vares or lose their grip. But this will not happen.

The Vares are useful to Mr. Penrose just now, seeing that they have declared for him.

Thus far there is harmony.

# Hughes Demands Equal Privileges

Continued from Page One

meaning, no soft words to conceal a purpose of self-aggrandizement at others' expense.

The only method of diplomacy we know is that of candid discussion of the merits of the problems. This, we think, is the way to prosper a cause believed to be just, and we shall advance no other.

The world is settling down, but it is not yet settled. The councils of power and expediency still dominate, as in serious problems left by the great war press for solution. This country seeks not an acre of territory by reason of its participation in the struggle that led to victory, nor do we wish any exclusive advantages in the possessions which as a result of the war have passed under new control.

"We simply ask that we shall not be excluded from equal privileges wherever our interests are affected. That seems to us to be a reasonable position."

This is a time when it is vastly important that principle of equal opportunity for legitimate enterprise should be maintained in order that in the development of natural resources essential to the progress and security of nations there should be a fair and equal chance for all. The frank recognition of this principle will offer the basis of that genuine co-operation of which we delight to speak, and will diminish the occasions for misunderstanding and antagonism.

It is believed that international agreements may well be made which will assure complete reciprocity with respect to opportunity in the development of natural resources throughout the world.

**Reserve Independence of Action**  
"I believe that our people are thoroughly determined that we shall safeguard our future by reserving independence of action in such exigencies as may arise according to our conception of duty at the time. They are not disposed to put their liberty in pawn, nor is it desirable that our helpful influence should be frittered away

by relating ourselves unnecessarily to political questions which involve rivalries of interest abroad with which we have no proper concern.

It is equally true that we cannot escape our relation to the economic problems of the world. It would be impossible to view with indifference arrangements which would deny to our people equality of economic opportunity or agreements involving what we believed to be an unjust discrimination against us.

It must not be forgotten that the prosperity of the United States largely depends upon the economic settlement which may be made in Europe and the key to the future is with those who make and control these settlements.

"We desire to see conditions stabilized and a renewal of the productivity which depends upon security of life and property—upon the perception of opportunity and the feeling of hopefulness which is needed to quicken industry. We desire also to find a sound basis for the helpful intercourse of peace and to see the beginning of a new era of international justice secured by the application through appropriate institutions of accepted principles of right."

**Difficult to Rush  
Work of Congress**

Continued from Page One

Committee will be deep in the Tariff Bill which it will take from the House and entirely recast. It will be unable to consider taxes until it has finished with the tariff. When the Tariff Bill is up for debate the Senate and the Tax Bill is ready for the Senate, the former measure can be laid aside and the latter expedited, and this course may be followed, but the feeling prevails in Congress that the delay on the tariff has already been so great that little is to be gained by changing the program at this late date.

**Shows Division in Party**

The revolt of the Minnesota delegation over taking finished lumber off the free list and placing a tariff on it illustrates the political dangers of tariff-making and the division of the Republicans upon the tariff question. The lumber interests in this country are far apart upon the question of a duty on their products. Only those of the Pacific coast and a few other spots are advocating taking lumber off the free list.

It is estimated that the proposed lumber duty will, even if profits are taken on the advanced cost springing from the tariff, add \$250 to the expense of building a \$3000 house. At this time, when there is a shortage of homes and a great agitation over the housing problem, opponents of the proposed lumber schedule point out that a duty on lumber will affect many voters and be highly unpopular and dangerous.

It is freely predicted that if Mr. Fordney's proposal becomes law the lumber schedule will be as dangerous as the famous Schedule K, the woolen schedule of the Payne Aldrich bill, which did more than anything else to defeat the Republicans after the passage of that law.

**ACTRESS SEEKS DIVORCE**  
Mrs. Grace F. Erb Says Husband Lived With Another Woman  
New York, June 15.—Mrs. Erb, known on the stage many years as Grace Field, filed suit for divorce in the Supreme Court Saturday against William Maurice Erb, lawyer and manager, who married her November 24, 1917.

The complaint alleges that May 24 and June 3 last, and at other times which the complainant cannot state more particularly, Erb lived in New York with a woman not his wife. The name of the woman is not given.

**Oil Schedule Dangerous**

In a similar way yuba oil schedule is felt to have political dangers. American oil producers are clamoring for a rate of \$1 a barrel upon imported oil. Of course, there are large importing interests, especially the Mexican companies, which are opposing this suggestion. But oil has become an article which many Americans consume.

Every automobile owner, it is said, will rise in his wrath as he buys his gasoline produced from taxed oil. It is generally believed that the Fordney committee will resist the pressure from the American oil producers and there is some prospect that the Senate, when it takes up tariff making, will restore lumber to the free list.

Upon the whole, probability for a moderate tariff improves. The key to the situation as already indicated in this correspondence is the agrarian bloc. The farmer representatives have already received their high duties and are not interested in seeing representatives of other industries obtain theirs. The farmer is both an exporter and a consumer.

**Mrs. Curie Gets Another Degree**  
Chicago, June 15.—At the commencement exercises of Northwestern University today Madame Marie Curie, co-discoverer of radium, received the degree of doctor of science, as did also Irving Langmuir, research chemist of Schenectady.

Dr. Charles Horace Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., was made a doctor of laws and the degree of master of laws was conferred upon Glenn Frank, of New York, magazine editor.

**Send Wandering Man to Hospital**  
Joseph G. Brandt, seventy years old, of North Alder street, was found wandering through the streets near Fourth and Race streets at 10 o'clock last night. He was taken to the Fourth and Race streets station, and was later admitted to Hahnemann Hospital in a feeble condition.



**Harries Importer**  
1624 Walnut Street  
**Semi-Annual Sale**  
All  
**Gowns, Coats,  
Suits, Sports Clothes  
and Blouses**  
TO BE SOLD  
Regardless of Cost  
**HATS \$10**

# 50 Philadelphia firms for whom we built plants

During the 57 years of our career we designed, built and equipped hundreds of plants in almost every industry in Philadelphia.

Below we name fifty clients whom we have successfully served:

John Wanamaker	Hohfeld Mfg. Co.
J. Edwards & Co.	H. W. Butterworth & Sons Co.
Lanston Monotype Co.	Robert Carson & Sons
Isaac A. Sheppard & Co.	Haines, Jones & Cadbury Co.
Roxford Knitting Mills	Erben-Harding Co.
Lincoln Furniture Co.	Drueding Brothers Co.
Morris Wheeler & Co.	Frank Schoble & Co.
Link Belt Co.	John & James Dobson
General Electric Co.	W. M. Steppacher & Bro.
Electric Storage Battery Co.	Horn & Hardart Baking Co.
American Insulation Co.	Model Mills (Thos. Boggs & Sons)
H. O. Wilbur & Sons	American League Baseball Park
Freihofer Vienna Baking Co.	Philadelphia Tapestry Mills
North American Lace Co.	N. Snellenburg & Co.
The George W. Blabon Co.	Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co.
England, Walton & Co.	Thos. Potter Sons & Co.
E. A. Wright Bank Note Co.	C. C. Kempton & Sons
C. H. Wheeler Mfg. Co.	H. G. Fetterolf Co.
A. J. Reach Co.	Acme Tea Co.
Castle Kid Co.	Stephano Bros.
Alfred Wolstenholme & Sons, Inc.	Welsbach Co.
Jacob Miller Sons & Co.	Keystone Leather Co.
Electro Dental Mfg. Co.	Reyburn Mfg. Co.
Gimbel Brothers	Asam Brothers
Lit Brothers	Folwell, Bro. & Co., Inc.

These are just a few of our vast clientele, but they constitute a powerful endorsement of The Steele Idea of Industrial Construction.

If you are thinking of building, rebuilding or adding to your plant, we shall be glad to explain to you the value of our service.

## WM. STEELE & SONS CO.

Architects : Engineers : Constructors

### PHILADELPHIA TORONTO



# Mary Roberts Rinehart's

## Only Serial in any Magazine this Year


# "The Breaking Point"

begins in this issue of McClure's—now on the news-stands. The greatest story of Mary Roberts Rinehart's notable career.

A breathless, thrilling drama crowded with action—climax succeeds climax, with no hint of the unguessable end. And an absorbing love story too.

No magazine ever paid such a price for a serial. Altogether the most important fiction event of 1921.

Don't miss one installment—don't wait a day to get your copy from the fast-emptying news-stands.



Here's the old McClure quality at the old McClure price as exemplified by the following regular contributors:

Ibanes	Booth Tarkington
	Edna Ferber
E. Alexander Powell	Wallace Irwin
	Meredith Nicholson
E. Phillips Oppenheim	Sir Oliver Lodge
	Frederick Irving Anderson
Julian Street	Arthur Stringer
	Fance Thompson
Donn Byrne	Gouverneur Morris
	Irvin Cobb
Holworthy Hall	Fannie Heaslip Lea
	Samuel Merwin
Harvey O'Higgins	Ferdinand Reyher
	Charles G. D. Roberts
Robert Husted Chambers	Sophie Kerr
	Royal Brown
P. G. Wodehouse	Herbert Kaufman
	Sir Gilbert Parker

# McCLURE'S

Edited by Herbert Kaufman