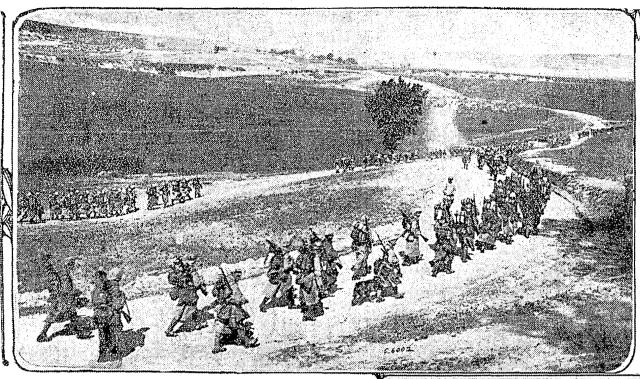
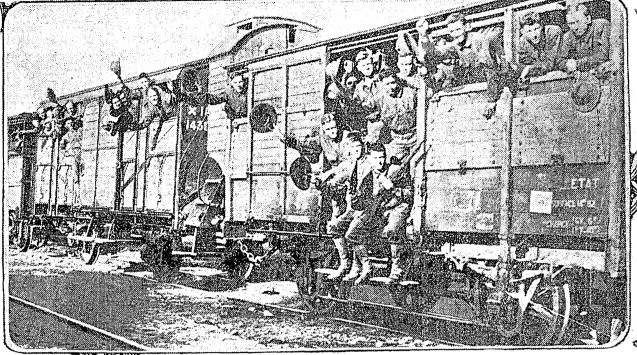
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Commission Will Submit Report to United States Shipping Board Wednesday

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### CALDWELL PLANS TO MAKE VALUATION OF SEATTLE CAR LINES

Corporation Counsel Proposes to Employ Experts to Get Figures in Order to Fight Application for Six-Cent Fares.

EXPENDITURE of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 to employ experts to make a valuation of the street car property of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company, in anticipation of the company's petitioning the state public service commission for an order permitting an increase in the rate of fare in Seattle from 5 to 6 cents, is proposed by Corporation Counsel Hugh M. Caldwell.

### ALIEN ENEMIES IN SEATTLE REGISTER STARTING MONDAY

Germans Not Naturalized Reguired to Appear Before Ofticials With Photos.

REGISTRATION of all German alien enemies in Seattle and other cities in the United States will begin tomorrow and continue for the week.

Seattle is believed to have approximately 2,000 residents who will be required to register.

Those who live in Seattle will register at the Central Police Station and those living outside, but served by the Seattle postoffice will register

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by the Seattle postoffice will register with Postmaster Edgar Battle, Room 103. Federal Building.

Chief of Police J. F. Warren has made all arrangements for a busy week. The registration place at the station will be in the corridor, just outside the executive offices of the Police Department and the work at the station will be under supervision of Capt. C. A. Sullivan, secretary of the Police Department.

All males more than 14 years of age who were born in Germany or who are not naturalized citizens of the United States must register.

The law requires that each alien must present four unmounted photographs of himself: the photographs must be on thin paper and not more than three by three inches and with white or light background. In addition to affidavits and photographs, the thumb and finger prints will be taken by the registrar. Within ten or iff-teen days the alien who has registered funt and receive his registration card.

In the country districts or in towns of less than 5,000 population, alien enemies will register at the postoffice which serves them. If they are temporarily absent from their regular place of registration to the place of registration card registered registered the nearest registrar and be registered.

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registered. This registration takes place throughout the United States, February 4 to 9.

#### Marriage Since May Doesn't Make Slacker

OLYMPIA, Saturday, Feb. 2.—Simply because a registrant has married since May 18, 1917, local boards are not to assume from that fact alone that he did so to avoid military service. Maj.

because a registrant has married since May 18, 1917, local boards are not to assume from that fact alone that he did so to avoid military service. Maj. Gen. E. A. Crowder, provost marshal general, emphasizes this precaution in a telegram to the state department of felective service supervision for circulation to all boards in this state. The provost marshal general says:

"It was never intended that Rule 5 (defining the exemption status of newly married men) should raise the presumption that every marriage since May 18 was effected with the primary purpose of evading military service. That rule was intended to authorize boards to disregard relationships created by clearly established slacker marriages as a condition of dependency, but each case must be carefully examined on its merits. No general rule can be laid down, but it may be stated a marriage that carries no equivocal circumstance other than its Cate is not to be so disregarded."

#### Parent-Teachers of County Reorganize

Members of the King County Peder-tion of Parent-Teacher Associations met yesterday afternoon in Moose Hall at Auburn and voted unanimously to disband the organization. Decision was then reached to reorganize under the state constitution as adopted in Oc-tober.

state constitution as adopted in October.
The reorganization means that city members may be associates but cannot vote in the county association. Mrs. Gray, Pacific City, was elected presidents.

So far no intimation has been made by the officials of the traction company that they intend to ask for an increase, although the commission in a recent order denying the right to employ women as conductors, announced such a petition would be entertained.

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To Resist Fare Advance.

Acting under authority of the Council, in directing that he prepare such an ordinance as he deemed advisable to resist any increase in street car fares, Cald well yesterday transmitted to the Council a bill authorizing the employment of not to exceed two experts to make the valuation, leaving the amount to be appropriated for such a purpose to be filled in by the Council. In this connection, the plan proposed now for making a valuation of the street car properties, recalls the fact that about three years ago the Public Service Commission announced that it had undertaken to make a valuation of the tracion property and had if the council rejected the equest of the commission that it appropriate \$10,000 to complete the valuation with the understanding that the city would be reimbursed that the exceeding Legislature At this inneture, the tracion company fiftered to advance \$10,000 on the same conditions, but neither the city nor the commission would accept the offer.

Cost as Yet Unknown.

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city desires will cost is not known, although it has been announced at various hearings that the traction company paid experts \$100,000 to make a single valuation. That the company so a valuation. That the company so waluation. That the company so waluation was more claborate than will be needed by the city is regarded as probable, and for that may not exceed \$50,000.

"You will note that the ordinance not only requests and directs the corporation counsel to take whatever action in his judgment is necessary and proper to oppose any altempt to increase rates above the 5-cent limit fixed by franchise and state law." Corporation Counsel Caldwell says in transmitting a draft of the ordinance proposed to the Council. "but it also authorizes the employment of not to exceed two experts for the purpose of obtaining a fair, accurate and complete valuation of the Puget Sound Traction. Light & Power Company's properties used as a part of or in connection with its street rallway system in the city of Seattle. Since the Council by its action requested me to prepare an ordinance in such form as I might deem necessary and proper. I have included this latter provision relative to the employment of experts with the idea that if the Public Service Commission should ignore the plain provisions of the statute, the city will not be entirely unprepared to meet with evidence the bald assertions of the company as to the value of its property.

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Failed to Make Valuation.

"As an abstract proposition it would seem that the provisions of the Public Service Commission law requiring the Public Service Commission to make a valuation of the properties of all public service companies within the state should be sufficient to cause a bona fide valuation to be made by the Public Service Commission itself. Such a valuation, however, it has failed and refused to make, although one was started some years ago and about half completed.

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"In this connection it is proper to call your attention to the fact that the Public Service Commission law does not compel the traction company to submit its books and accounts to an investigation by the city of Seattle, but only to an examination by the Public Service Commission. The employment of experts by the city, therefore, would avail us nothing unless the company agrees to permit a thorough examination of its accounts by the city, and keeps such agreement once it is made. As an indication of whether or not it would take this attitude, it is well to consider that in the recent 4-cent ticket hearing (resulting in an order eliminating the 4-cent car ticket) the company not only refused to produce its own valuation reports before the commission, but refused to permit the city to examine the same, although repeated definand was made therefor, and the commission reduced to compel the production of such valuation reports, or the production of the experts who made the same that the city might cross-examine them.

No Application Made.

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"So far as I can learn, the company has not as yet accepted the commission's invitation to apply for an increase of rates beyond the maximum fixed by the statute. I have no way of ascertaining whether it will do so, and consequently cannot venture an opinion as to whether any valuation

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## STUNTS PLANNED FOR THRIFT DRIVE

Reginald H. Parsons Working Owners Warned to Comply Representative of Food Admin-Scheme for Campaign,

(For Editorial Comment See Page 6) PLANNING a series of publicity fea-tures which are to be shrouded in opaque mystery until the time comes for their execution, and all of which for their execution, and all of which are designed to make the campaign on behalf of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps a household word in Seattle and King County, Reginald H. Parsons, city chairman, after a consultation yesterday with Edwin Selvin, whom he appointed Thursday as chairman of his publicity committee, announced the complete committee, believed to be the strongest body of the sort ever organized here.

Chairman Selvin made the greater number of selections, with the approval of Chairman Parsons. The complete list follows:

Edwin Selvin, editor of Business Chronicle. proval of Chairment proval of Chairment plete list follows:
Edwin Selvin, editor of Business Chronicle.
Hazel J. Titus, superintendent of the dining car service. Northern Pacific Raifrond.

R. R. Fox. manager of Simons Manufacturing Company.
Paul C. Harper of William P. Harper & Sons. investment bankers.
H. G. Stibbs, advertising manager of Carnation Milk Products Company.
F. W. Strang of Strang & Prosser, advertising specialists.
R. E. Morgan, advertising manager of Frederick & Nelson.
Nicholas C. Clancy, advertising manager of Lowman & Hanford.
W. E. Herring, industrial agent of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company.
W. E. Hanson, former state bank examiner and now assistant to the president of the Scandinavian-American Bank. J. P. Robertson of Smith, Robertson & Moorhouse, certified public accountants. tants.

A. F. Bailey, secretary of the Scattle Trust Company.

N. Matsumoto, cashier of the Japanese Commercial Bank.

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Plan Whirlwind Drive.

The committee will hold its first meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and plan out a whirlwind campaign of advertising novelties so that King County will be sure of raising the \$8,000,000 allotted to it by the government.

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Chairman Parsons yesterday met with his city executive committee at the headquarters rooms in the Lyon Building. Each member brought up the special problems which be had encountered and they were solved by general discussions.

It was determined to apportion the retail business section into small districts, each with its own captain, who will see that every retailer in his district has the Thrift Stamps on sale to the public. the public.

An interesting announcement by Chairman Parsons was that one of the city's largest stores has instructed all of its hundreds of clerks, at the conclusion of each sale, to ask the customer. clusion of each safe, to all the tomer;
"Would you like to buy a Thrift Stamp today?"
Valuable service is being rendered to City Chairman Parsons and County

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### NOVEL ADVERTISING | 1919 AUTOMOBILE LICENSES PUT ON SALE IN SEATTLE

Out Mysterious Publiclity With State Law Under Severe Penalties.

> COUNTY AUDITOR NORMAN M. WARDALL placed on sale yesterday automobile licenses to cover the period from March 1 next to February 28, 1910. All licenses now held by owners expire on the last day of this month and new ones must be had by March 1 to avoid prosecution. The Legislature provided that the permits should be designated by the date of their expiration, so the car owner now buys a "1915" license, although it only covers two months of that year.
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> The plates forwarded from Olympia this year will be permanent, the date only being changed every twelve months, the owner retaining the same license number so long as he owns the car. period from March I next to February

New owners must obtain licenses for

information for Autoists. Information for Autoists.

In a special bulletin of information to automobile owners, F. B. Williams, deputy secretary of state, says that violations of the law will be prosecuted this year with the utmost vigor and many of the minor offenses passed over by the officials during the last twelve months will not be tolerated again. Car owners by this time should be familiar with the law, says Williams.

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The bulletin recites:
Every operator of a motor vehicle must carry his license receipt on the car while the car is being operated.

Both license plates must be on the

License plates should be bolted on washers used on outside of plate to keep bolt-head from pulling through, and thread destroyed to prevent removal of lock nut.

Many have been fined in the past year for "failure to return temporary county numbers" issued to them to be used until they receive state plates, these numbers often fall into the hands of people who use them illegally, if the owner fails to return them.

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Licenses for Traflers.

All "trailers." whether for pleasure or otherwise, must have a license issued to them.

All trucks and stages must be equipped with a mirror.

License plates must be kept clean and rear light must illuminate rear plate, nothing shall hang over license plate to prevent it being seen at all times. Mutilation of plates in any way calls for immediate prosecution.

Lights—All motor vehicles on public highways during hours of darkness must be equipped with a red light on the car, visible 200 feet, with rays from this light or another light fluminating rear plate. Two lights, feet in front of each vehicle, and they must be so installed or arranged that the main beam must not rise over forty-two inches above the ground seventy-five feet in advance of the car. This can be done by bending brackets supporting headlights or securing lenses that are so constructed that they deficient the light to what the law calls for.

No cars using lights over four gandlepower are exempt from this laws.

# TO BE CURBED BY FEDERAL DIRECTOR

istrator Issues Regulations Applying in Seattle.

ATTEMPTS of dealers, wholesale or retail, to make an excessive profit on wheat flour or substitutes, will re ceive the prompt attention of the Food ceive the prompt attention of the Food Administration, according to informa-tion received today by B. C. Beck, Food Administrator for Western Wash-ington, from the office of Charles Heb-berd, representative of the United States Food Administration in this

States Food Administration in this state.
Gross maximum profits to the whole-saler must not exceed 25 to 50 cents a barrel, and the profit to the retailer, when flour is sold in the original mill package, shall not exceed 60 cents to \$1.20 a barrel, Hebberd's letter said.
The letter also contained the following additional rules governing sales of wheat flour and substitutes effective teclay:

Must Buy Substitutes. Wholesale dealers are required not buy from millers more than 70 per cent of their purchases of flour for the corresponding months of the previous year, figured on a quarterly basis, Sales to the retail trade must not exceed two pounds of wheat flour to one nound of substitute. The authorized substitutes are rice, rice flour, oat meal, rolled oats, buckwheat flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, say bean flour and feterita flours and meals.

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Graham flour, whole wheat flour and rye flour are not substitutes and cannot be considered as an offset to purchases of white flour. In case graham flour and whole wheat flour carries 35 per cent of the whole grain, the quantity of substitutes which must be purchased against them is three tenths of a pound against one pound. As the whole wheat in this market does not carry 95 per cent of the whole grain, one half pound of substitute must be purchased against every pound of the flour. Graham flour does carry the 95 per cent whole grain and three tenths of a pound of substitute is sufficient as an offset against a pound of graham.

At Reasonable Profit.

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Substitutes for wheat flour shall he sold at not more than a reasonable advance over the actual cost without regard to market or replacement values at time of sale.

Retail dealers are required to self consumers one-half pound of any of the authorized substitutes with every pound of wheat flour, keeping in mind the rules regarding graham flour and whole wheat stated above.

Sales of flour to family consumers in cities shall be limited to one-eighth barrel lots or half of a forty-nine-pound sack.

Hotels, restaurants, boarding houses, etc., may purchase a ten days' supply, but are required to purchase in the proportion of one pound of substitute for every two pounds of wheat flour. Farmers and others living at a distance from the point of supply will be permitted to purchase in quarter-barrel lots and those at an extreme distance may purchase a half barrel. Those requiring greater quantities must obtain permits from the County accuming the propertion of one pound of substitute to revery two points of supply will be permitted to purchase an extreme distance may purchase a half barrel. Those requiring greater quantities must obtain permits from the County

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### FACTS WILL DECIDE QUESTION OF RAISE IN SHIPYARD PAY

Metal Trades Unions Seek Additional Allowance on Account of Upward Trend of Necessities in Pacific Coast Cities.

HAS the cost of living increased in Scattle, Portland and San Francisco

since last October, and if so how much?
On the answer to this question, to be made in a report that Dr. Carlton
H. Parker of Seattle will submit to the United States shipping board.
Wednesday, largely depends the answer the shipping board will give to a demand for a wage increase made on behalf of more than 70,000 Pacific Coast shippard workers.

Coast shipyard workers.

Instructed by the wage adjustment committee of the Shipping Board to inquire into the merits of the claim made by the shipyard workers that the wage scale fixed by the Macy Commission, which visited this Coast lest October to settle shipyard strikes in Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, has become inadequate by reason of a sharp advance in the cost of living since that time, Dr. Parker and a corps of trained investigators under him have been working for nearly a month to get the facts.

Report Nearly Complete.

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Their report, now virtually completed, will guide the Shipping Board in making a ruling on the wage increase demand. A joint agreement signed by the national heads of the various unions of shippard workers, representatives of the Shipping Board and of the Navy Department last December, makes the Macy strike settlement as amended at that time binding upon all parties for the duration of the war, but prescribes that the wage scale may be reopened at any time, provided an increase in the cost of living should make it inadequate.

Metal Tradex Want Increase.

The first demand for the reopening Report Nearly Complete.

ness administration at the University of Washington, to head a Coastwide cost of living survey followed.

Any revision in the wage scale the Shipping Board's commission may order will date from February I and shippards doing work for the government under the Shipping Board's agreement will be required to pay the new scale trom that date.

While it is against the rules for Dr. Parker and his expert investigators to tell just now what they will report, interesting facts were brought to light in their survey.

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Comparative prices on more than 100 food products in.common use were obtained and tabulated.

Like tabulations of comparative prices were made with respect to sixty-five different articles of clothing. An exhaustive inquiry was made into the housing problem and into alleged war profiteering by landlords and rental agents.

Light and fuel bills for gas, coal, wood, electricity and plain old-fashioned kerosene were collected and compared.

The survey made by Dr. Parker and the same corps of investigators for the Macy commission last fall was used as a basis for comparison in making the present survey; the former survey having covered the cost of living up to October 10.

Universities Aid.

Two great state colleges, the University of Washington and the University of Washington and the University of California, placed their departments of economics and sociology at the disposal of the survey free of cost to the government, though the score or more of trained investigators employed are paid a stated per diem. Nine members of the University of Washington faculty assisted Dr. Parker in making the survey, and W. P. Ogburn, professor of sociology at the University of Washington, went to California to head the investigators and the University of Washington, went to California to head the investigators sof the University of Washington and a corresponding number from the University of California.

Twolve graduate and senior students of the University of Washington and a corresponding number from the University of California were employed.

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That changes in the cost of living have been virtually the same in Scattle, Portland and San Francisco, the three cities to which, with their suburbs, the survey was confined. In Seattle and San Francisco the changes were almost identically the same.

That shipyard workers and their wives as a class are purchasers of the better grades of meats, groceries and provisions, and of the better lines of clothing and shoes.

For the purposes of the survey, Dr. Parker explained to The Times last night, shops and stores were divided into five classes, ranging from the distinctly cheap to the distinctly expensive.

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distinctly cheap to the distinctly expensive.
"Our investigators have found that the three higher classes of shops and stores were the ones most largely patronized by the shippard workers and their families," said Dr. Parker. "They are no longer exclusive patrons of the so-called working men's stores. In other words their tastes have kept pace with their spending power. It may be

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### U. S. PLANNING TO CURB PROFITS OF RETAIL DEALERS

Warning Issued by Herbert G. Hoover Also Includes Wholesale Handlers of Flour.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, 2.—With the retail price of flour up 99 per cent above its price when the war broke out, the Food Administration tonight set out to check profiteers among wholesale and retail dealers.

In a warning issued by Herbert C. Hoover, wholesalers were informed that maximum gross profits must not exceed 50 to 70 cents per barrel and retailers must restrict their profits to announcement of the Food Administra-tion tonight follows a report issued to-day by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Labor showing food costs on December 31 last averaging 50 per cent higher than when the war broke out.

Fix Retail Prices.

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It also comes as a forerunner of the introduction in Congress of price fixing laws designed to bring the retailers under control of the government. Government control of oil industry will be a fact within forty-eight hours. This big step in the mobilization of the nation's resources was marked when President Wilson prepared and signed a proclamation to be issued shortly authorizing radical steps by the fuel administration. Oil Director Requa will be given wide powers to divert gasoline and other oil products whenever military needs demand. Supplies of fuel oil for naval use will be handled under the new regulations.

#### Entertain Veterans Of Three Wars Here

The Young Men's Republican Club expects to entertain veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars and soldiers of the great world's war now in progress at their Lincoln Day banquet in Masonic Temple, February 12. The Lincoln Voters' Club of the Soldiers Home at Port Orchard will come to Seattle with a drum corps: Spanish-American War Veterans have reserved special tables and will attend in uniform and some of the men who expect ultimately to get to France will be provided for especially.

In working out plans for their banquet the young men's club committee will arrange for a table to be set aside for Alaskans. Kitsap County Republicans, who usually celebrate the same anniversary, will postpone their banquet this year and meet with the Seattle organization. Visitors, it is announced, also will come from Bellingham, Everett, Olympia, Tacoma and other cities.

State Land Commissioner Clark V. Savidge, who is to be the principal speaker, is to respond to the toast of "Some inspirations from the Life of Lincoln."

The committee in charge of the banquet is making its headquarters at the office of Secretary Noy Lyle, 620 Alaska

#### Students Eligible to Try for \$100 Prize

University of Washington students University of Washington students are eligible to compete for the annual William H. Baldwin prize of \$100 for the best essay on "County Government in the State of "according to a letter received at the University of Washington yesterday from the National Municipal League.
"The state is to be selected by the particular student," reads the letter. "The successful essay, if deemed worthy, will be published by the National Short Ballot Association."
The essays must not exceed 10,000.