

# GRAFT PLOT

**LIUTENANT JAMES C. STALEY, RESERVE ARMY OFFICER, ARRESTED.**

## HUNDREDS OF OFFICES RAIDED

All Local Houses Were Visited by Government Agents. But No Signs of Graft So Far Have Resulted.

Washington.—Trail of the government's pursuit of illegal profiteers on war contracts led to the arrest in New York of Lieutenant James C. Staley, reserve army officer, on charge of accepting money from the (London) Hatcoast company, New York, for a contract which he promised to procure.

The secret agents arrested him immediately after his return from Europe. He had received a sum of money from Joshua Rosenthal and Louis Wener, proprietors of the plant. It was charged he had told them he would expect more money as soon as they got the contract they sought for \$50,000.

After being arrested, Staley made a complete confession of his part in the transactions to department of justice officials. He admitted that he had received information which may lead to the detection of other cases of fraud. He will be tried by a court martial.

Local Plants Visited.  
So far as local department of justice officials are able to see, the "raids," which were staged in Michigan Monday, on manufacturers and their agents, are not made at all, but merely a request by the department for certain papers, which would be of use in any investigation conducted into the awarding of contracts.

Samuel K. Klavans, chief of bureau of investigation, Detroit, stated Tuesday. He said his department was ordered to call on certain business houses at 4 o'clock Monday, and ask for papers of nature, outlined in the orders.

## Nation Wide Movement

Washington.—A nation-wide conspiracy between manufacturers and contractors' agents in Washington to defraud the government was ordered under agreement to pay commissions illegal, by the agents, was disclosed Monday by the department of justice. It was simultaneously with the announcement made were made on hundreds of manufacturers' business offices throughout the United States in search papers and copies of the illegal practice, and four Boston business men were indicted in Washington on charges of acting as contingent fee agents.

Even before results of the raid were fully reported here Monday night officials indicated they had evidence that scores, perhaps hundreds of contracts had been made with present contractors, who were under pledge to turn over to contract commission agents in Washington, New York and elsewhere, a percentage of their profits.

Officials said the manufacturers were led to enter into the agreements by assurances of the agents that they would receive the same with army officers or others. The agents, under threat to withdraw their contracts, and under threat to withdraw their contracts, and under threat to withdraw their contracts, and under threat to withdraw their contracts.

This development led to investigation of relations between certain army officers and these agents. She had there is no definite indication that these officers are knowingly involved in the scheme. Secretary Baker is making thorough investigation in cooperation with the department of justice, and Monday night authorized the state department to go to the bottom of any suspicious case.

## GRACE LUCK GIVEN 19 YEARS

Shot and Killed Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, June 21, 1917.

Waukegan, Wis.—Grace Luck was sentenced to Waukegan for 19 years by Judge Martin Luck for the murder of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, June 21, 1917.

As the judge was pronouncing sentence, Miss Luck, who was standing at the bar, released her hold, and fell backward in a faint. She had to be carried out of the court room. Before sentence was pronounced, Judge Luck had determined that Miss Luck was sane at the time she shot her.

She had based his opinion on advice of the insanity commission, which he had appointed to examine her mental state. Sheriff Bert Morris said that he would take Miss Luck to Waukegan by the train this morning. All three attorneys appointed by the court testified that they found Grace Luck sane, both now and at the time she shot Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts a year ago. Miss Luck was calm when she descended the jail steps, but broke into fury when she saw her mother in the hall. She was witness for the state in the trial.

## Port Huron Gas Co. Wants Raise

Port Huron.—Port Huron Gas & Electric company recently applied to the city commission that it was permitted to increase the price of gas 10 cents a thousand. It would have been a 10 per cent increase. The company turned down the request of the commission for increased rates. The commission on the matter was in a quandary. The company cited other cities in state which gave permission for increases in their rates. The commission is now in a quandary.

# WHEAT WITH POTATOES STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

The enemy is out-eating us in potatoes—outpotating us. Here are the figures—per capita weekly consumption. United States, 2.3 quarts. Austria-Hungary, 8 quarts. Germany, 18 quarts.

We can eat them at their own food—which isn't that their; it's a native American crop. We must eat more potatoes, and that right soon, or much of our record crop of last year will be wasted. Potatoes are plentiful and cheap. Get them instead of bread. Fight the enemy with potatoes.

Washington.—The Michigan War State Office has announced that it has purchased \$1,000 worth of Liberty Bonds, containing both our per capita figure—per capita weekly consumption. United States, 2.3 quarts. Austria-Hungary, 8 quarts. Germany, 18 quarts.

This letter contains with several other ones, a list of names of those who have purchased \$2.50 per capita. Reports briefly stated from among the first reports received at the state office follow, showing patriotic activities.

Charlevoix high school, 100 per cent. grades fast approaching; Calumet, 100 per cent. grades fast approaching; Boyce City, teachers are telling pupils about stamps; Republic township, Marquette county, sales average 25; public schools of Ironwood, 115,000; \$5,789.58, one club having 100 per cent sales; Iron Mountain public schools, have been putting great stress on Liberty Bonds; Grand Rapids, 100 per cent sales; Grand Rapids, 100 per cent sales.

Grand Rapids.—The Michigan Railways Association has advanced the suburban fare from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids from 97 cents to \$1, the rate from Grand Rapids to Holland from 65 to 75 cents, and \$1, the rate from Holland to Grand Rapids from 65 to 75 cents, and \$1, the rate from Holland to Grand Rapids from 65 to 75 cents.

Muskegon.—Both the Crosby Transportation company and the Goodrich Transit company vessels have been chartered by the city of Muskegon and Chicago, are carrying capacity cargoes, the shipments both in and out of Muskegon.

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Lansing.—The Lansing board of education following the lead of other cities in the state, has decided to close its schools. The classes already started will be completed if any students express a desire to continue the study. The schools will be closed Tuesday.

Grand Rapids.—Private John B. Smith, of Grand Rapids, with the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Infantry, is dead from appendicitis. He was killed in action at the battle of the Marston. He was a member of the Grand Rapids High School.

Flint.—Cancellation of farm farmlands from Camp Custer has made critical the shortage of farm labor in this county. The civic war bureau is now trying to get the situation straightened out.

Marshall.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Church and son, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Rowland, had a close call while on their way to the city. The car was struck by a train at the crossing. The car was overturned and the occupants were injured.

Howard City.—A 60-pound bear, that escaped from a circus at Howland, Michigan, was shot by a local hunter. The bear was found dead in a field near Howland.

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Bay City.—Clarence Schram, reported as having been in the service of the U. S. Army, was in service more than a year.

Bay City.—George Wiedeman, of Holland, formerly employed at the Detroit Ordnance plant, was taken to the United States grand jury on a charge of sedition.

Flint.—Former An Sable and other residents will conduct a reunion, with games and races, followed by dancing in the evening, at Thread Lake park, Flint, June 22.

Houghton.—Capt. Ira M. Hall, of Camp Custer, has come to take command of the 2nd Regiment of the Michigan National Guard, which becomes a school for the special instruction of soldiers.

Camp Custer, Battle Creek.—In connection with the 2nd Regiment of the Michigan National Guard, it is announced that first farewells will be barred at Camp Custer, June 22.

Bay City.—John P. Tassel, 69 years old, a sheet metal contractor, was seriously injured when he was run down by an automobile on the Muncie road here, Monday evening. He may not recover.

Lansing.—This statement was issued by the United States food administration: "The production of cereals in the United States aggregate 70,275 tons, as against 83,034 tons for April, 1917."

Lansing.—E. T. Cameron, of Mt. Pleasant, has resigned as secretary of the Michigan Teachers' Retirement fund. He has been appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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The demand for specialists in the army is increasing daily. Mechanics and technicians of all kinds, including radio and buzzer operators, are needed by the signal corps.

In nearly every large city the federal board of vocational training, through local school authorities, has established schools of radio education where men of draft age who have not been called may receive a course in the operation of radio and buzzer instruments. There are about 600 of these schools where instruction is given usually in the afternoon or evening, for a period of 200 hours for a student of average ability to obtain a speed of 20 words a minute, sending and receiving.

AMERICAN ARMY TO GO FURTHER IN THIS RESPECT THAN HAS ANY OTHER.  
NOTIFYING OF CASUALTIES  
How the War Department Informs Relatives of Killed and Wounded Soldiers—Radio and Buzzer Operation Taught in 800 Schools.

(From Committee on Public Information.)  
Washington.—Motivation of field artillery will be directed to a greater extent in the American army than in any other army engaged in the war. Not only will a far greater amount of motor equipment be provided in proportion to the strength of the army, but it will be used for work where armies now in the field depend solely upon horse, power and man power.

The ordnance department has succeeded in developing such types of tractors that, exclusive of the heaviest field artillery, all American artillery will be motorized, with the exception of some of the three-inch gun batteries. The problem of motorization is one which it is a difficult one, which explains why it has not been carried out to a greater extent than has been the case with the other armies engaged in fighting in Europe for the last three years.

The possible output of tractors for the transport of field artillery in the United States is estimated to be 1,000,000 per year. The supply of horses is at present limited and is becoming more so each month.

Relatives of soldiers named in casualty lists forwarded from France or other theaters of war, are notified at least 48 hours before receipt of the lists, according to a statement authorized by the war department. A "statistical division," which has been organized in the war department, gives all its time to the maintenance of files of soldiers' names and addresses. This division is organized to give information to relatives of soldiers named in casualty lists.

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Lansing.—Food Administrator G. A. Prescott has been asked by the Council of National Defense to suggest "the cities and localities in Michigan in which the most serious food shortage is likely to be of benefit this season, if such lines are organized soon."

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A Kernel of wheat has three parts: 1. THE OUTER COVERING, or bran, made up of several layers, from which is obtained the bran, shorts and middlings. This is rich in fiber and is used for making flour. 2. THE GERM, the small part of the seed from which the new plant develops. This is where the greatest amount of fat is stored. 3. THE ENDOSPERM, the largest part of the seed, which contains nourishment used by the plant as it begins to develop. This is mostly starch and is used for making flour. GRAHAM FLOUR is made from the entire wheat kernel without removing any part. This process gives a dark flour. WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR is made from the wheat kernel with only a small portion of the coarsest bran removed. This also gives a dark flour. WHITE FLOUR is made of wheat by a process of grinding and sifting, which removes the outer covering and germ. The resultant flour contains some of the bran, shorts and middlings from which the outer covering and germ are not removed. The terms "Graham" and "Whole Wheat" flour are often used interchangeably. Graham flour is now milled under the rules of the United States Food Administration. The white flour is milled under the rules of the United States Food Administration. Before the war, in some cases, white flour was made by a 70 per cent millage of the seed of the wheat, and a 30 per cent millage of the bran, shorts and middlings. This process gives a dark flour. The white flour is now milled under the rules of the United States Food Administration. The white flour is milled under the rules of the United States Food Administration.