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Charles F. Ackron, divekeeper in the old New York city "Tenderloin," has been sentenced to life imprisonment on a charge of grand larceny, which calls for the extreme penalty, this being his fourth conviction.

# SPITZMUELLER AUSTRIAN PREMIER

## Announcement Made of Personnel of Dual Monarchy's New Cabinet

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec 18--Austria's new cabinet as published in The Cologne Gazette, is composed as follows:

Premier, Alexander Spitmuller, Minister of Interior, von Handel; Minister of Defense, F. von Georgi; Minister of Education, von Hussarek; Minister of Justice, von Schenk, Minister of Railways, Dr. Z. von Forster; Minister of Finance, F. von Wimmer; Minister of Labor, von Arnka; Minister of Agriculture, Seydler; Minister for Galicia, Michael Bobrzynski.

The divorced wife of Geo. Bronson Howard, the author, has admitted to the court that she perjured herself in the evidence in the libel suit against Howard taken by Magistrate Corrigan of New York, who objected to "God's Man" as containing a caricature of himself. Mrs. Howard appeared as a witness for Corrigan.


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# LEWIS MACINHE GUN CONDEMNED

## American Officials Critize The Weapon of British and Canadian Armies

Washington, Dec. 18—Official condemnation of the Lewis machine gun extensively purchased for the British and Canadian armies, is expressed in a formal statement issued Saturady by Secretary of War Baker, assuming full responsibility for the action of the war department with respect to the much discussed weapon, and directing that the controversy among army officers over it cease.

"Whatever responnsibility attaches to the condemnation of this gun as a service gun belongs to the war department," the statement asserts, "and not to the chief ordnance or the ordnance departments. The proceedings of the board which tested the rifle have been in each case duly approved by the secretary of war."

The statement shows that the inspector-general was directed to investigate the whole matter of the treatment of the Lewis gun, named after its inventor, a former army officer, when the "controversy reached the stage where open letters from high ranking army officers were published." A board of officers already had agreed with a previous board that the gun was not suitable for extensive purchase for the army.

# Prohibibition is Opposed

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Doc. 18.—The government's intention to prohibit the consumption of alcohol in France has aroused strong opposition among the large wine and spirit dealers. The syndicate of the wholesale merchants of Bordeaux is sending a deputation to Paris to remonstrate with Premier Briand. A protest signed by a Paris syndicate of wine and spirit merchants declares that the proposed measure will have a serious effect upon agriculture, as well as the wholesale and retail dealers. As in the case of absinthe, prohibited since 1915, demands are to be made for substantial indemnities if the new measure goes into effect.


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# THE WORK OF THE CANADIAN ENGINEERS

The efforts of Sergt. Warner, of the Canadian Engineers, who has opened a recruiting depot at 94 Dalhousie Street, for the purpose of securing men for the Engineers, have resulted in one man signing up and several other likely prospects in view. The recruit, who was secured yesterday, is Leonard Lear, aged 31, and married who resides at number 5, Burns Block, Dalhousie Street.

Sergt. Warner stated this morning that men were desired who were really desirous of doing their bit for King and Country and not those who are merely interested in the monetary phase of the question.

Survey Work is the first and one of the most necessary accomplishments on the field, as the success of moving an army depends largely upon our correct knowledge of the ground over which they have to travel. Therefore maps are drawn of the surrounding country so far as it is possible to do so, for the guidance of the commander of the forces at the front, and from him to the Divisional officers in command under him, giving in minute detail the exact position of Hills, Valleys, Rivers, Etc., so that the moving of troops with their equipment can occur as expeditiously as possible.

2nd the services of the Civil Engineer are no wrequired to give all the required measurements of the height of these hills, measurement of the Valleys, width of rivers, the nature of the bed, the depth of water, rapidity of its current, and the exact height from the bed to the level of its banks. This is for bridge building or for the construction of ways and means for the conveyance of troops and their equipment to the other side in the quickest and safest manner that may be thought necessary by the officers in command. Then they have the measurements for road construction, for the conveyance of all transports, guns, etc., and all measurements for every kind of excavation or fortification such as trenches, parapets, etc., that may be required for the safety of the troops. The figuring out of the exact position for the concrete foundations for mounting of siege or field guns and a thousand and one things too numerous to mention. These details are issued in blue prints for the guidance of the commanding officers responsible.

The work of the mechanic or tradesmen is even now brought into requisition in all its variations. After joining the Canadian Engineers, he is first trained in company musketry and field drill, so that he is a trained soldier in every sense of the term. Then he is trained in military engineering as applies to his own particular trade, say a carpenter, or plumber, blacksmith, engineer, etc. There is bridge building, the building of hospitals, there is the putting up of machinery, there is the plumbing work to be done, the laying of pipes for the conveyance of water, the sanitation of hospital trenches, etc. There is the machinery for the purifying of water, the heating apparatus, there is the lines of communication, the telephone, the telegraph, in short there is no work in the cities that a tradesman is called upon to perform but what they are called upon to do at the front, and we guarantee to any tradesman that if he joins the Canadian Engineers, that on returning to civil life, he is in every sense of the term a better tradesman than before he went away. His intellect sharpened, his mind broadened and his general experience so expanded that he will feel himself capable of doing work that he never dreamt of at home before going away. And then at the front he is a qualified instructor of others who are called out from the line regiments to do the work (such as trench digging, etc.). He is not the worker but an instructor of those who do it, being qualified through the training he receives before going to the front. For further information, please call at recruiting office, 94 Dalhousie St.


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| Bacon, back | 0 33 to 0 35 |
| Beef, per lb. | 0 10 to 0 20 |
| Beef, hinds | 0 14 to 0 16 |
| Chickens, each | 0 75 to 0 90 |
| Ducks | 0 80 to 0 90 |
| Dry salt pork | 0 18 to 0 20 |
| Dressed pork | 0 18 to 0 20 |
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| Lamb | 0 25 to 0 30 |
| Live Hogs | 10 40 to 0 00 |
| Smoked shoulder | 0 18 to 0 00 |
| **VEGETABLES—** | |
| Beans, quart | 0 08 to 0 10 |
| Beets, 3 bunches | 0 10 to 0 00 |
| Celery | 3 for 10 cents |
| Carrots, basket | 0 25 to 0 50 |
| Cauliflower | 0 10 to 0 25 |
| Horseradish, bottle | 0 15 to 0 00 |
| Cabbage, each | 0 10 to 0 25 |
| Cabbage, doz. | 2 00 to 0 00 |
| Onions, pk. | 0 50 to 0 00 |
| Potatoes, basket | 0 50 to 0 60 |
| Potatoes, bushel | 1 35 to 0 00 |
| Potatoes, bag | 2 35 to 2 35 |
| Parsnips, basket | 0 25 to 0 50 |
| Turnips, bushel | 0 60 to 0 00 |
| Pumpkins | 0 15 to 0 20 |
| Lettuce, bunch | 0 05 to 0 00 |
| Parsley, bunch | 0 05 to 0 00 |
| **FISH—** | |
| Halibut steak, lb. | 0 20 to 0 00 |
| Kippered herring | 0 13 to 0 15 |
| Pickerel | 0 12 to 0 18 |
| Perch | 0 12 to 0 00 |
| Salmon trout, lb. | 0 17 to 0 00 |
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| Eggs, per doz. | 0 55 to 0 60 |
| Honey, comb, clover | 0 25 to 0 00 |

## CHICAGO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Cattle receipts 28,000; market weak; native beef cattle $7 to $11.65; western steers $7 to $10.10; stockers and feeders $5 to $8.10; cows and heifers $3.85 to $10; calves $8.50 to $12; hogs, receipts 69,000; market slow; light $9.15 to $9.95; mixed $9.50 to $10.15; heavy $9.65 to $10.10; rough $9.65 to $9.80; pigs, $7.35 to $9.10; bulk of sales $9.70 to $10.10; sheep, receipts 23,000; market weak, wethers $8.85 to $9.70; lambs, native $11 to $13.25.

## TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards today were 4,651 cattle, 485 calves, 1,482 hogs, 1,223 sheep. Trading in cattle was slow with prices inclined to weakness.

Export Cattle, choice, $8.25 to $9.25; Butcher Cattle, choice $8.50 to $8.75; medium, $7.00 to $7.25; common, $6.25 to $6.75; Butcher Cows, choice, $7.00 to $7.50, medium, $6.50 to $6.80, canners, $4.40 to $4.60, bulls, $5.00 to $7.75; Feeding Steers, $6.40 to $7.00; Stockers, choice, $5.75 to $6.25, light, $5.00 to $5.40; Milkers, choice each $50 to $120; Springers, $50 to $120; Sheep, ewes, $9.25 to $9.75; Bucks and Culls, $3.00 to $5.00; Lambs, $12 to $12.25; Hogs, fed and watered $11.75; Calves, $5.00 to $12.00.

## EAST BUFFALO MARKET

By Courier Leased Wire.

East Buffalo, Dec. 18—Cattle—Receipts 4,100; fairly active; shipping steers, $8.00 to $11.25; butchers, $6.50 to $9.25; heifers, $5.25 to $8.75; cows, $4.00 to $7.50; bulls, $5.25 to $7.75; stockers and feeders, $5.25 to $7.50; fresh cows and springers, active and steady, $50 to $115.

Veals—Receipts 1,000; slow, $4.50 to $14.50.

Hogs— Receipts 14,500; slow; heavy, $10.75 to $10.85; mixed, $10.65 to $10.75; yorkers $10.50 to $10.65; light yorkers, $9.75 to $10.25; pigs, $9.75; roughs, $9.50 to $9.65; stags, $7.50 to $8.25.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts 9,000; active; lambs $8.50 to $14.00; yearlings, $7.00 to $12.00; wethers, $9.50 to $10.00; ewes, $4.50 to $9.25; mixed sheep, $9.25 to $9.50.

# ROUMANIAN ARMY NOW SAFE

## Troops of King Ferdinand Muster and Are Refitted For Battle

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Roumanian army is now safe, according to news received in Paris last night, says The Petit Parisien. The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sereth River at Jassy and in Bessarabia, where they are being regrouped and refitted in view of further operations. The entire Roumanian front is now stated to be held by the Russians alone.

After the Bucharest-Ploechti line was lost, the story says, the Russians sent divisions and forces of cavalry to support the retreat of the Roumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible, assured of the possibility of reforming behind the shelter of the Russians and continued the withdrawal without halting until the Sereth was crossed. The Russians offered strong resistance to the Germans in the region of Buzeu so as to permit engineers to construct a defensive front between Rimnik Sarat and the Danube marshes on which front, it is stated, the Russians intend to stop the advance of the indavers.

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## CONTRABAND

By Courier Leased Wire.

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