WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW. New York, Dec. 15 .- The perplexing railroad situation, higher money rates due mainly to extraordinarily heavy disbursements by and to the federal an arrived in the city yesterday after tary and political developments were home at Miami, Fla., and Mr. Bryan the more disturbing features of an- will return to Washington, where he other very unsettled week in the stock

The familiar tale of new low records was repeated with added force and breadth, many high class railway and industrial issues joining the al-rendy long list of new minimums for speciels extending from a few years to

Apprehension was accentuated by concurrent declines in various foreign with interest. government bonds and domestic rails to levels which plainly devoted the lack of buying power or indifference

Intimations of further price adjustment of important commodities by the war board also served to bring about fresh liquidation but subsequent un-official advices anent that situation more reassuring.

Rallies of two to almost five points occurred in leading stocks toward the end of the week, the movement evidently being prompted by a realization of attractive dividend returns and considerable short covering.

General trade conditions are ported as fairly satisfactory but the reaction in bank clearings offered proof of a moderaje setback in many proof of a mode lines of industry.

NEW YORK STOCKS. New York, Dec. 15.—Lower prices prevailed at the opening of today's stock market, rails, steels, various equipments and allied war shares reacting all the way from large fractions to 1 to 1½ points. Coppers, shippings and oils yielded more moderately. Dealings lacked the activity and strength while heharacterized yesterday's operations. Liberty Bonds were

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago. Dec. 15.—Predictions of milder weather had a bearish effect today on corn. The outlook seemed better for increased receipts. Opening prices which ranged from unchanged figures to ½ lower, were followed by slight declines all around. Oats weakened with corn. Stoppage of export demand from the guif acted as a further depressing influ-CHICAGO GRAIN page of export demand troop and and another depressing influ-

Big breaks in hogs knocked suppor from under provisions. Sharpest de-clines were in pork.

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market was quiet early today with business probably restricted by delays in the wire service resulting from the storm. The opening was steady at a decline of three to ten points under scattered realizing with January selling off to 29.26 and March to 28.92 shortly after the call or about 11 to 22 points net lower. Unsattled conditions in the stock market may have contributed to the early decline and there was some selling an the increase report for the month in domestic mill stocks of raw cotton. The census report showed mill consumpcensus report showed mill consump-tion of 590.763 bales for November compared with 584.032 last year. Lon-don cables reporting the appointment of a committee by the government to of a committee by the british cotton industry steady.

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on of all British tonnage. Trading continued very quiet in th forenoon with prices showing a ten dency to ease off univer scattered loca and Wall Street selling. Januar worked off to 29.23 and March 28.88, or about 14 to 26 points no

CASH GRAIN PRICES. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Corn No. 2 yel low nominal. No. 2 yellow 1.80@1.82 No. 4 yellow 1.50@1.62. Oats No. 3 white 75%@76%; stand

ard 76% \$ %. Rye No. 2, 1.84@1.85; barley 1.40% 1.62; timothy 5.60@7.50; clover 20.6 @25.00. nominal: lard 24.25@24.37; Jan. 24.00 87@24.50. May 24.20

MARKET REPORTS | MR. AND MR. BRYAN ARE HERE FOR SHORT VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bry government, and increasing concern noon for a short stay. Mrs. Bryan respecting the course of foreign mili- will leave tomorrow for the Bryan has lately been on a visit. The vote on the prohibition bill, submitting the amendment to the states for ratification or reection, will be taken in the house next week and Mr. Bryan de-sires to be present.

The prohibition measure has al-

ready passed the senare and, seedless to say, Mr. Bryan is watching the progress of the bill through the house

TWO MEN FATALLY HURT IN RAILWAY COLLISION

GERMANS GIVE UP OF OWN FREE WILL

With the American Army in France an officers are surrendering is told mentioned. y an American officer just returned rom the British front where he had undergoing instruction. night recently, a German officer crawled across No-Man's-Land to the Brit h wire, raised his hands and cried: "Comrade — British soldiers covered him with rifles whereupon the German said: "Excuse me if I lower

my hands. I've got a package here the surprised Britishers granted the foo-request and the German dropped into the trench. In his hands he had a package of laundry. He said he had decided to surrender a week before.

DEFENDANT FINED

Sam Dean, colored, was fined the costs in Police court yesterday for there was no reason for heating his wife. This was the only tion and none was had. new case before the court.

Major Lowe, arrested several days ago, was given 30 days for vagrancy. The case against him for alleged larceny of brass from the Southern Railway company was continued.

understood. The why and the whereest study, observes a naturalist, but of any kind, are delightful to contemplate. This interest will grow upon Springs internment camp. Under date of December 6, Parker you and the next thing you know, un- R. Anderson, the Washington cor-less you are indeed shallow-pated, you respondent of the Greensboro News piece thereof, being opened before you. st

Psychology.

Psychology is now recognized as a science, and is said to have originated with Pythagoras. Aristotle greatly improved it and stated its most important principle, that of the association of ideas. It deals with the phenomena, states and modifications of the human mind.

Appropriation Bill Passed.

\$333,000,000 including \$1,200,000 for censorship of foreign mails, was the house today. It now goes to the senate. CHICAGO PRODUCE.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Butter, higher; creamery, 38@481-2. Eggs, receipts, 5.706 cases, un-Potatoes, receipts, 20 cars, un-

34 B changed. Poultry, alive. lower; fowls, 17@21; springs, 19 1-2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

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NEW YORK COTTON CLOSE New York Dec. 14.—Cotton closed

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ALLEN AND POST MAKE POSITIVE DENIALS OF PURPORTED INTERVIEW

Neither Food Administration Nor Department of Labor Officials Have Criticized the Hot Springs Internment Camp-Mr. Allen Authorizes The TIMES To Deny the Story In Greensboro News-No Protest Received From Any Women, Anywhere, Regarding Hot Springs Camp

By T. W. CHAMBLISS.

ime criticized the Hot Springs intern-

Buncotabe county, Marison county or any other county refusing to sign a food piedge card because of the treatment accorded the Germans interned at Hot Springs and in fact there is not North Cacalina many letter or construction. ment accorded the Germans interned at Hot Springs and in fact there is not a letter or communication of any kind in the food administration's files in which the Hot Springs camp is even the stories and that while The TIMES Dec. 14.—(Delayed)—(By The Assolin the food administration's files in riated Press)—A story of how Ger- which the Hot Springs camp is even

Mr. Post Makes Same Denial,

Acting Secretary of Labor Post makes practically the same statement. The files of his department do not show any requests or suggestions from the food administration concerning the treatment of the interned Germans, nor has the food administration made recommendation concerning the food served the men at Hot

No Investigation Ordered or Held. More than this, the records of the lepartment of labor do not show that but had waited until his laundry came back. investigation of the Hot Springs camp was ever filed. Mr. Post denies posi-tively that either he or his depart-FOR WIFE-BEATING ment ever stated to representatives of person, that an investigation was even contemplated or ordered. In fact, there was no reason for any investiga-

Mr. Post is very positive in his de-nunciation of the published news stories published in the Greensboro News and does not hesitate to speak out loud in condemnation of such

And Two Men Called.

Nature's Way.

The processes of nature are most

He says that two men called on him. One was Parker R, Anderson, and with Mr. Anderson was a gentleinteresting, even without being fully man who said that he was the owner and editor of the Greensboro News and that to those two gentlemen he fore are complex and warthy of deep- and that to those to the departest study, observes a naturalist, but ment in an effort to prove to them the hold facts, uncoupled with reasons that there was no ground for any criticism of the conduct of the Hot

will be keen to make more observa-tions, with a new and charming part of this grand old world, or a small view thereof below world, or a small were printed December 6, and both havened that that He of the food administration, had authorized the Greensboro News to use him as authority for the publication of the slanders against the Asheville women. In the version of the pur-ported interview as published in the Greensboro News, Parker R. Anderwomen.

"Mr. Allen said there was not the least question that food was still being wasted or that the rations were yet what they should be at these inerament camps and he hoped the arshal would do some more regulat-

Appropriation Bill Passed.

Washington, Dec. 14—The postofce appropriation bill, aggregating
123 000 000 relugions \$1,200,000 for
123 000 000 relugions \$1,200,000 for 6 with the story printed under a dou-ble column headline. The TIMES im-mediately sent Mr. Allen a telegram,

quoting the News, and asked Mr. Al-len if he had made the statement. To this telegram, Mr. Allen replied: "Have never given Greensboro News any statement for publica-tion nor is the quotation you sent me a correct version of private talk I had with representatives of the News. I have no wish to become involved in a newspaper controversy but wish to say that I have not criticized Marshal

Webb or the internment camp,

either privately or publicly as I know nothing of conditions there." Following the receipt of this telewestern to Washington, the purpose of the western to Washington, the purpose of the ind feed-trip being to make an investigation heifers, and if possible to ascertain the purpose of the repeated false and slanweak, derous statements and to discover 2.50% whether or not these reports originated with either the food adminis-

ration or the department of labor.

The News' Campaign.

For several weeks, The Greensboro News, aided by its correspondents at both Asheville and Washington, has carried on a well determined campaign which has been without qualification, the basest attack upon two departments of the government as well as an attack upon the loyalty and integrity of the people of western North Carolina. In the progress of the campaign, The News has seen fit to belittle and ridicule The TIMES and every individual who has dared to deny its false attachasts. deny its false statements and even went so far as to make charges against the Washington correspondent of The TIMES, a gentleman who does

not attempt to create sensational news stories and who does not have time to riot in the realm of slander. Placed Blame on Food Administration When the women of Asheville, weary of the repeated publication of false statements concerning their lovweary of the repeated publication of false statements concerning their loy-alty to the need of the nation in this hour, appealed to the Asheville board of trade for defense from the charges which had been circulated through-23.17 out North Carolina by The Greensboro News, the directors of the board of

ttrade passed resolutions denouncing Washington, Dec. 15.—Ben S. Allen, director of public information of the United States Food administration, positively denies that he has at any line criticized the United States. vely denies that he has at any tack upon the women of Asheville, criticized the Hot Springs intern-camp, either publicly or pri-. He states further that there port upon the food administration.

varely. He states further that there is hardly a truthful statement in the purported interview published in the Greensboro News of December 6 and in the Asheville Citizen of the same date.

Mr. Allen does not mince words but goes further and demanded of the editor of The Asheville TIMES that he he set straight before the people and they expressed the positions. Washington, Dec. 15.—In a collision on the Southern railway yesterday, near Calhoun, S. C., between a north-bound local train No. 46, and a south-bound express and mail train No. 43, the fireman and baggagemaster of the express were fatally injured and several passengers were slightly injured and several passengers were slightly injured and several passengers to Southern headquarters. Reports to Southern headquarters administration do not show a single foed administration. The office of the story defined in The Greensboro News and have not only expressed the positive conviction that the evident purpose of The News was to discredit the work being done by the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration do not show a single foed administration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but that there was a further purpose of creating the idea that friedministration and the department of labor but the story less that these departments of labor but the story and the story less that these departments and have not only expressed the positive conviction that these departments of labor but the story less printed in The Greensboro News and the sprinted in the secure of the provided in the secure of the food and in the secure of the food and interest the secure of the food and interest the secure of the food and interest the secure of the Reports to Southern headquarters here say the accident was caused by administration do not show a single tion existed between the United States the failure of the telegraph operator complaint from a single individual at Seneca. S. C., to deliver orders to the engineer of the local.

The addition, the records of the food administration and the department of the telegraph operator concerning the Hot Springs internment of labor. Officials of both dement camp. There is not a single record of any individual in Asheville, ord of any individual in Asheville, the publications of news stories sent out without the least semblance of truth-fau foundation and talk freely and their opinion of the control of the con without the least semblance of truth-ful foundation and talk freely and frankly expressing their opinion of

> h.d in language unmistakably plain denied and denounced them, this fur-ther investigation was made, and bee of the fact that The Greens-News had, without reason, a disgusting attack upon character and reliability of Washington correspondent of The Washington correspondent of the ASHEVILLE TIMES. There was little new to be learned in Washington because Mr. Manning. Who represents The Times.

who represents The ASHEVILLE TIMES in the capital city, had al-ready proven the falsity of the news stories sent out by Parker R. Anderson, correspondent of The Greensboro

Parker Anderson's Story In the very beginning of this se-ries of news stories, Parker R. Ander-son, in The Greensboro News, said:

Daily News Bureau & Telegraph Office The Riggs Bidg. (by leased wire)

By PARKER R. ANDERSON, Washington, Nov. 15.—Because the United States government is not practising what it preaches in the matter of food conservation, many of the housewives of ...sheville and vicinity have refused to sign the food piedge cards pre-sented to them by agents of the United States food administra-

Attention of the food adminis-tration was called by The Daily News correspondent today to the fact that a large number of wemen at Asheville, aroused over the treatment accorded the Germans interned at the camp located at Hot Springs, have become disgusted and have refused to join in the movement for the conser-vation of foodstuffs which can be used to feed the allied nations of

have every Justification for their action. It was learned trday that the government is furnishing food to the enemies of this country interned at Hot Springs fit to grace the table of General Pershing any of the other warriors now con bating the common enemy on the frontier in France. Nothing is too good for these allen enemies and their appetites are unrestricted from every standpoint.

There is a vast waste of food showered upon them, according to the North Carolina women who have entered a protest against such unusual consideration being such unusual consideration being accorded the "guests" of the na-tion, as they are termed. Incidentally, Herbert Hoover, federal food administrator, for come time past, has been study-

some time past, has been study-ing food conditions at the various nternment camps throughout the country, especially at Hot Springs, with a view of determining what course he should take to conserve the supply and to put a stop to extravagance in the various camps, The Daily News correspondent learned today that Mr. Hoover, a short time ago, recommended to the war department, whose of-ficials have charge of most of the interned Germans, that they be given the same quality and quantity of food served by the German government to its prisoners of war. If reports reaching this country are to be believed, any one who falls into the hands of the Germans is given barely enough upon which to exist. Both the quality and quantity are limit-ed to the very minimum, and only sufficient food is supplied to keep life in the body.

But not so with this government. Germans are given all the food and the highest priced food that their appelites can crave, and yet, the American public is called upon to conserve foodstuffs in every way possible. Hence the uprising among the good women of western North Carolina and

vicinity. The war department has taken no action regarding the recom-mendation of Mr. Hoover. The officials there say the Germans are being fed on the same rations given to our own soldiers and nothing more. The food administration is having difficulty in educating the women of North Carolina into the belief that a German interned in this country is just as good and deserves the same consideration and treat-ment as an American soldier or

sailor.

In this connection it may be interesting to know that every member of the military or naval force of Germany interned in this sailor. country receives the same salary as is paid to our own officers and men. For instance, a German private, who at home would probably receive but five cents a day and not any too much food, is paid \$35 a month by this government during the period of his interment this country. ment in this country. Officers of Germany are given the corresponding pay of officers of the United States army and navy. The officials place the blame

for this on international treaties and say that while Germany may not and has not lived up to her agreements with other nations, the United States must not be sub-jected to the same accusation. Assisted By Asheville Correspondent

In the meantime, the Asheville cor-espondent of The Greensboro News respondent of The Greensboro News came t the assistance of its Washington correspondent. This Asheville correspondent is C. H. Hites, a member of the tews staff of The Asheville Citizen. In the issue of November 18, the Asheville correspondent said: "Already resulting in the recusal of women to sign food pledge cards, the the part of any prisoner, it is believed will lead to serious consequences."

ministration to which such correspondence would naturally go.

Mr. Allen Very Indignant.

This same Asheville correspondent repeated his statements in the issue of The Greensboro News of November

Later, in its issue of November 21, The News printed a c. itemptible news story, a bitter personal attack, without a whit of foundation, and this story bears the name of C. H. Hites and was sent out from Asheville. This Asheville correspondent attacked an editorial in The TIMES and made the assertion that when The TIMES denied that "women at Hot Springs have not refused to sign food pledge cards the statement was in direct contradiction of statements made by some a the finest women of this city, who know personally of the vain efforts made to secure signatures to the food pledge cards because of the fine variety of the food served the interned Ger-Later, in its issue of November 21 of the food served the interned Germans.

This was but another cample of the absolutely false statements made by correspondents of The News concern-ing the women of Asheville and Hot Springs

Point of View Chang... In the second paragraph of the story by Parker R. Anderson reprinted above, Mr. Anderson said.

"Attention of the Food administration was called by the Daily News correspondent today to the fact that a large number of wom-en in Asheville."

In this sentence Mr. Anderson Nover claims that he told the Food Administration of the aroused women at Asheville who had refused to sign food pledge cards. This was the first publi-cation that reached Asheville in which any charges were made concerning Asheville women or the treatment of the Germans interned at Hot Springs.

After repeated denials on the part of The TIMES of this statement, Par-ker R. Anderson in the Asheville Citizen of December the 6th, and the Greensboro News of the same date, made the positive statement that he had gotten his first information con cerning Asheville women from Ben S. Allen who, according to Parker Anlerson, was "first assistant to Herber Hoover.

Allen Not Hoover's Assistant. Mr. Allen is not the first assistant to Food Administrator Hoover. He is the director of public information of the food administration department and positively disclaims any authority for makint any statements for the department, unicss those statements are first approved by Mr. Hoover, In both The News and The Citizen

Mr. Anderson said:

"Your correspondent is authorized to state that it was Mr. Allen who personally gave out the statement concerning the protest of women against the waste of food at Hot Springs, which was pub-lished by the New York World, the Daily News and other papers Mr. Allen stated that his depart ment had received a great many such complaints, some of a formal character, and some by way of newspaper reports. He was under the impression that a number of these reports were from North Carolina, and that Asheville was specifically mentioned in a tele-gram which was called to his per-sonal attention by the representa-tive of a New York newspaper, and he thereupon made the statement which was published by a number of the larger papers the country, including the Daily News."

"Mr. Allen said there was not the least question that food was still being wasted or that the ra-tions were not what they should be at these internment camps and he hoped the Marshal would do some more regulating. Mr. Allen was very positive indeed about this and it is very apparent that the food administration is not going to rest until different methods are adopted at these camps."

This last quotation did not appear in the story printed in The Citizen but ices appear in the story of the same ate which appears in the Greensbor News. When the Greensboro New reached Asheville, The Asheville Times wired Mr. Allen as follows:

Mr. Allen's Denial By Wire. "The Greensboro News of this date says Mr. Alien said there was not the least question that food was still being wasted or that the rations were not yet what they should be at these internment camps, and he hoped the Marshal would do some more regulating. This quotation is in story referring to Hot Springs internment camp Did you make that st Answer by wire collect.' In reply to this telegram Mr. Allen vired The TIMES as follows:

"Have never given Greensboro News any statement for publication, nor is quotation sent me cor-rect version of private taik I held with representatives of the News, I have no wish to become involved in a newspaper controversy, but only wish to say that I have not criticized the Marshal or the internment camp either privately or public as I know nothing of con-ditions there." Following the publication of the

Following the publication of the statements charging the food administration with having given out the false reports concerning Asheville women, and the receipt of the telegram from Mr. Allen, the Editor of The TIMES came here and upon his arrival telephoned to Mr. Allen who made an appointment immediately. Mr. Allen met the representative of The TIMES at the office of George H.

In the Greensboro News of Novembers 19, the Asheville correspondent to the still strives to embitter the people of the people of the internment of labor, which has charge of the internment of the camp, and speaking of the people of the telegram from Mr. Allen who made an appointment immediately. Which has charge of the internment of the camp, and speaking of the people of the telegram from Mr. Allen who made an appointment immediately. Which has charge of the internment of tabor, which has charge of the internment of the camp, and officers who have been on duty abroad will be arranged soon.

Secretary Danlels, bureau chiefs, and officers who have been on duty abroad will be called to testify. Members of the committee to the people of the internment of tabor, which has charge of the internment of t The TIMES at the office of George H. Manning and for the first time read the Anderson stories as printed in The Asheville Citizen and the Greensboro

News.

"Stories Absolutely False."

After reading the two stories he stated positively, and in strongest language, that the stories were absolutely son published in the Greensboro News false. That, in the first place, he was not the "first assistant" to Mr. Hoover and, further, had no authority to make any statements whatever for the food administration. That it was his business to send out publicity matter for the administration after that maters had been represented. ter had been prepared and approved.

Mr. Allen said further that he had been visited by Parker R. Anderson and a Mr. Hildebrand who was introduced to him as the owner editor of the Greensboro News. had talked together on general ditions and as to the plans and pur-poses of the food administration de-partment. He said that Mr Anderson asked him during the interview if he remembered the day when the Wash-ington representative of the New York World brought him a telegram from the New York office of the World inquiring concerning reports in reference to the Ho internment camp. Mr. Allen remembered the incident and says that when the New York World representative came to him he told him that he had presence of the Germans and their be-ing given the best food the land af-fords, are engendering more and more forts, are engendering more and more bitterness and hostility toward them.

Mr. Allen Very Indignant.

Mr. Allen said there has been some complaint from various sections of the country in reference to reported waste of food at army camps and cantonments but he had no recollection of any complaint concerning the Hot Springs internment camp, and that further he had never heard of any Asheville women refusing to sign food pledge cards. Mr. Allen was very indignant and requested that The TIMES prist in full the telegram which he had sent previously, and which positively denies any interview purporting to have been given

Not Single Complaint on File. Following this conference The TIMES made an investigation of the records of the food administration department, at the request and sug-sestion of Mr. Allen, and found that there was not a single letter or communication of any character even suggesting a complaint, and in fact that Hot Springs internment camp

has no place whatever in the records of the food administration depart-In the same first article published November 16, Parker R Anderson

"There is a vast waste of food showered upon them, according to the North Carolina women who have entered a protest against such unusual consideration being accorded the guests of the nation, as they are fermed."

On November 18 the Greensboro News published a news story from its Asheville correspondent, C. H. Hites, and in this story the Asheville correspondent said:

"Already resulting in the re-fusal of the women to sign food pledge cards the presence of the Germans and their being give the best food the land affords."

Both of these statements are absoutely without foundation. The records of the department of labor, which has control of the Hot Springs internment camp, are open to any one who desires to see them, and these records show that the actual cost of purchasing the food, preparing it and serving it, is less than 15 cents per meal per man, and this is about one-third of the amount set apart by the govern-ment as the reasonable cost of feed-ing men in the army. In his story from Washington, pub-lished December 6, Parker Anderson

"Mr. Allen said that there was not the least question that food was still being wasted."

Another Statement Denied.

In this story Mr. Anderson is atempting to put the burden of responsibility for the charge of waste at Hot springs upon Ben S. Allen, of the food administration Mr. Allen states posi-ively that he has no knowledge what-

"Incidentally, Herbert Hoover,

Federal food administrator, for some time past, has been studying food conditions at the various internment camps, especially at Hot Springs. . . . The Daily News correspondent learned today that Mr. Hoover a short time ago recommended to the war department, whose officials have charge of most of the interned Germans, that they be given the same quality and quantity of food served by the German government to its prisoners of war. . . But not so for this government Germans are given all the food and the highest priced food that their appetities can crave, and yet the American public is called upon to conserve food stuffs in every wav possible, causing an uprising of the good women of western North Carolina and vi-

No Recommendation From Hoover No Recommendation From Hoover.

The examination of the records of the department of labor do not show of the matter the investigation made in Washington during these days any such recommendations from Mr. Hoover. The same examination does demonstrates the fact that Mr. Manshow that the statement that "Germans are given all the food and the highest priced food that their appelington as any newspaper representalites can crave" is not true.

cinity."

There is no record of any recom-endation from the food administration in reference to the feeding of the prisoners at Hot Springs, and the de-partment of labor has not at any time refused to follow any recommendation or suggestion concerning the treat-ment of the interned men. The statement made by Mr Ander-

son that the war department has charge of the internment camps passes without comment, for the reason that every well informed person knows that the war department has nothing whatever to do with these

The cards show that at that time-November 18-no food pledge cards had been distributed in Madison coun-

this statement: "When the report came to Food "When the report came to Food Administrator Hoover that wom-en of western North Carolina ob-jected to the fare the Germans were being treated to at Hot Springs, he at once recommended that the bill of fare furnished the

kaiser's subjects at Hot Springs be cut down. At first the depart-ment of labor was not inclined to seriously consider the charge but later on it was decided to make a thorough investigation. The report of the investigator was The report of the investigator was filed with the department late this afternoon, and the Daily News correspondent is authorized to state that meatless days will be put into effect at once. The re-port in these dispatches that the Germans are being over-fed at Germans are being over-fed at Hot Springs; that meatless and wheatless days were not being observed, and that women at Asheville and other western North Carolina towns had refused to sign food conservation pledges because the Germans were being over-fed, caused The Asheville TIMES, which is con-trolled by United States Mar-shal Charles A. Webb, a political appointee of President Wilson, to e its head and denounce the kinds of languages. . . But not-withstanding the ravings of the newspaper the department of la-bor considered the reports com-ing from Asheville of such serjous nature that an investigation was ordered. . . . The depart-ment of labor's investigation was conducted through its own men in whom the department had confi-dence and reason to believe that politicians would not be dragged into the affair at Hot Springs." No Investigation Ever Contemplated

to the Greensboro News.

Mr. Allen denounced the publication of the news stories in the two North Carolina papers as being without foundation, and as being an example of the basest type of sensational journalism.

Not Single Complaint on File. emphatically states that he informed the representatives of the Greensboro News when they called on him that no investigation had been or would be made, and that further he offered them the privilege of seeing and ex-amining the files of the department. No reports have ever come to the department of labor in reference to the refusal of women at Asheville or arywhere else in western North Carolina to sign food pledge cards because of the presence of the interned Ger-mans or because of their treatment.

No Statement From Either Department.
After having talked to Acting Secre-

tary Post, Ren S. Allen, and other heads of departments in the food ad-ministration and after searching the records, it is absolutely certain that there was no statement issued by either one of these departments upon which to base any charges against the loyalty of the women of Asheville or of western North Carolina. It is also established that the stories sent out by the Washington correspondent of The Greensboro News, and the stories sent out from Asheville, had no foundation in fact, and officials state very distinctly that they have never had any information whatever concerning the facts at issue, and more than this there was no statement issued by the facts at issue, and more than this they also state that they informed the representative of The Greensboro News that their files contained no information.

About Mr. Manning.
In its issue of December 4 The recusboro News printed an article by Greensboro News printed an article by Parker R. Anderson, in which Mr, Anderson made a contemptible attack upon the reliability and general character of George H. Manning, the Washington correspondent of The TIMES. To this attack Mr. Manning had not made reply for the reason that he is not the type of a man who is willing to descend to the low level. In this attack made by Parker R. Anderson the statement was made that Mr. Manning was not an American citizen unless "he has of late recured naturalization papers."

citizen unless "he has of late secured naturalization papers."

The fact is that Mr. Manning filed his papers of naturalization within a few months after he reached his majority and is a citizen of the United States in as good standing as any other man in Washington. In this same containing the states of the United States in as good standing as any other man in Washington. In this same containing the state of the stat aministration. Mr. Allen states positively that he has no knowledge what rearries of the Hot Springs internment temptible personal attack Mr. Anderson and has never made such a statement.

In the first story written by Parker Anderson, dated November 15, Mr. Anderson said:

States in as good standing as any other man in Washington, In this same contempts the personal attack Mr. Anderson charged Mr. Manning with not being a member of the Press club or Washington. For once the truth was spoken. Mr. Manning is not a member of the Press club, and The TIMES is able, if it so, degines at any fluxes. is able, if it so desires at any future time to publish all of the facts in ref-crence to this matter.

In order that the readers of The ASHEVILLE TIMES may know that ASHEVILLE TIMES may know that the Washington co respondent is reputable and stands well, it is deemed wise to state that he to represents in washington The New York Evening Telegram, Philadelphia Evening Ledger, Mobile Register, Montgomery Advertiser, Roanoke Times, Roanoke World-News Richmond Journai, Pensacola Journal, Miami Her-ald, Hartford Courant, Bridgeport Post, Bridgewater Telegram, Waterbury American, Winston-Salem Jour-nal, Wilmington Dispatch,

In that same contempora attack published December 4, Mr. Anderson

ploying a reputable correspond-ent could easily verify this and every other statement made in the foregoing dispatch."

The TIMES—as satisfied that Geo

TO INVESTIGATE CONDUCT OF THE WAR BY NAVY

Washington, Dec. 14.—A house sub-committee to thoroughly investigate the conduct of the war by the navy was created by the naval committee

ing such vast sums should be exam

Steamer Sunk in Colliston. London, Dec. 14.—The steamer Kurland has been sunk in a collision. according to announcement made by

According to available shipping records there are steamers named Kur-land, one Belgian and two Russian. The Belgian steamer Kurland of 1,964 tons, arrived in an American port on November 10. The Russian steamers named Kurland are of 886 and 512 tons