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## LET IN THE LIGHT

If the purchasers of munitions and supplies do not want to chill patriotism with the taint of general suspicion they will clear away all ugly charges and insinuations by publicity. Following the charges in Men's Wear as to clothing contracts is the following from another trade journal of standing, the "Canada Lumberman and Woodworker."

"In the face of this situation (the capacity and needs of woodworking industries) there are many box manufacturers in Canada who have not been able to secure orders for shell boxes; while other companies, not equipped for the work, have been successful. Instances could be multiplied of the dissatisfaction which this sort of thing is creating. For instance, we are informed that such companies as the Deakin Construction Company of Montreal, the Cedar Rapids Construction Company of Montreal and others have secured contracts from the Shell Committee, while regular box manufacturers are unable to do so, or are finding it difficult to get orders direct from the committee, while some of them are being offered sub-contracts by companies and middlemen who are not actually in the wood-working business. One of the best and largest box plants in Canada, we are informed, received contracts from the Shell Committee for 25,000 boxes, but manufactured 50,000 boxes on sub-contracts. We are informed further that a Montreal firm, not in the manufacturing of boxes themselves, have sublet their contract to a Montreal box manufacturer. There are other cases not unlike these, cases, for instance, where a company of poor financial

standing has secured a large contract, even though it had to construct a new plant for the work; and cases where agricultural implement firms and leather goods firms are getting the contracts."

It is further stated that an effort to obtain a list of the contractors for shell boxes was unsuccessful. This will not do. Publicity is essential to avert the discouraging influences of such charges. If publicity confirms every charge and even shows conditions worse than suspected, it will be less injurious and less discouraging than concealment. The big firms doing twice as much sub-contracting as direct contracting should help by coming into the open and also by telling who are turning over the contracts. Abstract governmental denials are no use. The public frankly refuse to believe them. This cannot be made too plain. Nothing but publicity will restore public influence, and in the stress of today such confidence is absolutely essential. —Toronto Globe.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

When is Armande Lavergne to be arrested? He is doing his utmost to hinder recruiting in Quebec and there is a very definite penalty for such an offence.

Italy regards the submarine attack on the steamer Firenze as an act of war. How does Washington look upon the shelling of the American flag?

A pro-German Roumanian premier says that Roumania is awaiting new offers from Germany. Roumania's price must be going up, while Germany's ability to pay is going down.

Germany has not yet said who



## FRANCE SHOWS NO MERCY TO GRAFTERS

Marseilles, France, Nov. 17.—A vigorous campaign undertaken by the French government to punish persons who have profited unduly from the needs of the nation is well under way. A Supply Corps officer named Parent and his soldier clerk have been sentenced by a court-martial to five years in prison and fines of 1,500 francs (\$300) for accepting commissions from contractors on purchases of supplies amounting to more than 6,000,000 francs.

Jean Busseret, a tent manufacturer, who obtained orders for 1,500,000 francs worth of goods by the payment of commissions, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and a heavy fine. Three other business men convicted on similar charges have been sentenced to prison.

is to get Canada. Perhaps the next offer to Roumania will include this little portion of the Empire.

Bob Rogers did not come to heal any breach, but to make plans for the distribution of dry-docks. Ottawa seems to have completely forgotten the fact that Prince Rupert has something big and serviceable in that line.

Now that Bob is promising huge sums for docks and harbors, Victoria druggists and restaurant keepers will be figuring out schemes to get contracts along those lines. The Ottawa belief is that the less a man knows about the class of work he contracts for, the better.

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## ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING NEAR HAZELTON

Otto Strom was shot by a bullet from a revolver with which young Reginald Rowe was playing. The mishap occurred on Monday at the Rowe ranch, 26 miles north, and Constable Cline and Bert Glassey hurried to the scene, bringing the injured man to the hospital, where he is doing well. The bullet, which was of 38. Caliber, glanced from his skull.—Omineca Miner.

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