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## ARIZONA DESERTS TURNED INTO A SEA BY MIGHTY FLOODS

Torrential Rains Cover Wastes of American Sahara with Lakes of Water.  
MUCH PROPERTY IS DESTROYED  
Several Lives Lost and Hundred of Cattle Drowned in Unprecedented Deluge.  
MANY PEOPLE ARE RESCUED  
Five Persons Taken from Windmill on Which They Seek Refuge.  
SOLDIERS AT NO COST SUFFERING  
Tracks Are Washed Out and Trains Delayed at Different Points in Region Swept by Drenching Storms.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Torrents of rain falling almost continuously since Saturday last have flooded vast areas in this section of Arizona. The Santa Cruz river, ordinarily a dry bed, was a roaring water course a mile and a half wide today. Many houses and stores along its banks were wrecked or washed away, although no lives were reported lost. The desert country between this city and Phoenix is a veritable sea.  
The Santa Cruz river skirts this city and the swollen stream, invading buildings of all descriptions, drove many persons to the roofs. Two Mexicans were reported drowned.  
Rescued from Windmill.  
A tract of 30,000 acres, developed by a farm syndicate of Chicago which invested \$2,000,000, was inundated. Railroad men rescued five persons in this section who had climbed a windmill tower to escape the waters.  
A relief train was sent out this afternoon with doctors and medical and other supplies to make its way as far as it could in the flood-swept region.  
The Benson division of the Southern Pacific railroad was washed out at several points. Last night's train from Nogales has not arrived, being stalled at some point still unascertained, because the telegraph wires are down. The Southern Pacific main line, however, remained open.

Hundreds of Cattle Drowned.  
PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Several hundred head of cattle were drowned last night in floods caused by the heaviest rains in the history of this section of Arizona. One rancher alone lost a herd of 100 head.  
Traffic between Phoenix and Florence was suspended today on account of washed-out roads and bridges. The canals of the Salt River Valley irrigation works have been seriously damaged. The Salt river, Gila and Santa Cruz rivers have reached the highest levels ever recorded. The prospects today are for more rain.  
Nogales, town on the border was isolated today by the heavy rains. Wires were down for several hours.  
The United States army forces at Naco suffered considerably. A cavalry trooper was reported drowned.  
Five Inches of Rain.  
DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Five inches of rain, which fell in four days, have caused the greatest flood damage recorded in this section in recent years. Railroads in this side of the border and in Sonora have suffered considerably. Tracks and bridges have been washed out. The El Paso & Southwestern railroad was among the roads whose service was badly crippled today. Several hundred feet of track and several bridges on the Naacozari railroad of Sonora were destroyed by the floods.  
Fort Huachuca, an American army post, was completely cut off from rail and wire communication.  
From Blaine came reports of serious damage, due to the flooding of business houses situated in the low lying districts between the hills.

Pioneered of '49 Dead.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Mark Birmingham, a pioneer of '49, long a resident of California and since identified with gold and silver mining interests in Mexico, died here today of the result of a cerebral stroke. Mr. Birmingham was born in Montgomery county, this state. He was prominent in Masonic circles.

Grandmother Shot on Charge of Stealing Man's Affections

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday.  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Unsettled, probably snow.  
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday

Hour	Temp.	Wind
5 a. m.	14	14
6 a. m.	14	14
7 a. m.	14	14
8 a. m.	14	14
9 a. m.	14	14
10 a. m.	14	14
11 a. m.	14	14
12 m.	14	14
1 p. m.	14	14
2 p. m.	14	14
3 p. m.	14	14
4 p. m.	14	14
5 p. m.	14	14
6 p. m.	14	14
7 p. m.	14	14
8 p. m.	14	14

Comparative Local Record.

	1914	1913	1912	1911
Highest yesterday	23	31	46	35
Lowest yesterday	12	26	25	15
Mean temperature	19	28	36	26
Precipitation	.46	.09	.09	.09

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

	Normal	Deficiency
Normal temperature	32	13
Deficiency for the day	18	14
Total excess since March 1	622	602
Normal precipitation	43	43
Deficiency for the day	43	43
Total rainfall since March 1	25.79	25.79
Deficiency since March 1	25.79	25.79
Deficiency for cor. period 1913	5.28	5.28
Deficiency for cor. period 1912	4.08	4.08

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Rain
Cheyanne, clear	16	20	.00
Davenport, cloudy	16	24	.00
Des Moines, cloudy	14	24	.00
Omaha, clear	22	28	.00
Rapid City, clear	22	42	.00
Sheridan, cloudy	24	40	.00
Sioux City, clear	20	34	.00
Valentine, clear	24	38	.00

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## MANEUVERS IN THE WAR GAME—French captive balloon ascending to observe the German positions near Metz.



## MRS. YETTER TELLS STORY TO COURT

Wife of Former Omaha Man Denies All Charges Made in Petition for Divorce.  
WORRIED OVER HIS BUSINESS  
She Says He Frequently Worked Till After Midnight Going Over Office Papers—Mrs. Clute Also Denies Charges

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Bena Yetter of Omaha took the stand in her own defense this forenoon and made a general denial of the "indelicately" charges upon which her husband, William L. Yetter, president of the Yetter Wall Paper company of Kansas City and Omaha, is seeking a divorce. Judge Seehorn announced this morning that the case would have to be finished today.  
Mrs. Yetter denied that she was cold and indifferent during the three weeks' honeymoon to Colorado. She said she did not repulse Mr. Yetter continually.  
Worries Over Business.  
The defense outlined by Mrs. Yetter's testimony was to the effect that Mr. Yetter's present nervous condition was due to the strain of business and worry over financial affairs and not to the rigor of domestic regulations, alleged to have been prescribed by Mrs. Yetter.  
Mr. Yetter often stayed up until 12 and 1 o'clock at night, working over his papers and business matters, Mrs. Yetter said.  
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Posse Seeks Murderer in New York State

Francis Joseph Is Reported Dying

Banker is Charged With Taking Sixty Thousand Dollars

HALL RENOVATED FOR COMMERCE COMMISSION

Francis Joseph Is Reported Dying

## FIGHT OF BELGIANS FOR NATIVE LAND IS TOLD BY KING

Monarch Without a Realm Describes Stand of Soldiers to Associated Press.  
INTERVIEWED AT THE FRONT  
Sovereign Directing Operations of Men from Old Flemish Town Hall Under Shell Fire  
GRATEFUL TO THE AMERICANS  
Ruler Asks Correspondent to Convey Gratitude for Food for People.  
HIS SUBJECTS ARE COURAGEOUS  
They Are Too Democratic, However, for Description Prevailing in Conscript Armies of Europe.

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS, IN WEST FLANDERS, Belgium, Sunday, Dec. 20.—(Via London, Dec. 23)—In the council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing, under German shell fire, the resistance of his war-worn little army, blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians today told the Associated Press of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders. The king's headquarters is located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgium left under his rule.  
King Albert also requested the Associated Press to convey to the people of the United States his deep gratitude for their efforts to feed his subjects now under German military rule.  
Monarch is Alone.  
The monarch was alone when the correspondent was admitted to the council chamber, not even an aide being present. The king's tall, angular, Lincoln-like face, was clothed in the simple uniform of a general of artillery, which was without insignia, beyond braided shoulder straps, to distinguish him from a staff officer.  
Physically King Albert looks hardened, but lines of care show in his otherwise youthful face. In manner he is decidedly shy and he apologized for his English, which, however, was very fluent. The light from a smoky oil lamp barely penetrated the recesses of the great beamed hall, from the walls of which empty picture frames stared down.  
Can't Even Get Frames.  
When the king saw the eyes of the correspondent fixed on these blank spaces where a few months ago invaluable Flemish canvases hung he smiled and said he no longer expected the Germans to even be in a position to take the frames.  
Modestly he praised the courage of his soldiers, speaking of them as great kindhearted boys as though he were talking about his own children.  
"I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have the chance to witness the peasants working their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the losses of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief."  
Enough Food in Sight.  
When the king saw, Belgian attaché to the American commission for the relief of Belgians, entered and presented King Albert with a report from the commission showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until February 12, the king turned quickly to the correspondent, saying:  
"Will you be kind enough to convey this to the American people my deep gratitude."  
Germans Urged to Live on Vegetables  
AMSTERDAM (Via London), Dec. 23.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin prints an appeal signed by leading German professors of political economy which urges Germans to live on vegetables and rye bread, leaving meat, white bread and delicacies for the sick and wounded.  
"England wants to starve us and we must, therefore, do everything possible to economize in the use of our food."

ARMY AEROPLANE WRECKED, OBSERVER IS INJURED  
OCEANSIDE, Cal., Dec. 23.—Lieutenant Ralph Holliday, observer on the United States army scouting airplane which left Los Angeles for San Diego today, was slightly injured near here, when the aeroplane, piloted by Lieutenant J. C. Morrow, was wrecked in landing. Holliday was badly cut about the head and face. Morrow escaped with a few bruises. The machine was badly wrecked.

Proposed Business Cruise to Southern Continent Given Up  
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—The proposed cruise to South America of the steamship Finland under the auspices of a local financial institution has been abandoned. The reasons advanced were that the merchants, manufacturers and bankers of the country apparently are not ready at this time to take advantage of the opportunity to begin a campaign for a trade conquest of the Latin-American countries.  
The enterprise was extensively advertised, but owing to the limited time in which to prepare for it, the business interests who were depended upon largely to support it could not, it was said today, make the necessary arrangements.  
The Finland was scheduled to sail from here January 29 next.

Britain Will Pay for Damage Caused by Bombardment  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The British government has decided to indemnify from their imperial funds those who suffered bodily or property loss as a result of the recent German naval raid on the coast towns of Scarborough, Whitby, Hartlepool and West Hartlepool.  
A German cruiser squadron appeared off the east coast of England on the morning of December 18 and, on running down the coast, shelled Hartlepool and West Hartlepool and Whitby and Scarborough. Upwards of 100 persons were killed and from 300 to 350 others were injured. Great damage was done to property.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL  
Wednesday, December 23, 1914.  
The Senate.  
Met at noon.  
Lands committee closed public hearings on waterpower site leasing bill.  
Senator Newlands spoke on his plan to coordinate river and harbor improvements into broad national plan of development.  
Adjourned at 1:10 p. m. to noon, December 23.  
The House.  
Met at noon.  
Colorado officials urged lands committee to create a Rocky Mountain national park.  
Adjourned at 12:50 p. m. until noon, December 23.

BOOKKEEPER, CREDIT MAN, with wholesale experience; this position is with an old, reliable Omaha firm, is a good connection and worth investigating.  
For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad section of today's Bee.

## President of China Resumes Annual Worship of Heaven at Winter Solstice

PEKING, China, Dec. 23.—President Yuan Shi Kai at sunrise today appeared before the Altar of Heaven in the Chinese city and revived the worship of heaven at the winter solstice, an observance neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty in 1911. In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always has been reserved to the emperor of China in his capacity of "Tien Te," or Son of Heaven.  
The president today worshipped at the famous circular altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park, three miles from the palace of the emperors, and is surrounded by sacred buildings. This altar formerly was regarded in China as the center of the universe.  
Yuan Shi Kai submitted a bill to the Chinese administrative council in January of this year, prescribing the worship of heaven and of Confucius for the president of China, and the measure was passed by the council. This act was regarded as tantamount to establishing a state religion for China. During the deliberations of the council it was set forth that the president of the republic should worship at the Temple of Confucius and at the Temple of Heaven annually, as had been the custom of the Chinese emperor. Today's function appears to be a carrying out of the purposes then set forth.

## FRANCE VOTES NEAR 2 BILLIONS FOR WAR

Parliament Grants Appropriation of Seventeen Hundred Millions for Six Months' Budget.  
SESSION NOT SO EMOTIONAL  
General Joffre Allows Deputies Serving in Army at Front Further Leave of Absence.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies voted unanimously today an appropriation of 8,500,000,000 francs (\$1,700,000,000) to cover the expense of the next six months, including the cost of the war.  
Today's sitting of Parliament was less emotional and more business-like than the opening session yesterday. In the Chamber of Deputies nearly all the members were present and they cast their votes with little discussion and without a murmur of dissent. Although the voting urns were passed around, their use was unnecessary, since all parties were of a single mind concerning the necessity of providing the government with the means of carrying on the war.  
Votes were cast by 561 deputies of the total membership of 567. The session lasted only a half hour.  
It was announced that General Joffre had granted a further leave to the deputies serving with the army, who will not be required to rejoin the ranks until three days after the termination of the usual January session.  
The senate this evening passed unanimously the appropriations previously voted by the Chamber of Deputies.

## Teuton Troops Again Invading Angola, in Portuguese Africa

LISBON, Dec. 23.—(Via Paris.)—The Germans again have invaded Angola, Portuguese West Africa. The fact was announced in the Chamber of Deputies by the minister of colonies, who said the Germans had made a fresh attack on the military post at Naulila, in the province of Anzob.  
The commander, Colonel Rocasdas, the minister stated, had only a small force at his disposal and retreated in order to obtain reinforcements with which to drive out the Germans.  
Further details of the affair, the minister said, were lacking.  
The first invasion of Angola occurred late in October, according to reports from Laurence Marques, east Africa, when a small party of German cavalry arrived at Naulila and asked for an interview with the commander. A fight occurred, according to reports, during which three Germans were killed before the party retired. Berlin, however, has denied that such an incident occurred.  
Reports from Lisbon show that 3,000 men were sent from Portugal to its west African colony in September and October and that in November the country was preparing to send 1,000 additional troops to the Portuguese colony. Advances are reported that Germany had armed great numbers of the natives and had placed them under the training of German officers.

## ALLIES MAKING SLIGHT PROGRESS

French War Office Tells of Advances at Some Points on the West Line  
PARTIAL DEFEAT AT BOREUILLES  
Statement Says It Was Not Possible to Retain Entirely All the Positions Captured Monday Morning.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon reports slight progress on the northern end of the allied line in France and Belgium. Fog caused a slackening of the fighting near Arras. Advances are claimed near Perthes-Les-Huilliers, where German machine guns were captured and where progress or the driving back of counter attacks is reported near Beausser, and in the forest of Larurie. Near Boreuilles, however, the French apparently lost to the Germans. The text of the communication follows:  
"Yesterday in Belgium we made slight progress between the sea and the highway from Neuport to Westende, as well as in the region between Steenstraete and Bixchoote, where we occupied a forest, some houses and a redoubt.  
To the east of Bethune, working in conjunction with the British army, we recaptured the village of Givenchy-Les-La Bassée, which had been lost to us.  
"In the region of Arras a heavy fog made it necessary for both the enemy and ourselves to lessen our activities."  
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## Gutierrez Said to Have Quit Capital

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—That Provisional President Eulalio Gutierrez had quit Mexico City, due to differences between him and Felipe Angeles and followers of Zapata, was reported today to T. R. Boltran, local constitutional consul. The message said the capital was governed by a committee composed equally of Villa and Zapata adherents, and that another provisional president would be selected January 10.

## MEXICAN IS HANGED BY MOB AT OAKVILLE, TEX.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—A Mexican said to have been the slayer of Harry Hinton, jailer at Oakville, Tex., was lynched near that town today, according to a message received here. It was said that many shots were fired into his body as it hung suspended from a tree. Three members of his family were given until tonight to get out of the country. Another Mexican confined in the Oakville jail, charged with complicity in the Hinton killing, was threatened with violence and the jail guard was increased for his protection, the message stated.

## GIANT ARMIES IN DEAD LOCK NOW ON THREE RIVERS

Desperate Fighting Continues All Along Eighty-Mile Front in Russian Poland.  
RUSSIAN FRONT STRAIGHTENED  
Petrograd Report Contradicts Berlin Stories of Strategic Victories at Several Points.

## GERMANS ARE MOVING WEST

Rumors that Big Advance Movement Under Direction of the Kaiser is Planned.  
CHRISTMAS LULL IS EXPECTED  
It is Generally Believed There Will Be Little Fighting for the Next Three Days—Censors Will Take Vacation.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In a dispatch from Cologne the correspondent of the Central News says that Emperor William, with his entire staff, reached Cologne today from Berlin on his way to the western battle front.  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The eighty-mile front in Russian Poland to the west of Warsaw, where the Germans and Russians are at grips on the banks of the Bzura, Rawka and Pilica rivers, continues to be the scene of the most desperate fighting in either the eastern or western areas of the war.  
When the weather conditions under which the troops are fighting are recalled the sufferings of the men in trenches may to some extent be appreciated. The country is experiencing the full force of winter. Each side has sustained tremendous losses in this battle of the rivers, and although the Germans claim to have forced the Russians at a number of points, it is nevertheless a fact, according to reports reaching London, that the Russian front has been straightened out and it is difficult to visualize which contender has the strategic advantage.  
Germans Moving West.  
Again there come trickling through from Holland reports of vast movements of German forces from the east and west. A dispatch, reaching here from Amsterdam, says that thousands of German troops have passed through Aix la Chapelle toward northern France. This activity may be the forerunner of a renewed German offensive in the western arena under the eyes of Emperor William, or it may simply be intended to offset reinforcements Great Britain has been throwing lately into the French field of hostilities. As the situation appears to stand today, the allies in France and Belgium continue more on the offensive than defensive and every day shows slight gains to their credit.  
Christmas Lull Expected.  
It is believed that notwithstanding the failure of the plan for an armistice over Christmas, some sort of a lull will set in on Christmas day itself. Christmas sentiment is deep in the men's hearts.  
The London newspapers have decided unanimously not to publish on Christmas day, and the official press bureau will suspend its activities from the afternoon of December 24 until the evening of December 25. Thousands of tons of Christmas presents have been sent to all the fronts. The distribution and enjoyment of these gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities wherever this is possible.

## Bank of Germany Cuts Discount Rate

BERLIN (Via London), Dec. 23.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was reduced today to 5 per cent. This puts the rate of discount back to what it was July 31, previous to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe.

## A Little Sunshine

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