



NEBRASKA COLDEST SPOT IN COUNTRY; U.S. ARMY MOVES ITS HEADQUARTERS

AMERICAN FORCES MOVING TO NEW HEADQUARTERS "SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL FRANCE"

Preparations for Transfer Have Been Under Way for Weeks; Will Be Stationed There for Duration of War; To Be Housed in Huge Barracks Outside Healthful City.

A City of Central France, Thursday, Jan. 10.—Although the influx of hundreds of staff officers belonging to the lines of communication branch of the American army has not yet begun and although their transfer from Paris here is supposed to be a deep secret, this beautiful little city in central France is already aware that it will soon be host to the newest allies.

American flags are already waving from many buildings and the citizens are preparing what promises to be a most enthusiastic welcome to the newcomers.

Ready for Men. The preparations for the advent of the Americans, numbering several hundred officers and twice as many assistants—clerks, civilians and military workers—are almost completed; so that when the men begin to arrive, within a day or two, each one will find comfortable quarters arranged for him, either in one of the hotels here, or in private houses that have been rented by the advance agents.

They will find themselves quartered "for the duration of the war" in one of France's healthiest and most beautiful cities, where cleanliness apparently has been made a cardinal virtue; where food, especially fresh vegetables in season and dairy products, are plentiful; where the water supply offers none of the drawbacks that must be contended with close behind the front, and from which they can operate fully as advantageously as from Paris.

Huge Barracks. All available hotel rooms have been engaged and private houses have been rented until the end of the war. Rooms also have been engaged in private homes for additional officers who may come here. The big clerical force will be distributed, in part among the families of the city and in part will be housed in huge barracks in the outskirts of the city.

One of the first moves will be to install a "sales commissary," at which foodstuffs brought from America will be sold at less than the local market prices, if possible, so that the presence of the Americans will not have the effect of forcing up prices to the distress of the inhabitants.

Modern Conditions. A medical officer who has made an exhaustive examination finds the water even better than in Paris, sanitation excellent and the houses clean and everything modern to a surprising degree.

Arrangements already have been completed whereby the American forces can draw from the French all necessary fuel; that there will be no suffering from what at this time is unusually cold weather. The American officers have found the mayor and other city officials ready for co-operation in the fullest degree.

The quarters, in the main, have been secured by the mayor, who has asked the citizens to show their patriotism by giving up a portion of their houses to their American allies. The Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian association already have established branches here.

Arthur Theodore Ziebell Dies at Home Near Wisner. Wisner, Neb., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Arthur Theodore Ziebell died at the farm home near Wisner last Wednesday. He was 43 years old. He leaves a widow and four children.

The Weather. For Nebraska—Fair, not quite so cold. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with columns for Station and State, Temp., High, Low, Rain. Lists various Nebraska cities and their weather conditions.

CITY PRINTING BILLS HELD UP BY COMPTROLLER

Bee Publishing Company Protests Against Overcharge by World-Herald and Payment is Refused.

City comptroller is holding up World-Herald advertising bills for October, November and December because of alleged overcharges.

The action of the comptroller was prompted by Assistant City Attorney De Boel's opinion that fractions of a square, sometimes consisting of only two or three lines, could not be properly charged on a basis of full squares.

If an official city notice was two squares and three lines, for instance, the World-Herald is alleged to have submitted bills for three squares.

It is the contention of The Bee Publishing company in a formal protest filed that by reason of the narrower columns now being used by the World-Herald, its contract with the city for official advertising has been rendered null and void.

The Bee Files Protest. The city clerk has received from The Bee Publishing company a protest against the payment of bills rendered by the World-Herald for advertising city official notices on the basis of charging at the rate of 48 cents for fractions of "squares," also for charging the full contract rate for advertising which has appeared in the narrower style of columns recently adopted by the World-Herald.

Allegations in Complaint. "Permit us to recall to your attention the fact that in response to your invitation for proposals for city advertising last July the award went to the bid submitted on behalf of the Omaha Evening World-Herald on the ground that it was lower than that submitted on behalf of the Omaha Evening Bee.

"That since the city advertising has been running in said World-Herald, the publishers of that paper have rendered bills demanding payment for a full square in every separate publication, insisting it is entitled to 48 cents for every single line in such cases and thus materially raising its charge above the figure upon which its bid was accepted.

Increase in Rates. "That still more recently said World-Herald has again increased its charge in excess of its bid by narrowing its column by 4 per cent, and thus shrinking its measurement so as to make each advertisement count more lines.

"That by reason of these facts, the contract of the World-Herald has been violated and the bid of said paper as compared with that of The Bee is no longer the lowest and best bid, but on the contrary, is higher and more costly to the taxpayers.

"We therefore respectfully request and urge your honorable body to declare the contract for city advertising with the World-Herald to have been forfeited and to make the award to The Bee on its bid as already submitted."

Schools Report Plenty of Heat Despite the Cold. Superintendent Beveridge of public schools reported that no complaint of lack of heat had been received from any school.

Woman Tries to Kill Husband Who Will Not Provide for Children. Hermina Cherrett, 1261 South Fifteenth street, told Police Judge Fitzgerald Friday morning that her husband, John W. Cherrett, has refused to work for the last three weeks, and as a result, she and her children are in destitute circumstances.

COSSACKS FORM REPUBLIC UNDER GEN. KALEDINES

First Russ Battalion Goes Back to Trenches; Women Make Request to Form Legion of Death.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Thursday, Jan. 10.—Reports from Rostov today say that the republic of the Don has been declared existent with General Kaledines as president and prime minister.

Organize Struggle. General Alexieff, former Russian commander-in-chief, around whom has gathered a corps of some 25,000 officers, has considered it necessary to organize a struggle against the Bolsheviks on an all-Russian plan and to create in Russia a moderate liberal regime. Monarchical principles are said to be very strong among Alexieff's group.

General Kaledines and his party oppose General Alexieff in his desire to utilize the Don government against the Bolsheviks and is willing to include in the Don government representatives of all the democratic organizations in order to bring an end to civil war.

The French government has appointed General Tabouille the representative of France to the Ukraine republic. This is considered in Petrograd as recognition by France of the independence of the Ukraine.

The announcement was made by an officer of the French military mission.

Russ Go to Trenches. Paris, Jan. 11.—The First battalion of the Russian legion, composed of members of the Russian expeditionary force, which held a sector on the front in Champagne until the time of the revolution, has left for the trenches. It was formed as the result of an appeal by General Lokhvitzky, who commanded the Russian contingent in France. Further detachments will follow as soon as they have been organized.

In a statement today General Lokhvitzky said he hoped to be able to recruit many more Russians, and that there were numerous members of the original two brigades, who were still in France and were desirous of joining the legion, "showing the interest of those who are serving in the number of Russian women have asked that a woman's battalion of death be formed to fight on the French front, but the general said this could not be realized.

Reds Ready for War. London, Jan. 11.—Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik premier, although he has possibly gone on a holiday to Finland, also possibly may go to Stockholm to confer with German and Austrian socialists, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News said.

In a speech before his departure from Petrograd Premier Lenine said: "I fear we shall have to stop the demobilization and prepare for war. If Germany and its allies do not accept our conditions of peace, we will declare a revolutionary war on them."

Urges Agreement. The correspondent emphasizes the importance of an agreement between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainian negotiators, as the position of the Rada has lessened Trotsky's chances of obtaining a satisfactory peace. He says that if the Germans could buy off the Ukraine, the significance within Germany of Trotsky's stand would be cut in half.

The correspondent adds that nothing is more foolish than to suppose that because the Ukraine oppose the Bolsheviks, it, therefore, favors the allies and prosecution of the war.

Mysterious Young Woman Falls Beneath Boze Car. Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Identification of the young woman who was injured, perhaps fatally, when a big car and cargo of 300 pints of whisky turned over last night during a snowstorm near Norwich, has not been revealed, although she has been seen by a number of persons and has been treated by physicians. Her companion, a young man who refused to tell her name, disappeared in a second car that came along later. Dr. W. F. Storer, who with Dr. B. H. Barnes attended her, says she may have fatal internal injuries. She was nearly frozen when rescued. She is said to be a young married woman from Council Bluffs. She is about 25 and unable to talk.

PILOTS WHO DROP U.S. PROPAGANDA CLASSED AS SPIES. London, Jan. 11.—Referring to the report that it is intended to drop a million copies of President Wilson's address in Germany from airplanes, the Daily Chronicle, while thinking the idea excellent and that if every German could read the address it might lead to a national strike against the war, recalls Germany's recent announcement that pilots caught dropping propaganda would be shot as spies.

Accordingly the paper appeals to inventors to produce a machine which of itself will drop the propaganda.



KAISER WITHDRAWS PEACE TERMS OFFERED TO RUSSIA; PARLEY WILL BE CONTINUED

German Foreign Secretary Announces That Conditions Made Public Last December Have Been Recalled; Refuse Russ Demand That Conference Be Held On Neutral Territory.

Amsterdam, Jan. 11.—The central powers have withdrawn their peace terms made public at the Brest-Litovsk conference, on December 25, it was announced by Dr. von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, in his speech at the Brest-Litovsk conference with the Russians yesterday.

Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, at a full sitting of the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk on Thursday, said that as Russia's allies had not replied to the invitation to participate in the negotiations it was now a question of a separate peace between Russia and the central powers.

ALABAMA TOWN WIPED OFF MAP BY BIG TORNADO. Storm Strikes Winter Quarters of Circus; Wild Animals Escape and Tear Through Country on Rampage.

(By Associated Press.) Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 11.—Seven persons were killed and 25 injured at Cowarts, Ala., and the entire town was destroyed by a tornado today, a report received at the local office of the Atlantic Coast Line railway said.

WAR MUNITIONS PLANTS FORCED TO CURTAIL FUEL. Washington, Jan. 11.—Even some plants making munitions and other war supplies may have to curtail fuel consumption during the next 60 days, Fuel Administrator Garfield said tonight in a statement assuring the public that every effort would be made to distribute the available supply of coal where most needed, and that no partiality would be shown any section.

Part of the 38,000,000 tons shortage of the last year has been made up, Dr. Garfield said, but there still is a large deficiency and it will be felt chiefly this month and next. P. B. Noyes of the fuel administration left tonight for New York to discuss the situation with local officials and to take up with the manufacturers of the essential products the question of reduction in consumption.

MERCURY 22 BELOW HERE, BREAKING RECORD FOR THE WINTER; 32 AT VALENTINE

Snow Extends to South and East, Breaking Cold Records in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico; Sleet-ing at Galveston; Clear in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Some Cold Spots. Omaha -21 Duluth -16 Lincoln -21 Havre, Mont. -26 Valentine -32 Huron, S. D. -28 North Platte, S. D. -24 Norfolk -26 Rapid City, S. D. -24 Bismarck -26 Roswell, N. M. -24 Cheyenne -14 Flagstaff -20 Dodge City, Kan. -16

Twenty-two degrees below zero was the official weather bureau temperature, registered at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. It was the coldest so far this winter.

Twenty degrees below was reached in the cold snap of a few weeks ago. The Omaha record for cold is 32 below zero, recorded January 5, 1884.

The entire day was a record for enduring cold; the mercury never rising above 15 degrees below zero. At 8 o'clock last night the temperature was 18 degrees below.

NEBRASKA COLDEST. Nebraska is the coldest spot in the whole country. Valentine, Neb., reported a minimum of 32 degrees below zero this morning, the coldest in the United States. North Platte had 24 below, Grand Island 25 below and Sioux City, Ia., 22 below.

So far as the railroad officials could ascertain, O'Neil, Neb., with a temperature of 34 degrees below zero, was the coldest spot located in Omaha territory. Other low temperatures out in the state were: Randolph, 30; Greeley Center, 28; McCook, 27; Inman, 25; Central City, Grand Island, Hastings, Clay Center, Blue Hill, Edgar, Erickson, Long Pine, Stanton and St. Paul, 24 below.

At Winer, S. D., it was 37 and all through the Black hills zero to 25 below.

In Wyoming temperatures ranged from zero to 20 degrees above.

Snowing in Louisiana. The cold extended far to the south, breaking some records in Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Oklahoma and northern Texas had the unprecedented low temperature of 6 below zero and New Mexico points reported 4 below. It was snowing in Shreveport, La. and Little Rock, Ark., places that have rarely if ever seen snow before. In Galveston, Tex., it was sleet and the temperature was 22.

Saturday will be the thirtieth anniversary of the great blizzard of January 12, 1888, which is a landmark in the weather history of the nation. Many people lost their lives as they wandered about in the snow and cold on the plains. Stock losses were tremendous.

Record Cold at Lincoln. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 11.—With a minimum temperature of 21 degrees below zero, Lincoln and southeastern Nebraska today experienced not only the coldest day of the winter, but the coldest for several years. At no time during the day did the thermometer ascend above 15 below zero, and the reading at 7 o'clock tonight was 19 below, with the prediction of the forecaster at 25 below before morning. The cold was aggravated by a high northwest wind.

In Lincoln dealers reported an ample supply of coal for immediate needs, but in some of the smaller towns of the state there is a shortage. Redcloud, Superior and Edgar reporting but little on hand. In some places it has been found necessary to hold only half-day sessions of the public schools in order to conserve the coal supply, and private homes have been permitted to purchase only a half ton.

County Treasurers to Meet in Omaha Feb. 25-27. State County Treasurers' association will hold its annual meeting in Omaha, February 25, 26 and 27. Frank G. Frame of Fullerton is secretary of the association.

Bishop Homer C. Stuntz. The campaign to uphold the morale of the soldiers in the camps and the large mass of people behind the lines will start at once and probably will be completed about July 1. Bishop Stuntz will start on a speaking tour of six weeks Sunday. He will visit and address every army camp in the United States and counsel and encourage workers in the Young Men's Christian association huts at the various camps. In connection with these meetings he will address gatherings.

THE OMAHA BEE LED IN AMUSEMENT DISPLAY ADVERTISING for 1917

And Also Showed By Far the Greatest Gains Here Are the Figures in Inches (Warfield Agency Measurements)

Table comparing Bee and World-Herald advertising gains in inches for 1917. Bee: 12,047 inches; World-Herald: 13,912 inches. Bee gains 2,696 inches; World-Herald loss: 457 inches; News gains: 1,439 inches.