

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

#### A 'BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

#### WAR NEWS.

Of nearly 500,000 wounded soldiers treated in French hospitals between September 15 and November 30, less than 2 1/2 per cent died.

M. Ribot, the French minister of finance, has informed the appropriations committee of the chamber of deputies that France will not lack resources to continue the war to a finish without faltering.

Reports have reached New York that trenches are being dug about London and extraordinary precautions taken throughout the English east coast region in anticipation of a further German raid or invasion.

Two German aeroplanes recently dropped bombs upon the outer fortifications at Dover. The forts fired on them, but they escaped and the aviators are said to have been awarded the Iron Cross by the kaiser.

The triple entente powers have given guarantees to Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece or Rumania should Greece lend aid to Serbia or should Rumania actively participate in the war.

The Portuguese chamber voted in favor of preparations to join England in the war against Germany. The vote was taken immediately after announcement of another attack upon the Portuguese province of Angola in Africa.

The British protectorate over Egypt has been declared in all the garrison towns by the firing of a salute of 101 guns and the raising of the British flag. Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed sultan of Egypt.

The German emperor, according to late advices by way of Copenhagen, has gone to the front in the western theater of the war, where the general attempt by the allies to force the Germans backward has been going on for several days.

Insanity and nervous prostration are claiming large numbers of the allies who have lain for weeks under German fire in the trenches about Ypres. The insanity wards in the big government hospitals in the south of England have many patients who suffered absolute nervous collapse and have been sent back to England for treatment.

#### GENERAL.

Arthur Hodges, 21 years old, was electrocuted in the Arkansas penitentiary at Little Rock. Hodges was the first white man to die in this manner in Arkansas.

Business and professional men—all of whom once were boys—sold papers on the Detroit streets December 21. Nearly \$2,200 was collected and the fund devoted to Christmas charity.

Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, became the real head of the entire sugar beet industry of Utah and adjoining states when at Salt Lake City he was elected president of the Amalgamated Sugar company.

In an impromptu duel over a woman, W. Murphy and C. Farias emptied pistols at each other on a Reno, Nev., street from a distance of fifteen feet. Murphy was hit four times and a fifth bullet slightly wounded a bystander nearly a block away. Farias was not hit and gave himself up.

A new type of projectile, which will scatter a white-hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack, and at the same time permeate the atmosphere with a deadly gas which would make it impossible for fire fighters to approach has been invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr., according to a statement made by the inventor at Gloucester, Mass.

There is apprehension over the fact that Mount Etna is showing activity. The disturbances are taking the form of strong rumblings and earthquake shocks which are felt as far away as Syracuse and Taormina.

A suit brought by the attorney general of Arkansas against the Arkansas Cotton Oil company to collect \$4,000,000 in penalties for alleged violation of the state anti-trust laws was decided adversely to the state by the Arkansas supreme court at Little Rock.

Three negroes are said to have been killed and four white men wounded at Fairplains, S. C. The trouble is said to have resulted from feeling aroused when a negro stabbed a white man.

Edward S. Copeman, inventor of life-saving apparatus, is dead at his home at Lowestoft, England. The best known of his inventions is a raft for saving life at sea. This was adopted throughout the British merchant service and earned him several medals and decorations.

The receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad were authorized by Judge Sanborn in the St. Louis district court, to borrow \$3,000,000 on receivers' certificates, paying 6 per cent interest.

It is stated by Chicago charity people that one-tenth of the population of that city receives public charity.

Three men and several hundred of cattle were drowned in floods caused by the heaviest rains in the history of the state of Arizona. One rancher alone lost a herd of 100.

Sufficient money to equip a third Red Cross unit for service in the European war was raised with a monster Red Cross jubilee performance in the Convention hall at Kansas City.

An explosion occurred in a coal mine at Fukuoka, Japan, as a result 800 laborers were imprisoned in the workings of the mine. Fukuoka is on the sea coast, sixty-five miles to the north of Nagasaki.

A plea for universal peace was made at Chicago by David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, who said in an address to the Southern club that the United States was the only world conscience left.

Christmas in the tent colonies of Southern Colorado was a cheerless day. The coal miners' great strike has been lost. The men are penniless. The United Mine Workers of America were without money to care for the little ones in the same manner as last year.

There will be no general reduction in wages by the United States Steel corporation at the present time, according to an announcement made by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, after a meeting of the corporation's finance committee in New York.

The Colorado Board of Stock Inspectors and commissioners have placed a quarantine against shipments of cattle and sheep from Monaca on account of foot and mouth disease. The order forbids the entrance of stock from Montana into the state, even in transit.

William V. Clevy, town clerk of Haverstraw and democratic leader in Rockland county, was acquitted by a jury in supreme court at New York city of the charge of murder in the first degree, on which he was tried for the killing of his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman.

Members of the prohibition party from Kansas, Iowa and Missouri will meet in Kansas city January 3, to launch a new campaign to last 120 days, in an effort to get the names of 5,000,000 voters on petitions for national prohibition before the question again comes up in congress.

The National Association of Vicksburg Veterans is distributing attractive advance literature of the national picnic jubilee, which will be held in the Vicksburg Military park October 12-16, 1915. Veterans of both sides are to meet on the famous battleground and talk it over while enjoying a feast.

In accordance with the plan of agreement of reorganization of the H. B. Claffin company, it was announced at New York the Mercantile Stores corporation has been organized under the laws of the state of New York. The corporation will exercise supervision over the business of twenty-three retail stores.

Thousands of residents and winter tourists at San Antonio stood in a cold, drizzling rain and made merry about a community Christmas tree forty-five feet high, revolved and lighted by electricity, while bands played and operatic singers sang. The municipal celebration took place in the plaza in front of the historic Alamo.

#### WASHINGTON.

A proposal to rescind the recent ratification of the London safety act convention was beaten in the senate.

Senator Pomerene has introduced a bill authorizing the governor of Ohio to give unserviceable clothing of the National guard to destitute striking miners.

President Wilson nominated Gabe E. Parker of Oklahoma to be superintendent of the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma. Parker, a Choctaw Indian, is now register of the treasury.

An amendment to the immigration bill to exempt from the proposed literacy test for the next five years, Belgians seeking a home in the United States was offered by Senator Williams.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill in congress to annual contract labor law provisions which might prevent Belgians taking up American farm lands or immigrating with the intention of becoming citizens.

The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislatures was defeated in the house, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

A 200 per cent increase in exports of foodstuffs from the United States, due principally to the European war, characterized the foreign trade of November, compared with that month a year ago.

The Lever warehouse bill was passed by the house, 218 to 97. It provides for federal licensing of cotton and grain warehouses, being a substitute for a senate bill which would apply only to cotton warehouses. The measure now goes to conference between the two houses.

The \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund plan to finance the surplus cotton crop was approved unanimously by representatives of committees which are to aid in handling the fund in the southern states.

## NOTE TO NEUTRALS

### KAISER DEMANDS NATIONS ADMIT BELGIUM CONTROL.

#### SUBJECT UP TO DIPLOMATS

Question One, It Is Said, Pan-American Union Will Decide.

Washington.—Germany has notified some of the neutral countries having consuls in Belgium territory now under German military authority that the exequaturs crediting the consuls to Belgium will not be recognized further, though provisional recognition will be granted to those whose countries so desire.

Representatives of South American republics have informed Secretary Bryan of the receipt of such notice from Germany, but state department officials say they know of no communication on this subject being received here. It is believed in diplomatic circles, however, that the notice is on its way to all powers whose consuls would be affected.

The attitude to be assumed by the American republics toward this action is expected to be considered by the Pan-American commission, composed of Secretary Bryan and eight other members of the governing board of the Pan-American union, recently named to study questions relating to European neutrality on this hemisphere.

Diplomats say the subject is one of exceeding delicacy and one in regard to which the American countries would desire to act in unity.

It has been known that all the members of the Pan-American commission already have been appraised of the German notification. A special commission of three members, it was said, might be selected to give preliminary study to the matter and report to the full commission.

In the meantime constant cable communication between the ambassadors and ministers here and their governments will be maintained, but the former will be guided largely by the opinions and desires of their respective governments.

**Japanese Diet Dissolved.**

Tokyo.—Owing to the rejection of the measure for an increase in the army, the emperor has dissolved the imperial Diet, thus upholding the program of the ministry for military development. When the decision was announced there was a great commotion in the house and cheers from the government side.

**Villa Near Vera Cruz.**

Vera Cruz.—Fighting has occurred between the adherents of General Carranza and those of General Villa in the outskirts of Vera Cruz.

The defeat of followers of Zapata near Apizaco, state of Tlaxcala, and the recovery of Tlaxcala, capital of the state of the same name, were officially announced here. The lines of fighting at Apizaco are said to have extended about seven miles. The casualties of the Zapata force are estimated to have been at least 600. The rest of the defeated soldiers fled to safety in the foothills of the Sierra Malinche.

**Object to Proposition.**

Naco, Ariz.—The proposition submitted by Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of the United States army staff, to remove the Mexican warfare in Sonora out of dangerous proximity to the American border, has met with several objections on the part of the contending Mexican leaders. Jose Maytorena and General Benjamin Hill. The objections relate only to details, however, and were referred to Washington officials. When a reply is received from Washington, General Scott will hold another conference with Maytorena and Hill.

**Relief Ships Sailed.**

New York.—Two ships filled with \$50,000 worth of food for Belgium, has sailed from here and Philadelphia. They carried one half million bushels of foodstuffs.

**More Mexican Executions.**

El Paso, Tex.—Stories of executions in the patio of the penitentiary or by mysterious shootings in the streets were brought here by arrivals from Mexico City. These Mexicans, who declined to be quoted, told of rumors current in Mexico City that participants of Francisco Villa and Emiliano Zapata feared a break between the leaders. These same reports credited many of the reported executions to Colonel Rodolfo Fierro, a member of Villa's staff.

**Protest Saves Millions.**

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

### HOLD DOWN BANKS

#### ROYSE WOULD GIVE BOARD POWER TO REFUSE CHARTERS

On Operation of Guaranty Law.— Says One Failure Since Effective.

Lincoln.—That the state banking board should have power to prevent duplication of state banks in towns where the business appears to be insufficient for more than existing banks is to be the recommendation of Secretary Royse of the state banking board to the coming legislative session. The official believes that no business good follows the mere or less indiscriminate granting of charters to several institutions in a field where few banks could take care of the business.

To the requests of South Dakota bankers and law makers on the operation of the guaranty law, Secretary Royse has responded by showing that Nebraska has had but one failure since the law went into effect and by showing also that twenty national institutions within the past year or more have changed from national to state banks.

In comparison with Nebraska banks it is shown that fifteen state banks have closed in South Dakota during the last ten years and depositors have not been nearly as fortunate in recovering the amount of their deposits. The records show that the capital stock of these banks totaled \$179,075; surplus and profits, \$29,254.97; total resources, \$1,698,648, and liabilities, \$1,458,372.

**Plan High School Tourney.**

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Members of the coming session of the legislature are to be the honor guests at a vaudeville performance and prison show given by inmates of the state penitentiary, according to the promise of Warden Fenton. The date of the affair will be fixed to suit the lawmakers. The members of the troupe are already preparing for the event. A number of their jokes they will try out on the Christmas eve audience, while the most fetching ones will be saved for the solons.

**Prohibition Act Repealed.**

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## FOR OLD-FASHIONED CAKE

### Recipe That Has Not Been Improved Since Our Grandmothers Used to Make It.

Fruit for this should be prepared in advance as follows: Six cupfuls of currants, washed, dried and picked. Three cupfuls sultana raisins, three, cupfuls of citron cut in fine strips, one-half cupful candied lemon peel, two cupfuls of almonds blanched and cut in shreds. In a warm bowl mix four cupfuls of butter and four cupfuls of sugar, granulated or confectioner's, beat these together until very light. Break ten eggs into another bowl, do not beat them.

Cover a waiter with a big sheet of paper; sift four pints of flour over this, add the fruit and the following spices: two teaspoonfuls each of nutmeg, mace and cinnamon, one tablespoonful each of cloves and allspice. Mix these together and stand aside ready for use. Have ready in a little pitcher one-half pint best brandy. Select a deep cake tin and grease with butter, line it inside with white paper and on the outside and bottom with four or five thicknesses of very thick wrapping paper which you must tie on. Have your oven hot and the fire banked so it will not burn out quickly. Now beat the butter and sugar one more, add the eggs two at a time, beating the mixture after each addition. When the eggs are all used, turn in the flour and fruit with brandy, mix thoroughly, pour into the prepared cake tin, cover with several thicknesses of brown paper, and bake eight hours, keeping the oven steady and clear.

Remove from the oven and allow it to stand on tin sheet until quite cold. Ice with a thin coat of white icing top and sides and stand in a cool oven to dry, then give it a second coat of thick icing and ornament according to fancy. An icing made of white egg, a few drops of cold water and confectioner's sugar is the best for the thick icing.

## BEFORE THE HEAVY COURSE

### Some Delicious Appetizers That Are Not at All Hard to Acquire or Prepare.

The hors d'oeuvre is not much used by private families in America, but is admirably set off a modest meal. For oysters or clams, cooked or raw, two hours before serving chop two or three shallots very fine and put them in a sauce-dish with salt, pepper, vinegar and oil. Pass this around with the shellfish, supplying small plates for holding the sauce. Another excellent hors d'oeuvre can be made of one green pepper, several slices of Bermuda onion, and one firm, fresh tomato. Peel the tomato and denude the pepper of seeds. Then cut the last in fine shreds, putting these on top of a slice of onion laid in turn on a slice of tomato. But do this individual arrangement for the vegetables have marinated in a dressing of olive oil, lemon juice or vinegar and salt and pepper. Anchovies, preserved, in oil, are famous appetizers, and they are served as they come on a little dish with hard-boiled eggs chopped fine, capers and minced parsley.

## A Chef Suggests:

That small pieces of chicken with the merest bit of its own liver pounded up with some cream and a little coriander make a delicious sauce to spread on thin slices of brown bread.

Before attempting to seed raisins cover them with hot water and let them stand 15 minutes; then the seeds can be removed easily without any waste.

Let left-over cooked potatoes should not be piled together, as they will sour quickly; spread them out on a large dish.

That a teaspoonful of carry powder added to the cream sauce in which macaroni is baked greatly improves the flavor.

## Meat Fritters.

Cut cold tender cooked meat in fingers or slices and dip into batter or chop and stir into the batter seasoned with salt, pepper and herbs of chopped onion as desired.

**Plain Fritter Batter.**—This batter is used for all fritters as fruit, meat, clams, etc. One cupful flour, one-half teaspoonful baking powder, one-fourth teaspoonful salt, two eggs, one cupful milk. Sift dry ingredients together, add beaten eggs and milk and beat until smooth.

## Save Worn Table Cloths.

Probably you are convinced that you are practicing all the economies known to the up-to-date housekeeper, but have you ever turned inward the outer edges of a half-worn tablecloth? It is done exactly as a wide sheet is rejuvenated, and if a very fine seam is carefully felted down on the wrong side of the damask, the joining will never show.

## Golden Cream Cake.

One cupful sugar, three-quarters cupful butter creamed together, one-half cupful sweet milk and the beaten whites of three eggs, one and one-half cupfuls flour, one and one-half level teaspoonfuls baking powder. Bake in layers.

**For Filling.**—Yolks of three eggs, one cupful sugar and two tablespoonfuls thick cream beaten together until very light. Flavor with vanilla. These are very good.

## The Turkey Toothsome.

If the turkey is roasted with a larding of thin fat pork over his plump bosom his flavor will be improved tenfold.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish you "many happy returns"—but happiness is really only a reflection of health. It depends largely on the digestion. If you are poorly as a result of a weak stomach, inactive liver or clogged bowels we urge a trial of

## HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

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## NEW IN CONFIDENCE GAMES

Mining Promoter Working in New York is Very Evidently a Man of Ideas.

Edgar Lewis, moving picture director, told a story to his guests in a cafe of a confidence man with new ideas. He called the swindler Nat Pierce in telling the story. Mr. Lewis said that he was sitting near a group of rich Westerners in the Waldorf when he heard a page calling "Nat Pierce, please." The Westerners became interested. One of them said: "That is the name of the clever promoter we met today. Let's see who is calling on him."

They stopped the page and took the card. It was that of Senator Elibu Root. "Ha, ha!" they said, "he must be all right. Here is Senator Root's card." Soon another page came through "Peacock alley" calling "Nat Pierce, please!"

The Westerners stopped him and looked at the card. It was that of M. J. Jusserand, the French ambassador. "This is enough!" they chorused, and went out to look for Nat Pierce and his glittering opportunity. They found him carelessly shuffling a collection of cards ranging from Governor-elect Whitman's to that of President Pinckney of the republic of France.—New York Sun.

## Not Quite the Same.

A youth was employed in a business house a few years ago where the assistants had their meals supplied by their employer, who deducted a certain amount each week from their wages to defray the cost of the food. The assistants were not satisfied with their meals, and one day the housekeeper, highly incensed at the remarks passed by the youth and his fellow-sufferers concerning the scarcity of food on the dinner table, reported the matter to the principal, with the result that the young fellow was invited the next day to a free lecture by his employer, who began: "I hear that you were one of those who complained about what was provided for dinner yesterday?" "Oh, no, sir!" came the unexpected reply. "You heard wrongly. What I complained about was what was not provided."

## He Knew Two.

Miss Paul was one of the teachers at the mission Sunday school. One Sunday the subject of the lesson was "The Second Commandment," and Miss Paul began by asking little Adelbert Dugan the question: "Now, Adelbert, have we any idols in this country?" For a moment the boy hesitated, and then replied: "Yes, ma'am. Me dad's idol, and me uncle, too."

When a woman builds an air castle she always uses a man's heart as the foundation.

Smile, smile, beautiful clear white clothes. Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore best. All grocers. Adv.