

RAINS IN THE EAST

PREVENTS OPERATIONS ON BATTLE FRONT

MORE FOOD FOR BELGIANS

Steamer Laden with Food Leaves Port of New York.—Belief That

1915 Will See End of War.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—The extremely rainy winter weather, the worst Europe has experienced in years, causing floods in the river valleys of the continent as well as those of England, has prevented any operations on a large scale on the western battle front, and has seriously interfered with those in the east. There have been heavy artillery engagements from the sea to the Swiss border, and occasional attacks by the infantry of the opposing armies, which when not repulsed, have added a few yards to the territory in the possession of the attacking force, but have in ways proved costly ventures.

Forecasts End of War.

Paris.—The belief that the year now beginning will see the ending of the war was expressed by President Poincaré in an address to members of the diplomatic corps who went to the palace of the Elysee to present new year's congratulations to the president.

"I do not doubt that the coming year at this traditional reception, we shall celebrate together the establishment of a beneficial peace, which solidly based on rectitude and respect for international treaties, will give necessary security to the nations," said the president.

MORE FOOD FOR BELGIANS.

Steamer Leaves New York Carrying 3,500 Tons.

New York.—The steamship Massapequa was dispatched from this port to Rotterdam Friday by the Rockefeller foundation with 3,500 tons of food and clothing for the Belgian war sufferers. The foundation has now spent more than \$1,000,000 on ships and cargoes for Belgian relief. It is stated. This is the second voyage of the Massapequa, which was the first of the Belgian relief ships to leave this country. On the present trip the steamer carries a cargo made up of donations received from all over the United States in response to the joint appeal of the foundation and the Belgian relief committee.

Turks Cross Russian Frontier.

Petrograd.—Ottoman troops are showing renewed activity in the Caucasus, the Turks having crossed the Russian frontier at three points. On December 21 two Turkish columns were directed toward Ardagan, 100 miles east of the frontier. One force went through Ardagan and the other further to the south. A third column crossed the frontier at Zivin, on the main road between Erzerum and Kara, and took a village on the upper Sarikamyah.

Nebraska Guaranty Fund.

Lincoln, Neb.—Nebraska's state bank guaranty fund will repose at virtually the \$950,000 mark at the commencement of the new year. The exact total is less than \$800 below that amount. A summary of the condition of the fund has given out by the state banking board which states that a total of 756 banks contribute to the present fund. The total average deposits of this huge array of state banks was \$33,186,124 December 1.

Boston.—An appeal to the four million members of Christian endeavor societies in forty nations to work and pray for peace has been issued by the president of the World's Christian Endeavor union. It has been announced.

"I appeal," he writes, "to the endeavors of the world in this crisis of the world's history to work and pray, not only for peace, but for the Christian fellowship on which alone a lasting peace can be built."

Washington.—Secretary Redfield told President Wilson and the cabinet that exports from the United States during December until December 25 exceeded the imports by \$88,000,000.

Biggest Crop for Many Years.

Lincoln, Neb.—With the biggest crops of corn and wheat produced in Nebraska for many years on their hands, the Nebraska railroads have little but good fortune with which to open the new year. It is not to be denied that the war and its accompanying financial disturbances have shaken securities and have caused the Nebraska roads to stop all work of improvement and advancement. It is nevertheless true that the fertile Nebraska fields have brought about great increase in freight revenue.

Turned Back the Clocks.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The year 1915 didn't reach Phoenix until daylight, and reports from practically every other city and town in the state indicated that the celebration of the new year's coming was similarly retarded. At sun-down clocks all over the state were set back six hours, to prolong that much life of the old year. The occasion for this extraordinary celebration was the fact that the newly adopted prohibition law has gone into effect and that the old year and the right to sell liquor went out hand in hand.

WITH THE LAWMAKERS

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN HALLS OF CONGRESS.

Epitome of the Work of the Daily Sessions of the National Lawmakers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service, Saturday.

The Senate—Former President Taft opposed the Philippine independence bill before a committee.

Passed immigration bill, including the literacy test, by a vote of 50 to 7. Senator Gallinger introduced resolution to repeal Underwood-Simmons tariff law and replace it with Payne-Aldrich law. Also introduced bill to create a tariff board.

The House—The Indian appropriation bill was debated.

Representative Gardner introduced a bill to add 12,000 to the coast artillery.

Representative Moss of Indiana spoke in favor of rural credits legislation.

Thursday.

The Senate—The long delayed sea men's bill was ordered to conference to compose differences with the house. The immigration bill was taken up for amendment and with prospect of final vote.

Dean C. Worcester, former Philippine commissioner, opposed the bill for independence before the Philippine committee.

The lands committee continued work on the water power site leasing bill.

Voted down motion to strike literacy test from the immigration bill, and added amendments to bar persons of African race and strengthen provision against polygamy.

The House—After an hour's filibuster to get a quorum the postal appropriation bill was taken up.

Foreign affairs committee continued hearings on resolutions to prohibit exports of war materials, and Representative Towner introduced another resolution for that purpose.

Passed postoffice appropriation bill, carrying \$321,000,000.

Began consideration of Indian appropriation bill.

Wednesday.

The Senate—Met at 11 a. m. Debate was resumed on immigration bill.

The commerce committee continued work on the rivers and harbors bill.

Senator Shafroth assailed the water power site leasing bill before the lands committee.

The House—Met at noon. Representative Vollmer urged the foreign affairs committee to act favorably on his resolution to clothe the president with discretion to embargo shipments of war munitions to Europe.

The agricultural appropriation bill carrying practically all the department's estimates and totalling \$25,000,000, was favorably reported from committee.

Tuesday.

The Senate—Senator Walsh asked for reports on seizures of American copper shipments in the trans-Atlantic trade.

The House—Debate was resumed on postoffice appropriation bill.

Army appropriation bill carrying \$101,000,000 was reported favorably from committee.

Representative Hobson of Alabama reintroduced his joint resolution for a national prohibition constitutional amendment.

Kettner bill to create additional land district in California, comprising Imperial county, favorably reported by public lands committee.

Tentative agreement reached by house leaders to vote on proposed woman suffrage constitutional amendment.

Naval sub-committee called to meet Thursday to complete preliminary draft of the naval appropriation bill.

Dietz Life Term Commuted.

Madison, Wis.—The life term of John F. Dietz, the outlaw of Cameron lam, convicted in 1911 of murdering Oscar Horn, a deputy sheriff of Sawyer county, has been commuted to twenty years by Governor McGovern. Under the parole law Dietz may now be released in four years. Petitions have been coming from every state asking for his pardon.

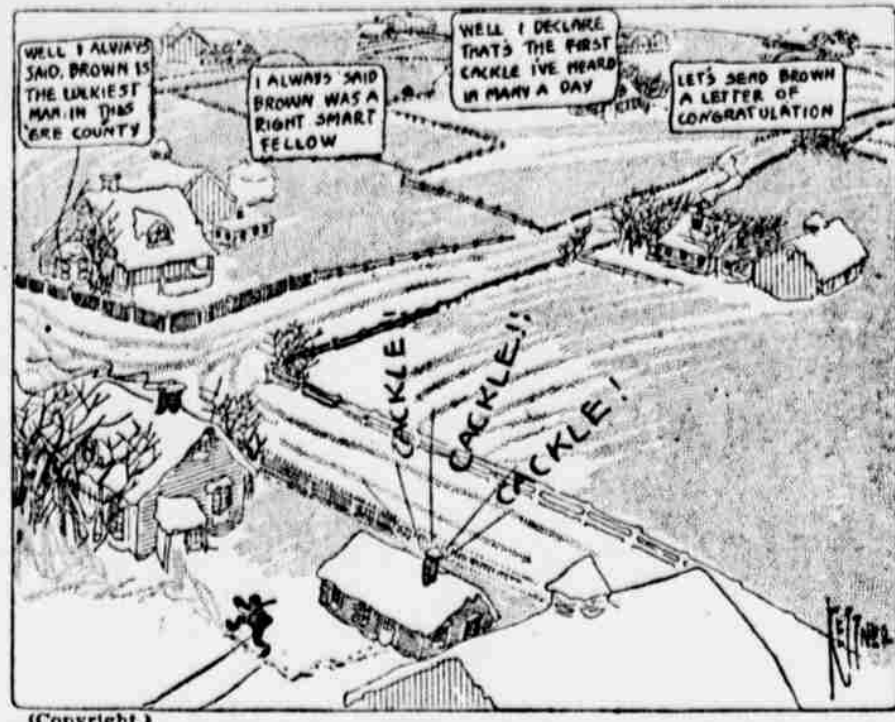
Cost Towns Panic Stricken.

West Hartlepool, England.—English coast towns are panic stricken since the German raid on Scarborough, Whitby and the Hartlepoons. Confidence in the power of the British navy to keep German ships from England has weakened, and there is constant dread of the reappearance of German ships. If not the landing of German troops, proclamations have been made that civilians must stay indoors should the bombardment recur and yield to the orders of constables.

For Belgian Relief.

Lincoln.—In response to a call from Governor Morehead, representatives from twenty-eight cities and villages in Nebraska met Tuesday afternoon at his office and formed a state organization to act as a clearing house for county and local organizations obtaining provisions and supplies for starving Belgians. An address to the people of the state will soon be issued by the organization so that every one may understand the plan of action.

WHEN A HEN CACKLES NOWADAYS



1914 WAS BANNER YEAR FOR PRODUCTION OF FARM WEALTH.

Warning to Tourists from State Department—Lay Brunt of the Blame on Women.

WOULD ELECT POSTMASTERS

Proposed Amendment to Pending Post-office Bill—Total Abstinence Only Sure Means of Prohibition.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—The destruction of the British battleship Formidable in the English channel Friday by a mine or a submarine boat, although one of those events Englishmen now realize must be expected so long as the British navy is compelled to keep the seas, has caused widespread grief.

This is due not so much to the loss of the ship, which was fifteen years old and cost about \$5,000,000, as it is for the men—600 in number—who are believed to have gone down with her. Thus far only 150 men of the Formidable's crew of 750 are known to have been rescued. A light cruiser picked up eighty and a Tor day trawler seventy. Among the rescued are eight officers and six midshipmen.

Lay the Blame on Women.

Philadelphia.—American women should help to provide steady employment for thousands of workers by being less capricious in demanding ever-changing styles. Employers should be made responsible for their employees, both in slack and busy seasons, by legislation compelling them to pay a living wage throughout the year. The labor market should be organized and directed by a national employment bureau with branches in every important city, and labor unions should discontinue the practice of drawing sharp lines between the trades. These were some of the suggestions offered to insure steady employment to willing workers by speakers at Tuesday's sessions of the national conference on the unemployed.

PASSPORTS ARE NECESSARY.

Another Warning from State Department to Carry Them.

Washington.—Another warning has been given by the state department to Americans contemplating traveling abroad that they must provide themselves with proper passports. Germany, the department said, had given notice that after January 1, no persons would be allowed to enter the country without passports bearing their photographs and vided by German diplomatic or consular officials. Numerous complaints were said to have come from England, France and Italy as a result of Americans attempting to enter those countries without passports.

Cholera Carries Off Many Hogs.

Hastings, Neb.—Ninety per cent of all the hogs in Adams county have been victims of the cholera epidemic, according to Ira Doty, live stock auctioneer, who estimated that ravages of the disease had killed about 50 per cent of all the hogs infected. M. B. North, a Hastings buyer, said no more hogs would be shipped for many months as the result of the scourge. Hastings butchers are shipping in hogs for local consumption.

Counterfeit Plant in Penitentiary.

Jefferson City, Mo.—For the second time in three years a complete counterfeit plant was discovered in the Missouri state penitentiary. William Blandon, serving a five-year term for forgery, occupied a cell in which were found molds and dies for making spurious half dollars, all other accessories for the process and thirty pieces of the finished product. The complaint of a convict who had received one of the counterfeit half dollars Christmas day led to the discovery.

Lincoln, Neb.—Pete Wilhelm, a German-Russian, was stabbed three times in the left side as the result of a drunken brawl in his home here late Saturday night. The wounds may prove fatal. Jacob Hohnstein, a friend, was also stabbed just below the heart. The party broke up at once.

Chicago, Ill.—Sixteen million animals for human consumption were sold for \$400,134,000 spot cash at the stock yards here during the last year, according to figures made public at the Union stock yards.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The Rock Island station at Virginia was destroyed by fire from a defective flue.

Burwell's new \$20,000 high school building is completed and ready for occupancy.

J. S. Hedge of Hastings lost a finger from blood poisoning caused from a pin scratch.

Price records for wheat at Hastings were broken Saturday when prices reached \$1.08.

The Lincoln telephone company will have to pay \$500 or more each month as a federal war tax.

Bonded abstractors of the state will hold their annual convention at Lincoln, February 9 and 10.

Nebraska Sheriffs' association held their annual session at Grand Island Wednesday and Thursday.

Damages amounting to \$50,000 was caused by a fire that started in the opera house at Central City.

Over 200 lawyers attended the meetings of the state bar association at its session at Lincoln last week.

The grape industry is expanding rapidly in Nebraska and the investment is becoming larger each year.

The German brotherhood, at its final session at Lincoln last week, decided to hold its 1915 meeting at McCook.

Fire destroyed the Duff garage at Nebraska City, together with all its contents, including ten automobiles.

The Hebron State bank, with a capitalization of \$30,000, has received a charter from the state banking board.

While coasting, the 4-year-old son of W. C. Coble of Hyannis ran into a fire hydrant, splitting open his forehead.

Thomas McGowan, a farmer near Hastings, is celebrating the advent of the second pair of twins into his family.

Otto Van Hook near Odell had his left hand so badly mangled by a gasoline engine that amputation was necessary.

The Tecumseh Christian church has extended a call to the pastorate to Rev. C. C. Atwood of Phillipsburg, Kas.

The Richardson county poultry show proved so successful that efforts are on foot to make it an annual affair.

With a population of over 5,000, Alliance has made application to the governor to be declared a city of the first class.

A severed finger found in an alley at Lincoln has given the police a puzzle that is being investigated by local sleuths.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reese of Columbus became the parents of their nineteenth child recently. Of the nineteen, ten are living.

According to figures compiled by the Nebraska state board of agriculture, the sugar beet acreage amounted to 28,118 acres in 1914.

Permission of the state military board will be given the Fourth regiment band of Omaha to make a concert tour over the state.

James Moss, a carpenter at Falls City, was found dead in bed by friends who called to see him at the house in which he lived by himself.

The farmers' union at Scribner has taken over the allied interests of the Diels mills at that place and will run them on the co-operative plan.

The cornstalk disease is causing farmers considerable anxiety and many will build silos in an effort to eliminate the danger to stock.

Henry Heideck, constable and specially deputized marshal at Jansen, was probably fatally wounded when he attempted to stop a family quarrel.

The number of dogs in the state is placed at 96,195. In a number of localities dog fanciers are devoting their attention to the breeding of dogs.

The National Commission company, for years one of the best known firms at the South Omaha stock yards, will withdraw from business January 1.

Falls City was threatened with a water famine when a plug blew out of a main and allowed the water to escape before the trouble could be remedied.

Teresa Moran of Kearney, twenty-two years old, was fatally burned when she attempted to start a fire with gasoline, thinking it was kerosene.

Two hundred and fifty Pullman tickets, from Kansas City to Lincoln, were found in a box car at Lincoln by a Rock Island special agent and turned over to Sheriff Hyers.

A Burlington train hit an auto containing the family of Ben Wythers at a grade crossing near York, demolishing the machine, but fortunately only slightly injuring the occupants.

Pete Wilhelm was probably fatally stabbed and Jake Hohnstein was stabbed three times, but not seriously wounded, at a dance at Wilhelm's home at Lincoln, Saturday night.

One of the largest amounts ever asked for personal injuries in the district court at Omaha is \$250,000, named in a petition filed by Mrs. Gladys E. Short against the Clarkson Memorial hospital of that place.

R. J. Thomas was fatally wounded when a gun was accidentally discharged when it fell to the floor in his room on the farm of his brother near Cook.

A fire on the main street of Plattsmouth destroyed several business houses and burned to death Mrs. J. F. Stull, an aged lady, who occupied rooms over one of the stores.

Walter S. Dickinson, a vaudeville artist and a Nebraska boy, was killed at Kansas City when an awning under which he was standing gave way and he was crushed beneath the heavy timbers.

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Put to the Test. His Daughter's Beau—Yes, I'm a Socialist. I believe that those who get the benefit from the labor should be made to perform the labor. The Old Man—Fine! You might begin by setting up the parlor stove for the winter.—Town Topics.

ENDS DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, GAS

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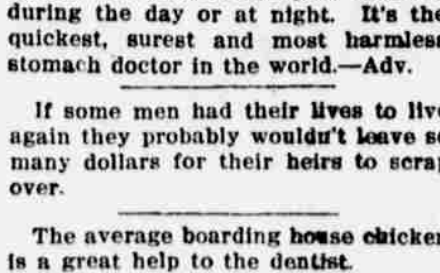
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