



**News Snapshots
Of the Week**

The most momentous event since the beginning of the war will be credited in history to the past week—peace proposals by the central powers; Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's suggestions put it directly up to Premier Lloyd George to announce his attitude toward the war as his first official act since he reorganized the British cabinet; French affairs also underwent a change; General Nivelle succeeded General Joffre, though General Petain's name was considered at first; as in England, five men now form a supreme war council, with Premier Briand at its head. In the war area Roumanians lost more ground, while in Greece the allies were said to threaten King Constantine with dethronement, backing Venizelos as president. The Washington government started investigations into high cost of living; eggs continued to be boycotted. Congressman Webb fathers a bill permitting combinations of exporters after the war to capture foreign trade.

SOUTH SIDE.

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Mrs. Julia Reed and her two small sons of 2505 P street, who have been sick with colds and lagrippe, are getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shelby of 2719 R. street are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy, born to them Friday, December 15. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mitchell of 6619 North Twenty-seventh street gave a very pleasant birthday party for her sister, Myrtle Fisher, December 16, at their home. The evening was spent in music and games. Covers were laid for twelve. Those present were Misses Leona Gray, Josephine Davis, Coreasia Broomfield, Costromia Jones, Lena Dixon, Myrtle Fisher, Messrs. Langston Cartwell, Virgil Davis, Kenneth Dudley, Gilbert Long, John Thornton, George Overton and Jas. Orvin.

Mrs. Roxy Williams, who was confined to her bed last week with lagrippe, is able to be out again.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Grubbs, who died December 16, was held at the Allen chapel A. M. E. church Tuesday, December 19. Mrs. Grubbs' home was in Chicago. She was brought to Omaha some months ago by her daughter, who lives here so that she would be more able to care for her. She leaves one daughter and four cousins to mourn her demise. Rev. J. H. Nichols officiated. Jones & Chiles had charge of the funeral.

Mr. Benj. Gray of 4222 South 24th street, who has been quite sick for about a week, suffered a slight relapse after attending a funeral on last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Nichols, wife of the Rev. J. H. Nichols, is sick with an attack of lagrippe.

Mr. W. Patterson of Kansas City who came to Omaha quite sick some time ago, is very much improved and is planning to leave for home next week.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson, who was called to Kearney, Iowa, a fortnight ago on account of the serious illness of her father, brought him home with her last week. He is slightly improved.

**KING SAM LURED MANY
TO AFRICAN COAST**
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made; disease claimed a huge toll, others were swept overboard during storms. It was a miracle that the vessel did not founder under her inexperienced crew.

She reached Africa, and here Sam sought his kingdom. The land was not forthcoming. The Liberia was anchored while the empire seekers sought work. Sam drifted to a west coast village and soon put such a spell on the natives that they elected him chief.

Towed All the Way Back.

When the war multiplied the value of freighters those to whom Sam owed huge sums thought they could get some of it back by bringing the Liberia home. It was hard to find any vessel which would consent to tow her. Finally the C. W. Morse, a wooden tug, went after her, but was never heard from after she left this port.

Then on September 17 last the Zealandia of the Universal Transportation company left her under Captain A. W. Barlow. At Barbados her crew sickened of the work and quit. Another crew was shipped and on October 18 she reached the Liberia, then anchored off Animahoe. Some of the barnacles on the old ship's sides were scraped off by native divers; such repairs as could be made were made. An 800 foot 8 inch hawser was made fast and the journey home began. Luckily the weather remained fair, otherwise it is doubtful if the vessel could have remained afloat.

The saloon of the Liberia is filled with reminders of Sam. There is the piano, from which camp meeting hymns and ragtime were thumped so much that it gives forth no sound. The linoleum on the floor is worn through in a huge circle where the dances were held.

Over a door in the rear is a sign "Holy"; King Sam used to meditate in the room behind it. There are scraps of hymnals scattered around, some of them inscribed with the name of colonists. "Cotha Boverly, give to my daughter S. B.," "Mr. Fonia Staples, Paden, Okla., African Gold Coast, the Negro's Home," are two of the inscriptions. In the pianist's hymnal are written the names of half a dozen girls. In the store rooms are barrels of rotten corn beef, musty hams, mildewed potatoes.—New York Sun, Dec. 5, 1916.

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