

MEXICANS KILL 76 AMERICANS IN THREE YEARS

Lansing Furnishes Senate Information Concerning Affairs in the Revolution-Torn Republic. COMPARATIVE FIGURES GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—All of the State department's data on the Mexican situation, asked for by Senator Fall, was transmitted to the senate today by President Wilson.

In a letter from Secretary Lansing, accompanying the report, it is said that seventy-six American citizens were killed in Mexico in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915, as against forty-seven in the three years preceding it.

SWEDEN ASKS AID OF WASHINGTON IN NEUTRALS' FIGHT

Stockholm Sends Another Note Seeking Co-operation of U. S. with Noncombatants Against British Aggression.

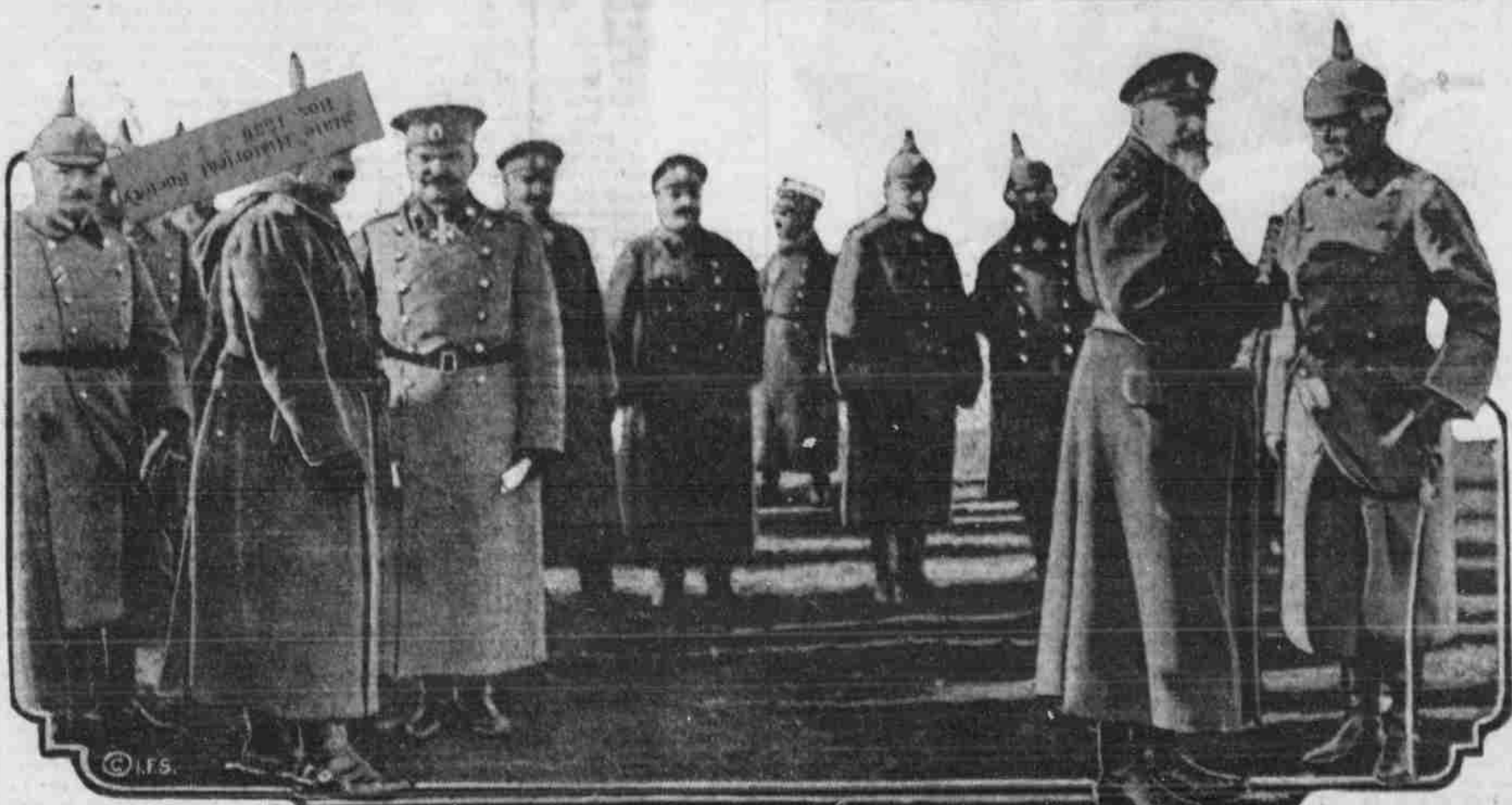
LANSING WILL NOT ACT YET Says He Won't Answer Communication Till Lusitania Case is Settled.

COMPLAINT OF MAIL HELD UP

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the State department, through Minister Ekengrim, appealing to the United States for co-operation with the Swedish government and other neutral nations to maintain the preservation of rules of international law concerning the protection of neutral commerce and navigation.

Secretary Lansing informed the minister, it was learned today, that he could not answer the note until the controversy with Germany over the Lusitania case was settled. This latest communication, addressed to Secretary Lansing and signed by Mr. Ekengrim, was presented recently after such a proposal had been advanced and discussed from time to time, but until today the fact did not become known.

FIRST PHOTO OF THE KAISER'S VISIT TO BULGARIA—The first photograph of the German kaiser on his recent visit to Bulgaria. He is seen at the left, speaking with one of his general staff. At the right is Cesar Ferdinand and von Mackensen, the conqueror of Serbian territory.



ONE KILLED WHEN CAR STRIKES AUTO

James Murray Killed Instantly When Auto Truck is Struck on Council Bluffs Bridge.

TRUCK KNOCKED OFF BRIDGE

James Murray, aged 35 years, was instantly killed yesterday morning, when a three-ton truck, which he was driving east on the Douglas street bridge, was struck by a west-bound street car, hurled through the bridge railing to Seventh street, forty feet below.

Deliver Trucks into Trucks.

Just at this instant the truck driver swerved in his course to turn out for a cinder wagon that was approaching.

When the wreckage was reached by officers and a throng of people, Murray was found dead, with his head all but torn from his body.

Car Line Halted.

All cars on the Omaha-Council Bluffs line were tied up for some time, until the damaged street car could be hauled to the barn and a broken trolley repaired.

PIONEER OF OMAHA, WAR VETERAN, DIES

Charles E. Burmeister Passes Away After Living More Than Half Century in City.

OF FIRST NEBRASKA REGIMENT

Charles E. Burmeister, a resident of Omaha for over half a century and a member of the First Nebraska regiment throughout the civil war, died yesterday afternoon in a private sanitarium at the age of 71 years.

Former Postal Official.

For many years he was superintendent of the money order division of the Omaha postoffice, in which position he was an efficient and satisfactory executive until he suffered a severe stroke of apoplexy about five years ago, from which he never recovered.

During his long residence in the city, he was a prominent figure in the affairs of the Douglas County association of Nebraska Pioneers, and also of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Charles E. Burmeister, Jr., and Mrs. H. W. Neal of Chicago, and also a brother, Adolf Burmeister of Benson.

HOWARD FOR SECOND PLACE UPON TICKET

Bryan Men Busily Engaged Getting List of Candidates Out Into Open.

ANXIOUS OVER SENATORSHIP

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Several petitions were received in Lincoln today to place the name of Edgar Howard of Columbus in the race for the democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

The same persons circulating the delegate-at-large petitions are carrying another for Mayor James Dahlman of Omaha for national committeeman, and in the first district the circulator adds to his list a petition for F. D. Eager of Lincoln and J. F. Langhorst of Elmwood for congressional delegates.

In the Third district the circulator of the petitions carries them for Dr. Frank Morrow of Columbus and W. H. Green of Creighton.

In the Fourth district delegates are C. E. Bowly of Friend and C. M. Skiles of David City.

In the Fifth district the chosen one is Peter Shea of Orleans and Frank Swanson of Clay Center, in the Sixth J. Taylor of St. Paul and Frank Brown of Kearney.

The same information gives it out that petitions are already in circulation for J. J. Dunn of Omaha for the democratic nomination for the United States senate.

It is said that while there is still hope Governor Morehead may see the light and get into the race, in order to be sure there will be an opponent to Senator Hitchcock, the petitions for Dunn will be circulated so that in case the governor does not enter, the name of Dunn may be filed before it is too late to get in.

Petitions are still being circulated for Governor Morehead to get into the senatorial fight and the opponents of Hitchcock believe him to be the one strong man who can not only defeat the present senator, but can be elected, are preparing to bring influence upon the governor which he cannot afford to refuse.

It is understood that there will be sufficient candidates filed so that they can be switched around to meet the emergency which may arise when the time comes so that there will be a ticket loaded onto the democratic water wagon which will carry the program to a successful end.

Dr. P. L. Hall will be a candidate for office, but not for governor, having filed today for re-nomination for regent of the state university.

Senator Hitchcock set all doubts at rest as to whether he wanted the senatorial job again and sent in his filing to the secretary of state.

William Gruber of Hebron, would like to be a state senator and file on the democratic ticket from the Fifteenth.

HUNDRED THOUSAND TURKS CAPTURED

Eight Hundred Cannon and Two Hundred Guns Fall Into Russian Hands at Erzerum.

VICTORY CAUSES REJOICING

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17.—(Via London.)—The Official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at Erzerum, capture of which was announced yesterday, as 100,000 men. It is also estimated that more than 1,000 guns were captured.

Public rejoicing over the capture of Erzerum is reflected in the newspaper comment on the fall of the fortress. The Novos Vremya considers the capture to have enormous importance, as it points out that Erzerum is a center of road and railway routes and has immense deposits for ammunition and supplies.

The Retch says that the taking of Erzerum menaces all Asia Minor and even Constantinople.

The Bourne Gazette believes that the capture will have an effect upon Athens and Bucharest, as well as upon Persia and Afghanistan.

Victory Causes Rejoicing.

PARIS, Feb. 17.—The capture of the great Turkish stronghold of Erzerum by the Russians is declared by the French newspapers this morning as the best item of news for the allies in many months.

The military experts dwell upon the importance of the capture, declaring that it gives the Russians the key to Asia.

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Says Unification Would Double the Power of Churches

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17.—Unification of churches would double their strength and in no way interfere with their work, asserted Rev. Thomas Nicholson of New York, secretary of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, in an address today before the Methodist conference at Evanston, Ill., on church unity.

Mr. Nicholson strongly urged the union of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church south.

Henry M. Snyder, president of Wolfson college, Spartanburg, S. C., outlined the connection of negroes with the Methodist church.

"According to the rules of the Methodist Episcopal church a negro is eligible to all offices, including that of bishop," he said. "That is one thing to say and another to do, however. No negro ever has held an office in a white congregation."

Hoke Smith Wants Army of Quarter of a Million Men

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—A plan for a regular army of 300,000 enlisted men, to be trained equally for war and peace, was introduced today by Senator Hoke Smith. Two years with the colors and four years in the reserve are proposed, which, according to Senator Smith, would provide a reserve army of 300,000 men after it had been in operation five years.

Training during the two years with the colors would include ninety-six hours a month scholastic or vocational training. Postmasters would act as recruiting officers and reservists would report to them once a year.

Austrian Notice is Received by U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Austrian notice of intention to treat armed belligerent merchant ships as subjects to attack without warning, was received today by the State department from Ambassador Penfield in Vienna. It is dated February 16, and is in line with the German declaration on the same subject already published.

LANSING ACCEPTS LUSITANIA NOTE WITH A PROVISO

Germany is Asked for Assurance that It Will Not Sink Liners that Carry Defensive Armament.

STANDS BY LAW OF THE SEA

Kaiser's Position Well Founded, but U. S. Insists Rules Cannot Be Changed Now.

SETTLEMENT IS PROBABLE SOON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Secretary Lansing said today that the United States would accept nothing short of a full and complete agreement in the submarine controversy with Germany covering the points for which it has contended as to the past and assurances for the future. Secretary Lansing said the United States considered the announcement of the new submarine campaign inconsistent with assurances previously given and that the United States considered a merchant ship with defensive armament and one without guns all in the same class.

Assurances were wanted, he said, to extend immunity from "liners" to all merchant ships.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Secretary Lansing today accepted the Lusitania agreement as satisfactory to the United States insofar as it relates to that case, but asked Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, for assurances that Germany will not carry out its policy of sinking merchant ships without warning to liners, even if they carry defensive armament.

The question of what constitutes defensive armament is to be determined later in a way not yet agreed upon. It is suggested that the United States may propose that guns mounted on the stern of ships and capable of being swung from fifteen to thirty degrees in either direction might come within that class.

It was stated authoritatively that Germany, because of its unusual position, cannot and will not accept the suggestion of the United States as it now stands that liners carrying arms shall be immune from attack under previous assurances.

Cannot Change Law Now.

Secretary Lansing is understood to have told the ambassador that while Germany's position is recognized as well founded the United States must insist that Germany conform all its practices to international law, inasmuch as the entire allies have declined to make any changes.

The Lusitania agreement will be kept by Secretary Lansing and later will be published with the assurances which the United States hopes to receive from Germany covering the points brought up by the new submarine campaign. Meanwhile it was said the United States would make efforts to have the contents allies agree not to put guns of any kind on passenger carrying liners.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff when he returned to his embassy sent a long dispatch to his government setting forth fully the position of the United States as the secretary had outlined it to him.

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Trial of Lorimer On Bank Charges Starts at Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—William Lorimer, former United States senator, attended today the opening session of his trial on wrecking the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, of which he was president.

Judge Dever of the criminal court, presiding, granted preliminary motions of the defense that the major charge of conspiracy to defraud be consolidated with the minor charges of receiving deposits when the bank was known to be insolvent and of confidence game resulting from misrepresentation of the bank's assets.

The court granted motions of the prosecution for a separate trial for John K. Seargeant, director of the bank, and the dismissal of indictments against Charles Fox, cashier of the institution, and John B. De Voney, president of the International Trust and Savings bank, a subsidiary.

The Day's War News

WITH THE CAPTURE of Erzerum by the Russians interest in war operations has shifted its center momentarily to the fields of warfare in Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia. Dispatches from Petrograd say the official Messenger estimates the Turkish garrison at 100,000 men and the number of guns captured at more than 1,000.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Fair; somewhat cooler.

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, wind, and precipitation for various times of day.

Greece Transfers Cash from London to New York Banks

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The government of Greece has been transferring millions of dollars of its funds from London to New York within a few months, according to New York bankers, who estimate that \$5,000,000 of Greek funds are now on deposit in a large number of banks here.

Asks Bryan to Meet "Met" at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—William Jennings Bryan today was invited by telegram to debate with Richard L. Metcalfe of Omaha on the subject of "Preparedness" at the national conference of mayors to be held here March 3 and 4.

Eighth Attack of Italians is Repulsed, Says Vienna Report

VIENNA, Feb. 17.—(Via London.)—An Austrian official statement issued under date of February 16 announces that the eighth attack by Italian outposts on the Austro-Hungarian positions on Jarevec was repulsed. The statement adds that the ground in front of the new Austrian positions in the Bombon district is covered with Italian dead.

FIRST LAW SCHOOL STARTED IN WYOMING

CARPER, Wyo., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Wyoming's first law school is to be established here as the result of a special meeting of the Natrona County Bar association, at which the attorneys agreed to co-operate in instructing students of law three nights of each week. The school will open with eighteen students. The course will be thorough and a graduate will be competent to pass the law examination of any of the states.

Spectacular Fire in Railroad Yards Due to Tank Leak

Gasoline which had leaked from a tank car on the Illinois Central and Union Pacific transfer tracks at Eleventh and Chicago streets late yesterday caught fire from coals dropped by an engine and flames flashed up over a wide area. Several box cars were blazing when flames reached the scene.

Spurgeon Sues the Knights of Luther Adams Democrats Far from Partial

DES MOINES, Feb. 17.—Rev. Otis L. Spurgeon of Des Moines, former sovereign scribe of the Knights of Luther, who was kidnapped from his hotel and narrowly escaped with his life after delivering an anti-Catholic lecture in Denver in 1914, today filed a \$10,000 libel suit against the Knights of Luther and F. M. Shipper, their manager.

Spurgeon Sues the Knights of Luther Adams Democrats Far from Partial

The suit charges that the organization sent out a false letter to its members about Spurgeon. The former sovereign scribe was quoted from the anti-Catholic organization in 1914 after he refused to withdraw as a candidate for United States senator.