

OMAHA FAVORED BY TEACHERS FOR MEETING IN 1915

Referendum Vote Reveals Thirteen Hundred in Favor of Holding Session in Metropolis.

TWO TO ONE FOR GATE CITY

Vote is Officially Canvassed in Lincoln by the Executive Committee of Association.

THANKSGIVING WEEK SELECTED

Large Majority Given Proposition to Have Annual Gathering Near Turkey Holiday.

BARR OF HASTINGS PRESIDENT

A. P. Billyer of Beatrice Given Majority for Vice President.

MATHEWS WILL BE TREASURER

E. V. Graff of Omaha Re-elected to Position on the Executive Board with Beers of David City and Neale of Kearney.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha will be the next meeting place of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, the vote as canvassed by the board this afternoon showing 1,339 votes for Omaha and 725 for Lincoln.

As to the time of holding the convention, the first half of Thanksgiving week received 1,318 votes, the remainder being scattered between the last half and the first half of Christmas week.

J. R. Barr of Hastings was elected president without opposition, but the vote on vice president showed A. P. Billyer of Beatrice receiving 1,067 and W. R. Pate of Alliance 934.

On treasurer, J. F. Mathews of Grand Island received 1,116 votes and A. H. Waterhouse of Fremont 955. For the executive board, E. V. Graff of Omaha was re-elected for the second congressional district, Frank Beers of David City for the fourth and O. W. Neale of Kearney for the sixth.

French Cabinet Will Ask Parliament for Monthly War Credit

PARIS, Dec. 12.—President Poincaré presided over a meeting of the French cabinet this morning at the Palace of the Elysee. All the ministers were present with the exception of the minister of war, Alexandre Millerand, who is at Bordeaux. A decree was signed setting December 13 as the date of the opening of both houses of Parliament.

American Held as Spy in Switzerland

PARIS, Dec. 12.—The police of Geneva, Switzerland, says a dispatch to the Journal, have arrested a naturalized American named Muller who, it is alleged, organized an important spy system, with ramifications in Lyons and the principal cities of eastern France. Muller, the dispatch states, will be tried by court-martial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—So interested were State department officials in the reported arrest of the American Muller by the police of Geneva that American Minister Stovall was today directed to make an immediate inquiry into the case through the consulate at Geneva. Should the report prove accurate, officials foresee the possibility of complications through an attempt to extradite a naturalized American citizen from Switzerland, a neutral country, to France.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Sunday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity. Unsettled with snow; colder.

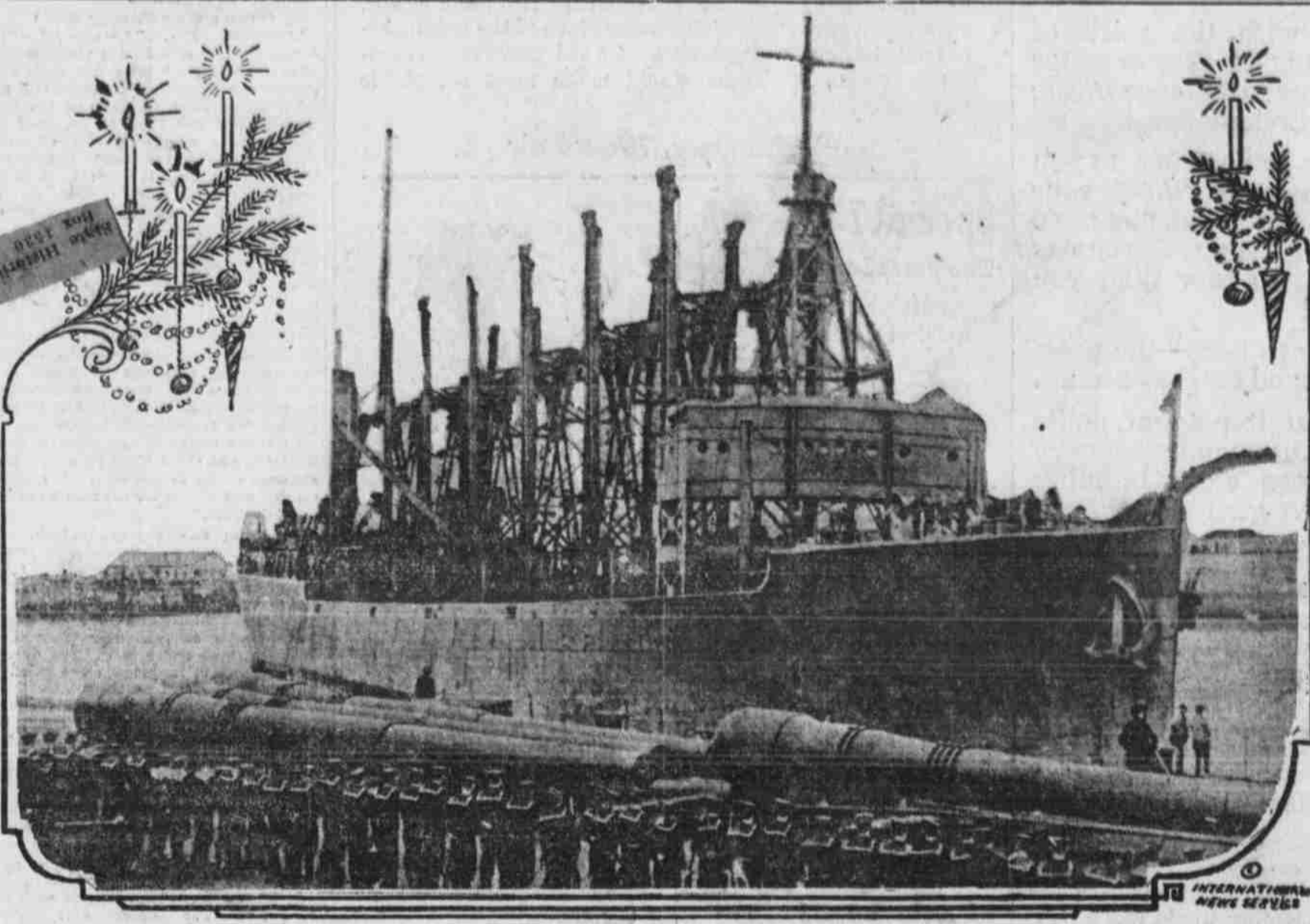
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Hours	Degrees
5 a. m.	19	19
6 a. m.	18	18
7 a. m.	17	17
8 a. m.	16	16
9 a. m.	15	15
10 a. m.	14	14
11 a. m.	13	13
12 m.	12	12
1 p. m.	11	11
2 p. m.	10	10
3 p. m.	9	9
4 p. m.	8	8
5 p. m.	7	7
6 p. m.	6	6
7 p. m.	5	5

Comparative Local Record.
1914. 1912. 1911. 1910.

High	Low	Mean	Precipitation
24	5	14	0.0
23	4	13	0.0
22	3	12	0.0
21	2	11	0.0
20	1	10	0.0
19	0	9	0.0
18	-1	8	0.0
17	-2	7	0.0
16	-3	6	0.0
15	-4	5	0.0
14	-5	4	0.0
13	-6	3	0.0
12	-7	2	0.0
11	-8	1	0.0
10	-9	0	0.0
9	-10	-1	0.0
8	-11	-2	0.0
7	-12	-3	0.0
6	-13	-4	0.0
5	-14	-5	0.0
4	-15	-6	0.0
3	-16	-7	0.0
2	-17	-8	0.0
1	-18	-9	0.0

Normal temperature..... 29
Deficiency for the day..... 13
Total since March 1, 1914..... 591
Normal precipitation..... 43 inch
Excess for the day..... 14 inch
Total rainfall since March 1, 1914..... 25.12 inches
Deficiency since March 1, 1914..... 3.88 inches
Deficiency for period, 1912, 2.72 inches
T indicates trace of precipitation.
- Indicates below zero.
- Indicates Local Forecaster.

THE CHRISTMAS SHIP—The United States collier "Jason," arriving at Devonport, England, with its cargo of love tokens, sent by the children of America to the war orphans of Europa.



STOCK EXCHANGE OPENS WITH BOOM

Crowd on the Floor When Gong Sounds is the Largest for Several Years.

MANY ISSUES RISE SHARPLY
Many Sales Are Made, but Number of Shares that Change Hands is Comparatively Small—Few Issues Are Lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Wall street came into its own today. The stock exchange, closed for nearly four and a half months except for limited trading in bonds during the last two weeks, was reopened at 10 o'clock this morning for active trading in stocks. One hundred and ninety-two issues were approved by the governors for trading, and though other issues were barred, notably United States Steel, activity on the floor of the exchange revived memories of big days ten years ago.

Not for many years has there been such a throng of brokers on the floor as that which waited patiently for the signal to resume trading. There are 1,100 members of the exchange and nearly 700 of these, it is estimated, were on the floor. Many of the others smiled down, with their families and friends, from the members' gallery. The visitors' gallery, across the way, was thronged. Half of more of the hundreds who gazed down at the unusual scene on the floor were women. Although admission to this gallery was by ticket only, and the issuance of tickets was rigidly viced, doorkeepers eyed keenly each person admitted in order to make sure that no person of bomb throwing tendencies should enter.

Trading Opens with Rush.
The first chime of Trinity's church bells at 10 o'clock has long been the signal for opening the opening gong on the floor. As the chime struck a wave of cheering rippled over the exchange and a vast roar as the brass gong clattered noisily in response. The volume of sound that echoed through the building has not been equalled for many a day.

Mrs. Leslie's Million Bequest to Woman Suffrage Attacked

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Frank Leslie's million-dollar bequest to the cause of woman suffrage was attacked this afternoon in two suits started in the supreme court by Florence L. Wellesford and Lonetta L. Hollender, grandchildren of Frank Leslie, the founder of the publishing firm which bears his name.

Kaiser's Condition Continues Improving

BERLIN (Via The Hague and London), Dec. 12.—Emperor William's condition continues to improve, according to an official announcement issued today. The catarrhal symptoms have wholly disappeared and the emperor's temperature is normal.

German Army Officer Tries to Escape from England in Huge Trunk

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A vigilant customs officer at Gravesend today made a sensational capture of a German army officer, whom he extracted from hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped from Gravesend to Rotterdam.

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Committee Waiting Upon Officers of the Great Western Sugar Refining Company.

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The New Army

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LONDON, Dec. 5.—This was a cantonment one had never seen before, and the gray-haired military policeman could give no help.

By Rudyard Kipling
There was half a mile of sergeants and instructors, varied by company officers, all at work on the ready material under their hands. They grunted, barked, yapped, expostulated and, in rare cases, purred as the lines broke and formed and wheeled over the vast maidan.

The Day's War News

A daring Turkish naval raid on the Russian port of Batum, near the eastern end of the Black Sea, is reported from Constantinople. It is said that 100 Russians were killed by the bombardment of Turkish warships.

TURKISH FLEET SHELLS RUSS CITY

Sultan's Warships Throw Shells into Environs of Batum and Kill a Hundred Persons.

ALLIES ADVANCE IN THE WEST

Steady Pressure is Being Exerted Against German Lines and General Assault is Hinted At from Some Quarters.

Russians Pierce the German Line at Two Strategic Points

PETROGRAD, Dec. 12.—(Via London, Dec. 12.)—Russian military observers contend that the Germans in withdrawing before partial successes of the Russians along the battlefield to the north of Warsaw, are following their well-known tactics of delaying the advance of their opponents as long as possible by holding each successive trench until it becomes untenable.

RUSSIANS LEAVE LODZ TRENCHES FULL OF BODIES

Muscovite Losses Terrible in Battles Lasting Three Days Before German Victory.

NUMBER IS 150,000 MEN
Eighty Thousand of These Taken Prisoners, According to Berlin Press Bureau.

DEAD CHOKE CZAR'S DITCHES
Germans Have to March Over More Corpses of Foes Than They Did at Tanneberg.

EVACUATION IN NIGHT TIME
Teutons Do Not Notice Defenses Abandoned for While.

TEUTON CASUALTIES ARE LESS
Town Suffers Little Damage During Fighting, Interior of the Place Being Almost Untouched by Fire.

BERLIN, Dec. 12 (via London).—In the battles around Lodz, in Russian Poland, the Russians suffered greater losses than they did in their defeat at Tanneberg, east of Posen, according to a statement issued by the German official press bureau today announcing the evacuation by the Russians of the city of Lodz. The statement reads:

"The evacuation of Lodz took place secretly in the middle of the night and remained unnoticed by us at first, but it was the result of the previous three days' battles.

"Filled with Dead.
"In these engagements the Russians suffered severely from the fire of our artillery. The trenches evacuated by the Russians were literally filled with dead. Not even after the battle of Tanneberg did our troops have to march over so many Russian corpses as they did in the battles around Lodz and Lwow.

House Will Vote On Prohibition and Woman Suffrage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Yes and nay votes in the house on special rules for consideration of proposals to submit woman suffrage and prohibition questions for constitutional amendment was assured by the notion of the rules committee today.

Troops Will Return to Fort Meade from Colorado Next Week

STURGIS, S. D., Dec. 12.—Special Telegram.—Word was received here that the balance of the Third squadron of the Twelfth cavalry, consisting of troops L, M and N, which are in Colorado district, will return to Fort Meade not later than December 15.