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OMAHA, MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1914.

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AUSTRIAN FORCES PREPARE TO LEAVE SERVIAN CAPITAL

It is Unofficially Reported that Army of Dual Crown Ready to Evacuate Belgrade.

BLOW FROM THE CITY FAILS

Attacks Against Right Wing of Enemy's Troops Prove to Be Unsuccessful.

SERBS ARE GAINING RAPIDLY

Their Recovery from Overwhelming Defeat Considered Remarkable.

CAPTURE FIVE THOUSAND MEN

Crown Prince Tells Soldiers They Have Beaten and Pursued Foe with speed Unbeard of in Military History.

LONDON, Dec. 13.-The marvelous recovery of the Servians and their defeat of four Austrian army corps, which had penetrated half way across Servia remains the wonder of military men. The crowne prince, in an address to his troops, told them that they had "beaten and pursued the enemy with a rapidity unheard of in military history."

Take Five Thousand Prisoners. The shattered Austrian right wing crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Vishegrad, and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed, wounded and war

The pursuing Servians also took 5,000 prisoners and some guns and munitions. The Austrian army from Belgrade has again essayed attacks against the Servia right wing, but meeting with no sucretired. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave

Beigrade. That the former German cruiser Goeben, now owned by Turkey, was not serlously damaged in its brush with Russian cruisers, as had been reported, is shown by the fact that it took part in the recent attack on Batum, the Russian seaport, which, according to the Turks, resulted in a serious fire, but which the Russians say caused little damage.

Bulgaria, according to a Paris report, has expressed to the powers of the tripple Paso, where the Maderista forces were means that Rumania, if it so wished, would be able to join the allies without fear of being attacked by Bulgaria.

Omaha Shivers and The Mercury Works

really was, though it was just twelve de- ing Maytorena free. grees colder here yesterday than it was

nowhere, though there was considerable mation of Secretary Bryan's threat." wind, was there anything like a blizzard. So far as the railroads could locate, zero was the lowest temperature. On the Northwestern it was zero at

Long Pine, with 8 degrees above at Norfolk, and 10 at Chadron.

Out on the Burlington It was from 10 warmest point on the system. Along the Union Pacific temperatures

with three degrees colder at Grand Island.

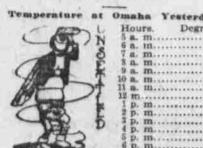
Funeral of Joseph Smith is Marked by **Extreme Simplicity**

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 18 .- Without flowers, drapery or pagentry the body of Joseph Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, who died Thursday, was buried here today.

In accordance with the directions given by the patriarch on his death bed, the services were simple. A few of his favorite hymns were sung. Elder Joseph Luff, a life long friend, preached the funeral sermon. The body lay in state to the memory of the dead patriarch.

Immediately after the services, the quorum of the twelve apostles, the highest ruling body in the church, called a meeting for tomorrow morning to choose a new spiritual leader. Several years ago Joseph Smith announced a revelation that his son, Frederick M. Smith, should be his successor.

The Weather



Comparative Local Record.

Highest today Lowest today Mean temperature Precipitation

CARRANZA PEEVED BY THREAT OF U.S.

"First Chief" Says if America Uses Force to Stop Firing Over Border it Will Be Unfriendly Act.

SAYS VILLISTAS TO BLAME

Speaks of Imprudent and Curious Flocking to Witness Fighting, as if a Show Staged for Their Benefit.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 13,-"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the

In this manner General Carranza made answer, in a statement to the Asso nated Press, to the formal notice served by the Inited States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

Carranza's Position. Carranga's reply to the American note which is expected to reach Washington tomorrow, will be in general a repudiation of responsibility for any shots that have intervention at Naco as a hostile and un-

At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note, in which attention was called to the repeated wounding and killing of residents of the town on the northern side of the line, has General Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and, in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light.

On Defensive. General Hill, who is commanding the constitutionalist forces at Naco is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing in question. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been the attacking party and therefore it appears

could have been to blame. "As a matter of fact, I do that the rights of the American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the State department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility.

reasonably clear that they, and only they,

"I remember similar instances at El entente its desire to remain neutral. This attacking there. In that case those shot were for the most part the imprudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show staged for their

Bryan Doesn't Realise Gravity.

"As to the use of force, of which Mr.
Bryan talks, that is something the gravity
of which I fear he does not fully ap-Above Zero Mark preciate. He says it would not mean an invasion of our territory nor a violation of rational sovereignty. It would, and All Omaha shivered yesterday when the moreover it certainly would be an act di-

"I sincerely hope that the good friendship of the American people towards the Out in the state it was winterish, but Mexican people will prevent the consum-

Bliss Takes Action. NACO, Ariz. Dec. 12.—Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, commander of the United States stroops guarding American territory, revoked tonight all passes praviously issued for crossing the international line. Later communication into to 14 degrees above, Alliance being the Mexico was limited to newspapermen and teamsters actually engaged in hauling. This action was taken by General Bliss,

around 10 degrees above were the rule, it was said, as a result of the reported effort of both Mexican factions to send agents into Arizona for recruits, supplies and other purposes.

Fashions of 1830 to Return, According To Style Bulletin

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.-New materials for women's early spring clothes are decidday. Frills and furbelows of 1830 are to be worn more and more.

Materials consist of narrow-striped silk with a taffeta finish. Silk in Pompadour, small plaids and checks are the best of in the local temple throughout the day- these. Many crepes and veilings already light hours. During the services a rev- are being shown with a small Dresden erent throng crowded the church and flower pattern, which was revived a at their meeting in Chicago this week." stood in the snow outside to do homago year ago. Cashmeres and satin clothes will be among the materials for street wear.

Colors will be subdued, with a prevalence of black and white, white pre-

Effects in stripes will be better form than checks or plaids, being smarter and more suitable to the new silhouette.

GERMAN WOMAN IS SENT TO FRENCH PRISON

PARIS, Dec. 13.-The permanent court (\$160) on the charge of using an Ameri- department today, can passport which was obtained by a fraudulent declaration. The woman was a governous in the employ of an American family. She got a passport at Geneva by representing herself as the wife of an American named Appel and on the strength of this came to Paris.

HITCHCOCK TO TAKE UP HAMMOND BOND MATTER

(From a Staff Correspondent.) indicates below zero. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster. conference.

IN BELGIUM WITH THE ALLIES—A rest by the roadside. These trees are now being used for firewood by the armies on both sides.



CANVASS SHOWS BUSINESS GOOD

Commercial Club Makes Investigation at the Request of the Omaha Ad Club.

INCREASE IN MOST LINES

lome Report an Advance for Every Month in Last Half Year Except During the Month of November.

Business in Omaha is as good, if not thermometer started in at 7 above zero rectly against the constitutionalists, who better, than this time last year, accordshortly before sunrise and then refused now hold the town and in favor of the ing to a canvass of the situation just ove 12 above, about noon. The Villstas, who would be left free to con- made by the Omaha Commercial club made this seem much colder than it be tying General Hill's hands and leav- The official publication of the Commerthis canvass:

"A canvas of the business situation in this city was made by this club on the request of the Ad club this week. About twenty of the largest houses in each of the different lines, bring to light the fact that business is fully as good, if not better, than last year. Wholesale grocers report a 10 to 20 per cent increase, with collections good. Wholesale drug houses report practically the same business as last year, but less money taken The valous wholesale hardware houses claim as good and up to 20 per cent increase over the previous year. Business of wholesale and retail jewelry houses is reported in some cases a slight soon as Colonel Goethals' explanation is decrease and in others an increase. amounting in one instance to 14 per cent. Department stores, as a general rule, report about the same business as last year, some of the houses showing a small decrease and others a slight increase. Many of the stores report enlargment of the various departments Another significant fact is that most of the retail houses report an increase in amounts spent for advertising. All the statements volunteered were very opediy like those of grandmother's day, timistic, especially among the retailers, according to the bulletin of the Fashion and as one house expressed it, with the Art league of America, issued here to- exception of November, we have had the biggest six months' business we have ever had.

"These reports are being gathered by and results will be made known to the pupblic by the executive committee of

Omaha's Protest

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- (Special Tele gram.)--An opportunity for Omaha and other cities to present obpjections to being included in the Kansas City reserve district will be given by the Treasury department in January. The hearings by various cities throughout martial today sentenced Louise Zach, a the country in the twelve regional dis-German woman, to serve six months in tricts. Attorneys must present the prison and to pay a fine of 700 francs arguments, it was said at the Treasury

OFFICERS OF COMPANY

ACCUSED OF TAKING CASH CHICAGO, Dec. 12.-Charging three officers of the National Commercial Paper company with misappropriating receiver was begun today by K. E. Hil- strap a victim who refused to pay a fine the Payne memorial. thon, a stockholder.

RUSH DESTROYERS, PLEA OF GOETHALS

Panama Canal Governor Requests Washington to Send Him Naval Vessels at Once.

DOES NOT EXPLAIN PURPOSE

It is Believed that He Wants Was Craft to Ald in Preserving Neutrality of Zone and Waters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- Colonel Geostiff breeze which blew over the city tinue their operations. It would simply at the request of the Omaha Ad club. planation of the need for naval vessels The official publication of the Commer ply asking for this explanation was sent confidence that it will be caught is shown A few minutes before the judges left or from Southern Poland." at once, but no answer had been received from Colonel Goethals at a late hour. Officials believe the canal governor has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to beligerent nations are in the vicinity and it is thought possible Colone Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three-mile limit to convey informa tion to warships at sea. With swift naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless and it was thought probable tonight that the necessary destroyers would be dispatched as

Farm Co-operative Association to Be In Omaha This Week

Beginning Wednesday another convention of farmers about as large as the Nebraska Farmers' Congress, which just held in Omaha. This is the Nebraska sage says: Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Shipping association. This is an stock shipping associations of the state, ovats, the Ad clubs from all over the country The Bureau of Publicity has sent out a great many invitations to delegates in Kosmai December 9 were repulsed with an effort to bring in a large attendance heavy losses. The Austrians retreated, the Associated Ad Clubs of the World and has already received hundreds of acknowledgements and acceptances. The ning Wednesday.

Heard in January Italy Asks Turkey To Liberate Consul

ROME, Dec. 12 .- (11:20 p. m.) -- Baron Son nino, the Italian foreign minister, has asked the Turkish government to liberate G. A. Richardson, the British consul 6th of next month has been set for forcibly removed by the Turks from the gathering at the capitol. Former Piolation of the Italian consulate

KANGAROO COURT ACTION MOB VIOLENCE IN KANSAS

assessed by the mock tribunal led to a The bill accuses Edwin. F. Smith of ruling by the state supreme court today Sringfield, Ill., president; C. F. Buman, holding that the doings of "kangaroo" secretary, and Ira J. Bell, vice president, courts in the state constitute mob vio

mond's successor will be discussed at the corporation, which is capitalised at court then gave the defendant one lash John McLennon, president of District No. for each cent assessed in fine.

KAISER NOW FACES SURGEON'S KNIFE, SAYS ONE REPORT Cologne Gasette Says Germans Could

Information Reaching Basel from Berlin Asserts Emperor Obliged to Be Operated On.

THROAT CAUSES THE TROUBLE This Will Be Done When He Has Sufficiently Recovered from Present Illness.

CANNOT LEAVE FOR THE FRONT

Amsterdam Hears that Wilhelm's Health Much Improved. READY TO GO TO BATTLE LINE

Renter Dispatch from Dutch City Declares Monarch Dines with Chancellor and One of His Generals.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12-Emperor Willam has made so much progress towards recovering his health, telegrams eceived here today from Berlin state. that he will be able to leave the capitol this week for the battle front.

Must Be Operated On. GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—A re-port reached Basel from Berlin thus norning that Emperor William will be obliged to undergo an operation of the broat, when he has sufficiently recovered from his present illness, which is not onsidered serious.

The doctors, however, consider that it will be inadvisable to the emperor to return to the front for several weeks, and he probably will spend Christmas

Crown Prince Frederick William, the report from the capital says, has arrived in Berlin.

Dines with Advisers. LONDON, Dec. 13.-A Reuter dispatch rom Amsterdam says that according to the German papers the emperor's health continues to improve. The imperial chaneior, Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, and General von Kessel dined with him on

Dresden Stranded On Argentine Coast Near Gallegos Port

BUENOS, AIRES, Dec. 12-The Ger-man cruiser Dresden, one of the squadon engaged by the British warships off Falkiand islands and which took to flight, has stranded on the Argentine coast near the port of Gallegos. LONDON, Dec. 13,-Rumers persist

no confirmation of this report and concern. by the betting on Lloyd's which was the civil district court today the Omaha up by January 2.

Russ Christmas Not On Date Elsewhere, So Truce is Opposed

LONDON, Dec. 13.-The pope's plea for a Christmas truce has failed, for white a majority of the European powers received it sympathetically, the others uid not feel able to support it. From Berila it is said that Russia would not consent to the truce as the Russian Christmas does not fall on the same day as that of the other states.

AUSTRIANS LEAVE 2,500 DEAD ON BATTLEFIELD

forces with heavy losses at Kosmai, finished its sessions last week, is to be thirty miles south of Belgrade. The mes- Colorado.

"Heavy fighting continues with large Austrian forces at Kosmai to the south pears substantiated by the court's ruling association of the local grain and live of Belgrade and to the north of Milan-

"Attacks made by the Austrians on leaving 2,500 bodies on the battlefield. "Along the remainder of the front is convention is to hold three days, begin- Servia the Austrians are retreating in the directions of Mokra, Gorbina, Bachta, Rogatchitz, Kotselivoa and Oub.

"Thirty-five Austrian officers, 4,500 soldiers and a military band were made prisoners by the Servians."

REPUBLICANS WHO CAME BACK VISIT THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-Republicans at Modelds, Arabia, who recently was returning to the next congress had a Italian consulate, where he had taken Speaker Cannon, with spirits as high as refuge. The Italian premier also has re- in earlier days of his congressional quested that the Ottoman government career, called on Speaker Clark. Senator give public satisfaction to Italy for the elect Curtis of Kansas, Representative elect Nicholas Longworth and several others visited the house and met their one-time colleagues.

Mr. Cannon said he had made it a rule since he retired from the last congress lieve that Germany fully expects to innot to go into the house chamber until vade England, if possible, and will direct TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 13.-The action of he had a "right" to do so, but that he funds, suit seeking the appointment of a a "Kangaroo" court that lashed with a was going to break the rule to attend

> Big Barn Burned. SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 12.-(Special.) The \$4,000 barn of Mat O'Brien on his farm eight miles north of her, was destroyed by fire about 6 o'clock Friday night. This was the finest barn in Fre mont county.

Have Enough of Troops. DENVER, Colo., Dec. 13.-A protest against the retention of federal troops in Colorado was expressed tonight in a long telegram sent to President Wilson by is of United Mine Workers of America.

U. S. PREJUDICED, CAN'T BE UMPIRE

Not Trust This County in Peace Negotiations.

IS TOO FRIENDLY TO ENGLAND German Headquarters Announces

We Must in a Friendly, but Firm Manner, Reject America as an Arbitrator," Asserts Tenton Newspaper.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.-In a long and United States playing an important role in the conclusion of peace among the European powers, the Cologne Gazette says that the peace movement in America is not inspired by Germany "and that American bankers with German names in urging the desirability of peace render a doubtful service to Germany."

Such language, the newspaper adds, is likely to be misconstrued as an indication that Germany is exhausted by the war, and, it adds, such notions only tend to injure Germany's credit with neutral states.

Cannot Be Umpire.

Despite all friendliness with America, the Cologne Gazette continues, Germans and they must look in the face of the fact that America can not be an arbitrator in the fight between Germany and Great Britain. It would be an ostrich policy, the newspaper says, not to recognize that public opinion in America, taken as a whole, is entirely friendly to Great Britain. It may be argued, it says, that the American government has observed the strictest neutrality, "but one can be neutral in an indifferent way, and, on the whole, American neutrality has been favorable to Great Britain."

Have Not Confidence. The newspaper then says: "In view of all this we can not have in America the French war office tonight. confidence which we ought to be able to repose in a power which would act as an impartial arbitrator in regard to an arrangement of peace.

We cherish no feeling of irritation Freat Britain. Such a feeling is only (Alsace)." natural, as Great Britain ia Amorica's motherland; but it is just for this reason that we fear prejudice and we must in a friendly, but firm, manner reject America issued by the German army headquarters as an arbitrator.

Maney Mills Play Safe by Stopping was repulsed by the Germans. The text of the statement reads: "Following their unsuccessful attack on Aprement, December 11, the French again attacked yesterday afternoon over a

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 13,-(Special Telegram.)-Flour valued at \$14,540, which lies on the docks here waiting shipment to emy of 800 prisoners and a large number Linden and Lindstrom, Gothenburg, of men killed and injured. Our losses in Sweden, was today attached by the Maney this engagement amount to about seve.

Milling company of Omaha, the salppers, enty wounded. The rest of the day that the German cruiser Dreaden, one Milling company of Omaha, the shippers, enty wounded. The rest of the of the German squadron which was de-because payment for it had been withheld passed quietly in the western theater. thats has requested that destroyers be feated by the British squadron under and the cargo has not been insured. It sent to the canal zone immediately, it bir Prederick Sturdee in the South At. is thought that fear of confiscation by number of the enemy's positions, taking was learned tonight, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels sought refuge in a neutral port. There brought about the action of the Omaha guns.

25 to 3 that the Dresden would be rounded firm filed a petition praying for a writ of attachment, ordering the civil sheriff to seize and attach 2,000 sacks "Sovereign" brand flour, 230 pounds to the sack The petition asked that the flour be held until the Swedish concern has outstanding features of the French offieither paid the amount claimed or has cial statement this afternoon. The text given security for the payment of the of the statement reads: sale price. The flour was purchased September 12, 1914. A previous shipment of like amount was purchased September 7, 1914, and paid for as per contract.

of seizure and the flour will be held. Decision Given in

Irrigation Case DENVER, Colo., Dec. 13.-A decision affecting water rights of Colorado and Nebraska users was handed down late today in the United States district court PARIS. Dec. 13.-Telegraphing from by Federal Judge Robert E. Lewis. The recross the Drina near Baina Basta. On Nish, Servia, the correspondent of the case was instituted by the Pioneer Irri-Havas news agency reports that the gation company of Nebraska. The scope Servians have repulsed the Austrian of the decision includes all interstate streams the source of which is located in

> The claim that the state boundary has no bearing upon priority rights ap-In the case of the Republican river, it was held that twenty-nine feet of water must be left in the stream at its juncture with the Nebraska state line

Snyder of Omaha Bee Gridiron Club Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 .- At the annua neeting of the Gridiron club here today Edgar C. Snyder of The Omaha Bee was elected president, with the following officers: Vice president, Louis W. Strayer, Pittsburgh Dispatch; secretary, John E Shriver, Baltimore Star; treasurer, James Hornaday, Indianapolis News. Harry J. Brown of the Portland Oregonian was elected to membership.

KAISER WILL TRY TO LAND 90,000 IN BRITAIN

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 1 .- General Baden-Powell agrees with the opinion of many other English military experts who be Its activities toward the commercial cities in the north of England rather than toward London and the resort cities of the south. In the opinion of General Baden-Powell, the German emperor will endeavor to land at least 90,000 troops in England.

CHRISTMAS BUNDLE HIDES TRAIN: SHOPPER KILLED

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 13.-With an armful of Christmas packages shutting out her view of the railroad tracks, Mrs. Richard L. Miller, & years old, was run down here today and instantly killed by a freight train at a street crossing.

11,000 RUSSIANS TAKEN IN POLAND IN HOT FIGHTING

Storming of Several Positions Held by Czar's Men.

MACHINE GUNS ARE CAPTURED

cle dealing with the possibility of the No New Developments in East Prussia or Southern Poland, According to Berlin.

CLAIMS CONFLICTING IN WEST

French Tell of Important Advance, While Germans Assert Allies' Attempt Repulsed.

LITTLE FIGHTING ON SUNDAY

must not allow themselves to be deceived Intermittent Cannonading kept Up at Various Points on Front.

GERMAN MOVES ARE DEFEATED

Numerous Attacks on Post of La Mere Henri, Northwest of Senones, Made by Invaders, Without Success.

BULLETIN. PARIS, Dec. 13 .- The following official communication by

"It is announced that two German attacks at the two extremes of the front have failed. One was to the northeast of Ypres and the other against America because it is friendly to against the railway station at Aspach

> BERLIN, Dec. 13, (B) Wireless to London)-Today's official communication announces that several Russian positions in North Poland were stormed and 11,000 prisoners taken, and that an attack by French troops over a wide area in France was repulsed by the Germans. The text

> attacked yesterday afternoon over a large front by way of Fliery (Pierry). The attack ended in the loss to the en-"In Northern Poland we captured a

There is no news from East Prussia

French Claim Advance. PARIS, Dec. 13.-An important advance by the French troops in the forest of La. of Prets, in France, and the repulse of three violent German infantry attacks to the southeast of Ypres, Belgium, were the

"All the day of December 12 was particularly quiet. The enemy's activity was shown especially by an intermittent cannonade at different points of the front, Judge E. K. Skinner signed the writ In the region to the southeast of Ypres there were ventured, however, three violent infantry attacks, which were re-

"In the woods of La Pretz we have made important progress. "In the Vosges the enemy has attacked on various occusions the post of La Mero Henri, to the northwest of Senones, but was repulsed.

"Servia-The extreme Servian left wing pursuing the enemy has forced him to the remainder of the front the Servian armies continue to drive back the Austrians to the north and northwest.'

Czar Visits Soldiers In Caucasus Region

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Emperor Nicholas of Russia, who has been paying a visit to the headquarters of the army of Caucus, left Tifilus today amid an enthusiastic demonstration, according to a dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from Petrograd.

All Together! Think Business! Talk Business!

Everybody will Do Business.

and

All Together!