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"CONSPIRATORS" MUST BE TREATED WITH "SEVERITY"

Villa Says They Are Endeavoring to Take Advantage of Honesty of Gutierrez.

COUNTRY NEEDS PRUDENCE

General Asserts He Will Give Protection to All Foreigners in the Republic.

MANY REQUESTS TELEGRAPHED

Former Bandit, in Signed Statesment, Gives His Views.

TAMPICO RAILROAD BLOCKED Convention Troops Wreck Par senger Train and Halt Troops on Division the Day

After Christmas.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 .- (Via El Paso, Dec. 29.)-When the matter of frequent executions and the lack of personal guarantees was brought to the attention of General Villa today, he made the following statement:

"Many foreigners have lately asked me for personal guarantees. I am disposed to make every effort to give these. Many of the requests have been telegraphed

Severity Necessary. "Regarding the present executive of the nation, I regret to say that conspirators are endeavoring to take advantage of his sincerity and honesty. What I will have to do is to treat this element with severity.

"The country needs prudence at the present time. It also needs energetic measures. As soon as these matters are attended to I will proceed to direct the campaign for the capture of Tampico." General Villa signed the statement.

Returns from Mexico City. EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Judge Ramon Prieds, a Mexican author and jurist returned here today from Mexico City, after having been arrested and threatened with execution on his journey north. He was finally released by, order of Mexico City officials, and after being escorted to the international bridge here, was told that he was exiled from Mexico Prieda recently wrote a book on presentday Mexican history, which is held accountable for his experience.

Tampico Railroad Blocked. LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 29.-Troops believed to be operating under General Francisco Villa's orders, according to a passenger train and blocked traffic on the Tampice division of the Mexican railway 125 miles west of Tampleo on December 26. The only foreigners on board,

Pittsburgh to Care for Children's Teeth

RITTSBUIGH, Dec. 29.-Details for on ambitious program for physical bet- ises to bring him a little tussle with the terment in the Pittsburgh public schools school board and the Water board over were made known today, when director the collection of the money to reimburse B. Burns of the department of what he has spent for them in the conhygiene announced the opening of five duct of the last election. fully equipped and manned dental To the school board Mr. Moorhead has clinics. Ten registered dentists will be sent a bill asking that \$1,298 be forked on duty six days a week caring for the over as election expense, which is about teeth of children who enter the lower 40 per cent more than the usual cost, grades. Arrangements were also made to and this bill is being passed on to the open an optical department, where child- new board. In 1911 the total school board ren in need of lenses will be provided election expense was \$1,707,64, and in 1912 with them free of cost.

Landbank Started in New York State

ALBANY, Dec. 28.—The Land Bank of New York state has been organized with a capital of \$160,000 and soon will be ready to begin its operations, according to an announcement in the forthcoming report of the state superintendent of banks. The bank has been formed by building and loan associations throughout the state and is intended to extend the benefits of such associations to strictly agricultural districts.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity -Fair, with rising temperature. Temperature at Quaha Yesterday.



Comparative Local Record. Highst yesterday 2 39 39 27
Lowest yesterday 5 20 36 -4
Mean temperature 17 30 32 18
Precipitation 01 00 00 01
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature 23
Deficiency for the day 5
Total excess since March 1 576
Normal precipitation 03 inch
Deficiency for the day 97 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 258 inches
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Deficiency, cor. period, 1912, 4.25 inches
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High-Rainof Weather. 7 p. m. est. fall.
Cheyenne, part cloudy. 24 30 00
Davenport, cloudy. 22 34 44
Denver, cloudy. 24 40 00
Des Moines, clear. 10 23 18
Dodge City, clear. 25 35 00
Omaha, clear. 6 29 01
Rapid City, cloudy. 20 24 00
Omaha, clear. 6 29 01
Sheridan, cloudy. 20 24 00
Sheridan, cloudy. 20 24 00
Sheridan, cloudy. 21 4 01
Sloux City, clear. 4 14 01
Valentine, clear. 4 14 01
Valentine, clear. 14 14 T—indicates below zero.
T indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

WAR SCENE ON THE EASTERN FRONT-Austrian soldiers looking out of their dugouts on crest of the Carpathian Mountains.



COUNTY TO FIGHT FOR MONEY DUE IT

dispatches received here today, wrecked Election Commissioner Moorhead Runs Up Bills Which the Water and School Boards Sidestep.

School Board Passes Dispute On to New Board and Howell Presents a Counter Claim for Water

to the Commissioners. The advent of the happy New Year to Election Commissioner Moorhead prom-

\$2,087, including in each case both pri-mary and the election, so that the school board elections heretofore have cost an average of around \$300. This year there was no school board printary whatever. cutting out half of the expense, otherwise

Mr. Moorhead would be demanding \$2,500 instead of \$1,268. Howell Not Pleased. Mr. Moorhead's bill to the Water board calls for \$3,300, which is explained by the fact that it embraces both primary and election and further that the water district, being larger than the city, takes in more voting districts. General Manager Howell is not so pleased with the results which the "honest election" law six weeks in which to close out their forthwith, but is concecting an offset in which the county is said to owe the water district for water used in the county poor farm, detention home, court house, on which the balance is \$2,600. Unless Mr. Howell changes his mind be will

offer Mr. Moorhead \$700 and ask for a receipt in full. Of course, these little postscripts to the election do not obther the election commissioner, because all the indebtednes he contracts is payable out of the county treasury without any questions asked and it is up to the county to get back from the other bodies like the city, school board and water district whatever it can

Blease Gives Forty Prisoners Freedom

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 29.-Forty-four state prisoners, including ten serving life sentences for murder, today obtained clemency from Governor Cole Blease, making a total of 1,488 that Governor Blease has liberated in the last four firm being known as Millard, Caldwell & One life-term prisoner was pardoned and nine others were paroled. Twenty-three of the prisoners were serving sentences for homicide.

Counterfeiter is Held at Waterloo

WATERLOO, Ia., Dec. 29 .- J. I. Lyon and Fred Miller were arrested last night, charged with counterfetting. Lyons con feased that he knew counterfeit dollars were bade by Miller and another man, certain stocks may be traded in, as fol now at Oelwein. Lyons said he got lows: knowledge of the counterfeiting through furnishing Miller with copper and zinc, & Nashville, 112; Scaboard Air Line, prewhich he got while at work at the Illinois ferred. 38; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 15

SALOONS MAY CLOSE Form Organization IN IOWA CAPITAL

Des Moines City Council Gives Them Six Weeks to Prove "Consent" Petition Valid.

Licenses Expire Last of This Year and Additional Time Given to Dispose of Liquor

Stocks. (From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-The city council today granted licenses to the saloons of Des Moines for six weeks, but made an order that in court the validity of the petitions, now inference that if the petition is declared sufficient then the saloons will be permitted to continue in business, but at in favor of closing them anyway, and

The drys claim a big victory today in the order for only six weeks' life for the

The order affecting the saloons is one of the tangible results of the recent religious revival campaign conducted by Rev. W. A. Sunday, the base ball evangelist. The anti-saloon forces presented a petition bearing the signature of practically half of the voters of the city, in opposition to the renewal of the saloon licenses, which expire December 31. In the council, which is composed of five commissioners, two of the members were in favor of closing the saloons January 1, but the other three voted to give them

A suit testing the petition of consent under which the saloons have been operating, is pending in the state courts.

Mrs. H. M. Caldwell Dies at Tioga, Pa., Will Be Buried Here

Mrs. Henrietta M. Caldwell, widow mith S. Caldwell and mother of Victor B. and Samuel S. Caldwell of this city, died yesterday at Tions. Pa., after ar tilness of about three days. Mrs. Caldwell was 74 years old and had been spending a large part of her time there for the last ten years. She came to Omaha as a bride in 1863 and had made Omaha her home ever since

Mrs. Caldwell was one of the pioneer. of Omaha and had taken an active interest in the affairs of Omaha ever since her arrival. She was a member of Trinity, cathedral. Her husband was one of the founders of the first bank of Omaha, the Co. It was afterwards the Caldwell-Hamilton company and later the United States National bank.

Interment will be in Omaha in Prospect Hill cemetery, the time to be announced as soon as arrangements can be made. **NEW MINIMUM PRICES**

FOR SEVERAL STOCKS NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- The New York xchange established today, effective to-

"International Harvester, TJ; Louisville Virginia-Carolina, preferred, 50.

FRENCH TAKE HALF MILE OF TRENCHES FROM TEUTON FOES

Gallie Infantry Sweeps Ditches Near Lens at Point of the Bayonet.

Charge of Foot Soldiers Follows Violent Artillery and Mahine Gun Fire.

HOLD THREE POSITIONS NOW

Assault Made Upon Front that Twelve Miles Long.

ALL OVER IN TWENTY MINUTES Afterward at Intervals of Two Rods Keen Eyes Peering Into Peri-

scope Watch Edges of Hostile Defenses. ARRAS, Northern France, Dec. 27 -

(Via Paris, Dec. 29) .- That portion of the French army which is holding the lines near Arras today attacked the Germans on a front twelve iniles long. They carried half a mile of German trenches near Lens by assault, and tonight they are holding these positions in force.

The way for this attack was prepared by violent artillery and machine gun fire, which swept the German positions from a point to the rorth of Lens to batteries everywhere replied heavily to this French fire.

along the entire line of this part of their cease forthwith. During the last four defense works, the French fire opposite Lens suddenly ceased. Instantly French ports to neutral ports in Europe and elseinfantrymen leaped from their trenches and charged the German positions, which | ships of Great Britain. were from 100 to 200 yards distant. A brief and furious bayonet encounter mans were routed and the French 'occupied the German diggings.

It was all over in twenty minutes. The the edges of the German trenches, the ordered. observers themselves being well protected below the level of the earth.

For tSate Relief of Stricken Belgians

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.) -At a meeting called by Governor More-head about forty mayors of vities or that the precedent which he pointed out a American and wife, were treated HONEST ELECTION IS EXPENSIVE DRYS REGARD IT AS VICTORY offices this afternoon and organized the where cargoes purely of food supplies

J. E. Miller of Lincoln was elected pres ident of the organization, Earl D. Malloy of Allianos, secretary, and W. C. Wilson of Lincoln, treasurer. Reports and suggestions were received and communications were read from the mayors of towns not represented urging action and offering assistance. Mayor Zebrung was by the parties directly interested, but present from Lincoln, Mayor Cutsall of by members of the house and senate, who Wymgre; Chadron, Mayor Fisher; Westcase the saloons have not established in ern. Mayor Dolan; Plottsmouth, Mayor Sattler, while other towns were represented by persons appointed by the

It is probable that the legislature will beasked to furnish only enough for clerk least two members of the council are hire sufficient to run the headquarters, so that all donations made may go direct and in full to their destination. An executive committee will be appointed by the sident tomerrow and a proclamation issued to the people so that all desiring to donate anything of value will know

France Admits Loss Of Submarine Curie In Harbor of Pola

PARIS, Dec. 29.-The Ministry of Marine today issued an announcement confirming the loss of the French submarine Curie in Austrian waters, as has been previously reported in newspaper dis-

The text of the announcement follows: "The French submarine Curie was sent alone into the harbor of Pols, the Austrian naval base, against certain Aus-

"Not having returned within the time expected, the Ministry of Marine ansumed that the information of the foreign press is correct, namely, that the

The Curie was 167 feet long and carried

Russian War Office Reports Victories in Caucasus Region

PETROGRAD, Dec. 2.-The following official communication from the headquarters of the army of the Caucasus was issued last night:

"In the direction of Oiti (Trans-Cau-Laursin river, arrested the progress of considerable Turkish forces. In the region of Sari Kamysch the fighting is developing. On December 26, in the region of Dutak, our advance terminated in the occupation of the line between Khamour and Agadane. The Turks withdrew, havng suffered grave losses.

For further information about this opportunity, see the Want Ad section of today's Bee.

"Down With All the Enemies of Germany", Kaiser's Xmas Toast

BERLIN (Via Amsterdam and Lon- arms to celebrate the holy featival, which don), Dec. 29.—Emperor Williams' Christ- otherwise in peace we would be celebrating mas celebration at the German military at home. Our thoughts go back to those headquarters is described in the Koel- owe all the presents on the tables bewhom we have left at home, to whom we nische Zeitung, which says a large num- fore us. ber of officers and soldiers attached to the "It has been permitted by God that the headquarters participated in the festivi- enemy should force us to celebrate Christties. The celebration was held in a large mas here. We have been attacked. We room which was decorated elaborately defend ourselves with God's help. We BRIEF AND FURIOUS FIGHT with Christmas trees. The emperor, on hope that for us and our country rich entering the room, greeted the soldiers victory may spring from the hard fight. with "Good evening, comrades,"

After a short sermon had been delivered of our sword is directed against the Emperor William made the following enemy, our hearts to our God. We say

sech:
"Comrades we are here assembled in all enemies of Germany!" Amen."

COMMERCE DELAY VITAL TO PACKERS

Note of President to Great Britain of Deep Interest to Country's Meat Industry.

MANY MILLIONS DETAINED

British Ambassador Cities Instance of Selsure in Civil War Which, However, Does Not Oppose, o Be Similar.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- (Special Telegram.)-The administration has finally notified Great Britain in a very emthe suburbs south of Arras. The German | phatic. and at the same time respectful, manner that the seizure of American ships carrying cargoes of foodstuffs and While the Germans were thus engaged other supplies for neutral points must months 200 vessels sailing from American where have been held up by the war-

Recently representatives of Chicago and Omaha packers spent two weeks here in brought victory to the French. The Ger- an endeavor to get action by the State department, or some assurance from the British embassy as to protection to their consignments when shipped in neutral artillery fire on both sides died down bottoms to neutral ports. It is said nearly and silence fell on the field of battle. \$12,000,000 worth of foodstuffs, principally But vigilance was in no sense relaxed, beef and pork products, have been de-At intervals of two rods in the trenches tained by the British authorities and in keen eyes peering into periscopes watched several instances prize courts have been

Instance from Civil War. Within the last day or two Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, when spoken to concerning these seizures, called attention to the fact that during the civil war two British vessels were captured off Bermuda by American men-of-war and the cargoes were seized by the Americans without protest of Great Britain. But an examnation of the records discloses the fact that the vessels referred to by Sir Cecil contained actual contraband of war in their representatives met in the executive is not applicable to the present instance and non-contraband supplies have been detained.

Shipments May Cease. The action of the administration, which was announced this morning, was taken only after a careful consideration of al the facts covering a period of several weeks, and after the strongest sort of representations had been made not only

the complaints against Great Britain. The British ambassador has insisted that his government has no desire to interfere with the commerce of the United States, but on the contrary, desires to encourage it, but in spite of this assurance the seizures have continued day after day until at last it is said that there is a movement on foot among the combined packers of the country to refuse ports until assurances were obtained from the State department that neutral cargoes would be respected.

St. Joseph Saloon Keeper is Fatally Shot by a Bandit

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 29.-A. K. Godsey, a saloon man, was fatally shot last night by a robber. Godsey and the seven other men in the saloon thought it was a Joke when two men entered the place with prevolvers. When Godsey realized the situation he crouched behind the bar. One of the bandits reached over the bar and shot him in the back. The men es caped without getting any money.

Smyth of Omaha Heads Bar Association (From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. El.—(Special Telegram.)

The State Bar association closed its Petrograd Safe from session this evening with the annual banquet at the Lincoln hotel. The principal speeches today were made by William DeBard of Omaha and Judge S. E. P. Perry of Cambridge, the former speaking on the conduct of the courts in jury trials, actions, while the latter spoke on the abor unions and the tendency of lawmakers to except them from the provisions of certain statutes. "If you belong to a labor union you

can resort to boycotting or other unlawful acts," said Judge Perry, "but if you casia), our troops, having crossed the are an ordinary citizens you must obey the law." He said, however, that the legal profession was not opposed to the unions, but was their best friend. Officers elected for the coming year

were: C. J. Smythe, Omaha, president; R., E. Adams, Dakota City; W. H. Killigar, Auburn, and George T. Gillan, vice presidents. A. F. Ellick, Omaha, secre-tary; C. J. McDonald, Omaha, treasurer, and E. E. Squires, Broken Bow, member

FORTY LAWYERS DIE FOR

The Day's War News

'We are on hostile ground. The point

Another striking change in the military situation in the east, where neither contending force has been able to keep the ascendancy for any considerable period, is indicated in dispatches from Petrograd and Vienna. On this occasion the Russians appear to have won the opper hand.

The Petrograd War office states that the Germans who have been pressing forward in Poland have been repulsed, with heavy losses. In Galicia the Austrians are reported to have suffered a complete reversal and to be retreating hastily. Their defeat apparently breaks up the maneuver aiming at a combined Austro-German attack on the southern forces of the Russians, which, if successful, might have imperilled the Russian left wing. Berlin, however, views the situation in the east with optimism, intimating that important developments in Poland may be expected shortly.

Fighting in the west has been interrupted by a violent storm. Notwithstanding this hindrance, further progress has been made by the allies, according to the French War office.

Recent developments have given the United States a more direct interest politically in the European situation. Washington has sent to the British government a note voicing its objection to the methods employed in holding up and searching American vessels. Another important question is raised by Germany's disposition not to recognize longer American consuls in conquered Belgian territory unless they are acceptable to Germany.

RUSSIA IS MASTER OF MOUNTAIN GAPS

Biala River to Dukla Pasa Are Falling Back.

LONDON FEARS AEROPLANE RAID

Ease with Which German Airmen Reached Cushaven Adds Additional Terror to Possibility of Zeppelin Raid.

LONDON, Dec. 23 .- Bitish observers of the progress of the war point this morning to the admission in the Russia is once more master of the Pass seem to be falling back.

This means the withdrawal of vir- attitude of the government. tually all the forces which swept across the mountains to form the extreme right in the concerted Austro- in the United States its attitude would German attack on the Russian ar- be modified and American industry mies, and it marks another surpris- hitherto halted would go forward. ing reversal of form on the part of the Austrian soldiers, whose battle fortunes since the outbreak of hos-(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

LONDON, Dec. 29,-A Reuter dispatch rom Petrograd says an order has been issued there prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic drinks in the city, including beer. This order applies even to the clubs and high grade restaurants.

Early in the war an imperial decree was asued prohibiting the sale of vodks and other spirituous liquors throughout Rus-Traffic in lighter alcoholic drinks, such as beer and light wines, however, has been permitted hitherto.

MORGAN HOME CONTENTS ARE WORTH OVER MILLION

NEW YORK, Dec. 39.-The contents of the Madison avenue residence of J. Pier pont Morgan have a valuation of \$1,000.914. according to a deputy state appraiser in a report filed yesterday with the attorney FRANCE ON BATTLE FIELDS library is valued at \$553.745. Silverware PARIS, Dec. 22.—A tablet has been found in the vault of the residence is placed in the court of appeals in Paris praised at \$105,551 and "miscellane found in the vault of the residence is apon which is inscribed the names of forty | jewels" at \$66.755. The most valuable of attorneys practicing in this court who paintings were found in the Morgan library in East Twenty-sixth street.

WILSON SENDS SHARP NOTE TO **GREAT BRITAIN**

United States Demands that Interference with Its Commerce by Warships Must Stop.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES THE ISSUE

He Says Protest is Based on International Law as Previously Interpreted by England.

WARNING FOR ENTIRE ENTENTE

Vigorous Protests Made Against Numerous Seizures and Detentions of Cargoes.

OBJECTIONS SO FAR UNHEEDED

Representations Made in Friendly Spirit, but U. S. Means Business.

BEST TO SPEAK FRANKLY

Policy of Empire Asserted Cause of Depression in Many Industries in Republic and Situation Serious.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- President Wilson today, referring to the American note to Great Britain insisting on better treatment for American commerce, declared that large damages eventually would have to be paid by England for unlawful detention of American cargoes.

The president coupled a confirmation of this morning's publication of the sending of the note and of its contents with the statement that the government could deal confidently with the subject only if supported by absolutely honest manifests. He said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband in the cargoes of noncontraband articles-for example, under a cargo of cotton. So long as there were instances of that kind, the president said, suspicion was cast on every shipment and all cargoes were liable to doubt and sus-

The president pointed out that many protests previously had been contention of the American government were correct, as he was firmly convinced it was, claims for indemnification ultimately would have to be met by Great Britain. Supplementary to previous protests, the new note, President Wilson explained, represented fully the position of the United States, saying that so far as the principle was concerned there Austrians Along Entire Front from really was no debate on the point raised, because England itself, in previous wars, had taken exactly the American position.

> The president was asker if the communication sent to Great Britain was the result of the recent gathering of the pan-American diplomass here. He said it was not, but that the position of the United States would apply to any neutral, and that the contentions advanced were not peculiar to this country.

Based on International Law. The president added that the note of protest was based on the generally ac-Austrian official announcements that cepted principle of international law. Foreign diplomats, especialty those passes in the Carpathian mountains note today, and members of congress. and that the troops along the entire who had protested to the State depart-Austrian front from the Biala river ment on behalf of mtrchants and shipto a point northeast of the Dukla pers of copper, flour, wheat and otherproducts in which trade has been restricted, expressed satisfaction with the Some administration officials expressed

the view that when Great Britain realized the tone of opinion on the subject

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