

### ALLIES NEARLY READY FOR DASH INTO GERMANY

Four Months' Preparation in France and Belgium for Concerted Move Forward Are About Completed.  
FRENCH SLOWLY ADVANCING  
British and Belgian Troops Repel Attempts to Break Through Line in North.  
FEELING OF OPTIMISM PREVAILS

### The Day's War News

BOMBARDMENT of the Dardanelles may bring to a decision the attitude of the Balkan states concerning the war. The possibility of the capture of Constantinople, which would result in changes of vital interest to the Balkan nations, already has exercised a noticeable influence on these nations. Bulgaria is said to have mobilized 36,000 men. In Roumania the Chamber of Deputies is considering the granting of a credit of \$40,000,000 for military purposes. ATTACK ON THE DARDANELLES is proceeding steadily, although it is still a question what it has accomplished. A Paris newspaper states that one-third of the straits has been cleared of mines.

RUSSIA is prosecuting one of the most vigorous offensive movements of the war in the east, extending over the whole front. In the west, likewise, fighting is becoming more general. FRENCH WAR OFFICE says that the advance of the allied troops in Champagne is continuing. London reports the allies are making slow, but consistent gains in this region, although Berlin makes no such concessions. PETROGRAD dispatches state that the Russian offensive in Galicia and Bukovina is gathering force and that the Austrians are being compelled to evacuate Bukovina.

LONDON, March 6.—The end of the thirty-first week of the war and the first signs of better weather conditions after a hard winter find the allied armies in the western theater nearing readiness for that concerted onslaught on the Germans, in the preparation of which General Joffre and Field Marshal Sir John French have been doing so much spare work during the last four months.

From the sea through the dunes of Flanders to Arras, in France, the British and the Belgian armies appear to have withstood successfully all the attempts of the Germans to break through their lines, while from Arras to the Vosges the French continue to move slowly forward. This is especially true in the Champagne district, although the skillful German commanders exact a heavy price for every step gained in this section. Here the French hope their efforts soon will result in freeing the city of Rheims from the attention of the German howitzers.

The unqualified optimism with which, judging from the trend of the comment in the London newspapers today, the approaching spring struggle is regarded in Great Britain, France and Russia, can be attributed largely to the remarkable recuperating power shown by the troops of Emperor Nicholas. These soldiers, in spite of the fierce blows of the German armies under Von Hindenburg, have been able not only to bring Teutonic progress to a standstill, but to push the invaders back along the Western front until at one point at least it is admitted in Berlin, the fighting has again moved very near to the East Prussian frontier.

In the south also the Russians appear to have tightened their grip on Galicia and are reconquering Bukovina with forces sufficient to make their tenure permanent. The Russian victory over the German allies in the valleys of the Lomnitz and the Lutska, where they surrounded 20,000 Austrians as was announced yesterday, must, it is believed in London, have a strong influence toward compelling the Austro-German forces again to evacuate the vicinity of Czernowitz, if they are still there. The country west of the Warsaw is again being watched for indication of another battle.

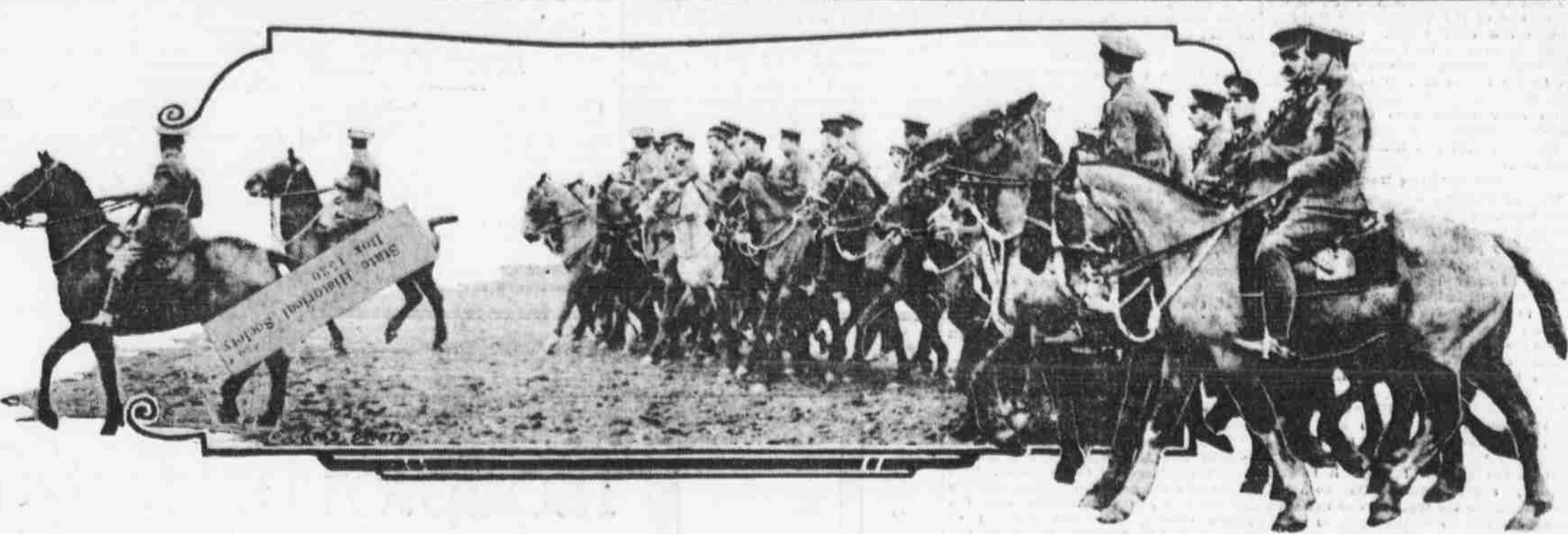
Another event which is adding to the (Continued on Page Four, Column Six.)

### The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Highest	27	Lowest	14	Mean	20
Deficiency for the day		1				
Precipitation		0				
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal						
Normal temperature	32					
Deficiency since March 1, 1915	5					
Total precipitation	0.4					
Excess for the day	0.4					
Total rainfall since March 1	1.27					
Excess since March 1	1.24					
Deficiency for the period, 1915	23					
Deficiency for the period, 1914	23					
7 indicates trace of precipitation.						

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

### BRITAIN'S NEW ARMY IN THE MAKING—Drill of the Middlesex Hussars, now under training to join the forces Kitchener is concentrating on the continent.



### KEARNEY GIRL WINS THE BEE BICYCLE

Louise E. Saunders Collects 21,660 Coupons and Takes the Pretty Machine Handily.

OMAHA BOYS GET PRIZES  
Another bicycle contest has been arranged, to start Sunday, March 14. Full particulars will be given during the week.

Well, sir, it took a girl to beat the two little Omaha boys in the bicycle contest, anyway.

Certain it is that no boy could have beaten two such little workers as Le Roy Zust and Harold Christensen.

Louise E. Saunders won the bicycle with 21,660 votes. Louise is a very nice little girl, boys, and you know, good boys and good men always step aside when the ladies want something, and give it to them. Ask your papas and mamas if that isn't true.

Louise Wanted the Wheel.  
If you knew Louise you would be glad she won the wheel, that is, you'd be almost glad, as glad as it is possible to be. Louise lives at 1012 West Twenty-sixth street in Kearney, Neb., and she is 12 years old, and she has been longing for the bicycle and praying for it and dreaming about it and all the time working, working, working for it day and night.

You can see just how hard she must have worked to get so many votes in a comparatively small place like Kearney. And you can be sure she is a very lovely little girl, just the kind of girl you would want to win that bicycle if you couldn't win it yourself. For if she wasn't that kind of a girl the whole population of (Continued on Page Four, Column One.)

### Runs Amuck With Shotgun; Four Dead, Twenty Wounded

BRUNSWICK, Ga., March 6.—Four men, including H. F. Dunwoody, a prominent attorney, were shot and killed and five others severely wounded here today by Monroe Phillips, a lumberman, who fired at random on the street Phillips himself was killed by a policeman. The others killed were W. M. Hackett, an undertaker; Rex Deavers, a policeman, and W. P. Padgett, a former policeman. Several of the wounded are prominent citizens of Brunswick. Worry over financial difficulties, which he blamed on others, is said to have made Phillips temporarily insane. Phillips first went to the office of Dunwoody and opened fire on the lawyer with a shotgun, killing him almost instantly. From a neighboring street corner the lumberman then began shooting at everyone in sight. Those on the street were panic-stricken and fled in all directions. Before he was killed Phillips, in addition to killing four men, had seriously wounded five and slightly wounded about fifteen others.

### Two Men Killed and Two Hurt by Snow Plow Near Elwood

STERLING, Colo., March 6.—Hugh Baer, 25, and Ben Deboehr, 22, were killed, and George Deboehr, 19, and Everett De Bohr, 9, were perhaps fatally injured last yesterday when struck by a snow plow on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad three miles west of Elwood, Neb. All were farmers living near Elwood.

### Sells Confesses Murder of Mrs. Vogel

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 6.—Alfred Sells, who, with his partner, Charles Sligh, has admitted a series of robberies, including a train holdup, confessed today, according to the police, that he murdered Mrs. Jacob Vogel in her home in the outskirts of Oakland, Cal., February 11 and that a man who accompanied him killed her husband. Vogel was a retired banker and was reported to be wealthy. The motive of the murder was robbery. Sells told detectives he had heard the Vogels kept \$4,000 in their home. He said they found that \$4,000. Sells' confession came after he had been promised immunity from hanging by the district attorney. The man who killed Vogel has not been arrested, the police say.

### MEMBERS OPPOSE SAUNDERS BILL

Commercial Club Referendum Vote Shows 452 for and 183 Against It.

ATTITUDE DEFINITELY SETTLED  
Again the Commercial club of Omaha is opposed to the Saunders electric light bill pending in the senate. This time the membership itself has spoken instead of the executive committee or the board of directors.

The post card vote taken by mail from the membership totaled 935 votes. Of these 452 were in favor of the Saunders bill and 483 against it.

A communication to this effect will go to the Douglas county delegation of the state legislature.

The vote was not a heavy one, considering that every member was furnished by mail with a ballot in the form of a stamped and addressed envelope on which to cast his vote.

Many Fail to Vote.  
It was only a matter of making a cross in one of the two squares, favoring or opposing the light bill which seeks to allow the Metropolitan Water Board to go into the electric lighting business in Omaha in competition with the present company. Though it was merely a matter of making a cross, only 935 of the 1,000 members took the trouble to make that cross.

This referendum vote was made necessary by a few men who circulated a petition asking for a referendum vote of the membership on the club's attitude on the Saunders bill. This was after the board of directors had voted to oppose the bill, by a vote which was said to have been about three to one.

Why Vote Was Taken.  
The executive committee had called the entire board of directors to pass on this question, since they considered it of importance. Ordinarily the executive committee decides on all stands the club is to take in any public matter of this kind. It was thought that the board's decision would surely be the last word.

Friends of R. Beecher Howell, however, circulated a petition to the executive committee and the board of directors asking for this referendum vote in the hope of overturning by a referendum the ruling of the board of directors.

Friends All Were Counted.  
In the meantime friends of the bill worked hard, urging all the known friends in the club to be sure and cast a vote when the referendum opportunity should come. The friends did cast their vote, while many of those opposed to the bill did not take the trouble to vote, preferring to think that the matter was properly closed when the board of directors formally went on record opposed to the bill.

### Mrs. Johnson Given Judgment for Ten Thousand Dollars

GLENWOOD, Ia., March 6.—(Special.)—In district court in session here, Judge Rockafellow presiding, the case of Ella Johnson administratrix, against Page and Fremont counties, which has been tried to a jury since last Friday, brought in a verdict for Mrs. Johnson at 10:30 this morning for \$10,000. At the previous trial in Mills county she was given \$19,000. This verdict was set aside by Judge Arthur. Mrs. Johnson's husband was killed by collapse of a bridge on the county line while he was crossing with a threshing outfit. Two will contest cases are continued until next term. They are the cases of James F. Stout and J. B. Hicks. Absence of witnesses and sickness is given as the cause.

### Hastings Bankers Declare Will Not That of O'Connor

HASTINGS, Neb., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Several Hastings bankers today testified in the O'Connor will case that the purported will was not in the handwriting of the Hastings John O'Connor. This will is dated February 25, 1910. President C. G. Lane of the Exchange National bank testified that O'Connor, about a year before he died, told him he believed he would make a will. Robert Dreiser said that in 1913 O'Connor told him he wanted to go with him to a lawyer to have his will made. The hearing may not be finished before Wednesday.

### IOWA CONSULS ABROAD ARE TRANSFERRED

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The State department announced tonight the transfer of the following consuls: Casper L. Dreiser, Iowa, from Singapore, Straits Settlements, to Winnipeg, Manitoba. Oscar S. Heizer Lassuth, Iowa, from Constantinople to Trebizond, Turkey. Thirty transfers in all were made.

### Six Hundred Persons Killed in Railroad Wreck in Mexico

BOSTON, March 6.—Reports of a railroad accident in Mexico last January in which 600 lives were lost, were cited in a letter received today by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from one of its representatives at Manzanillo on the Mexican west coast. The letter was written on February 11. According to the writer, after the entry of the soldiers into Guadalupe, which was captured by Carranza troops on January 18, the governor ordered that their families should be brought up from Colima on a special train. "There were more than twenty cars," the letter continued, "and I packed with me only, in each car, 11 with men and women and many young children in a most perilous position even for ordinary travel. At the top of the steepest grade, coming down the engineer lost control, the cars rushed down the long incline, throwing off human freight on both sides and finally slipping into an abyss. Nine hundred people were on the train and only six were unhurt. More than 60 were killed outright. Some of the Yucatana Indians committed suicide when they were told of the accident to their families, and others have, even vengeance. All the railroad men were killed, some there is none to suffer. The letter was written by Mrs. John Howland, who, with her husband and Louis B. Fritts, was escaping from Guadalupe, where they had been connected with the board's mission station. They were endeavoring to reach California, but when they arrived at Manzanillo their steamer had departed. They left Guadalupe on the first train operated on the line after the accident occurred. It is believed by officials of the board that they are now somewhere in northern Mexico on their way to the United States. Mrs. Howland is well known to the board and her report is regarded as undoubtedly correct.

### AUTO TRAVEL GETS BIG LOCAL BOOST

Omaha Auto Club is Awake and Looking After Possible Tourists from the East.

LINCOLN HIGHWAY IS READY  
"The Omaha Automobile club is taking active interest in guiding transcontinental and other traffic over the Lincoln Highway through Omaha," said Harry Lawrie, secretary of the club.

"It is doing a number of things that will bring the traffic this way and that will get people to stop off here in Omaha, and it is going to do more."

Mr. Lawrie showed two big boxes full of blue signs with white letters. He has received these from the San Francisco exposition, to be placed on the Lincoln Highway. Some are square and others are about three feet long and eight inches wide for posting on fences. All read "San Francisco Exposition, 1915," and have a long arrow pointing the way.

"We will have a large number of signs made similar to this, advertising Omaha, and posted on roads within a radius of several hundred miles of this city," said Mr. Lawrie.

Good Example of Empire.  
He also showed a letter which he received from the Empire Commercial association.

### Nebraska Banks Have More Money Than Ever Before

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., March 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The 166 state banks of Nebraska were at high water mark, when at the close of business, February 6, there was shown to be general deposits totaling \$100,811,754.51. Never in the history of the banking board, according to Secretary Royle, have the banks had on the deposit side that much money. Other figures show that the total number of depositors was 232,727, and that the increase since October 31, last, in resources is \$6,917,546.32, and the increase in deposits \$7,312,820.64. The increase in loans and discounts was \$396,728.55, and cash and due from banks, \$6,948,281.92.

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### THIRD OF STRAITS CLEARED OF MINES

Sweepers Work Under Protection of Allied Warships, Which Keep Up Steady Fire on Forts.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY REPORTS  
PARIS, March 6.—The Dardanelles now has been cleared of mines as far as Chanak Kalesi; about a third of the distance through the straits, says a Athen dispatch to the Petit Parisien, dated March 5. The mine workers are working under the protection of the allied warships, which are keeping up a steady bombardment of the forts on the European side.

Shell Fords from Saros.  
An official communication from the ministry of marine says: "At the Dardanelles during the day of March 6, three cruisers stationed in the gulf of Saros, bombarded by indirect fire across the Gallipoli peninsula the Turkish forts at Kild-Bahr, which guard the European coast of the narrow strait between that point and Chanak. The fire was directed and testified by four vessels stationed at the entrance to the Dardanelles. The results of the bombardment were very satisfactory. The powder magazine of one of the forts exploded. None of the vessels was damaged. During the day of March 5, three vessels of the allied fleet bombarded from a great distance the fort at Yasa Kale, at the entrance to the gulf of Smyrna, which was seriously damaged and unable to make reply."

Hasan Agency Report.  
The Hasan agency has received the following from its Athens correspondent: "The allied fleet entered the Dardanelles this morning, part going to the gulf of Saros. Destroyers and dredgers continue the destruction of mines covered by battleships. Movements of Turkish artillery were observed toward Gokkii, Handeji, Saros and Vanchicir. Light warships continued the bombardment of the Asiatic coast far into the night. A Turkish camp was destroyed. The allies are now three miles from Chagok. Turkish ships are reported to be assembling at Nakara."

LONDON, March 6.—The following announcement concerning the operations of the British fleet which is attacking the Dardanelles, in co-operation with French warships, was made tonight by the admiralty: "Further reports have now been received from Vice Admiral Carden concerning the operations on March 5 and subsequent days. No action was possible on the third until 2 p. m., when, although the weather indicated, having reached well over into Iowa."

### Storm Renewed in Part of Its Area

Deep Fall and High Winds Tie Up Traffic and Make Trouble for Everybody.

CLEARING WEATHER PROMISED  
Forecast for Omaha and Nebraska—Generally fair Sunday, with slight change in temperature.

While the snow storm that has been general over Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, South Dakota and Iowa since Tuesday has practically ceased in the southern and central areas, through the northern portion of this state and the south half of South Dakota and over in northern Iowa yesterday it had taken a new hold and was moving along eastward with renewed energy, said the reports coming to the railroads.

Reports to railroad headquarters were to the effect that all over the storm area there was a decided break Friday afternoon and during the early evening it cleared off. These conditions maintained until after midnight, when somewhere in the western part of Nebraska the storm commenced again, its southern limits being about 100 miles below the north line of the state and extending up into South Dakota about the same distance. It moved east, accompanied by high winds and today continues general over the territory indicated, having reached well over into Iowa.

### Main Line Trains Moving

Main line trains on the Northwestern system extending into Wyoming and South Dakota were being run, but they were far from being on schedule. Each (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

### Bulgaria Mobilizes Three Divisions on Turkish Frontier

PARIS, March 6.—Bulgaria has mobilized secretly three full army divisions in the neighborhood of Tirona, according to a Saloniki dispatch to the Havas agency based upon what is said to be reliable authority. The same source is responsible for the statement that the Kostendil division has been sent to an unknown destination. An unnamed officer high in the Bulgarian army is quoted as saying: "These troops will be useful in an advance on Adrianople."

### Anderson Stock Inspection Bill is Reported to House

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., 6.—(Special Telegram.)—House roll 20, the Anderson bill to permit of the appointment of a commissioner to inspect all cars of stock and investigate all disputes between shippers and commission firms, was reported for the general file today, after a hot debate. The vote was sixty-five yeas to seventeen nays.

### FRENCH LINER LA TOURAINE IS BURNING AT SEA

Wireless Message Says Large Passenger Steamer is Afire on Atlantic 1,200 Miles West of Havre.

FIVE SHIPS RUSH TO RESCUE  
Vessel Carries Eighty-Four Passengers and Nearly Five Thousand Cases of Cartridges.

PASSENGERS REPORTED SAFE  
BULLETIN.  
PARIS, March 6.—A director of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique said this afternoon: "From a wireless dispatch we have received we are given to understand that fire broke out on the La Touraine at 8 o'clock this morning. Four ships, which were within wireless range have gone to its assistance. Among them are the Arabic and the Rotterdam."

He added no word had been received concerning the ship with the exception of this message. The director stated that the fire "apparently was serious."

"The Arabic and Rotterdam," he said, "should now be close to the La Touraine, which is 900 miles from Havre."

BULLETIN.  
LONDON, March 6.—A message from Queenstown says that the fire on La Touraine is "fierce." Otherwise this message is a repetition of the one received by Lloyds from the wireless station at Valencia, Ireland.

LONDON, March 6.—The steamship La Touraine is afire at latitude 43.06 north and longitude 20.14 west, according to a wireless message received here. Five steamers have gone to the assistance of the La Touraine, the message said.

The message telling of the fire was received by Lloyds from the wireless station at Valencia, Ireland. In addition to giving the position of the La Touraine, it is stated that the steamers Rotterdam, Swanmore, Cornishman, Arabic and others were going to its assistance.

SHIP ALSO CARRIES NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND CASES OF CARTRIDGES.  
NEW YORK, March 6.—When La Touraine sailed away from this port last Saturday it had about eighty-four passengers of whom thirty-eight were in the first cabin, the remaining forty-six being in the steerage. The vessel was one of six big liners leaving this port the same day, the sailing being the heaviest recorded for some time.

At the local offices of the French line it was said this morning that no information regarding the Touraine had been received. Maritime circles, however, received word from abroad that all the passengers and crew were safe, but this information was not confirmed here.

On board the Rotterdam were 4364 cases of cartridges intended for use in the European war. The first cabin passenger list follows: Auguste Goulet, Montreal. Gaston Levy, New York. E. Feinberg, Brooklyn. Dr. J. C. Walker, New York. Mrs. J. C. Walker, New York. Miss Cecelia, New York. Louis Gaudreau, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Mrs. Simon Crabb, Havana. Miss Cecelia, New York. Julien Simon Treault, Montreal. Ralph Simpson, New Haven. Edmund Delapuech, New York. Henri Delapuech, New York. Eugene Mosel, San Francisco. Joseph L. Maurer, New York. Emil Pares, New York. Mrs. Alice O. L. Andrews, Boston. Master Ralph Andrews, Boston. Francis Robinson, New York. Wood Fosdick, New York. Robert Alphonse, New York. Raymond Wolf Swoboda, New York. Paul Faquet, general agent French line, New York.

### Roumanian War Office Asks Credit of Forty Millions

PARIS, March 6.—A bill opening a credit of 200,000,000 lei (\$40,000,000) for military expenditures has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by the government, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien from its Bucharest correspondent. Another bill was introduced which would call up the 1915 class of recruits, extend for one year the period of command for generals who have reached the age limit and modify the law governing military requisitions. C. Disacco, former minister of public instruction, has announced that he will interpellate the government, asking what attitude it intends to take now that the fate of the Dardanelles is at issue, and if Roumania will be consulted by the powers in the settlement of that question.

### Governor Clarke Signs Suffrage and Dry Resolutions

DES MOINES, Ia., March 6.—The woman suffrage and constitutional prohibition amendments resolutions recently passed by the Iowa legislature, were signed by Governor Clarke this afternoon. The latter amendment must have the sanction of the next general assembly before its submission to the voters. The present assembly has before it a bill to permit a vote on the suffrage amendment at the primaries next year.

### Ryndam Chief Sees Merchant Ship Sink After Torpedo's Shot

NEW YORK, March 6.—The attack of a German submarine, silent, unheralded and unexpected upon a big merchant ship that flew no flag was witnessed from the bridge of the Dutch liner Ryndam in the North Sea about thirty miles from the British coast, according to Captain Van Den Huevel of the Ryndam, which reached here today from Rotterdam. The attack occurred February 24 and the stricken vessel was slowly settling to the bottom as the Ryndam steamed away. "We heard a muffled explosion," said the Ryndam's captain, "and when we looked a great white cloud of steam and smoke was rising from the ship. It had been struck amidship. We stopped immediately and prepared to lower our lifeboats. As they swung out we saw the merchantman lower its own boats and some of its crew go over the side. Then came the vessel's wireless call for help. Ten minutes, or thereabouts, a British destroyer steamed up and began search for the submarine. The destroyer signalled that no assistance was needed and advised us to proceed on our way cautiously. This we did."