SCORES A VICTORY

BRY AMENDMENT ENACTED IN HOUSE BY A VOTE OF 282 TO 128.

MAKES AN APPEAL

Joins with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, Who Led the Fight for the Prohibitionists, is Receiving Congratulations.

Western Newsport Union News Service

Washington, D. C .- Nation wide prohibition won in the House and only the adjustment of a slight difference in resolutions between the House and Senate now stands in the way of submitting to state legislatures an amendment to the federal constitution forbidding the manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes in the United States or its territories.

The vote in the House, taken after a day of debate before crowded galleries, was 282 to 128, with the parties dividing almost evenly. The margin for prohibition was just eight more than the two-thirds vote.

Both wets and drys had been predicting victory all day, and it was not until the last few names had been coalled that the anti-prohibition forces conceded their defeat. When Speaker Clark announced the result the victors were joined by the galleries in such a demonstration as is rarely permitted in the House. Former Secretary Bryan, an interested spectator nearly all day, appeared on the floor and joined in receiving congratulations with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, who led the fight.

The resolution adopted by the House is identical with that passed by the Senate last August, except that it gives the state seven years instead of six in which to ratify the amendment. Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicted that the Senate would accept the amendment. He said he had assurances that the seven-year period would be approved and that he did not believe a roll call necessary.

The president's approval is not required and the state legislatures may act as soon as they please after the Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

RAIL PROBLEM- PUT OFF.

President Will Defer Solution of the Question Until January.

Washington, D. C .- President Wilson will not act on the railroad probtem before the Christmas recess of congress. It was authoritatively stated that he probably will present his plan of solution to congress immediately after the holidays.

In spite of persistent reports that upon there apparently is nothing to indicate that the president has confided his decision to anyone if he has determined upon a solution. Most of his advisers believe that he will adopt some measure of government control of raffroads greater than now exercised and that a federal administrator or director will be named.

in the Senate Senator Borah protested strongly against the proposed recess over the Christmas holidays, insisting that congress should stay in Washington and act upon the railroad situation.

May Join the Colors.

Washington, D. C.—Provote Marshal Ocean Growder has issued to governown request. White men only will be secepted and they may enlist only in the infantry, signal corps, medical corps and quartermaster's department. Supply conditions are such, General Growder said, that no man can be acpted in the coast artillery, field artalery, cavalry or engineers' corps.

Jewish Writer Dead.

New York.—A cable message from Petrograd received by the Jewish Dally Forward reported the death of Jacob Sholom Abramocitch, the Jewish writer, in Odessa. He was 82 Years old and was known universally under the pen name of Mendele Mother Seforim. He was generally regarded as the founder of the modera Jewish literature and was an authority on the Yiddish language.

Yankees Bring Down Air Machines. Paris.-Charles J. Biddle, of Adalusia, Pa., and Phelps Collins, of Detroit, Mich., both members of the Lafayette flying squadron, have each brought down a German machine within the last week,

To Make New Peace Bid. Washington, D. C .- Information reserved here among neutral diplomats agrees with intimations from abroad that Germany is considering another offer of peace.

Celebrate Freeing of Holy City. Paris. - A te deum was celebrated in the cathedral of Notre Dame in honor of the liberation of Jerusalem from the hands of the Turks.

Guilty of Sedition. Bitica, N. Y .- Julia R. Armbruster, ged 26, of Syracuse, a member of the Socialist party, pleaded guilty to sellition in the United States court here and was fined \$300. Judge Geo. W. Ray, presiding, said this sentence to a warning that seditions utterances will not be tolerated.

PRESTON GIBSON



Preston Gibson, prominent American author and society man, who has been serving with the Norton-Harjes unit since the early days of the war, has been decorated by the French government with the Cross of War, with two star citations for gallant conduct on the field. Gibson is now chief of a section of the United States army ambulance corps.

RUSSIAN ARMY QUITS

GERMAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS DEMORALIZATION OF FORCES.

Clash With Bolsheviki Troops · Around Tamovka.

Copenhagen, Dec. 14.—The semiofficial German news agency says demobilization of the Russian forces has begun and that peace negotiations, restricted to the Russian front, have been authorized.

Oherbatchoff has been appointed comsignatures of the vice president and mander in chief, "with the assistance of the allies (Teutonic?), and that he has been authorized to open peace negotiations with Germany."

Jassy, Roumania, Dec. 14.-Official announcement was made of the signing of an armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p. m. Sunday until further no-

London, Dec. 14,-Russia's civil war has apparently begun.

Dispatches-all greatly delayed-reported the first actual clash between the bolsheviki and 3,000 to 4,000 Cossack rebels around Tamanovka, about one plan or another has been decided 18 miles from Bleigorod. The Cossacks States war savings campaign, has General Korniloff, well furnished with arms, machine guns and ammunition.

Reports of fighting at Mohiley, Russian general headquarters, between troops newly arrived there and the bolsheviki garrison were received in Petrograd. It is also reported that shock battalions and Cossacks advancing on Mohilev clashed with the bolsheviki, who were defeated.

It is said that thousands of Cossacks already have left the fighting front and railied to Kaledines' support, and it is expected he will soon have the entire force of 400,000 Cossacks at his disposal.

Massed Attack East of Bullecourt Driven Back-Teutons Succeeded in Entering Front Trench.

London, Dec. 14.-The German attack in the morning east of Bullecourt was repulsed by the British except at one point, according to Field Marshal Halg's report. The Germans suffered heavy losses, many dead being left behind on their retiremena.

The text of the statement reads: "This morning the enemy delivered strong local attack on the front about a mile east of Bullecourt.

"On the right of the position attacked, the enemy succeeded on entering a short length of front trench. "At all other points the attack was

repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy, many of whose dead are lying in our wire. A number of prisoners were captured."

TEST FOR ALL ARMY OFFICERS

Baker Orders Regulars and National Guard Commanders to Take Efficiency Examinations.

Washington, Dec. 13.—All regular, and National Guard officers must un Sergo medical as well as efficiency ex- when Representative Tinkham of Bosaminations, Secretary Baker said, because of severe conditions of warfare meter gun, hurling a shell across to

Soldiers Black Shoes of Officers. Washington, Dec. 17.-Representative Miller, who visited the European

practice should not be permitted. Drafted Men to California.

Chicago, Dec. 17 .- Seven thousand selected men will leave Chicago begin- trian statement reviewing the drive on ning next Wednesday for Chilfornia Italy, says that in the Cour days of where they will report to one of the fighting in the Meletta region 629 Italarmy cantonments for training. Word ian officers and more than 16,000 men to that effect was received here

BAKER TAKES BLAME

SECRETARY OF WAR REPLIES TO CHARGES MADE BY GEN. ERAL CROZIER.

PUBLICITY WOULD AID FOE

Chief of Army Ordnance Tells Senate Committee Baker Is Responsible for Delay in Procuring Machine Guns.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Secretary Baker on Thursday made this reply to General Crozler's charge that he is responsible for the failure, until June 17 last, to make a choice of machine guns:

"I am responsible for anything that goes on in the war department. I have been much interested in the subject of machine guns. I appointed a board to pass on them.

"There's no need for defense. The senate* committee can very properly seek to find out everything that has been done, and it is General Crozier's

plain duty to tell them the whole story. "But I can't say anything for publication. It's a matter concerning which, above all others, our adversaries would be glad to acquire information.

"There's no need for taking sides Clearly the department cannot allow Itself to state what should not be stated, because somebody expresses a confused view of it. The military defense of the country is a thing that can't be stated in detail.

"The Browning gun is a new gun invented by a man who has invented more ordnance than anyone else. It is a light gun. A long time ago it was tested and operated under the auspices of a board of experts which I appointed. It is not true that the gun has not been thoroughly tested. The Cossacks Under General Korniloff, board of experts was appointed to pass on all machine gun questions.

"The full capacity of this country for the manufacture of machine guns has been laid under contract. The entire capacity of every maker of machine guns is being used.

"It is not the intention of the department to concentrate on the Browning gun. The Intention of the depart-The dispatch says that General ment is to get every machine gun it can get."

> Secretary Baker declared American overseas forces are adequately supplied with machine guns. He added that all other forces going to France will be adequately supplied with these weapons.

THRIFT IS VICTORY RECIPE

Frank A. Vanderlip Says Business Must Not Compete With the Government.

Chicago, Dec. 14.-Frank A. Vanderlip, national director of the United commanded by aroused Chicago and other cities in which he has spoken during the last few days, to a perfect frenzy for thrift. The idea he inculcates is not that the thrifty should hoard, but should save and lend to government their money, first because the government needs the money for a successful prosecution of the war, and secondly because the government needs, even worse, the labor employed in making the articles that the people demandthe luxuries and the thoughtless little things that they are better off without, but which form a large part of the manufacturing industry of the United States.

"We must make the people see that It is not the money they give, but the arms new rules under which men of BRITISH STOP FOE'S ATTACK it is not the money they give, but he spending draft age may join the colors at their otherwise, that is the great help. We must make the boy see, for example, that if he buys a baseball he is using rubber that might go into an ambulance tire. He is using leather that might go into a soldier's boot. He is using labor, he is using shop room. He is directly taking away from the government the means to quickly and thoroughly equip the army. He will consider whether he cannot wait for that baseball,

"I am not going to propose anything that will wreck business. I am not proposing receivers for the manufacturers of nonessentials. Let us make this war lesson as clear as possible and we will still have a great business in luxuries, a disturbingly great business in luxuries, because labor never before was so fully employed at such high wages,"

FIRST U. S. SHOT AT AUSTRIA

Representative Tinkham of Boston Fires First American Shell From Italian Front.

Italian Army Headquarters, Dec. 14. -The first American shot of the war against Austria was fired Wednesday ton pulled the string of a 1.49 millithe Austrian lines.

Jackies Get Holiday Leave.

Great Lakes, Ill., Dec. 17.-Jackles at the Great Lakes naval training stabattle fronts, said he had seen Amer- tion are happy over the announcement Ican soldiers in France blackening the that the embryo sailors will be given shoes of officers. Mr. Miller said the leave to visit their homes either Christmas or New Year's.

Capture Many Italians.

London, Dec. 17 .- An official Auswere made prisoners.

COL. ALIPIO GAMA



Col. Alipio Gama is the head of the Brazilian war commission which has come to the United States to confer with us on the best method of employing the armed forces of Brazil in the war against the Teutons.

NEGROES HANGED

ARMY OFFICERS EXECUTE SOL DIERS FOR RIOTING.

Forty-One Were Sentenced to Life Imprisonment-One Man Dishonorably Discharged.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 13.-Thirteen of the negroes of the Twentyfourth infantry, U. S. A., found guilty of complicity in the riot and mutiny at Houston August 23, were hanged on the military reservation at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 a. m. Tuesday. Announcement of the carrying out of the sentence was made at beadquarters of the Southern department of the army at 9 a. m.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin of Bexar county were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No newspaper men or civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

The execution took place in an arroyo about two miles east of Camp Travis.

Of the 63 men tried by the same ourt-martial 41 were sentenced to life imprisonment.

One man was sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army and to be confined for two and half years.

The negro soldiers who paid the

death penalty were: Sergt, William C. Nesbit, Corporal Larnon J. Brown, Corporal James Wheatley, Corporal Jesse Moore, Corporal Charles W. Baltimore, Private William Brackenridge, Private Thomas C. Hawkins, Private Carlos Snodgrass, Private Ira B. Davis, Private James Divins, Private Frank Johnson, Private Risley W. Young, Private Pat Mac-Whorter.

CONQUEST AND KULTUR

Let it be the task then of our diplomacy so to shuffle the cards that we may be attacked by France, for then there would be reasonable prospect that Russia for a time would remain neutral. . . . We must not hope to bring about this attack by waiting passively. Neither France nor Russia nor England need to attack in order to further their interests. So long as we shrink from attack, they can force us to submit to their will by diplomacy, as the upshot of the Moroccan negotiation shows,

If we wish to bring about an attack by our opponents we must initiate an active policy, which, without attacking France, will so prejudice her interests or those of England that both those states would feel themselves compelled to attack us. Opportunities for such procedure are offered both in Africa and in Europe.—Bernhardi, Germany and the Next War (1911).

U-BOAT PERIL STILL SERIOUS

First Lord of Admiralty Declares Submarine Menace Is Being Held Within Bounds.

London, Dec. 15 .- "The submarine menace, in my opinion, is held but not yet mastered," said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons on Thursday. "Our shipbuilding is not yet replacing our losses "Since November 1, when I made my last statement, the downward trend of mercantile marine losses has continued satisfactorily. The upward curve of merchant shipbuilding and the upward curve of destruction of enemy submarines have been equally satisfrctory."

Thirty Lake Ships Icebound. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17.-The fleet or

30 or more down-bound lake freighters which passed out of the Detroit river after being Icebound since Saturday, is lying fast in heavy ice to Lake Erie.

Swiss Name New President.

Berne, Dec. 17.-Felix Calonder. vice president of the republic andhead of the department of the interior, was elected president of Switserland for 1918. He received 178

SCORNS PEACE TALK

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS IF RUSSIA DROPS OUT AMERICA WILL MORE THAN FILL PLACE.

ALLIES ON WAY TO VICTORY

Declares Overtures to Germany Would Be Betrayal of the People's Trust -United States Decisive Factor.

London, Dec. 17 .- "If this is the worst moment it is because Russia has stepped out and America is only prepared to come in. Every hour that passes will see the gap formed by the retirement of the Russians filled by the valiant sons of the great republic. Germany knows it and Austria knows it, hence the desperate efforts that they are making to force the issue before America is ready. They will not suc-

This was the concluding statement of Premier David Lloyd George in an address on Friday at the dinner of the Grey's Inn Benchers (a lawyer's club).

The premier also said: "It is because I am firmly convinced that, despite some untoward events, despite discouraging appearances, we are making steady progress toward the goal that I believe peace overtures to Prussia at the very moment the Prussian military spirit is drunk with boastfulness would be a betrayal of the people's trust, the great trust with which my colleagues and myself have been charged."

If Russia persists in her present pollcy, the premier pointed out, the withdrawal by the enemy from the east of a third of his troops must release hundreds of thousands of men and masses of material to attack Great Britain, France and Italy,

"It would be folly," he added, "to underrate the danger; equal folly to exaggerate it, and the greatest folly of all not to face it.

"If the Russian democracy has decided to abandon the struggle against military autocracy, the American democracy is taking it up."

Germany's victories were emblazened to the world, the premier said, but her troubles did not appear in bulletins. Something was known of them, however.

The deadly grip of the British navy was having its effect, and the valor of the troops was making an impres-

sion which would tell in the end. "I warn the nation to watch the man who thinks there is a half-way house between victory and defeat," the premier admonished. "There are men who think you can end the war now by some sort of what they call peace -by setting up a league of nations. That is the right policy after victory; without victory it would be a farce."

SUGAR SHORTAGE LOCALIZED

Spreckels Tells Senate Committee Trouble Is Only "in Spots"-Blames Food Administration.

Washington, Dec. 17.-Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining company, testifying before the senate manufactures subcommittee on Friday in the sugar investigation, declared there is no sugar shortage "except in spots." One of the spots is the eastern United States, he

"The United States has ample sugar," he said. "The shortage is localized in the Eastern states. As a whole, there is plenty of sugar." Mr. Spreckels added that there is

enough sugar in Java to supply the whole British isles for a year. "You say there is no shortage, yet we can get no sugar; why is that?"

asked Senator Reed. Spreckels said the food administration, by interfering with his business, had made it impossible for him to obtain raw sugar to refine. Under a price agreement with the food administration, he said, he had been unable to buy raw sugar from Cuban and other markets.

HOUSE ORDERS NAVAL INQUIRY

Secretary Daniels and Others Will Be Called-Congress to Investigate All War Work.

Washington, Dec. 17.-The searchlight of "pitiless publicity" will be turned by congress on every phase of the administration of the war, it was assured.

The house ordered a sweeping investigation of the administration of the navy. The investigation of the navy's part in the war was ordered by the house committee on naval affairs,

The investigation was ordered in executive session of the committee, the motion being offered by Mr. Oliver. He said he had received numerous reports regarding the navy department which, in his opinion, made an investigation unavoidable.

Bolsheviki Aided by Fleet.

Petrograd, Dec. 15.-The Black sea battle fleet is co-operating with the bolsheviki forces in the fighting at Bostoff, according to dispatches recelved here. The warship Kolhida is firing on the Cossacks at Novo Tcherkask.

St. Paul Strike Called Off.

Washington, Dec. 15.-George W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, telegraphed the strikers in St. Paul and Minneapolis to return to work in view of the order for a federal investigation.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

Ten children in the state home for dependent children at Lincoln have scarlet fever and five have whooping cough. The children have been quarantined in the isolation department of the home.

The state fire commission recommends the abolition of the Christmas tree as a needless luxury, at least until after the war, in a Christmas bulletin just issued by Fire Commissioner W. S. Diagell.

Old soldiers at the Grand Island home are preparing to do their bit in. forming a home guard organization. according to a letter received by State Auditor Smith. Practically every veteran in the home will be enrolled in the company, the letter states,

Sixty-one university men have left school for war duty since the beginning of the semester. Six have withdrawn during the past few days, and judging from the number of inquiries coming to the various instructors, there will be a general exodus before the middle of December.

Answering the complaint that there is laxity in the enforcement of the female labor law, Deputy Labor Commissioner George Norman declares that inspection is as complete as possible under present conditions. Mr. Norman says the office is severely handicapped for tack of inspectors.

In the motor vehicle department. of the office of Secretary of State Pool a total of 1917 new automobile plates were issued during November which shows the total number of plates issued during the year to be 147,744. A total of 3,484 motorcycle plates were issued during the year and 112 during the month of November.

State land to the amount of 120 acres has been retrieved from the Missouri river, according to State Land Commissioner G. L. Shumway. He has been informed that the county commissioners of Douglas county have appraised 120 acres of state land at \$100 an acre. This land was washed away by the river several years ago. Like bread cast upon the waters, it has returned to its old place.

Overdrafts of \$575,000 are shown in State Treasurer George E. Hall's monthly report just issued. Of this sum \$229,000 is credited to the normal school fund, \$190,000 in the state university activities fund, \$56,000 in the temperary university fund, \$58,000 in the state aid bridge fund and \$35.-000 in the state institutions improvement fund. The general fund balance declined during November from \$135,-000 to \$50,000.

Just how the next draft, which is expected before the end of this semester, will affect the classes in the university is a question that is beginning disturb university professors. Prac tically all of the men in the junior and senior classes and a large number in the two lower classes will be taken in the draft, and many of the classes will be totally disrupted. Whether or not those men taken in the draft will be given full credit for the work they begun is another question that is worrying university men. A large number of seniors, who are within a few hours of graduation, will be called to the colors, and they are anxious to know if they will be given their degrees. The university authorities have made no ruling for next semester, but the probabilities are that such men will be given their diplomas.

Secretary O. E. Bernecker of the state board of assessment has induced the board to direct assessors to itemize household goods and agricultural tools and machinery when assessing personal property. The plan was tried in a few counties last year and resulted in a more equitable assessment of property and also uncovered property that had escaped assessment under the old method of guessing or lumping the value of such goods. Next spring assessors will be equipped with new printed blanks to be attached to the schedules of personal property. When the person is a farmer he will be shown a blank for the itemization of agricultural tools and machinery. On this blank the assessor will enter the value of each piece of machinery.

In conjunction with the agricultural extension service, 200 Nebraska towns have agreed to conduct a garden survey this winter looking to a renewal of the "war garden" activities for next year. It is thought several thousand acres of land can be made available for the purposes intended.

The state board of educational lands and funds has traded off the \$500,000 of liberty bonds and the \$50,000 of land bank bonds purchased by the state for home securities bearing a higher rate of interest.

At the state and federal employment bureau at the state house it is: reported that the supply of corn huskers is now a little in excess of the demand. Huskers from the north and west are returning to Lincoln, having finished on jobs on which they have been working.

For the year ending Navember 30 the county municipal, school district and other bonds registered in the state auditor's office exceeded by \$1,000,000 the amount registered during the previous year.