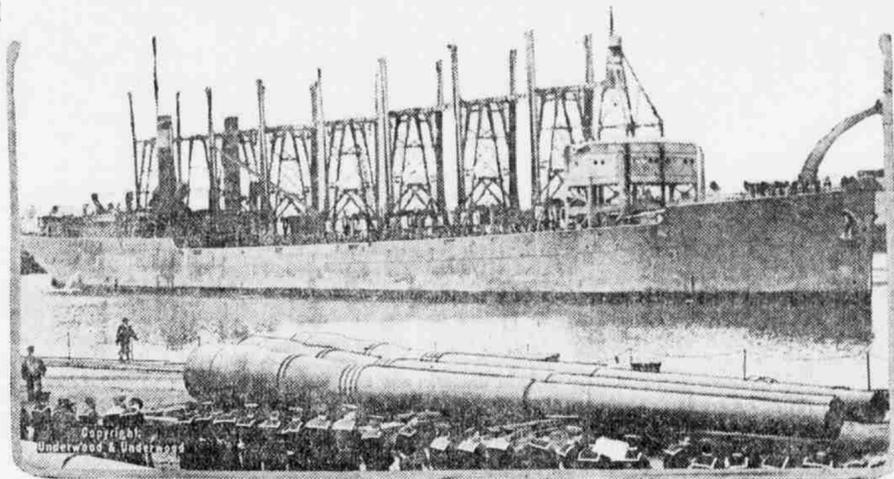


KAISER WILHELM DIRECTING MOVEMENT OF TROOPS



Kaiser Wilhelm, with hands behind his back, is here photographed while directing the movement of a body of troops at the front. General von Falkenhayn, the minister of war, stands at the emperor's left.

SANTA CLAUS SHIP AT PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND



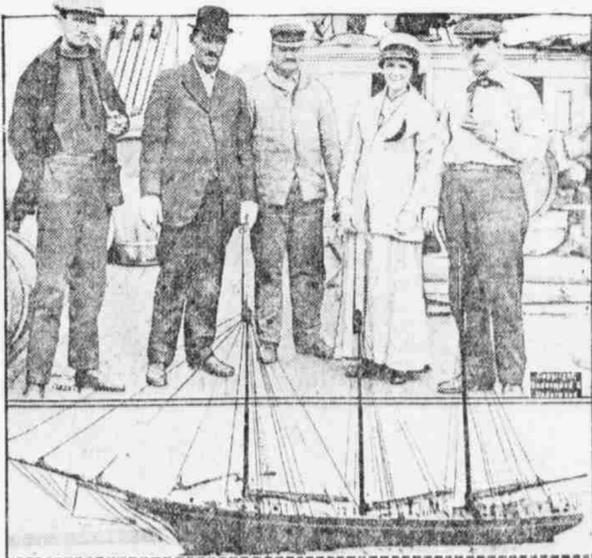
The American Santa Claus ship Jason, loaded with millions of gifts for the war orphans of Europe, as she appeared when she dropped anchor at Plymouth, England. In the immediate foreground are some of the immense guns which Great Britain is mounting on her battleships.

HOW THE DUTCH GUARD THEIR NEUTRALITY



Dutch troopers examining passports at the frontier of Holland.

OFF ON A REAL TRIP OF ADVENTURE



For the first time in a quarter of a century an American sailing vessel has cleared for a trading trip to the coast of Africa. It is the schooner Adelle T. Carleton, shown in the illustration, which left New York a few days ago with a miscellaneous cargo, which is to be exchanged for ivory, coffee, etc. She has three captains aboard. Above, left to right, are J. J. Moran, who is going to Liberia; Capt. D. S. Kent, Capt. F. E. Lowry, Mrs. Lowry, official photographer, and Capt. N. W. Brown.

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE



Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, photographed as he was about to call at the White House for the purpose of conferring with President Wilson as to war conditions and possible peace proposals. He has just sailed again for Holland.

ROAD TURNED DOWN

RAILWAY COMMISSION REJECTS RATE RAISE ASKED BY M. P.

BOARD HAS NO JURISDICTION

Attorney Presenting Case Says Passenger Fares Now in Effect Are Unjust.

Lincoln.—The Missouri Pacific Railway company took the first steps in an effort to have the old 3-cent passenger fare reinstated. J. A. C. Kennedy, acting for the road made an application for a raise in passenger rates to 3 cents per mile.

The commission listened to the arguments of the attorney in support of the application and decided that as the act was a legislative act the commission had no jurisdiction in the matter and turned the application down.

The reason for asking for the raise in rate is given in part as follows: "The passenger fare now in effect is so unjust and so unreasonably low as to be not compensatory and in fact, confiscatory. That said existing rates also unlawfully discriminate in favor of persons traveling between points in Nebraska and against persons who travel through Nebraska on interstate journeys, and unlawfully discriminate in favor of points or localities in Nebraska and against points and localities in other states, in that fares now in effect are substantially lower than the fares for similar distances from points and localities in other states and from points in other states through Nebraska."

Goes to United States Courts.

The Northwestern railroad has appealed to the United States supreme court from a judgment for \$11,500 in favor of William Bower, affirmed by the supreme court of Nebraska. Mr. Bower, while an engineer in the employ of the Northwestern, had his left eye put out by the explosion of a glass lubricator at Long Pine. The case was tried in Holt county, the judgment rendered for Bower, and it was affirmed by the state supreme court.

Head of Fair Association.

W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has returned from Chicago, where he attended the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Association of Fairs and Associations. Thirty-three state fairs and expositions were represented.

Mr. Mellor was unanimously elected president of the organization and A. L. Sponsor of Hutchinson, Kan., was selected for vice president. The next meeting will be held in San Francisco in November, 1915.

Single Registration System Planned.

A loose leaf, permanent registration system that can be amended any day in the year will be proposed at the coming session of the legislature by Mosley of Lincoln, for Lincoln, Fremont, Grand Island, York, Beatrice, Nebraska City, Columbus, Fairbury, Norfolk, Hastings and Kearney. It will apply to all towns of over 3,000 in the state exclusive of Omaha, which is under the election commissioner system.

State Relief Organization.

A delegation of Lincoln citizens, headed by Mayor Frank Zehrung, called on Governor Morehead to take up the matter of a state organization for the relief of the Belgians. Mayor Zehrung is of the opinion that a state organization would be able to gather a larger amount of material, and cited many instances where people who desire to give something do not seem to know where to send it.

To Discuss Rural School Improvement.

A policy for the improvement of the rural schools probably will be outlined at the meeting of the rural school patrons during the week of organized agriculture in Lincoln, January 18 to 23. Superintendent-elect A. O. Thomas will give an address on "The Democracy of Education," and there will be an open forum discussion on "School Law Revision."

Number of Silos Doubled.

The number of silos has been doubled in Dawson county throughout the summer and fall, largely through the efforts of the Dawson County Farmers' association. A silo day was observed by many of the farmers of the county during the summer, and visits were made to farms where silos were in use.

News Company Is Incorporated.

The Barkalow Bros. News Co., with headquarters at Omaha, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The corporation has a capital stock of \$100,000 and will engage in the newspaper business in Nebraska and like places and will also establish and maintain cafes and hotels in connection with the other business. It is understood that the company will operate on the lines of the Union Pacific and Northwestern railways.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

BRITAIN'S WAR CENSOR



Sir Stanley Owen Buckmaster, K. C., M. P., who is censor of war news for the British government, is practically unknown to this country, and is not yet a very familiar figure to the public in England. But he has a great reputation in the courts, where he has been a leader in chancery for many years. Whereas Mr. Smith at forty-two would be called young by all men, Sir Stanley Buckmaster, who is fifty-three, would only be called young by some men. His great gift is lucid exposition and directness in thought and speech. He can clothe the dry bones of chancery law with such interest and fascination that it is a recreation for a layman to hear him argue. A case the presenting of which by the average lawyer would be a painful punishment to bear, when argued by Sir Stanley becomes almost romantic.

For many years he has been what lawyers call a "special," a rank which hath shall be given. It means that upon every brief delivered to his law chambers there must be marked, in addition to all ordinary fees, a special sum of 50 guineas, about \$200.

WOULD PREPARE FOR WAR

In the discussions of the lessons of the European war as applied to the military problems of the United States no man in congress has a larger part than Representative Julius Kahn of California. Mr. Kahn, as president of the National Defense league of the United States, is an earnest advocate of peace, but he holds that for the United States, at least, preparedness for war is the only insurance against war.

"Militarist," his very good friend, Representative Richard Bartholdt of Missouri, calls him, in their debates on the subject. "Pacifist," retorts Mr. Kahn, for Mr. Bartholdt is committed to the cause of peace, and is one of the country's most noted advocates of arbitration as a cure for war.

Both of German nativity, both of long service in congress, both leaders of thought on their respective sides, Messrs. Kahn and Bartholdt are at opposite points of the pole on military subjects. Mr. Kahn, personally gentle and kind of manner, fair and liberal in debate, philosophical in his habits of mind, never comes so near to losing his patience as when he hears pacifist arguments.

"Yes, yes," said he, almost impatiently, when some of the recent publications were brought to him in which appeared articles arguing that preparation for war inevitably is an invitation for war. "Yes, yes; I have seen all that stuff. How silly and futile it appears in the light of what is going on in Europe!"



MRS. DAISY OWEN



"Fancy names, abbreviations, or pet names do not claim much favor in these times," remarked Mrs. Owen, wife of the Oklahoma statesman. "I am frequently asked why I do not call myself Margaret, and I reply promptly because I have no right to the name. I was born when the fields of my native heath, then Indian Territory, now the growing state of Oklahoma, were abloom with the starry flowers we called the daisies. My mother had gone to the new land with my father from among her kindred and beloved friends in North Carolina, and naturally she was homesick. The daisies reminded her of the old place back in Carolina, for there, too, thousands of snowy blossoms dot the fields, and she called me Daisy Deane. The latter is a family name, and also the words of the plaintive old song 'Daisy Deane,' very popular in the times of romantic ballads and before the era of ragtime and the coon song.

I never see one of the lovely little flowers without thinking of my mother, and I cling to the rather infantile name without the least desire to make it more dignified or sedate. I like names with meaning, so we called our only daughter Dorothea, gift of God, for she was the only grandchild on both sides of the house, and her coming meant so much to us all."

Senator and Mrs. Owen are among the adaptable members of official society, and have affiliated with many active organizations. They belong to the Chevy Chase club, and enlivened the tedium of the summer by al fresco dinners there and by teas and afternoon dances. They are both members of the Columbia Golf club, and may be seen constantly during the heated term following the elusive ball over the hills and dales of the course.

SIMEON E. BALDWIN, WALKER

Gov. Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut, defeated for the United States senate at the recent election, is seventy-five years old, but a great walker. He believes in walking. He was in Washington while the American Bar association was in session, and he and ex-President Taft, among others, were named to go to the White House and escort President Wilson to the session. They rode across Washington in an automobile and the governor explained their purpose to the president.

"I hear, governor," the ex-president said, "that you are fond of walking."

"I take a daily constitutional," was the reply of the tall, spare, wonderfully active executive.

"Good," said the president. "In that case we'll foot it to the meeting."

And off the party started. The governor acted as pacemaker and the ex-president had hard work to keep up with the procession. Last summer, at Stonington, the governor made an eight-mile through the country in the morning, and in the afternoon refused to ride in the parade, which was a part of the celebration he was attending. "No, I'll walk," he said. And walk he did, right behind the band.

