FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed Into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

WAR NEWS.

Of nearly 500,000 wounded soldiers treated in French hospitals between September 15 and November 30, less than 2½ per cent died.

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Reports have reached New York that trenches are being dug about London and extraordinary precautions taken throughout the English east coast region in anticipation of a further German raid or invasion.

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Two German aeroplanes recently dropped bombs upon the outer fortifications at Dover. The forts fired on hem, but they escaped and the aviators are said to have been awarded the iron cross by the kaiser.

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A dispatch from Petrograd to London says the number of German prisoners registered in the Russian capital is 1,140 officers and 131,700 men; the number of Austrians registered is 3,166 officers and 221,400 men.

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The triple entente powers have given guarantees to Athens and Bucharest that Bulgaria will not attack Greece or Rumania should Greece lend aid to Servia or should Rumania actively participate in the war.

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The Portuguese chamber voted in favor of preparations to join England in the war against Germany. The vote was taken immediately after announcement of another attack upon the Portuguese province of Angola in Africa.

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The British protectorate over Egypt has been declared in all the garrison towns by the firing of a salute of 101 guns and the raising of the British flag. Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed sultan of Egypt.

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The German emperor, according to late advices by way of Copenhagen, has gone to the front in the western theater of the war, where the general attempt by the allies to force the Germans backward has been going on for several days.

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Japan has not been requested to send an army to Europe. The Japanese minister of foreign affairs has given information to this effect to the Diet. Arms to the value of $5,000,000 have been forwarded from Japan to Europe.

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A German aviator, on Christmas day drove his machine across the English channel, evidently with the intention of making an attack on Sheerness. However, like his compatriot who recently made an attempt against Dover, he was unsuccessful, being driven away by British aircraft.

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Italy has occupied the Albanian port of Avlona, as the result of a revolution which has broken out in Albania against the Turkish ruler, Essad Pasha. This step was taken to restore order and afford protection to Europeans and peaceful inhabitants, but intervention by Italy in Albania carries with it the possibility of the participation of that country in the present conflict.

GENERAL.

Three men and several hundred of cattle were drowned in floods caused by the heaviest rains in the history of the state of Arizona. One rancher alone lost a herd of 100.

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Business and professional men—all of whom once were boys—sold papers on the Detroit streets December 21. Nearly $2,200 was collected and the fund devoted to Christmas charity.

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There will be no general reduction in wages by the United States Steel corporation at the present time, according to an announcement made by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, after a meeting of the corporation's finance committee in New York.

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An explosion occurred in a coal mine at Fukuoka, Japan, as a result 800 laborers were imprisoned in the workings of the mine. Fukuoka is on the sea coast, sixty-five miles to the north of Nagasaki.

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Members of the prohibition party from Kansas, Iowa and Missouri will meet in Kansas City January 3, to launch a new campaign to last 120 days, in an effort to get the names of 5,000,000 voters on petitions for national prohibition before the question again comes up in congress.

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There is apprehension over the fact that Mount Etna is showing activity. The disturbances are taking the form of strong rumblings and earthquake shocks which are felt as far away as Syracuse and Taormina.

It is stated by Chicago charity people that one-tenth of the population of that city receives public charity.

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Sixteen million animals for human consumption were sold for $409,134,000 spot cash at the stock yards at Chicago during the last year.

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Orders for felt for artillery, harness, saddles, canteen covers, totalling 250,000 pounds, have been received by a Chicago firm from the purchasing agents of the English army.

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Another new high price record for wheat was attained at Portland, when a sale of 5,000 bushels of red fife was made at $1.23, and 5,000 bushels of red Russian sold at the same price.

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The greatest and most widespread celebration of Christmas in the history of the central west was reported by United States postal officials, express companies, merchants and charitable organizations.

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Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, became the real head of the entire sugar beet industry of Utah and adjoining states when at Salt Lake City he was elected president of the Amalgamated Sugar company.

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Forty-six men were arrested at Terre Haute, Ind., on indictments returned by the federal grand jury in Indianapolis, charging election frauds. It is said that more than 100 are to be arrested for the alleged offenses. All were released on $2,500 bond each.

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The Colorado Board of Stock Inspectors and commissioners have placed a quarantine against shipments of cattle and sheep from Monana on account of foot and mouth disease. The order forbids the entrance of stock from Montana into the state, even in transit.

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William V. Clery, town clerk of Haverstraw and democratic leader in Rockland county, was acquitted by a jury in supreme court at New York city of the charge of murder in the first degree, on which he was tried for the killing of his son-in-law, Eugene M. Newman.

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In an impromptu duel over a woman, W. Murphy and C. Farias emptied pistols at each other on a Reno, Nev., street from a distance of fifteen feet. Murphy was hit four times and a fifth bullet slightly wounded a bystander nearly a block away. Farias was not hit and gave himself up.

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The National Association of Vicksburg Veterans is distributing attractive advance literature of the national pieca jubilee, which will be held in the Vicksburg Military park October 12-16, 1915. Veterans of both sides are to meet on the famous battleground and talk it over while enjoying a feast.

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In accordance with the plan of agreement of reorganization of the H. B. Claflin company, it was announced at New York the Mercantile Stores corporation has been organized under the laws of the state of New York. The corporation will exercise supervision over the business of twenty three retail stores.

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Enough Christmas postcards and letters were distributed among Chicagoans to provide one for every citizen of Illinois and still leave enough to take care of half the residents of Indiana. During the thirty-six hours 4,473,000 pieces of first-class mail were received and distributed. There were more than 2,000,0000 postal cards bearing 1-cent stamps.

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A new type of projectile, which will scatter a white-hot mixture of molten steel over the object of attack, and at the same time permeate the atmosphere with a deadly gas which would make it impossible for fire fighters to approach has been invented by John Hays Hammond, jr., according to a statement made by the inventor at Gloucester, Mass.

WASHINGTON.

A proposal to rescind the recent ratification of the London safety at sea convention was beaten in the senate.

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Senator Pomerene has introduced a bill authorizing the governor of Ohio to give unserviceable clothing of the National guard to destitute striking miners.

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President Wilson nominated Gabe E. Parker of Oklahoma to be superintendent of the five civilized tribes in Oklahoma. Parker, a Choctaw indian, is now register of the treasury.

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An amendment to the immigration bill to exempt from the proposed literacy test for the next five years, Belgians seeking a home in the United States was offered by Senator Williams.

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Mediation by the federal department of labor in the eastern Ohio coal strike was sought by Representative Francis of Ohio. About 15,000 men are idle in this territory and Secretary Wilson was asked to make an effort to adjust the dierenffces and put the miners back to work.

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Senator Lodge introduced a bill in congress to annul contract labor law provisions which might prevent Belgians taking up American farm lands or immigrating with the intention of becoming citizens.

FINISHES BIG BOND

TREASURER-ELECT HALL READY FOR OFFICE.

AGGREGATE SUM ONE MILLION

Selects Miss May Holland From Secy. of State's Office for His Stenographer.

Lincoln. — State Treasurer-elect George Hall has completed his bond for $1,000,000 The subrogated insurance contracts have been entered into by nine other companies besides the Boston company, which is the main company making the deal. The Boston company which receives the main part of the bond is the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance company and carries $235,000 of the amount.

The bond has not yet been filed, although it has been approved by the insurance commissioner. The aggregate capital of the ten companies carrying the bond is over $10,000,000 and they have assets of over $38,000,000.

Mr. Hall has made another appointment for his office force, having selected Miss May Holland, who has been stenographer in the office of the secretary of state for several years, as stenographer in the office of the state treasurer. In making the appointment Mr. Hall says he expects to cut down the office force somewhat and the ability of Miss Holland to do clerical work of all kinds besides that of stenographer, with the strong democratic endorsement in her favor, led him to make the appointment.

This appointment with that of William H. Murray as deputy, is all that Mr. Hall has made so far.

Plan High School Tourney.

Manager Guy E. Reed of the state university has announced the dates of the Nebraska High school basketball tournament—the biggest thing in high school sport—for March 10, 11, 12 and 13. The tournament is the fifth held under the auspices of the university authorities and has grown so rapidly in favor among Nebraska high schools that the management has added an additional day for the games this year. Sixty-four Nebraska high schools participated last year and Reed expects the entries to run up to seventy-five or eighty next spring. It will bring between 500 and 600 athletes to the university.

Ollis for Senate Scribe.

Senator J. A. Ollis of Ord, farmer, stockman and statesman, will probably be a candidate for the position of secretary of the senate, according to information given out by some of Ollis' very close friends. Ollis has served several terms in the state senate; was a leader in all of them, being closely allied with the farming and stock interests of the state.

New Bookkeeping Plan Urged.

George Weidenfield, bookkeeper in the Board of Control, has prepared a new system of bookkeeping for state institutions which is said to be along the lines of a better keeping of accounts. It classifies the departments of each institution under four heads and divides the several items so they are kept separately.

May Secure Dr. Condra.

Officials of the University of West Virginia are dickering with Dr. G. E. Condra of the state university, in the hope that they can land the Nebraskan for the presidency of their institution. No definite offer has been made, it is said, but negotiations may extend that far within a short time.

Simplified Spelling.

Simplified spelling in a modified form was adopted by the university senate. All university publications will use it hereafter. Hereafter it will be catalog, prolog, decalog, demagog, tho, altho, thoro, thorofare, thru and thruout with university professors and students.

Horticultural Society Meets.

"Small Fruits for the Home" will be the theme of G. S. Christy of Johnson, who will address the members of the State Horticultural society January 20. The horticulturists will meet during the week of organized agriculture, January 18 to 23.

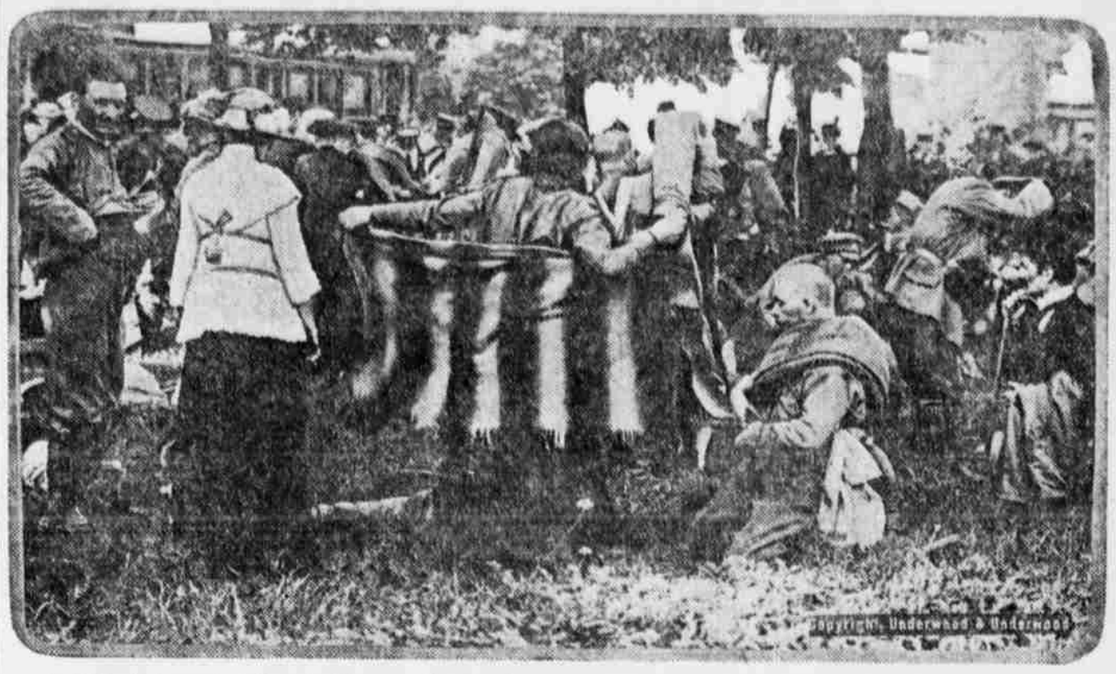
Ice Cream Beats Meat and Pie.

Nebraska university students at the state agricultural college eat more servings of ice cream with their meals than they do pie and puddings combined, according to Miss Alle M. Loomis, head of he department of home economics.

College Steers Sell for 11.5 Cents.

All records at the South Omaha Stock Yards were broken the other day when the college of agriculture received 11.5 cents a pound for two steers. One sold for $178.25. The carcass of one of the steers when freshly dressed, weighed a trifle over 70 per cent of its live weight. Five of the steers of the lot sold for $750. Some of the stock sold was to have been entered at the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago had it not been cancelled on account of the foot and mouth disease.

TROOPS IN WARSAW READY FOR FIGHT



In this photograph, taken in Warsaw, the Russian troops are seen preparing to go out to the fighting line, and mingling with them are their mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts.

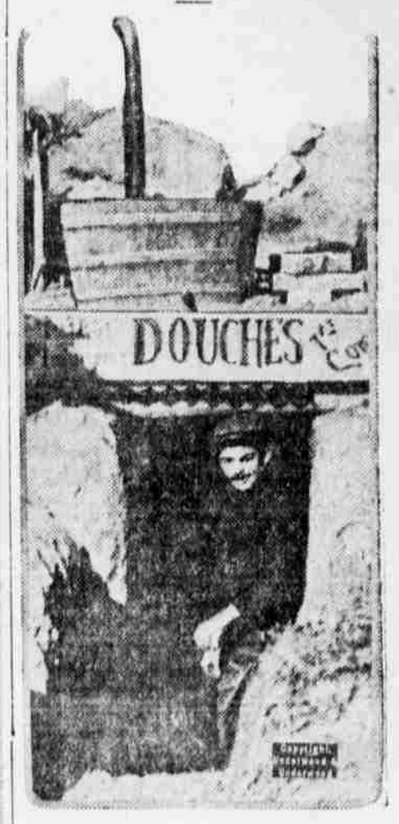
WINTRY WEATHER IN THE BRITISH TRENCHES

British officers, privates and Red Cross men in the trenches trying to keep warm around a fire while their food is being prepared.

WAR DELAYS THEIR WEDDING

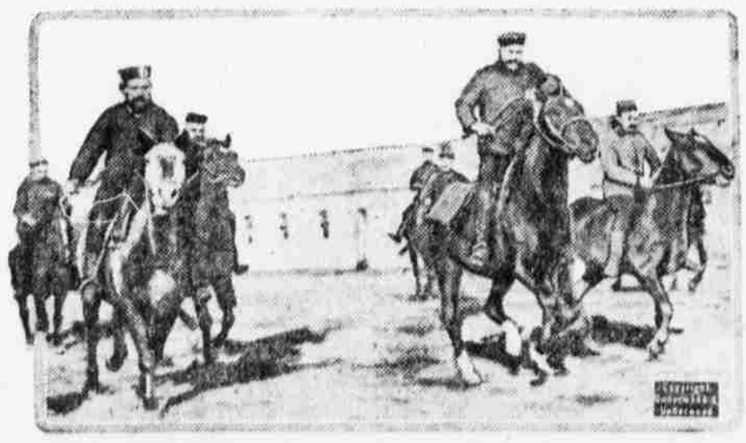
Miss Elizabeth Reid Rogers, a society belle of Washington, and Prince Christian of Hesse, nephew of the kaiser and a captain in the German navy, whose engagement has been announced. The prince says he will renounce his title to overcome imperial objections to the marriage, the date for which depends on the fortunes of war.

LUXURY IN THE TRENCHES



To keep an army personally clean is one of the immense tasks that confront the commanders. The photograph shows a shower bath contrived in the French trenches north of Soissons, only a hundred yards from the German lines

ON CAPTURED COSSACK HORSES



Men of the German landsturm patrol on the East Prussia frontier riding into camp on Cossack horses captured from the Russians.

Novel Means of Communication.

Wounded British soldiers in the hands of the Germans have hit upon a novel way of communicating with their families and friends at home. They subscribe small sums of money to the German Red Cross society, but as few of them have any cash they fill up a draft or sign a check to be sent to London and honored. On the back of the draft the banker is requested to communicate the news of the drawer's safety to his home. Tommy Atkins thinks it is well worth a dollar subscription

New Phonograph.

A New Jersey inventor has adapted a phonograph for use with various kinds of records, such as those in which the groove is laterally undulating, and those in which the undulations are vertical, by supplying a plurality of reproducers, any of which may be brought into operative position and communication with the interior of the sound conveyor.