

Alexandra Konta, of New York, named by Alien Property Custodian Palmer as an agent in negotiations through which the German govern-ment sought to buy newspapers in this country before the United States entered the war, admitted to a Senate committee that he had communicated with Dr. Bernard Dernberg on the sub-ject of the purchase of a New York newspaper. The committee is inves-tigating brewers' activities and Ger-man propaganda. Konta said he wrote to Dr. Dernberg on the subject and that he was inspired by a desire to help the kaiser's representative carry out his plans to get publicity for Ger-many: to get a newspaper that would be hostile to prohibition, and to earn a commission. In his testimony before the committee Konta told of Aceting Hans Tauscher and his wife, Madam gadski, a grand opera singer, both of whom, he said, were "100 per cent pre-derman.".

The British army is rendering great assistance to devastated and impov-erished northern France and Flanders. erished northern France and Flanders. During November the army furnished to the American commission for relief in Belgium 20,000,000 rations, which were badly needed, for quick distribu-tion among the hungry people. This aid came at a time when the commis-tion was unable to get provisions aid came at a time when the commis-ston was unable to get provisions through speedily enough from Hol-land. British officers and soldiers are also giving largely from their own stores, and the British army is pro-viding great quantities of kerosene and candles for the homes and shops; oth-erwise darkness would prevail in most of the towns. Succer of a different that he agreed to marry her as soon as be described to the sufficient more that he agreed to marry her as soon as be described to the sufficient more that he agreed to marry her as soon as be described to the sufficient more that he agreed to marry her as soon as be described to the sufficient more that he agreed to marry her as soon as that he agreed to marry her as soon as of the towns. Succor of a different he had sufficient money. Two years sort, but equally valuable, is being af-forded by transportation of the refu-rious trouble and insisted that he margees. This timely aid saved many who ry her. He declined and told he would otherwise have perished by the go to Sloux City and see a doctor. RCOS.

eral years at Jollet. He declared that he had never made much money out of the crime and was going to quit when he had completed his sentence at Leavenworth. Watson has been a telegraph operator, railroad station agent, a country newspaper publisher and is a printer by trade.

BANCROFT DENTIST VIOLATED MANN ACT Nebraskan Shown to Have Transported Remsen, Ia., Young Woman For Illegal Purposes. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 18 .- Dr. George L. Carey, a dentist of Bancroft, Neb., has

been convicted in the United States court for violating the Mann white slave law by transporting Angeline Wiess from Bancroft to Sloux City. Sentence has been deferred. About three years ago, while Dr. Carey was located at Remsen, Ia., he became acquainted with Miss Wiess, then 18 years old.

ry her. He declined and told her to She testified that he bought her a ticket to Sloux City, telling her that it would not do for people to see them traveling together, and he would follow her on a later train. He told her that in order to fool the people of Bancroft, she should telephone to him after she reached Sioux City to the effect that his brother was dangerously ill. She did this and the defendant joined her. It was declared that he had no brother in the city, and this was simply a ruse. The doctor declined to marry her for the same alleged reasons. It was then decided that she should go to Omaha and enter a hospital. The doctor joined her at Bancroft and they went to the Nebraska metropolis. The girl testified she remained there for a couple of months when her child was born. The doctor visited the hospital, admitted it was his child, according to the complainant, and named the baby The baby died, but the defendant kept writing to her telling her he intende to marry her. Three days later th girl read in a newspaper that Doctor Carey had married another woman.

Wickstrom, a Red Cross solicitor at Oakland, was repeated to the jury by the latter and was followed by the evidence of several other witnesses, including Dr. J. E. Wallace, Omaha dentist, who happened to be in Oakland. his former home, at the time that Kerl

said "All statements made in our news-papers are false. They are subsidized by Sir Gilbert Parker. The American oldiers are a bloodthirsty lot and ought to be employed at the South Omaha packing houses."

Kerl was educated in Germany and s a scientific farmer. His father was born in Germany.

STATE VETERINARIAN

AFTER VACCINE COMPANY

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16 .- State Veterinarian Anderson has been asked by the county attorney of Boone county to assist him in a prosecution he proposes instituting against the Great Western Chemical Company of Grand Island, in an effort to hold it responsible for the loss of a number of hegs its agents treated with cholera vaccine. Dr. Anderson's investigation showed that the company is selling stock foods and remedies, and that its representations to farmers that it will vaccinate free of charge when any cholera appears tends to increase cholera in the herd because it makes farmers careless. He says the company is making an excessive profit on

OSMOND, NEB., MAYOR,

its vaccine.

tlement. The German language question was given a thorough discussion

and it was decided that the use of this tongue must be stopped in this vicinity. Several individuals have not as yet taken their quotas of the fourth Liberty bonds, and the names of these in-dividuals were brought before the meeting. It was decided to hold another mass meeting on Monday evening, December 16, and any who have failed to come through will be brought before the meeting and summarily dealt with.

Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Wayne; Judge Laird, the president of the county council of defense, and ex-Mayor W. H. Harm were the speakers. E. B.

WASTED ON ELECTION

cost the taxpayers of Nebraska an av-erage of over \$4 each. The secretary of state reports that he expended \$11,511 and got 2,534 ballots, of which 307 were received too late to be included in the canvass. Of this sum \$2,500 was spent for extra help in mailing them, \$3,995 was the printing bill and \$5,300 for postage. It cost 15 cents to send out each ballot, with its instructions. The secretary of state also wasted \$5,011 in postage in notifying the voters that they were to pass upon the referendum taken by the antis on the partial suffrage law. The antis insisted on this compliance with the law, in spite of the fact that the courts had the case enjoining its submission and decided the case before election.

BACK IN AMERICA

WOUNDED LAUREL BOY

Laurel, Neb., Dec. 14 .-- Leslie Phil-

parents that he will never be the man

be in the good old U. S. A. once more.

passenger train No. 43. St. Louis to the

a deep embankment near the city lim-

its of Alliance. The engine left the

track 50 feet from the bridge over

the embankment, finally falling on its

side near the edge of the hollow. The

engineer and fireman escaped with slight injuries. No one else was hurt.

definitely fixed, although it is generally

attributed to an open switch,

CHILD DIES FROM

Blame for the accident has not been

BURLINGTON TRAIN



Premier Declares Army and War Material Must Be

> Kept Intact-Seek Reparation.

Rome, Saturday, Dec. 15 .- During the war the Italian army lost 15,600 officers killed, the minister of war declared in the Senate today. More than 20.000 officers were wounded seriously. Italy, Minister Zupelli continued, had more men under arms proportionately

to population than any other nation. The war, he said, had cost Italy 54. 000,000,000 lire. The public debt at the end of October was 64,000,000,000 lire.

To Retain Army. Premier Orlando told the Senate that Italy was not in a position to demobilize a single man and that all war material should be kept intact. The immediate difficulties to be surmounted, he said, had not diminished, but had increased.

He added that reparation for damages was a question outside discussion. President Wilson's principles he continued excluded an indemnity in the traditional sense of the word, but doubtless Italy would adopt the same policy regarding reparations as the other allies. A commission has been ap-pointed to establish Italy's damages.

uty attending the proposed insurgent session will be guilty of treason.

Wild Rumors Many.

Wild rumors are afloat concerning, the significance of Fehrenbach's move. It is reported that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will send troops to protect the meeting.

The Ebert-Haase government attained its ascendency through the election of delegates to the national workmen's and soldiers' council, inwhich the Spartacus group failed to gain a single representative. Chancellor Ebert's majority socialists led with seven workmen and four soldier delegates. Dr. Haase was next with five workmen and two soldiers.

Demand Action.

The government has issued a proclamation calling for volunteers for a 'people's" army; it also has urged demobilized soldiers not to remain unemployed, but to go to the country, where labor is scarce and food more plentiful.

People supporting the present government want strong action against the Spartacus group and a quick peace.

SAFEGUARD REVOLUTION.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17 .-- The Spartacue roup, according to a Berlin telegram to the Handelsblad, has drawn up the following program of immediate stepsfor safeguarding the revolution:

"Disarmament of all police officers, non-proletariat soldiers, and all members of the ruling classes.

Arming of all grown up male proletariats and the formation of a work+

Healy was the presiding officer. MONEY AND ENERGY Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14 .--- Soldier votes

"An entirely fictitious banjo" was very instrumental in raising funds for a seaman's home in London. Says the London Times: Someone came on to London Times: Someone came on to the stage playing this invisible instru-ment. Mr. Robey bought it for \$20, Everybody heard it, but nobody saw it. When Mr. Robey plucked at its un-seen strings music swam into the the-ater. When he dropped the mysterious thing there was a jangle of discordant wires. He sold the banjo to someone in a box, and music came from the where the sold the banjo to someone in a box, and music came from the box. A mystified and amused audi-cness entered into the spirit of the game and bids of \$25 and \$50 came from al parts of the house, always with the concession that the banjo could be sold again.

A wireless appeal for medical aid to check a serious epidemic of influenza in the Society Islands, situated in the in the Society Islands, situated in the South Pacific ocean approximately 2,000 miles from San Francisco, was received by the Associated Press from its correspondent there. The message said that the entire population of Tahiti and Moorea had been stricken by a mulignant form of influenza and the supply of necessary medicines is nearly exhausted. The governor of the islands, which are under French con-trol, appeals officially to the outside world for help, asking that a fast stramer with doctors and medical sup-plies be sent immediately to Paheete from the nearest port. Honolulu, the plies be sent immediately to Paheete from the nearest port. Honolulu, the nearest port from which aid could be sont, is 2.000 miles distant.

The League to Enforce Peace has adopted a new platform, which calls for a league with judicial, legislative, administrative and executive functions and powers. It recommends that the charter members shall be the United States and the other nations "associ-ated as belligerents in winning the war." At the same time, it does not close the doors upon the Teutonic powers forever, because it declares as an ultimate ideal that the league should be as "universal as possible."

New York city is to have the American soldiers and sailors who A save their lives in the war.

A wircless dispatch sent from Berlin, addressed to the bolshevist govern-nent in Moscow, was signed, as was the case under the old regime, "Off-cer of Foreign Affairs Bussche."

President John Grier Hibben. P, inceton Un versity, asserts: "When the red flag is carried up our streets if is a protest against law, and theretose a menace to our free institutons."

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GOVERNOR NEVILLE

PARDONS LIFE TERMERS

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18 .- As a Christmas gift to Harry Heath, George Weed and the latter's brother Aima. under sentences of life imprisonment for the murder of Charles Sellers, in Cherry county, Nebraska, in 1911, Governor Keith Neville commuted their terms to expire December 23. were convicted with Kenneth Murphy also of Cherry county, of taking Selters from the cabin of the ranch where he resided and banging bim from a nearby telephone pole. It was their contention that they merely wanted to freighten Sellers so he would cease paying attention to Murphy's sister, and that by accident they allowed him to hang long enough to dause death. Murphy was released from the state prison here several years ago.

LINCOLN-Although the city of All-Introduce was officially proclaimed by the governor in Eff as a city baving over 5000 inhabitants, it is busile to adopt the com-mission form of government because the federal consus of 1910 credits it with on? about 3,000. An effort will be made h Allance people to have the state law amended so as to let their town in.

LINCOLN-All potash leases granted by the state board of educational ignors and fands must be let by competitive hidding, the supreme court held today. The court also willed that helders of inheral leases IS INFLUENZA VICTIM

Osmond, Neb., Dec. 16 .-- The mayor of Osmond, Harry J. Kruetzefeldt, died here Thursday of influenza. He was 32 years old and leaves a wife and two children. He was sick 10 days. This is the second death from influenza here this week. Mrs. Mae Reed-Brueggman died Sunday. She leaves a husband and two children.

PHONE COMPANY OWNER

GIVEN MANDATORY ORDER

Lincoln. Neb., Dec. 16 .- Dr. Wilcox, owner of the telephone company at Hubbell, did not respond to the summonds of the state railway commission to show why he refused to give tele phone service to his estranged wife, and it is presumed he took the other alternative in the order, and furnished the service. Mrs. Wilcox said that when her husband left he took the telephone instrument with him. Not only did he refuse to give her service, but threatened to cut off the service of anybody who allowed her to talk over his phone. The commission says that such power does not exist in any telephone company. Mrs. Wilcox complained. Her husband was once a member of the state senate. ---

OMAHA -Health Commissioner Man ning ordered the street railway company to permit no crowding of street cars be yond seating capacity. The order is made as an influenza preventive measure. It prohibits straphangers inside the cars or anyone standing on the rear plat-form. The health commissioner's order also requires that one window be fas-tened open, permanently, in each car.

LINCOLN-Keith Neville and his family will vacate the executive mansion on In win vacate the executive mansion on January 10, the day after his successor id inducted into office, and will leave Lin-coln on that date to spend the winter in Florida. Returning to Nebraska in the spring, they will resume their residence at North Platte, where the governor was born and reared.

NORFOLK-Henry, Hans and Irvin Hille were taken to Cuming county by Sheriff Saxton charged with stealing qutomobile tires from the Beemer garage. The men were arrested here by Chief of Police Filger Friday morning. Fourteen of the tires have been recovored.

To combet the influenza epidemic i New Zealand vigilanop committees have been formed, medicine distributed, hotels olosed at 4 p. m., public mostings pro-tabited, schools, colleges, and haidress-ing establishments shut, and church services discontined after 5 p. m.

An organization called "Lille Mothers" has begun legal action against the former kaleer, stating that while under his con-mand the commanders of the German army, in April, 1916, directed that minor girls be carried away from their families and that they were submitted to odicus treatment, which, the complaint states, is the crime of abduction. Prosecution he descouded. -

GENERAL SMUTS TO QUIT

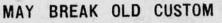
British Leader Will Leave the War Cabinet.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 17.-Lieut. Gen. Jan Christian Smuts has resigned as memlips, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Phillips. of South Sloux City, who was wounded in France in July, has arrived in this country and is in General Hospital No. ber of the war cabinet on the ground that the end of the war has terminated 28, Richmond, Va. He was gassed and the need of his services, according to the Express. his leg was injured, and he writes his

Jan Christian Smuts has long been a figure in the political life of South he once was, but he is mighty glad to Africa. During the Boer war he was in command of the republican forces in Cape Colony. As commander of British forces in east Africa fighting INTO OPEN SWITCH against the Germans his success was remarkable. Alliance, Neb., Dec. 14.-Burlington

In January, 1917, the British government named him a member of the imcoast, narrowly escaped plunging down perial conference as representative of the Union of South Africa and in June, 1917, he entered the war cabinet.



Believed Pope Will Step Outside Vatican Grounds.

By Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 17 .-- That Pope Benedict is prepared to abandon a custom of INJURIES TO HEAD nearly half a century and no longer be bound to remain within the grounds of the vatican is the firm belief in several circles. Many incidents recently have led public opinon toward this belief. No pontiff has left the vatican since 1871, as a protest against the occupation of Rome by the Italian government.

THOUSANDS ARE EXECUTED

Austria Uses Military Law on Many Occasions.

By Associated Press.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17 .- The supreme military tribunal at Vienna has announced that 11,400 persons were sen tenced to death by Austrian military tribunals during the war and executed, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Handelsblade."

COMMISSIONS TO BOYS

Secretary Daniels Hands Stripes to Young Officer.

By United Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16, +Before thousands of spectators, representing monia, in France. A week ago today Mrs. Larson's husband, Water Commany states of the union. Secretary of missioner Larson, was notified of the the Navy Daniels today awarded conmissions of 430 marines who had just death of his brother Strout from completed -s 16-weeks' course at third officers' training camp, Quan-Lico, Va.

militia.

Confiscation by the soldiers' and workmen's councils of arms, munitions and armament works.

The formation of a proletariat red guard.

Abolition of the rank of officers and non-commissioned officers.

Removal of all military officers from the soldiers' and workmen's councils. Would Take Fortunes.

Replacement of political organs and the authorities of the former regime by representatives of the soldiers' and workmen's councils.

Abolition of all parliaments and municipal and other councils.

The election of a general council, which will elect and control the executive council of the soldiers and workmen.

Cancellation of all state and other public debts, including war loans, down to a certain fixed limit of subscription.

Expropriation of all landed estate, banks, coal mines and large industrial works.

Confiscation of all fortunes above a certain amount.

London, Dec. 16.-Marshal Foch has refused to recognize soldiers' and work-men's councils in occupied portions of Germany, according to advices here today.

Amsterdam dispatches declare that the strike in Berlin has reached serious proportions, only two newspapers being printed, these being small leaf-Three hundred and fifty thousand lets. workmen have slopped work, the dispatches say.

POLAND OFF OF HUN.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17 .- Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw.

SOCIALIST QUITS.

Geneva, Dec. 17 .-- George Ledebour, socialist, is reported to have resigned from the German government.

Herr Brockdorf-Frizau has arrived in Berlin from Copenhages and probably will succeed Woreign Secretary

WOULD CONTROL MARINE.

Copenhagen, Dec. 16 .-- Control of the merchant marine is demanded by a sailors' council formed at Hamburg. according to a Bertin dispatch to the Berlingshe Tidende, of this city. The council threatens to thak all the ships it its demand is not complied with. The council insists that the Promoting be horne by the shipowners.

MUST PAY TAKES.

Washington, Dec. 16. The state of Nevada today Unaily won its right to force the Wells Fargo Express Company to pay taxes under the state The supreme doubt off mied delaw. eistoon against the company by Nevada courts.

almost six times its quota. Mrs. P. A. Tulleys had charge of the local drive.

and over \$1,000 was raised. The amount asked from Bloonfield district was less than \$200 and up to date the community has raised about \$1,100--

TWO RELATIVES DIE

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 14 .- Mrs. Harry

Larson received a telgram yesterday

notifying her of the death of her

brother. Arvid Holmberg, from phea-

Bloomfield, Neb., Dec. 14 .- Saturday was "Belgian Baby Day" in Bloomfield

IN SERVICE IN FRANCE

caused his death. BLOOMFIELD DOES WELL FOR BELGIAN BABIES

Laurel, Neb., Dec. 14.-The 3-years-old son of County Commissioner and Mrs. H. A. Harper, who lives near Laurel, was buried here Thursday. A week ago the little fellow fell from a

stairway several feet to the cement floor of the basement and sustained

injuries to the head and spine which