

# DEALT DEATH BLOW

**BATTLESHIPS SUNK BY MINES IN DARDANELLES.**

## CANNED GOODS A NECESSITY

Claims Canning Industry Will Save America from Famine—Carranza Troops Meet Defeat.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—The British admiralty announces that the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean, and the French battleship Bouvet, were blown up by mines in the Dardanelles and sunk, and that virtually all the crews of the three vessels were lost.

The admiralty statement adds that the battleships Queen and Implacable have been dispatched from England to replace the lost British ships.

The ocean struck a drifting mine and the admiralty believes the Irresistible probably met with a like disaster. It is announced the operations against the Dardanelles are continuing.

The statement says the British losses among the personnel of the ships were not heavy, considering the scale of operations.

## CANNED FOODS ARE NECESSITY.

Chicago and New York Would Starve in Week but for Them.

Chicago.—Chicago would starve to death in a week, New York in three days, if all canned foods were removed, G. W. Drake, secretary of the Western Association of Cannerymen, told the convention of the National Cannerymen's association here. "The development of the canning industry is so thorough," he added, "that there can never be a famine in America. In case of war, the canning industry could supply enough canned food to feed the greatest army the nation could possibly assemble. The 1,200,000,000 cans we turn out annually represent only one-third of the capacity of the country."

## Carranza Forces Suffer Route.

Washington.—Defeat and complete route of the Carranza forces under General Monclovia Herrera by the convention troops of General Rosalio Hernandez at Oregano, southeast of Piedras Negras, is reported to the Villata agency by the military commander at Piedras Negras. The dispatch said a large number of prisoners were taken by the convention forces and Herrera's men scattered and fled to the Burro mountains, near the border between the states of Chihuahua and Coahuila.

This defeat, the agency claims, marks the end of resistance by the Carranza element in this section of the country.

## D. A. R.'s Elect Officers.

Omaha.—Mrs. C. H. Aull of Omaha was elected state regent of Nebraska, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the final business session of the state conference. Other officers elected were: Mrs. E. G. Drake of Beatrice, vice regent; Mrs. M. J. Wickersham of Weeping Water, state recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Wright of Fairmont, state treasurer; Miss Chattie Coleman of Stromsburg, state auditor; Mrs. C. S. Paine of Lincoln, state registrar; Mrs. E. M. Correll of Hebron, state historian.

## Legislative League Banquets.

Lincoln, Neb.—Two hundred and thirty legislators, former legislators and a few men of more or less prominence in state affairs, sat down together to the fourth annual dinner of the Nebraska Legislative league at a local hotel Thursday night. The dinner itself was one of the best of its kind, though a number of the guests had left the dining hall before the end of the toast list was reached.

## Germans Notified to Leave Italy.

Paris.—Germans at resorts in the Italian Riviera have been privately notified by the authorities to leave Italian territory immediately, says a dispatch from Nice to the Havas agency.

## Gathering Manufacturing Census.

Omaha, Neb.—J. B. Collins, supervisor of the manufacturing census for the district of Nebraska, has a force of ten men already at work, and the schedules are beginning to come in. Six months is allotted for the completion of the work. The state is divided into districts and a man assigned to each district. According to the lists prepared in advance, there are 3,650 manufacturing concerns that will be included in the census. Of this number 600 are in Omaha.

## Token of Gratitude to America.

Brussels.—Prominent Belgians connected with the national committee formed for the purpose of looking after Belgian interests during the war, have formed an organization to erect a monument to America, in token of gratitude for the assistance given by the United States in feeding the war sufferers in this country. The monument will be erected at the corner of Avenue Louise and Boulevard Waterloo, the most conspicuous spot in Brussels.

# IN THE SPRING A YOUNG MAN'S FANCY—



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## PLEDGE OF PROTECTION GIVEN

**FLOUR PROBLEM IN AUSTRIAN CAPITAL A SERIOUS ONE.**

Turkey Promises Protection to Non-combatants During War—Embargo Question is Considered Unanswered.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Venice.—Reports received in Venice from Vienna say that some thousands of the population of the Austrian capital are unable to obtain bread, the new decree restricting production by one-fourth having caused a general dislocation of the entire trade. Stocks of flour are declared to have run so low that in many places bakers found it impossible to make bread at all.

The bread made was everywhere speedily sold out, especially in the suburbs, and late customers, unable to obtain their portions, are said to have stormed the bakeries in several districts. The authorities are reported to have endeavored to calm the people by declaring that the bread shortage was only temporary. Bread and flour tickets will be issued in Vienna and all towns in Austria with a population of over 5,000 beginning April 4.

## Answer is Equivocal.

Washington.—The United States government considers that Great Britain and France, in the British order in council and in the accompanying notes, have not answered the questions propounded to them as to what warrant there is under international law for the establishment of an embargo on all commercial intercourse, directly and indirectly, between Germany and neutral countries. It was stated officially at the state department that this government still does not know whether the action of the allies is intended as a legal blockade or whether the ordinary rules of contraband and non-contraband are to be the legal basis for future detentions. On a determination of this question probably will depend not only the nature of any steps which may be taken by the United States at this time, but also the basis for the many claims for damages arising out of interruptions to American commerce under the new policy of the allies.

## PLEDGE IS GIVEN TO PROTECT.

**Fair Promise is Made to the Turkish Government.**

Washington.—Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has cabled the state department that the Turkish government had given him assurance that every protection will be given non-combatants in Turkey during the war. Mr. Morgenthau had made representations on behalf of foreigners to the porte on instructions from the American government.

## London.—A Berlin dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company by way of Amsterdam says the German embassy at Constantinople declares that the report of the strangling of Prince Mehmed Burhan-Eddin, son of former Sultan Abdul Hamid, is unfounded.

Paris.—The French foreign office, it is understood, has decided to buy the cargo of cotton aboard the steamship Dacia, which was seized by a French cruiser and taken into Brest while on a voyage from the United States to Rotterdam. The cotton is valued at about \$750,000, and it is proposed by the towners of the vessel that the French government purchase the cargo.

## French Will Buy Cotton.

The disposition of the ship must be left to a prize court, but the official view is clear.

## Largest Battleship in the World.

Newport News, Va.—The new dreadnaught Pennsylvania was successfully launched here Tuesday. The largest engine of naval warfare in the world slid down the ways while a prayer was uttered that she might be a messenger of peace rather than a weapon of destruction. Christened by Miss Elizabeth Kolb of Germantown, Pa., as Secretary Daniels gave a signal, the monster hull slid into the waters of the James river and was ready for orders.

## GERMAN SUBMARINE SINKS THE STEAMER LEEUWARDEN.

May Introduce Innovation at Next Session of Congress—Largest Export Balance Ever Produced.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—The British steamer Leeuwarden, bound from London for Harlingen, Holland, has been torpedoed by the German submarine U-23 four miles southeast of the Mass. Holland, lightship, according to Reuters' Maaslus correspondent. The crew of seventeen men were given five minutes to take to their small boats, which the submarine towed until a pilot steamer was met. The men were then transferred to the pilot boat and landed at Hook of Holland.

## Record Week for Foreign Trade.

Washington.—Exports exceeded imports passing through the thirteen principal American customs districts during the week ended March 13, by \$47,229,659, giving the largest balance in favor of the United States ever produced by a single week's foreign trade business. The total value of exports for the week was \$69,840,719 and of imports \$22,661,060. An analysis of foreign trade conditions issued by the department of commerce shows that exports for the three months from December 1, 1914, to February 28, were estimated at \$778,511,871, and imports \$367,028,862, netting a favorable balance of \$411,483,009.

## FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

Administration Leaders Planning to Bring It Up Next Session.

Washington.—Administration leaders plan to bring up a bill for presidential primaries at the next session of congress. President Wilson said he had gone over the question very thoroughly with Senator Pomerene of Ohio, but that no conclusion had been reached as to whether a constitutional amendment would be necessary.

## Destroyed by Her Own Crew.

Washington.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has received an official report that the Dresden was blown up by her own crew after having been attacked in neutral waters of Chile by British warships. The official report added that British ships began firing from a distance of 3,000 meters, but that rather than be destroyed by the enemy ships, the commander of the Dresden chose to save his crew and abandon the vessel.

## Nebraska Boy Champion.

Lincoln, Neb.—Owen Dally, the Nebraska boy and lightweight wrestling champion, disposed of Matty Matsuda, the Japanese challenger, Thursday night at the Oliver theater in the most spectacular grappling contest of the season. The tawny-skinned athlete succumbed to one of Dally's deadly toe holds, sustaining an injury which cost him the first fall and also compelled him to forfeit the second and the match.

## Carranza Abandons Blockade.

Washington.—General Carranza has abandoned his blockade of the port of Progreso on urgent representations by the United States. The Mexican gunboat Zaragoza has been called off and two American ships laden with sisal for the United States were cleared without interference. The United States has served notice on General Carranza that the port of Progreso, through which practically all the sisal used in making harvesting twine for this country is obtained, must be kept open.

## Did Not Find Indian Outlaws.

Denver, Colo.—A special to the Denver Times from Cortez, Colo., says: Brig. Gen. H. L. Scott has returned to Bluff, Utah, from Douglas mesa, after an unsuccessful search for Tse-Ne-Gat, the Plute Indian wanted on a charge of murder. Oik Polk, Posey and their Plute followers, according to report from the Indian country. Storms have put the telephone lines out of commission again. The return of Scott, although not confirmed, is credited here by persons in touch with the situation.

# PAY PARIS BRIEF VISIT

**ZEPPELINS DROP BOMBS INTO OUTSKIRTS OF CITY.**

## PROPOSE TO ABOLISH BARS

Saskatchewan Moving for Eventual Prohibition—Bread Famine Threatens Violence in Cities of Austria.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Paris.—Zeppelin airships raided Paris early Sunday and dropped a dozen bombs, but the damage done was unimportant. Seven or eight persons were injured, one seriously. Four of the aircraft started for the capital, following the valley of the Oise, but only two reached their goals. Missiles also were dropped at Compiègne, Ribecourt and Dreuilcourt, but without serious result.

Residents of the city exhibited more curiosity than fear as to the aerial invasion. Trumpeters gave the signal that all lights must be extinguished as soon as warning was received of the Zeppelins' approach. Searchlights were turned upon the clouds, anti-aircraft guns opened fire and aeroplanes rose to attack the Germans, but their operations were hampered by a heavy mist. Thousands watched the invasion from balconies.

## Bread Famine in Vienna.

Venice.—Owing to the action of the Austrian government in reducing by one-fourth the production of bakeries, many districts in Vienna are reported to have been virtually without bread for a week. The sight of cakes and tarts in the windows is said to have intensified the wrath of the people, who in many districts threatened violence. An official report shows that the state is supporting 141,000 families. Vienna thus far has expended \$1,750,000 in housing and feeding Gallician refugees. Budapest is about to issue bread tickets, although the authorities for a long time have insisted that such a measure is quite unnecessary.

## PROPOSE TO ABOLISH BARS.

Premier of Saskatchewan Moving for Eventual Prohibition in Province.

Regina, Sask.—Premier Scott, of this province has announced that his government will propose measures to abolish the bar for the sale of liquor or have the government take over the wholesale liquor traffic. Not only would the retail sale of all intoxicating liquors come to an end by this measure, but the wholesale trade would be operated in a government monopoly under a system of dispensaries. Later even these dispensaries may be abolished if by a referendum vote the people of the province so decide.

## Dwindling of Wheat a Mystery.

Hastings, Neb.—Nearly 21,000 bushels of wheat, which fourteen stockholders thought they had stored in the Harvard Elevator Co.'s elevator, has dwindled to less than 200 bushels, according to several stockholders of the Farmers' Co-operative Grain association, who were here engaging legal talent for an anticipated litigation. Emil Bauers, 37, manager, who has been in charge for three years, has been gone for several days.

## Yucatan Suffers from Mexican Strife.

Washington.—A committee of hemp growers from the state of Yucatan, Mexico, and representatives of American hemp importers have laid before the state department an appeal for some action by the Washington government that would terminate the revolutionary troubles of General Alvarado, the Carranza governor of Yucatan, and an opposing faction. They said the revolution which resulted in the recent blockade of the port of Progreso by Carranza threatened the destruction of a large portion of the sisal crop, from which most of the harvest binding twine used in the United States is made.

## Valparaiso, Chile.—Nineteen members of the crew of the German cruiser Dresden, sunk off Juan Fernandez island on Sunday by British warships are still missing.

## Will Welcome American Tourists.

Florence.—American tourists when they appear again in Italy after the war will be appreciated as never before. Touring Americans, Germans, Russians and English have disappeared from the pleasure cities of this country. Some of the principal hotels here are closed. The best house remaining open has but six persons stopping in it, two of them Americans passing through on business. This hotel and others that are open are naturally running at a loss.

## Threats to Blow Up Eitel.

Newport News, Va.—As a result of threatening letters said to have been received by Captain Thierichens of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, precautionary measures were taken to guard against any attempt to damage the ship. The pier to which the Prinz Eitel is moored was fenced in and extra guards were put on patrol. One letter is said to have demanded that Captain Thierichens leave port immediately or his vessel would be blown up.

# BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Odell will vote on the liquor question this spring.

Kearney will have a place in the state baseball league.

W. B. Truman is the caucus nominee for mayor of Auburn.

Sunday, May 9, will be observed over the state as Mother's day.

Edward Barnard, nine years old, was killed by a jitney bus at Omaha.

Retail clothiers of the state are organizing a branch of the national association.

Max Umbright, a former Lyons boy, met his death in a battle in the European war.

William Troop, of Nehawka, was stricken blind while attending a moving picture show at Omaha.

A jitney bus company of local citizens has been organized at Grand Island with a capital of \$10,000.

A special Nebraska train to the San Francisco exposition is a possibility being developed over the state.

Automobile races will be the special feature of the state fair this fall, the races continuing over Saturday.

Dr. Kigin, acting state veterinarian, destroyed a number of glandered horses in Polk county last week.

Fremont's new Empress theater, costing \$75,000, has been completed, and was formally opened last week.

Six towns—Beatrice, Kearney, West Point, Fremont, Tekamah and Wahoo—are now in the state racing circuit.

Frank N. Rawlings, a pioneer of the state and a resident of Lincoln for nearly forty years, is dead at his home there.

The saloon question will be put to a vote at the spring election at North Bend. The town has been dry for several years.

To stimulate the interest of local growers, York county is contemplating an independent corn contest the coming fall.

Races between an automobile and an aeroplane will be daily features at the Nebraska state fair September 5 to 10.

Ed Paris, a Tecumseh telephone lineman, sustained serious injuries when he fell from the top of a pole when it broke.

The twenty-second annual session of the Southeastern Nebraska Educational association is being held at Lincoln this week.

A pin prick several weeks ago necessitated the amputation of a portion of the right hand of Mrs. F. E. Fixen of inland.

Joseph E. Alexis of the state university has been tendered the associate professorship of languages in the University of Utah.

G. A. Gregory, an inspector in State Superintendent Thomas' office, has been tendered the superintendency of the Crete city schools.

The Omaha Auto club will issue a magazine devoted to the boosting of good roads and the general advancement of Nebraska's resources.

Leslie Pine, a rural mail carrier at York, was stricken with "snow blindness" while on his route and for a while was in a critical condition.

The department of botany at the state university has just received from Prof. Juan Corrig, at Santiago, a mammoth collection of Cuban ferns.

Petitions are being circulated at Lincoln asking that the question of Sunday theaters be submitted to the voters of that place at the coming election.

A high school competition stock judging contest will be held April 3 at the university farm at Lincoln under auspices of the animal husbandry department.

"If you spend in Fremont the dollars you earn at Fremont there will be more dollars in Fremont for you to earn," has been adopted as a slogan by the "ad" club at that place.

Miss Edith Ragsdale had her hand badly mangled when it got caught in a wringer in the laundry at College View. Only prompt action of physicians prevented her bleeding to death.

A number of habitual "dope" fiends are in the Omaha jail, almost demented as the result of inability to obtain drugs prohibited by the federal law now in effect.

Work has commenced on Fairbury's big tabernacle in which revival services will be held from March 25 to April 25 by the several Protestant churches of that place.

Schools, theaters and churches of Alnsworth have been ordered closed by the board of health on account of the number of scarlet fever cases. Public and private gatherings are prohibited.

The new \$20,000 school building at Stella has just been completed, and with its strictly modern equipment and seven teachers is an object of particular pride to its patrons.

W. C. Shreve, for twenty years janitor of a Beatrice school, was the recipient of a fruit shower from the pupils on his seventy-second birthday, which occurred a few days ago.

A Lincoln man paid \$13.50 for a three minute talk over the long distance telephone with a resident of San Francisco, the first conversation between those places, and he says it was worth the price.

James Carmody, a Syracuse merchant, was seriously burned when a can of gasoline was overturned and ignited, causing an explosion.

Mrs. Emma Manchester, for sixteen years supreme guardian of the Woodmen Circle, was reinforced for that place at the annual convention at Columbus.

Dr. Sweezy, state university astronomer, says the legend regarding equinoctial storms is pure fiction and has no foundation in reality, as the mere fact that the sun crosses the equator has nothing to do with creating a storm.

# COUNTY TREASURERS WILL NOT REMIT

**STATE TREASURER SAYS THAT SEVERAL COUNTIES ARE EVADING THE LAW**

## MUST REMAIN TILL WINDUP

Speaker Jackson Has Plan for Holding Members Till End of Session

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Lincoln.—If the treasurers of Douglas and Lancaster counties would only remit the money due the state general fund warrants would not have to go to discount. The sum due from both of them amounts to \$42,000.

If they would remit this month and every month from now on—as the statute plainly contemplates in delegation of certain power to the state treasurer—the state would stand a pretty good show of keeping its warrants from being discounted and from running from sixty to ninety days at 4 per cent interest.

This is the position taken now by State Treasurer Hall, who finds that these two big counties of the state and thirteen other counties are still disobeying his orders.

The battle between state and county officials who are hanging out has aroused considerable interest over the state. County treasurers without number, as well as several former holders of that office, have taken the position that the state officer is asking nothing unjust when he seeks to obtain monthly remittances.

## Consolidation Bill Goes

All three of the consolidation bills backed by the finance committee of the house were approved in committee of the whole and sent to third reading. The bill combining the station registration bureau with the live stock sanitary board went through easily enough, as this consolidation has already taken place under the direction of Governor Morehead. The other two, however, ran up against some stiff opposition. When the bill to merge the fire commission with the labor commissioner's office was taken up, Broome of Box Butte moved to indefinitely postpone it. Messrs. Broome, Lanigan, Hostetler and Mockett made speeches against the bill. They claimed that the fire commission is now on an efficient basis and that if placed under the labor commissioner it would not receive proper attention.

## Must Stay Till Finish

There will be no exodus of members of the legislature from Lincoln after the sixty days' sitting has been completed, until the final adjournment of both branches, if Speaker Jackson and house leaders have their way. The speaker thinks he has found a method which will keep practically all the members at their desks "until the last dog is hung." Instead of having them drop out by twos, threes and half dozens until only a bare handful is left at the windup, as in former sessions.

Speaker Jackson announced Saturday afternoon that he would ask for another caucus of house democrats in order to secure a pledge from every majority member to stay and see the work of the legislature finished. If such pledges are not given, the speaker will refuse to sign the warrants of members for the third and last installment of their pay, amounting to \$200, until the day of adjournment.

## Kill Railroad Bills

The railroads committee of the house made a clean sweep of it Wednesday afternoon, and indefinitely postponed every bill remaining in that committee. Six of them, including the two and a half cent fare bill and the track scales measure, were killed, as were several other old timers, one relating to a conductor on a light engine and another to require roads to install siding where shippers demand it and put up bond to insure business.

The committee of the whole recommended for passage S. F. 184, by Dodge of Douglas, to amend the present law prohibiting the dividing of fees by physicians and surgeons by making the law apply only to the physician who pays the fee and not to the physician who receives the rake-off.

March 15 was the fifteenth wedding anniversary of Lieutenant Governor James Pearson of Frontier county. He observed the day by presenting a carnation to all members of the senate, its employees and newspaper reporters. Before the senate adjourned it took official notice of the anniversary by adopting suitable resolutions or the subject.

The state board of control has awarded a contract for a new building at the state hospital for tuberculars at Kearney.

## Add Penalties to Present Bill.

The house has put its foot down on the Peterson bill, which originally repealed the present ridiculous anti-cigarette statute and substituted a workable measure in its place. That is, the house shoved the bill along to third reading, but so completely emasculated it that its author refused to recognize it. As now written, it embodies principally the present law with an addition or two making more stringent penalties for the sale of cigars to minors under 18 years of age.