

# TROUBLE ON BORDER

AMERICANS ORDERED TO LEAVE JUAREZ.

## GERMAN REPLY IN FRYE CASE

Answer Received to Last American Note in Frye Case—Red Cross Handicapped in Britain.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. El Paso, Tex.—All Americans have been ordered out of Juarez. At the same time those on the American side were ordered to remain by General Pershing. Tramway traffic was also discontinued. A mob was reported surrounding the financial agency at Juarez, demanding money. Mrs. Thomas Edwards, wife of the American consul at Juarez, who a few days ago left for the east, was the first American to cross into the United States following the order given out at military headquarters. The United States border patrol immediately was increased and traffic over the international bridge halted. No Americans were permitted to cross, the order of General J. J. Pershing, commanding the Eighth brigade at Fort Bliss, being rigidly enforced.

**Red Cross is Handicapped.**  
Washington.—Great Britain has suspended the issuance of permits for shipments of hospital supplies of any description from the United States to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey. At the same time it was learned that the state department, at the instance of the American Red Cross, had made representations to the London foreign office seeking withdrawal or modification of the new order.

## GERMAN REPLY IN FRYE CASE

Full Text Received, But Has Not Been Made Public.

Washington.—The full text of the German reply to the last American note regarding the sinking of the American ship, William P. Frye, has been received at the state department through the mails from Ambassador Gerard. It was said, however, that on account of its possible bearing upon the open issues involved in the Lusitania and Ancona cases the state department will not at this time make public the details of the reply.

It is understood, however, that the answer leaves in doubt the attitude of the German government towards the American suggestion that the requirements of the declaration of London that "before the vessel is destroyed all persons on board must be placed in safety." The Washington government expressed itself as not being satisfied by merely giving an opportunity for escape in lifeboats on open sea.

**Norwegians Will Not Join.**  
Christiana.—Henry Ford, who has been sick during his stay here and unable to attend the meeting of the peace mission, has gone to Stockholm. The other members of the party left later on a special train, with the exception of Gov. L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, who proceeded to Copenhagen. The invitation to Norwegian friends of peace to join the party has met with no response. The Christiana papers express doubt that a representative Norwegian would accept the invitation.

**To Determine Foreign Opinions.**  
Washington.—Explanation of the purposes of Col. E. M. House's trip to Europe, at the request of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, obtained here disclose that Colonel House will dispense the views of the United States on general international questions and will attempt to determine the state of official and public opinion in the various countries he will visit.

**Steamer Eastland Sold.**  
Chicago.—The steamer Eastland, which overturned in the Chicago river July 24 causing the loss of 812 lives, has been sold to the Illinois naval reserve for \$46,000. Alterations will be made in her hull to make her seaworthy, and she will be used as a training ship. The vessel was sold to satisfy the salvage claims of the company which raised her.

**To Fence the Border.**  
Amsterdam.—The newspaper Maasbode says it learns from Oldenzaal, Holland, that owing to the increasing number of war prisoners escaping over the German-Dutch frontier, the German government intends to close the whole frontier with barbed wire.

**New York.**—Americans having commercial interests in Mexico are preparing to resume the operation of their properties there in the belief that the revolution headed by General Villa is ended.

## Water Power Conservation.

Washington.—The house committee on public lands has practically agreed to report favorably the administration water power conservation bill immediately after the holidays. The bill, virtually identical with one which passed the house at the last session and died in the senate, proposes a system of fifty-year leases of the water power resources of the government

# DIFFERENCE OF A FEW DAYS



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## MILLION MORE MEN NEEDED

FOREIGN TRADE IS ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS.

British Premier Asks House of Commons for Extra Men—Awaiting Austro-Hungarian Reply.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of half a billion dollars. A department of commerce statement just issued shows that imports as well as exports broke records for the month. A record of five billion dollars for the past twelve months' exports and imports was set. November imports were \$174,319,169, more by \$11,000,000 than the previous November record, made in 1912. November exports of \$331,144,527 were the greatest of any month in the country's history. The best previous month was last October when exports were \$328,030,281.

## Awaiting Austro-Hungarian Reply.

Washington.—Pending receipt of Austria-Hungary's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, Baron Zwiadnek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, is conducting or forming a basis to conduct informal negotiations with Secretary Lansing looking forward to an amicable settlement of the controversy. An intimation to that effect was received at the state department after the charge had conferred at some length with the secretary. It is understood Baron Zwiadnek is attempting negotiations similar to those conducted by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, following the sinking of the Arabic. It is considered improbable, however, that such negotiations can develop to an important stage until after receipt of the next formal communication from Austria-Hungary, which is expected some time during the week.

## MILLION MORE MEN NEEDED.

Premier Asquith Asks House of Commons to Supply Them.

London.—The house of commons, after an all night session, was still sitting at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Many members protested against the house being kept in session so late and attempted to get the debate adjourned, but the ministers insisted that the vote for the million extra men must be passed. Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that he did not think the result of the recruiting plan of the early of Derby could be presented to the house before the Christmas adjournment.

## Epidemic of Influenza.

Chicago.—Approximately 85,000 pupils of the public schools are absent on account of a wave of influenza which is spreading over the city, according to reports of school physicians made to the health department. Commissioner John Dill Robertson said the disease was especially virulent in the middle west—Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.

## General Blissing to Retire.

Rome.—General von Blissing, German governor-general of occupied portions of Belgium, is to retire from the governorship on January 1, on account of ill health, according to a dispatch from Antwerp to the Correspondenza.

## Sunday Closes Campaign at Syracuse.

Syracuse, N. Y.—The Rev. Billy Sunday has closed his campaign in this city and left for his home at Winona Lake, Ind., after having preached to more than 1,000 people in seven weeks.

## Will Fight Advance Order.

Omaha, Neb.—Members of state railway commissioners of five states in Western Passenger association territory, after a meeting here Wednesday, are still undecided what step to take with respect to the interstate commerce commission's order to advance interstate passenger fares from 2 cents to 2.4 cents per mile. The result of a conference of the commissioners here was a decision to fight the advance order if they are finally

# BONDS OF SYMPATHY

MEETING OF SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON.

## A PLAN FOR RURAL CREDITS

Representative Shallenberger Would Enlarge Postal Service—Stolen Mail Pouch Was Found.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—More than 200 statesmen, educators, scientists and publicists from the South and Central American republics are here for the second pan-American scientific congress which convened Monday and continues until January 8. In addition to the official delegates of the United States several hundred private citizens will participate in the program, which is directed toward the general subject of closer relations between the Americans. The first pan-American scientific congress was held at Santiago, Chile, 1908, when Washington was selected as the place in which to hold the second this year. Eduardo Suarez, Chilean ambassador to Washington, was chosen president of the congress and will preside at the conference. Vice-President Marshall, Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Suarez welcomed the delegates and responses were made by chairmen of the various delegations.

## Stolen Mail Pouch Recovered.

Wilmington, Del.—Five hundred thousand dollars in stock certificates and checks, stolen from a registered mail pouch while it was in transit in a wagon from the Wilmington postoffice to the Pennsylvania railroad station late Christmas eve, have been recovered in an old stove at the home of two negroes who were driving the vehicle. The mail pouch contained stock certificates and checks estimated to be worth \$550,000. When the pouch reached the station it was found open. All but \$350,000 of the securities and checks were missing.

## NEW PLAN OF RURAL CREDITS.

Representative Shallenberger Would Combine It With Postal Savings Banks.

Washington.—A bill combining an enlargement of postal savings service and rural credits is being prepared for introduction by Representative Shallenberger. Mr. Shallenberger said that he proposed to remove all restrictions as to the amount patrons could deposit in postal banks, and that he would enable land owners to borrow postal savings funds direct from postmasters at not to exceed 4 per cent, with land as security. "A rural credits system on this basis would need very few more employees," said Mr. Shallenberger, "as most of the duties could be handled by postmasters and postoffice inspectors."

## British Troops in Egypt.

Berlin.—Great Britain has 300,000 troops in Egypt, 200,000 of whom are in positions guarding the Suez canal, according to the writer of a letter printed by the Kölnischer Volks Zeitung, sent from Egypt on December 12. The correspondent adds that 70,000 arrived last week.

## Neutral Commission to Visit Camps.

Berlin.—The ministry of war has announced that after six months of diplomatic negotiations, France has agreed to allow a neutral commission with supplies to visit prison camps in Algiers, Tunis and Morocco, and that six Swiss commissioners are now on their way to Africa.

Paris.—The Swiss federal council believes that this is not the proper time to offer its good offices to belligerents for the negotiation of an armistice or preparations for peace negotiations, according to M. Hoffman, head of the political department.

Washington.—An executive proclamation designating January 1, 1916, as a day for making contributions for the relief of the stricken inhabitants of Poland has been issued from the White House. President Wilson signed the proclamation after the senate had adopted a resolution suggesting that he do so.

New York.—Various American mercantile and manufacturing firms doing business in Great Britain are said to be suffering losses due to a blacklist which they claim the British government maintains against neutral individuals suspected of having affiliations with Great Britain's enemies.

Marseilles, France.—Eighteen million francs, constituting the Serbian treasury, have arrived here on the way to Paris. The money will be deposited in the Franco-Serbian bank at the capital.

## Fierce Storm in New York.

New York.—One of the wildest storms the east has seen in many years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning and a gale that reached a maximum velocity of ninety miles an hour—descended from the northwest early Sunday as the aftermath of a Christmas fog. It indirectly caused seven deaths in this vicinity, carried down telegraph wires, damaged shipping, crippled railroad

# HASTINGS THIRD CITY

Now Claims More Inhabitants Than Grand Island.

Hastings.—Hastings was officially declared the third city of Nebraska in population when figures of the recently completed special census reached here from Washington and showed 10,873 inhabitants, a few hundred above Grand Island. Places are thus exchanged. This includes ninety-five negroes, eight Koreans and one Chinaman. President Clarke of the Commercial club is well pleased. His guess was 11,000.

## May Build Condensory.

Hastings.—That a condensory offers a better market to farmers than does a creamery was made plain at the chamber of commerce meeting recently, by the report of Secretary Blake, that the Fairfield Creamery prospect has been held up temporarily on account of the proposed establishment of a condensory in this city. The citizens of Fairfield have raised \$30,000 for a creamery at that place, but they await the next move of the local proposal of a condensory.

## Arrests Fire Bug Suspect

Winnebago.—Deputy state fire wardens investigating the recent fire that partially consumed the Balcom store and the Chieftain office here, have arrested William Snow, a Winnebago Indian, 25 years old. Snow is reported to have confessed to firing the Balcom store for the purpose of robbing an other store while residents of the town were fighting the fire. He is believed to have a white accomplice who is still at liberty.

## Will Try Pump Irrigation.

North Platte.—Pump irrigation is to be demonstrated in Lincoln county on a large scale. Prof. L. W. Chase of Lincoln, who was in the city recently looking over the proposition, has decided that the pump irrigation is to be tried at the experimental substation south of the city. The plant at the experiment farm will be on a large scale. It will be capable of watering from sixty to eighty acres.

## Too Much Grain for Crib

Beatrice.—Farmers report that most of the corn in this county has been gathered and that if the weather remains favorable the crop will be well in hand by the first of the year. Many farmers have their corn piled on the ground because their cribs will not hold all of the grain. The yield will average about forty bushels to the acre.

## Stone Street Signs at Hastings

Hastings.—The names of streets and avenues will be permanently marked in stone for the benefit of newcomers and strangers. Curbing for many miles of new paving soon to start will be thus designated. Mayor Madgett's suggestion was written into specifications in all new paving districts.

## Farmer Kills Mammoth Wolf

Crofton.—Al Algiers, a farmer living near Crofton, killed the largest timber wolf ever seen in this part of the state. The animal had been terrorizing ranches for a number of years, killing young calves and pigs.

## FROM ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Elk Creek will have electric lights and power.

Palmyra will have a farmers' institute January 28.

The state checker meet will be held at Hastings, February 1 to 4.

Omaha claims to do 55 per cent of the laundry business of the state.

Hastings carpenters have organized a union, with nearly fifty charter members.

The state chicken tournament will be held at Hastings, February 1 to 4.

Plans are under way for the construction of a new \$75,000 hotel at York.

The Farmers' Co-operative union at Barneston in Gage county has been incorporated.

Mrs. Emma Ferris of Fremont was seriously burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

John Wilson has been recommended by Congressman Shallenberger for postmaster at Franklin.

Plans are ready for the new university hospital to be erected at Omaha at a cost of \$100,000.

The Holdrege Commercial club has adopted resolutions opposing the proposed tax on bank checks.

Tecumseh is making an effort to secure a cannery factory.

The German Lutheran church at Pickerell is to have a new house of worship, 54 by 96 feet, with tower.

Samuel Lichty, one of the best known men in Richardson county, is dead at his home in Falls City.

The Ladies' Etude club of Kearney will give municipal concerts every other Sunday during the winter.

Hastings high school students have organized a radio club and will locate a wireless station in the school building.

Rev. D. L. McBride, pastor of the McCook Baptist church, has resigned to take the pastorate of the church at Liberty.

Postoffices at Brady, Chapman, Cody and Nehawka, heretofore in the fourth class, have been advanced to third class.

Relatives at Beatrice have received word that Mrs. R. D. Rogers was burned to death in her sod house in Richardson county.

Rev. Fruehling of Johnson was seriously injured when his team became frightened and ran away, throwing

# LEVIES BRING IN IMMENSE SUM

LARGE SUM FOR SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT.

## NEWS OF THE STATE HOUSE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources at State House.

## Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Seventy-eight counties of the state report almost as great a revenue raised for all purposes this year as was raised last year in all the counties of the state. What the additional fifteen counties will raise will virtually be excess over and above that amount. The total for these counties is \$20,082,561, according to reports filed with Secretary Bernecker of the state assessment and equalization board. Last year the ninety-three counties of the state raised \$20,495,457. This includes revenue from all sources from the municipality up to the state. Despite the fact that the state levy is lower this year, the municipal and county levies have grown, according to Mr. Bernecker.

## Big School Apportionment

Owing to a change in the date of the semi-annual school apportionment a large sum has accumulated in the state treasury and it is estimated that the amount will be \$450,000 or \$500,000 by the third Monday in January. Treasurer Hall has \$325,000 in the fund at this time. The old law required the distribution of the fund to counties and school districts the third Monday in May and the first Monday in December. The last legislature changed the dates to the third Monday in July and the third Monday in January. The law did not go into effect until July so the act will for the first time be enforced in January. Treasurer Hall made the last apportionment in June, a date not mentioned in the law because he overlooked the fact that the law did not go into effect in time to change the first apportionment of the year in May.

## But Few Bonds Are Past Due

Out of \$9,700,000 in bond investments held by the state of Nebraska for the educational trust funds, the income of which goes to support the common schools of the state, the university of Nebraska, the agricultural college and the four state normal schools, less than one-twentieth of 1 per cent has become past due by failure to pay at maturity. State Treasurer Hall has completed a check of these bonds, and he finds that the only ones which have overrun their time are four series amounting altogether to \$4,700. He expects to collect the full amount of each issue, with accruing interest, as soon as levies are made to pay them off. The treasurer considers such a percentage of bonds past due in a total of nearly \$10,000,000 to show that the state's investments are exceedingly well placed.

## Nebraska's Tobacco Industry.

According to reports filed in the state department of labor by manufacturers of cigars and those engaged in the preparation of tobacco for the market, for the year 1914 there was a capital of \$321,139.78 invested. Employment was furnished to 426, of which 169 were females. The total paid in wages for the year was \$247,509.09. Total value of stock used, \$359,699.94. The total value of production was \$746,818.89. Per cent of sales in Nebraska, 97.5. Nine were employed under the age of sixteen years. Average wages per week \$13.79. Reports were filed by sixty-eight manufacturers, as compared with fifty-five in 1913.

## To Bar Dishonest Advertising.

Honest advertising campaigns fostered by the Lincoln Ad club and given general endorsement by merchants and consumers here, will culminate in the introduction of one of two bills in the next session of the legislature, according to members who are now preparing them. One such bill is of interest to the state at large, particularly to the farming sections. It will provide that no newspaper in the state shall carry the advertising of any concern not allowed under the state's regulatory statutes to operate in this state.

Doctor Anderson, state veterinarian, was called to Milford to examine live stock on the farms of Peter Stahley and Joe Roth. The two farmers sold seventy-five hogs to a buyer from Nebraska City, where they were slaughtered. Forty head proved to be tubercular and twelve were condemned for use as food. Doctor Anderson found no tuberculosis in the hogs on the Stahley farm, but found half of the hogs on Roth's farm affected and eighteen out of the twenty-six head of registered Shorthorn cows affected with the same disease.

After the absence of a Thanksgiving day game from the Nebraska football schedule for the last five years, Guy E. Reed, Husker athletic manager, has announced that the strong Notre Dame squad will be the university's opponent next year on that day. Removal of all leaves and grass from the foot of apple and other trees during the winter months is urged by the horticulturists of the state agricultural college. They insist that mice and rabbits