# COASTS BLOCKADED BY ALLIES' FLEET

### Official Statement Predicts Ultimate Victory by Reason of Combined Naval Superiority.

### FRENCH TRADE ENJOYS SAFETY

**Fleet Protects Return of Troops to France from Africa Satisfactorily and British Win a Naval Base.**

BORDEAUX, Sept. 21.—(Via London.)—An official communication, addressed to the navy, and reviewing the work of the fleet since the outbreak of hostilities, says:

"The navy was called on to cover the return of troops to France from Africa, which was done satisfactorily.

"Assisted by the British forces in the channel and the North sea, the command of the sea was attained from the first day the war broke out. The French and British fleets also secured the security of the Mediterranean after the flight of the Goeben and the Breslau, and the enemy has not appeared again.

"The German fleet does not leave its base. Nevertheless the British fleet was able to fight a naval battle off Holland, from which it emerged victorious. It is impossible to know whether the enemy's fleet will end by accepting the challenge, but meanwhile the allied squadrons are mistress of the sea and are blockading the German and Austrian coasts, forcing the enemy to live almost exclusively on themselves and reckon only on their own resources. This is certain assurance of ultimate success for us if the war is prolonged."

The communication proceeds to show that French sea trade continues to enjoy full liberty of movement and concludes by emphasising the manner in which the navy and the army have co-operated for the defense of the country.

# Sleeps in Midst of Bursting Shells

BORDEAUX, Sept. 21.—"We are holding our own—but at what cost," declares a letter to the editor of the Temps today from a friend at the front.

"For four days we have been fighting without stopping and sleeping so little that this morning I fell asleep in an automobile and bursting shells in the road hardly caused me to blink my sand-laden eyelids," the letter continues. "All the horizon is in flames; all the villages within twenty-five miles are burning and the night sky seems glittering with sparks.

"The noise is such that one ceases to perceive it. We live in the midst of death. Today two big shells fell on the house in which I was quartered. The structure burst into flames. Captain A——, to whom I had been speaking, fell forward dead and Colonel B——, who was entering the room, also was instantly killed."

# U. S. Revenue Cutter Is in Serious Danger

SITKA, Alaska, Sept. 21.—The United States cruiser Buffalo picked up an "S. O. S." call today from the United States revenue cutter Tahoma, which is stuck on a reef and is in serious danger ninety miles west of Siska Island in the Aleutian chain. The Tahoma has nine officers and sixty-three men aboard.

The distress call from the Tahoma was heard by the Japanese liner Tacoma Maru and the steamer Senator and both started to its aid.

# Phone Girl Directs Aim of Belgian Guns

AACHEN (Aix la Chappelle), Sept. 22.—The head of the Red Cross division in Rhineland told a remarkable story of a Belgian telephone girl at Dahlen, who telephoned Belgian officers at the forts that they were not properly placing their shells. By following her instructions they were able to regulate their firing effectively and the telephong girl was killed by a shot which destroyed the office from which she was directing the operations.

### NO PEACE WITH PRUSSIAN MILITARISM SHORT OF GRAVE

LIVERPOOL (Via London), Sept. 21.—In a speech here tonight Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, referring to the talk of peace by the German ambassador to the United States, Count von Bernstorff, said:

"His vague talk of peace is as insincere as the information of which he is the source. Peace with the German people might be arranged in good time, but there would be no peace with Prussian militarism, short of the grave."

### VALISE OF IRON CROSSES FOUND BY FRENCH AT VERDUN

BORDEAUX, France, Sept. 21.—A Verdun dispatch to the Petit Geronde says French soldiers near that point found a valise of a Prussian officer containing little iron crosses, strung on black and white ribbons and bearing the inscription "1814-1914." These presumably were to have been delivered to German soldiers after the entry into Paris.



# Culls From the Wire

The common pleas court at Jersey City dismissed the complaint made last July charging the Standard Oil company of New Jersey with discrimination and endeavoring to establish a monopoly in gasoline by underselling its competitors and by making different selling prices at different stations.

An oral order was entered by the Montana supreme court dismissing the applications of President McDonald of the Mine Workers' union of Butte, Owen Smith, Joseph R. Bradley, Joseph Bradley, D. W. Malone, Ed Ross and James Chapman for writs of habeas corpus to secure their release from jail in Butte, where they are held by the state militia.

**Movements of Ocean Steamers.**

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| NEW YORK | Minnewaska | |
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| HAVRE | | Espagne |
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| CHRISTIANSAND | | Bergen |
| PHILA | Carthagenian | |
| BOSTON | Pretorian | |

# *British Suffragists Ask Nation to Weigh Charges of Teuton Crimes*

LONDON, Sept. 21.—(6:10 p. m.)—"Suspend judgment on reports of the alleged cruelty by enemies of Great Britain and do not engender hatred and vengeance" is the gist of a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the National Union of Women's Suffrage, a non-militant body.

"We earnestly deprecate all speech and writing tending to stir up ungoverned and indiscriminate rage and vengeance against the people of nations with whom Great Britain is at war," reads the resolution.

"Judgment should be suspended until there is an opportunity of subjecting the alleged instances of fiendish cruelty and barbarity to careful inquiry."

# FIND STATE HERD INFECTED

### Thirty-Five of One Hundred Cattle Found to Have Tuberculosis.

### STEBBINS TO RUN BY PETITION

**Will Make Race for Congress in Sixth District, Following His Usual Custom—Ask Better Cement Rates.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—An examination of the herd of 101 cattle at the Hastings insane asylum has developed that thirty-five of them are reactors, or cattle that show signs of tuberculosis. These cattle, according to State Veterinarian Kigin, will be taken to South Omaha and will again be tested by government experts and if their examination discloses the same condition they will be killed.

At Hastings a new barn has been completed for cattle and stock, but none which shows any signs of disease will be permitted to enter.

**Stebbins Would Run.**

Lucian Stebbens of North Platte has broken into the political corral again and this morning a petition was received from him asking that his name be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for congress in the Sixth district.

**Ask Better Cement Rates.**

A hearing on the complaints of the Nebraska Portland Cement company of Superior, asking for better rates on its products over the railroads of the state was begun this morning before the railway commission, but was continued to Wednesday, September 30, because of a lack of proper rate schedules on which to base the demands. All of the railroads were represented. The company was represented by E. E. Bruce, president; H. G. Calkins, secretary, and C. H. Walrath, vice president. Secretary Whitten of the Lincoln Commercial club and F. I. Ringer of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association were also present as were also several others interested in the hearing and the rates on the product of the Superior factory.

**Would Submit Sunday Ball.**

Petitions are in circulation in Lincoln asking that the city commissioners submit the proposition of playing base ball on Sunday at the regular park in this city. Heretofore all Sunday games have been played at Capital Beach, a pleasure resort about a mile or more from the city which has necessitated patrons of the game paying the admission fee to get into the beach on top of the regular admission to the base ball park. Facilities for getting back to the city have been far from satisfactory over the Beach street car line and the result has been that there has been a demand for the submission of the proposition which is permitted by the new law passed by the last legislature. Lincoln is the only town in the Western league which plays its Sunday games outside its regular park.

**Two Gunshot Accidents.**

Two accidents occurred in or near Lincoln yesterday, both the cause of accident which shows any signs of disease will sulting in the death of Emmett Harris Jewell of Raymond and the other in the probable fatal wounding of Warren Wheeler in the city.

# Witzigman Given Term of Five Years

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 21.—W. A. Witzigman, ex-president of what was the Nebraska National Bank of Norfolk, this afternoon pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of misappropriation of funds of the bank and was sentenced by Federal Judge Paige Morris to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. He will begin his sentence January 25. Other charges against Witzigman were nolled on the plea of former United States Senator William V. Allen. His attorney announced he will immediately appeal to President Wilson for Witzigman's release.

### POPE SHOCKED BY RHEIMS CATHEDRAL'S DESTRUCTION

ROME, Sept. 21 (Via Paris.)—When informed of the destruction of the cathedral of Rheims, Pope Benedict XV said he "could not believe it possible in such a civilized epoch as the twentieth century to be plunged back to the time of Attila."

The pontiff requested Cardinal Ferrata to request Cardinal Amette, archbishop of Paris for full particulars as telegrams for Rheims are not accepted.

# Echoes of the Strife

**Transferred to Mons.**

LONDON, Sept. 22.—An Antwerp dispatch to the Reuter Telegram company says the staff of General von Kluck, commander of the German right wing, was transferred to Mons, Monday evening, according to an unconfirmed report.

**Indignation in Switzerland.**

GENEVA, (Via Paris), Sept. 22.—The Swiss press unanimously condemns the destruction of the Rheims cathedral, and there has been an outburst of indignation among the 200,000 representatives of all nations, who are at present in Switzerland.

**Awarded Military Order.**

LONDON, Sept. [illegible] General Dimitrieff has been awarded [illegible] military order of St. George, for his successful resistance of the Austrian attempt to recapture Lemberg, according to a dispatch from Petrograd.

**Send Provisions to Germans.**

PARIS, Sept. 22.—Gaston Thomson, minister of commerce, in a report on a visit he made to Lille and other cities in the north evacuated by the Germans, says the Germans not only requisitioned provisions necessary for their troops, but forwarded great quantities to Germany, having exhausted the resources of the regions through which they passed.

**Tapestries Removed.**

BORDEAUX, Sept. 21.—The magnificent set of ancient tapestries, which hung in the cathedral of Rheims was removed before the bombardment by officials from the office of the under secretary of fine arts and is now in a place of safety.

**Still Shelling Termonde.**

LONDON, Sept. 21.—The bombardment of Termonde by the Germans continues, presumably to prevent a further Belgian sortie from Antwerp, according to a dispatch today to the Central News from Antwerp.

# German Surgeon Shows Dumdum Bullets of British

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

AACHEN (Aix-la-Chappelle), Sept. 21.—The head of the Red Cross division in Rhineland today showed American correspondents "dum dum" bullets, 1,000 of which, he said, had been found on English soldiers taken at Maubeuge. The end of these bullets was unjacketed and tipped with lead, which contained a copper core. It was a .45-caliber make, similar to cartridges used for big game. These soft-nosed bullets had caused ugly injuries to the German wounded, which he had personally treated, said the Red Cross chief.

The officer spoke without animus and only gave evidence which, he said, he had personally gathered. He said many of the English bullets were made like the sharp nickel-pointed German bullets. The French bullets were uniformly good, he declared, made small wounds and did not spread.

# Passenger Fares East and West to Rise

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Interstate passenger fares in both eastern and western territories are to be increased by the railroads in the immediate future. The new rates will be fixed on a basis of 2½ cents a mile, but will vary slightly, in particular cases from that base.

Information received by the Interstate Commerce commission is that the straight fare between New York City and St. Louis, for instance, will be advanced $2. The fares between New York and intermediate points will be based on the increase between the two large terminals.

The fare between New York and Chicago will be based entirely upon a 2½ cents a mile fare, and, so far as practicable, the fares between New York and intermediate points and Chicago and intermediate points will bear a like mileage charge.

The preparation of the new passenger tariffs, is now in progress and it is expected that they may be in readiness to file with the commission by October 1.

# Gaekwar of Baroda Offers His Troops

LONDON, Sept. 21.—"All my troops and resources" is the latest offer of the Gaekwar of Baroda to the British government.

Nearly all the Indian potentates have expressed a desire for personal service in the field and many have offered the British government, "all I possess."

The government of Madras will supply a fully equipped hospital ship of 300 beds for the use of the Indian expeditionary forces.

# Lillian Russell Ill With Appendicitis

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 21.—Lillian Russell, the actress, who is Mrs. A. P. Moore in private life, was taken to a hospital tonight, suffering from an attack of appendicitis, and will undergo an operation. The illness is not acute, her physician says.

### LOCKS MAN IN VAULT; ESCAPES WITH LOOT IN CAR

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 21.—Armed with a pistol, but unmasked, a bandit entered the People's State bank at Dodson, Mo., a suburb of this city, this afternoon locked Hugh Moore, the assistant cashier, in a vault and escaped in a motor car with $1,300 of the bank's funds.

A customer of the bank released Moore, who shouted the combination of the lock through the vault door. Moore was alone in the bank when the bandit forced him into the vault.

**Takes Refuge in Hospital.**

PETROGRAD (Via London), Sept. 21.—The German consul at Tabriz, Persia, has taken refuge in the American hospital, fearing that he will be attacked by the Russians.

# THOMPSON OUT FOR PEACE

### Little Giant Wants Bryan and Hitchcock to Come to Terms.

### SAYS TICKET DEPENDS ON IT

**Name of Mayor Dahlman is to Be Sent in for Collector of Internal Revenue Against that of Chris Gruenther.**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The "Little Pacificator," known to the people of Nebraska as the "Little Giant of Grand Island," chairman of the democratic state central committee, Judge William H. Thompson, is in Washington, only to find that his good friends Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock and the secretary of state, are out of the city.

While business of a legal character had brought him to the capital, Judge Thompson indicated that he was here to tell the leaders that for the success of the ticket they have got to put a stop to their animosities and get together.

Judge Thompson is here in the interest of the flood water project of the Platte, the survey of which, he learned today, has been completed by the Interior department. In furtherance of his clients Judge Thompson will have a conference tomorrow with the democratic members of the house, hoping to interest them in a bill to take care of the flood sufferers along the Platte.

It may also develop at the meeting that Judge Thompson will endeavor to induce Congressman Maguire to withdraw his recommendation of Johnson in favor of F. W. Brown, for, as he said, the clarifying of this situation means much for Morehead and the whole democratic ticket.

**Dahlman's Name to Go In.**

An interesting sidelight of the political situation in Nebraska was learned today in that in due season the name of J. C. Dahlman, chairman-commissioner of Omaha, will be sent to the senate for collector of internal revenue, notwithstanding Senator Hitchcock has endorsed Chris Gruenther.

**Taylor in Washington.**

Cadet Taylor, collector of customs for Omaha, was in Washington en route home from New York, where he attended the conference of collectors of customs from all parts of the country. He called on the Nebraska delegation and took luncheon with Congressman Lobeck in the house restaurant.

# Newspaper Men in London Go on Strike

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Because one of their number was refused entrance at the front door of the official press bureau and was told to go to the back door, the newspaper men on duty went on a strike tonight.

A committee was appointed to interview the official in charge, but was told the order that newspaper men must use the back door was irrevocable.

# Montenegrins Ten Miles from Bosnia

LONDON, Sept. 21.—A Montenegrin army is only ten miles from Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, according to a dispatch received today by the Montenegrin minister from the foreign office at Cettinje.

The communication adds that the Austrian army is retreating rapidly before the Montenegrins, abandoning rapid fire guns and stores.



# Washington Affairs

The internal revenue war tax plan designed to raise $105,000,000, framed by the democratic leaders in congress and approved by President Wilson, was laid before the house by Democratic Leader Underwood.

Plans of the Postoffice department to issue postage stamps bearing the American and British flags to commemorate the 100th anniversary of peace between the two countries have been indefinitely deferred. Postmaster General Burleson so notified Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, who had represented that it would be injudicious to issue such a series during the European war. The American Peace society has approved the postponement.

A warning to national banks which have received government funds to aid crop moving or which have received emergency currency not to charge excessive interest rates or to refuse legitimate credits was given by Secretary McAdoo in a formal statement dealing with the present situation in the cotton growing states. The secretary declared that he would not hesitate to withdraw government deposits from offending banks or to refuse to issue emergency currency to them.

# Two Forts at Tsing Tau Destroyed by Japan Plane Bombs

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Telegraphing from Petrograd a correspondent of the Havas agency says:

"A dispatch received here from Vladivostok declares that Japanese aeroplanes, throwing bombs, have destroyed two of the important forts at Tsing Tsau."

PEKING, Sept. 21.—Mail advices from Tsing Tau state that the Japanese lost a second torpedo boat outside Kiao Chow. The vessel was sunk by a German cruiser. The correspondence says:

"Japanese destroyers shelled the German barracks on the coast fourteen miles north of Tsing Tau. Bombs dropped from hydroplanes today damaged neither the town nor its defenses, because the constant firing of the garrison kept the airships about 2,000 yards above the town."

The British detachment which left Tien Tsin to co-operate with the Japanese at Kiao Chow sailed nominally for Wei-Hai-Wei, Shan Tung, but it is believed that the men would land at Laoshan bay, thereby avoiding a certain part of China's neutrality.

**Department Orders.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Postmasters appointed. Nebraska—Cairo, Hall county, Cora Congrove, vice Sylvester Deffenbaugh.

Iowa—Andrew, Jackson county, Harry S. Bert, vice G. G. Jackson, resigned; Birmingham, VanBuren county, William R. Shott, vice C. L. Sheward; Toronto, Clinton county, Edward Hart, jr., vice H. B. Hart, resigned.

South Dakota—Barnard, Brown county, Ella G. Siemann, vice G. H. Mills, resigned; Twin Buttes, Perkins county, Clyde P. George, vice Addie George, resigned.

George D. Johnson was reappointed postmaster at Pleasant Valley, Scott county, Iowa.

L. J. Keene was appointed rural carrier at Custer, Neb., and Grover Walters at Vale, S. D.





# BOER ARMY CHIEF RESIGNS; COUNTRY FULL OF LOUVAINS

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Africa were made in consultation with General Beyers and his suggestions were largely carried out.

"Your bitter attack on Great Britain," General Smuts continued, "not only is entirely baseless, but most unjustifiable, coming as it does in the midst of a great war.

"Your reference to barbarous acts during the South African war cannot justify the criminal devastation of Belgium and can only be calculated to show hatred and division among the people of South Africa."

**Speaks of Freedom.**

General Smuts refers to the freedom of South Africa, which allows "you to write a letter for which you would without doubt be liable in the German empire to the extreme penalty."

The minister goes on to say that the coast of South African union is threatened, that mail boats have been held up and that its borders have been invaded by the Germans, and concludes by declaring: "I cannot conceive of anything more fatal and humiliating than a life of loyalty in fair weather and a policy of neutrality and pro-German sentiment in days of storm and stress."

# Wilson Peace Policy "Watchful Waiting"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—While President Wilson told his callers today that he was "prayerfully working for peace in Europe," it is known that for the present he will take no further steps either to sound the belligerents or otherwise press the offer of the American government to mediate. The president indicated that he was studying the best method and most opportune time for the United States to exert its influence for a cessation of the conflict.

The general view among administration officials is that none of the belligerents is receptive yet as to a discussion of peace terms.

# WESTERN WING OF GERMANS FORCED TO YIELD GROUND

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movement of the attacking and defending troops is carried out with the utmost caution until the moment of actual contact.

The Germans have suffered most in these engagements, for the French troops from Africa and the British infantry are adepts with the bayonet, and they wait in the trenches until their adversaries are so close that a quick dash brings them together. General Joffre, who is enjoying robust health, holds in his hands every phase of the battle.

**In Daily Conference.**

The commander of the allies confers daily with the generals in charge of the varied allied forces. He has created a feeling of the greatest cheerfulness and confidence among the officers and men by his absolute indifference to political and other influences and by his desire to spare them sacrifices. The country behind the French army is being rapidly repopulated. Herds of cattle and sheep mingle with supply trains along the roads leading to the north. They are being homeward driven by peasants, women, old men and boys.

# Denies Germany Is Negotiating for Peace

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The German government denies that peace negotiations are going forward at Washington, according to a wireless message which Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, tonight said he had received from Berlin by way of Sayville, L. I.

### RUSSIANS REPORT CAPTURE OF 15,000 AUSTRIANS

PARIS, Sept. 21.—In a message from Petrograd the Havas correspondent says that during the last three days the Russians in Galicia have captured 15,000 Austrians, including 150 officers. Many cannon, quick fire guns and supplies also have been taken.