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### CALL FEDERAL AID TO CHECK BOLDNESS OF DEM GANGSTERS

Grand Jury at Indianapolis Conducts Sweeping Inquiry Into Terre Haute Affairs.

#### MAYOR ROBERT IS INDICTED

He and Over Hundred More Must Answer in Court for Election Irregularities.

#### GOVERNMENT COVERS ITS HAND

Has Not Yet Exposed All Evidence that Has Been Gathered.

#### ROBERT HERETOFORE UNSCATHED

Actions at November Election Conducted Too Boldly and Government Probe is Uncovering Methods Used.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—When the federal grand jury reconvenes here January 4, election conditions in Terre Haute, it is said will again be taken up. When the grand jury recessed last Wednesday, it returned a partial report in which more than 150 men, including Mayor Donn M. Robert and the majority of the members of his official family were indicted.

The real story of the alleged conspiracy to corrupt the election is merely hinted in the indictment. It is said, the federal authorities indicting that they will not expose their had until the trial is called.

Frank C. Dalley, United States district attorney for Indiana who is in personal charge of the grand jury investigation states that immunity has been offered to none.

#### Lays It to Politics.

Mayor Roberts is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor in 1916 and has been the democratic leader in Terre Haute only a short time, having risen rapidly in politics. He declares that political enemies have attacked him.

In 1910, he was appointed city engineer of Terre Haute, and while holding that position, organized the city council against the mayor, who later discharged Roberts. Later Roberts was made county chairman of the democratic party and not only nominated his slate in the primary, but carried it through in the election of 1912. As the next step in his political advancement, Roberts became the democratic candidate for mayor and was elected. During that election, men were slugged at the polls, election officials driven from the polling places and before the day was over, appeals were made to Governor Samuel M. Ralston to take a hand.

#### Once Acquitted.

Grand jury investigated the election and returned indictments against Roberts and a number of his supporters. Roberts was placed on trial, and after a hearing during which all male supporters were searched for firearms to prevent a shooting affray, he was acquitted.

Since his elevation to the mayor's chair of Terre Haute, Roberts has been almost continuously in the limelight, figuring in a number of cases in court. The second day after his election, he and his board of safety were haled into court on a contempt charge over the discharge of two patrolmen, but were acquitted. Within the last year he was fined for contempt by Judge A. M. Anderson of the federal court for violating a court order regarding some sewer work.

#### Indianapolis Is Next.

When the grand jury completes the investigation of Terre Haute conditions it will take up, according to Mr. Dalley, conditions in Indianapolis, while in the last election were said to have rivaled Terre Haute conditions in many precincts, and also in Evansville, where a number of organizations have requested Mr. Dalley to make an investigation.

### 21 BATTLESHIPS WILL TRAIL OREGON IN CANAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Twenty-one modern battleships, flying the stars and stripes will follow the Oregon, the old bulldog of the navy, through the Panama canal when the Atlantic fleet goes to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Panama-California exposition. Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the fleet, conferred with Secretary Daniels today on this subject.

### The Weather

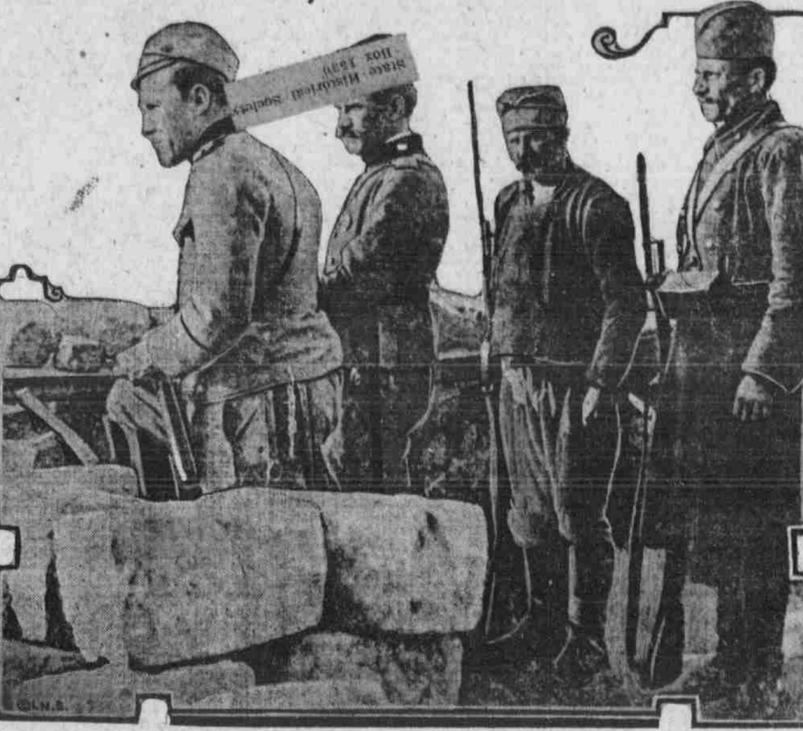
For Nebraska—Fair, warmer.  
For Iowa—Unsettled.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Hours	Deg.
8 a. m.	.....	7
9 a. m.	.....	7
10 a. m.	.....	7
11 a. m.	.....	7
12 m.	.....	7
1 p. m.	.....	7
2 p. m.	.....	7
3 p. m.	.....	7
4 p. m.	.....	7
5 p. m.	.....	7
6 p. m.	.....	7
7 p. m.	.....	7

Comparative Local Record	1914	1913	1911
Highest temperature	21	22	12
Lowest temperature	5	23	5
Mean temperature for day	13	23	8
Precipitation	5.00	0.00	0.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:  
Normal temperature..... 21  
Normal precipitation..... 1.50 inch  
Deficiency for the day..... 16  
Total excess since March 1..... 275  
Normal precipitation..... 15.00 inch  
Deficiency for the day..... 1.50 inch  
Total rainfall since March 1..... 35.40 inches  
Deficiency since March 1..... 3.50 inches  
Deficiency for the day..... 1.50 inches  
Deficiency for the period, 1912, 1913, 1914..... 1.50 inches

### WHERE THE WAR STARTED—Serbian officers and soldiers on outpost duty near Belgrade.



### U. S. NOT DECIDED ON BELGIAN STAND

America Has Not Yet Heard from Berlin if Consuls Must Have New Papers.

### WHITLOCK'S STATUS THE SAME

Should Kaiser Formally Annex Conquered State, Situation Will Be Further Complicated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The United States government at a late hour tonight had received no notification from Germany that American consuls, originally accredited to Belgium, would be required to obtain new exequaturs or certificates of authority. Until such a notice is communicated, and its form is examined, high officials said the American government would be unable to determine a course of action.

Officials here regarded the "points involved as of a delicate character, and would say only that they would study various precedents before reaching a decision.

In reply to a question recently as to the status of Brand Whitlock, President Wilson replied that the latter would of course remain American minister to Belgium, even though he left the country indefinitely.

Now in Brussels.

Mr. Whitlock is now in Brussels, dealing unofficially with the German military authorities, but is accredited to the Belgian government, whose seat is at Brussels, France.

Should Germany formally annex Belgium and establish a civil authority everywhere therein, the situation would be further complicated, as annexations during time of war have not generally been recognized. The decisions of final peace conferences terminating a conflict usually have been awaited by neutral governments.

### YOUNG MAN EXPIRES IN EPIDEMIC IN SOUTH

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram)—Alexander Milton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Milton of Nebraska, died Christmas afternoon at the county erupitive hospital after a week's illness with smallpox. He was stationary engineer at the Hotel Sheldon, where many Mexican refugees stay. The smallpox epidemic, which has infected Mexico, is thought to have been brought to El Paso and young Milton, who was but 25, caught the disease from them.

### Three New Men in Office of Register

Harry Pearce, elected register of deeds at the last election, has decided to reappoint four members of the old office force and to name three new men for positions in the office, he announced yesterday. These selections are subject to change, Mr. Pearce said.

### FRENCH AVIATORS BOMBARD AT METZ

Gaul Birdmen Retaliate for the Attack Made by the Germans on Nancy by a Zeppelin.

### ARTILLERY IS INTERMITTENT

Cannonading in North France and Belgium is Desultory—Situation in Poland Declared to Be the Same.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—French aviators have bombarded the aviation hangar, railroad station and barracks at Metz in retaliation for the bomb attack on Nancy by a German Zeppelin, according to an official communication issued in Paris this afternoon. The communication also states that the Germans recaptured the city of Miawa, in Russian Poland.

The report says in part: "A dirigible dropped a dozen bombs on Nancy in the center of the city and without military reason. Our aviators in return bombarded aviation hangars, one of the railroad stations of Metz, where movement of trains was noted, and the barracks of St. Privat at Metz.

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### CENTRAL CITY HAS \$50,000 FIRE LOSS

Gladfelter Block Completely Destroyed and Several Firms Are Burned Out.

### TRAINMAN GIVES THE ALARM

Auto Track Makes Twenty-Five-Mile Run from Grand Island to Give Aid—Firms Will Resume.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Dec. 27.—(Special Telegram)—Central City this morning suffered the heaviest fire loss in history when the opera house block owned by Dr. H. E. Gladfelter, was totally destroyed. It is estimated the full loss, involving the destruction of the three-story brick and burning and damaging of merchandise and equipment, will come close to \$50,000.

The opera house was one of the largest buildings in the city and located in the eastern part of the business section formed a part of a solid brick row.

Losses were suffered by the following firms: Opera house building, Dr. Gladfelter owner, estimated value without lot, \$13,000; insurance, \$5,000; Carlson Nordstedt clothing company, estimated value, \$30,000; major portion covered by insurance; The Toggery, Mrs. L. K. Newmeyer owner, estimated value \$1,000; no insurance; Leigh Emery show company, total loss of baggage and equipment estimated at \$5,000; Attorney J. E. Doshimer, office, total loss fixtures, library saved; C. A. Burke, real estate office, total loss fixtures; Central City Cleaning company, total loss equipment excepting small cement block building in rear and electric pressing machine, estimated value \$1,000; no insurance; Albert Ziegler shoe repair shop practically everything saved.

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### TEUTONS ATTACK IN WEST, HOLD IN EAST; LINES FIRM

Offensive Armies on Both Fronts Run Full Tilt Against Impenetrable Mass.

#### BATTLES RAGING WITH FURY

Fighting Continues Nearly Everywhere with Unabated Intensity.

#### CHANGE IN WARSAW ASSAULT

Germans Seek to Find Way to City by Another Route.

#### ALLIES SAVING OF SOLDIERS

General Staff Satisfied with Slow Gains Instead of Sacrificing Great Number of Men, It Is Stated.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Neither the Austro-German offensive operations against the Russians nor the allies attacks upon the German lines in the west have made any appreciable progress, although the fighting continues along the greater part of the two fronts with unabated intensity. In both cases the attacking armies appear to have run full tilt against what seems to be almost impenetrable lines.

The Germans in their official report announce that they have ceased their attacks on the Bzura river, which, with the Russian masses behind it, stands across their direct path to Warsaw. They are trying to find a way to the Polish capital along the course of the Pilica river, which is a considerable distance south of Warsaw.

Along the French front the Germans have been delivering fierce counter attacks in an effort to throw off the pressure which the allies are exerting. In these, as in the attacks of the allies which preceded them, the losses on both sides have been considerable, but naturally heavier on the side which has been attacking.

The slowness of the allies' progress is explained in London as being due to the refusal of the general staff to sacrifice a great number of soldiers. They are satisfied with gaining small successes by means of artillery practice which in time, it is pointed out, should prepare the way for a general movement forward.

### German Losses in War Aggregate Two Million Men

(Copyright, 1914, by Special Publishing Co.) LONDON, Dec. 27.—(Press Cablegram from New York World and Omaha Bee.)—The Daily Mail correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs that the German casualties lists numbered 101 to 106, containing the names of 5,882 killed, wounded and missing officers and men, bringing the total Prussian losses to 753,322.

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"There are to be added," he says, "eighty Saxon, eighty-two Wurttemberg, 135 Bavarian and thirteen navy lists. The Bavarian losses as so heavy that it may be calculated nearly half of their army is out of action.

The German losses up to date, including those not yet published, may be set down as about 200,000 dead, 400,000 missing and 500,000 wounded, bringing the total to about 1,100,000. With the Saxon, Wurttemberg, Bavarian and navy losses, the German losses may be altogether about 2,000,000. About 25,000 officers have been killed and 25,000 officers wounded, but only 4,000 officers are missing.

### Sues Water District For \$50,000 Damages

Bartholomew Julian, 625 North Fortieth street, has filed suit in the district court against the Metropolitan Water district for \$50,000 damages for injuries received by falling into a manhole. According to Mr. Julian, R. Beecher Howell, manager of the district, gave him scant attention when he called to discuss with him permanent injuries, caused by the accident.

### Mrs. Creighton Dies Two Days After Her Eightieth Birthday

Mrs. Catharine Creighton, 3618 Harvard street, died Sunday morning after an illness of three days. She had just celebrated her eighty birthday on Christmas.

### Engineer Jumps, but Is Little Too Slow

Passenger train No. 104 on the Missouri Pacific, leaving Omaha for the south at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, ran into the rear end of a freight train standing on the track at Nebraska City. The fireman on the engine of the passenger train saved himself by jumping, but the engineer, Mike Shaslock of Kansas City, was a little slow and did not leave the cab until just as his engine struck the caboose of the freight. He was somewhat bruised, but not seriously injured.

### "TERROR" STALKS THROUGH MEXICO

Gutierrez Says Men Continuously Kidnaped at Night for Ransom or to Be Murdered.

#### PRESIDENT PLAYS GENERALS

Declares They Are Proceeding Without Authority and that Before Long Nation Will Be Without Standing in World.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—Provisional President Gutierrez tonight issued a circular to all generals of the armies of the convention ordering them in most explicit terms to cease all summary executions for whatever offense. A copy of the circular was sent to Generals Villa and Zapata.

The provisional president's secretary gave out an interview authorized by the chief executive in which he said that General Villa objected to the circular as unnecessary, because Villa wished to run down "the assassins" and punish them. Two rival conventions are in the field and three rival armies are struggling for ascension to power. The statement of the secretary of Provisional President Gutierrez said:

"Unless some central authority is to be recognized in the very near future the most serious crisis in the history of Mexico soon will be reported. President Gutierrez is tired of receiving the brunt of all the complaints of the foreign diplomats. Only yesterday an order of the president concerning the safe conduct of Eduardo Iturbide was ignored by a commanding general, who insisted on the arrest of Iturbide, and who severely criticized Leon Conova, a representative of the American State department, who was accompanying Iturbide to the American border."

The decree of the provisional president created a political sensation here.

Circular of Gutierrez.

The circular by the provisional president said in part:

"There has come to my knowledge, causing me both pain and displeasure, that all social classes in this city are in a state of alarm and seven panic-stricken at the continuous disappearance of individuals who are kidnaped by night, either to exact money from them or to be murdered in some secluded place.

### Daughter of Speaker Clark to Wed Editor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Speaker Champ Clark and Mrs. Clark tonight announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Genevieve to James M. Thompson, editor of the New Orleans Item. The wedding will take place in the spring or early summer, at the Clark home in Bowling Green, Mo. Miss Clark met Mr. Thompson in Baltimore during the 1912 democratic convention, in which he was one of the leaders of the fight to nominate the speaker for the presidency. Since leaving school about two years ago, Miss Clark has been a leader among the younger members of official and congressional society.

### STEELE NET UNDOING OF FRENCH SUBMARINE CURIE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A steel net stretched across the entrance to Pola Harbor, the great naval port of Austria, proved the undoing of the French submarine Curie, says a dispatch from the Milan correspondent of Lloyd's News. In company with other submarines the Curie attempted an entrance into the harbor to torpedo an Austrian squadron at anchor there. The Curie had penetrated to the harbor bar when it collided with the net. An Austrian merchantman gave the alarm and the forts opened fire. Two shots struck the Curie, which slowly sank. The captain and crew, with the exception of one officer, were captured.

### MODERN SEA AND AIR CRAFT MIX IN FIERCE FIGHT

Seven British Naval Sea Planes Attack German Warships Lying Off Schilling Roads.

#### FIGHT IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Starts in the Neighborhood of Helgoland When First Seen by the Germans.

#### LATTER MEET THE ATTACK

Send Out Force of Two Zeppelins, Four Sea Planes and Several Submarines.

#### LOSS IS NOT MADE KNOWN

Many Bombs Are Dropped by the Aircraft Near Warships.

#### ALSO DROP BOMBS IN BRUSSELS

Try to Destroy Shed Thought to Contain German Airship and it is Believed that Six of These Hit Mark.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The official press bureau gave out the following statement today regarding the British raid on the German coast:

"On Friday, December 25, the German warships lying off Schilling roads, off Cuxhaven, were attacked by seven naval seaplanes piloted by Flight Commanders Oliver, Hewlett, Boss and Kilner; Flight Lieutenants Milley and Edwards and Sub-Lieutenant Blackburn.

"The attack was delivered in daylight, starting from a point in the vicinity of Helgoland. The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force, together with submarines. As these ships were seen by the Germans from Helgoland, two Zeppelins and three or four hostile seaplanes and several hostile submarines attacked them.

"It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighborhood to pick up the returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers and the enemy's aircraft and submarines. By swift maneuvering the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the big guns of the Undaunted and Arcturion.

### Bombs Do No Damage.

"The enemy's seaplanes succeeded in dropping their bombs near our ships, but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel and safely returned to base without any loss of men or having obtained such an end we shall have demonstrated that ours is a civilized nation, and also that our government has the possibility of giving guarantees to every person who dwells in a cultured community.

### Can't Contradict Statements.

"But, on the contrary, if there is no trace of a trial, even if swift, and the people are despoiled of their property and murdered without any legal procedure, when tomorrow or later we are called bandits, kidnapers and murderers, we shall be unable to contradict such true statements.

### Can't Exercise Right.

"But never can such a right be exercised by private individuals or by the military or armed groups, no matter how numerous, for the reason that by so doing they are not only losing their own prestige but also that of the government with strict submission to the public proceedings marked by law.

### Can't Exercise Right.

"For the above reasons, I admonish you, gentlemen, to whom this circular is addressed, that by untying your patriotism and honesty to the governments you see it that your subordinate officers do not continue to commit unlawful acts, and also I warn you that the executive power under my charge is disposed to grant full guarantees to all inhabitants of the republic without any distinction as to class or person, even to the enemies of the revolution.

### Can't Exercise Right.

"You will understand that all such enemy all the guarantees granted by law to indicted or delinquent persons and that I shall proceed with all energy against those who disturb the public order."