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FAMINE KILLS THOUSANDS IN **MEXICO DAILY**

Red Cross Representative Says at Least Two Thousand People Perish Every Day from Hunger.

PICTURES TERRIBLE SCENES

Tells of Gaunt Women Clawing Scraps to Eat Out of Garbage Heaps.

MEETING HELD IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. - Two thousand people are dying every day throughout Mexico from starvation.

This statement was made by J. O'Connor, special representative of the Red Cross in Mexico, at the annual meeting of the organization.

Mr. O'Connor replied to those who have charged Red Cross workers with giving untrue reports of conditions in Mexico, by saying that he had data showing that in the federal district about Mexico City, in October, the daily number of death due to starvation was about 220. He added that he considered it a conservative estimate to say that at least 2,000 were dying every day in the whole of Meico, from lack of food or on account of disese attendant upon famine conditions.

Claw in Garbage Heaps. "In the streets," he declared, "I often saw gaunt women and children clawing in barren garbage heaps for scraps?. 1 w groups of pathetic wretches waiting nours before doors of private houses for a cupful of soup. I saw acres of paupers' graves where the dead were buried so fast that the tin name plates required by law were not set above the

President Wilson and former Pres dent Taft sat on the platform together They greeted each other warmly. In a brief address President Wilson praised the humitarian work being done

by the American Red Cross in the European war, saying it was the greatest agency the United States had for good. The office of national director was abolished, and in its place two offices were created-director general of mili-tary relief and director general of civil-ian relief. Ernest P. Bicknell, formerly national director, was placed at the head m branch, and Major General Arthur N. Murray, retired, elected named director general pro tem of mili-

tary relief. All other officers of the society were re-elected. A resolution was adopted

relief in Serbia. while Dr. Strong told of the American Red Cross sanitary work in stamping out typhus in Serbia. Dr. Strong in concluding his address turned toward the president as he said:

We have heard much in the United States of the preparedness of our country for general defense. One important problem in this connection is the question of the preparedness of our physicians to deal with epidemics of infectious diseases in the field and their knowledge of the problems relating to the hygiene of camp life and of large bodies of troops.

Protest in Hocking Case Bears Fruit

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.-Requisitioning by the British government of the American Trans-Atlantic steamer Hocking. protested by the State department, has been postponed for three weeks, Secretary Lansing was advised today. The steamer is at Hallfax, where it was taken by a British warship.

Ambaesador Page's presentation at London of the American protest is believed to be one cause of the postpone-

The American consul general at Halifax has informed the State department that the prize court there allowed last week requistion moved by the attorneys for the crown. Postponement was obtained by the British attorney general at the request of colonial authorities.

The Weather



Comparative Local Record.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State Temp. High-Rainof Weather. 7 p. m. est. fall
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Davenport, cloudy ... 32 42 50
Denver, clear ... 56 65 50
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North Platte, clear ... 40 54 50
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SCENE OF JAPANESE CORONATION AND TWO NOTED GUESTS-The picture shows a view of the "Shishiiden," or ceremonial hall, in Kyoto, and also Minister of Railroads Minoura, with his wife, dressed in their offici al costumes, entering the palace grounds for the coronation ceremonies.



CEREMONIAL HALL AT KYATO, INSERT-MINISTER MINIOURA & WIFE ARRIVES

M'ADOO WOULD TAX KENNEDY IS HEAD SMALLER INCOMES

Secretary Estimates Billion and Pay for Breakfast at Unique System Quarter Needed for Government Budget Next Year.

FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinposed to lower the exemption limits so as to tax married persons with incomes as low as \$3,000, and single persons with \$2,000 incomes. The vice chairman of central committee, was exemptions now are \$4,000 and only be was not in the lightweight class. \$3,000 respectively.

Other Suggestions.

thanking the Rockefeller Foundation for gross income in place of net income, and man paying I cent a pound on his weight its co-operation with the Red Cross in a change so that the tax shall not be for his breakfast. That was how Som-President Wilson occupied the chair, McAdoo's other suggestions. He made for breakfast. Right there is where Joe who might be taxed if the amendments cents, and the boys accused him or were adopted nor the amount that might starving for a month for the event. be expected, but in connection with his request for a larger collection force be pointed out that examination of the past government. On the basis of the ex- but few if any made their first dollar in aminations, the secretary says that apparently more than \$4,600,000 in personal tax and more than \$20.891,000 in corporation tax still is due the government.

Many Evasions of Law. "Many inaccurate returns are made," said the report, "some deliberately and some ignorantly, and there are without doubt, wholesale evasions of the law throughout the country. It is absolutely certain that the government is losing (Continued on Page Four, Column Two.)

Thompson-Seaton Dropped by Boy Scouts of America

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.-The national council of the Boy Scouts of America through an authorized committee, held a special meeting today to consider a statement issued by Ernest Thompson Seton in which he said that he had re signed as chief acout. After the meeting the council issued

this statement: Mr. Seton did not resign; he was de liberately dropped by the national council of the Boy Scouts of America on the question of Americanism. He is not an American citizen. He not only resented suggestions and requests made by many of his friends in the scout movement that he become an American citizen, but went carther and objected to the Boy Scouts hand book, including a chapter on

Heirs of American Lost on Arabic Sue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.-The heirs of Dr. E. F. Wood of Janesville, Wis., one of the Americans lost in the Arabic disaster, will ask Germany to indemnify them for at least \$50,000. An attorney for the estate conferred at length today with Secretary Lansing.

The State department and, incidentally, German officials, have been awaiting the filing of the first claim for an indication of what might be asked, not only for the victims of the Arabic, but for Americans who lost their lives on the Lusi-

HOGG ELECTED CAPTAIN OF PRINCETON TEAM

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 8.-Frank Trevor Hogg of Pittsburgh, Pa., was today elected captain of the Princeton foot ball squad for 1916. He is a junior in the engineering department and played at guard on the Princeton team during the last two seasons.

OF HOTEL CLERKS

of a Cent Per Pound for Persons' Weight.

ONE MAN IS STUCK \$2.40

J. W. Kennedy of Omaha was elected president of the Nebraska-Iowa Hotel Clerks' association at the ery of collection were suggested to final session yesterday afternoon at congress today in the annual report the Hotel Loyal. R. D. McFadden of of Secretary McAdoo as means by Omaha was made first vice presiwhich the greater part of the addi- dent; Fred J. Walton of Lincoln, sectional revenue needed to pay for the ond vice president; J. S. Hamilton administration national defense plans of Omaha, third vice president, and can be provided. The secretary pro- Joseph McCaffery of Omaha, secretary-treasurer.

When a man is paying for himself at a cent a pound, he is lucky if he is in the lightweight class. H. B. Sommers, delegate from Ottumwa, Ia., discovered this, It cost him \$3.40 for his breakfast in the morning. The delegates took breakfast at the Paxton, under the unique system Increases in the collection force, a re- of weighing in as prize fighters do. Only quirement that returns must be made of in this case it was a matter of each withheld at the source, were among Mr. mers of Ottumwa happened to pay \$2.40 no estimate of the number of persons McCaffery of Omaha got by for \$1.19

How They Started. During the afternoon the delegates told now they made their first dollar in life. personal and corporation returns showed Picking berries, running errands, chasing that 63 per cent of those inspected dis- a messenger route, trapping and a lot closed that additional tax was due the of other stunts showed up in the accounts. the hotel business.

Charley Miller of Denver came near cissing the convention as he was unable to get away for the first day. Nevertheless he jumped a train Tuesday night and rode all night in order to attend the meeting yesterday, and the big banquet at the Fontenelle at night.

The lebal responsibilities of a hotel clerk were discussed in the afternoon by Attorney Harry C. DeLamatre of Omaha and the "Greater Influence On Organization Work" was discussed in the after noon by F. E. Zonne of Minneapolis. The annual banquet was held at the Fontenelle at night. The banquet was set for 7 o'clock, and began shortly after that hour. It was a strictly infornal affair, and the delegates turned themselves loose with all the pepper they had left after the big celebration at the smoker the preceding night.

Copper Companies Increase Dividends Six Reels of Birth of

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.-The prosperou conditions attending the copper industry were further indicated today by the declaration of various increased dividends. The Utah Copper company in creased its quarterly rate from \$1 to \$1.50, with these increases in allied companies: Ray Consolidated Copper company, from 374 to 50 cents; Nevada Consolidated Copper company, 37% cents and 13% cents extra.

Chino Copper company increased its dividend from 75 cents to \$1. The Butte and Superior Copper com pany, in which New England interests are said to dominate, declared in addition to its regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents an extra dividend of \$1.50, as against the extra dividend of \$5 in Sep-

YANKTON IS HUNTING ALLEGED HORSETHIEVES

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 8 -- (Special.)-Charles Williams and a companion, the court records here at present as John Doe, are being searched for as horse thieves, who stole a team at Murdo, drove to Freeman and there to Yankton The men worked here a few days, hid the stolen team, stole a sut of clothes from an employer and a rig and harness from Bruce Wallace and then tried to escape toward Omaha. The loe in the river prevented crossing here and the nen went to Springfield, were again calked there by the condition of the river, and went on to Runningwater, Sherift Hickey has traced the men most of the way and it is thought the men will soon be captured, as all possible outlets are being watched close

GALLINGER AND MANN SEE WILSON

President Told Will Not Oppose Defense Program if it is Not Made a Caucus Measure.

ALL FAVOR ADEQUATE MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Senate republicans will make no partisan

and navy strengthened and are will-Later Mr. Gallinger said that Presi-

said Senator Gallinger at the not treat this matter in a partisan manner and so I told the president.

party in power in working out defense plans which will be adequate and cane. But we will not agree to have the democrats frame their plans in caucus and then ask us to approve them.

Not a Party Issue. "The question of preparing for the defense of the nation is not a party one and the republicans are ready to meet the democrats half way if the majority party is really willing to discuss this uestion on a nonpartisan basis."

Senator Gallinger disagreed with the president on his plan for a merchant marine and for raising the money necessary for preparedness. When the administration shipping bill is introduced Senator. Gallinger said he will offer a substitute. The republicans, however, he added, favored using the merchant marine as naval auxiliaries.

Gallinger Payors Hond Issue Senator Gallinger advocated a bond issue and opposed President Wilson's program of internal taxation. He particularly objected to a tax on automobiles and gasoline. He said, however, that he favored lowering the income tax minimum and he believed a tax on bank checks would do no harm. He opposed a tax on fron and steel.

of the house, will discuss the national defense plans with the president tomor-

Nation Destroyed at Mason City, Ia.

MASON CITY, Ia., Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)-Some one broke into Cecil theater last night and destroyed six reels of "Birth of a Nation" films. The crime was committed between 12:30 and 5:30 this morning. It was discovered when the theater was opened. Four reels were put into the furnace and two more were ignited outside of the fire box, one of which exploded, doing some damage-The police think the perpetrator must been wounded. Duplicate apolis in an automobile.

The Day's War News

DISPATCHES FROM the eastern Mediterranean, sithough conflicting in some respects, make it uppear that the American off steamer Communipaw probably was not the vessel reported sunk by a submarone off the coast of Tripoli. There is no further word from the Petrolite, reported by the cruiser Des Moines as having been attacked by a submarine, but which apparently escaped. PRÉSENCE OF GERMAN troops in southern Serbin near the Greek

POSITION OF THE PRENCH forces

ANCONA ATTACK

Washington Sends Note to Vienna BOAT ALSO REPORTED SAFE Demanding Reparation for American Lives Lost on Italian Liner.

ASSURANCES ALSO REQUESTED Austrian Government Asked Promise that Such Acts Will

NO WORD OF * RECEIPT YET

Not Be Repeated.

acts will not be repeated.

the note was cabled to Ambassador patches last night from Rome.

Reichstag Radicals Object to Efforts to

problem of food regulation continues in New York Tuesday (yesterday). he budget committee of the Reichstag. Full reports of the debate are not appearing in the newspapers, but the ac- out by David T. Warden, manager of counts published indicate that one aspect the foreign shipping department of the of the discussion consists of controversial Standard Oil company of New Jersey. attempts to lay the blame for various alleged failings on the shoulders of pro- knots an hour, Mr. Warden said, and, ducers, dealers or consumers or representatives of different ministries.

fight on the national defense program ens Del Brucck, and the Prussian min- off where the original cable dispatch if it is not framed by the democrats later of agriculture, Baron von Schorle- from Rome said the ship had been mer, have come under fire. Senator Gallinger, the republican clam against producers for desiring higher Standard Oil company had been advised leader, told President Wilson today maximum prices. He pointed out that the Communipaw left Alexandria, that the republicans want the army the German tariff system in times of peace had been directed for years toward said Mr. Warden. "But we are still pusstrengthening German agriculture for its gled as to what, if anything, has haping to co-operate with the democrats. task in war time. Farmers should, there- pened to the Petrolite. We do not expect fore, be contented with small profits at any word from it smill it reaches Al- Albanians.

all the details yet. The republicans will ple, as one critic put it, being more concerned with the question of whether they should have butter on their bread than "We will honestly co-operate with the that they have bread on which to spread the butter. According to reports from all sides more criticism has been stirred up among the poorer classes by the recent difficulties in securing butter, oleomar garine, lard and other substitutes than by almost any other governmental meas-

Minister Delbrueck made a short statenent declaring that the government had decided to permit the sale of imported butter at a higher price than that charged

Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen Are Appointees of Kaiser

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.-Emperor William has a personal interest in the withdrawal of Captain Karl Boy-Ed and Captain Franz Von Papen, attaches of the German embassy here.

State department officials have been informed that as the attaches were personally appointed by Emperor William, he personally will probably give the orders for their withdrawal.

It is understood that officials considered Representative Mann, republican leader it probable that the Berlin foreign office was prompted to ask what caused the action of the United States in declaring the attaches persona non grata, so that when a report of the incident is made to the emperor it may be complete in every

The belief prevailed in official circles that Ambassador Bernstorff would not be able to inform Secretary Lansing that the wishes of the United States would be plied with before Saturday at the

German Says There is Little Wonder Teutons Are Hated

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 .- A vicorous protest against attacks made n Germ ny against America and Americans appears were rushed to this city from Minne- in an article by Maximilian Harden editor of the Berlin newspaper, Die Zukunet, in the last issue of that raper. H rr Harden states that at a re ent meet no of a great corporation one of the diractors referred to the Ameri an re-pla as "that pack of accundrels a America." He adds that no oly prote ted and he chairman dil not rule the remark out. "Such proceedings." says Herr Harden, diagnat every right thinking German and disgrace us before the whole world and before our own consci nce. It is little wonder that we are hated."

Peace Committee Will Meet at Berne

along the Vardar, in southwestern December 14. April of next year has been a gun." Serbin, is declared to be favor- suggested as the time for hel in; he Collins expected a fine, but was sentconference.

OIL SHIP REPORTED BATTLE RAGING SUNK IS CAPTURED

Communipaw Reported Taken to a Port Not Named in Message from Page.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- The State department received late today a second dispatch from Ambassador Page at Rome stating that he had been informed that the Communipaw had been captured and taken to a port unnamed in his message. The source of his information and the nationality of the captors were not mentioned.

The first official advices from Am-

bassador Page reporting that an WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. - The American ship, "held to be the Stand-United States has sent a note to the ard Oil tanker Communipaw," had Austro-Hungarian government ask- been torpedoed and sunk, were reing for a disavowal of the subma- ceived during the forenoon by the rine atack on the Italian liner An- State department. Ambassador cona, for reparation for American Page's source of information was not lives lost and assurances that such divulged, but it was thought likely that he had received the same re-It became known late today that port as that transmitted in press dis-

Penfield yesterday. So far there has No confirmation of the news dispatches been no word of its receipt in Vi- from London, sent after last night's press cablegram from Rome, reporting the Communipaw's safe arrival at Alexandria had been received by the depart-

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.-A dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt, apparently confirmatory of the report received by London Raise Food Prices Lloyds that the oil tanker Communipaw was safe was received today by the Standard Oil offices. This message stated BERLIN (Vis London), cDc. 7.-Vig- that the Communipaw reached Alexanrous and unrestrained discussion of the dria on Sunday last and would sail for

The dispatch came from Captain Nord-strom of the Communipaw and was given The Communipaw could make only nine assuming it left Alexandria on Tuesday, or even Monday, it should not have gone Both the minister of the interior, Clem- 350 miles to a point near Tobruk, Tripoli, struck. This dispatch was filed at Rome One radical speaker directed his criti- at 7:45 p. m. Tuesday, the day the

"I feel sure the Communipaw is safe,

dent Wilson had told him he would not approve of the democratic caucus for the distribution of food products are making the defense plans party measures.

The regulations already put into force for the distribution of food products are making the defense plans party measures.

The regulations already put into force for the distribution of food products are making the defense plans party measures one a Greek and the other members contend that the federal council fails, at the spot near Tobruk, Tripoli, where the American of steamer to the president and Secretary Garrison voiced the complaints of their electors of the president and Secretary Garrison upon this matter.

The regulations already put into force for the distribution of food products are the secretary action in the Strumthants, and the spot near Tobruk, Tripolity, where the American of steamer to the Bulgarian for the president and Secretary Garrison upon this matter. The butter problem engaged the attenthe tank ship or of survivors. These was received at Tobruk that a ship had

The first report of the affair came Continued on Page Two, Column Two.

German and French Reports Announce

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(Via London)—Capture of a French position more than 500 yards in length on Hill No. 193, north of Souain in the Champagne district is announced by Germany army headquarters

The official statement says: Western theater: Attempts by the enemy to contest our success east of Auberive

(in the Champagne district) failed. "To the north of Souain, a position 00 meters was wrested from the French. "Bastern theater: On the front of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's forces weak Russian attacks were repulsed.' PARIS, Dec. 8.-The French official Alfred Jarvis, Des Moines.

statement says: "In Belgium our machine guns last night prevented the enemy from reconstructing field works previously destroyed by us near Hetsas.

"To the north of Arras, at a point west of Hill No. 140, our fire put a definite check to a German attack.

"During yesterday our artillery bomparded and destroyed the Sainturin mill

"In the Champagne district we have progressed by means of hand grenades, in that front trench where the enemy secured a footing yesterday, to the south of Saint Souplet. To the east of Butte De Sousin, our counter attacks mastered the German attack which yesterday had been cut in two by us. The fighting here is still going."

Chancellor Goes to Consult Kaiser

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8 .- (Via London.) Dispatches from Berlin state that Dr. von Bethman-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, has gone to confer with Emperor William at army headquarters. It is said that the purpose of his visit is to discuss with the emperor the details of the chancellor's coming speech in the Reichstag, which is awaited with feverish interest by the

Seldom has there been such a deman for seats in the galleries of the Reichstag.

Germany's intentions regarding th Balkans and the possibilities of peace are the chief topics upon which the offancellor is expected to give light.

ENGLISH HANDS OUT ONE YEAR FINE FOR GUN TOTING

District Judge English, who recently BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 5 .- (Viv has been handing out stiff sentences frontier is announces in Athena Paris)-The executive committee of the to men convicted of carrying concealed international conference to study he weapons, surprised Twinman Collins, basis of a durable place will meet here when the latter pleaded guilty to "toting

enced to one year in prison.

IN SOUTHEAST PART OF SERBIA

Bulk of the German and Bulgarian Armies Are Concentrated Against the French Exdition.

POSITIONS REPORTED SERIOUS

Rumors that French Have Been Compelled to Retreat Are Not Confirmed.

MORE FIGHTING IN MONTENEGRO

LONDON, Dec. 8 .- With the Serbian armies in retreat behind the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers, it is reported the bulk of the German and Bulgarian armies is being concentrated against the allied armies holding the southeast corner of Serbia. Heavy fighting has been in pro-

gress there for the last few days. There is no confirmation of hints from various sources that the French troops have been forced definitely to abandon the positionse held by them since the beginning of the campaign. The fall of Monastir and the southward progress of the German and Bulgarian forces, however, have placed the northern wing of the French expedition in a precarious situation, and withdrawal from the angle formed by the Vardar and Cerna rivers apparently has begun.

Arrival of Fresh Porces. Constant arrival of frah forces and war materials at Saloniki give evidence

that the allies have no intention of abandoning their efforts in this region. Although the Germans have announced the capture of Ikep, Montenegro, the pursuing Austrian and Bulgarian armies evidently are confronted with a harder task on the Montenegrin frontier than elsewhere. The Montenegrins continue to offer spirited resistance and to check the invaders wherever possible by sharp

counter attacks. In Albania the Serbians, who had been compelled to leave behind quantities of war materials, appear incapable of organized resistance. Even an orderly retreat is made difficult, as the Serbians are encumbered with large numbers of civilians and prisoners, and, according to some reports, have been set upon by

The latest dispatches state that the French are bringing heavy guns into

Montenegrius Take Offensive. PARIS, Dec. 8 .- Following their recent defeat by the Austrians in northeastern Montenegro the Montenegrina assumed the offensive on Monday, and it is reported officially, threw back their opments to their old positions. The statement given out here today by the Monte-

negr'n consul general follows: "Cur troops counter attacked the enemy vigorously in the direction of Jebuka-Mataroge on December 6 and succeeded Champagne Victories in throwing him back into his positions. (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Seriously Injured by Automobile Crash

DES MOINES, In., Dec. 8 .-- A small child crossing a street here today caused a collision between an electric coups and in Hill No. 193 over a distance of about a touring car, in which four women were seriously if not fatally injured. They are: Mrs. Frank Drummond, Ann Arbor, Mich.: Miss Frances Madden, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Charles Perry, Omaha, and Mrs.

> Charles Perry, whose wife was injured, was driving the touring car. The two vehicles in an effort to avoid hitting the child collided.

Mrs. Jarvis was driving the coupe and

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