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THE WEATHER
Fair; Colder

GEORGE NAMES WAR CABINET OF FIVE MEMBERS

New Premier in England Se-
lects Men Who Are to Have
Direct Control of Fight-
ing Machine.

TWO WITHOUT PORTFOLIOS
Earl Curzon Will Be Govern-
ment Leader in House
of Lords.

BALFOUR SUCCEEDS GREY

London, Dec. 10.—Official an-
nouncement was made tonight that
the government had been constituted
with a war cabinet comprising the fol-
lowing:

Premier—David Lloyd George.
Lord President of the Council—
Earl Curzon, who also will be gov-
ernment leader in the House of Lords.
Minister Without Portfolio—Arthur
Henderson.

Minister Without Portfolio—Lord
Milner.

Chancellor of the Exchequer—An-
drew Bonar Law, who has been asked
by the premier to act as leader in the
House of Commons and also as a
member of the war cabinet without
being expected to attend regularly.

The other members of the ministry,
who are not in the war cabinet, are:

Lord High Chancellor—Sir Robert
Bannatyne Finlay.

Secretary of State for the Home
Department—Sir George Cave.

Secretary of State for Foreign Af-
fairs—Arthur J. Balfour.

Secretary of State for the Colonies
—Walter Hume Long.

Secretary of State for War—Earl
of Derby.

Secretary of State for India—Austin
Chamberlain.

President of the Local Government
Board—Baron Rhondda.

President of the Board of Trade—
Sir Albert Stanley.

Minister of Labor—John Hodge.

First Lord of the Admiralty—Sir
Edward Carson.

Minister of Munitions—Dr. Christo-
pher Addison.

Minister of Blockade—Lord Robert
Ceil.

Food Controller—Baron Davenport.

Shipping Controller—Sir Joseph
Paton Macley.

President of the Board of Educa-
tion—Herbert A. L. Fisher.

First Commissioner of Works—Sir
Alfred M. Mond.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lan-
caster—Sir Frederick Cayley.

Postmaster General—Albert Illing-
worth.

Minister of Pensions—George N.
Barnes.

Attorney General—Sir Frederick E.
Smith.

Solicitor General—Gordon Hewart,
K. C.

Secretary for Scotland—Mr. Mun-
roe.

Lord Advocate—James A. Clyde,
K. C.

Solicitor General for Scotland—
Thomas B. Morrison, K. C.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—Baron
Wimborne.

Chief Secretary for Ireland—Henry
E. Duke.

Lord Chancellor for Ireland—Ignat-
ius J. O'Brien, K. C.

Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay in ac-
cepting the office of lord high chan-
cellor, stipulated that his right to a
pension be waived.

Heavily Armored Steamer Sighted Near Porto Rico

New York, Dec. 10.—A heavily
armored steamship, fitted with tor-
pedo tubes, has been sighted about
840 miles northeast of Porto Rico,
according to a wireless warning
flashed tonight to merchant vessels
of the entente allies by a British or
French cruiser lying off Sandy Hook.

English Shell Contracts Won't Go to U. S. Any More

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 10.—English
shell contracts in the United States
virtually all run out within six
months and most of them within
three months, after the first of the
year and will not be renewed, it was
announced here today by J. W. Flav-
elle, chairman of the Imperial Munitions
board for Canada. This would in-
crease Canada's responsibility in the
future and Canadian munitions
manufacturers will be expected to
fulfill their contracts for 1917, he said.
Mr. Flavelle has been abroad nine
weeks consulting with the minister of
munitions and his assistants and this
announcement was accepted here as
the message of Great Britain to the
Dominion.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; colder.
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
7 a. m.	24	24
8 a. m.	24	24
9 a. m.	24	24
10 a. m.	24	24
11 a. m.	24	24
12 m.	24	24
1 p. m.	24	24
2 p. m.	24	24
3 p. m.	24	24
4 p. m.	24	24
5 p. m.	24	24
6 p. m.	24	24
7 p. m.	24	24
8 p. m.	24	24
9 p. m.	24	24
10 p. m.	24	24
11 p. m.	24	24
12 m.	24	24

Comparative Local Record.

Item	1916	1915	1914	1913
Highest yesterday	56	55	54	53
Lowest yesterday	24	23	22	21
Mean temperature	31	30	29	28
Precipitation	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal				
Normal temperature	33	32	31	30
Excess for the day	23	23	23	22
Total excess since March 1	427	427	427	427
Normal precipitation	53	53	53	53
Deficiency since March 1	53	53	53	53
Total rainfall since March 1	19.97	19.97	19.97	19.97
Deficiency since March 1	33.03	33.03	33.03	33.03
Deficiency for year period, 1915	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82
Deficiency for year period, 1914	3.70	3.70	3.70	3.70

L. A. WELLS, Meteorologist

Arm Merchant Ships Lloyd George's Plan

London, Dec. 10.—Lord North-
cliffe's organ, the Weekly Dispatch,
says that Premier Lloyd George's
war progress comprises the fol-
lowing:

1. The arming of merchantmen
in order to fight the submarine
peril.

2. The preparation for the spring
offensive.

3. The mobilization of the civil
population between the ages of 16
and 60.

4. The making effective of the
blockade.

5. The rationing of the popula-
tion by the issue of food tickets.

6. The increasing of the home
food production.

7. The lanning of work immat-
erial to the war.

8. Enforcing of the prohibition
of luxuries.

9. The instituting of meatless
days.

TEUTON TANK CARS WITH PERISCOPES SUPER-MONSTERS

Germans Go British One Better
and Build Machines That
Can Travel Twenty-
Five Miles Hour.

USED TO CRUSH ROUMANIA

Armored Autos Go Anywhere
Absolutely Proof Against
Shell Fire.

MOW ENEMY LIKE GRASS

At General Von Falkenhayn's
Headquarters in Roumania (Via Lon-
don), Dec. 10.—One of the most in-
teresting features of the Roumanian
campaign, from a German standpoint,
has been the spectacular work of the
new armored automobiles evolved
soon after the advent of the British
"tanks" on the Somme front, but
which the developments in Roumania
have shown to be a vast improvement
in efficiency over the British.

Every machine in the brief tests it
has had since the Germans crossed
the mountains into the Roumanian
plains, the new German armored car
has shown itself an efficient auxiliary
to the cavalry in patrol work, as it
frequently can inflict infinitely more
damage than a whole squadron and is
far more difficult to destroy than the
English invention. Its achievements
so far include an attack on Roumanian
infantry in which 300 were killed.

Crew of Ten Men.

The cars are twenty-five feet in
length, with wheels a foot wide and
encased in solid rubber. They carry
a crew of ten men including the
machine gun operators, the chauffeur
and one substitute and one officer.
The machine guns can be operated in
almost any direction through the nar-
row slits. At one end under the cus-
tomary hood is a 100 horsepower
motor and at the other end under a
similar hood is the gasoline tank.
Each man in the crew is an expert
mechanic and chauffeur.

The automobile engine is both air
and water cooled. The car shell is
impervious to much gun and rifle fire.
When no opponent is in sight the top
of the turret can be opened so that a
man can get his shoulders out and
make observations. When the turret is
closed, periscopes are placed in posi-
tion, which permit a view of the
surrounding landscape from all
angles.

Hardly Dented at All.

None of the German automobiles
of this type used in Roumania has as
yet been disabled or destroyed by op-
ponents. The bullets thus far en-
countered have hardly dented the
shells of the machine.

The chief advantage of the new
automobile in contrast with the British
machine is that it can run at an
average speed of twenty-five miles an
hour, as contrasted with the snail-like
pace of the Entente cars, its speed fre-
quently enabling it to scout even
ahead of the cavalry and it can make
its way over any road or even a field.

John M. Phipps Dies
At the Age of 105

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 10.—(Special
Telegram.)—John M. Phipps, who
would have been 105 St. Valentine's
day, southwest Iowa's oldest citizen,
died this morning at the home of his
son, Albert S. Phipps. He was not
confined to his bed and was able to
be out doors yesterday. His twin
brother, Eli Phipps of Pennsy., Okla.,
died a few months short of the cen-
tury mark. The twins were too old
to serve in the civil war.

Mr. Phipps was the father of ten
children, but only four survive, M. M.
Phipps of Pawnee City, Okla.; Mrs. J.
E. Winfrey, Stella, Neb.; Mrs. Matina
Gardner, Leon, Ia., and Albert Phipps
at whose home he died.

While past the century mark, he
often took long trips alone up until
this winter. He came from inde-
pendence, Mo., to Iowa in 1836, ten
years before the state's admission to
the union.

The day he was 100 years old, Mr.
Phipps was initiated into the Elks
lodge at Shenandoah.

Arrangements Made for
Better Care of Perishables

Through the efforts of the traffic
bureau of the Commercial club, ar-
rangements have been made for bet-
ter care of shipments of perishable
freight at the various freight depots
in Omaha. The report of the fruit
marketing and development commit-
tee some weeks ago made clear the
need of better arrangements for the
care of perishables.

ROUMANIANS LOSE 70,000 MEN AND WORLD OF BOOTY

Germans Take Immen-
sible Loot; En-
tirely in Full

ONE FORCE ANNIHILATED

Army in Front of von Macken-
sen's Right Wing Reported
to Be Wiped Out.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS FAILURE

(Associated Press War Summary.)

The importance of the successes of
the Teutonic armies near Bucharest
is emphasized by the announcement
that since December 1 the Rouman-
ians have lost in prisoners more than
70,000 men, 184 cannon and twenty
machine guns, and the losses in dead
and wounded are declared to be pro-
portion to the number of prisoners.

The booty taken by the Teutons is
reported as "incalculable."

The fate of the Roumanian armies
is in doubt, but they continue to re-
treat before the Teutonic allies.

The Russians again have launched strong
attacks on the upper Moldavian and
Transylvanian frontiers, but the ma-
jority of them are reported to have
failed with heavy losses.

Ground Is Gained.

Some ground was gained, however,
north of Dornawatra, the Russian
troops dislodging hostile forces also
from two heights in the Putna valley
and taking prisoners and machine
guns. The battle south of Javoritzna
in the wooded Carpathians has ceased
and the Russians have retired to their
entrenched positions. In consequence
of the retreat eastward of the Rou-
manian troops, Russian troops on
their left flank also have been com-
pelled to retreat.

The entente forces again have de-
livered attacks in the bend of the
Cerna river on the Macedonian front.
There has been violent artillery fight-
ing on the Somme front and in the
vicinity of Hill 304 at Verdun.

May Concede Something.

The reply of the German chancellor
to the latest representations of the
United States government regarding
the Belgian labor deportations is ex-
pected to be delivered today or to-
morrow. It is stated that it will be couched
in "the friendliest of terms" and go as
far as possible toward meeting the
American wishes. Certain concessions,
it is understood, may be made be-
cause of the promise to the Dutch consul at
Antwerp after the surrender of that
city that Belgians would not be de-
ported.

A German warship, described as a
light cruiser, is operating in the At-
lantic, according to the statement of
a British captain, who declares his
vessel was held up by the German and
examined. Agitation in London ship-
ping circles for the conveying of mer-
chantmen has resulted.

In Full Flight.

London, Dec. 9.—An official state-
ment issued today by Austro-Hungar-
ian headquarters as received here from
Vienna says the Russians and Rou-
manians are in full flight before Field
Marshal von Mackensen's Danube
army and that the Roumanian army
which was in front of General von
Falkenhayn's right wing has been
annihilated. The Russian forces which
tried to join the Roumanians from the
mountain region, it adds, are retreat-
ing.

Young Gardeners
Feast at Holdrege

Holdrege, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Special.)
—The young men in the Holdrege
school garden project work was of-
ficially closed Friday night when the
Commercial club and Board of Edu-
cation banqueted the gardeners who
carried the work to a successful close.
Covers were laid for sixty-three. The
feast was served by the domestic
science department of the high school.

Lew T. Skinner, state leader of the
boys and girls work spoke, as did
representatives from the Commercial
and Woman's clubs, Board of Edu-
cation and for the gardeners, Cor-
rine Freeman, state canning cham-
pion; Wallace Erickson, who made a
net profit at the rate of \$3,655 an acre
on his garden, and Andrew Goodwin,
winner of the Philips county Fair as-
sociation cup for best display of fresh
and canned vegetables at the local
fair.

Holdrege won first place at the
state fair on "best collective exhibit,"
had 325 entries at the county fair, win-
ning a total of \$53.75 cash for the
session or an average of 96 cents per
member.

County Clerks Will Meet
At Alliance Tuesday

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Spe-
cial.)—President Gus E. Neumann of
the Nebraska County Clerks' associ-
ation, which will have its annual
session in Alliance Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday of this week, has re-
ports from Secretary Patterson of
Papillion, indicating the largest at-
tendance in the history of the organi-
zation. Not only will the recent elec-
tion have made material addition to
the ranks of the members, but the ap-
proaching legislative session is looked
too to make some changes, if the rec-
ommendations of the officers, support-
ed, tentatively by the association are
regarded. Topics of especial interest at
this time are the four-year term for
county officers and the abolition of the
fee system. President Neumann's
address will emphasize these two par-
ticularly.

Scottsbluff Buys
New Fire Apparatus

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 10.—(Spe-
cial.)—The city of Scottsbluff on De-
cember 6 bought a combination fire-
fighting auto truck.

OBSERVING ENEMY POSITIONS—The British soldier shown is occupying an advanced ob- servation trench, far in advance of his own lines, with which he is in communication by telephone.



VICTIMS OF ATTACK LYING NEAR DEATH

Family Assaulted by Savage
Negro at Bluffs Not
Likely to Recover.

ASSAILANT STILL AT LARGE

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, a fish-
erman and wife, Council Bluffs, are
dying in Mercy hospital, and their
daughter-in-law, Cecil Kennedy, 22
years old, is in a state of nervous
prostration as the result of an attack
made upon them in their home by an
unidentified negro, who attempted to
assault the younger woman. The
negro escaped and there is little pros-
pect of his capture.

Kennedy is suffering from five frac-
tures of the skull and his wife's skull
is crushed on the left side, above the
temple. A car coupling pin, weigh-
ing about ten pounds and more than
a foot long, was the bludgeon used
by the man.

The attack occurred late Saturday
night and the details of the crime
were not learned until after 2 o'clock
yesterday morning.

Kennedy, who is 49 years old and
his wife, 59, live in a little log cabin
in the woods, three-quarters of a mile
north of the city limits and east of
the Wickham sandbanks. The cabin
is a half dugout and has a dirt floor,
but is the home of eight people—
Kennedy and his wife; their son, Ira,
25, his young wife, and baby 3 months
old, and their other child, aged 3 years,
and the elder Kennedy's two younger
children, a daughter aged 14 and son,
12 years old. All were present ex-
cept Ira, who is employed at night
in the mail transfer department at the
Union Pacific transfer station.

Enters Without Knocking.

Into this family home the unident-
ified negro, walked at about 10 o'clock
without even the formality of knock-
ing. The old man arose and asked
him what he wanted. The negro said
he was in trouble with an automobile
near-by and wanted some help. He
asked the old man to go with him.
Kennedy arose and strapped around
his waist a belt and holster carrying
a revolver. He then went out of
the house with the negro.

Five minutes later the negro re-
turned alone and said he wanted a
pick and shovel. Advancing to the
side of Mrs. Kennedy, who had arisen
from her chair, he struck her a blow
on the head with the linkin, knock-
ing her senseless. He then sprang
at the young woman and a struggle
ensued. The baby in her arms fell
on the dirt floor by the side of the
prostrate grandmother. The 11-year-
old boy and his sister ran screaming
from the house. They had to go
through the woods and the darkness
nearly a half mile to the home of W.
F. Patton, the nearest neighbor.

Runs From House.

Mrs. Kennedy's clothes were torn
off, but she fought the black with
savage energy until, finally, he ran
out of the house, leaving behind the
bloody iron bar.

Wrapping some old garments about
her, Mrs. Kennedy ran from the house
and 150 feet away encountered her
father-in-law, reeling and staggering
toward the house, with blood treat-
ing from half a dozen wounds in his
head. His holster and pistol were
gone and his watch had been taken.

The negro had evidently walked by
the side of his victim until he found
an opportunity to strike him down
and had then returned to the house.
The belt and holster were found yes-
terday morning, but the revolver had
been taken by the negro.

The most meager reports came to
the Bluffs police station and it was
not until after midnight that it was
known that a real crime had been
committed. Yardmaster Snyder of
the Northwestern sent switch engine
to the point nearest the scene and the
unconscious man and woman were
brought to the yard office and taken
in the police ambulance to the hos-
pital, where Dr. R. B. Tubbs attended
them.

Husband and Wife Dying.

At a late hour last night Kennedy
was in a dying condition. His skull
was shattered by the blows of the
heavy iron. Mrs. Kennedy was still
unconscious, with the skull crushed
above her temple. She has just a
bare chance of living.

The police dragnets of Council
Bluffs and Omaha were thrown out
and a number of negroes picked up,
but none answers the description
given of the one wanted, who is de-
scribed as 28 or 30 years old, slim
built, very black, five feet eight inches
tall, weighing about 145 pounds and
smooth shaven. He has one gold
front tooth and a deformed finger
and nail on the left hand.

Chicago Girls Rush
For Mates on Farms
Of Flickertail State

Chicago, Dec. 10.—So many Chi-
cago girls want to go back to North
Dakota as the wives of the bachelor
farmers who came here in separate
trains for the stock show and horse
fair and who promptly advertised
their desire not to remain bachelors
that an official cupid committee was
named yesterday. The committee con-
sists of Bert Green of Sherwood and
A. G. Sorlie, North Dakotans who
attend all meetings of farmers, and
who have agreed to see that inquiries
are forwarded to suitable men. Six
more bachelors joined the wife
hunters today, all from Rolette, N.
D., and headed by Ray Law. "We
are just as good looking as the rest
of the boys and we all want wives,"
said Law.

"Birth Control" Bill
Will Be Introduced

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—A bill au-
thorizing licensed physicians to im-
part information concerning birth con-
trol will be among the measures in-
troduced at the session of the Califor-
nia legislature which opens in Janu-
ary, it was announced here today.

Plans for a legislative campaign
have been worked out by the Birth
Control League of California. Mrs.
L. M. Montgomery of Oakland, active
in urging the passage of the present
community property law in the state,
will head the legislative committee, it
was announced.

Steamer Caledonia
Sunk by Submarine

Berlin, Dec. 10 (Via London).—The
British steamer Caledonia was sunk
by a German submarine December 4,
it was officially announced today. Its
captain was taken prisoner.

Field Marshal Oyama
Of Japan Is Dead

Tokyo, Dec. 10.—Field Marshal
Prince Iwao Oyama, commander-in-
chief of the Manchurian army of
Japan during the Russo-Japanese war,
is dead.

POLICE IDENTIFY OMAHA DRUGGIST AS BANK ROBBER

Louis Assman, Alleged Head of
Reputed Auto Stealing Gang,
and Mechanic Declared
to Be Men.

LATTER IS TOM COLCORD

Authorities Much Surprised to
Find Chemist Prisoner in
Fremont Jail.

ARRESTED MONTHS AGO

Louis Assman, pseudo respectable
Omaha druggist, who operates a phar-
macy at 911 North Sixteenth street,
is one of the two captured bandits,
who held up and robbed the Winslow
(Neb.) State bank of \$6,540 Friday
afternoon, say the authorities. Omaha
detectives at Fremont Saturday estab-
lished the identity of the pair of cap-
tured criminals, who had refused to
reveal their names.

The other man is Thomas Colcord,
known as an automobile mechanic,
who has been in trouble with police
before.

It was a surprise indeed to the Oma-
ha police when they found one of
the men in the Fremont jail to be
Assman. The latter was arrested
two months ago by Detectives Pip-
kin, Brinkman and Unger, as al-
leged head of a band of auto thieves,
and with his wife and ten others, was
held in jail. He was out on bond,
awaiting trial for theft of autos, at
the time of the Winslow bank rob-
bery.

Detective Charles Pipkin, then a pa-
trolman, uncovered the clue which
indicated that Assman was the brains
of the criminal organization, which
was stealing from one to six cars
from Omaha and vicinity each day.
With Brinkman and Unger, he laid
the plans which led to a simultaneous
raid in Omaha, Sioux City and Minne-
apolis.

Ten men and several women were
arrested, and all were bound over to
await district court action. They ob-
tained their release on bond, however.
Though all of the prisoners denied
guilt at the time, police recovered
forty stolen machine tools through Pip-
kin's clue, within two weeks. Later,
twenty more stolen cars were found.

Assman simulated indignation and
vehemently vowed that when his on-
nouncement was established, he would in-
stitute suit against the police, for
damage to his reputation.

Charles E. Bates
Dies at His Home
Out in Fairacres

Charles E. Bates, 72 years of age,
and for twenty-nine years a resident
of Omaha, died at 3 o'clock Sunday
morning at his home in Fairacres
after an illness of several weeks. He
is survived by his widow. The funeral
will be at the residence at 2 o'clock
this afternoon, with burial in Pros-
pect Hill cemetery, Rev. G. A. Hul-
bert officiating.