

### PRUSSIANS SAY SUCCESS MARKS U-BOAT WARFARE

One Submarine Sinks 50,000  
Tons of Shipping in 24  
Hours, Another Averages  
7,000 Daily.

### FOUR BRITISH SHIPS SUNK

Three English Vessels Victim  
of Scuttlers and One of  
Mine Saturday.

### SEVERAL LIVES ARE LOST

### Four Vessels Are Sunk

Four British steamers were sunk  
in the "war zone" yesterday. They  
are:  
Queenwood ..... 2,701 tons  
Marion Dawson ..... 2,300 tons  
Marie Leonhardt ..... 1,468 tons  
Lady Ann ..... 1,016 tons

(By Associated Press.)

British shipping amounting to 7,485  
tons was reported sunk Saturday as  
the result of German blockade mea-  
sures. Three of the four steamers  
sunk, the Queenwood, 2,701 tons;  
Marion Dawson, 2,300 tons, and Marie  
Leonhardt, 1,468 tons were presuma-  
bly submarine victims. The fourth,  
the Lady Ann of 1,016 tons, was sunk  
by a mine.

The crew of the Queenwood were  
saved, except three men killed. Two  
of the Lady Ann's crew were killed  
and five injured. The captain and  
eighteen men are missing.

German reports attribute marked  
success to the operations of individual  
U-boats within the last few days. One  
submarine, it is announced, sunk 50,-  
000 tons of shipping in twenty-four  
hours, while another averaged 7,000  
tons a day for five days.

### Fighting on Moldavian Line.

The renewal of fighting along the  
Moldavian frontier of Roumania was  
virtually the only new development of  
the last twenty-four hours in the field  
of military activity. Berlin reports  
the beginning of a battle Saturday  
morning north of the Cituz valley.  
Whether the Russo-Roumanian or the  
Austro-German forces were the ag-  
gressors was not indicated. Petrograd  
has not yet reported on this opera-  
tion.

On the Franco-Belgian front, in-  
fantry fighting was resumed near the  
Aneer river. The activity in the  
Champagne, where the Germans sud-  
denly delivered an attack on Thurs-  
day seems to have died somewhat, but  
fighting still is taking place there,  
Berlin chronicling the repulse of a  
French attack. The report referred  
only to artillery actions.

### Shipping Bombed.

In the field of aviation in the na-  
tional contingents have been more  
than usually active, German naval air-  
planes bombarding military objects  
near Dunkirk and Coxide, behind the  
entente lines on the northern end of  
the Franco-Belgian front and also  
throwing bombs upon merchant ship-  
ping in the Downs off the English  
coast. British naval machines bom-  
barded the Ghistelles airfield and  
buildings and shipping at Bruges, Bel-  
gium.

The Swiss ministry at Washington  
has given to Secretary of State Lan-  
sing full information concerning the  
departure of eighty-seven American  
consuls and their families from Ger-  
many. The details were not made  
public, but it is understood that it  
supports previous promises to facili-  
tate the departure of Americans.

### Turkey Is Friendly.

Turkey has given to Ambassador  
Elkus at Constantinople expressions  
of friendship for the United States  
and of hope that friendly relations  
may continue. No reference was  
made by Turkey to any intention on  
its part to support Germany's subma-  
rine policy.

The American legation in Berne,  
Switzerland, was notified today that  
the American consuls now in Ger-  
many will arrive in Switzerland Tues-  
day afternoon and it is expected that  
many Americans who have been re-  
siding in Germany will accompany them.

### Second Half of Coming Week Will Be Warmer

Washington, Feb. 17.—Weather  
predictions for the week beginning  
Sunday issued today by the weather  
bureau are:

Plains states and upper and middle  
Mississippi valley: Snow probably at  
beginning of week; generally fair  
after Monday. Cold first half and  
considerably warmer latter half of  
week.

### The Weather

For Nebraska—Probably snow; much  
cloudy, with cold wave.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Time	Temp.
5 a. m.	23
6 a. m.	23
7 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	22
9 a. m.	22
10 a. m.	21
11 a. m.	21
12 m.	20
1 p. m.	21
2 p. m.	21
3 p. m.	21
4 p. m.	21
5 p. m.	20
6 p. m.	20
7 p. m.	20

### Comparative Local Record.

Year	High	Low
1917	47	31
1916	47	31
1915	47	31
1914	47	31

Temperature and precipitation departures  
from the normal:

Item	Normal	Actual
Normal temperature for the day	24	21
Excess for the day	3	0
Total excess since March 1	11.42	8.42
Normal precipitation	0.02	0.00
Deficiency for the day	0.02	0.02
Total deficiency since March 1	12.81	12.81
Deficiency since March 1	12.81	12.81
Deficiency for cor. period, 1915	21	21
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	1.31	1.31

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

### To the Readers and Patrons of The Bee:

For your information I have to  
announce that I have acquired ma-  
jority control of the stock of The  
Bee Publishing company through a  
purchase of a part of the holdings  
of my brother, Charles C. Rosewater,  
previously in equal ownership with  
me.

My brother, who has had charge of  
the business side of this paper, has  
accepted a tempting offer of a respon-  
sible position in the management of  
the Los Angeles Evening Express and  
Daily Tribune, which he will soon  
assume and to which he will carry the  
best wishes of all his associates here.

It goes without saying that some  
readjustment of the organization of  
The Bee is made necessary by his  
leaving. Such changes as may have  
an interest outside of the office will  
be announced, as made, from time to  
time.

In continuing the active conduct of  
The Bee, let me bespeak for myself  
and everyone connected with the pa-  
per the uninterrupted co-operation  
and cordial support of all upon whom  
our success must depend and without  
which we could not attain full use-  
fulness for the upbuilding and better-  
ment of city, state and nation.

As editor and publisher, I can only  
promise steadfast effort to make The  
Bee the best newspaper in the field  
and to keep it directly responsive to  
the needs of the community and the  
aspirations of our people.

Victor Rosewater

### DIPLOMAT ORDERS LINER DISABLED

Captain of Cecille Says Order  
to Cripple Engines Came  
from Embassy Official.

### DOES NOT TELL HIS NAME

Boston, Feb. 17.—Captain Charles  
A. Polack of the North German Lloyd  
steamship Kronprinzessin Cecille,  
testified today at a federal court hear-  
ing on a petition for the sale of the  
vessel that he had been ordered by a  
man connected in an official capacity  
with the German embassy, to disable  
its machinery. This was done, he said,  
to prevent the ship's use by this gov-  
ernment in the event of hostilities  
with Germany. He refused to divulge  
the name of the man giving the order.

Captain Polack said he was in Hob-  
oken, N. J., when he received the  
order and that he telegraphed his  
chief engineer here to disable the  
engines. The work of destruction, he  
said, was done on January 31 and  
February 1.

When asked to give the name of  
the person from whom the order was  
received, Captain Polack said:  
"Your honor, I am an officer of the  
German navy and if I should have to  
disclose the name of this gentle-  
man in this hearing, I might be tried  
for treason when I went home to  
Germany. I wish you would not oblige  
me to answer that question."  
The question was not pressed and  
Judge Morton decided that it would  
not be necessary for the captain to  
answer it at this time.

### Omaha Again to Entertain Nebraska University Men

Either April 20 or May 4 may be  
chosen as University day in Omaha  
this year, according to a letter reach-  
ing the bureau of publicity from Carl  
C. Engberg, executive dean of the  
University of Nebraska.

### Member of The Bee Family Will Manage Los Angeles Newspaper

According to an announcement  
made elsewhere in The Bee today,  
Charles C. Rosewater is preparing to  
go to Los Angeles, where he will take  
over active management as general  
manager of the Express and Tribune  
of that city.

Mr. Charles C. Rosewater has been  
actively connected for over twenty-  
one years with The Bee in various  
capacities. He came into the office  
just after he had completed his col-  
lege work at Cornell and Columbia  
universities, starting in the circula-  
tion department, advancing to busi-  
ness manager and then to general  
manager. In these departments of  
newspaper work he has gained an ex-  
tensive experience, as well as a wide  
acquaintance with publishers and na-  
tional advertisers.

In addition to his connection with  
The Bee, Mr. Rosewater has had an  
active part in local civic affairs, es-  
pecially through his connection with  
the Commercial club having served  
for ten years on the executive com-  
mittee. He was the moving spirit in  
the formation of the bureau of pub-  
licity, which took over the work of  
the club's old committee on conven-  
tions, and as its chairman developed  
it into an agency of acknowledged  
service.

When Omaha was visited by the  
destructive tornado in March, 1913,  
Mr. Rosewater was made chairman  
of the special committee charged with  
the relief work and also of the com-  
mittee looking after the rebuilding  
of the devastated section. For seven  
weeks he gave his whole time and  
energy to this work, continuing it  
through the summer, and called on  
his vitality to an extent known only  
to his closest friends. His ability as  
an organizer and executive here ef-  
fected a service that is best under-  
stood by those who know what seri-  
ous problems were encountered and

### GOVERNMENT TO MUSTER OUT ALL BORDER GUARDS

Demobilization of Entire Na-  
tional Militia Now on Mex-  
ican Front

ALL SEND THEM HOME

Command Affects About Fifty  
Thousand of Soldiers From  
Various States.

### ENOUGH REGULAR ON HAND

Washington, Feb. 17.—Demobiliza-  
tion of the entire National Guard  
force remaining in the federal service  
on the border, including troops from  
Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, was  
ordered today by the War depart-  
ment. General Funston was directed  
to send all guard organizations home  
for muster out as soon as he can com-  
plete arrangements for the movement.

The order affects about 50,000  
guardsmen, who were not included  
in a previous order which recalled  
about 25,000 men. At the time that  
order was issued it was understood  
it would be followed as soon as pos-  
sible by the withdrawal of the re-  
maining troops, with the exception of  
those from Texas, New Mexico and  
Arizona. It was thought troops from  
those states would be kept in the fed-  
eral service as long as General Fun-  
ston had need of them to supplement  
the regular forces along the border.

General Funston now has approxi-  
mately 50,000 regular troops distrib-  
uted along the line and today's or-  
der is construed to mean that he has  
recommended the withdrawal of the  
National Guard, as he believes the  
regular forces sufficient for patrol  
duty and to face any probable emer-  
gency.

Department officials expect all the  
guardsmen to be back in their state  
mobilization camps or at their  
armories inside of three weeks.

In co-operation with officials of the  
American Railway association the de-  
partment has mapped out the trans-  
portation problem very fully. No troop  
will be required to travel in day  
coaches for a longer period than  
thirty-six hours, the Pullman com-  
pany having made arrangements un-  
der which an additional number of  
sleeping cars will be available.

### Net Shortage of Freight Cars Was 109,770 Feb. 1

New York, Feb. 17.—The country's  
car shortage situation on February  
1 was the worst in ten years with one  
exception, according to figures made  
public here today by the American  
Railway association. The railways  
look to more favorable weather and  
to an increase of trans-Atlantic cargo  
space as chief remedial measures and  
unless these are early developments,  
it was stated on behalf of the associa-  
tion, immediate relief may not be ex-  
pected.

On February 1 the net shortage of  
freight cars numbered 109,770, as com-  
pared with 62,247 on January 1. On  
November 1 the number was 114,908,  
which had stood as a record since  
February, 1907. Figures covering last  
Thursday, February 15, will be made  
public in a few days and it is not  
known yet whether the shortage has  
decreased or increased since the first  
of the month.

The January increase is attributed  
to the accumulation of freight at the  
eastern seaboard, the severe weather  
in various parts of the country and  
the freight congestion in the interior.  
It is declared that the shortage exists  
for the most part in the west, north-  
west and southwest, as opposed to  
surpluses in many parts of the east.

### Gerard Will Leave Paris for Madrid Tonight, It Is Said

Paris, Feb. 17.—James W. Gerard,  
the former ambassador to Germany,  
spent much of his time today at the  
American embassy, Mr. and Mrs.  
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and their families.

### American Consuls in Germany Reach Berne

Berne (Via Paris), Feb. 17.—The  
American legation received notice  
today that the American consuls who  
were left in Germany when Ambassa-  
dor Gerard departed will arrive in  
Switzerland via Schaffhausen, Tues-  
day afternoon. It is said a large  
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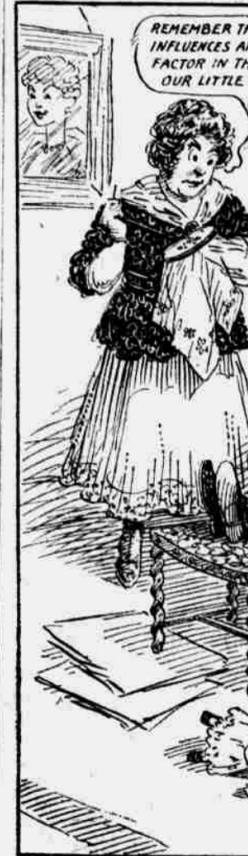
The American consuls were left be-  
hind either because the ambassador  
was unable to communicate with them  
or because they needed more time in  
which to settle up their affairs. The  
other Americans were unable to have  
their passports vised in time to leave  
with the ambassador.

### Six Ships Pass Through War Zone and Reach New York

New York, Feb. 17.—Six steam-  
ships, including one which sailed after  
Germany announced its unrestricted  
warfare, arrived here today from  
European ports.

The Burmes Prinz, British, reached  
here in ballast from Brest, whence it  
sailed February 5. The other arrivals  
were the Madonna, French, from La  
Pallice; the Egyptian transport, Brit-  
ish, from Bristol; the Alphonse, Dutch,  
from Rotterdam and the John Knud-  
sen, Norwegian, from Fowey, and the  
Lincolnshire from Bordeaux.

### To Move or Not to Move



### TWO MEN KILLED BY TRAIN AT HOLDREGE

Automobile in Which Ed Uhlig  
and August Swanson Were  
Riding Demolished.

### BODY BADLY MANGLED

Holdrege, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special  
Telegram.)—Ed Uhlig, a hardware  
dealer, and August Swanson, an em-  
ployee of Uhlig's, were instantly killed  
at the brick yard crossing when Bur-  
lington train No. 1, due here at 1:12,  
struck their automobile delivery car  
as they were returning from the coun-  
try.

E. B. Raichart, section foreman, and  
his crew were working about two  
blocks from the scene of the acci-  
dent. Raichart said that Dr. Palmer  
crossed just ahead of the train and  
Uhlig and Swanson met the doctor  
on the curve in the track, where the  
train whirled for them, which seemed  
to confuse Swanson, who apparently  
put on his brakes, then rolled out of  
the car on the side away from the  
train as it struck, but was dead when  
picked up. Swanson's body was seat-  
ed along the track for four blocks.

The car was thrown about seventy  
feet in the air and, diving down,  
struck a telegraph pole seventy-five  
feet away, breaking it off at the base.  
Neither man was married. An in-  
quest will be held.

### Story of Man Who Said He Saw Lewis Kill Girl is False

Montreal, Feb. 17.—It took a Phila-  
delphia detective just seven minutes  
today to decide that Fred J. Farrell  
was not telling the truth when he  
surrendered to the police here and  
declared he saw Bernard W. Lewis  
slay Mazie Colbert, the artist's model,  
in Philadelphia on December 29. Far-  
rell, who is a soldier, will be turned  
over to the military authorities.

### BERNSTORFF PARTY IS UNDER SCRUTINY

Examination of Passports and  
Cargo by British Inspectors  
Begins at Halifax.

### MAY TAKE OFF TWO MEN

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 17.—The task  
of examining the credentials of the  
various members of the German party  
on board the Scandinavian-American  
liner Frederik VIII, from New York  
to Copenhagen, was begun today by  
a corps of Canadian immigration and  
customs officers. The ship last night  
was taken into a secluded portion of  
Halifax harbor for this purpose. A  
small army of officials boarded the  
steamship this morning and the length  
of the vessel's stay here will depend  
on whether they find everything sat-  
isfactory with the papers of the Ger-  
man party, which includes Count  
von Bernstorff, former German am-  
bassador to the United States.

The most careful scrutiny prevails  
as to the operations of the officials,  
but the personnel of the investigat-  
ing force—immigration officials, trans-  
lators and women examiners—indi-  
cated that the work was to be care-  
ful and thorough.

### TURKEY ANXIOUS TO AVOID A BREAK

Porte Expresses Friendship  
for U. S. and Hopes Rela-  
tions Continue.

### AMERICANS CAN DEPART

Washington, Feb. 17.—Expressions  
of friendship for the United States  
and of the hope that friendly re-  
lations may continue have been given  
to Ambassador Elkus by the Turkish  
foreign office. A dispatch from the  
ambassador makes no reference to  
Turkey supporting Germany's subma-  
rine policy or that it intends to ap-  
ply it with the few submarines known  
to be under its flag.

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### New Tecumseh Station Dedicated With Banquet

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special  
Telegram.)—The new Burlington depot  
at Tecumseh was dedicated Friday night.  
There were a number of Burlington  
officials from Lincoln and other  
points on this division in attendance.  
A banquet was given at the Metho-  
dist church early in the evening, the  
same being served by the domestic  
science class of the high school. More  
than 150 participated. J. B. Douglas  
was toastmaster. A Burlington offi-  
cial presented the depot to the city  
and City Attorney L. C. Chapman, in  
behalf of the citizens, responded. Dr.  
M. Stewart spoke for the Commercial  
club; Mrs. Warren Ingersoll for the  
Municipal league; Mrs. L. L. Fuller  
for the city schools; William Erust  
for the farmers; Agent L. R. Fuller  
for the local depot force, and W. A.  
Apperson for the business men of  
Tecumseh. The music was by the  
high school orchestra. Following the  
banquet a public reception was given  
at the depot building. The new depot  
and improvements will cost about  
\$25,000.

### PRESIDENT SEES SENATORS UPON GERMAN CRISIS

Administration is Considering  
Means to Free Ships that  
Are Tied Up by the  
Kaiser's Threats.

### MAY ARM ALL VESSELS

President Probably Will Go Be-  
fore Congress for Author-  
ity to Meet Situation.

### ALL DEPOTS CONGESTED

Washington, Feb. 17.—A suggestion  
that congress, before it adjourns, may  
be asked to pass a resolution giving  
President Wilson additional authority  
to protect American citizens because  
of the German submarine situation,  
was discussed by the president with  
members of the senate at the capitol  
today.

While it was indicated that the  
president had made no definite plan  
the idea became current as a result  
of the capitol conference that the  
president felt it would be a mistake  
for congress to adjourn with the sit-  
uation in its present unsettled state.

### Will Go Before Congress

It was the expectation that in case  
of a decision to ask for such authority,  
the president will appear before a  
joint session of congress in accom-  
paniment with plans when relations were  
severed.

The president earlier called at Sec-  
retary Baker's office and it was be-  
lieved one of the subjects he talked  
over with the secretary, was the ques-  
tion of universal military training.

### Washington, Feb. 17.—What has virtually become a blockade of Amer- ican Atlantic ports by Germany's ruthless submarine campaign was re- garded by officials today as overshad- owing the collateral issues of the sit- uation.

That President Wilson soon will go  
before congress to announce steps to  
relieve the situation was the generally  
accepted view, but no time has been  
set for his action and there was no in-  
dication of how soon it will be taken.

The effect on the country of the  
shipping situation was reflected in the  
receipt of hundreds of telegrams by  
government officials urging that some-  
thing be done to relieve the congest-  
ion.

Officials recognize that the holding  
of the majority of American and other  
ships in port fast is becoming intel-  
ligible. Piling up of freight on rail-  
roads, while believed to be largely due  
to weather and other conditions, is  
nevertheless looked upon as in part  
the result of the inability of export-  
ers to clear American ports of freight.

Means of protecting American ships  
against the submarine danger still are  
under consideration. Many officials  
believe the president has the power  
to direct the Navy department to fur-  
nish these vessels with guns and gun  
crews, nevertheless the possibility that  
a clash with Germany might result  
is expected to cause the president  
to go before congress before taking  
such a step.

### Situation at New York Improved.

New York, Feb. 17.—Owners and  
agents of ships declared today that  
they were ready to do their part in  
relieving the railroad freight congest-  
ion. They predicted that exporters would  
have no cause for complaint that they  
could not find vessels to carry their  
goods—at least no greater cause than  
existed before the declaration of the  
German submarine blockade.

Railroad men were inclined to  
agree that the new submarine cam-  
paign played only a small part in the  
freight situation. The most important  
factor or in the situation, they said,  
was the weather, which had been the  
worst in many years.

Twenty-one merchant ships arriv-  
ing here yesterday promised greater  
cargo space than the port of New  
York has enjoyed for some time.  
Fourteen of these came through the  
war zone.

War risk insurance today showed  
a slight reduction from the high rates  
prevailing since the beginning of the  
German blockade. Quotations that  
had been invariably 10 per cent for  
trans-Atlantic voyages now range  
8 to 9 per cent. Rates to the Mediter-  
ranean are 11 to 12 per cent.

### Bee Item Shames Demos, Who Drop Probe of Howell

The Omaha delegation in the state  
senate suddenly dropped its investi-  
gation of the citizenship of Senator  
Ed Howell of Omaha because mem-  
bers feared it would hurt the demo-  
cratic party in Douglas county and  
in the state to bring out evidence  
tending to show that a man who has  
held office a long time in the state is  
not a citizen.

### This is the claim made by some of the senators from out in the state.

The investigation was secretly giv-  
ing the matter some publicity. After  
that the investigation was dropped.  
Back of the investigation was the  
story that Senator Howell was born  
in Canada, that his father came to  
the United States bringing young Howell  
before he was of age; that the father  
took out first naturalization papers  
years ago in Nebraska City, but ever  
afterward neglected to complete his  
naturalization. Young Howell always  
assumed he was a citizen, it is said,  
and has been voting and holding office  
on the strength of his belief.

"We've got the dope on him now,  
though," said one of the senators.  
"and if he comes up for city commis-  
sioner, which he expects to do, we'll  
get him. Election Commissioner  
Moorehead will make him show his  
papers or prove his citizenship."

### Rich Kansas Recluse Dies in Dugout Home

Smith Center, Kan., Feb. 17.—(Spe-  
cial.)—A Vinsonhaler, 65, a rich  
farmer recluse, was found dead in his  
bed this morning by neighbors in his  
little dugout on his farm. A num-  
ber of years ago he refused longer  
to live in his frame house, and after  
securing a tenant he took to the un-  
derground home where he lived alone.  
His death resulted from heart failure.