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THE WEATHER

Snow

00 KILLED IN TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT HALIFAX

OMAHA, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7, 1917.-TWELVE PAGES.

MEANS SAYS THAT INTRIGUE OF GERMANS IN MEXICO WAS UNVEILED BY HIM TO LANSING

purns Detective Discovered Huerta's Scheme to Start War With United States, Caused His Arrest, Told of Plots to Destroy Munition Plants and Burn Canadian Capitol.

Concord, N. C., Dec. 6.-Gaston B. Means, on trial here on General Pershing today reported to a charge of murder arising out of the death of Mrs. Maud A. the War department. King, took the stand today to tell his story of the woman's death, and under direction of his attorney broke away from the November 30, the day on which direct line of the murder to tell the story of his life during several years past.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

Famous New York Banker,

Head of War Savings

Committee, Plans

Busy Day Here.

W. M. Burgess, state director of

war savings, has been informed by

A. Vanderlip, head of the war savings

. It is planned to have Mr. Wander-

for admission to the dining room,

President of Big Bank.

Mr. Vanderlip is president of the National City bank of New York

city, the largest bank in the country, if

not in the world. Nebraska's bank-

ers have been invited to come to

Omaha, if possible, for the meetings.

In addition, all county and town

chairmen in the state, engaged in war

saving work, have been requested to

head of the war savings committee

just how important the work is and

listen to suggestions for carrying it

on. The Omaha Clearing House as-sociation will tender Mr. Vanderlip

Burgess Names Committee.

The committee appointed by State

arrangements for the various meetings

during the day and evening consists of

O. T. Eastman, manager of the Oma-

Barker and Charles E. Duffie, all of

whom are members of the executive

committee of the Nebraska war sav-

State Director Burgess and Walter

Head, vice president of the Omaha

National bank, addressed a mass

meeting at Hastings Wednesday night

man of the war savings committee.

Washington, Dec. 6 .- Reduction in

the Interstate Commerce commis-

stantially the same as intrastate rates

applying in Missouri, in order to pre-

vent discrimination in favor of St.

Louis stock yards.

Commission Orders Rate

ings organization.

He began at a point several years The first phase of his testimony to of his relation with the Cannon Manufacturing company, by which he was employed 12 years. His salary was \$4,200 and commissions, totalling at the time he quit the Cannon mill at about \$10,000. When he left the Cannon employ he went to New York and called on W. J. Burns, the detective, with whom he took employment. Was a Burns Detective.

In the absence of the jury he was allowed to ted what line of work he actually did for German commercial interests. He said it was to ascertain for the Hamburg-American line whether British war vessels were hoyering near the coast of the United States and whether they were receiving any fuel or other supplies from American sources. The court ruled that the jury should hear the testimony.

Means said he was engaged in this committee, will arrived in Omaha investigation five or six months, the Friday morning, December 14, about result being the discovery that re-ports were not based on facts and the Hamburg line was so informed. here. Colonel Fleming will, it is un-

His next investigation, he said, was derstood, accompany Mr. Vanderlip. to ascertain if submarines were being Mr. Vanderlip's visit will give a built in the United States for the allies. It was ascertained that no submarines were being built, but that all paign in Nebraska as a state, as well Private George E. Jones: father, the parts were manufactured in the as in Omaha. Elaborate preparations Thomas H. Jones, Scranton, Pa.

United States, shipped to Montreal are being made for his entertainment, Slightly wounded:

Provide Louis C. Robland, father

and there assembled. After severing his connection with do here. Burns, Means said, he han been employed as an investigator by some lip speak at three meetings while in German commercial interests and dis- the city-at the Commercial club at covered a plot on the part of German noon, at the Brandeis theater in the sympathizers and interests in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and the Boyd United States and reported it to theater at 8 o'clock. The Commercial Burns, having previously agreed that club meeting is principally for busi-whatever evidence he discovered that ness men, and tickets will be required would be of value to the American overnment he would turn it over to government at Washington, nen he discovered the plot he made

a full report and filed it with Burns, to be delivered to the government. German Plotting in Mexico. This report was read by the wit-

ness. It told of a conference at Barcelona, Spain, between former President Huerta of Mexico and German interests. Huerta agreed to follow the direction of the German interests. It was agreed that a peace movement should be started in Mexico and a peace conference should be held in a

An expedition was to be sent into an informal dinner at 6 o'clock in the the United States headed by Huerta, evening, President Luther Drake of and when attacked by American the association having this in charge. forces the Mexicans would say the Burgess Names Committee. United States had made war upon Mexico. The purpose of the whole novement was to bring about war beween the United States and Mexico. He mentioned a number of prominent Mexican leaders who were involved ha branch of the Federal Reserve bank, chairman; E. F. Folda, Joseph in the alleged plot. The movement was to have the outside appearance of a peace society.

Answering a question, he said he was acquainted with Captain Boy-Ed. the German naval attache, and had done some work in which the later (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

The Weather

ratures at Omaha Yesterday 8 a. m...... 9 a. m...... 11 a. m......

For Nebraska-Snow; colde:

Precipitation T. T. .60 .1 Temperature and precipitation departure

- indicates below zero.

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

BYNG'S BIG DRIVE

Pershing's List Contains No Reports of Dead; Seaman Baker Killed in Accident at Sea.

(By Associated Press.) -Washington, Dec. 6 .- Second Lieutenant Allie L. Cone and 12 enlisted men of the American army engineers have been wounded in action,

General Pershing gave no details American engineers working with the British army assisted General Byng's forces in stemming a German assault near Cambrai. Cable dispatches said some of the engineers were killed, but General Pershing's report contained no names of dead. Lieutenant Cone and 11 of the

enlisted men were seriously and one man slightly wounded. Seriously wounded: Sergeant Frank Haley, emergency address, J. A. Frank, friend, New

Sergeant Patrick A. Long, emer-gency address, Joseph Long, brother,

Bayonne, N. J. Corporal Philip A. Berk, emergence address, Mrs. Bertha Kinginer, sister, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Corporal Chas. J. Critchley, emergency address, Mrs. Rose Critchley, mother, New York City. Corporal James Angus, emergency address, James Angus, father, 5 Devenahe Gardens, Aberdeen, Scotland. Private S. Jas. A. Grogan, emergency address, Mrs. Mary F. Grogan, Federal Director Fleming that Frank

mother, Brooklyn. Private Isador S. Eisenbigel, emergency, David Aegen, Coleville, Pa. Private James A. Eagan; mother, Mrs. Kohn Eagen, Great Neck, N. Y. Private Wm. L. Barnes; sister, Mrs. Agnes M. Barnes, 741 East Broadway,

Portland, Ore.

although he will have a lot of work to Lieutenant Cone's emergency address is L. G. Cone, father, Artemesa,

Seaman Claude Albert Baker was killed and his body has not been recovered. It is assumed the accident occurred at sea, though this was not definitely stated in the dispatch. Baker

enlisted at Nashville, Tenn. Richard W. Thompson, first class gunner's mate, suffered a fracture of

Old Friendships Renewed

In Court Injunction Case Old friendships were renewed in ludge Day's court Thursday afterbe present, so as to learn from the noon, when Paul Sutton was called Empire eafe in the liquor injunction suit brought by Special Prosecutor T. J. McGuire, in which Harvey Wolf is

one of the defendants. Counsel for Wolf wanted to know if it hurt Sutton's feelings any to testify against Wolf, now that the Chadron "explosion" had subsided. Sutton maintained that he had no 'hard Director Burgess to look after the feelings" toward anybody.

Sutton testified to the fact that he arrested Charley Young and Paul O'Malley of the Empire cafe after they had, he alleged, sold highballs to Officer Trapp, acting as a prohibitton investigator.

An effort by counsel for the Vogel Investment comapny to have the injunction dismissed so that the lower floor of the Empire cafe building could be leased for other purposes pending the hearing failed.

Link Byrne bought \$515 worth of war savings stamps at Brandeis stores stamp agency Wednesday five **Boats From Sinking Apapa** Smashed by Second Torpedo minutes after the agency was authorized by Joseph Barker, Omaha chair-

London, Dec. 6 .- Survivors of the British steamer Apapa, sunk by a German submarine, say that the second torpedo smashed a boat containing a score of passengers. Several were killed and the others, except three, were drowned. Of the 14 wom-Reduction on Live Stock

en on the Apapa eight were drowned. Mrs. Harrigan wife of the controlive stock rates from Missouri points er of customs at Acera, Gold Coast, to East St. Louis and National stock was severely ill of fever and efforts yards, Illinois, was ordered today by were made to remove her from her cabin. She asked that she be not re-The new rates will be sub- moved because the felt too ill. Thereupon her husband said:

'Very well, I will stay with you.' They remained in the cabin togeth-

Decatur Faces Coal Shortage Because of Halt in Navigation

by the steamboat route within the Fifty tons of hard coal and much next few days now cannot be delivered because the boats are ice bound. Omaha, awaiting the arrival of the the zero mark last night caught the weather follows immediately upon met and repulsed by the 22d corps, Elk, the biggest boat on the line, at the heels of the cold snap, the boats with large enemy casualties. Many the dock in Decatur loaded with a on the Omaha-Decatur line are con-cargo of grain ready to come to sidered frozen in for the winter, and tack on the Italian right was con-

The town of Decatur is likely to the boat to venture into the narrow suffer from coal shortage shortly, for the reason that a cargo of coal which should have been taken up the river should have been taken up more of soft coal lies at the landing at The sudden drop of temperature to Elk. Unless another period of mild first attack on the Italian left was tirely frozen over, it is not wise for catur is several miles off the railroad. ground.

6:30 A. M.



TAKEN IN DRIVE

Taking Sixty Guns in the Latest Offensive.

BULLETINS.

Rome, Dec. 6 .- After fighting all Castelgomber to the Foza spur, on front, it is announced officially. the right thigh. He re-enlisted in France, August 28, 1917. His father lives at Raleigh, N. C.

Castelgomber to the Foza spur, on the northern front, the war office announces.

Berlin Dec. 6 .- (Via London)-Eleven thousand Italians have been captured by the Austro-Germans in their new offensive on the mountainous front of northern Italy, it was to the stand to testify against the officially announced today by the German war office.

Strong Italian positions in the Meletta region of the northern front were guns, the statement says.

Washington, Dec. o.-Fresh Austro-German divisions from the French and Russian fronts are continually arriving on the Italian line, according to official dispatches today from Rome. Extraordinary activity of the invaders along the entire front, and particularly in the mountain region, shows reorganization of their armies, with the fresh troops filling in for the losses suffered in the recent attempts to break through.

Terrific artillery fire from Vallarsa the reorganization is about complete. Favored by exceptionally mild weather and the excellent roads, the invaders are making the most of their plans. The Italian high command, the dispatches say, is confident of its position. Airplanes are being destroyed and Italian patrols are in constant

touch with the enemy. Enemy Starts Assaults. (By Associated Press.)

Army Headquarters Italian Northern Italy, Dec. 5.—Heavy fighting around Asiago has developed with intense artillery preparation, followed by liquid fire, gas and waves of infantry. The fighting continued through yesterday and last night along the heights back of Asiago marked the zone between the heights of Monte Sisemol and Monte Meletta. This line extends nearly 10 miles. Attack and counter-attack are go-ing on, leaving the final outcome still

The furious enemy attack on the Asiago plateau has been repulsed with heavy losses, except at the northeastern sector, around Monte Tonderecar, where, after a desperate struggle

The fighting has been extremely heavy, with masses of infantry engaged in hand to hand combat.

BFLOKE CAMPKAI Private Louis C. Rohland; father, Official Report Also Tells of Teuton Effort to Wipe Out Salient With Tremendous

Reinforcements Results in Frightful Loss of Life. (By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 6 .- The British have day, the Italians withdrew their line advanted slightly their line southwest from the slopes south of Monte of LaVacquerie, on the Cambrai

On Tuesday night, the official statement says, the British troops withdrey to the southwest of Noycomplished without the Germans appearing to be aware of it until late

While for the moment there is no infantry operation of great magnithat shortly the Cambrai sector in enemy committee replying that it did France and the northern line in the not possess such powers. taken and held by the Teutonic Italian theater will again witness ti-forces who captured more than sixty tanic struggles, with Austro-Hunga-Italian theater will again witness tirians and Germans the aggressors.

Berlin Says British Lose.

German of Graincourt, Anneux, Canehights north of Marcoing, is ana section 10 kilometers in length.

The ground over which the Germans advanced was relinquished voluntarily by the British on Tuesday night without fighting, to improve the to the sea is taken to indicate that position of the front in the Cambrai

Big Copper Companies

Declare More Dividends

three months ago; Chino Copper \$2, against \$1.25 regular and \$1.25 extra three months ago; Ray Consolidated rapidly. The enemy assaults began Copper \$1, against 30 cents regular the absence of Russia's allies from the and 50 cents extra three months ago; Nevada' Consolidated Copper \$1, against 50 cents regular and 50 cents extra three months ago. Butte & Superior mining no disbursements, the previous dividends, have been 621/2 cember 8. After discussion the Ger-cents regular and 621/2 cents extra. man delegates expressed their readi-

U. S. Lighthouse Seamen Washington, Dec. 6. - Louis

Amundsen, watchman, and Mark McDonough, seamen, both in the United States lighthouse service, were officially commended for bravery today for the rescue of a boy who had later. .. fallen into deep water at Ketchikan. Alaska.

One Killed, Two Injured

In Wreck Near Lysite, Wyo. was the man who was killed

MUNITIONS SHIP BLOWS UP; HALF OF CITY LIES IN RUINS

Bodies Lie Thick in Streets; Hospitals Full, Neighboring Towns Rush Doctors and Supplies; Result of Crash Between Belgian Relief Ship and French Munition Steamer.

BULLETIN.

Halifax, Dec. 6 .- Chief of Police Hanrahan estimated tonight that the number of dead may reach 2,000. Twenty-five wagons loaded with bodies have arrived at one morgue.

(By Associated Press.)

Halifax, N. B., Dec. 6.—One thousand are dead, hundreds of others injured, and 60 per cent of the city of Halifax is in ruins, as a result of the explosion of a French munitions ship in the harbor today.

It is estimated that the property loss will run into the millions. The north end of the city was in flames, until this afternoon, when it was reported the fire had been brought under

The explosion was caused by the collision of a Belgian relief ship with the Mont Blanc, a French steamship of 2,250 net tone.

General Armistice Declared Along the Entire Russian Front After Friday

· BULLETIN.

Berlin, Dec. 6 .- (Via London.) -Suspension of hostilities over the whole Russian front for 10 days, beginning at noon Friday, has been arranged, the war office announced

Petrograd, Dec. 5 .- (Via London, Dec. 6.)-Representatives of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria met the Russian emissaries munication were being resorted to. at Brest-Litovsk to discuss terms of Efforts to communicate by wireless an armistice. The delegates of the with Halifax were made. There was an armistice. The delegates of the an armistice. The delegates of the some difficulty, however, because of central powers informed the Russians the war regulations under which the The withdrawal, it is added, was acthe conditions of an armistice, which are now operated. None of the raa Russian official communication calls an "evasive declaration."

The request of the Russian dele-gates that all the belligerents be tude in progress on any of the battle asked to take part in reaching an ar-fronts, indications are not wanting mistice on all fronts was met by the

To Evacuate Moon Sound.

The Russians then presented a project for an armistice on all fronts, the principal points of which were Berlin, Dec. 6.-The capture by the the promise that the Austro-Germans would not send forces from the easttaing. Noyelles and the wood and ern front to other fronts and that the Germans should retire from the islnounced by the war office. The Ger- ands around Moon sound. The Rusmans are said to have advanced their sians were handed a proposal for an line to a depth of four kilometers over armistice on the eastern front, which s now being examined by the Russians. The official communication then says:

Conditions Unacceptable.

"The enemy delegation declared that our conditions for an armistice were unacceptable and expressed the opinion that such demands could be addressed only to a conquered country. On the categorical statement by aboard. The crew was quickly called our plenipotentiaries that they were treating for an armistice on all fronts New York, Dec. 6 .- Several of the with a view to the conclusion of a prominent copper mining and pro- general democratic peace on the baducing companies took action on sis established by the all-Russian conquarterly dividends today. Utah Cop- gress of councils, the enemy delegates per declared a dividend of \$3.50 again replied evasively that they could against \$1.75 regular and \$1.75 extra not consider the question in such a manner because they were authorized at present only to negotiate with the Russian delegation in view of conference. "The first point regarding the pro-

posed enemy armistice was the duration of the armistice, which was first indicated as a fortnight to begin Deman delegates expressed their readi- sue of THE BEE. ness to agree to a prolongation to 28 days. This term may automatically On Monday morning the adverbe prolonged, provided there is no re- tiser called Commended for Bravery fusal, which must be made within seven days before the expiration of the armistice, which is to begin De-cember 10, if our delegation leaves Brest-Litovsk tomorrow, but if i leaves later the armistice will begin

George E. Haverstick in Hospital Taking "Rest Cure"

George E. Haverstick of the United surely will use THE BEE. States National bank, a member of Casper, Wyo., Dec. 6.—One many the board of governors of Ak-Sarwas killed and two were seriously injured in a wreck of train No. 30 on "sest ture." Mr. Haverstick is said to Rent, or any other want sidered frozen in for the winter, and tack on the Italian right was con-if the coal is to reach Decatur, it tested 36 hours by other corps, which railroad near Lysite, Wyo., ast night. down. He is now taking it easy at Now that the river is almost en must be taken there overland. De inflicted heavy losses before vielding A student engineer named Carson the hospital away from business for a while, by order of the physician.

Among the buildings destroyed are the new deep water freight terminals of the government railways at the north end of the city. Every build-ing north of Queen's hotel is said to have been wrecked, while bodies fill

the streets. Richmond is destroyed. Several hundred persons have been killed and the wounded number thousands. Not a house in the city escaped damage.

Pieces of iron and shrapnel have
been found three miles from the water front.

CREW ESCAPE SAFELY The crew of the Mont Blanc escap-ed safely from the blazing vessel. The

confusion of signal whistles.

The dead are lying thick in the streets, all the hospitals are filled to overflowing and many injured are compelled to await treatment.

News that the disaster had reached these proportions was received. these proportions was received here this afternoon when communication

with Halifax was established by the Canadian Telegraph company.

The censorship at Halifax is severe, but it is believed that brief details will be made known as soon as it is possible to restore wire communication. Meantime other sources of com-

dio stations had received anything concerning the explosion up to

Railway Workers Killed. Truro, N. S., Dec. 6.-Reports

reaching here carly this afternoon said it was feared several score of people lost their lives when the rail-way station at Halifax collapsed Twenty-five railway workers were killed on the track near Richmond Advices from Halifax early this afternoon gave the number of dead from the munition ship explosion at

The advices further stated that the ship which collided with the munition vessel was a Red Cross liner.

Ammunition Explodes.

The impact caused the ammunition in the French ship to explode, set-ting the vessel afire. The flames spread to the piers and adjoining buildings, many of which had been wrecked by the explosion.

The ammunition ship was backing from its pier preparatory to sailing when the accident occurred. The force of the collision started a fire to quarters and an attempt was made to extinguish the flames. This failed and as the fire approached the holds where the explosives were stored the (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Another Example of

Quick Results

The following room to rent ad NICELY furnished room, home privileges,

appeared in last Sunday's is-

TYLER 1000 and said:

Please take my ad out of the paper, it has already brought me a desirable occupant for my extra room. The next time I have a want of any kind I

Use The Bee