



U.S. SUBMARINE RAMMED AND SUNK; 'REDS' ASK ALLIES TO END WAR

BOLSHEVIKI NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE WITH GERMANY BEGIN AT BREST-LITOVSK

Vienna Announces that Armistice Will Be Speedily Followed Up and Count Czernin With Von Kuehlman Proceed to Russia; Trotzky Invites Allies to Participate In Conference.

Germany and Austria-Hungary apparently will lose no time in bringing about a separate peace with the Bolsheviki government in Russia, now that the armistice between the countries has become effective.

TO FOLLOW UP ARMISTICE.

A semi-official statement issued in Vienna declares that the central powers will follow up the armistice "as speedily as possible" with peace parleys, and it is added that Bulgaria and Turkey also will join in the negotiations.

Asks Allies to Join.

According to Petrograd advices, Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, has notified the allied embassies that peace negotiations are to begin and has asked them to participate or state whether they wish peace.

RIVAL RED CROSS WORKERS WAR AT UNION STATION

Overzealousness in Interests of Cause Results in Wordy Battle; Arbitration Committee Called In.

Rival factions of Red Cross workers warred in Omaha Tuesday.

Women were the battlers, tongues the weapons. The Red Cross campaign committee was called in to preside at an impromptu peace conference.

Arrive Today.

Petrograd, Monday, Dec. 17.—The German and Austrian foreign ministers, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, that they will arrive at Brest-Litovsk Tuesday to begin negotiations for a general European peace.

America Will Wait.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It is assumed at the State department that the reply of American Ambassador David R. Francis to the invitation of Leon Trotzky, foreign minister of the Bolsheviki government, to participate in the peace negotiations, would be that he has no instruction from this government.

Break Speed Records.

"Jump into that machine and get down to the Union station as fast as you can," she ordered Mrs. W. A. C. Johnson, "and find out who they are."

FIRE DESTROYS ROCKEFELLER'S SUMMER HOME

Cleveland, O., Dec. 18.—The removal a month ago by John D. Rockefeller of practically all the valuable paintings from his summer home at Forest Hill, East Cleveland, saved him hundreds of thousands of dollars early this morning, when the home was completely destroyed by fire.

U. S. Army Officer in France Dismissed for Drunkenness

With the American Army in France, Dec. 18.—From several recent trials by courts-martial, it is evident that sobriety and proper conduct on the part of the officers will be insisted upon at all times.

Chaskans Graduate From University of Chicago

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Louis Wirth of Omaha, Alphi Keley of Norfolk, and Stella Eckels of Whitman, graduate at Chicago university today.

KERENSKY SAID HEAD ARMY MARCHING ON PETROGRAD

Copenhagen Dispatch Says Former Premier of Russia Has Massed Troops to Fight Bolsheviki; Cossacks Win in Don Region; Capture Cannon and Munitions Near Kiev.

BULLETIN.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared in the vicinity of Petrograd is contained in a dispatch from Haparanda, in Sweden, at the Finnish frontier, to the Berlingske Tidende.

ASSASSIN'S BOMB WRECKS HOME OF GOV. STEPHENS

Attempt Made to Murder the Governor of California. Who Was Home at the Time

Wall Blown Out.

A hole several feet in depth and at least five feet in breadth was torn in the ground beneath an overhanging bay window at the rear of the structure and the entire wall up to the second story was blown away.

Thrown from Alley.

"According to my judgment," said Governor Stephens, "the bomb was thrown from the alleyway about 40 feet to the rear of the mansion and did not light as far under the house as its owner had intended."

Followed Johnson.

William D. Stephens became governor of California last spring upon the death of Johnson.

DOUBTS IN DENMARK.

All advices which have been received recently regarding conditions in Russia have tended to show that the Bolsheviki were strengthening their position and were encountering little opposition except on the part of the Cossacks in southern Russia.

COSSACKS STILL FIGHTING.

London, Dec. 18.—Reports on the Russian internal situation tonight indicate that fighting is continuing in the Don region and that reinforcements have been sent south from Petrograd.

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U. S. Commission Probes St. Paul Labor Troubles

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—President Wilson's special labor commission today began an investigation of the Twin City street car controversy which for some time has been threatening a serious industrial tie-up in St. Paul and Minneapolis as a result of the State Public Safety commission's order forbidding the wearing of union buttons by street car men.

New Troops Called Out By Italian Government

Rome, Sunday, Dec. 16.—New contingents have been called up by the government. The classes of troops already mobilized consist of all eligible and fit men between the ages of 18 and 43.

Railroad Fined \$6,000 for Failure to Feed Cattle

Newark, N. J., Dec. 18.—A fine of \$6,000 was imposed on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad in the federal court here today, after the road pleaded guilty to 66 counts charging it with failing for 28 hours to feed and water cattle transported in its cars.

PROHIBITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF STATES

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NINETEEN LIVES LOST WHEN SHIP GOES TO BOTTOM

American Under Sea War Vessel Meets Disaster in Accidental Collision With Another of Same Class in Home Waters, Secretary of Navy Daniels Announces.

BULLETIN.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Nineteen lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammed and sunk by submarine F-3 in home waters during a fog Monday afternoon.

Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late today in a brief statement, which gave no further details.

Lieutenant A. E. Montgomery, commanding officer of the F-1 was among the five saved. His mother, Mrs. Julia Montgomery Pratt, lives at Fort H. G. Wright, New York.

GORGAS SCORES LAX METHODS AT CAMP FUNSTON

Surgeon General of U. S. Army Says Lack of Clothing and Bad Sanitary Conditions Cause Disease.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Insufficient clothing, over crowding and bad sanitary conditions are held largely responsible for disease epidemics at Camp Funston, Kan., Camp Bowie, Tex., Camp Doniphan, Okl., and Camp Sevier, S. C., by Surgeon General Gorgas, in reports to Secretary Baker, made public today as the result of his personal inspection of the camps.

Except at Camp Funston, none of the base hospitals have been completed, General Gorgas says, and this is handicapping the medical officers in treating patients. He recommends the rushing of this work, particularly the installation of the necessary plumbing.

General Gorgas points out the practically all the disease is brought to the camps by incoming men and recommends the establishment of observation camps for all newcomers so that they may be observed for such a time as the division surgeon shall deem necessary.

To aid sanitary conditions he recommends that 50 square feet of floor space be furnished for each man at all camps. In some cases now only 20 feet is provided.

Steps to remedy existing unfavorable conditions have been taken by division commanders as far as possible, the reports say, while winter clothing is being supplied as rapidly as received.

Lack of warm garments during the cold weather of the late fall is believed by General Gorgas to have contributed largely to the spread of pneumonia.

Food Administration Says Hog Market is Glutted Now

Washington, Dec. 18.—The food administration today counseled farmers to hold back their hogs, because the Chicago market is glutted with more pork than the packers can handle, largely because of congested transportation facilities.

American Citizen Is Reported as Missing

Amsterdam, Monday, Dec. 17.—The socialist newspaper Tribune reports the mysterious disappearance of Carl Minter, editor of the German revolutionary socialist paper, Kampf, which is published in Amsterdam. He left Tuesday for southern Holland and has not been seen since. The Tribune says Minter is an American citizen.

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LONDON STIRRED BY SINKING OF 15 SHIPS BY TEUTONS

Two Separate Attacks in North Sea and One of Them Close to the British Coast.

London, Dec. 18.—The successive attack by German warships on a convoy in the North Sea, resulting in the sinking of 11 vessels, as announced in the House of Commons yesterday, came as an uncomfortable surprise to the British public. It is expected a revival of the serious criticism of the admiralty, such as at the time of the successful German attack on a convoy of Scandinavian merchantmen in October. Added to this is the raid made off the Tyne last Wednesday by German warships. As a result of these two expeditions one British destroyer has been sunk, another seriously damaged, five trawlers and eight merchantmen have been sent to the bottom, another trawler has been damaged and a number of men have been killed, wounded or taken prisoners. Among the prisoners is a nephew of Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary.

According to Danish accounts, the force which attacked the convoy consisted of four cruisers, in addition to destroyers. A painful aspect of the affair, from the British public's point of view, is that apparently all the attacking vessels escaped and returned to their bases.

German Escape Loss. Amsterdam, Monday, Dec. 17.—Captain Henricke, commanded the German forces which made a raid on the English coast off the mouth of the Tyne last Wednesday morning according to an official statement received here from Berlin. The report says that the Germans "successfully attacked enemy mercantile traffic, including two large steamers, off the Tyne and close to the English coast." The German forces, it is added, returned without losses or damage.

Loan Company Must Make Complete Showing

Lincoln, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The hearing this afternoon before Secretary of State Pol in which the Cox Loan company of Omaha was deluged with collecting a larger rate of interest than the law provides, has been continued to December 28 because the company was not in a position to furnish the information required by Mr. Pool.

Miss Hurley, in charge of the office and Mr. Bradley, an attorney were present. Miss Hurley explained that the overcharges were the result of ignorance of the law and also because of errors in computation. They will be required to make a complete showing from their books of all business done since last April, when the company was known to be following the law.

Record Gains 16 Days in December for The Bee

18,595 Inches of display advertising this year. 14,568 Inches of display advertising last year. 4,027 Inches more this year than last year.

Keep Your Eye on The Bee Improving Every Day

Charities office, 319 Farnam building. "I have two bundles of warm clothes; please send for them," telephoned Mrs. Julius Trotschke, 909 South Twentieth street.

Among recent cash donations sent to The Bee office were: Nels Nelson, Oakland, Neb., \$5; Mary A. Glasgow, 4877 Uning street, \$1; Chaucery P. Cox, Waterloo, Neb., \$10.

Frances Anderson of Ellikorn, Neb., wrote for names and addresses of a worthy family in need of Christmas cheer.

Mrs. Doan reports that more than 100 families have already been given substantial Christmas relief and the work will be continued up to next Monday night.

South Side Boy Heads Debating Squad at University of Chicago

Ralph Goldberg, class of 1916, South High school, has been awarded first place on the debating team of the University of Chicago. This carries with it a prize scholarship of \$100 and election to Delta Sigma Rho, which is the national oratorical fraternity to which most of the renowned speakers of the nation belong.

Mr. Goldberg is the first sophomore in the history of the university to be awarded a place on the debating team and as he has been made captain of the team, the honor is a double one.

As a student in the South High school, he was a member of the debating team that defeated all rivals in the district contests.

Last year he was the captain of the freshmen debating team in the university. The first rival that Mr. Goldberg's team will meet will be the team of Northwestern university, in January.

Mr. Goldberg is a brother of the Messrs. Goldberg, proprietors of the Sun theater, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldberg, 2210 J street, South Side.



Ralph Goldberg