



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. Arbitration was in progress when a Bee reporter ventured into the battle zone and endeavored to take a few notes while verbal shrapnel burst over a wide radius at the Union station.

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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

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.—An abortive attempt to kill Governor William D. Stephens by means of a powerful explosive bomb at 11:35 p. m. last night resulted in the wrecking of the executive mansion, the entire rear end of the building being blown out.

Two men were seen fleeing from the house immediately after the explosion. The detonation of the explosion was heard all over the city and windows were broken by the force of it two or three blocks away.

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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.



Ralph Goldberg

PROHIBITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTE OF STATES

Amendment to Constitution Must Be Ratified or Rejected By the People Within Seven Years.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The constitutional amendment for national prohibition was today finally submitted by congress to the states, for ratification or rejection within seven years.

Senator Borah objected to accepting the house amendments, contending that congress has no authority to specify the time in which the amendment is to be ratified, and that the constitution gives no authority for providing that prohibition shall become effective within one year after being accepted by the states.

House Passes Bill. (By a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska delegation voted solidly for the prohibition amendment today, the only absentee being Congressman Stephens of the Third district who was paired in favor of the amendment.

Representative Lobeck's vote was one of the surprises of the day in view of the vote he cast for the Hobson amendment December 22, 1914, when he voted "no."

Representative Reavis of the First district made the only speech in favor of the amendment from Nebraska and the position he took was commended on by a number of lawyers during the course of the day's debate on the resolution.

What Reaves Contended. Mr. Reavis contended that the third section of the amendment was unconstitutional because of the time limit placed in its ratification by the state and that it ought to be eliminated.

Charges Filed Against A Police Patrolman. Charges were filed with the city council against O. H. Thornton, patrolman, said to have been intoxicated while on duty last Sunday.

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.

Donors Respond to Appeal of The Bee to Help Worthy Poor of Omaha. "I wish to send a Christmas dinner to a widow and her children. Please give me the name and address, but don't use my name for publication," telephoned a woman from the Happy Hollow club district to The Bee.

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 Minister, editor of the German revolutionary socialist paper, Kampf, which is published in Amsterdam.

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

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.

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., in reports to Secretary Baker, made public today, on 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.

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.

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