



TEUTON ARMIES FACE DEFEAT IN ITALY; WILSON'S MESSAGE NEW WAR DECLARATION

GERMANY MUST ADMIT EFFORTS TO CONQUER WORLD HAVE FAILED

Presidents Statement of War Aims Removes All Doubt of Unity of Allied Powers; Doctrum of Democracy Must be Accepted by Kaiser or War Will Go on to Victory

Washington, Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—President Wilson's definite statement of the war aims of the United States is now regarded in Washington as virtually a new declaration of war against the imperial German government.

After mature consideration, senators and representatives see in Mr. Wilson's address to congress only one hope of peace and that is complete acknowledgment by Germany that her military effort to conquer the world or any part of it outside of her own rightful dominions has failed.

In offering to the German people the rewards that will come from honest and open association with the free peoples of the world, the president has opened, undoubtedly, the way to a peace parley with the representatives of the German people.

In that sense alone was the address a peace message. At the same time it was a defiant war message to the Prussian military caste.

DICTUM OF DEMOCRACY. The dictum of the world's democracies must be accepted by the kaiser or the war will go on until the kaiser has nothing more to say about it. Such is the opinion in Washington.

President Wilson's statement of war aims has removed all doubt of the unity of purpose of the allied powers and has established to that extent a definite starting point for the discussion of peace terms. The United States now looks to Germany and her allies to make the next move.

Warmly Welcomed Everywhere. If there remained any doubt of the complete approval with which the country has received the message it has now been dissipated. All political parties and all sections of the country have hailed the president's statement with acclamation.

London and Paris express enthusiastic praise of Mr. Wilson's proclamation.

There is now no question of the effect the message has had, not only upon the people of the United States, but upon the allied countries of Europe.

How it will be received in Germany and what effect it will have upon the Russian situation are the two questions upon which official interest is now centered.

Official advice to the State department that the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk between the representatives of the Teutonic powers and the Bolshevik delegates, headed by Leon Trotsky, himself, have been resumed, created an unfavorable impression, but the hope expressed by the president that the Russian people would see the real purpose of the German military autocracy has not been abandoned.

Cognizance is taken of the fact that some time must elapse before the president's declaration can reach the masses of the Russian people.

Dr. Van Es Heads Animal Pathology at State Uni

Lincoln, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. L. Van Es, dean of the veterinary division of the Agricultural college of North Dakota, has been chosen as the head of the department of animal pathology of the Nebraska university.

Dr. Van Es is a native of the Netherlands. He was graduated from the Ontario Veterinary college at Toronto and later from the Alabama Medical college of the university of that state. In 1907 the United States Department of Agriculture sent him to Belgium, France and Germany and later on a similar mission to other countries. He is well known in this state among the live stock interests.

The Weather

Table with weather data: Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday, Comparative Local Record, 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.

CANADIAN HEROES AWARDED VICTORIA CROSS FOR DEEDS OF GREAT VALOR IN BATTLE

Bravery, Perhaps Without Parallel in War, Marks Achievements of Dominion Soldiers in Titanic Struggle to Overcome Teutons; Bloody Hand to Hand Fighting Graphically Described.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—A Canadian Press cable from London says the heroic deeds of Canadians in the recent fighting on the western front were described during the king's award of Victoria crosses to Canadians included in the 18 men decorated today.

How Captain J. O'Kelly advanced his command 1,000 yards after the original attack failed, took two enemy positions on the crest of the hill under a heavy fire, and then personally organized and led an attack against "pill boxes," capturing six, with 100 prisoners and 10 machine guns, was graphically gazzeted.

WONDERFUL BRAVERY. Another hero was Corporal Colon Barron, who, single-handed, rushed enemy guns, killed four of the crew and captured the others, and then turned the captured guns on the retreating enemy, causing severe casualties.

Sergeant George H. Mullin captured a "pill box" single handed, rushed a sniper's post in front of him, destroyed the garrison with bombs, and crawling on a "pill box," shot two gunners with his revolver. Mullin's clothes were riddled with bullets from the rapid-fire guns directed at him, but he did not falter.

Other heroes, equally daring, captured "pill boxes," killed, captured or silenced the enemy and cleared the way for the advance of the troops and saved the lives of many of their comrades. They are Captain George H. Pearkes and Privates Thomas Holmes, Cecil J. Kinross and James P. Robertson.

DARING NEVER SURPASSED. The accounts of the deeds for which the Victoria cross was awarded embrace events which must have been as thrilling as any recorded during the war. Captain Robert Gee of the Royal Fusiliers, when the enemy pierced the British lines and captured brigade headquarters and an ammunition dump, finding himself a prisoner, killed one of the enemy with a spiked stick and succeeded in escaping. He then organized a party and attacked the enemy, clearing the locality.

After establishing a defensive flank, Gee, with a revolver in each hand, rushed and captured an enemy machine gun, killing eight members of its crew.

Sergeant C. E. S. Packman of the Border regiment, and Corporal R. McBeath of the Seaforth Highlanders, also were awarded the Victoria cross for capturing enemy machine guns together with their crew single handed. McBeath put five machine guns out of action, capturing 1 officer and 30 men who had taken refuge in a dugout.

A trooper in the Indian cavalry was decorated twice for carrying dispatches over open ground and under a heavy fire, although each time his horse was shot from under him.

Valentine Peabody, Pioneer Settler, Dead

Stella, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Valentine P. Peabody died at his home in Nemaha after a lingering illness. He was born in March, 1842, and was a pioneer settler in Nemaha county, working a farm northeast of Stella for many years. Mr. Peabody was a soldier of the civil war and one of the remembrances of his early life was hearing a speech made by Abraham Lincoln. Elder Sapp will preach at the funeral at the Christian church in Nemaha Monday forenoon. Burial will be in the Nemaha cemetery. Mrs. Peabody and several children survive him.

Hastings Water Plant Fails For Day, But Is Repaired

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Repairs were made late today at the water and light plant in service for the city was resumed on a normal basis. The whole system failed early today owing to a break in the mains near the base of the stand-pipe.

ALLIES' FOOD NEEDS HALT SENDING OVER OF TROOPS

Washington, Jan. 13.—With the food situation in Great Britain and France admittedly critical and conditions in Italy said to be much worse, high officials of the government are less concerned immediately over rushing of 1,000,000 men to France than they are over the problem of getting foodstuffs across with the shortest possible delay.

It is out of the question to send increasingly large numbers of troops across the Atlantic, which means more and more troopships and at the same time to divert ships from the troop service into food carriers. Furthermore, if the food situation is as bad as painted by Lord Rhonda, the British food controller, in his cablegram to Food Administrator Hoover officials question the wisdom of rushing a large American army across the Atlantic. General Pershing's forces must be supplied with foodstuffs and other necessities from this side.

As new ships are placed in commission they will be sent abroad immediately and the shipping board soon will be able to make much more rapid contributions to the tonnage now in the service. Troops will be forwarded as expeditiously as possible under existing conditions, with view to having a formidable force in France when the weather opens in the spring.

While the New York, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin national troops are scheduled to go across ahead of those of other states, it is the understanding here that none of these troops will be embarked in the immediate future. Intimations are that there first will be a further movement of regular army troops.

STARVATION SLOWLY EATS VITALS OUT OF INVADING FORCES AS SNOW CLOSES IN

Communications Cut Off by Severe Weather as Allies Prepare for Terrific Offensive to Drive Teutons From Italian Soil; First Victory Already Won; May Repeat Napoleon's Disaster

London, Jan. 13.—The fate that befell Napoleon's grand army in the frozen steppes of Russia threatens to overwhelm the Teuton invaders in the mountains of Italy.

Several times in the world war climatic conditions have come to the rescue of stricken armies and pulled them out of the black pit of defeat.

FOOD GERMANY'S WORST PROBLEM: RELY ON RUSSIA

Boston, Jan. 13.—Miss Josephine Marzynski, a young Boston singer, who left Berlin November 25, after studying music there for 15 months, has arrived here. She declared the Germans still believe they can win the war.

"The general feeling," she said, "is that our allies are exhausted, and a decisive blow can be struck before the United States can become a factor on the western front."

Speaking of the food situation, she said: "I left Berlin just as reports from Italy indicated success of the new offensive, and Italy out of the war as a result, and as reports from Russia pointed to a peace that would insure food for the starving people in Germany."

In Need of Food. "They were very, very confident of the Russian peace and it was regarded as the solution of the food problem, which is really the biggest one now bothering Germany. 'Peace with Russia' was on the lips of every one, and it was always said with a smile that implied food."

"Morning, noon and night the whole city talks food. And you simply cannot get food—as we know food—in Berlin and the larger cities. In the smaller cities the shortage is much more endurable."

Think They Are Right. "You must have heard what little nourishment there is in the food of the people. The report has not been exaggerated. I lived with wealthy people and was more fortunate than the average Berliner, and I never retired at night with my appetite satisfied."

Miss Marzynski said that she is sure the German people will never be convinced they are wrong. She heard rumors that the peasants of Bavaria were ready to rebel, but every one in Berlin was behind the war party.

\$20,000,000 IS TOTAL FOR NEW HARBORS BILL

Washington, Jan. 13.—Chairman Small of the committee on rivers and harbors, has announced that an omnibus bill will total appropriations of about \$20,000,000 would be urged this season.

The committee has been considering items with a view to eliminating those not necessary for mobilization of the nation's resources for war. Most of the proposed new projects will be excluded.

Those most likely to be included in the bill are: New York, East river and Hell Gate, \$2,200,000; Delaware river from Philadelphia to the sea, \$1,100,000; Baltimore, harbor and channels, \$300,000; Norfolk, harbor, \$1,134,000; Mississippi river, \$1,400,000; Los Angeles harbor, \$100,000; Oakland, Cal., harbor, \$104,000; Columbia and Lower Willamette rivers, below Portland, \$250,000.

Dakota Officer Acquitted Of Embezzlement Charge

Mandan, N. D., Jan. 12.—After less than an hour's deliberation the jury in the case of Eugene Walla, former chief clerk in the automobile registry department of the secretary of state's office, charged with embezzlement of \$3,400 state funds, brought in a verdict of not guilty in the district court here today. Thomas Hall, secretary of state, who was tried on the same embezzlement charge, was also acquitted by a jury in Bismarck several weeks ago.

Armed Chicago Robbers Make \$4,000 Jewelry Haul

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Three armed men entered a jewelry store in the outlying district today, bound the proprietor and stole \$1,000 in cash and about \$3,000 worth of jewelry. The owner of the store was compelled to give up the keys to his vault after being struck on the head with a revolver.

"Partnership Between God and Kaiser" to Be Dissolved by U. S.

New York, Jan. 13.—Dissolution of "the partnership of the kaiser and God—a partnership which God does not seem to know much about," will be one of the things the United States will accomplish in the war, Senator William S. Kenyon of Iowa declared in addressing members of the Republican club of New York City at a luncheon today.

Senator Kenyon, who recently returned from a tour of the western war front, said: "God is not a German God. Great Britain and the United States cannot be bluffed. We are not frightened by the mailed fist." I am glad that we can come to the assistance of Belgium and France.

AMERICA LEADS WORLD IN OUTPUT OF SEA TONNAGE

New Reports Show 1917 Record Doubles That of Previous Year; Sub Sinkings Double Tonnage Produced.

Washington, Jan. 13.—America's merchant ship production in 1917 is put at 901,223 gross tons in reports made to the shipping board. This was nearly double that of 1916 and almost half of the world's output of 1,899,943 tons that year.

Figures showing construction in other countries in 1917 have not been received in this country, the shipping board officials believe America led the world in tonnage output, England and Japan, they say, probably were the only countries that increased their production over that of 1916.

Sinking by submarines in 1917 are generally reckoned at 5,000,000 tons, probably about twice as much tonnage as was built. England now is building ships at a fast rate and Japan also has increased its construction, but just now operations are hampered by lack of steel. Other countries are building few ships.

The shipping board today decided to remove from the Great Lakes an additional 30 ships for ocean service. The vessels will be cut in half this winter and will be removed through the Welland canal and re-assembled when navigation is resumed in the spring. Already 42 ships have been brought out.

GENTLEMAN OF OMAHA GOES TO PLACE IN FRANCE

Washington Bureau, The Bee, 1311 G Street. Washington, Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Thomas P. Gentleman, Omaha, connected with the ordnance division of the War department, has been appointed assistant secretary of the United States embassy in Paris, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. He expects to sail within the next 15 days for his new post.

A. L. Smon, member of a wholesale grocery firm of Omaha, is in Washington for a few days. The Kilpatrick Brothers, Beatrice, Neb., railroad contractors, are in Washington on business connected with the government.

Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee, after a busy week in conference with newspaper publishers, called to Washington in conference with the Federal Trade commission, and after renewing old friendships with friends in public life, left for Baltimore Friday afternoon to spend a short time with Mrs. Rosewater's family. He will go to New York before returning home.

Omaha Girl in Wrecked Auto Tells of Bootlegging Gang

Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Abandoned in an automobile that was carrying liquor, during the snowstorm Saturday, Mary Nace, an Omaha girl, 19 years of age, in a private hospital told her story of how gangs of bootleggers ply their trade between Omaha and St. Joseph. She said women are hired to accompany the parties.

The parents of the girl, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Nace, 2412 South Eighth street, came to their daughter's bedside last night and for the first time the girl told her name. She says Earl Beavers, alias Swift, who was in the wreck, is her husband. She was taken to Omaha this afternoon on a stretcher and on the train. The doctor thinks her back is broken. She is paralyzed.

She lay in the wreck half an hour with the temperature 12 below zero. The gang she was with has six automobiles that make regular trips. On the last trip another car was met at Savannah, Mo., and the cargo of liquor was transferred. She sheriff holds the damaged car near where it upset.