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TEUTON ARMIES FACE DEFEAT IN ITALY: WILSON'S MEGAGE NEW WAR DECLARATION **CANADIAN HEROES AWARDED**

VICTORIA CROSS FOR DEEDS

Bravery, Perhaps Without Parallel in War, Marks Achievements of Dominion Soldiers in Titanic Struggle to

Overcome Teutons; Bloody Hand to Hand

Fighting Graphically Described.

says the heroic deeds of Canadians in the recent fighting on

the western front were described during the king's award of

yards after the original attack failed, took two enemy posi-

Ottawa, Jan. 13 .- A Canadian Press cable from London

How Captain J. O'Kelly advanced his command 1.000

OF GREAT VALOR IN BATTLE

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 Burean. Omaha Bee, 1311 G. Street. Washington, Jan. 13 .- (Special Telegram.)-President Victoria crosses to Canadians included in the 18 men decor-Wilson's definite statement of the war aims of the United States ated today. is now regarded in Washington as virtually a new declaration of war against the imperial German government.

After mature consideration, senators and representatives tions on the crest of the hill under a heavy fire, and then persee in Mr. Wilson's address to congress only one hope of peace sonally organized and led an attack against "pill boxes," capand that is complete acknowledgment by Germany that her turing six, with 100 prisoners and 10 machine guns, was military effort to conquer the world or any part of it outside of graphically gazetted. her own rightful dominions has failed.

In offering to the German people the rewards that will come from hon-est 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 serve the principal of the Founda-United States now looks to Germany tion's endowment.

and her allies to make the next move. | Warmly Welcomed Everywhere.

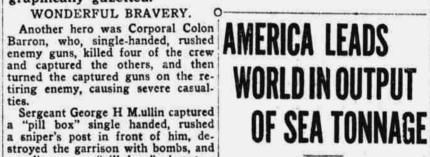
ADDS \$5.500.000 TO FOUNDATION

New Gift Is to Preserve Principal of Great Fund From **Drains of War Relief**

Work.

feller Foundation last week to pre- P. Robertson.

The gift was made to enable the Foundation to meet increasing de If there remained any doubt of the mands upon its funds arising from Mr. Rockfeller's announced gifts to the Foundation, established by him "for the good of mankind," amount now to \$131,265,506, including his latest gift. The original endowment was \$100,000,000. In May, 1917, he gave \$25,765,506 to the Foundation to cover its war relief expenditures. The gift, however, proved insuf-



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, cap-tured "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 New York, Jan. 13 .- John D. Rock- H. Pearkes and Privates Thomas efeller gave \$5,500,000 to the Rocke- Holmes, Cecil J. Kinross and James

DARING NEVER SURPASSED. which the Victoria cross was awarded

The accounts of the deeds for embrace events which must have been

Tonnage Produced. (By Associated Press.) 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.

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

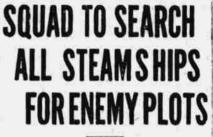
FOOD GERMANY'S

WORST PROBLEM:

Says She Never Went to

Bed With Her Appe-

tite Satisfied.



Collector of Port at New York Announces Measures to Stop

Secret Information to Foes.

New York, Jan. 13 .- Byron R. Newton, collector of the port of New York, today announced that drastic measures have been adopted to stop the use of steamships and other ocean-going vessels for secret and unlawful communication between this country and the nations with which the United States is at war.

Every vessel entering or leaving this port is to be subjected to a thorough search. Measures adopted by the British agents in Halifax will be taken here.

Steantships formerly putting into that port prior to crossing the At-lantic to neutral countries will be thor-New Reports Show 1917 Recoughly searched in New York harbor before being cleared.

Other vessels going to ports of the allies of the United States will be Boston, Jan. 13 .- Miss Josephine searched. To end the possibility of indirect means of communication via South America, vessels going to ports of nations there also will be boarded has arrived here. She declared the and combed before permission is given Germans still believe they can win to clear from New York. the war.

Work Dangerous at Times.

To end the means of conveying instructions from Berlin to German that our allies are exhausted, and a tracked his tireless battalions. agents and sympathizers in the United States incoming vessels will be sub-

will rest for ending the dispatch of in-

formation of a military value will be

picked men of the customs service.

themselves from close attack in the

Will Arrest Resisters.

Three vessels will be procured by

Collector Newton for the exclusive

use of this force, which will be called

the searching squad. Each vessel will

have cabin space to keep at least 50

holds of vessels.

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.

> WEATHER SAVED ARMIES. On the Somme and the Aisne, and again in Flanders, they saved the Germans from disaster.

In the plains of Galicia and the passes of the Carpathians they averted defeat first for the Austrians, then RELY ON RUSSIA for the Russians, but never in the his-tory of the great war have they proved such an inestimably important factor as at the present moment in Boston Girl, Just Returned, Italy.

To Italy the world-wide storms of the last weeks mean more than the staving off of almost certain calamity. They mean the opening of the road to victory.

FACING STARVATION.

Of more vital importance than the checking of the great Austro-German Marzynski, a young Boston singer, drive toward the plains of Venetia is who left Berlin November 25, after the coincident severing of their comstudying music there for 15 months, munications.

The effect of the latter element is to place Von Buelow's armies in a position far more precarious than General Diaz has yet had to face, for

"The general feeling," she said, "is all the cumulative disasters that have decisive blow can be struck before the United States can become a factor on the western front.

complete approval with which the its participation in war relief and country has received the message it activities among soldiers and seamen. has now been dissipated. All political parties and all sections of the country have hailed the president's statement with acclamation. Government offi-cials are convinced that it will go far toward removing the remaining vestiges of German propaganda.

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 al-

lied 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.

Difficial advices to the State department that the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk between the representatives of the Teutonic powers and the Bolsheviki delegates, headed by Leon Trotzky, 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

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

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. He is said to be one of the best au-thorities on animal diseases in the country

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

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. WARMER 10 s. m..... 11 a. m..... 12 m..... 1 p. m..... 2 p. m..... 3 p. m..... 1 p. m..... õ p. m...... Comparative Local Record. Temperature and precipitation departure

- indicates below zero. J. A. WELSH, Meterologist.

ficient The board of trustees, with Mr Rockfeller's consent, spent \$5,000,000 of the principal then made available. Up to August last, according to the Foundation's report, its war relief expenditures from the beginning of last year were \$6,425,872. From August 1 to the end of 1917 it is believed this was increased to \$15,000,-000.

"In view of the increasing demands upon the Foundation, arising in condugout. nection with the war, and having in mind particularly the large contributions made to the American Red Cross war fund and the war work of the Young Men's Christian association," Mr. Rockefeller wrote in his letter to the Foundation. "I endorse herewith my check for \$5,500,000, to

be used as the Foundation may see fit for furthering its corporate purposes." Dr. George R. Vincent, president of the Foundation, in making the announcement of Mr. Rockfeller's gift, said it was hoped the addition to the Foundations fund would make it unnecessary to draw further upon the Foundation's principal. In addition to the income and \$5,000,00 of the principal expended in 1917, the

necessary. Food in Omaha Is High. But in Berlin-Oh, Wow! Washington, Jan. 13.-Butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 a pound,

sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$2.11 a pound and American soap at five bars for \$1.12. This information, received by the

food administration, comes from a responsible source. The prices are from four to five times as high as those now prevailing in the United States.

ALLIES' FOOD NEEDS HALT

ting foodstuffs across with the shortest possible delay.

with foodstuffs and other necessaries from this side.

the spring.

regular army troops.

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 the

rushing of 1,000,000 men to France than they are over the problem of get-

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 Rhondda, the British food controller, in his cablegram to Food Adminis-

trator Hoover officials question the wisdom of rushing a large American

army across the Atlantic. General Pershing's forces must be supplied

mediately and the shipping board soon will be able to make much more

rapid contributions to the sonnage now in the service. Troops will be for-

warded as expeditiously as possible under existing conditions, with a view to having a formidable force in France when the weather opens in

are scheduled to go across ahead of those of other states, it is the under-

standing here that none of these troops will be embarked in the immedi-

ate future. Intimations are that there first will be a further movement of

As new ships are placed in commission they will be sent abroad im-

While the New York, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin national troops

It is out of the question to send increasingly large numbers of troops

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. Mc-Beath 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 - officer and 30 men who had taken refuge in a

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 trustees of the Foundation gave au-thority to expend a second \$5,000,-000 of the principal if that became in Nemaha Monday foremoon Burial in Nemaha Monday forenoon. Burial will be in the Nemaha cemetery. Mrs.

Peabody and several children survive Hastings Water Plant Fails

For Day, But Is Repaired

Telegram.)-Repairs were made late 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-

Figures showing 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.

ord Doubles That of Previous

Year: Sub Sinkings Double

Sinking by submarines in 1917 are spectors who attend to that. 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 and trusted experts of the customs additional 30 ships for ocean service. service, George R. Lamb, Edward R. The vessels will be cut in half this Norwood and John J. Raczkiewicz. winter and will be removed through

the Welland canal and re-assembled be dangerous at times and will require when navigation is resumed in the the use of force. Therefore Mr, New-spring. Already 42 ships have been ton is training the 250 inspectors to brought out. prepare them for any emergency. The

GENTLEMAN OF OMAHA GOES TO PLACE IN FRANCE

Washington Bureau, The Bee, 1311 G Street. Washington, Jan. 13.—(Special Tel-egram.) — Thomas P. Gentleman, inspectors warm during trips about the harbor. Headquarters for the searching squad will be in the barge office at the Omaha, connected with the ordnance Battery. Persons arrested will be redivision of the War department, has been appointed assistant secretary of corded there and a reserve force held at all times to rush to the assistance the United States embassy in Paris, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. He ex- of any small detail that might call for pects to sail within the next 15 days assistance. for his new post,

A. L. S'mon, member of a wholesale grocery firm of Omaha, is in Washington for a few days. The Kilpatrick Brothers, Beatrice, that space.

Neb., railroad contractors, are in Washington on business connected

with the government. Victor Rosewater, editor of The into this port is concerned. Bee, after a busy week in conference

Kansas City Schools to with newspaper publishers, called to Hastings, Neb., Jan. 13 .- (Special Washington in conference with the Federal Trade commission, and after today at the water and light plant and renewing old friendships with men 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

mobile that was carrying liquor, dur-

ing the snowstorm Saturday, Mary Nace, an Omaha girl, 19 years of age,

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

pany the parties.

where it upset.

Tells of Bootlegging Gang Shenandoah, Ia., Jan. 13.-(Special Telegram.)-Abandoned in an auto-

in a private hospital told her story of how gangs of bootleggers ply their trade between Omaha and St. Joseph. basengers in safety and none was in-trade between Omaha and St. Joseph. jured.

jected to exactly the same search imon the western front." posed upon out-going craft. Pas-sengers and crew will be searched, if said: necessary, and every foot of the ves-

many.

sfied.

war party.

sels gone over. Only the contents of mail sacks will be left untouched. The Postoffice department has its own ina result, and as reports from Russia pointed to a peace that would insure Those upon whom responsibility

In Need of Food.

"They were very, very confident of Skill, loyalty and physical endurance will be demanded. Collector Newton the Russian peace and it was regarded as the solution of the food probhas relected for this force 250 inlem, which is really the biggest one spectors. They will work under the problem now bothering Germany. immediate supervision of three tried 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 The work of this body of men will 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. customs men must be ready to defend

Think They Are Right.

An allied offensive, an offensive on "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 sat-

It will be launched on the lower Miss Marzynski said that she is sure the German people will never Piave line. It will have for its purpose the complete turning of the enebe convinced they are wrong. She my's left flank and the subsequent heard rumors that the peasants of pursuit of his armies from Italian soil. Bavaria were ready to rebel, but every one in Berlin was behind the In it will lie the possibility even of a great Austro-German debacle, such as overtook Cadorna's army on the upper Isonzo.

Severe Teuton Defeat.

On New Year's eve the British, French and Italians forced the enemy to surrender his last important hold That was the opening

Since then, and even before then, picked detachments of British troops have been thrusting across the river, feeling out the vulnerable points in Close for Lack of Coal nibus bill will total appropriations of nibus bill will total appropriations of the Teuton lines, taking prisoners. about \$20,000,000 would be urged this destroying field work.

Aviators flying the emblems of all is an increase in the available supply The committee has been consider-of coal, the public schools will not ing items with a view to eliminating three allies have been on countless scouting expeditions over the Plave line, determining the exact strength of the enemy's defenses. And all the time the giant guns of the British and

Italians have been pounding at the invaders' defensive works, cleaving a path for the infantry.

Dakota Officer Acquitted

Of Embezzlement Charge

Mandan, N. D., Jan. 12 .- After less han 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 embezziement 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.

She said women are hired to accomland, \$250,000. The parents of the girl, Mr. and "Partnership Between God and Mrs. D. A. Nace, 2412 South Eightcenth street, came to their daughter's bedside last night and for the first time the girl told her name. She says

(By Associated Press.) 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.

After telling of what he characterized as "horrors left in the wake of the Hun" in France and Belgium, Senator Kenyon said: "We had better die fighting shoulder to shoulder than permit these things to occur here."

Kaiser" to Be Dissolved by U. S.

Those most likely to be included in the hill are: New York, East river and Hell Gate, \$2,200,000; Delaware Aground With 74 on Board river from Philadelphia to the sea, Havana, Jan. 13 .-- A passenger train \$1,100,000; Baltimore, harbor and chanbound from Key West to Havana nels, \$300,000; Norfolk, harbor, \$1,134,with 74 passengers, went aground at 000; Mississippi river, \$1,400,000; Los

rcopen next Monday, according to an those not necessary for mobilization announcement today by Frank S. of the nation's resources for war. Most Casey, purchasing agent for the Board of the proposed new projects will be of Education. excluded. **Passenger Steamer Goes**

Kansas City, Jan. 13 .--- Unless there season.

river and the Asiago plateau, with their hands literally tied behind their Speaking of the food situation, she backs. "I left Berlin just as reports from Italy indicated success of the new Completely Hemmed In. offensive, and Italy out of the war as They are unable to move forward

because their ammunition has failed them, unable to retreat without invitfood for the starving people in Gering disaster, and watching the awful specter of starvation creep nearer and

nearer as the hours go by, and their supply trains still remain stalled on the impassable Alps. Von Buelow's army is paralyzed.

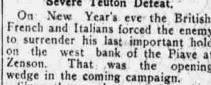
Opposed to them stand the allied egions, Italians, French, British, Behind them spreads a network of railroad lines, bearing countless supplies to the allies, keeping their fighting men in trim and the artillery well stocked.

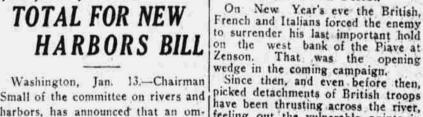
The allied armies now are well prepared for an offensive, while the Teu-tons were never so ill fitted to meet the shock of an attack.

Great Allied Offensive.

great scale and having for its obect not merely the temporary but the final defeat of the invading forces, such a defeat as shall render them incapable of again threatening Italy as they have for three months past is

coming.





The rooms in the barge office now \$20,000,000 IS used by the Department of Labor as an employment bureau will be vacated and kitchens and messrooms set up in The duties of the surveyor of the port will continue insofar as the inspection of baggage and cargo coming

