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POLICE BREAWUP LIQUOR GANG; BIG AMERICAN SHIP GOES DOWN

FINAL BREAK IN PEACE **NEGOTIATIONS LOOMS** NEAR AT BREST-LITOVSK

Russian-German Armistice Extended to February 18; Delegates May Adjourn Conference to Warsaw; German Leaders Hurry to Berlin; Russ Sailors Mutiny and Kill Officers.

Russo-German negotiations at Brest-Litovsk apparently again have been broken off temporarily and the possibility of a final breach is not unlooked for in Petrograd.

The armistice on the eastern front has been extended until speech delivered at the twenty-first an-February 18, while it is expected that the conferences will be nual convention of the American National Live Stock association this afternoon.

HEARS OF SUICIDE

Girl, Who Received Letter

From Robber Officer,

Recovers After Shock.

Telegram.)-Apparently very little

affected by the news of Captain

Lewis Whistler's crime and suicide,

the 17-year-old girl to whom he ad-

dressed his suicide note toady left her home with the announced inten-

carried her books with her. No

classes are held Monday, but is the

custom of students to go to the college library on that day to prepare

When informed of Captain Whis-

tler's acts last night the girl fainted.

about the affair today, but not very

Search for Cash.

Search for the canvas sack contain-

ing the money Captain Lewis R. (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

MAJOR GARDNER;

ONCE MEMBER OF

-CONGRESS, DIES

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.-Major

Mass., died late today at the Camp

Whistler.

willingly.

LENINE RETURNS.

Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik pre-mier, is again back in Petrograd and GIRL FAINTS AS is reported to be taking a more important part in the negotiations.

There is some dissatisfaction in Petarograd with the way in which Foreign Minister Trotzky has conducted negotiations. Trotzky' campaign of propaganda among the German soldiers is said to be growing in effect and the German military authorities are doing all in their power to check it. BERLIN CONFERENCES.

Meanwhile German political and military leaders have been having hurried conferences in Berlin. The crown prince has returned to the German capital and he, with Field Marshal von Hindenburg, General von Ludendorff and Chancellor von Hertling, has conferred with the emperor.

The recall by the emperor of the assistant to the German foreign secretary at the Brest-Litovsk meeting indicates that the conferences may have had to do with the peace negotiations, the conduct of which has caused much political furore in Germany during the last two weeks.

Answer Wilson. Reichstag on Wednesday and probably will answer the recent war aim

statement of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. The basin of the Don river has been cleared of Cossack troops by Bolshevik soldiers, according to an official announcement. The Bolslevik also are said to have taken Ekaterinoslav,

a stronghold of the Ukraine. -Russ Officers Killed.

Russian sailors in Sebastopol are reported to have killed more than 62 of their officers, including four admirals. The town of Kilia has been looted by Russian soldiers, who set fire to the buildings after robbing houses and shops, causing the population to flee in terror.

David R. Francis, the American ambassador to Russia, in a New Year's message to the Russian people, reminds them that a separate peace with Germany would rob them of the results of the revolution. President Wilson's message is greeted with divided opinion by the leading Bolsheviki newspapers. Ambassador Francis says the message is the best greeting he can give Russia from America.

President Approves New Daylight Saving Bill

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.-President Wilson has given his approval to the day-light saving bill, which has been passed by the senate, and is now before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Senator Calder of New York, author of the bill, called on the president today to learn his attitude toward it. The bill, if made law, will set the clocks ahead an hour and the senator asserts it would save 1,-000,000 tons of coal a year.

The Weather

For Nebraska-Fair; not so cold.

Comparative Local Record. Official record of temperature and pro-| 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1917 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 | 1916 |

Temperature and precipitation departures

Deficiency since March 1...... 7.48 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1916. 12.87 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1915. 1.67 inches Reports From Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-of Weather 7 p. m. est. fail. Cheyenne, cloudy20 26 96 Lander, cloudy 20
North Platte, clear 18
Omaha, clear 9
Pueblo part cloudy 22
Rapid City, clear 19
Salt Lake City, snow 30
Sante Exceptions

Sheridar, cloudy20 25 Shoux City, clear ... 8 12 Valentien, clear ... 14 20 T indicates trace of precipitation. - indicates below zero.
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist,

Santa Fe, cloudy26 Sheridar, cloudy20

URGE PORKLESS DAYS IN PLACE OF MEATLESS

Live Stock President Declares Cry is for Hog Products: Surplus Beef and Mutton.

(By Associated Press.)
Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 14.—That the government control of the consumption of meat without supplying a corresponding outlet for the product was working a hardship on the cattle raiser was the contention of Frank J Hagenbarth, president of the National Wool Growers' association, in a

Mr. Hagenbarth said that as a result of the meatless' days, cattle were increasing and thereby providing a burden which he said should not be borne by the live stock men. He asserted that pork should be conserved in preference to beef. Eliminate Meatless Day.

Immediate elimination of meatless days insofar as they apply to beef mutton and lamb, was urged upon the government by I. T. Pryor, president of the association. He de-Seventeen - Year - Old School clared that by the elimination it would encourage the consumption of the products of which, he said, there was a surplus, and release for the consumption of the associates of the United States in the war a vast amount of hog meat and fats, so essential to the overseas nations and Ottawa, Kan., Jan. 14 .- (Special their armies,

The convention opened with what was said to be the largest attendance at any meeting since the organization of the association. Storms in the east, however, are reported to have prevented several from attending. tion of going to Ottawa University to study her lessons. She is a fresh-man in the Baptist college here. She nounced, be read.
Oppose Mexican Plant.

Speeches of welcome were delivered Governor Simon Bamberger of ah, Mayor W. Mont Ferry of Salt Lake City and M. K. Parsons, second vice president of the association, of Salt Lake City.

The girl denied today that she ever had been engaged to Captain John J. Springer of Denver, re

sponded. In conformity with a resolution She recovered very quickly. She talked with friends and relatives passed by the executive committee of the association, President Pryor sent a telegram to David F. Houston United States secretary of agriculture asking that he make every effort to prevent the reopening of the Juarez Packing company's plant at Juarez, Mexico. It was believed that the reopening of the plant would furnish an outlet to American markets for hun-American cattle stolen in raids by Mexican bandits.

Dwight B. Head of Phoenix, Ariz. was chosen chairman of the resolutions committee by the executive committee. The resolutions committee will meet tomorrow morning.

Augustus P. Gardner of Hamilton, **QUARTER MILLION** RAISED IN BABY **BOND CAMPAIGN**

With more than \$275,000 pledged in less than six hours after the campaign started, the committee in charge of the national war savings drive in Omaha raised their objective from \$500,000, the original figure set, to just twice that sum, or \$1,000,000. The \$275,000 was either pledged or reported at the big mass meeting held at noon Monday at the Commercial club to fire the official first gun in the week's drive. Harry Tukey took the stump to urge the purchase of the thrift stamps and the huge total pledged is evidence of his success.

The largest sums subscribed were by employes of M. E. Smith and Paxton & Gallagher. Employes of each of these firms bought \$10,000 worth stamps. Employes of the John Deere Plow company subscribed

Reports of committees made at the mass meeting were as follows: Manufacturers' committee \$57,000
Wholesalers' committee 41,000
Retailers' committee 37,000

Wheeler base hospital after a short Prominent Rabbi Dies Major Gardner was formerly repre-On Birthday Anniversary sentative from Massachusetts. He ardently advocated the declaration by

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13.-The Rev. Jacobs Frommer, rabbi of the Bickur Cholem B'Nai Abraham, died clared war Representative Gardner resigned to take a commission in the army.

Soldier in Trenches Has Better Chance Than Babe Born in Omaha Naval authorities who got the mes-

an infant born in Omaha has of liv-statement, announced that of 2,500,ing to be 1 year of age, and Omaha 000 infants born in this country 350,-

MAJOR A. P. GARDNER.

the United States of war on Germany

and when in April congress finally de-

llness from pneumonia.





Speeches of those scheduled to speak, but unable to reach here, will, it is an-FRANCE REPORTED SINKING BY U. S. NAVAL AUTHORITIES the girl as she lay in bed at her home chine, bringing about 500 pint bottles will get the story right." age of two trips a week with each machine, bringing about 500 pint bottles each trip. This would make about 7,000 pints a week brought up by the

Mystery Surrounds Loss of Big Steamship Loaded With Nitrates; Believed to Have Been in Path of Icebergs; U-Boats Feared by Shipping Men.

An Atiantic Port, Jan. 14.—Agents of the American steamdreds of thousands of dollars worth of ship Texan, a vessel of 14,000 tons, today received advices from naval authorities that it was sinking at sea.

The location of the ship was not given.

RAMMED BY SHIP. Reports reaching shipping circles here from other sources were that the vessel had been rammed amidships in collision with another ship. It was said a steamer which had picked up the Texan's S. O. S. calls was hurrying to its assistance and

The Texan left here recently with a cargo of nitrates bound for a French port, agents of the vessel stated. "S. O. S." CALLS.

Messages reaching here from another port said that a steamer arriving there today reported that it had picked upan "S. O. S." from the Texan reporting that it had been struck amidships and was sinking. The last message from the Texan said "goodby-no more.'

The Texan's wireless operator reported that the starboard boats had been lowered, that the aft boat was lost and that an attempt was being made to lowe the forward boat. Oil from the ship's hold was poured on the starboard side in an effort

to make sea conditions better for launching the lifeboats. A message to or from the steamer Williamette was picked up saying: "Go to assistance of Texan."

Icebergs.

In the absence of definite word regarding the accident, shipping men expressed the opinion that the Texan may have encountered an iceberg. Efforts were made by government radio stations to communicate with ships with which the Texan might have been in collision.

The fact that the Texan apparently was sinking soon after being rammed without word as to assistance by another vessel in saving the crew, made the accident puzzling, naval authorities said.

A government radio station picked up a message later from the steamer Williamette, sent to an unidentified ship, saying: "Will you escort me

sage said they were unable to determine whether the Williamette had been in collision with the Texan or had been damaged by the same agency that sent the Texan to the bottom. Nothing more had been heard from the Texan at noon.

Hint at U-Boats.

Fragmentary wireless messages belonged to a fleet passing north. That none of the messages indicated

VON HERTLING ILL; FORCED TO GIVE UP DUTIES

London, Jan. 14 .- According to telegrams from Berlin today, Count von that the crew of 43 had taken to the Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, is ill and probably will resign shortly, says an Exchange Telegraph

Some 10 days ago there was a statement that Count von Hertling was indisposed was coupled with a rumor in political circles that there was an intrigue in progress to induce drink all day. And he didn't abandon health in order to make way for Prince von Buelow as acceptant of the chancellorship.

Chancellor von Hertling shortly afterward, however, appeared before the Rreichstag main committee to make a statement regarding the negotiations with Russia, and it has been stated in Berlin advices that he would again appear before the Reichstag this week to reply to Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson.

Americans Are Awarded French War Crosses

Emerson, Henry E. Palmer and Mar-quard Walker, all Harvard students and residents of New York; Edwin H. English of New Haven, Conn., a Yale

men in the region of Monastir.

GIRL CRIPPLED IN CRASH TELLS

Mae Nace, Called "Queen of the Bootleggers," Relates Events Leading Up to Serious Accident.

Mae Nace, pretty 18-year-old girl, who was seriously crippled in the wreck of the whisky-laden automobile at Shenandoah, Ia., was taken from her home, 2413 South Eighteenth street, to the Lord Lister hospital Monday afternoon, An X-ray photograph of her spine wi" be made by doctors to find the cause of her paralysis from the waist down.

"Yes, I'll talk to The Bee," said

Girl Seems Cheerful.

Mae's bed was surrounded by her father, mother and little brothers and sisters. The girl was cheerful and seemed to regard her terrible experience philosophically. She told a straightforward story of her trip from Omaha with Earl Beavers, stepson of St. Joseph liquor dealer, and of the adventures which happened to

"Earl and I left Omaha Thursday morning at 6 o'clock," she said. "We intended to go to St. Joe and spend a couple of days. On the way down we met another automobile that was headed north, but was stalled with engine trouble. Earl offered to help them out and transferred the liquor to our machine. Then we headed north for Council Bluffs.

Skidding Causes Accident. "The accident was caused by skid-

ding. We had chains on the back wheels, but the road was very slippery and the machine turned over Iwo automobiles which were coming toward us stopped and helped us up They took me to a private hospital in Shenandoah. Nobody knew who l was there. I wouldn't tell my name except my first name. So they called me Mae from Omaha. Some of them similar report from Berlin, when the called me the "Queen of the Boot-

leggers," the girl added laughing.
"It isn't true that Earl had been drinking. He hadn't had anything to him to resign on the ground of ill- me after the accident either. He stayed around till he got me to the hospital."
"Do you know where Earl Beavers

now?" she was asked, "No, I don't," she answered.

Officers of three states are searchng for Beavers.

Packing Investigation Delayed by Late Trains

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 14.-The late arrival of Francis J. Heney and his associates, who were delayed by the snow, caused a delay of several hours Paris, Jan. 14.—The American field ing into the federal trade commisservices has received word that war crosses have been awarded by the French army of the Orient to William testimony this afternoon.

Kansan Drops Dead.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14 .-- Franklin P. The medals were awarded for cour-general of Kansas, dropped dead here ageous action in removing wounded yesterday. Death was caused by apo-

Captive Balloon Snaps Cable And Starts on Runaway Flight

A captive balloon snapped its | enlisted men had taken the gas bag cable at Fort Omaha at 10:15 o'clock out of the balloon shed.

southwest of Walnut, Ia., shortly aft- snapped. ernoon. The telephone company gave and started in pursuit. the first information to authorities at Fort Omaha.

10:45 o'clock.

Monday morning, soared into the to the guy ropes were numbed with clouds and started at express train cold and the balloon was given too speed in a northeasternly direction. much 'play when it left the ground It came down four and one-half It shot up a few feet and the cable

Officers leaped into automobiles

Luckily, the cable broke when the balloon was only a few feet from the Missouri Valley, Ia., reported the ground and there was none to drag suggest that the damaged steamers balloon passing over that town at and duplicate the wild flight of a few weeks ago, when a gas bag of No one was in the passenger bas- | the Cacquot type went clear to Texas ket of the big Cacquot balloon when and then came back to western Ne-

STATE OFFICERS RAID RENDEZVOUS OF BOOTLEGGERS

Bungalow in Council Bluffs Revealed as Headquarters of Gigantic Trade in Contraband Liquor Between St. Joseph and Omaha; Girl Tells of

Gang's Operations.

A handsome bungalow, fitted up in oriental luxury, with every facility for camouflaging the bottlegging operations of which it formed the headquarters, was raided by State Liquor Officers Wilson and Buell, in Council Bluffs.

GARAGE UNDER BUNGALOW. The bungalow stands in Linden Acres, on the bluffs, far enough from other houses to be free from prying eyes of neighbors. A garage is located underneath the bungalow and is formed by an excavation in the bluff, The booze-laden automobiles drove direct into this garage, the door was closed and the liquor unloaded with perfect secrecy.

Eckford Out on Bond.

The raid was made following the wreck of one of a fleet of seven big automobiles Saturday near Shenandoah, Ia. The machine is alleged to have belonged to Jeff Eckford of Omaha. He was arrested by police Sunday and is out on \$750 bond pending federal investigation. He was at the office of the United States attorney Monday, but no federal complaint has been filed against him and he is still held under bond. He asserts he does not own the nachine.

Two Trips Weekly.

"These fellows were running a gigantic bootlegging business between St. Joseph and Council Bluffs," said Officer Buell. "They made an average of two trips a week with each magang in a week.

They had arranged it so that certain chauffeurs would pilot the booze cars to within two or three miles of the Iowa line, and there would be met by others, who brought the booze across. They were members of the old Billingsley gang, which is said to have operated all over the country. We had them spotted and would have captured several even if the accident hadn't happened to the car at Shenandoah.

Resort to Taxis.

"After they had the stuff safely in the bungalow in Council Bluffs they brought quantities across to Omaha in taxicabs, giving the taxi drivers \$10 a trip for the job.

May Nace, a pretty 18-year-old Omaha girl, had a narrow escape from death in the overturned car at Shenandoah. She is at the home of her parents, 2413 South Eighteenth street. She related her story to Of-

She said Earl Beavers, step-son of St. Joseph liquor dealer, was the driver of the booze-laden car in which she was riding at the time of the accident. Beavers was thrown clear of the machine, but Miss Nace was pinned underneath and lay there for some minutes before she was released and taken to a hospital near Shenandoah. Her parents brought her back to Omaha

Police Trail Beavers.

Officers are on the trail of Beavers, but he has not been captured. It is said he came to Council Bluffs after the accident. "We will also have two or three

others of the gang under arrest in a few days," said Officer Buell, The state officers found bank books

of Beavers in the Council Bluffs bungalow showing that he has \$1,600 on deposit in the United States Na-tional bank, Omaha, and \$900 in a St. Joseph bank.

May Have Stolen Cars.

Federal officers suspect that the pootlegging gang also were involved in the theft of automobiles. The number on the engine of the Cadillac car wrecked at Shenandoah was found to have been mutilated so that it could not be read. Beavers is said to have come to

Council Bluffs after the accident. It is also stated that he left there Sunday night in such a hurry that he left his shoes behind.

When he is captured federal information will be filed against him in the federal court for the southern district

WAR MATERIAL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 13.-Fire started in the Industrial building, which housed 30 manufacturing concerns, tonight and destroyed the building and adjoining property, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Fire Chief Loucks said he believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. Several of the manufacturing companies were making machinery for the government under war contracts.

Six dwellings, a church, grocery and saloon also were burned. Falling walls placed firemen in great danger and hindered them in their work by cutting lines of hose,

A soldier in the trenches has a bet- United States, according to figures ter chance of expectancy of life than reported by Secretary of War Baker,

is unusually low in infant mortality. 000, or 14 per cent, die during the compared with the general average of first year. He also stated that of all During 1917 the infant mortality rate was 5.7, which means that 57 of every first three years of the war 7 per cent 1,000 infants born died before they of the total died in action or from what had struck them aroused some were 1 year of age, and in 1916 the wounds, which is a little more than concern as to the actual cause of their rate was 6.4. The average for the 2 per cent per year, trouble.

troops sent to .he front in the Brit-