

POLICE BREAK UP 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.

(By Associated Press.)

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 February 18, while it is expected that the conferences will be resumed at Warsaw.

LENINE RETURNS.

Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, is again back in Petrograd and is reported to be taking a more important part in the negotiations.

There is some dissatisfaction in Petrograd with the way in which Foreign Minister Trotsky has conducted negotiations. Trotsky's 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 CONFERENCE.

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 furor in Germany during the last two weeks.

Answer Wilson.

Chancellor von Hertling is expected to address the main committee of the Reichstag on Wednesday and probably will answer the recent war aim statement of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George.

The basis of the Don River has been cleared of Cossack troops by Bolshevik soldiers, according to an official announcement. The Bolshevik 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 Bolshevik 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 daylight 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. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Time	Temp.	Wind
5 a. m.	4	W
6 a. m.	4	W
7 a. m.	4	W
8 a. m.	4	W
9 a. m.	4	W
10 a. m.	4	W
11 a. m.	4	W
12 m.	4	W
1 p. m.	10	W
2 p. m.	12	W
3 p. m.	13	W
4 p. m.	14	W
5 p. m.	14	W
6 p. m.	14	W
7 p. m.	14	W
8 p. m.	14	W
9 p. m.	14	W
10 p. m.	14	W
11 p. m.	14	W
12 m.	14	W

Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation for the day at Omaha Yesterday.

Highest yesterday 14. Lowest 4. Precipitation 0.00.

Normal temperature 32. Deficiency for the day 28. Total deficiency since March 1 28.

Normal precipitation .03 inch. Deficiency for the day .03 inch. Total deficiency since March 1 .03 inch.

Normal rainfall since March 1 1.22 inch. Deficiency since March 1 1.22 inch. Deficiency for year, period, 1917 1.67 inches. Deficiency for cor. period, 1917 1.67 inches.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State. Temp. High. Rain. Chgo., cloudy 20 40 .00. Davenport, clear 19 31 .00. Denver, cloudy 26 34 .00. Des Moines, clear 12 16 .00. Dodge City, clear 20 24 .00. Landor, cloudy 20 24 .00. North Platte, clear 18 22 .00. Omaha, clear 19 24 .00. Pueblo, part cloudy 22 24 .00. Rapid City, clear 19 29 .00. Reil, LaSalle City, snow 20 24 .00. Santa Fe, cloudy 20 20 .14. Sheridan, cloudy 20 26 .01. Sioux City, clear 20 24 .00. Valentine, clear 14 20 .00.

7. Indicates trace of precipitation. — Indicates below zero. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

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 speech delivered at the twenty-first annual convention of the American National Live Stock association this afternoon.

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, veal, mutton and lamb, was urged upon the government by L. T. Pryor, president of the association. He declared 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 their armies.

Oppose Mexican Plant.

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

John J. Springer of Denver, reported.

In conformity with a resolution 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 for American markets for hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of 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.

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 employees of M. E. Smith and Paxton & Gallagher. Employees of each of these firms bought \$10,000 worth of stamps. Employees of the John Deere Plow company subscribed \$5,000.

Reports of committees made at the mass meeting were as follows: Manufacturers' committee, \$57,000. Wholesale committee, \$41,000. Retailers' committee, \$25,000. Printers' committee, \$35,000. Grain exchange committee, \$6,000. Professional men's committee, \$12,500. Real estate committee, \$15,000. Knights of Columbus, \$10,000. South Omaha, \$6,000. Bankers' committee, \$9,000. Insurance committee, \$9,000.

Prominent Rabbi Dies On Birthday Anniversary

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13.—The Rev. Jacobs Frommer, rabbi of the Bickur Cholem B'Nai Abraham, died today, the 64th anniversary of his birth. He was the author of standard works on the Hebrew language.

Soldier in Trenches Has Better Chance Than Babe Born in Omaha

A soldier in the trenches has a better chance of expectancy of life than an infant born in Omaha has of living to be 1 year of age, and Omaha is unusually low in infant mortality, compared with the general average of the United States.

During 1917 the infant mortality rate was 57, which means that 57 of every 1,000 infants born died before they were 1 year of age, and in 1916 the rate was 64. The average for the United States, according to figures reported by Secretary of War Baker, is 14. The secretary, in a recent statement, announced that of 2,500,000 infants born in this country 350,000, or 14 per cent, die during the first year. He also stated that of all troops sent to the front in the British expeditionary forces during the first three years of the war 7 per cent of the total died in action or from wounds, which is a little more than 2 per cent per year.



AMERICAN VESSEL BOUND FOR FRANCE REPORTED SINKING BY U. S. NAVAL AUTHORITIES

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

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 14.—Agents of the American steamship 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.

VON HERTLING ILL; FORCED TO GIVE UP DUTIES

London, Jan. 14.—According to telegrams from Berlin today, Count von Hertling, the German imperial chancellor, is ill and probably will resign shortly, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch. Some 10 days ago there was a similar report from Berlin, when the statement that Count von Hertling was indisposed was coupled with a rumor in political circles that there was an intrigue in progress to induce him to resign on the ground of ill-health in order to make way for Prince von Buelow as acceptant of the chancellorship.

Chancellor von Hertling shortly afterward, however, appeared before the Reichstag 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

Paris, Jan. 14.—The American field services have received word that war crosses have been awarded by the French army of the Orient to William Emerson, Henry E. Palmer and Marquand Walker, all Harvard students and residents of New York; Edwin H. English of New Haven, Conn., a Yale student.

Kansan Drops Dead

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14.—Franklin P. Lindsay, special assistant attorney general of Kansas, dropped dead here yesterday. Death was caused by apoplexy.

Captive Balloon Snaps Cable And Starts on Runaway Flight

A captive balloon snapped its cable at Fort Omaha at 10:15 o'clock Monday morning, soared into the clouds and started at express train speed in a northeasterly direction. It came down four and one-half miles southwest of Walnut, Ia., shortly after noon. The telephone company gave the first information to authorities at Fort Omaha.

Missouri Valley, Ia., reported the balloon passing over that town at 10:45 o'clock. No one was in the passenger basket of the big Caquot balloon when it broke loose. A flight officer, several flying cadets and a company of

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 bootlegging operations of which it formed the headquarters, was raided by State Liquor Officers Wilson and Buell, in Council Bluffs.

GIRL CRIPPLED IN CRASH TELLS OF WHISKY RING

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 will be made by doctors to find the cause of her paralysis from the waist down.

"Yes, I'll talk to 'The Bee,'" said the girl as she lay in bed at her home Monday morning. "I know 'The Bee' will get the story right."

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 her.

"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. 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 her."

Skidding Causes Accident.

"The accident was caused by skidding. We had chains on the back wheels, but the road was very slippery and the machine turned over. Two automobiles which were coming toward us stopped and helped us up. They took me to a private hospital in Shenandoah. Nobody knew who I was there. I wouldn't tell my name except my first name. So they called me Mae from Omaha. Some of them called me the 'Queen of the Bootleggers,' the girl added laughing. "It isn't true that Earl had been drinking. He hadn't had anything to drink all day. And he didn't abandon me after the accident either. He stayed around till he got me to the hospital."

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.

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 in the opening of the St. Paul hearing into the federal trade commission's packing investigation today. Witnesses were expected to begin testimony this afternoon.

May Have Stolen Cars.

Federal officers suspect that the bootlegging 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.

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.