

# WAR CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN STATE CAPITAL

### Greatest Event of Kind in History of Nebraska Will Last Two Days; Many Prominent Speakers.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—Nebraska's war conference, which opens here tomorrow, promises to be the greatest event of its kind ever attempted in the state's history. Eminent speakers from many parts of the country, as well as representatives of our allies in the world war, will address the meetings, which will be held in St. Paul's church and which will continue throughout tomorrow and Saturday. In addition to the extensive program of the conference proper, there will be meetings of the state and county councils of defense and representatives of the Four Minute Men from every part of Nebraska.

Plans have been made to accommodate several thousands of persons and from acceptances already received by the committees in charge of arrangements, every meeting and divisional meeting will find representatives of every part of Nebraska present. Those in charge of the conference hope to have such a showing made that it will disclose Nebraska, with her large foreign population, as solidly behind the president and the nation in the prosecution of the nation's war aims.

#### Lane Cannot Come.

While considerable disappointment was expressed when it was learned that Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the department of the interior, would not be at the meetings, as had been announced, other eminent speakers will take his place and the program will be made up of men who will speak intimately of the important subjects they will discuss. Secretary Lane was forced to give up engagements at the war conference in Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, as his son, a lieutenant in the aviation corps, has been ordered to France and the secretary and Mrs. Lane wish to bid him goodbye.

Advices from the speaking division of the Committee on Public Information were to the effect that Dr. George E. Vincent, formerly president of the University of Minnesota and one of the ablest speakers in the country, would take Mr. Lane's place on tomorrow night's program. Mr. Vincent is at present the president of the Rockefeller Foundation and chancellor of the Chautauqua Institution.

#### Baronet to Speak.

In addition to Mr. Vincent, the other speaker on Friday night's program will be the Right Honorable Frederick E. Smith, attorney general of England, whom the king created a baronet on New Year's day.

The speaker of the evening at Saturday night's mass meeting will be Dr. Vernon Kellogg, who was Herbert Hoover's first assistant in the Belgian Relief Commission, it is expected. The programs of the mass meetings and the divisional meetings show the names of many prominent speakers and are as follows:

#### Nebraska War Conference—General sessions:

Friday afternoon session: Address by A. E. Bestor, director of the speakers' division, Committee on Public Information, "The War and the Making of Public Opinion."

Friday evening session, Governor Neville presiding: Address, Right Honorable Frederick E. Smith, Bart., attorney general of England.

Address, President George E. Vincent, Rockefeller Foundation.

Saturday evening session: Address, Dr. Vernon Kellogg, Belgian Relief Commission.

#### Sectional Meetings.

The program for the sectional meetings is not entirely complete but has been announced as follows: Friday morning—State Council of Defense and County Councils of Defense.

Saturday morning—9 o'clock state council of defense and county councils of defense; Address by Gurney Newlin, of California, representing Council of National Defense and the U. S. Shipping Board—"The State Councils and the Work of National Defense."

Food and fuel division—Address by Gurdon W. Watties, federal food administrator for Nebraska.

Address by John L. Kennedy, federal fuel administrator for Nebraska, Saturday afternoon.

Woman's section—Address by Mrs. Phillip G. Moore, of Washington, member of the Women's Committee, Council of National Defense.

State council and county councils of defense.

#### "Minute Men" to Meet.

The conference of the Nebraska Four Minute Men, held in connection with the war conference, will be held Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The program of the two meetings, so far as arranged, are as follows:

Friday afternoon—1 o'clock.

Greetings—William McCormick Blair, director of Four Minute Men.

Address—Director A. E. Bestor.

Address, Mae Martin, of the advisory council of the Four Minute Men—"The Four Minute Men and Its Military Organization Behind the Lines."

Round table conference.

Saturday Morning.

Report of the Four Minute Men. M. M. Fogg, State Chairman of the Four Minute Men for Nebraska.

Address—Mac Martin.

Round table conference for chairmen and speakers.

Saturday Noon.

"Four Minute" luncheon.

Saturday afternoon.

Round table conference for chairmen and speakers.

This division is expected to have one of the largest records of attendance and the work of the meetings will be watched with interest as the Nebraska Four Minute Men have been well organized and have done a great deal of work in this state.

Plans for future efforts will be considered and the work outlined for future drives in all parts of the state.

Reports from a majority of counties in the state are to the effect that representatives of the counties will be present and it is expected that the meetings will be the center of a great deal of real interest and lively discussions.

# RUSS PROPOSALS ARE IMPOSSIBLE, DECLARES BERLIN

Berlin, Jan. 17.—An official statement issued here today giving the reply by the central powers to the Russian proposals at Brest-Litovsk concerning the regions occupied by the central powers diverge to such a degree from the views of the central powers that in their present form they are unacceptable.

The official statement says the Russian proposals do not show a compromising attitude and do not consider the opposite parties on a just basis. Nevertheless, it adds, the central powers again are prepared to give a clearly formulated expression of their opinions and to try to find a basis for a compromise.

The assertion that the right of self-determination is an attribute of nations and not of parts of nations is not our conception of self-determination, the official statement declares. It must be assumed that the limits of occupation are a standard for fixing the boundaries of such portions.

The Austro-Germans, the statement declares, do not intend incorporating the territories now occupied by them into their respective countries.

### Miners Protest Against Women Working for Less Pay

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17.—A resolution favoring the taking of every possible action by the government to further the military success of the United States in the present war but opposing universal compulsory military training as a permanent institution after the conflict is over, is expected to be reported to the miners convention here today. The committee on resolutions acted favorably on the resolution last night.

A number of resolutions protesting against any amendments to the present immigration laws which will make it easy for Chinese labor to come into this country will also be favorably reported. The resolution was introduced by a local union in the state of Washington.

The convention is also expected to take favorable action on a resolution which will oppose the employment of women where such employment will have the tendency to lower the wages of men. It is said here that the advisory council to the Department of Labor at Washington has already adopted as a principle the restriction of female employment where it tends to reduce the rates of wages.

### Reports of City Planning Commission is Printed

The city planning commission has received a supply of printed reports of the work of the office during the first year of its organization, from May, 1916, to May, 1917. This report contains preliminary studies which have been prepared by Secretary Kvenild and a staff of planners, including George B. Ford, E. P. Goodrich and the late Charles Mulford Robinson, experts who were engaged to make surveys here. The report also includes a map of Greater Omaha showing proposed major street system and present and proposed boulevards. Omahans interested in the work of the city planning commission may have copies of these reports by calling at the office on the fourth floor of the city hall.

### Nebraska Audubons to Meet Saturday Night

Members of the Nebraska Audubon society will hold their annual meeting at the public library Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Election of officers will be followed by an interesting program for bird lovers. Miles Greenleaf, Dr. Solon R. Towne and other authorities on the little gallinaceous friends will enlighten the less learned as to robins, their habits, where they pass their winters and when they first put in an appearance in the spring.

### No Decrease Noted in Army Enlistments in Omaha

No material decrease in enlistments has been noticed by army recruiting officers since the issuance of the recent order that no registered men would be accepted. During the first 16 days in January 440 men were enlisted from the Omaha headquarters. This is about the average for the same period during the last six months. A large majority of the men enlisted during this period have been men over the draft age.

### Barber Sunday Closing Law To Be Tested in High Court

City ordinance prohibiting barbers from working Sundays will be tested in the state supreme court on the ground that it is unconstitutional in the case of Edward K. Murry, barber, fined in municipal court for violation of the ordinance. The case has been appealed to district court. Attorneys say Murry will admit the facts and then appeal the case to the higher court.

### Widow of Policeman Wins Suit Against City of Omaha

Mary A. Good, widow of a policeman killed March 31, 1916, was awarded \$3,500 under the workmen's compensation act by Judge Leslie, sitting in equity court. Officer Good was shot while trying to arrest a man. Mrs. Good's compensation was set at \$10 a week for 350 weeks.

### City Commissioners to Clash With Hardy Sots

City commissioners will meet members of Clan Gordon Athletic association next Wednesday afternoon at a curling match on the lagoon of Miller park.

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# SIX SAILORS ARE KILLED ABOARD U. S. BATTLESHIP

### Heavy Gale Carries Away a Mast on the Michigan; Three Seamen Injured in Accident at Sea.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Six men were killed and three injured on the United States steamship Michigan when the ship was caught in a heavy gale at sea, it was officially announced today.

The dead are: OSBEN CAPERS BELYEU, CARL FREDERICK MARAH-ENENS, CLARENCE EUGENE BOK, FRANK JOHN PRINZ, JULIAN S. BELL, seaman, JOHN ENGELLO CHICO, a fireman.

The injured: Edward Thomas McDonald, left leg broken, Gordon Solomon Farmer, both arms broken, Virgil V. Biggers, thigh cut and head and ankle injured.

All injured were seamen. The men were killed and injured by the falling of a cage mast. The first accident of its kind in the navy.

### Will Send Railroad Mechanics to the East

Washington, Jan. 17.—The railroad administration today is working out arrangements for the temporary transfer of skilled railroad mechanics from the west to the east, where at present there exists an acute shortage in competent labor material.

Mechanics and car repair men, it was pointed out by executives of eastern lines, are needed.

# Caillaux Planned to Arrest President Poincare of France

Rome, Jan. 17.—The Giornale d'Italia continues to publish details of the documents found in the safe deposit box in a Florence bank which had been rented by former Premier Caillaux.

One of the documents is in the former premier's handwriting and gives a sketch of a proposed political program if he should again be called to become premier of France. It gives the names of senators, deputies and generals who would be called to collaborate in a ministry.

Caillaux, the document shows, according to the newspapers, would begin by arresting President Poincare and all the recent political leaders, including former Premier Briand. Caillaux would appoint General Sarraill commander-in-chief of the French

army and would bring to Paris two Corsican regiments he considered friendly to him.

The chamber of deputies, the Giornale d'Italia says, would be compelled to approve a bill giving Caillaux absolute power. He then would dissolve the senate and the chamber and France would make a great effort to obtain a military success, after which a popular referendum or a peace treaty would be taken.

A new regime, the document shows, would be instituted in France, limiting the powers of the senate and chamber, but preserving the republican form of government.

Copies of the documents, the Giornale d'Italia says, were sent to Captain Bonhard, head of the investigating committee, who decided to arrest Caillaux.

# GERMANY EAGER TO BREAK WITH RUSS

### Prefer Breach in Armistice to Dispute in Peace Negotiations; Socialists Oppose Red Government.

London, Jan. 17.—The version of the incident that resulted in the arrest of Roumanian Minister Diamandi given by the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News says that Roumanian troops surrounded a Russian regiment and with it some Austrians who were visiting the Russians, thus breaking the conditions of the armistice on the eastern front.

The whole incident, the correspondent says, suggests a Germany agency, because nothing would suit the Germans better than an excuse to break with Russia over a breach of the

# FORMER CZAR OF RUSSIA ESCAPES WITH HIS FAMILY

### Nicholas Romanoff is Reported to Have Run Away From Siberian Prison Where He Was Held.

London, Jan. 17.—Nicholas Romanoff, the former emperor, and his family have escaped from their prison near Tobolsk, it is reported in Petrograd, according to a Reuter dispatch from the Russian capital. The report, the dispatch adds, lacks confirmation.

Nicholas Romanoff and his family were removed to Tobolsk by the Kerensky government last August. In October the Romanoffs were taken to the Abolsk monastery, some distance outside Tobolsk.

The executive committee of the congress of peasants' deputies on January 13 adopted a resolution urging that the former emperor be brought to Kronstadt or Petrograd.

A dispatch from Amsterdam on Tuesday reported that German papers had said that the former emperor had become insane and was confined in a sanatorium at Tobolsk. Her condition was reported to be hopeless.

### Propose Director of All War Supplies

Washington, Jan. 17.—The senate war inquiry was suspended today to allow members of the military affairs committee to work on proposed legislation for the establishment of a war supply administration.

Creation of a one-man control of munitions, proponents of the measure believe, would be effective in solving many problems of the government's purchasing system.

### Congress Hopes to Adjourn by June 1

Washington, Jan. 17.—Speeding up of all appropriation measures by avoiding unnecessary hearings and all possible delays, with a view to concluding all business of the house by May 15 and readiness to adjourn congress by June 1, was agreed upon at a conference today between Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Kitchin and the chairmen of all the leading committees of the house.

### Ukrainians Fight Street Battle With Bolsheviki Army

London, Jan. 17.—A pitched battle has occurred in the streets of Odessa between Ukrainian and Bolsheviki troops, according to a dispatch received in Petrograd and forwarded by Reuter's Limited.

The Ukrainians hold the theater building and posted machine guns in nearby streets. The shooting soon spread throughout the city. The chief of the Bolsheviki troops was wounded mortally.

A battleship and other warships in the roadstead opened fire on the town. Accounts of the battle differ as to whether the Bolsheviki have taken the arsenal.

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