



NEBRASKA TROOPS SOON GO

TWELVE PERSONS CRUSHED TO DEATH IN MOVIE THEATER

Twenty-Three Injured Seriously at Winchester, Ky.; Thirty Others Less Seriously Hurt When Walls of Burned Building Adjoining Collapse, Crushing Structure Crowded to Doors With Children.

(By Associated Press.) Winchester, Ky., March 10.—Twelve persons were killed, 10 of whom were children, 23 persons so seriously injured it was found necessary to remove them to the Clark county hospital and about 30 others less seriously hurt here tonight, when the walls of a burned building adjoining a moving picture theater collapsed, crushing in its roof.

MANY ARE CHILDREN. Six of the 23 injured taken to the Clark county hospital were thought to be fatally hurt. The majority of these as well as those not so seriously hurt children, several hundred of whom were crowded into the moving picture theater when the crash came.

Fell in One Part. The wall which collapsed was also used as one wall of the theater, but projected considerably above the roof of the theater building. When it collapsed a part fell on the theater's roof. The wall collapse at the same time removed the support from under the roof on that side and it crashed down into the theater.

The greatest force of the fall was spent upon one section of 75 seats and it was here that all of the fatalities and serious injuries occurred. A considerable number of persons seated in other parts of the house, however, were cut and bruised by flying pieces of splintered timber and pieces of stone from the falling wall.

Panic Follows Crash. The first result of the crash was panic in which the hundreds of children and a small number of grown persons struggled to reach the entrance. Apparently no one was hurt in this rush which easily swept through the wide doors giving entrance to the theater.

Within a short time hundreds of persons attracted to the scene by the noise of the falling wall, had been organized into volunteer rescue squads and soon cleared away the wreckage.

Bolshevik Grant Freedom To Grand Duke Michael Petrograd, March 10.—It is stated in the newspapers that the bolshevik government has granted complete freedom to Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, who has been under arrest at his home. Emperor Nicholas on abdicating, designated his as regent.

Michael Alexandrovitch, a younger brother of Nicholas Romanoff, was named as regent when the former emperor abdicated on March 15, last. Early last September the grand duke and his wife were arrested, it being alleged that they had been concerned in a monarchist plot. Since that time he has been in custody.

Former Denver Detective Found Guilty of Robbery Brighton, Colo., March 10.—A jury in the district court today found Frank H. Mulligan, former Denver detective, guilty of robbing Mrs. Irene Nolan, Denver society girl, of \$3,400 in a hold-up at the Model roadhouse. The trial was the first of four cases growing out of the affair. The jury was out 15 hours. Mulligan was remanded to jail.

Mrs. Nolan was robbed of her jewels at about 7 o'clock on the morning of January 2 last.

New York Postmasters to Examine Many Magazines Washington, March 10.—The postmaster of New York was today instructed by the Postoffice department hereafter to examine the Metropolitan magazine and "certain other publications," before permitting them to pass through the mails. The instructions resulted from complaints to the department that an article, "Is America Honest?" in the March issue of the Metropolitan violated the espionage act.

The Weather For Nebraska—Fair; warmer. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday. Hours. Deg. 3 a. m. 16 4 a. m. 17 5 a. m. 17 6 a. m. 17 7 a. m. 17 8 a. m. 17 9 a. m. 17 10 a. m. 17 11 a. m. 17 12 m. 17 1 p. m. 17 2 p. m. 17 3 p. m. 17 4 p. m. 17 5 p. m. 17 6 p. m. 17 7 p. m. 17 8 p. m. 17 9 p. m. 17 10 p. m. 17 11 p. m. 17 Comparative Local Record. 1918 1917 1916 1915 Highest yesterday... 44 67 35 54 Lowest yesterday... 16 25 24 16 Mean temperature... 30 31 20 20 Precipitation... .00 .00 .00 .00 Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature... 32 Deficiency for the day... 2 Total excess since March 1, 1918... 72 Normal precipitation... .48 inch Deficiency for the day... .34 inch Total rainfall since March 1... .79 inch Deficiency since March 1... .29 inch Deficiency for cor. period, 1917... .37 inch Deficiency for cor. period, 1916... .31 inch Deficiency for cor. period, 1915... .21 inch L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Americans Receive Gratitude Medals; Belgian Queen and Gen. Pershing



The first list of persons who have been awarded the new French decoration "Medal of Gratitude," issued since the war, in recognition of services rendered France by foreigners, includes the names of 39 Americans. General Pershing, it is said, will be decorated with the French cross by Premier Clemenceau. The queen of Belgium is named first among those who received the first class silver gilt medals. Mrs. Sharp, wife of the American ambassador to France, received a medal of the first class for her untiring war work since her arrival in France. James Hazen Hyde, Henry O. Beatty, director-general of the American relief clearing house in New York; Mrs. Sophie Coolidge, founder of the Detroit group of the American hospital at Neuilly; Mrs. W. A. Edwards of Los Angeles; Red Cross; Mrs. Herman Hall and Mrs. Anne Penfield, in recognition of her devotion to French soldiers interned in Austria-Hungary, are the Americans who were given the first class "honor tokens" by France.

AMERICAN MONEY USED TO ASSIST GERMAN RELIEF

Hearing of Senate Committee Into Affairs of Alliance Brings Out Dealings of Expelled Enemy Alien. (By Associated Press.) Washington, March 10.—More than \$800,000, collected by the National German American alliance for the relief of war sufferers in Germany before the United States entered the war reached the hands of Dr. Bernard Dernburg, chief German propagandist in this country at the time, according to evidence yesterday before a senate committee holding a hearing on a bill by Senator King of Utah to revoke the alliance's charter.

Defense of Lusitania. J. Tjarka of Baltimore, treasurer of the alliance, told the committee that he turned the money over to Count Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, and produced checks covering a greater portion of the vast fund which had been endorsed over to Dr. Dernburg by von Bernstorff.

Dr. Dernburg came to the United States soon after the war began in 1914, and first came prominently into public notice by his defense of the sinking of the Lusitania. He traveled extensively, lecturing and writing, and his activity finally became the subject of an investigation by Department of Justice agents.

Money Reaches Germany. When asked today by Senator Walcott of Delaware whether any of the money which Dr. Dernburg received was used for propaganda work, Tjarka said he did not know that it was, and added that if it was so used it was misapplied. He justified the action of Bernstorff in delivering the money to Dr. Dernburg on the ground that the latter was "regarded as the representative of the German Red Cross."

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Former Omaha Woman Ready To Serve as Wireless Operator Mrs. H. E. Fredrickson, wife of H. E. Fredrickson, formerly an automobile dealer of Omaha, has been graduated from the school of wireless telegraphy at Denver. Mrs. Fredrickson, accompanied by her husband, arrived in Omaha from Denver Saturday. "I am ready to volunteer for the wireless service anywhere Uncle Sam wants to send me, whether for the land, or on board a battleship or submarine," said Mrs. Fredrickson. "I took the course because I believe in preparedness. It seems that just at this time there is no real serious demand for women in the wireless work, but when women are wanted in that service I am ready to volunteer." Mrs. Fredrickson was graduated with high honors. She sends 25 words per minute with great ease.

ARMY LEADERS AT DEMING CONFERENCE ON NEED FOR CARS

Railroad and Camp Officials Meet at Camp to Determine Requisites Necessary Now and at Any Future Time; Interpreted as Signifying Nebraska and Iowa Troops Will Soon be Called Into Active Service.

El Paso, Tex., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—General superintendents of three railroads and the Pullman company have just concluded a conference at Camp Cody with the chief of staff and division quartermaster officers with regard to any and all needs the Thirty-fourth army division at Cody may have for cars of all classes at any time in the future.

The Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Rock Island systems were represented. The commanders are of the regular army. TROOPS IN REVIEW. The semi-monthly division review of the troops of Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, South and North Dakota in training here was held before Major General Augustus P. Blockson, division commander, and a brigadier general inspector of the regular army this morning.

Mystic Shriners from New Mexico and west Texas at Deming to conduct a street parade and afternoon ceremonial, in which many officers and enlisted men were initiated, were present at the army review.

Nebraska Ready. The Nebraska boys at Camp Cody are ready. Trained to the minute, the Cornhusker state lads have been anticipating a move for several months, and expect soon to see action on the American front in France. According to letters written home by members of the 127th Field artillery, which formerly was the Fourth Nebraska National Guard, the soldiers have been on the verge of leaving America on several occasions, but were delayed for some unaccountable reason.

In Training Year. The Nebraska boys of the Fourth and Fifth National Guard have been in training for over a year, having seen service for six months on the Mexican border. Returning home, they were inactive for only a month when the European war broke out. They are considered by army officials to be perhaps the best trained soldiers in the United States. The old Fourth Nebraska has taken to the artillery work with a vengeance, the letters home declare, and are even more efficient in this work than they were as infantrymen.

What Conference Means. The El Paso review, together with arrangements being made by railway officials, in all probability means that the Nebraska boys will enter France. Rumors were current some time ago that the 127th field artillery would be transferred to Fort Omaha to work with the balloons here, similar to the plan now carried out in France.

Undoubtedly when the order comes for the Camp Cody contingent to enter it will be composed mostly of Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota boys, who are in the vast majority at Deming.

Ace With Many Decorations To Instruct U. S. Aviators An Atlantic Port, March 10.—A 20-year-old French "Ace" who has been awarded all the war decorations possible to a flyer by his country, arrived here today in the person of Lieutenant Constant Soullier, who in the last two years has shot down 15 German airplanes, and killed or captured their pilots.

Lieutenant Soullier modestly admitted his achievement only when fellow passengers on the French liner, which brought him over, told of it. He has come to America on a year's furlough to help train United States army aviators. For this purpose several of his machines will be sent across later.

Nebraska Nearing Quota For Mechanics' Enrollment Washington, March 10.—Figures received at the Department of Labor today showed that 200,000 mechanics have registered for work in the shipyards and that many states have already exceeded their quotas. Illinois with a quota of 23,602 now has 29,000 enrolled. New York City has passed its quota of 20,000 and is continuing to receive enlistments. Many of these volunteers have been trained to the shipyards in the vicinity of New York and to Hog Island, Pa. The District of Columbia has reached its quota and Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and New Hampshire are enrolling at a rapid rate.

Wool Employes Granted Third Big Wage Increase Passaic, N. J., March 10.—The industrial council of Passaic wool manufacturers voted today to grant a wage increase approximating \$500,000 annually to the employes of the various mills. This is the third voluntary increase. The mills employ 12,500 persons.

German Attacks on French Sectors Fail Paris, Sunday, March 10.—German attacks failed in the Bois Le Petre, Reillon and Letricourt sectors, according to the official statement issued by the war office early today.

AMERICAN WAR SECRETARY NOW AT FRENCH PORT Paris, March 10.—The American secretary of war, Newton D. Baker, has arrived at a French port.

Pioneer Prohibitionist Dead in Western Home Chico, Cal., March 10.—Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, widow of General John Bidwell, who in 1892 was the prohibition party nominee for president of the United States, died at her home here tonight after a brief illness. Mrs. Bidwell, like her husband, participated actively in the cause of the prohibition party.

Japan Foreign Minister Declines Discuss Siberia Tokio, Saturday, March 9.—Viscount Motono, the Japanese foreign minister, was questioned today in the House of Representatives by the leader of the opposition concerning the mobilization of the Japanese army. The foreign minister refused to be drawn into a discussion of the subject.

Chinese Government Troops Suffer Setback Peking, Thursday, March 7.—Government troops have suffered a severe reverse through the capture of Chengtu, capital of the Province of Szechuen, by forces from Yunnan and Kweichow, provinces bordering on the south of Szechuen.

GERMAN EMPEROR SAYS RING AROUND FATHERLAND BROKEN Amsterdam, March 10.—According to the Berlin Lokale Anzeiger, the German emperor, replying to a message from the Bremen senate, telegraphed as follows: "In long years of struggle the German people in arms, led by ideal generals have broken the Russian power and won the safety of the empire in the east. Moreover, we are finally able to respond to the call for help by the hard pressed Germans and border peoples of Russia, who were striving for free development and to secure for them a guarantee of new and better times. "When we look back over the events of these years and grasp the significance of the peace gained in the east, which means the bursting of the ring the enemy laid around us, we must look up to Almighty God, with heartfelt thanks, who has so gloriously directed everything. We will draw from this fact strong confidence that the end of the world war will open a happy future to our beloved German fatherland."

VON MEYER DEAD AT BOSTON HOME, IN TWO CABINETS National Republican Leader of Former Days Passes Away After Long Illness; Served in Foreign Courts. (By Associated Press.) Boston, March 10.—George L. von Meyer, former cabinet member and diplomat, died at his home here at 11:15 tonight after an illness of several weeks. Although he never figured conspicuously in practical politics and was never a seeker of elective office as that phrase is generally understood, Mr. Meyer long held a prominent place in the councils of the republican party in Massachusetts and at one time during the most active period of his public career, he was looked upon as a leader of national prominence. He held cabinet positions under Presidents Roosevelt and Taft and had previously served as United States ambassador to Italy and to Russia. For six years, from 1898 to 1904, he was the Massachusetts representative on the republican national committee. Entered Politics Early. George L. von Meyer was born in Boston, June 24, 1858, the son of the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

SOCIALISTS OF NATION WIDE PROMINENCE ARE INDICTED AT CHICAGO

Grand Jury Charges Leaders With Obstructing Draft, Encouraging Disloyalty and Interfering With Prosecution of War; Berger is Candidate for United States Senate; Charges 26 Overt Acts. (By Associated Press.) Chicago, March 10.—Victor L. Berger, former congressman from Wisconsin; Adolph Germer, national secretary of the socialist party; Irwin St. John Tucker, a Chicago socialist; J. Louis Engdahl and William F. Kruse, were indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday, charged with obstructing recruiting, encouraging disloyalty and interfering with the prosecution of the war.

EDITORS ARE INCLUDED. The indictments returned February 2, but withheld by District Attorney Clyne, charge 26 overt acts. It is charged those indicted conspired to violate the espionage act by speeches and articles printed in certain publications. Engdahl is editor of the American Socialist of Chicago and Kruse is editor of the Young Peoples' socialist magazine, also published here.

BERGER OUT FOR SENATOR. Mr. Berger, who is candidate for nomination for United States senator from Wisconsin on the socialist ticket, in announcing his platform this week, said if elected he would work for passage of a resolution by congress directing the president to summon warring countries to an immediate armistice and peace conference. His platform also calls for withdrawal of American troops from Europe to procure absolute "security for this country." The Wisconsin senatorial election will be held April 2.

Seymour Stedman, counsel for the national socialist party, issued a statement tonight in which he expressed the view that "war profiteers" and monster capitalists are most interested in this prosecution.

Counsel Issues Statement. Seymour Stedman, counsel for the national socialist party, issued the following statement tonight: "The books, papers and documents of our national office have always been open to party members and the public officials. For six months the federal authorities have been watching and frequently searching to find something of a criminal nature and have gone all over the country to find statements by irresponsible and detached socialists to be used against the officials of the party. "Apparently it is considered necessary to place the American socialist party on trial. If the truth comes forth as a result of this case, I believe (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Norman Specifies Sum To Be Paid for Injury Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—Ten dollars a week for the period of 300 weeks and \$8 per week thereafter to the end of his life is the order issued by Compensation Commissioner Norman to be paid by the Phoenix Construction company of Omaha to Earl D. Altman for injuries received while working for the company.

Altman lost the use of both thumbs by coming in contact with a live wire while working for the company. He practically is helpless as far as doing work of any kind.