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THE WEATHER:

Table with weather forecast: Increasing cloudiness Sunday followed by rain by night or Monday; cooler Monday. Thermometer readings for 3 a.m., 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., 12 m.

CARMEN TO MEET TODAY

SOLDIERS IN CLASH AT PARADE IN BERLIN

German Government Disclaims Responsibility for Arrest of Council's Executive Committee.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 7.—Great excitement was caused among the Spartacus, or radical, group in Berlin today when the executive committee of the soldiers and workmen's council was arrested, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The government declared it did not order the arrest and promises that the committee shall be released.

Refuse to Disperse. Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—There was a lively exchange of shots resulting in the killing of 16 persons and the wounding of 15 others when soldiers parading in Berlin as a demonstration against not being represented on the executive council of the soldiers' and workmen refused to disperse, according to reports from Berlin today.

Wrecked in Gale. Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 7.—The steamer Benito Juarez, bound from San Francisco to Manila, foundered with the loss of seven lives in the gale which swept the islands Tuesday. The wreck is 40 miles north-east of Mokolokai channel. All living members of the crew reached the island of Lanai Wednesday night, according to a message from Chief Mate R. H. Anderson.

Shot Fired at Portuguese. President Misses Mark Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 7.—An unidentified man fired at Dr. Sidonio Paes, the president of Portugal, in the street here today. The shot missed its mark and the president's aggressor was arrested.

RAILROAD MAN KILLED BY CARS IN LOCAL YARDS. Charles Thoelecke, Inspector, Found With Arm and Leg Severed; Family Ill With "Flu."

Charles F. Thoelecke, 3013 Dewey Avenue, a car inspector for the Union Pacific, was seriously injured while working in the railroad yards, about 6:00 o'clock Saturday night, and taken to St. Joseph hospital where he died at 9:30. One arm and a leg were completely severed, and the other leg badly crushed. Thoelecke, died on the operating table while the crushed limb was being amputated.

It is presumed that Thoelecke stepped between two cars thinking that the engine had been disconnected from the train. He was 60 years old and an old employee of the company. It was said by attendants at the hospital that his two daughters came to his bedside after the injury, leaving his wife and two children home sick with the influenza. They also said that he had two boys in the military service.

More than the usual number of accidents occurred Saturday night, due to carelessness and reckless driving in congested streets. Eugene Burns, aged 6 years, 1729 South Tenth street, was knocked down by a motor car driven by Constable Zach Ellis, and received a contusion in the back of his head. Ellis was taken to the police station and booked as being drunk and a reckless driver.

Mrs. Joseph Haines, 2624 Jaynes street, driving a jitney at Eighteenth and Paul streets, collided with a truck, receiving various contusions and lacerations of the left eye and cheek.

Mrs. Leonard, who was with Mrs. Haines, received a possible fracture of the skull. Olive McLaughlin, 8 years old, was struck by an auto driven by Mrs. Murphy. She received a laceration of the left thigh.

Perfect Star Shell Adds Greatly to Navy's Fighting Efficiency

Washington, Dec. 7.—The fighting efficiency of the American navy at night will be increased about 25 per cent by the perfection of a star shell operating at long range under all conditions at sea. The new shell is said to excel any produced by other nations, and the history of its development is described in a statement tonight by the Navy department.

The shell is said to be suitable for firing from guns of from three to five-inch caliber and is fitted with a parachute attachment. It is filled with illuminating material guaranteed to burn in spite of the terrific rush of air it meets when fired. The value of the shell lies, said the Navy department's statement, in illuminating the naval units of the enemy without disclosing the position of the craft using the shell.

BILL PROPOSED TO PROTECT U. S. POTASH PLANTS

Measure Introduced Would Give President Power to Fix Necessary Rate of Duty.

Washington Bureau of Omaha Bee. Washington, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram)—In view of the promise given by Chairman Vance McCormick of the war trade board to stabilize the domestic potash market by public announcement of an embargo on the German potash until the promulgation of peace, Judge Kinkaid, who, with Congressman Reavis, succeeded in getting McCormick to take this action, today introduced a bill in the house, amending certain provisions of the war mineral bill.

The Kinkaid bill provides that the president is further authorized and directed, upon finding that the importation into the United States of potash, crude or otherwise, is likely to result in a loss to the United States, or to any producer in the United States, to ascertain, fix and proclaim such rate of duty upon such potash as shall be sufficient to adequately protect the United States or any such producer from loss, the proclamation to remain in effect until otherwise hereafter provided by law.

Sloan Meets Son. Representative Sloan, who went to New York Thursday night to greet his son, Charles Sloan, a member of Aero squadron No. 260, which returned on the "Orca" from overseas service, was privileged to welcome the young man yesterday, but was compelled to forego the pleasure of remaining with him as certain regulations had to be complied with before his being mustered out.

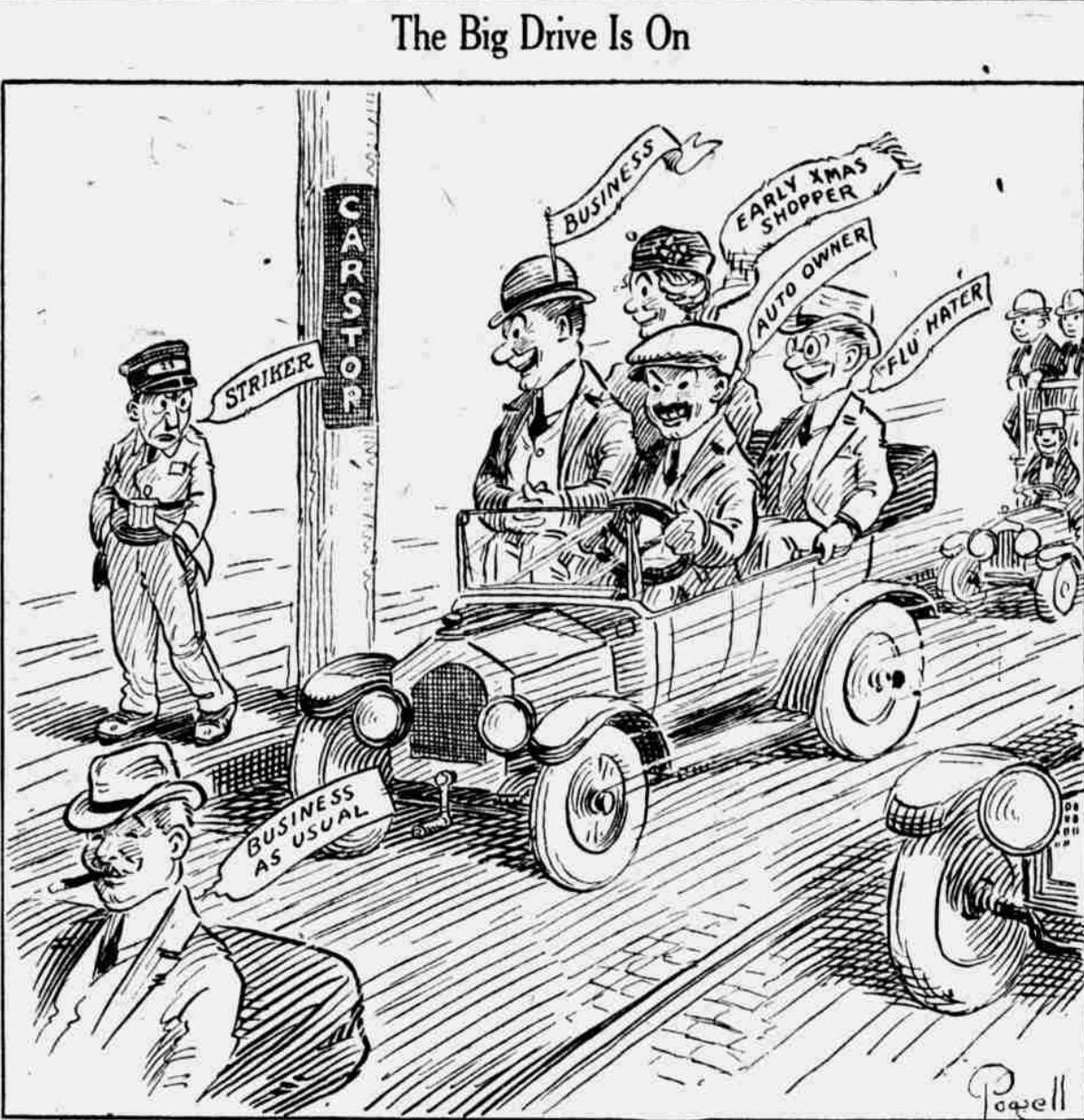
Mr. Sloan, who returned to Washington this morning, said that he met a number of the officers of the squadron at Camp Mitchell which adjoins Camp Mills yesterday, including Lieut. Harry Coffey of Chadron, adjutant general of the squadron; Lieut. Sage of Beatrice and Lieut. Gibson of Norfolk. Coffey and Gibson, Mr. Sloan said, would immediately resign from the service to return to Nebraska and resume business, while Lieut. Sage had determined to continue in the army. This aviation squadron, while it has been overseas for months, never got outside of England, the signing of the armistice dispelling any hopes the squadron had of seeing action at the front.

The docking of the "Orca" at (Continued on Page Two, Column Seven.)

War Labor Board Asks Governors to Assist in Starting Public Works

Washington, Dec. 7.—The war labor politics board today sent telegrams to governors of all the states urging the necessity of developing public works during the period of demobilization.

The governors were asked to have complete data on construction projects available at the annual conference of governors to be held at Annapolis, Md., beginning December 16.



Will You Bring Christmas To Some Unfortunate Home?

Whose Christmas will you make merry? Christmas is coming. For you it means a happy time of plenty. There are in Omaha many families upon whom rests the burden of poverty and illness. Will you help such a family? The Bee, each year, brings worthy families and willing givers together through the Associated Charities. In a few days we will publish lists of deserving families, omitting names. They are furnished by the Associated Charities and every one is worthy in the highest degree. Your gifts here will go to the right places. These are families upon whom the heavy hand of misfortune has been laid. They do not request help through the ordinary channels of charity and they would starve before coming before the public with an appeal. Watch for the list. Pick out the family or individual you would make happy and send money, presents or supplies to the Associated Charities. Mrs. George W. Doane, general secretary of that organization, will deliver them.

BIG NEW HOTEL TO BE BUILT ON HENSHAW SITE

New Hostelry to Be Fourteen Stories High and Modern in Every Respect. It Is Announced.

Another large modern hotel is to be built in Omaha, according to an announcement by the management of the Henshaw hotel. The proposed hotel is to occupy the 123 feet on Farnam street now occupied by the Henshaw.

The work of tearing down the present building is to be started as soon as proper arrangements can be made with the tenants in the store-rooms on Farnam street.

The west half of the present building was built in 1908 and that portion of the building will not be torn down, it being originally constructed to carry many more stories.

The new hotel is to be of most modern construction, 14 stories high, and will be operated by Thomas J. O'Brien, who has been proprietor of the Henshaw since 1898. Old timers will remember the place originally as McTague's restaurant. The Redick estate owns the property and is financing the new building.

The Henshaw has long been headquarters for many visitors and commercial travelers, and the hotel management proposes to keep pace with the city of Omaha and its fast growing transient business.

The Big Drive Is On

Washington, Dec. 7.—Further chapters in the story of the efforts of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, and other German agents to influence sentiment in America toward Germany and to prevent the shipment of war supplies to the allies were revealed in documents laid before the senate investigating committee today by A. Bruce Bielski of the Department of Justice.

Wreck of the propaganda system built up by Bernard Dernburg, the Kaiser's personal agent in the United States, by the sinking of the Lusitania and the rebuilding of it by Von Bernstorff, in a manner which "cannot hurt us if it becomes known," also were dealt with in communications from the former ambassador to the Berlin foreign office.

There also was evidence relating to the organization in 1915 and subsequent activities of the American Embargo association with the hope of stopping shipments of warships to the allies by so arousing feeling among the voters as to compel legislative action. One of the communications offered by Mr. Bielski and purporting to have been written by P. Reiszwitz, German consul at Chicago, dealt with a mass meeting of the association soon to be held and said that among those who had "agreed to co-operate" were Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of a senate foreign relations committee; former Representative Buchanan of Illinois, who was connected with labor's national peace council; (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

WILSON'S VISITS TO BE RETURNED BY HIS HOSTS

U. S. Will Have as Guests President Poincare and Kings of England, Belgium and Italy.

New York, Dec. 7.—The United States government will have as its guests in the near future President Poincare of France, King George of England, King Albert of Belgium, King Victor Emanuel of Italy and the heads of many other nations.

President Wilson may visit during his visit to Europe, Stephane Lauzanne, editor of the Paris Matin, said today just before he sailed for France. M. Lauzanne has been in the United States several months on an official mission.

"It has been a diplomatic custom from time immemorial," M. Lauzanne said "that the head of one government who entertains the head of another invariably repays the visit."

While no official announcement of plans has been made M. Lauzanne declared it was certain President Poincare would come to the United States within the next year as his term of office expires in 1920. No official announcement of plans will be made, he added, until President Wilson has arrived in France and visited the capitals of the various nations.

ARREST MAN WITH AUTO.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram)—Chief of Police Pilger has gone to Winner, S. D., where Charles W. Eiler of Norfolk has been arrested in possession of an automobile which was stolen from P. M. Kenney of this city.

RESERVE DEPOSITS INCREASED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Discount operations of the federal reserve banks this week resulted in an increase of \$45,000,000 in bills on hand, while deposits of member banks rose \$59,000,000.

AID PLEDGED BY HITCHCOCK TO EMBARGO PLAN

Evidence Given at Inquiry of Nebraska Senator's Desire to Give Help to Germany in War.

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BRITISH ARMY OF OCCUPATION PITCHES CAMP IN COLOGNE

Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—British troops entered Cologne at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. London, Dec. 7.—An official statement issued today by the British war office reporting the progress of the British army of occupation in Germany, says: "On Friday our troops continued their advance. By evening they had reached the general line of Rheinfeld, Weller, West of Bergheim and Wevelinghoven."

ABANDON CAMP FREMONT.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 7.—Camp Fremont, near here, is to be definitely abandoned as an army camp on January 1, it was announced officially today. Five thousand men, now quartered there, most of them belonging to the development battalions, will be demobilized as rapidly as possible.

SECRET BALLOT PROPOSED.

It is proposed that at the meeting this afternoon the strikers shall bring the situation to a head by expressing themselves through a secret ballot. (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

BALLOT PROPOSED TO MEN TO SETTLE STRIKE SITUATION

President Wattles, of Company, and Union Leaders to Speak at Conference of Street Railway Employees in Auditorium at 2 P. M.; No Attempt to Run Cars.

The net result of yesterday, the fourth day of the street car strike, brought forth the heartening announcement that the striking carmen will meet at 2 p. m. today in Labor temple where they will listen to President Wattles of the company, and to their leaders in the present situation.

REYNOLDS GETS LABOR JOB UNDER NEW GOVERNOR

President Omaha Central Union to Land at First Shake of Plum Tree; Others Also.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—While nothing authoritative has been given out, state house gossip has already picked the winners in the competition for the principal appointive offices to be filled by Governor McKeive. The fact that Phil Cross is looking after correspondence, sitting out the visitors and acting just like a private secretary, is taken as proof conclusive that he is to hold that title officially after the new governor takes up his duties.

It is also conceded that if any one is entitled to recognition for work done it is Ed Beach who steered the republican machine as chairman of the republican state committee and crowned it with a private secretary. If Beach can have anything he wants he will be chief fire warden, for that is the place he has his eye on.

The next important position in the governor's gift-box is the head food and oil inspector, for which job Leo Stuh of Grand Island is said to be slated. Stuh served in the last legislature as a representative from Hall county and proved himself a five wire republican.

Reynolds in Labor Chair. For the state labor commissioner's chair now filled by George Norman Thos. P. Reynolds, president of the Omaha Central labor union, of the gossips have it, is under consideration. The office of adjutant general is being sought by several candidates, but the governor is said to have indicated the desire to hold this for some returned soldier who has seen service on the other side.

Of course, there are a lot more smaller jobs which the gossippers have not yet definitely allotted, and there may be a few hold-overs, but the general opinion is that a republican administration is what the people voted for and will get.

Recognition Big Factor. Yesterday afternoon President Short of the union, accompanied by members of his executive committee, made the rounds of the car barns where meetings of strikers were held. There was not an unanimity of opinion on the question of calling today's meeting, but a majority sentiment in favor of the meeting prevailed.

At the close of a busy day the situation Saturday night resolved itself into the question of recognition of the union. Mr. Wattles asserted that he would not yield on the matter of union recognition, and President Short of the union was equally firm in his contention that recognition of the union is the paramount issue in this strike controversy.

Write soon and often. With Love. DOROTHY.

LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND---READ THESE ANSWERS IN OUR LOVE LETTER CONTEST

Good prizes for the best answers to the soldier in France who has written that he wants Dorothy to wait for him. Contest open till December 9. Not over 200 words. Address Contest Editor, The Bee.

No. 13. Dear Laddie in Khaki: When I truly to think of writing a really, truly love letter all kinds of flowery thoughts begin to skip through my brain. Someway love is always connected in my mind with bunches of stary forget-me-nots, pale pink doves with their heads together and touching little lines about "rosemary for remembrance," "you understand, like the glittery cards we see on display in that human melting pot known as the "Ten-cent Store." You see, my beginning was auspicious and quite "lovely," but I must confess that a jangly youth in my mind with a stalwart youth in the uniform of his country all over the crimson cover. I try to picture you fighting for us all with the shells whizzing over

your head and your silver bars all crooked, and my fingers fly faster and faster, stitching carefully on the surgical dressings which seem so closely connected with the long you, tomorrow it will be someone else—and who?, that is the question. There is nothing real, nothing sincere about any of it. We admire their courage, their bravery, but what has changed our men—the guns of war? The jolly "boy" look is gone, the cynical, blasé look has taken its place, and the simple pleasures of life are a bore. With a mere scratch of the pen this wholesale murder will cease, and the sun will shine for us all again. Then the star in my service flag will come home, his duty done, and perhaps I shall be able to answer his love message. But perhaps

not, who knows? Femininity is a will o' the wisp, and the unnatural, rushing life in time of war perhaps has changed me. When you return battle-scarred and bedemoralized I may be eager to run hand-in-hand with you to some far corner of the world, where we will find our little brown house by the side of the road. I can almost see it, its tiny diamond panes, twinkling in the late sun. I love diamond panes, and dimity curtains. My enthusiasm is running away with me. I push back my white veil and go on, with my endless stitching. Faithlessly or faithfully yours, DOROTHY.

No. 51. My Soldier Lover: Why should I not bare my heart and respond to the most endearing words man

could write to woman! For now I am grown up, dear one, you have touched my soul! By that touch the folded petals of the sacred flower called Love, have opened wide, and it is as a full-blown rose, under heaven your country's claim comes first.

No. 187. My Own Soldier Boy: After reading your most wonderful letter I had a good cry. Yes, a cry of joy for the greatest gift that God can bestow upon man, was mine. Yet strange to say I was not surprised at what you said for the great love which you feel for me has in my own answering cord.

I will make a confession here which I would hardly make if you were here in person. I love you, not

was glad to hear that you were happy and in the best of health. Everyone and everything in the good, old U. S. are about as usual, although the influenza still insists on staying with us. Brother had it in camp, but the rest of you have escaped it so far. It makes me very happy, Phil, to have you tell me that the thought of me keeps you in good spirits and perhaps the time isn't so far off when we can be together again. The ships are fast bringing our boys home now. There are some landing every day. I wonder how long it will be now before they are all home. Write soon and often. With Love. DOROTHY.