

THE WEATHER: Increasing cloudiness Thursday, becoming unsettled at night; Friday generally fair. Moderate temperature. Thermometer Readings: 3 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 47 6 a. m. 38 2 p. m. 47 9 a. m. 32 3 p. m. 47 11 a. m. 32 4 p. m. 46 2 m. 33 5 p. m. 45 10 a. m. 36 6 p. m. 44 11 a. m. 40 7 p. m. 42 12 m. 42 8 p. m. 41

END OF STRIKE NEAR

CONTINUANCE OF RAIL CONTROL FOR FIVE YEARS PROPOSED BY M'ADOO

Director General Urges Legislation That Will Permit Fair Trial of Government Operation After Elimination of Unsettled Conditions and Give Nation Time to Form Policy Carefully. Washington, Dec. 11.—Extension of the period of government control of railroads for five years until January 1, 1924, was recommended to congress tonight by Director General McAdoo.

WAR BILL OF ALLIES SET AT 120 BILLIONS Exceeds Total German Wealth But Germany Should Pay to Utmost Limit, Says Lloyd George.

By Associated Press. Bristol, Dec. 11.—The war bill of the allies against Germany is 24,000,000,000 pounds, (\$120,000,000,000) according to the British prime minister, David Lloyd George, who presented this and other interesting facts before a large gathering here today. The cost of the war to Great Britain was 8,000,000,000 pounds.

DUTCH PREMIER SAYS EX-KAISER HAS SANCTUARY Beerenbruck Declares He Came to Holland as Private Individual and Return Cannot Be Demanded.

The Hague, Dec. 11.—The former German emperor is entitled to the right of sanctuary in Holland and therefore his return to Germany cannot be demanded according to a statement made today by Jonkheer Beerenbruck in the lower chambers of parliament during a debate on the visit of the former emperor to Holland.

ADOR ELECTED SWISS PRESIDENT Berne, Dec. 11.—Gustave Ador, member of the Swiss federal council and president of the international committee of the Red Cross, today was elected president of the Swiss Federation for the year 1919, receiving 142 votes out of a possible 188.

FARMERS TO GET \$12,272,412,000 FOR 1918 CROPS Total Value Exceeds That of Former Record Year by \$614,380,000; Corn Most Valuable.

Washington, Dec. 11.—With a total value of \$12,272,412,000 the principal farm crops this year were worth more based on prices paid to farmers December 1, than in any year in the history of American agriculture. December crop estimates today of the Department of Agriculture showed that this year's total exceeds that of the former record year, 1917, by \$614,380,000.

CARMEN ACT THIS MORNING ON UNION ORDER TO RESUME

Day's Events in Car Strike

Judge Woodrugh of United States court issued temporary restraining order against interference by strikers in operation of street cars. Judge Day in district court ordered street railway company to resume traffic and restrained strikers from acts of interference. Executive committee of strikers' union agreed to waive union recognition demand if company will address a letter to its executive officers, announcing appointment of W. L. Musgrave as superintendent of transportation and agreeing not to discriminate against the union.

WAR BOARD SAYS RETURN TO WORK TO CAR STRIKERS

This word followed a day of conferences, during which the company and the strikers appeared to be getting on common ground over working conditions. A result of mediation by City Commissioner H. B. Zimmerman. Short Says Strike Off. Mayor Smith met President Ben Short of the local carmen's union soon after receipt of the telegrams from Mahon and said to him: "Well, Short, I suppose I shall ride down town on a street car in the morning."

OVERSEAS MEN ARGUE VALUE OF "MONKEY MEAT"

Relative merits of "monkey meat", (canned meat from Montevideo) versus porterhouse steak, and "G-I cans" (high explosives) versus cabaret music were discussed by 62 wounded American soldiers who were entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in the Henshaw hotel by Omaha Red Cross canteen and motor corps. The wounded heroes of the Somme and Cantigny, who set sail from France the day the armistice was signed, are enroute to the Letterman reconstruction hospital in San Francisco.

ALLIES DEMAND DISSOLUTION OF HUNS' COUNCILS Threaten to Refuse Foods and Reserve Right to March into Germany, Report from Berlin.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—According to reports from Berlin, the entente governments intend to refuse to send foodstuffs to Germany until a demand they are said to have made for the dissolution of the soldiers' and workers' council is carried out. The allies, the reports add, will reserve the right to march into Germany.

President Ben Short Confident Men Will Obey Advice of Mahon to Return to Work Pending War Board Hearing

Settlement of the Omaha street railway strike that now has continued eight days, appears in prospect before tonight. W. D. Mahon, president of the International carmen's union, last night wired local strikers to return to work pending hearing of their troubles here by the federal war board January 2. At the same time the war board sent messages to Mayor Smith, the street railway company and the strikers, stating a hearing would be given in Omaha on that date if differences were smoothed out and the strikers returned to work.

STRIKE TIES UP STREET RAILWAY IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Dec. 11.—Street car service in Kansas City has been at a standstill today, many industrial plants have been forced to close and most of the residential sections of the city are without electric lights as a result of the strike of street car and power house employees. The men demand the increase in wages awarded them by the federal war labor board which was contingent upon the financial resources of the Kansas City Railway company.

Wounded Soldiers on Way to Letterman Hospital in California Given Banquet in Henshaw.

Suffered Many Wounds. A Japanese, several half-breed Mexicans and Spaniards and several Italians were in the party, all of whom are Pacific coast men who saw more than a year of overseas service. Some had as many as three wound stripes. Onnie Wilson, a pre-medic student in the university of California before the war, was wounded six times and was gassed several times.

Strike Also in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—Following a vote taken by the employees of the local street railway company it was announced late tonight that the employees had voted to strike for an increase in wages and that the strike would be on in the morning. Representatives of the troops which are to guard Berlin took an oath in the town hall at Steglitz, swearing absolute loyalty to the German people's republic. Independent socialists exhorted the soldiers to disarm, but they refused.

My Journey of Life Is Finished, Clemenceau Tells French Chamber

Paris, Dec. 11.—Returning from redeemed Alsace-Lorraine tonight Premier Clemenceau delivered one of the most remarkable speeches ever heard in the chamber of deputies. "For me in this life, which at times has seemed miserably long," said M. Clemenceau, "it has been permitted that I should travel over the stage of crime which has been committed between Bordeaux and Strasbourg. What has been accomplished surpasses anything history has ever registered before."

MORE OF THE LOVE LETTERS WRITTEN FOR THE BEE'S CONTEST--WINNERS WILL BE KNOWN SOON

No. 203. My Brave Hero: Out of the depths of a contrite heart I acknowledge the receipt of your precious letter written over there. Words are inadequate to express the joy it brought to me. To know that my love is reciprocated, loving you as I do, I do not wonder that even amid the roar of the cannon and fire of my face appears before you. Do I not love you with a relentless love that knows no bounds? Am I not in my waking hours praying for your safe return? How forcibly recurs to me the evenings spent with you. They are indelibly impressed upon my mind, never to be forgotten. How I hope for their sweet repetition. Ah, my

brave boy, life of my life, soul of my soul, I shall continue to pray that we may meet, if not on earth, then in Heaven, where our undaunted love will be rewarded. With undaunted love. My hero, I caress and embrace you, your loving and faithful, DOROTHY.

No. 333. Dear Sir: Your kind letter has confirmed what I have long suspected, from your attentive conduct towards me. I think that I have never given you cause to doubt my affection for you, and if such should be the case involuntarily and reckon upon it with the greater confidence as I can assure you of my warmest gratitude for the affection you entertain for me. I have concealed nothing from my parents, I have read your letter to them, they approve of our union and leave all to myself. I am proud of the man who is esteemed by everyone for his rare merit. But esteem is not all I feel for you. It is the purest and most fervent affection. May I never want opportunities to prove how tenderly I am devoted to you. Yours ever faithful, DOROTHY.

No. 580. Dear Heart: I used to wonder before I met you, how a girl could care enough for a man to be willing to share the fortunes and trials of life with him. But now, it seems as if I would be willing to give my life, if need be, for you. Life would not be worth living if I were not sure that some day we would be reunited. I can hardly realize that you belong to me, yet, I have only to close my eyes to hear your wonderful voice and see your dear face, sound in soul and body, and that you have not been touched by life's mud and mire, and then I can tell you if I am waiting. DOROTHY.

No. 150. I can see you now as you looked, your beautiful eyes beaming, your athletic figure, your clean, open countenance and the love shining in your eyes the day we parted. Could any girl fall to be proud of such a soldier lover? DOROTHY.

No. 289. My Dear, Dear Boy: If you could only clasp my hand, you would feel the warm glow of happiness that your letter gives me. To be the ideal of some worthy man is every girl's desire and longing and it makes me glad and proud to know that I am this ideal to you. I, too, have sweet dreams of our few happy evenings together and the remembrance of you is a constant

inspiration to me. When nothing seems worth while, and I find myself saying 'what's the use, the cards are stacked, then I think of you fighting so unselfishly and courageously for truth and honor and right and I fight on, trying to be as good a soldier in life's everyday battles as you are over there! I hope you won't find me too greatly changed when we meet again and that my soul will be washed clean of all the mud and mire of life's experiences. For it's what happens to our souls that counts dear boy, it's soul stuff that love is made of, and if I see the wondrous light of understanding in your eyes then I will tell you what your love means to "DOT" DIXON.

doing the dull every-day tasks, which we stay-at-homes must do, with a smile on my lips and the song which is only sung once in a life-time singing in my heart. After you had gone I knew that life could never be the same to me again, and when I received your wonderful letter I knew that out of the bloody trenches, out of the excitement and horror of war, your heart had called to mine, and though we are separated by miles of land and water, my own heart has heard the call and answered to it. It may be years before we meet again. There may be long weeks and months in which we cannot even hear from each other, but wherever