

ing it as "a city of horrors."

of the crowd. Damage here is es-timated at close to \$20,000. Another gang raided fire head-New York, Dec. 12.—John D. Rockefeller has filed an affidavit 'swearing off' halt of the \$10,000,-Boy Has Been Killed in

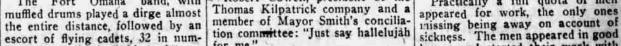
War.

Lt. Howard B. Bittinger, son of

steaming steadily toward Brest. It

muffled drums played a dirge almost is expected that the lighthouse at will sight the presidentia

Thomas Kilpatrick company and a member of Mayor Smith's concilia-



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000 personal property assessment Invied on him by the New York Tax Thomas Kerl, Wealthy commission. The affidavit asserted Mr. Rockefeller's personal property in the city does not exceed \$3,500,-000, but that he was willing to accept an assessment of \$5,000,000, the figure which stood for several years. The commissioners said they were compelled to accept Mr. Rockefeller's statement as they have no way of inventorying his possessions.

Bolshevist Rule Proclaimed

by "People's Day Committee" New York, Dec. 12 .- A reign of holshevism in the United States, to liegin at noon tomorrow, Friday, hogs in the South Omaha packing the University of Nebrasaka. He en- put through a grilling "third degree" the Thirteenth, was proclaimed in circulars issued here today by the People's Day committee.

The "proclamation" cancels "all debts, public and private," repeals "all statutes, ordinances and other enactments of capitalistic government" declares vacant all public offices and directs that the military and taval organizations "immediately dissolve.

The "proclamation" is signed by Eilis O. Jones, who is in charge of the "People's House," a refuge of radicals 'He appeared to be incensed when it was suggested the manifesto was intended as a practical joke.

Thomas Ralston of Council

First Prize.

Next Best.

Irene Wickersham, Hastings, Neb.

Mrs. R. C. Widman, Petersburg,

Doloris Yetter, Fullerton, Neb. Sara S. Hill, Gothenburg, Neb.

Frances Pecka, Linwood, Neb.

Mrs. B. S. Miller, Gresham, Neb. Gladys Hartwell, Clarks, Neb.

Mildred Townsend, Glenwood, Ia. Julia Upjohn, Fort Crook, Neb.

Nina Clerk, St. Paul, Neb.

Alice Gilchrist, Omaha.

Ruth Burrus, Malvern, Ia.

Bluffs Dies in California bilization denation of 5 shillings Placerville, Cal., Dec. 12 .- (Spe- weekly for men and women and half young officer was held a German cial.)-Thomas H. Ralston, Council a crown for boys and girls under 18 prisoner. The mother felt confi-

Farmer, Is Guilty of Seditious Utterances

Thomas Kerl, wealthy lawyerfarmer of Oakland, Neb., and Coeur d'Alene. Idaho, was found guilty yesterday before a federal jury on the charge of sedition. Judge Wood-rough granted Kerl ten days for ficials at Berne.

filing an appeal for a new trial. The Lieutenant Bittinger was born in way of helping the boy get his story jury was out just ten minutes. Kerl was accused of saying that the

American soldiers are a blood- life. He was graduated from Centhirsty bunch and should be killing tral High school and later attended detective's private office and there houses. Most of the morning ses- listed in the service early in the war by Detectives Danbaum and Van sion was passed in presenting evi- and was a member of the fourteenth Dusen. He was beaten about the dence to uphold this charge. R. E. McFarland, lawyer from

owns extensive interests, and Senator Norris Brown and Irving F. Three of his companions were killed Baxter of Omaha, represented and he suffered several broken ribs up in the cell room. the defendant in the trial. United and some deep cuts about the head

rancher. He is said to be enormously wealthy.

Increase Donation.

The government announces an in- had simply failed to return after O'Connor in the cell room that crease in the unemployment demo- one of the raids after Huns.

Later a semi-official note said the

HERE ARE THE PRIZE LOVE LETTER WRITERS.

acro squadron.

Mrs. Guy Bittinger Hears Her Boy, Nineteen Years Old, Put Through Grilling Exami-Last Fighting of nation at Omaha

Police Station.

before noon Friday and that the hour later. Stephen Pichon, the French forminister of marine, will go aboard

the George Washington at 1:30 Tom O'Connor, 14201/2 Sherwood Mrs. Guy Bittinger, has been killed avenue, 19 years old, was arrested p. m., to extend the first formal greetings. General Pershing, Genin France, according to word just Inursday night by special Ponce-man Stevens, who says that O'Con-Thursday night by special Policereceived here from his uncle, Capt. nor and another lad were trying to Wilson, Col. E. M. House and Ambassador Sharp will go abroad at Charles L. Gyger, who is in the steal a car. He also adds that the government service in Switzerland other lad got away with the car. landing is timed for 3 o'clock in the and who learned of the death of the station by Detective Danbaum, who The prisoner was brought to the afternoon.

young offcer through Red Gross of- was determined that O'Connor tell It has been arranged that the various ministers, generals, admirals him who his partner was, and by and ambassadors will be the first to debark, final landing being reserved Omaha and lived here nearly all his desk sergeant was booking him. out, administered a kick while the for the president and Mrs. Wilson. The ministers and officials will form He was then taken out to the a group to receive the president as he steps ashore. The foreign committee of the chamber of deputies (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

head and body with the leather R. E. McFarland, lawyer from During his training at a flying "saps" the policemen carry and Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, where Kerl school at Fort Worth, Tex., he fell when almost unconscious, was asked in a balloon with seven others, again to tell who his partner was, O'Connor refused and was locked

Des Moines Police Chief Shot in Fight With Yeggman

Des Moines, Dec. 12 .- Chief of Pelice Charles C. Jackson of Des Fifteen minutes later, O'Connor's Moines was shot twice in the abdo-States District Attorney Allen and but as soon as he recovered suf-his assistant, Howard Saxton, con-ficiently, he went back to his work street, called Captain Heidfelt on between a group of detectives, headducted the trial for the government, Kerl is a scientific farmer and of flying. The boy's mother was notified O'Connor, and while the captain (Dutch) Cross, well-known criminal September 26 that he had been was talking the desk sergeant had and yeggman, here tonight. Cross missing since August 26. A mem- the operator tell him where Foley was shot, in the back and probably

ber of his squadron wrote from was talking from, and upon learning will die. France saying that no one had seen this the captain sent the detectives Cross is wanted here for bank London, Dec. 12 .- (Via Montreal.) what happened to Bittinger, that he out and arrested him. He told robbery. He is also a parole breaker from Joliet penitentiary.

"they did not catch me in the car.'

every soldier I

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I. W. W. Jury Filled.

King George Will Visit U.S. Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 12 .- A jury conspiracy case. here.

escort of flying cadets, 32 in numsteamer and its naval escort a little ber. Immediately behind the esfleet will arrive in the harbor an cort came the caisson bearing the cashet, accompanied by the following

lieutenants who acted as pall beareign minister, and Georges Leygues, ers: H. E. McNeill, T. H. Lewis, R. E. Thompson, T. E. Nelson, W. H. Collins and W. E. Connolly. Following immediately behind the caisson came a riderless horse, symbolic eral Bliss, Admiral Benson, Admiral that the deceased was a mounted officer. Next in order came the officers of the command followed by the same time. The president's 500 of the enlisted men from the fort.

Lieutenant Horning entered the us. We have buried our differences tween the traction company and the service as private and was sent to the aid the men are going back to work men. Hawaiian Islands. While there he under the same conditions as existed became company clerk, and in No- before our differences started. We a standing expression and it was vember, 1917, he was ordered to will put our differences before unanimous. Fort Omaha by official wire from Chairmen Taft and Manly and abide by their decision. I feel con-Washington. fident that the men will be satisfied

Praised by Comrade.

with this manner of settlement. Ev-Captain Alexander, in speaking of erybody is glad, including the comhis friend and companion, said: "He pany and public. It should tend to make a Merry Christmas and Happy was an excellent soldier in every respect; careful and attentive to every New Year." detail of his work. He was an ex-The company gave out this statepert rifleman, pistol-man and ment: swordsman, and always regretted "The Omaha & Council Blu."s that he did not get an opportunity Street Railway company desires to to give service across the seas." thank the people of the cities it Lieutenant Horning leaves father, mother and four brothers all of whom live at Phoenix, N. Y., pily ended. where the body will be accompanied by Lieut. Roy Perkins.

missioner of this city not to permit Senate Makes No Progress With War Revenue Measure Washington, Dec. 12 -- Such little Who Is Going to Pay progress was made in consideration for War Big Question of the war revenue bill today that Senator Simmons, chariman of the finance committee, gave notice that-

in British Election London, Dec. 12 .- (Vfa Montreal.)

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ure. -The British election campaign is becoming keener with the near ap-

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for me." humor and started their work with Commissioner Zimman: "I am

thankful for now."

willing hands. just happy and thankful that now Men Vote to Return. the people will get some service. C. E. Black, president of the Omaha retailers: "I am overjoyed

The men at noon voted to return to work at 4 in the afternoon. The understanding was that they together with the other retailers. would return upon the recommenda-The time is getting short before tion of their international president, W. D. Mahon of Detroit, and that Christmas and we were beginning to worry about our Christmas stocks. Mahon would be in Omaha on Janu-Everybody has something to be ary 2 with Joint Chairmen W. H. Taft and Basil M. Manly of the na-President Wattles of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway tional war labor board to hear and company: "It is better for all of pass on any matters in dispute be-

The vote taken by the strikers was

Talk to the Men.

Those who addressed the men were: John T. Smith, conciliator of the United States Department of Labor; T. P. Reynolds, president of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor; Ben A. Short, president of local union No. 807, International Association of Street Railway Employes; C. L. Shamp, organizer of the American Federation of Labor: Jerry Burnett, national organizer of serves for their patience and for- the car men; members of the local bearance during the strike now hap- executive committee of the car men's union, and W. L. Musgrave, super-"We also wish to say that we have intendent of terminals of the street

been ordered by the health _ com- railway company. The executive committee of the more passengers to enter our cars car men expressly announced after (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.) the meeting that the settlement which has occurred was not by orders of President Wattles of the traction company, Mayor Smith or any city commission, or in fact anybody else except President Mahon

of their international organization. Says Organization Recognized.

President Reynolds of the State Federation of Labor said: "This proves that organization is the only practical way to handle a large body of men. In this way the interests of their employer are protected. The man have disregarded Mr. Wattles and his board of directors; they have no faith in those men, but as soon as their international president, W. D. Mahon, spoke, they had confi-dence in his word and they all voted to go back to work. The men believe that Mahon will look after their interests at the hearing to be Will the former emperor and the held here on January 2. Mahon Lecrown prince be tried for their lieves that their organization has been recognized."

AA.

Will the perpetrators of tortures The meeting of the strikers was

proach of election day. Up to this

time the campaign has not aroused

much excitement and in some districts there is a good deal of apathy.

Election experts maintain their pre-

dictions that the coalitionists will be returned by a substantial major-

ity. The subjects which appear to in-

Who is going to pay for the war?

Will conscription be abolished?

terest the electors most are:

crimes

on prisoners be brought to justice? (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

With divine guidance I shall come through clean and tried. Try, dear, to understand what I have expressed so vaguely-and believe in me. God give you courage, health and fortitude to fulfill your duties and send you home when all is over. To your DOROTHY.

No. 119 My Inspiration:

What confusion reigns in my soul the high esteem you possess of me,

as I try to answer truthfully, (and but I feel that your noble, unselfish aly the truth is worth writing), all character far outweighs any virtue hat you ask in that wonderful let- I may possess. If any word or act that you ask in that wonderful let-ter that lies before me. To me it is an epic. Some day, dear. I pray that I may be able to tell you all that your high ideals have meant to me, in my struggle to establish my character. God grant that all the character is a structure of the structure of the structure that a structure of the structure of the structure that I may be able to tell you all that your high ideals have meant to me, in my struggle to establish my character. God grant that all the wives and sweethearts may be ships you are undergoing in the inworthy of the splendid brave men who so nobly are doing their duty to God, their country and their homes. strive to be worthy of so noble a God grant that some day you may be near me so that I can tell that which I cannot write, as the personal touch means so much. I am striv-ing so earnestly to prove worthy— to be in reality your ideal, clean

there is left nothing but the bruised heart. conscience. But philosophers tell us, that soul is whitest that has been purified by "fire." And my soul is passing through the "fire stage."

devoted

No. 601. My Lover: I truly appreciate

"Ves" No. 205. Sweetheart, Mine Own; "Somewhere in France," Or Germany, perhaps:--For you, "Over There" or anywhere, My palpitater taps. My heart, my life, my all is yours. I hope I'll worthy be; For since the day you went away, I've wanted you for me. I dared not tell you, though, before, But when I got your scrawl, A bidding me to wait for thee, In joy I had to bawl.

You proved how great and brave you w When, at your country's call For men to fight to wha the right Tou came and offered all. And so you went to lands afar, To do your worthy bit, While I, behind, stuck to the grind With naught : .do but knit,--

You've lickr the Hun; you're coming back And when you put to sea. God keep your benes from Davy Jones An" bring you safe to me. So, since you love till distraught, And ask that I should wait For your return, for which I yearn,-I will, s'en though you're late.

Good night and God bless you

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with

souled American sweetheart. Many and oceans do us part, if you to me make us wish for the very highest with happy visions, of your most paid to the fullest the measure all times I stumble and after the fall remain the same we shall be one in the indirection of the same we shall be one in the same we same

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though we give our loved ones' lives. seems very dark and lonely since country and their kind; and I shall I can hardly imagine the feeling you sailed across the sea, but when hand comfort and hope and joy in you spea of as to me, but had I you return-well, you know! We cherishing the memory/of our sacred

THE OTHERS DID WELL, TOO

the power to lift you from the trench shall have many a happy hour to- love until the end of all eternity. would. gether. Well, my dearest, my heart is My Dear Beloved Hero: My heart

the one happy man in the orld lith thers s . to work to place a paradise on earth, with everything in the world financially, socially, physically and to banish the crime, forever that took you from my side. Sweetheart, words cannot express my feeling toward you, but had I the power I would willingly place and only. Hurry home, my dearest, before you all that women has in the as fast as time will permit. From world to mak you happ, that i

your lonely and anxious, to repay you for you brave stand for freedom to all and to show you that I reali: : it takes some man to

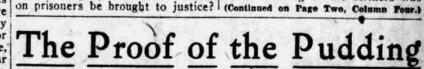
yours alone, heart and soul, forever All the love and pride and giory of

your glorious tribute-so beautifully tendered.

and handsome hero on earth wishes for me to wait for him. I sure will, with the most pleasure my soul could ever endorse, wait for you no difference how long a time, till I once again can view that dear face so full of glory and sunshine, so calm and true and faithful, pouring its love-light upon me like a golden sunbeam and voice like the

sweetest melody, and yet a spirit so firm and loyal, full of courage and fearlessness no volcano could shake it. You would fight to the very end of victory for your sweetheart and country. I never have and never can find a soul so lovable and vibrating to every corner of my heart. How shall I describe the hours,

days and weeks spent with your noble spirit (while over sea), the



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with the help of God, make you overflowing with loneliness and lest this letter be blotted with tears overflows with both love for you, which are brimming in my eyes, I and joy to know that the most brave must close. Only return to me, dearest, safe and sound and without any mar of strife upon you. I shall serve and love you as you would want me to serve and love my one

DOROTHY. No. 307.

lay his life down for those h loves. My Dear One: Be happy then; for you know that I am yours, and

I can offer no more to you. Lovingly DOROTHY and forever.

My Dearest: You are certainly my womanhood rises to respond to

over-estimating my own plain self by writing such wonderful ideals about me. My love for you is so Know, then, too, and take fresh great, dearest, that it would be imcourage in the knowledge, that in