

DOLLAR'S WORTH OF MEAT EXHIBIT AT WAGE HEARING. Chicago, Dec. 20.—One and one-half pounds of beef steak, declared to be of mediocre quality, costing 45 cents, and two slices of raw ham costing 58 cents, a total of \$1.03, today were placed before Federal Judge Alschuler, arbitrator, in the hearing of packing house employees' demands for increased wages.

BRITISH FLEET MAY VISIT UNITED STATES. London, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet, commanded by Admiral David Beatty, should visit the United States. It is asserted that no date for the visit has been fixed, but it is understood that it will be made immediately after peace has been signed. Subsequently the fleet will make a tour of the British dominions.

MAY SEND MESSAGES TO SOLDIERS ON SHIPS. New York, Dec. 20.—Relatives and friends of soldiers returning on transports from overseas may communicate with them by wireless and receive answers to their messages, under a Navy department agreement announced here tonight by the naval district office of communication.

15,000 SOLDIERS DISCHARGED WEEKLY. Washington, Dec. 20.—Well over 300,000 soldiers have been discharged from the army and returned to civilian status. Secretary Baker said today the rate of demobilization had now reached 15,000 a week and that the War department was pressing its efforts to make the average daily discharges 1,000 per camp.

DOLAN'S "BEEF AND" CLOSES ITS DOORS. New York, Dec. 20.—Dolan's "Beef and" restaurant, a downtown landmark for 48 years, closed its doors tonight. The famous resort in Park Row and later in Nassau street, where judges, lawyers, politicians and newspaper men went for luncheon, has been sold by its owner, Peter J. Mehan, and will be converted into a bakery and quick lunch room.

1,400,000 FRENCHMEN KILLED DURING THE WAR. Paris, Dec. 20.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the socialist deputy, Lucien Volin, in the chamber of deputies this afternoon, during an interpellation of the government on demobilization.

CITY ENJOINED BY GAS CO. FROM CHANGING RATE. Temporary Restraining Order Granted by Federal Judge and Hearing Set for January 4. The Omaha Gas company Friday afternoon filed a bill of complaint in equity, enjoining the city of Omaha against regulating gas rates.

Our own staff Photographer has caught with his camera a number of typical women wage earners engaged in jobs usually filled by men as well as workers.

There in France—New pictures lately received from Overseas showing life of the American soldiers just before the fighting stopped. Photos after the news of peace was given out.

Bank Robbed by Yeggmen. Joplin, Mo., Dec. 20.—Bandits early today blew open the vault in the bank at Grand, Mo., 20 miles southeast of here, and escaped with \$15,000 worth of unregistered Liberty bonds. The robbers were frightened away before they succeeded in reaching the money containers.

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German Austria Assembly Aims to Fix Blame for War. Vienna, Dec. 20.—(Havas)—The national assembly of German Austria has adopted a bill ordering an investigation into the question of who was actually responsible for the war and prescribing the procedure to be taken against its authors.

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THE WEATHER:

Rain or snow and somewhat colder Saturday; Sunday unsettled and colder.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

SIXTEEN BILLIONS SAVED

PRESIDENT CERTAIN OF JUSTICE AT PARIS

Expresses Confidence Council of Statesmen Will Reach Just Solution of Problems Presented.

Paris, Dec. 20.—"I am confident that the big council of statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems that will be presented to them and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it," said President Wilson today in an interview given to the correspondent of the London Times.

Versailles, as President Wilson said, the interviewer continues, "must be a meeting place of the servants of the people represented by delegates, and he added, there is no master mind who can settle the problems of today. If there is anybody who thinks he knows what is in the mind of all peoples, that man is a fool. We have all got to put our heads together and pool everything we have got for the benefit of the ideals which are common to all."

Believes in Anglo-Saxon Race. The correspondent then adds: "President Wilson in discussing the role of the British fleet in the maintenance of what, at any rate during the war, had been the freedom of the seas for the free people of the world, spoke with a sincerity which no amount of writing can convey. His accents convinced me that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race. He said: "It is essential for the future peace of the world that there should be the frankest co-operation and most generous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies. We comprehend and appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the fact of your peculiar position as an island empire."

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Won Union Pacific Foreclosure Cases for Government and Defended Governor Boyd Against Thayer.



GEN. JOHN C. COWIN

General John C. Cowin, a resident of Omaha nearly half a century and during that time one of the leading members of the legal profession in Nebraska, died at his home, 332 South Thirty-seventh street, at 6 o'clock last night, of pneumonia after a brief illness. He was 72 years old.

Civil War Veteran. John Clay Cowin was born in Warrenville, Luyahoga county, O., January 11, 1846. As a boy and young man he received an elementary education in the public schools of his home town, and in the Hiram Eclectic institute, from which he was graduated.

Comes Early to Omaha. Returning to Ohio after the war General Cowin entered the Cleveland law school, graduating in 1867. He was admitted to practice in the supreme court of Ohio, but he followed Lora Greeley's advice, arriving in Omaha when the town was at its wildest and wooliest.

Scientists Say They Find Seventh Sense in Successful Aviators. New York, Dec. 20.—A seventh sense—the "motion sense" discovered by tests to which American army aviators were subjected was described before the New York academy of medicine last night by Maj. Lewis Fisher, an examiner at the Minola flying field.

Exchange of Toasts. The victory of Italy has created a new Italy in Europe, declared President Poincare last night in toasting King Victor Emmanuel at a banquet in the Palace of the Elysee.

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NEW MARK FOR CITY RED CROSS WORKERS

70,000 Members Enrolled During Week; Bad Roads Delay Complete Returns from Entire County.

Approximately 70,000 members, were this week enrolled in the Red Cross Christmas roll, according to figures given out last night by Samuel S. Caldwell, vice chairman of the local drive.

South Side Responds. Heavy South Side returns made Friday evening include Swift Packing company, 1,231; Cudahy, 2,200; Armour, 1,000; Morris, 845; Exchange, 1,234; business houses, 2,138 and juniors, 4,008. These returns will be delayed on account of bad roads.

Hundred Per Cent Firms. Additional names of 100 per cent firms are: Yetter Wall Paper company, Brinn & Jensen company, L. Wolfe Electric company, Toby Jacobs, Jos. M. Burns and T. J. Durkin, Midwest and General Electric company, Youssem Brothers, Omaha Electric company, W. W. Sherwood, E. B. Williams, Western Electric company, Mickel Bros., Monroe Sheet Metal Works, Olsen Coffee company, Omaha Carriage Top company, Hekell Manufacturing company, Nebraska Tent & Awning company, James Cooke Paint company, Haas Sheet Metal company, Western Stamp & Stencil company, Baker Bros., Beacon Press, Corey & McKenzie, Comstock & Kilia, Fester Printing company, Gate City Stationery company, Hopson Printing company, Kramer & Chandler, N. C. Leary company, I. A. Medlar Printing company, Mangum Printing company, McCoy & Finlayson, National Printing company, Omaha Printing company, Rees Printing company, M. F. Shafter company, Spring Printing company, Swartz Printing company, Waters-Barnhart Printing company, Western Paper company, Western Newspaper Union, Field-Hamilton & Smith, Lincoln, Hanscom park, Hawthorne, South Side, Windsor, Beals, Kellogg, Bancroft, St. Patrick and Mount St. Mary's schools; Fontenelle and Henshaw employees, Woodman circle, Kilpatrick's, Associated Retailers, Omaha Gas company, Brandeis theater, Calumet, Townsend Gun, Megeath, Berg, Pope drug, Haas Bros., Sample-Hart, Omaha Towel Supply, Grand Union Tea and Coffee, Pantorium, Milton Darling, McQuillan, Western Auto Supply, Nicholas Oil, Jewel Tea, H. G. Haney, and Pierce street car barn.

Will Start New York-Chicago Airplane Mail Again Today. New York, Dec. 20.—The fourth attempt in four days will be made tomorrow to transport mail from New York to Chicago by airplane according to an announcement tonight by the postoffice authorities here. Motor trouble alone, it was said, was responsible for failure thus far successfully to inaugurate the aerial service between the two cities.

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American Forces Tighten Their Grip Upon Coblenz By Imposing Censorship

Measures Taken by Major General Dickman to Check Tendency to Criticize Conditions or Influence German People in Region Occupied by U. S. Troops.



MAJOR GENERAL DICKMAN

Coblenz, Dec. 20.—German propaganda and the tendency to criticize conditions in the district occupied by the American forces have been abruptly checked by the establishment of a censorship by Major General Dickman upon the newspapers and the theaters. His act was the first indication that the Americans purposed tightening their grip on local affairs.

The regulations governing the press were formally made public, but those which apply to theaters were communicated verbally by Col. R. H. Williams, chief of the intelligence department, who also explained personally to the newspaper owners what was expected of them. The managers of the theaters, ranking from opera to moving picture productions, were informed that there was no objection to their giving performances except in cases where attempts were made to inject propaganda or criticism, either directly or by innuendo into their productions. Not even apparently friendly comment, if it were otherwise undesirable, would be tolerated, it was explained.

Punitive Action Threatened. To the newspaper owners it was pointed out that the question whether they offended or not lay with them—that the Americans would not be bothered with censoring the publications before they were issued, but that the first copies from the press should be delivered to American headquarters. Meanwhile the running off of the edition could be continued. It was then discovered that the regulations had been violated, prompt punitive action would be taken.

Slayer of King Acquitted of Murder Charge. Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 20.—Charles Halwart Johnson was acquitted by a jury tonight of the charge of murdering Maj. William R. King of Brooklyn, N. Y., supervising engineer of the Aberdeen proving grounds.

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VAST SUM VOTED FOR WAR STILL IS IN HAND

Eight Billion Each on Appropriations and Contract Authorizations May Be Converted to Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 20.—More than \$16,000,000,000 of cash appropriations and contract authorization voted by congress for war purposes will be unexpended, Representative Sherley of Kentucky, chairman of the house appropriations committee, announced today.

Total appropriations and authorizations voted during the war amount to about \$57,000,000,000, including \$10,000,000,000 of authorizations for wartime loans to foreign governments. The loans actually made now total about \$8,000,000,000. "More than \$8,000,000,000 of cash appropriations and approximately \$8,000,000,000 of contract authorizations will be converted back into the treasury," said Representative Sherley. Most of the money will come from the War department, the largest saving, of course, being from ordinance, because the greatest amount of money was appropriated for that.

Husband Comes Home to Find His Wife Dead. When Leland Holden left his little home at 2554 St. Marys avenue yesterday morning to go to work at Swift's, and his wife kissed him goodbye, he thought himself most fortunate of young husbands.

Victory Christmas Tree Arrives Here from Maine Forest. A victory Christmas tree on the court house plaza will be the center of Omaha's Christmas celebration.

Mother Mary Agnes Dead. Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The Rev. Mother Mary Agnes, superior general of the order of St. Francis of the United States, died at the convent of the Our Lady of Angels in Glen Riddle, today.

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The Bee's Free Shoe Fund To Buy Shoes For Shoeless Children. Still the money for The Bee's shoe fund keeps coming in from the generous people. The fund is supposed to have closed, as the goal of \$1,000 has been reached and passed.