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THE WEATHER: Unsettled Tuesday, snow east and central; Wednesday fair and not so cold. Hourly Temperatures: 3 a. m. 14 1 p. m. 16 6 a. m. 13 2 p. m. 16 9 a. m. 12 3 p. m. 17 12 a. m. 11 4 p. m. 18 10 a. m. 15 5 p. m. 18 11 a. m. 16 6 p. m. 18 12 m. 15 7 p. m. 18 12 m. 16 8 p. m. 17

BATTLE FLEET NEAR HOME

SIX BILLION TAXES FOR '19 VOTED BY SENATE

Upper Branch of Congress Earns Holiday Vacation by Continuous Session for 13 Hours.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Without a record vote, the senate late tonight passed the war revenue bill, reduced to raise about \$6,000,000,000 in 1919, and \$4,000,000,000 in 1920, as compared with the levy of \$8,200,000,000 for next year proposed in the bill passed by the house three months ago.

EGGS IS EGGS—COLD STORAGE OR FRESH.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Dr. John Dill Robertson, health commissioner of Chicago, with 25 inquiring guests, conducted an experiment in the matter of eggs today.

PLUM PUDDING HOT FOR SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

New York, Dec. 23.—Hot plum pudding will be served to soldiers overseas on Christmas day from 45 rolling kitchens manned by Knights of Columbus secretaries, it was announced here tonight.

FLU DEPOPULATING ISLANDS IN SOUTH PACIFIC

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Depopulation through Spanish influenza threatens the Tahitian, Solomon, Gilbert and other island groups in the south Pacific, according to passengers of the Union liner.

YEAR IN PRISON TO FATHER OF 9 FOR LIQUOR SALE

South Side Man Sentenced to Penitentiary; Third Conviction Under New Prohibition Law.

Montana Republican Leader Knocked Down and Killed in Fight

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 23.—O. M. Harvey, republican state chairman and one of the most prominent attorneys in Montana, died at 6 o'clock tonight from a fractured skull sustained in a fall to the sidewalk during a fist fight on the streets here half an hour earlier.

Bolsheviki Defeated by Loyal Russians on Ekaterinburg Front

Washington, Dec. 23.—Defeat of the bolshevik army on the Ekaterinburg front in a decisive battle by an army of loyal Russians was reported today in an official dispatch to the Russian embassy from the Omsk government.

Taking Over of Cables Called "High-Handed Outrage" by Hitchcock

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee, declared in the senate today that the taking over of the trans-Atlantic cable lines by the government after the signing of the armistice was a "high-handed outrage," and an abuse of the power conferred by congress.

PERSHING STAYS IN CASTLE OWNED BY HUN MAJOR

Proceeds to Chaumont, Where He Will Meet President, After Visiting Army of Occupation.

With the American Army of Occupation, Dec. 23.—Gen. John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American forces, slept in a castle on the east bank of the Rhine Saturday night as the guest of Major General Hines, corps commander, with headquarters at Neuwied.

General Pershing crossed the Rhine in an automobile over a pontoon bridge at Coblenz, after having entertained the newspaper correspondents at dinner in his private train. Sunday he was joined at Neuwied by Major General Dickman, and with Major General Dickman and Hines visited the three division headquarters within the bridgehead and other points of interest on the eastern side of the Rhine.

Returning to Coblenz he left by special train Sunday night for Chaumont, where he will meet President and Mrs. Wilson Wednesday, going by way of Treves, Luxembourg and Verdun.

Theories of Rev. E. H. Jenks Cause of Much Discussion

Pastors Generally Agree as to Causes of Influenza; Rev. Father Judge Says It's Judgment of God.

Widespread discussion of the theories of Rev. E. H. Jenks, pastor of First Presbyterian church, has followed publication in The Sunday Bee of his beliefs on the nature and origin of the epidemic of Spanish influenza.

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Two Wounded "Bunkies" Rally Each Other on Nature of Injuries

New York, Dec. 23.—Two "bunkies" wounded in action together—Private Taylor Williams of Lynchburg, Va., and Private Major Goff of Princeton, N. C.—of the One Hundred and Nineteenth infantry, were on the transport Cedric, which arrived today.

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WARSHIPS TO REACH NEW YORK THURSDAY

Arrangements for Review and Land Parade Completed by Wireless; Smaller Craft Delayed.

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LT.-COL. C. W. WHITTLESEY

President Wilson Opposes Sinking of German Warships

Washington, Dec. 23.—It may be stated authoritatively that President Wilson will oppose in the most direct fashion proposals from any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice.

Canada Lifts Restrictions on Export of Coarse Grains

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Corn exchange has been advised by the department of trade and commerce at Ottawa of the removal of the restrictions on the exportation from Canada of all kinds of coarse grain.