

# BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

## CHINA TO ASK FOR STOLEN INSTRUMENTS.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The return of priceless ancient bronze astronomical instruments stolen from the Chinese imperial observatory by German troops during the Boxer uprising, is to be asked by the Chinese government at the Versailles peace conference, Dr. W. W. Willoughby, an adviser of that government, announced here today.

## BATTLESHIP CREW ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

New York, Jan. 1.—Gifts selected by Lady Beatty, wife of the admiral of the British grand fleet, went to American children today instead of to Scotch boys and girls, as the donors, the crew of the battleship New York, had expected.

The New York came home in time to hold a New Year's celebration in this harbor instead of a Christmas one in a Scotch port. Poor children, many of whose fathers had sacrificed their lives for their country, were guests of the crew aboard the battleship. The tars contributed \$2,500 of their savings to pay for the presents.

## CLEMENCEAU RESTING AT PLACE OF HIS BIRTH.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Premier Clemenceau, who has labored incessantly since he took office 13 months ago, is taking a rest at Moullereau-en-Pareds Lavandee, where he was born 78 years ago.

## SCOTCHMEN CELEBRATE IN OLD TIME FASHION.

London, Jan. 1.—Evidence that the war is ended came again tonight in the London celebration of the passing of the old year.

The traditional gathering of Scotchmen before St. Paul's cathedral took place with wailing and native songs. For the last four years the saddest of war precluded this celebration, but tonight this old custom was renewed with enthusiasm.

The streets surrounding St. Paul's were filled with Scotchmen before midnight. They sang "Auld Lang Syne" and exchanged greetings while chimes, silent since the outbreak of the war, rang in the new year.

## WILL RENEW CRUSADE AGAINST CIGARETS.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Miss Lucy Page Gaston, opponent of cigars, has sent her resignation to the directors of the Anti-Cigaret League of America, which she founded December 19, 1899, and of which she has been the active director. Friction within the society was said to have caused her action, but she announced plans to organize a federation of religious, fraternal and other societies to carry out her ideas.

"The war is over now, and the cigarette is once more a poison," said Miss Gaston.

She said she had personally prosecuted 1,000 cases against dealers who sold to minors.

## FLORIDA BEGINS NEW YEAR "BONE DRY."

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1.—The entire state of Florida became "dry" at midnight last night with the taking effect of the recently adopted amendment to the state constitution making sale, manufacture or transportation of liquor, wines or beer, illegal and providing heavy penalties for intoxication.

## SALVATION ARMY THANKED BY PERSHING.

New York, Jan. 1.—Gratitude for the work done in France by the Salvation Army war relief service was expressed in a New Year's cable message from General Pershing, received today, by Commander Evangeline Booth.

"We feel deep gratitude," the message said, "for the enormous contribution which the Salvation Army has made to the moral and physical welfare of this expedition, and all ranks join me in sending heartfelt feelings and the best wishes for the new year."

## STRIKE TIES UP TRACTION LINES IN MILWAUKEE

Sixteen Hundred Men Go Out to Secure Wage Increase; Not a Street Car is Moving.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 1.—Not a street car is moving in Milwaukee today, the result of a suspension of work by about 1,600 motormen and conductors, following the failure of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company to grant an increase in wages.

The new scale demanded ranges from 39 to 46 cents an hour, the old one being 35 to 42 cents.

## Three Are Killed When Train Carrying Troops Leaves Rails in Canada

Quebec, Jan. 1.—Three men were killed and 55 injured, some seriously, when a troop train bound from Halifax to Toronto with returning soldiers, was derailed near Edmundston, in the National Transcontinental railway yesterday. A heavy blizzard is raging there and with many miles down it was difficult to get reports from the scene of the accident.

One car of the train was said to have been completely overturned and four others derailed. Nothing is known here of the cause of the wreck.

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## THE WEATHER:

Generally fair; not quite so cold.

Hourly Temperature:	10 a. m.	11 a. m.	12 m.	1 p. m.	2 p. m.	3 p. m.	4 p. m.	5 p. m.	6 p. m.	7 p. m.	8 p. m.	9 p. m.	10 p. m.	11 p. m.	12 m.
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# U.S. PRESIDENT IN ITALY TODAY

## BIG FLEET FOR EACH SEACOAST PROPOSED

### Secretary Daniels Explains to House Committee Plans to Keep Navy "Fit and on Its Toes."

Washington, Jan. 1.—To keep the navy "fit and on its toes," two great fleets, one based on the Pacific coast and the other on the Atlantic coast, will be established by next summer with war games and joint maneuvers as a part of the regular program of training.

### Rivalry Between Fleets.

"An admiral who can stay long enough to stir up ambition" will be placed in command of each fleet, Mr. Daniels said, and all officers will be kept on duty for two years. In effect, the secretary added, there will be a war between the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, "which will stimulate their keenness that it will make the men feel they are in actual war."

### Submarine Bases Retained.

Mr. Daniels also told the committee that during peace times the submarine bases at San Diego, Cal.; Key West, Fla., and New London, Conn., and the air defense stations at San Diego and Pensacola, Fla., will be retained. The principal training stations for seamen in the east will be at Chicago, Hampton Roads and Newport, R. I.

### Legal Test of Express Rates is to Be Made on Supreme Court Order

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—By putting into effect express charges ordered by the federal railroad administration, the American Railway Express company in this state today elected to show cause before the Nebraska supreme court by January 10 why a schedule of rates on interstate business promulgated by the Nebraska railway commission should not be adopted. The supreme court yesterday ordered the company to adopt the commission's rates, which are lower than the federal charges, or show reason for not doing so. The commission expects the supreme court to pass opinion on the question as to whether the railroad administration has the right to regulate interstate express rates.

### New Flag Pole on Capitol Grounds Stands Crooked

Lincoln, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The new flag pole erected by the State Board of Public Works is flying the Stars and Stripes for the first time today. The pole was erected last week by rates of interstate business promulgated by the Nebraska railway commission should not be adopted. The supreme court yesterday ordered the company to adopt the commission's rates, which are lower than the federal charges, or show reason for not doing so.

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### Bank Guarantee Fund Shows \$134,424 Increase

Lincoln, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—According to the report of the state banking board, the state bank guarantee fund now amounts to \$2,012,858. On July 1, of last year the amount in the fund amounted to \$1,878,434. The assessment made which is one-twentieth of one per cent average deposits for the previous six months, gives an increase to the fund of \$134,424.

## Lawyers Hold Big Jobs on Legal Staff Of the War Department

### Judge Advocates Headed by Major General Crowder, Formerly of Fort Crook; State, Especially Omaha, Furnishes Large Corps of Men to Administer Military Justice in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 1.—(Special to The Bee.)—Nebraska, and particularly Omaha, has had an unusual representation on the legal staff of the War Department during the world war. Maj. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, the judge advocate general of the army, although not a Nebraskan by birth, spent several years in Omaha in the '90s as judge advocate of the Department of the Platte. He has many friends there and still regards Omaha as his former home.

General Crowder is known to all Americans as provost marshal general because of his leadership in executing the selective service law which produced the great united army of the United States. As judge advocate general he has been the official legal advisor to the secretary of war, chief of staff, War Department and the military establishment. He has passed upon the legal correctness of all military administration, disciplinary action and matters affecting the rights and relations of the personnel of the army. He has also been the head of the military judiciary.

### Executive Officers Nebraskans.

The administration of military justice and military procedure is safeguarded by law and the theory has been that no soldier should be punished except according to law. Sentences awarded in general courts-martial are not effective until approved by a superior commander who has on his staff as legal advisor an officer of the judge advocate general's department. This officer supervises disciplinary action in the first instance, and the office of the judge advocate general exercises a supervisory power similar to a court of error. It is, in short, a court of last resort to which general courts-martial records are referred for review.

The acting judge advocate general, Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Ansell, (Continued on Page Three, Column Two.)

## START NEW YEAR IN CELEBRATION OF PROSPERITY

### Victory Celebrations Held Over Entire City; Flu Ban Removed and Dance Floors Occupied.

Omaha celebrated New Year's as it never did before. It has even greater reason to be happy than ever in its history. Not only is the war over, but Omaha has just completed the biggest business year in its history.

### Loans Will Be Repaid.

This district does not include the big sum—between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000—which have been loaned to railroads to help them pay for the extensive program of improvement and purchase new cars and locomotives. These loans will be repaid eventually.

### Reception to Officers.

At Fort Omaha Colonel and Mrs. Wiest held a special reception to (Continued on Page Three, Column Five.)

## Pope Benedict Hopes New World Order Will Come

### In New Year's Message to America Pontiff Goes on Record in Favor of League of Nations.

Rome, Jan. 1.—In a New Year's message to America, given today to the Associated Press, Pope Benedict expressed the hope that the peace conference might result in a new world order, with a league of nations, the abolition of conscription and the establishment of tribunals to adjust international disputes. The message reads: "On the eve of the New Year, in which humanity is at last to enjoy the blessing of peace, we are glad to send cordial greetings to the American people as the champions of those same principles which have been proclaimed by both President Wilson and the Holy See, ensuring for the world justice, peace and Christian love."

## SOLDIERS RESCUED WHEN SHIP GROUNDS

### Large Number of Wounded Men on Northern Pacific Which Goes Ashore at Fire Island.

New York, Jan. 1.—Relatives of men aboard the United States transport Northern Pacific, grounded on a sandbar off Fire Island, need have no fear for their safety, according to a wireless message from Captain Connelly, commanding, received tonight by the Associated Press.

### 2,480 Persons Aboard Ship.

The American transport Northern Pacific left Brest, France, on Christmas day with 2,480 wounded and well American soldiers, sailors and nurses. It went aground on Fire Island, one of the most dangerous points on the Atlantic coast in rain and fog at 3:30 a. m. today. Seven hours later, with weather conditions unfavorable, rain and snow falling and a strong southerly wind blowing the vessel harder into the sand, navy officials saw no prospect that the ship would be released until tomorrow, and a coast guard crew began casting lines from the shore.

### Take Wounded Men Off.

These vessels include the United States cruisers Columbia and Des Moines, the transport Mallory, the hospital ship Solace, six destroyers and five tugs. The tugs went alongside the Northern Pacific to tow aboard the troops and transported the sick to the Solace and the Mallory and the well ones to the cruisers and destroyers.

### Units Not Given.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The transport Northern Pacific, aground off Fire Island, sailed from France Christmas day, with 2,400 troops, including the eighth trench mortar battery of the eighth division, and a large number of sick and wounded men. The identity of the other units aboard was not given in dispatches to the War Department announcing the departure of the vessel.

### Another Vessel Stuck in Mud.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—The steamer Jisondaria, with 70 sick soldiers and 18 officers on board, is aground in the Delaware river off Fort DuPont, about 40 miles below Philadelphia. The vessel's nose is in the mud in the west side of the channel and in no danger.

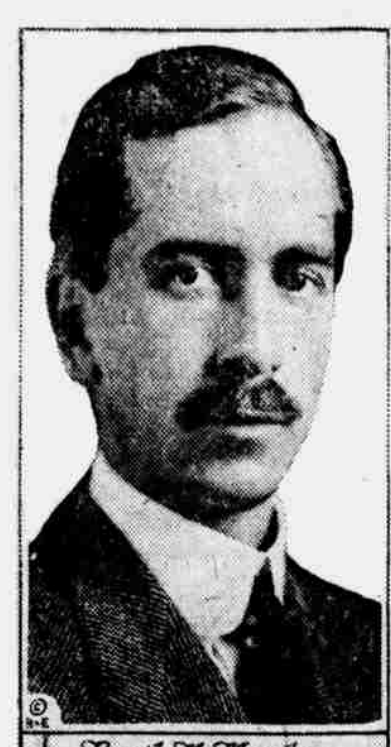
### Stranded Transport Lost.

London, Jan. 1.—The American transport Tenadores, which stranded on rocks in the Bay of Biscay last Saturday, is considered a total loss, according to reports reaching shipping circles here. The passengers and crew have been landed.

### District Court Judges Arrange for New Dockets

District court judges held a brief meeting Wednesday morning to arrange for the new docket which will be started on January 6.

## War Labor Board Heads Who Will Hear Carmen



Basil H. Manly



WILLIAM H. TAFT

## HUNS REQUIRED TO GIVE SALUTE TO U.S. OFFICERS

### Army Order Authorizes Arrest for Failure to Comply; Photographing Party Goes to Berlin.

Coblenz, Jan. 1.—Beginning today all German civil employes in uniform and all German soldiers within the American area of occupation must salute American officers. Failure to comply makes the Germans liable to arrest. An order to this effect reached Coblenz today from American advance general headquarters at Treves.

### Object to Hours.

"Will the hearing include recognition of the union?" was asked of Mr. Burnett. "That is a matter which I do not care to discuss at this time," he replied. "The men are not complaining against any award which the war board already has made, but there are working conditions which should be adjusted. We are asking for a minimum of nine hours for a day. Some of the men are now being paid for less than seven hours per day. In some instances the elapsed time is from 12 to 20 hours, meaning from the time a man starts his work until he quits, and during that period he may work less than seven hours. We are, therefore, asking that this long spread be reduced so that a man may do his day's work within a shorter spread of time."

### Policy As to Unions.

One of the policies of the national war labor board has been expressed by the board in the following words: "The right of workers to organize in trade unions and to bargain collectively through chosen representatives is recognized and affirmed. This right shall not be denied, abridged, or interfered with by the employers in any manner whatsoever."

### German Submarines Being Divided Among Allies, Asserts Mail

London, Jan. 1.—German submarines which have been surrendered are being divided among the allies, according to the Mail. The newspaper says that 15 go to France, 10 to Italy, seven to Japan and four to the United States. The U-boats turned over to the United States are said to be now on their way across the Atlantic.

### British Vessel Wrecked and 270 Sailors Drowned

London, Jan. 1.—Two hundred and seventy sailors were drowned today as the result of the loss of the British steamer yacht *Loiola*, off Stornoway, Scotland.

## WILSON'S TRAVELING IN ROYAL EQUIPAGE

### Will Receive Formal Welcome at Turin and Genoa, and Will Arrive in Rome Today.

Rome, Jan. 1.—President Wilson will arrive at the Italian frontier on the morning of January 2, according to present plans. He will be met at the border by aides of King Victor Emmanuel, American Ambassador Page and Count Macchi di Cellere, Italian ambassador to the United States.

### Pomp and Ceremony.

Prince Colonna, the mayor of Rome, and representatives of the municipality will await President Wilson in the large square facing the baths over the Colosseum. He will be met at the station by the king and queen, the members of the cabinet and military and civil authorities.

### Will Visit Pope Benedict.

Saturday President Wilson will visit the Pantheon and will place wreaths on the tombs of King Victor Emmanuel I and King Humbert. He will then attend a special meeting of the Lyceum academy, the oldest national scientific institution, which will give him honorary membership. The president will have luncheon at the American embassy with Ambassador Page, after which he will visit Pope Benedict at the Vatican. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson will be received by the pope immediately after the president.

### Will Not Visit Switzerland.

Berne, Jan. 1.—The American legation here announced this afternoon that President Wilson "regrets the pressure of numerous other engagements prevents his visiting Switzerland."

### Western Manager of Elevator Company is Given Big Promotion

R. W. Gardner, formerly vice-president and general manager of the mid-western division of the Otis Elevator company, was recently made executive manager of the company and has his headquarters at the central office in New York City. Mr. Gardner left Omaha last June to take up official duties in the company which won for him the late promotion. The new position entails a yearly salary of \$50,000.

### District Judge Ellen Unable to Make Address

Lincoln, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A message from Henry B. Allen of Madison to Clerk Harry Lindsay of the supreme court today states that his father Judge W. V. Allen is ill and will not be able to deliver the memorial address at the exercises held by the supreme court tomorrow morning commemorating Judge Francis G. Hamer.