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HAIG READJUSTS BRITISH LINES Advances Slightly at one Point and Makes Successful Retirement at Another in France

(By United Press) LONDON, Dec. 6.—British lines southwest of Lavacquerie were "advanced slightly." Field Marshal Haig reported today. The British commander-in-chief announced another withdrawal, "for a short distance," of British troops from a salient in the neighborhood of Rouleux sur Lescaut and Bourton Wood. The move was accomplished without interference from the enemy. Until late yesterday Haig said the Germans were not aware of the withdrawal. Prior to this readjustment of the British lines the enemy's field works area was systematically destroyed. In his regular interview granted American newspapermen yesterday, the British general, F. B. Maurice, director of operations, announced the likelihood that British forces around Cambrai would be ordered to make certain readjustments in their lines. Presumably Field Marshal Haig is following this plan out in operations noted above.

Trees of Bourlon Splintered Away Bourlon's "pocket" comes from a sharp curve around the wood from a point in the Banasme-Cambrai road between the Nord canal and the southern corner of the woods, and then runs to Fontaine Notre Dame. Enemy machine guns in Fols wood were firing back at the British line from a position further accentuating the salient.

The OLD BEE HIVE December 6, 1917.

Simplify Your Christmas Shopping by Coming Where the Largest Varieties of Useful, Practical and Moderately Priced Gifts Are Displayed

We have this year gathered such abundance and variety of merchandise of a gift giving character as never before. Every hour of the day the increasing crowds of shoppers demonstrate the great popularity of the store, the efficient service and the reliability and infinite variety of practical gifts displayed for sale.

- Full Holiday Stocks of White Persian Ivory and Pyralin
These articles are in splendid taste and are being given regularly by many at Christmas time to make up and complete full toilet sets. We offer the following:
Hair Brushes, \$1.98 to \$5.50
Hand Mirrors, \$2.50 to \$4.50
Puff Boxes, .75c each
Solep Boxes, .25c and 50c
Talcum Powder Boxes, \$1.50
Hair Receivers, .75c each
Dressing Combs, 25c and 50c
Playing Card Cases, .50c
Clothes Brushes, \$2.25 to \$4.00
Jewel Boxes, \$1.98

Children's Bath Robes \$1.50 to \$3.98
These robes are made of Beacon Blankets and are ideal gifts for boy or girl. The patterns are very neat and attractive. Each robe finished with frogs and cords. A Wonderful Christmas Exhibits of Women's Neckwear. The Christmas display of Women's Neckwear offers splendid opportunities for selecting ideal gifts at prices ranging from 50 cents to \$200 each. Charming styles in lace jabots, Georgette collars and sets, Swiss embroidered collar and sets, white serge collars, white corduroy collars and many others. It is a representative collection, featuring only the best ideas of the season, and anything you choose will make the most acceptable gifts. Prices are 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and up to \$2.00 each.

2 MONTHS BEFORE COLLIDE SCRAPES KILLERS, BUILDINGS DESTROYED; HALIFAX BURNING

Explosion After Collision In Harbor Destroys Portions of City--All Wires Are Down

Report 200 Bodies Recovered --British Cruiser Involved
By United Press. TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 6.—A private message received here from the Grand Trunk office in Montreal said 200 bodies have been located in the North Street Station at Halifax. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A British cruiser crashing into an American munitions ship caused the terrific explosion in Halifax, according to reports received here this afternoon by cable officials.

CIDER PLES ARE IN DEMAND FOR LEVERAGE Selling In Some Parts of State For \$1.10 Hundred Pounds-- First Grade Fruit Brings \$8.00 For Barrel. MAPLE SUGAR INTERESTS Joint Meeting of State Organizations at Howard Relief Hall with Interesting and Practical Papers By Experts.

PERSHING WANTS FULL REGIMENT OF QUARRYMEN Barre Will Respond By Contributing Part of Proposed Organization--Is the Largest Granite Centre In Country.

CONGRESS TAKES STEPS TO DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA Senator Stone, In Contrast to Previous Attitude, Is Handling Resolution For Declaration Asked By President.

(By United Press.) TORURO, N. S., Dec. 6.—The northwestern portion of Halifax is on fire, forty or fifty persons are reported killed and many injured, and hundreds of buildings destroyed or damaged as a result of a collision between two steamers which caused an explosion in Halifax harbor this morning. All telegraph and cable wires are down and only fragmentary reports are being received. (Continued on Page 10)

With Vermont apples of the first grade selling at \$5 to \$6 a barrel and cider apples shoveled into wagon boxes bringing \$10 a hundred pounds, there should be no excuse for apples remaining on the trees at the present time. Reports from several parts of the Vermont Horticultural Association, submitted today at a meeting of the Vermont Horticultural Association, however, indicated that this was the fact. The demand for cider in Vermont is at its very large. Cider to the way is the only fermented drink which the law allows to be made in the State. The southern counties are now coming into prominence in raising apples and Grand Isle, Chittenden and Franklin counties, in turn, must look to their interests. One man down Bennington was reported to have 20,000 bushels of apple trees in his county just coming to bearing, and one of the finest shows of apples at this year's exhibit at the young trees of Mr. West of

Barre, Dec. 6. Employees and employees of Barre's quarrying industry are confronted with their first opportunity to serve the nation in the field without forsaking their identity with the great industry which they represent. The first direct request from the government for assistance from the Barre granite industry has taken the form of letter addressed to the quarriers, asking them to aid in securing skilled quarry workers for service in a special quarry regiment to be known as the 28th engineers of the national army. Nearly every quarry owner in the Barre district is in receipt of the appeal, and it is to be expected that Barre will figure mightily in the formation of a regiment that is to consist of six companies of 250 men each. Here is an opportunity for Barre to be represented in France by men who may be privileged to put into practice some of the valuable lessons they have learned as quarry workers and helpers on Millstone hill. Under the heading "28th Engineers," a circular story of the proposed regiment and its purpose has been sent to the quarriers, and they will lend their assistance, even at the expense of crippling an industry that has already suffered somewhat from enlistment and conscription without saying. Says the circular: "Experienced quarrymen, rock and chisel men, masons, blasters and powder men, crusher men, stationary steam engineers, locomotive engineers, steam shovel and crane men, clam-shell bucket men, blacksmiths, machinists, electricians, compressor men, trackmen, cooks, master mechanics, quarry superintendents and foremen, and railroad brakemen are wanted to enter in the 28th Engineers (special quarry) regiment." Gen. Pershing has indicated that a quarry regiment is urgently needed for immediate service in France, and it is probable that the regiment, as soon as enlistments are filled, will go overseas at once. Quarriers in Barre have been asked to send as many men as possible, and to send the names and addresses of skilled workmen who have already enlisted, or who have been drafted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—America will go a step nearer open warfare with Austria today. The House foreign relations committee will report the resolution declaring a state of war today with a request for unanimous consent for the House to take it up as the first business tomorrow. The Senate foreign relations committee will consider the resolution today and report it tomorrow. A vote in the Senate may not be reached before Saturday or Monday. In contrast to the situation that arose when the resolution for war on Germany was presented, Senator Stone of Missouri is handling the declaration against Austria. Stone is for war on Austria or any other nation the President may suggest now that the United States is in the conflict. The declaration of war upon Austria will make necessary legislation to fix the status of hundreds of men in the American army who owe allegiance to Austria, some and today.

F. D. ABERNETHY The Head of Church Street. Foreign Shopping Service For Our Soldiers Who are Overseas Through the Paris Office, we will shop for our American soldiers, who are now in France. Purchases will be made in Paris and sent direct to the front or to the camp. Tell us what you want to send to your soldier boy and we will see that it reaches him. Money also may be transferred through our Paris representative.

RUSSIA WANTS GENERAL PEACE SAYS TROTSKY Bolshevik Foreign Minister Declares Separate Peace Not Object of Present Negotiations. By United Press. LONDON, Dec. 6.—"The Russian government does not desire a separate peace," declared Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik foreign minister, in an interview printed in today's TRIBUNE. "Therefore there are three stages in our present negotiations: The Maximalist leader asserted: 'These are the stages: first, negotiation of a definite armistice and third, peace. We hope before the last stage of allied peoples will persuade their governments to participate.'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The railroad industry will be operating as a unit soon after the first of the year. Whether they will be operated under dictatorialship or under Men Themselves or Under Direct Control of Government. The Interstate Commerce Commission today takes up with President Wilson within a few days, Senator Newlands, Nevada, chairman of the Senate committee which is charged with the Senate resolution for government control of mines and railroads while the Senate Interstate committee today takes up the Government resolution to suspend the operation of the portion of the Clayton act prohibiting railroad buying-sellings except by competitive bidding.

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GIFTS FOR WOMEN. Silk Hosiery Gratifying to find so many ideally suitable kinds of silk hosiery for gifts. Send us your order by mail for Silk Hosiery. It will be filled with greatest care. Neatly packed in gift boxes ready for giving if so desired. SILK BOOT HOSE with very elastic lisle garter top and reinforced lisle foot, also deep garter top, of silk, Copenhagen blue, gold, rose and champagne for selection—65 cents per pair BLACK SILK BOOT HOSE, full fashioned reinforced lisle foot and deep garter top..... 85 cents per pair PURE SILK HOSE, a remarkable value, foot reinforced with best silk lisle, also deep garter top, of silk lisle, black only..... 95 cents per pair EXCEPTIONAL BLACK SILK HOSE, full fashioned and shapely, finished with silk lisle top and reinforced lisle foot..... \$1.05 per pair SEAMLESS BLACK SILK HOSE, the kind preferred by many women because of their comfort giving qualities. Reinforced heel and toe, lisle garter top \$1.15 per pair AT \$1.15 PER PAIR. Medium weight, full-fashioned silk hose with elastic lisle top and reinforced lisle foot. Shown in black, white, buck, olive, brown, putty, Palm Beach, Delft blue, gold and Arizona silver. MEDIUM WEIGHT SILK HOSE black or white for choice, made with deep lisle top and reinforced foot..... \$1.50 per pair MEDIUM WEIGHT SILK HOSE, full-fashioned-finished with a very elastic lisle top; this particular hose in black and white only..... \$1.75 per pair

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## THE SENATE VOTES FOR STATE OF WAR WITH AUSTRIA

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## WAR WITH AUSTRIA WITHIN 24 HOURS

### Both Houses of Congress Meet at Noon to Sweep Declaration Through—To Follow President's Counsel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate this afternoon passed the resolution declaring a state of war against Austria-Hungary.

With the senate's approval of the war resolution, it was certain the house late this afternoon would take the same action.

The senate voted unanimously. Senator La Follette, who took his seat during debate, absented himself when the roll call was begun.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Senator Stone today reported to the senate the resolution declaring war on Austria, approved by the foreign relations committee. Stone gave notice that upon conclusion of the senate's routine business he would move immediate consideration.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—America will be at war with Austria probably within 24 hours. Eager to do the president's bidding both houses met at noon today to sweep the war declaration through.

Virtually no debate was in sight. The temper of Congress is stripped of pacifism.

Despite the strong sentiment for including Bulgaria and Turkey in America's enemy list, there was little likelihood that Congress will depart from President Wilson's counsel that they not be included now.

Vote expected of the senate

foreign relations committee reserved the right to offer a separate resolution for a declaration against the two lesser vassals of Germany.

The state department said in effect there was some chance of detaching Turkey at least from the central powers and making a separate peace with her. Secretary Lansing reiterated this.

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## ST. JOHNSBURY GETS NEXT MEET OF APPLE MEN

### Joint Session to Be Held Next Year with Sugarmakers and Beekeepers in Village of Church Point and Seales.

PLANTING MAN PRESIDENT

J. P. Spear, West Newbury, Carries off Sweepstakes Cup and Head Prize—Ruttland Man Has Best General Display.

George D. Aiken of Putney, who was vice president of the New England Fruit show in which Vermont 'bore conspicuously at Montpelier a year ago, was this morning elected to head the State Horticultural Society for the ensuing year.

M. B. Cummings of Burlington, for several years the efficient secretary of the organization, was re-elected to that office with an unanimous vote. W. E. Colton of Montpelier was selected treasurer, and A. T. Clark of Vergennes was chosen auditor. The executive committee is composed of Messrs. Aiken and Cummings, State Commissioner of Agriculture, E. S. Brigham of St. Albans, Clarence J. Ferguson of Burlington and E. L. Withell of Middlebury.

It is all probability the next annual meeting of the society will be held at St. Johnsbury, an invitation having been extended from that village. It is also likely that the Maple Sugars Makers and the Vermont Beekeepers will unite with the orchardists. The meeting may be held in November.

The Sugar Prize

J. P. Spear of West Newbury won the sweepstakes cup for the second time, and will be permanently if won again. Mr. Spear also won the first prize, \$25 for the most artistic display of maple products.

The first prize of \$25 for the largest and best display of maple syrup and sugar went to C. H. Colvin of Rutland, who won this prize a year ago at St. Albans.

There were 46 exhibits of syrup

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## FREEZING WEATHER AND SHORT TRAINS STRICKEN HALIFAX

### Great Exodus from Halifax Police, Soldiers and Civilians Dig in Ruins of City of Horrors For Dead and Maimed.

By United Press.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—A great exodus from Halifax, city of horrors, has begun, according to information reaching here today. While police, soldiers, United States sailors and civilians volunteers are digging in the debris of ruined portions of the city for dead and maimed, a stream of women, children and some men are flocking from the town.

Preparations to care for these refugees have been made in many nearby towns. Most of them are being conveyed by trains, others are riding in wagons but lately used for hauling corpses. Messages here said the scenes were as heart-rending as those which followed the Great Vancouver fire.

Two thousand dead is a conservative estimate, according to the police. When the work of clearing away debris begins, further horrors may be revealed. All present the fire-swept area is shrouded in ice.

A number of bodies have been recovered from the bay.

The escape of the crews of the two ships which, colliding, caused the explosion, was explained today. After the crash—due to a mistake in signals—both crews abandoned ship. The French munitions steamer Mont Blanc was in flames, a deck load of benzene blazing brightly. The sailors knew an

## American Bluejackets Aid City in Work of Rescue

(By United Press)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—Freezing cold and a heavy snow-storm added to the sufferings of wounded and shelterless in this blasted city today.

Fires which were believed extinguished have broken out again.

There is no reliable count of a dead. Five thousand was a reasonable estimate in the belief of those at work clearing the corpses now frozen solid in grotesque and horrible attitudes of death agony.

Many of the injured are dying. Police are attempting to round up the lost children who are wandering through the appalling wilderness of wreckage, weeping bitterly or calling for their mothers.

Even worse conditions than exist in Halifax have turned to North Dartmouth, across the bay, into a place of death and suffering.

The most badly damaged section of Halifax is shut off by guards from the portion which is still habitable. The dock yard incans have been flooded to prevent more explosions. Canadian soldiers and American

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## The OLD BEE HIVE

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### CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

This will be a white Christmas if pretty handkerchiefs have anything to say about it.

Fine Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs in the plain hemstitched styles. Others beautifully embroidered and still many others with various style initials.

Tiny square, of linen which will fold up to the size of a postage stamp almost and big, generous handkerchiefs with the stamp of the business man all over them and sizes and qualities of all good sorts between.

You can choose with every assurance as to quality of laundering ability and of service as well as perfection of design and finish.

All handkerchiefs in gift boxes.

LACE HANDKERCHIEFS with linen centers, very dainty narrow lace edge, also elaborate designs, priced 50c each.

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS put up two and three in a box, colored Mc-Iter Goose designs in corner, priced 15c and 20c per box.

INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS all linen, styles for men and women, priced 15c, 19c, 25c and 50c each.

PLAIN LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS—Styles for men and women with hemstitched edge, all linen, very fine quality, priced 15c, 19c, 25c, 50c and 60c each.

EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS of very fine linen, shown in an extraordinary choice variety of designs, beautiful handkerchiefs for gifts, priced 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c.

### KNITTING BAGS

A MOST ATTRACTIVE VARIETY PRICED: \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98 AND UP TO \$5.75.

Scores of these bags are being chosen for Christmas gifts and it is wise to choose now while assortments are so complete.

These bags are made of cretonnes that are exceedingly attractive and the shapes are the newest of any brought out for the holiday season.

### In The Art Department

A HUNDRED OR MORE GIFT SUGGESTIONS BOTH USEFUL AND INEXPENSIVE. WE MENTION JUST A FEW

Cretonne Dresser Sets priced	\$1.69 and \$2.69 per set
Pin Cushions	29c to 69c
Cretonne Work Baskets	59c each
Sterling Tumbler in cases	50c
Ribbon Covered Shoe Trees	50c
Leather Card Cases	50c
Ribbon Sachets	29c each
Telephone Pads	59c each
Nimble, Wimbly Wan Dolls	50c each
Soap Bubble Blowers	25c each
Hearth Brooms	50c each
Crocheted Needle Cases	59c each
Leather Novelties	50c to \$3.75
Desk Sets, priced	29c and 50c
Cretonne Pin Trays	59c
Cretonne Laundry Bags	65c and 98c

## L. C. C. ASKS MORE POWER TO INQUIRE INTO RAILROADS

Political Activity Mentioned and Various Recommendations For Legislation Made—Report 54 Collisions in Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Additional power to investigate the activities of railroads is asked by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report, submitted to Congress today.

The commission of the supreme court permits it to demand the exact details of "legal expenses" operating expenditures at the disposal of the president and similar accounting terms which often cover campaign contributions, lobbying funds, etc.

The commission seeks now the right of access to the complete correspondence files of all railroads. Congressional action is necessary. With these powers, it is understood, the commission intends a thorough searching of alleged scandals. One that of the Seattle & Nashville has been announced. Other recommendations are: All steel passenger trains. Safety and operating rules of all railroads to be standardized.

Supervision against watering of railroad stock.

Law prohibiting trespass of roads' right of way.

Suggestions that the Interstate Commerce Commission become the sole regulating body in the country, taking over the powers of 48 separate state commissions, is met with a counter-proposal of cooperation.

"Transportation conditions have been abnormal" said the commission, "and essential needs of the country have been taken care of."

Only 18,000 miles of new road had been built in the last five years. Freight rates have been reduced from 2,007 1/2 to one-mile in the same period to 1,007 1/2.

In 54 collisions and 26 derailments, 174 were killed and 427 were injured—the best record in recent years. A great majority of the collisions occurred on roads not protected by the block system. Blame was due to failure of signals to be signals,

## U. S. SOLDIERS FEAR SHIP WITH ABROAD EXPECT SHORT TRAINING ABOARD LOST

American Army Expects to See Early Action Against Enemy—Armed Strength Should Be Felt Soon.

BY J. W. PHELPER.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PARIS, FRANCE, Dec. 7.—The American army is beginning to wonder whether its period of training will be shortened so American army strength may be felt sooner on the battle line.

News from home today of America's impending declaration of war against Austria-Hungary, the German blow at Cambrai, indicating apparently the start of a winter-long German offensive; knowledge that Germany can now utilize great numbers of reserve soldiers; and the fact that the front lines are continuing to move. American fighters realize more keenly that developments of the next few weeks may be fraught with the most important consequences to the American expeditionary army.

Germany in the view of the American soldiers is preparing her greatest

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### 4 MORE DAYS TO SHOP

GITCHOUR XMAS BARGAINS IN DAYS ADVERTISEMENTS



## F. D. ABERNETHY

The Head of Church Street.

### The Christmas List of 1917

Every one on your list is a different person with individual tastes. The same gift will not be suited to each one. However, we have assembled many articles which allows of the greatest latitude. Now when selections are to be made—

Get Gift Suggestions Here

For Men	BLANKET BATH ROBES	\$5.50
	UMBRELLAS	\$2.00
	SHIRTS	\$1.50
	GLOVES	\$1.50
	BILL FOLDS	85c
	SILK HOSIERY	55c
	NECKWEAR	50c
For Women	ORIENTAL CHAIN	\$1.50
	PERCALE DRESS PATTERN	\$1.75
	GLOVES	\$1.50
	ENVELOPE CHEMISE	\$2.25
	SILK HOSIERY	\$1.15
	BLOUSES—value \$10.50	\$7.88
	PERFUME	50c
For Miss Six to Sixteen	HAIR RIBBON	29c
	PERFUME	25c
	PIN	50c
	HAND BAG	58c
	GLOVES	\$1.50
	SPORT SETS	\$1.00
For Boys	HANDKERCHIEFS	25c
	NECKTIES	25c
	WOOL GLOVES	75c
	UNDERWEAR	\$1.25
	STOCKINGS	25c
	PAJAMAS	\$1.00
For the House	MADEIRA CENTER PIECK	95c
	LAMPS	\$3.50
	SHADES	\$1.85
	INITIAL BATH TOWELS	50c
	COMFORTABLES	\$4.50
	LACQUER TRAYS	\$1.50
	BLANKETS	\$3.50

NEED CREDIT TO HAVE RAILROADS DO THEIR DUTY

Government credit, would under normal conditions be a permanent solution for the problem of railroad credit. Even under war conditions, such a loan should be regarded as an expedient only.

Diabetes Sufferer Given Up To Die By Friends Now Back On Job

Warner's Safe Diabetes Remedy produced astonishing results for Mr. Priquet who had given up in despair. Following is a voluntary and authentic statement from Mr. Jules Priquet of 511 West First Street, Los Angeles.



PERFECTION OIL HEATERS advertisement featuring an illustration of a heater and text describing its benefits for warming homes and offices.

U. S. Soldiers Expect Action

Effort, and with the greatest force, thanks to the Russian armistice, we are now on the front. That is what has been able to muster to years.

Cuticura Soap advertisement with an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for skin conditions.

STATE DAIRYMEN COMING HERE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Vermont Dairymen's Association, one of the largest organizations of the kind in the country, will hold its annual meeting here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 15-17.

St. Johnsbury Gets Next Meeting

Mr. Bailey spoke of the forest tent caterpillar and the brown tail moth as the greatest pests of the forest.

Freezing Weather Adds to Horrors

The explosion gave warning of its coming. It was preceded by a noise which was heard in the vicinity of the building which the earth, carved in shrouding buildings, filled the air with death rattling fragments and shrieking thousands of people off their feet.

5000 Dead Reports U. S. Naval Commander

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Five thousand dead in the Pacific Ocean was the uncounted estimate a naval commander forwarded to the navy department here today.

Sugar Makers Elect advertisement listing the names of the officers elected to the Vermont Dairymen's Association.

First Refugees Arrive in St. John

By United Press ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 7.—First refugees from the Halifax disaster arrived here today.

President Makes Four Nominations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The President this afternoon sent to the senate the following nominations:

Fire Sweeps Factory in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Sixteen lives were lost in a fire which today for a fire which is sweeping the oil cloth works of Thomas Potter Sims & Co., one of the largest factories of this kind in the world.

Good Blood

BEECHAM'S PILLS advertisement with an illustration of a bottle and text describing its benefits for blood purification.

George A. Hall advertisement for mahogany chairs and rockers, featuring an illustration of a chair.

War With Austria Within 24 Hours

administration position in opposition to the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration but debate. Probably by tonight the administration would actually block such a treaty.

Pershing Reports Five More Deaths

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Five deaths from natural causes in the American expeditionary forces were announced by the war department today.

Bolsheviki Control Majority in Army

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Bolsheviki committee control a majority of the Russian armies in Roumania, according to word received here today.

Xmas Suggestions From Hall's

Advertisement for Xmas suggestions from George A. Hall, listing various furniture items and prices.

Advertisement for George A. Hall, 212-214 College St. Burlington, featuring an illustration of a chair.

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# AMERICAN DESTROYER ON DUTY SUNK BY U-BOAT WITH LOSS

## WHOLE SCHOOLS WIPED OUT IN THE HALIFAX DISASTER

Loss Falls Heaviest Upon the Children and Exact Toll in Human Lives Will Probably Never be Known—Storm Delays Relief.

(By United States)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 8.—The loss in Halifax, city of death, falls heaviest upon the children. Whole schools, filled with pupils, were demolished, leaving but one or two survivors. In many other schools every child was injured by flying glass.

Every train brings crowds of relatives racked with suspense for some beloved one. The hotels are thronged with sad-faced seekers. Everywhere there is desolation, everywhere mourning.

The exact extent of the toll in human lives can not be known for many days, probably never will be known. The fire which swept the blasted area wiped out the wrecks of hundreds of buildings.

The storm has greatly delayed trains and prevented relief parties from outside cities from getting work as early as they expected. When the official government investigation of the munitions ship explosion begins here it will be testified that the Mont Blanc carried 4,000 tons of T. N. T., the highest explosive known, and a load of benzine. As this floating bomb came through the narrows there was a light mist. The duty of the vessel was to keep to the right, hugging the narrows as it went towards Bedford basin to await a convoy.

coming out of the basin and, some witnesses allege, neither ship was on its proper side of the stream. In order to rectify the mistake they exchanged signals which were evidently misunderstood. The Imo rammed the munitions ship, backed away and ran aground on the Dartmouth shore. At this point there are several versions of the story told.

One is that the munitions ship was on fire before the collision. This is not generally believed. She was on fire immediately after the smash, however, when her deck load of benzine blazed. The crew took to the boats. All have been accounted for except one man, who is missing.

Twenty minutes after the collision it is declared, the munitions ship blew up where she had grounded at Pier 8, near the Intercolonial railroad station. Powder experts who are today on the scene declare that never before has there been an explosion of such force, even in the war zone. The explosive aboard the Mont Blanc was three

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## FOUR ARRESTS FOLLOW FIRE IN CHICAGO

Austrians Held After Government Warehouse Next Store to Explosives Is Destroyed—Evidence Against Them.

### MUNITIONS REMOVED

Soldiers and Firemen Brave Flames to Remove From Danger Large Quantity of High Explosives.

(By United Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Four Austrians were arrested by Federal operatives in connection with a fire which destroyed a government warehouse on the South side here today. Their names and the specific charges against them were withheld.

(By United Press)

A government warehouse on the South side in a building next to a quantity of explosives and other munitions, caught fire shortly before 9 o'clock today and the flames spread so rapidly that a second alarm was sounded. The cause of the fire has not been determined. The building was guarded by a number of soldiers.

The fire started on the third floor of a five-story building in which are stored army clothing and similar supplies. In an adjacent warehouse is a quantity of high explosives. These were removed by soldiers and firemen. A general alarm has been turned in but the building in which the fire started was destroyed.

## CONGRESS WANTS TO EXTEND WAR DECLARATION

Sentiment for Including Turkey and Bulgaria Promises to Develop Hot Fight—Committees Work On Appropriation Bills.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Having shown the world America's unity by practically unanimously declaring war against Austro-Hungary, Congress rested today. Meanwhile committees forged ahead in the great appropriation measures.

In the first four days of the war session, both houses

## Jacob Jones Lost Wh Foreign Waters---Th

## U. S. LEADER IN SCIENCE AS IN POLITICS

Secretary Lane, in Annual Report, Calls Attention to America's Leadership in Machinery For Peace Also.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—All nations will be America's debtor for leadership in scientific as well as political thought, as the result of the war, Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane stated today in a personal preface to his annual report.

"Our status in this war," he said, "gives us a place of moral ascendancy from which, if we are great enough to be humble, we can become real masters of men, conquerors of the invisible kingdom of man's mind."

He pointed to the war use of penicillin in his department, the chemists who have met America's needs as ably as Germany's did, and the geologists who construct dry, mudless trenches. When submarine shipping destruction seriously cut down pyrite imports from Spain, new mines were located in Georgia and Alabama promising a yield of 30,000 tons monthly, more than 15 shits could bring from Europe. The gas helmet of mine saving crews developed into the gas masks for American troops at the front.

Secretary Lane's preface contained no general recommendations except a suggestion to Congress that pending leasing bills be passed to release water power and petroleum resources for the war.

"But this war is not to be won by the measuring of resources," he said, "for if wars were to be so won, China possibly would be our only rival. The spirit of the people is the making of the nation. The extent to which a people can cooperate marks the point of civilization they have reached. The greatest outstanding fact of the past year is that under the influence of a common danger and purposes Americans are quick to come together."

Blizzard Holds Up

## WASHINGTON HEARS CZAR HAS MADE ESCAPE

American Consul at Tiflis Sends Report to State Department—Nicholas Has Been Prisoner in Siberia.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—That Czar Nicholas had escaped from his place of confinement in Siberia was the rumor the American consul at Tiflis reported to the state department today.

The department's advisers gave no details, merely reporting a rumor at Tiflis to the effect that the former Czar had escaped.

Nicholas, following his dethronement by the revolution this spring, was spirited out of Petrograd to the small prison village of Tololsk, in Siberia.

He was reported to have been housed there under guard, accompanied by his wife and their children. Their home was set up in simplicity that contrasted sharply with their former splendor, in a large house in Tololsk.

Recently a statement purported to have been made by the deposed Czar through a neighboring monastery disclaiming any intention of seeking to regain the throne. But officials here have never ceased to speculate on the possibility that out of the present chaos in Russia the monarchists might not attempt to liberate the Czar. Certain units in the army are still believed to be loyal to him or amenable to the influence of their officers who might be brought to lead a monarchist counter-revolution.

## U. S. CONTROL IS BELIEVED RAILROAD PLAN

President Wilson to Make Decision Early Next Week and Appointment of Dictator Is

## The OLD BEE HIVE December 8, 1917.

### A Christmas Store Ready As Never Before

A Christmas service planned to serve the greatest number of people with the largest stocks of useful, practical gifts ever gathered here.

Choosing gifts here is not perplexing and invariably your money goes farthest and is spent more wisely.

Begin today, look around, you are welcome here.

### Glove Silk Underwear

reduced in price for today only.

Silk underwear gifts are greatly appreciated and this opportunity to buy at a saving should appeal to many.

These prices are for today only, all sizes 36 to 44, in pink and white.

Our regular \$2.50 Silk Vests priced.....\$1.98

Our regular \$4.00 Silk Union Suits priced.....\$3.25

Our regular \$2.75 Silk Bloomers priced.....\$2.25

# DESPERATE WITH TEUTONS

RY WOOD  
Staff Correspondent)  
RIES IN ITALY, Dec. 8.—French  
inst ever-increasing masses of  
ainly prepared for Germany's  
the Italian line.

stroy them.  
On the northern end of the line  
heavy enemy concentrations are ap-  
parently being made behind the  
Asiago plateau and Monte Grappa—  
the latter constituting both in appear-  
ance and reality a veritable Gibraltar  
guarding the Venetian plains.  
The most remarkable winter weather  
on record is favoring equally the  
Austro-Germans and the allies as  
preparations go forward on both  
sides for the impending impact.  
Where a year ago the entire mountain-  
ous front east of Lake Garda was  
buried under nine feet of snow, today  
the rocks were bare—except the  
peaks. The air is clear as crystal.  
The sun shines brightly. The ground  
is hard and dry.  
When winter eventually does break  
it will be the Austro-Germans who  
will suffer under the greatest handi-  
cap. They must transport supplies for  
great distances over difficult moun-  
tainous regions.  
The allies show an ever increasing  
strength in the whole Piave river  
line.

en and girls and the minimum wage  
is \$6, although some of them earn as  
much as \$18 and \$20 a week. The  
average wage is around \$11. The mini-  
mum wage referred to is that which  
is paid to the beginners—those who  
are learning.

**Largest Room in the State**  
On the first floor of the building is  
the spinning room, 360 feet by 372 feet,  
believed to be the largest in the state  
of Vermont. The building itself is a  
three stories high and the company is  
making alterations so that, by raising  
the roof of the third story, the process  
of which is now under way, a fourth  
floor will be added. The construction  
of this is expected to be completed in  
order that work may be done therein  
by June, 1918. There will be some rear-  
rangement of the whole plant, one of  
the contemplated changes in the make-  
up of which will be the placing of all  
machinery on the second floor.

**5000 Tons of Coal a Year**  
One of the big items which adds to  
the cost of operating such a plant as  
the cotton mill is coal, practically 5,000  
tons being used a year. Another is the  
cost of the machinery and the amount  
annually set aside for depreciation. A  
curious machine now in operation is  
run in connection with the threading  
loom. When the thread breaks this  
machine automatically stops and ties  
a knot in the broken thread. This  
machine, which costs less than a hun-  
dred dollars is not "in the running"  
with the downstairs which does  
practically the same work on the warp,  
but costs \$5,000.

The company has its own intake of  
water from the lake and has a fine  
artesian well in connection with the  
plant.

**45 Per Cent. More For Cotton Than  
in 1916.**

It is claimed that the raw material  
costs 45 per cent. higher than it did a  
year ago, thus curtailing greatly what-  
ever profits there are. In 1914, before  
the war, cotton was being bought for  
six and seven cents a pound and prices  
quoted not long ago on the Cotton Ex-  
change in New York were at 30 1/2  
cents a pound. The reason for this  
great change is not definitely known.  
Some blame might be put on the specu-  
lation side of the market but even if  
this were so, it doesn't appear that the  
price should be affected so greatly, be-  
cause for an offset to any great  
amount of speculation is the fact that  
no cotton is being shipped to Germany  
at present while before the war a huge  
amount was sent to the land of the  
Kaiser annually.  
Manufacturers claim that profits are  
not so great moreover, because of the  
high price of the raw cotton and the

## DAILY NEWS CALENDAR

**Tonight**  
Closing session of Orchardists and  
Sugarmakers at Howard Relief Hall.  
Brotherhood supper at First Church  
parish house, with address by Robert  
Lincoln O'Brien, editor of the Boston  
Herald.  
Bob Ott Co., at Strong theatre.  
Moving pictures at Majestic Theatre

**Coming Events**  
Nov. 26.-Dec. 8.—Bob Ott Co., at  
Strong Theatre.  
Dec. 9.—Russian Symphony orches-  
tra at Majestic theatre.

## CITY NEWS

Tonight, Woodmen's Hall, dancing.  
—Adv.  
The Bob Ott Company close their  
engagement at the Strong tonight  
when "Merry Movies" will be their of-  
fering.—Adv.

## Maple Sugar Awards at State Meeting

The following scores were read at  
the closing business session of the  
Vermont Sugar Makers yesterday after-  
noon:  
Class E—Maple syrup, single gallon,  
in glass or tin; premiums paid per  
rate per point on all exhibits scoring  
91 or higher. Dolphus Perley of Axford  
field took the honors in this class with  
a score of 97 points. There were three  
whose score totaled 96 1-2 points run-  
ning him a close race. They were A.  
R. Magoon of Newport, M. E. Sam-  
son of Montpelier and Mrs. Edward O.  
Newell of West Wardsboro. The fol-  
lowing exhibitors' scores totaled 96  
points: Mrs. C. H. Colvin of Rutland,  
H. B. Chapin of Middlesex, E. M.  
Bromley of Danby, Mrs. Zoe B. Mar-  
cort of East Fairfield, Eli Marcort of  
East Fairfield, A. F. Colville of An-  
dover, G. H. Soule of Fairfield, W. H.  
Collin of Stratford, C. W. Colvin of  
Stratford, Mary E. Colvin of Stratford,  
Edward Graveline, Newport, C. E. Mor-  
ton, Rochester, and D. E. Giddings of  
East Fairfield. The following exhibitors'  
products brought scores of 95 1-2  
points: Alyn Smith of Danby, A. W.  
Gilliban of Cambridge, Martin Brom-  
ley of Danby, Mott H. Bromley of Dan-  
by, Joseph R. Marcort of East Fair-  
field, E. E. Perley of Richford, L. E.  
Cook of Cambridge, A. Salmon of West  
Glover, Frank Terry of Clarendon  
Springs, R. H. Maroney of Clarendon  
Springs, Joseph Graveline of Newport.  
The list of contestants whose score to-  
taled 95 points, follow: De Los B.  
Bromley of Danby, Duane P. Bromley  
of Danby, Mrs. Nancy Bromley of  
Danby, Corbett Brothers of West Brat-  
tleboro, Ernos R. White of Brattleboro,  
E. B. Corbett of West Brattleboro. The  
scores which totaled 94 1-2 were made  
by G. A. Gould of Danby, C. A. Badger  
of East Montpelier. The scores  
totaling 94 points were made by Miss  
Hazel Marcort of East Fairfield, and  
P. B. Northrup of Sheldon. The fol-  
lowing got scores of 93 1-2: F. F.  
Spear of West Newbury, C. S. Spear  
of West Newbury, Martin Prindle of  
St. Albans, Guy Prindle of St. Albans,  
K. F. Hewes of South Londonderry was  
lowest point winner, having 93 to his  
credit.  
Class F—Maple sugar in 10-pound  
pail or tub; premiums paid pro rata  
per point on all exhibits scoring 91 or  
higher. First honors were taken by  
Mrs. C. H. Colvin of Rutland, scoring  
98 points; second honors were tied be-  
tween Mrs. Edward O. Newell of West  
Wardsboro and E. E. Perley of Rich-  
ford, each having 97 1/2 points in the  
scoring. The other high point scorers  
were: R. P. Shattuck of Eden 97 points  
N. A. Colvin of Danby, 96 points, D. E.  
Giddings of East Fairfield, 95 1/2 points,  
A. & N. K. Salmon of West Glover,  
95 1/2 points; Guy Prindle of St. Al-  
bans, 94 points; Martin Prindle of  
St. Albans, 94 points; Eli Marcort of  
East Fairfield, 94 points; N. G. Lam-  
son of Montpelier, 93 1/2 points, and L.  
E. Cook of Cambridge, 92 points.  
Class C—Best exhibit of maple sug-  
ar cakes, not less than five pounds;  
First prize, \$4.00, won by Lewis Wal-  
ker, West Rutland, scoring 97 points;  
second prize, \$3.00, won by Mrs. Ed-  
ward O. Newell, West Wardsboro,  
ing 95 1/2 points. The other high scor-

# AMERICAN DESTROYER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

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seaman; Byron Myron Flood, seaman.  
"The Jacob Jones had previously  
distinguished herself in October when  
the P. & O. steamer Orama, con-  
verted into an auxiliary cruiser, was  
torpedoed on October 19.  
"The Jones saved 305 of the 478 per-  
sons aboard at that time."  
The official statement in connec-  
tion with this Orama incident said:  
"The Jones did excellent work in  
October upon the occasion of the tor-  
pedoing of the steamship Orama.  
"At 7 p. m. October 19 the Orama,  
a former P. & O vessel converted into  
an auxiliary cruiser, was torpedoed  
by an enemy submarine.  
"The Orama at the time was part  
of a convoy of merchant vessels un-  
der escort of American destroyers, of  
which the Jacob Jones was one.  
"The submarine's periscope was seen  
after the explosion. She was imme-  
diately attacked and put out of  
action. The Jacob Jones and another  
destroyer were detailed to remain by  
the Orama to save life.  
"It was dark when the Orama be-  
gan to settle and the crew abandoned  
her. The Jacob Jones picked up in  
the dark 305 of the 478 persons on  
board.  
"All on board the Orama were saved  
by these two vessels."  
Secretary Daniels, always deeply af-  
fected by any disaster to navy craft,  
was deeply moved at this disaster,  
which hit his immediate family.  
Mrs. Daniel's lost another brother in  
the navy during the Spanish war.  
John Bagley, a marine, who was the  
first man killed in that war, was a  
brother of the commander of the Jacob

Jones. He fell at Mantanzas.  
The Jacob Jones was one of "M"  
class of destroyers. She was com-  
pleted in 1916 by the New York Ship-  
building company and went into ser-  
vice only last February.  
She was 310 feet long, had a draft of  
9.2 feet and displaced 1,090 tons. Her  
speed was over 30 knots.  
The Jacob Jones was one of the new  
type of oil burning destroyers and was  
propelled by turbine engines.

## First Reports Had 500 Lives Lost

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The loss  
of an American naval vessel with a  
considerable number of lives was re-  
ported to the Navy Department today.  
While no official announcement of  
the disaster had been made up to noon,  
it was understood officially that the  
vessel was a destroyer, that she had  
been torpedoed and that probably  
about half of her crew of 100 had  
perished.  
Official announcement awaited upon  
the approval of Secretary Daniels, who  
was temporarily absent from his of-  
fice.  
The committee on public informa-  
tion was understood to have a draft  
of the report ready for him upon his  
return.  
This marks the second American  
warship sunk by German torpedoes  
since the United States entered the  
war. The indicated loss of life in to-  
day's disaster is the largest of any  
American loss at sea, except in the  
sinking of the army transport  
Antilles, which carried 67 men down.  
The small patrol boat Alcedo was  
torpedoed November 5 with a loss of  
21 of the crew.

## Whole Schools Are Wiped Out

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times as powerful as fulminate. The  
powder experts say that had the cargo  
had a solid foundation beneath it,  
there would not have been a rat or a  
cat left alive in Halifax.  
Debris from shells, steel plates and  
shrapnel have been found five miles  
from Halifax. At Orangedale, Cape  
Breton, 150 miles distant in an air line  
and at Sydney, 200 miles away the  
shock was that of a severe earthquake.  
At Truro, 62 miles distance, the win-  
dows of the Learmonth hotel were  
shattered and the clock was shaken  
from the wall of the train dispatcher's  
office. At Meagthers Grant, 35 miles  
away, a barn was lifted from its founda-  
tions as though the work had been  
done by an expert house mover.

**Two Explosions**  
Survivors tell of feeling two distinct  
explosions. The first was slight, this  
probably being the blowing up of the  
benzene on the Mont Blanc. The great  
explosion is declared by all to be be-  
yond description.  
In an instant Halifax was trans-  
formed into a hell spot. Wooden  
buildings in the north end including  
many old and rickety structures along  
Water street poured their wreckage  
into the street. Corpses huddled  
everywhere and fire completed the  
destruction.  
The worst damage was done over  
an area of two square miles in the

# CHRISTMAS TIME AT BESSEY'S

Is the busy place for busy  
buyers. Here are:  
Calendars  
Cards  
Snapshot Albums

north end. This is swept flat and re-  
sembles a bit of the Flanders front,  
only the demolition is even worse  
than the Hun could accomplish. The  
great dock yard is in ruins.  
Hundreds of corpses have been  
found.  
Some of the refugees are trying to  
live in what remains of their homes  
today. Rev. N. Lemoff, is pastor of  
St. Mark's Anglican church in the  
north end. His house is gone, his  
church is gone, here remains but the  
cellar of his Sunday school, and there  
the pastor is now living. Half the  
members of his parish are dead. Al-  
but two of his choir have perished.  
Not a single vestryman remains.  
Practically the same is true of St.  
Joseph's Roman Catholic parish.

## Richmond Will Give Enlisted Men Big Send off Thursday

(Special to Daily News.)  
RICHMOND, Dec. 8.—A farewell  
gathering will be held here on Thurs-  
day, Dec. 13, on behalf of the boys  
that have enlisted in the army and  
navy from the town who are in any  
way connected with the Farmers'  
Cooperative Creamery. There will  
be a flag raising at the plant with a  
service flag for all who enlisted from  
the different families of the associa-  
tion. The exercises will include  
speaking at the opera house follow-  
ed by music, dancing and refresh-  
ments. The committee in charge  
consists of W. C. Fuller, Fred W.  
Fay, F. H. Edwards, Edward Freeman  
and E. A. Rhoads.

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Burlington, Vermont.

**FURS!**

# THEATRES MUST MAKE PLAIN TI ADMISSION

Some Proprietors Outside  
City Have Deceived Pu  
In This Regard—Ruling  
Department Printed.

It having come to the atten-  
tion of Deputy Collector Fred Whitten  
this city that certain theatre  
in Vermont, (not in Burlington  
been deceiving the public reg  
the war tax regulations, wheth  
tionally or not is not state  
Whittemore wrote to the colle  
Portsmouth, N. H., and receiv  
following reply:  
This office desires to call yo  
attention to a ruling of the co  
sioner of Internal revenue, reg  
the collection of the admissio  
in which ruling it is held th  
prietors or managers of th  
must make it plain in adv  
just what amount is charged f  
mission and what amount is c  
for taxes.  
This has been found neces  
prevent deception and fraud, i  
make any competition betwe  
theatres, fair and clear, so far  
Internal Revenue law is conce  
The paragraph in question  
follows:  
"A ruling has been issue  
this bureau, holding that, if  
proprietor or manager o  
theatre desires to decrease  
admission price in such a  
ner as to absorb the tax, no  
jection will be made, but th  
sign should be displayed  
conspicuous part of the the  
or printed on the tickets that  
admission prices is so much  
the tax so much."

**T. N. T. is Stored  
Near U. S. Ci**

**Government Official Draws  
son From Halifax Disas**

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—[  
quantities of T. N. T. than caus  
mighty blast which seared Hal  
stored outside United States  
Without revealing exact locati  
government official stated to  
some places "there is a great  
more." He suggested it would b  
to segregate this highly explosiv  
aterial, but held it is practically  
possible to take greater preca  
than now exist.  
Incidentally he held it wise t  
force stronger precautions abou  
ition ships particularly in the n  
of deck loads of inflammables to  
the Halifax disaster is rather d  
by traceable.

**A Stupendou  
Showing  
OF  
Holiday  
Neckwear**



**GROWING MISUSE OF SERVICE FLAG AROUSES PROTEST**

Frank L. Lane Contributes Results of His Endeavor to Obtain Official Ruling on Subject From U. S. Officials.

Growing misuse of the new service flag, so proudly displayed by those members of whose families are employed by their employers, are actually fighting for their country, has aroused public indignation in Burlington and in other cities.

The indignation has resulted in official action by at least one organization and an investigation of the proper use of the emblem by others.

Frank L. Lane, who has been troubled by the misuse of United States officials as to the official ruling as to the use of the flag and printed in his official letter to the editor which is published below.

At a meeting of Burlington Council of United Commercial Travelers, held on Saturday, action was taken that on account of such misuse of the service flag in this city that body would withdraw a second time from the use of their rooms a roll of honor containing the names of members of Burlington Council who are in the military service of the United States.

The letter of Mr. Lane follows:

To the Editor of the News—

There has been misunderstanding regarding the use of the new service flag. This flag is being used in a wide interpretation of the word "service" to the extent of the brotherhood of man.

One of these flags is displayed in front of the house of the late Mrs. Lane at the College Street Church. Upon inquiry there I learned that it was in recognition of the services of the late daughter of the house. This soldier had enlisted from Toronto, Canada, and had been killed in the war.

I inquired of a navy officer at the recruiting station as to the proper use of the flag. This officer expressed the opinion that the service flag was intended for display at the homes of soldiers and wives of men in military service of the United States in the European war. He said further that there had been some discussion among military officers as to whether a mother of a married man should display the flag. Upon this point his opinion was that if the mother was in the war dependent upon her husband for her support she might properly display the flag even though he be not of her household.

I afterwards wrote to the Secretary of War for information. I stated that the mother of a soldier who was in the service flag, and asked for information on the subject.

The Secretary says that while the War Department has not officially recognized any form of service flag—it is generally understood that when such flag or emblem is displayed by any person in business with the government by the stars therein, the number of stars indicates the number of members of that place who are serving with the military or naval forces of the United States. I believe that the use of the service flag is commendable but that its purpose is defeated when it is improperly displayed. It seems to me that this statement by the War Department and the opinion of the recruiting officer here should keep the city clear of false colors.

**Russian Peasants Reject Armistice**

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or to any other Russian faction not representative of the whole nation, a serious one to the Allies because of the vast quantity of supplies and munitions stored there.

Anarchy is reported throughout this part of Asiatic Russia.

Russian-American society has had an organization meeting at Vidzovsk. Its purpose is to maintain order. Several hundred American and Russians attended, including the American consul, and the allied naval commander. The latter reports asserted, urged the Russians to cooperate with the Allies.

Harbin seems to be wavering toward the Bolsheviks, or towards supporting the Allies. The Chinese troops now in that city depends mainly on order and protection of foreigners lives and property from anarchy.

Neither Japanese nor Russian ministers in the Orient have recognized the Bolshevik regime.

**Rare Bargains at Mylkes**

Cut Glass Water Sets, \$4.00 at \$2.50.  
\$3.98 Mahogany Trays, \$1.00  
Special sizes in Mahogany Trays at \$3.25 and \$3.50.  
Art Candles in form of corn, birch bark, etc., 98 cents pair.  
Mahogany Candle Sticks, 39c, 50c, 98c, \$1.39 each.  
Leather Tobacco Pouches and Key Ring Holders, 35c, 50c.  
Fancy Cups, Saucers and Mustache Cups and Saucers.  
Ladies' Neckwear in great variety of new goods 25c, 60c, 98c up.

**CITY NEWS**

Tonight, Woodmen's Hall, dancing.  
G. E. Whitney has gone to New York on business.  
C. W. Glynn has returned to Waterbury after spending yesterday in the city.  
Miss Edith Dillon has returned to St. Albans after visiting friends here for a few days.  
A daughter was born yesterday at Spherhawk's Sanitarium to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon.  
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**COAL SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY**

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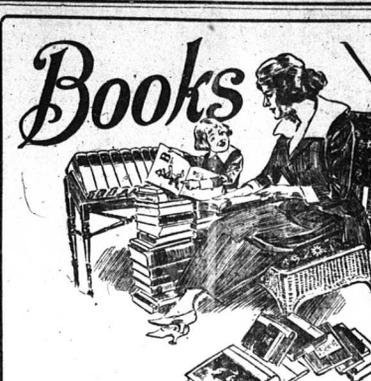
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**Baker Warns of Danger in France**

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"This explains the success which the enemy has been able to achieve in driving the British back from Cambrai. It would not do for us to minimize its importance. The enemy really has his feet planted on our ground. Our declaration of war against Austria now associates us intimately with the struggle in Italy," Baker declared.

IF ALL PEOPLE APPRECIATED their value as demonstrated by their arming eagerly and would insure up to the amount they could reasonably pay for, few families would be left unprotected and few men would live to be old and poor. National Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual), T. S. PECK, 52 1/2 College St., Burlington, Vt., Atty.

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**HAIG REPORTS 2 German Raids**

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Emperor at Front By United Press. AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.—Emperor of Austria-Hungary has gone to the southwest front, according to Vienna dispatches.

Berlin Claims. BERLIN, via LONDON, Dec. 10.—British troops were driven out of recognition of front between two of today's official statement announced by the British war office.

BRITAIN, via LONDON, Dec. 10.—More than 200 prisoners were taken when German troops on the Plova Delta, stormed the British position at Sic, east of Caspide, today's official statement asserted.

All Germans in Halifax Arrested (Continued From Page 1)

20,000 and their actual loss and estimated cost of their temporary maintenance will reach between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000. It is to be clearly understood that the estimate only the persons rendered destitute of the population of Halifax and Dartmouth least able to bear the burden and which must be immediately relieved by the generous assistance of their fellow citizens throughout Canada.

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**TOWN TALK**

Tonight, Woodmen's Hall, dancing.  
We do Hemstitching and peot edging. J. J. BERRY & CO., 31-13 Church Street—Adv.

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**THE BOYS AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

Need the health giving protection of Father John's Medicine to ward off colds, coughs and to build new strength.

In a recent letter to Mr. E. Ford, the author of these two healthy children writes: "I use Father John's Medicine in all cases of coughs and colds, also as a tonic. It is invaluable in the home. The remainder of the family are all well. It is such an excellent tonic and pleasant to take. I have a bottle of Father John's Medicine." (Signed) Mrs. M. E. Ford, 214 Lonsdale Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I.

Thousands of mothers say they keep their children well and strong and build them up after colds and coughs by giving them Father John's Medicine, which wholesome and guaranteed free from alcohol or dangerous drugs.

**Means Trial Comes to Close**

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 10.—The trial of Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Minnie A. Kins, came near a close today. Assistant District Attorney John T. Doelling of New York withdrew from active participation and Prosecutor Clement closed the fourth day of Means' examination with perfunctory questions.

ESSEX JUNCTION. Death of Mrs. Hays—Wesley Scofield Injured on Street.

ESSEX JUNCTION, Dec. 10.—The funeral of Mrs. Emily Preston Hays, whose death occurred last evening at the home of her son Lynn M. Hays, was held this afternoon at the home. The remains will be taken to Moores Forks, N. Y., for burial. Mrs. Hays has been in failing health for several months. She was a kind and charming personality who will be missed.

Wesley Scofield, an elderly man, slipped and fell in front of an electric car this afternoon and was carried home with a badly bruised face and other injuries the extent of which is not yet known.

**Germans Bitter Against Wilson**

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—The President of the German press conference on Wednesday Wilson's declaration to congress as recorded today is extolled in the Tagblatt's address "this is President Wilson's most hostile speech against Germany."

"It will raise war-like patriotism in America and cause new difficulties for our friends of peace," the editor continued. "Wilson's plan is to crush the peace negotiations."

The speech provokes the allies will make their utmost effort at victory with America assuming leadership," said the Deutsche Tageszeitung.

"From the beginning of the war Wilson has been the Germans' most dangerous, most bitter and most hypocritical enemy," said the Tagblatt's Epitaph. "Since 1915 there has really been an American war for establishment of Anglo-Saxon supremacy."

**Railroads Put Case Before Wilson**

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Stockholders in the roads are pressing for government regulation and guarantee equal to the average rate. They have received for the last five years.

But the highest railroad circles still believe that government operation is not imminent.

Declaring the present management is operating the carrier to the highest possible efficiency, the railroad executives expect the White House to decide in favor of financial aid rather than government control.

The annual meeting of the Allegheny club will be held at the club house next Tuesday. Officers will be elected for the year.

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STATE GRANGE OPENS ANNUAL SESSION HERE

Patriotic Note Sounded by State Master Cady in Opening Address--Membership of 16,000

With a total aggregate membership of 16,000 in 183 subordinate granges and a delegation close to 400 the 46th annual meeting of Vermont State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry was formally opened at 11 o'clock this forenoon at Sherwood hall with Willis N. Cady of Middlebury, worthy grand master, in the chair.

Burlington has entertained the same body many times in the past but never has there been a more enthusiastic collection of farmers in the city than are here today. The day was given over largely to reports of work accomplished in the year, submitted by the several officers and committees, and of discussing plans for the future.

The Grange has already subscribed \$10,000 (every cent of its permanent fund), in Liberty Loan bonds and is ready to do anything else within its power to help the government in this crisis. It has also released many of its young men from the farms for active service in the trenches, which makes some inroad in the total membership.

The total receipts for the year were \$5,000 and there is a generous sum in the treasury after all bills are paid. There is a membership of 5,170 in the 23 Pomona granges in the jurisdiction. Two new subordinate granges were organized in the year, one each at Regale and Fletcher.

Address of Master Willis N. Cady was given this afternoon and was closely listened to. It is in part as follows: The Grange has always been a peace loving organization, but the time has come when to insure peace we must fight. The principles of democracy are on trial, the challenge has been flung to us and we shall not be found wanting.

The farmers of the United States responded nobly to the call for more food and used every effort to produce it. They were shipped out after a short detention on the train, going west.

Second Relief Train MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—The second special relief train comprising 18 cars laden with supplies of every kind donated by Montreal citizens for the aid of the sufferers from the disaster of Thursday. The train had comprised every imaginable kind of supplies from hospital and Red Cross outfits to coffee and foodstuffs. In the main, however, it was composed of coats after case of clothing, and other articles distributed to protect the sufferers from the severity of the weather which has visited Halifax since the disaster overtook the city.

The Victory Loan committee who have charge of the financial end of the appeal report generous financial aid expected. All the leading banks and other large corporations contributing. Money is being sent forward to Halifax.

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NINE SHIPS DESTROYED AT HALIFAX

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RUSH OF CURIOUS CITIZENS COMPELLED TO GO ON SHORT RATIONS

Short Rations to Avoid Possibility of Famine—Financial Aid Generous.

By United Press HALIFAX, N. S. Dec. 11.—As a result of the explosion on the cargo of the Mont Blanc on Thursday last, nine ships have been either destroyed or badly damaged.

They are: Mont Blanc, Imo, Carica, Colonne, Heiford, Middleton Castle, Regale, Stella Maria, and Plecton. A fragment of the side of the Mont Blanc lies on the shore near the Richmond pier, on the Daftmouth side of the stream the Imo lies beached. The Carica which was at Richmond pier and which drifted across the narrows after the explosion, is beached inside Bedford Basin. Her forecastle has gone. The Colonne, which was also at Richmond pier, is broken and twisted. The funnels of the Middleton Castle are gone and her super-structure is badly damaged. The Plecton has been sunk in the eastern passage after suffering from three fires in her deck cargo.

The Regale was a new steamer and was moored at the Acadia sugar refinery pier. She received the full force of the explosion and there are only few remnants of her left. The Stella Maria, the tug boat, appears to have been lifted clean out of the water, and pieces of wood and blown some distance. The Heiford, a tug, is also damaged and partly carried along by the tidal wave.

Rush of Curious Citizens The rush of curious people to view the effects of the explosion disaster forced the authorities here today to impose an embargo on the entrance of anybody who can not be of service in relief or reconstruction work. So great has been the interest that the resources of the city have been badly strained and the citizens have been compelled to do on short rations to avoid the possibility of a famine.

The authorities were so busy that this stand today when a train arrived from St. John carrying 300 people. Those who had relatives here or who were going to Halifax on business connected with relief or other necessary errands were allowed to pass, but those who appeared to be merely morbidly curious were denied admittance. They were shipped out after a short detention on the train, going west.

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STATE DEBATES INQUIRY INTO PREPARATION FOR WAR

Portugal's Revolution Cost 100 Dead and 500 Wounded

By United Press LISBON, Dec. 11.—Portugal's successful revolution cost at least a hundred dead and 500 wounded in clashes between rebels and the old government forces, according to latest estimates today. Complete order has been restored. Colonel Pires issued summary orders for immediate execution of all caught looting or rioting.

CHARGE REIGN OF TERRORISM UPON COSSACKS

Bolsheviki in Petrograd Fear Open Outbreak at Moscow—Guns Mounted on House Tops.

By United Press PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—War against Kaledine and his Cossack revolvers was formally declared by the Bolsheviki today. Foreign Minister Trotsky ordered Ensign Kivlenko, Russian commander-in-chief to "crush the Cossack revolt along the Don and Ural." Kaledine himself declared martial law in force throughout the territory of the "holy don" and announced his Cossack forces ready to fight.

By United Press LONDON, Dec. 11.—Violently denunciatory charges of terrorism were made against the Cossack rebels by the Bolsheviki today. Proclamations issued at Petrograd and reported in dispatches here, declared Cossack had mounted guns on top of houses at Moscow "for the purpose of terrifying the population."

Trotsky charged that General Duffort of the triumvirate of Cossack generals including Kornilov and Kaledine was "committing acts of violence and oppression in the Ural section."

The city has already been put into the posture of defense, according to today's dispatches. The Bolsheviki have mounted quick firing guns on houses. Troops in the garrison, however, were reported to have magnified and refused obedience to the Bolsheviki commander—Private Muranov.

Most extraordinary of the evidence that Russia may be smothering out her troubles was the indication that the Bolsheviki were using an attitude of the Austro-Germans and appreciative what such a step would mean to the allies. If they do insist on the allies were using an "imperialistic war."

The Russian armistice, therefore, is only a temporary truce of no real character, pending a final decision on how to reply to the central powers. Before that reply the Bolsheviki may change their minds about peace, may be succeeded by a coalition, or the Cossack revolution may triumph.

2 MORE DAYS TO SHOP LES MAKE IT A PRACTICAL XMAS—GIVE ME A STOVE. DANGER PLUNK!

Charge Rifles, Clothing and Other Equipment Insufficient

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A searching investigation into the whole military situation, particularly the organizing, training and equipping of the national army, was ordered by the senate military affairs committee today.

The investigation will start in a few days. Chairman Chamberlain of the committee announced that Secretary Baker and other high officials will be asked to give the exact progress of America's war preparations. While the whole military situation will be probed, including conditions of the American expeditionary forces in France, special attention will be directed to the new draft army, which has been the topic of many complaints as to equipment and organization. At the committee meeting, Senator Wadsworth, who has inspected conditions at several of the national camps, commented that rifles, clothing and other equipment had not been sent in quantities, and as a result America's developing of war strength was greatly hampered.

Prohibition Vote The national prohibition amendment to the constitution will come up for consideration in the house next Monday, under agreement reached by the house today. A record vote is planned by house leaders. Passage of the amendment by a two-thirds house majority will place the question up to the states, the senate having passed the resolution last session. A nation-wide investigation of sugar and coal conditions by the senate committee on manufactures was ordered today by a resolution offered by Senator Lodge, Massachusetts, and adopted without debate.

F. D. ABERNETHY The Head of Church Street. For the Gift Most Carefully Chosen Useful articles selected from the great stocks here assembled will prove very acceptable. Especially is this true of Linen Handkerchiefs Here is where our superior equipment is particularly noticeable. Wonderfully complete and beautiful stocks have been assembled and this year we are enabled to say, as usual, ALL PURE LINEN—in view of present abnormal conditions we have ordered out more heavily than ever before in this store's history of handkerchiefs, but when present supplies are exhausted we cannot be sure of saying all pure linen.

GERMAN GUNS WAR ALONG WEST FRONT By United Press LONDON, Dec. 11.—Over the whole of the western front today, German artillery was making a challenge to the French and British armies. Somewhere along the great battle line it was confidently believed German troops were preparing their heaviest attack since the days of the invasion of 1914. She is making the location chosen for the assault by an artillery bombardment that is impartially scattering shells over almost every sector of the British and French lines. Official reports, however, indicated a slightly stronger fire over the French positions. From this it was deduced here that Hindenburg was, against the Allies as opponents for the massed armies—reinforced by numerous divisions recently transferred from the Russian fronts.

WOMEN'S EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS. An unusually attractive assortment of hand embroidered designs, varying from the simple corner decoration to the exquisitely ornate patterns and ranging in price from 25 cents to \$1.50. Handkerchiefs introducing color in the corner embroidery, also colored linen centers with white embroidery—25, 30 and 50 cents. Madeira embroidered designs, single corner and entire border—38 cents to \$1.50. Madeira glove handkerchiefs, scalloped in color—35 cents. Madeira glove handkerchiefs, all white—42 cents. DAINTY HANDKERCHIEF HOLDERS with appropriate verse—sachet included—19 cents. Children's Handkerchiefs Dimity handkerchiefs with appropriate designs—10 cents. Linen Handkerchiefs with color embroidered corner—19 cents. Color-printed handkerchiefs, three in box—30 cents. Men's Handkerchiefs Fine line, hemstitched handkerchiefs—35 to 75 cents. Pure linen initial handkerchiefs—25 cents. Embroidered initial handkerchiefs—50 cents.

### COUNTY FARMERS FIND SOY BEANS PROFITABLE CROP

#### Will Prove Large Factor in Crop Consideration Next Season— 3,000 Acres Raised Last Year.

Chittenden county farmers do not sow five thousand acres of soy beans the coming spring it will simply be because the seed is not obtainable. Two years ago scarcely ten acres of this crop could be found in the county and but a handful of farmers hereabouts know anything about a soy bean.

"This practical and prolific little bear promises to be one of the most highly prized legumes on the market. Last year there were approximately 2,000 acres of soy beans in the county and the crop paid so well that every man is enthusiastic over the result. These beans are planted in the corn at the ratio of one bushel of corn and four quarts beans to the acre. They are planted in the same soil at the same time and receive the same cultivation and are harvested together.

The beans act as a mulch for the corn and while in some instances it is claimed that the corn crop is slightly less the increase in production of the combined corn and beans very much more than offsets this besides increasing the food value of the silage and roughage two fold. In short it is verily believed by the more enthusiastic farmers who have experimented in this crop that it will prove a great money saver and money maker. County Agent J. W. Dana has found in his investigations that the soybean has proven the most prolific and most satisfactory all around food crop. This costs about \$2 a bushel.

### Hundreds Volunteer in Halifax Disaster Watched Ships Burn Not Know- ing Danger in Explosion.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—One of the saddest tragedies resulting from the disaster which struck Halifax such an awful loss last Thursday night, a number of persons who have lost their eyesight. When the fire broke out on the Mont Blanc, hundreds of people watched the ship burn, not knowing of the danger. When the ship blew up, these who lined the shores received the full force of the blast and hundreds of them lost both their eyes and in some cases were partially blind. It is estimated that there will be 300 to 500 people totally or partially blind and it is said some 200 persons also suffered this affliction, according to latest statistics by Canadian and American relief workers who have made investigations.

The missing lists are steadily being reduced as relatives are readily located and others turn up who have been missing. The property damage as reported today gives the total number of houses totally destroyed as 500, 500 rendered uninhabitable, and 1,000 that can be patched up. Friday there will be a general funeral of all whose bodies have been recovered from the ruins.

### U. S. Pier, Mile Long, is Taking Form in France

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Probably not one person in 10,000 in the United States has the slightest appreciation of the tremendous problems involved in Uncle Sam's work of arranging to keep his army in France fully supplied and equipped.

Some idea may be given by a statement of what is being done at one of the French ports in arranging terminal facilities to receive supplies from this side, classify them and start them on to the front.

At this port American engineers are rushing work on one unloading pier one mile long. This pier will accommodate ten 500-foot vessels at one time.

Forty huge cranes—four for each vessel—are being installed on this pier to facilitate unloading. One hundred and fifty electric trucks and 2,000 trailers will be used in carrying the various classes of supplies to their proper stations on the pier, each truck drawing four trailers while four others are being loaded or unloaded.

Back of the classification yards run a network of a dozen railway tracks. A maximum unloading time of 48 hours has been established for vessels at this pier, which means that five 500-foot cargo carriers must be emptied here each 24 hours.

With the exception of the lumber—which is being gotten out of French woods by American regiments and engineers—all the materials for this pier and its equipment is being sent from the United States.

The work on this pier, however, is only a small part of what is being done. Similar piers, but somewhat smaller, are being built at least two other ports.

By the time our additional shipping becomes available next spring, Uncle Sam's own terminals in France will be able to handle supplies at the rate of at least 50,000 tons per day. This will be at the rate of 100 pounds per day per man for an army of 1,000,000.

## What Is Going On In The German Empire

### As Told by Excerpts From the Newspapers Received in America from Germany.

#### Messae Seen in U. S. Air Plans

The German press is full of comment deprecating the military effort of the United States. However, the Cologne Gazette calls attention to the menace of the air forces which America plans to have in Europe next year, as follows:

"Much fuss is being made about the airmen. Their training is easier and quicker than the creation of a whole army. No doubt it will not be before the spring of next year that American airmen in large numbers will be available. Both as regards the personnel and the material we have taken adequate counter-measures, and we shall be ready to meet the new danger, which we take to be no means likely."

**Austria Warned by German Sheet.** Many papers in Germany are telling the people that the Italian invasion is "the herald of a speedy peace." And the Rheinisch Westfälische Zeitung adds this reminder to Austria that she is merely Germany's vassal:

"These events should at least make Austria realize how pitiable a figure she would have out in this war without the help of our valiant field-grey. We have taught the Austrians how to win, thereby letting the whole world know, and Austria, too, that Trieste and all the lands leading there must either belong to a faithful ally of Germany or, if that ally is not faithful, to Germany alone."

**Krupp Organ Raps Herling.** Some of the Pan-German papers are bitter in their attacks on the new chancellor, Count von Hertling. There is even a suggestion that he is in British pay! The Krupp organ, Rheinisch Westfälische Zeitung, refers to his age—75—and says:

"The Bavarian Catholic Count Hertling, chancellor by grace of Scheidtmann and Erzberger, today sits in the Wilhelmstrasse Palace where Bismarck used to dictate laws to Europe. A Bavarian today also rules Prussia. What would the Bavarians say if they had a Prussian prime minister? New York and London are laughing."

**A New Name for Pan-Germans.** The Chemnitz Volkswille has invented the title "Window Smashers" for the Pan-Germans adding that the Pan-Germans have "smashed far too many windows in our foreign policy which the German people are compelled to pay for with their blood."

### Four-Minute Men For Tomorrow Night

#### Speeches Next Week to Be in Interest of Red Cross.

Four-minute speakers have been assigned for tomorrow evening at follows:

Col. J. H. Mimms at the Majestic, Levi P. Smith, at the World in Motion, M. D. Chittenden at the Strongs and A. J. Simms at the Orpheum. In accordance with instructions just received from Washington, the speeches next week, while still upon the topic of "Carrying the Message," will be in aid of the Red Cross in their Christmas campaign for 10,000,000 members. No campaign has been scheduled for December 24th to January 1st, but the War Savings Certificate campaign is scheduled for approximately two weeks, beginning January 2nd.

## U. S. to Inform Relatives Of Soldiers Fate at Once

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The War and Navy Departments today through the United Press urged relatives of enlisted men not to bombard the department with queries for details concerning men mentioned in casualty lists.

Officials of both departments repeated assurances that every detail concerning men killed, wounded or taken prisoner, will be wired their families the minute it is available. It is impossible to get more than the bare announcement in less than from two to six weeks.

The army casualty work is in charge of Major J. S. Jones. Here is how it works: In every regiment both in this country and in Pershing's force several enlisted men record each casualty. They report these to their commanders who send the reports immediately to headquarters whence they are cabled without delay to Washington.

Major Jones at once telegraphs to the person mentioned in the soldier's emergency address on file at the war department, telling all he

knows about what happened to the soldier. Later on detailed written reports as to how the men were killed or wounded are mailed to the war department. This causes delay which will lighten as the casualty lists grow.

If a soldier is captured, Germany under international law is required to report to this government through diplomatic channels, which takes about six weeks.

The procedure is practically the same in the navy.

### German Prisoners Are Well Treated But Not Coddled

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—More than 3,500 Germans are held by Uncle Sam in American prison camps. About 1,400 of these are held as "prisoners of war" and 2,100 as "enemy aliens" whom it is considered undesirable to have at large. These prisoners are held, for most

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### "Fruit-a-lives" Man As If Walking

Orillia, Nov.

"For over two years, with Constipation, Der of Appetite and Headac I saw your sign which a-lives make you feel it a-lives." This appealed t oided to try a box. time, I began to feel b I feel fine. I have a rolish everything I eat, aches are gone entire mend this pleasant fo all my friends."

50c a box, 5 for 1 25c. At all dealers or by Fruit-a-lives, Lin burg, N. Y.

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### Blame Railroad For Coal

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, De

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INSURANCE REPP the value death destroy the valuation, we do t sure now while insur Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (M Pick's General Agent, Burlington, Vt.—Adv.

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"A free South America Germanic blood, that to time end, which will be war, not perhaps by the land by North Ame European troops, but thr oning efforts and self the South American Ger Klaus Wagner, Krie 165-166.

"Germany takes under the Republics of Chile, Uruguay and Pa southern third of Bolivia, belongs to the basin of ti Plata and the southern p where Germanic predomina (German South America cure for us in the temp territory for colonization original will be able t agriculturists. Chile will keep their language only, but we should inai teaching of German as a second language. Sou

# The Lesson of France

France—once a most sober country, when its alcoholic consumption was largely in the form of light wines and beer—has, in later days, been confronted with the Problem of Alcoholism. The growth of the absinthe and brandy habit in the northern provinces raised a question that was met at the outbreak of the war by an agitation for Prohibition.

A decision has now been reached which, according to the correspondent of the New York Sun, has "PROFOUNDLY MODIFIED PUBLIC OPINION ON THE LIQUOR QUESTION."

This is the unanimous decision of the army medical authorities to adopt the recommendations of the Academy of Medicine that a liter of wine should be introduced into the daily rations of the soldiers.

A letter left by the late Prof. Landouzy—himself an ardent Prohibitionist—and recently published in the Journal de Medecine of Bordeaux, strongly influenced the decision, for he wrote: "Abstinence from pure wine is everywhere under the sky of France a scientific, economic and historical heresy."

Beer is to the American to-day what wine is to the Frenchman—except that the alcoholic content of American beer is about one-third that of French wine.

Our Government has learned through British experience that it is a necessity in this time of war that munitions makers, shipbuilders, miners, and all who perform heavy physical labor, should have some beverage which will stimulate and refresh without intoxicating.

The United States Brewers' Association.

# FIRST PICTURE FROM THE SCENE OF THE GREAT HALIFAX DISASTER



Searching party digging the guarded ruins of the devastated waterfront section of the stricken city to bring out the bodies of the slain. This picture shows the tremendous devastation caused by the explosion, every building within a radius of miles having been destroyed. Note on the opposite shore the wrecked Belgian relief ship lmo, beached after the explosion caused by her collision with the ammunition vessel.

## CANDLES TO MARK CLOSE OF RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

One In Every Window of Member's House—Attractive Posters Received—Christmas Spirit Predominates.

Lighted candles in every window in every home in Burlington Christmas Eve. To be sure, many people are accustomed to place lighted candles in their windows at that time, but this Christmas Eve is to be a very special occasion, because, not only will a greater number observe this pretty custom, but it will mark the close of the membership drive for the American Red Cross, and the candles will illuminate the membership flag which will be displayed in the window of every home showing a cross for every Red Cross member in the home.

Very attractive posters in the interest of this campaign have been received at the office of C. H. Darling, chairman of the Vermont State committee for the membership campaign and will appear in Burlington windows and other places within a few days. One of these posters shows the lighted candle behind the membership flag, and beyond, the blue and stars of heaven. This poster asks for 10,000,000 members by Christmas eve, a lighted candle in every window, and Red Cross members in every home.

The posters are all so attractive and suggestive of the Christmas spirit that every one will want to place one in his window. One shows the "Christmas" button which is given to all new members, and its appeal is to "Wear this button." It stands for love and mercy. It breathes the spirit of Christmas. Join the Red Cross Army. Membership a dollar a year. Red Cross Membership Week December 17 to 24. "The Red Cross follows the flag" is the message on another poster, and this shows a group of soldiers and sailors marching with Old Glory in the lead, but very close behind the boys and keeping step with them are the nurses and other Red Cross workers bearing the big white flag with the blood red cross.

Another card printed in blue of the navy makes this plea: "America calls; join today." And dear, jolly, happy old Santa Claus gives himself to the call for service on another poster. Santa stands right in the middle of the cross, but he staggers under no burden of gifts. Instead he is very erect with outstretched empty hands, and the merry twinkle in his eye has given place to an appealing expression. Santa's message is "Give—one dollar

## COLLEGE CARE PATIENTS

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**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TO GIVE CHILDREN**

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**Ethan Allen Club Matches Won Easily**

**Vt. Man Before Milk Commission**  
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ton has a standing invitation to come