

News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

European War News

Italian troops have begun landing on Albanian territory to go to the help of Serbia, according to a Chiasso dispatch to the Journal La Suisse.

Serbian forces rallying at Mount Zetovaty in central Serbia have inflicted a serious defeat upon the Bulgars and opened the way to Leshovac, according to a statement by the Serbian legation at Paris.

Notable progress for the Germans in the region southeast of Prishtina, Serbia, with the capture of 9,500 Serbians, 44 cannons and 22 machine guns, was announced by German army headquarters at Berlin.

Ten thousand Bulgars have been killed and wounded in fighting for Monastir.

Beaten by Turks, a British force of 170,000 has been thrown back from Bagdad, it was learned at Berlin. The British were within ten miles of Bagdad, threatening a railroad terminal on which the German allies were depending for an offensive later against the British in Egypt by way of Suez.

The unbridled fury of the battle for possession of Goritz and the heavy loss of life occasioned thereby are emphasized by advices received at the Swiss frontier from Laihach, Austria. It is said thousands of dead or wounded men are lying between the Austrian and Italian lines.

A Turkish transport with 500 troops on board has been sunk in the Sea of Marmora, with the loss of a majority of those on board, according to a Central News agency dispatch to London from Zurich. The troopship was sunk by a mine.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Rotterdam says: "One of Germany's newest dreadnaughts struck a mine in the Baltic and went to the bottom. All the members of the crew were saved except thirty-three, who were drowned."

Copies of the Persian newspaper Hovbeh, received at Berlin, says a Persian force of 4,000 strong recently attacked the Anglo-Indian troops at Bulvar, near Bushire, and killed 550.

According to special reports from the front to Berlin the number of Serbians made prisoners during the last week was 26,000. The Serbians lost more than 500 cannons. German troops of the army of General von Koenigs have occupied Novipazar, Serbia.

The complete commercial and economic blockade against Greece, it was learned in London, was the first step taken by the allies to force compliance with the demand made by Earl Kitchener on King Constantine that Greece either join the allies, in accordance with her treaty obligations and promises, or demobilize her army at once.

Austrian aviators threw 15 bombs on Udine, Italy, killing twelve people and wounding twenty-seven, according to an official announcement made by the Italian war office at Rome. Another squadron of aeroplanes dropped bombs on Verona and Vicenza, in the Italian province of Venetia and on Grado.

Domestic

Ten thousand telegrams bearing the signature of Miss Jane Addams, president of the Woman's Peace party, were sent from Chicago as the first step in a mothers' movement for a conference of neutral nations in the interest of international peace.

Captain Boy-Ed, naval attache to the German embassy, was accused in federal court at New York of being the dispenser of German funds in this country and riding rough shod over the laws of the land. The accusation was made by Assistant United States District Attorney Roger Wood at the opening of the trial of four officials of the Hamburg-American line.

The trial of William Lorimer, former United States senator, in connection with the wrecking of the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank, will begin January 15. It was announced at Chicago by Maclay Hoyne, state's attorney.

Capt. P. D. O'Brien, chief of detectives of Chicago, was suspended following a preliminary investigation by the civil service commission of a police slush fund purported to have been collected for the defense of John J. Halpin.

Announcement was made at New York by the National City bank of the formation of a \$50,000,000 company to develop the foreign trade of the United States. Back of it are the most powerful banking interests of this country and leaders in other lines.

Five so-called night riders and two private detectives were wounded in a pitched battle fought in the center of a marsh a mile southwest of Clarkton, Mo. Seven of the night riders were captured. The night raiders are tenants and farm laborers who demand higher wages and lower food prices.

Ten persons are dead and twelve were injured as the result of a collision on the Central of Georgia railroad about eight miles from Columbus, Ga. Passenger train No. 2, from Birmingham to Macon, collided head-on with a special train carrying the Con T. Kennedy Carnival company from Atlanta to Columbus.

Four officials of the Hamburg-American line went on trial before Judge Howe in the criminal branch of the federal district court at New York. They are charged with making oath to false clearances and manifests. The government alleges the real purpose of the defendants was to coal and supply German commerce raiders.

Seven votes majority for prohibition out of a total vote of nearly 3,000 was announced at Alexandria, La., as the result of the official canvass of Tuesday's local option election in Rapides parish.

Judge W. W. Clemmens, former state's attorney and city judge of Marion, Ill., committed suicide on Friday as a result of neuritis. He shot himself to death. Judge Clemmens was seventy-six years of age. He was a first cousin of the late "Mark Twain."

The selection of Newark, N. J., for the 1916 convention of the National League of Compulsory Education Officials and the unanimous re-election of all officers featured the closing session of that organization at Milwaukee. William L. Bodine of Chicago retained the office of president.

A contract for the manufacture of \$28,000,000 worth of rifles for the Russian army has been practically closed by Cleveland capitalists and New York munitions brokers, according to an announcement made at Cleveland.

"Guilty, as charged in the indictment," is the verdict of a jury which has been trying Charles B. Munday at Morris, Ill., for conspiracy to wreck the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank and its affiliated institutions. His punishment was fixed at five years' imprisonment.

The Illinois Manufacturers' association, believing the psychological moment has arrived for active co-operation with congress, has called a tariff conference for December 7, to be held in Chicago.

Sporting

Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, had an easy time in ten rounds with Packer Hommey of Milwaukee at Toledo, O.

Foreign

Bad blood between the Thirty-third battalion, Canadian expeditionary force, and the London Ont., police culminated in serious rioting. For three hours squads of police fought hundreds of soldiers. Several soldiers and five policemen were injured.

The Ribe-Stifts Tidende of Copenhagen says the huge new Zeppelin Z-18, while being inflated at Tondern, exploded and was totally destroyed. One workman was killed and eight wounded. The explosion was caused by a lighted cigar.

A Serbian major made an unsuccessful attempt against the life of Premier Pachitch of Serbia at Raska, according to the Budapest newspaper Alvilas. The major was tried by court martial, sentenced to death and executed.

Washington

Henry Ford, with Louis Lochner of Chicago, called on President Wilson at the White House in Washington in support of the movement for a neutral conference to attempt to end the European war and establish a permanent peace. He told the president he considered Christmas the best time for such a movement and asserted that there was material evidence that a conference would be successful.

President Wilson's next annual address to congress, it was learned at Washington, will be devoted primarily to a discussion of national defense and the subject of revenues, though it will refer to other legislative questions which the president expects congress to act on.

Secretary Daniels of Washington disapproved the findings of the general court-martial which acquitted Rear Admiral William N. Little, retired, of charges of negligence in connection with his duty as inspector during the construction of the submarine K-2.

An unceasing watch has been kept on the railway tunnel under Capitol hill, leading to Washington's \$18,000,000 Union station, used by all railways entering and leaving the national capital. The tunnel is being guarded as a precaution against bomb plotters.

Orders designating 1,875,000 acres in California and 830,000 acres in South Dakota for entry in the enlarged homestead act were approved by Secretary Lane of the interior department at Washington. The act permits entry in 320-acre lots.

ITALIANS CAPTURE GORIZIA, DISPATCH FROM MILAN SAYS

TAKE AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD AFTER CAMPAIGN OF FOUR MONTHS—KEY TO NORTHERN DEFENSES.

CZAR PROMISES INVASION OF BULGARIA WITHIN WEEK

Germany's Offer of Separate Peace to Serbia is Rejected, According to Saloniki Report—Serbians Assert They Refuse to Treat With Bulgarians.

Milaa, Nov. 27.—Reports have just been received that Gorizia has been taken by the Italians after a campaign of more than four months during which trench after trench and hill after hill had to be captured and numerous powerful batteries, protected by strong natural and artificial defenses, had to be demolished.

The importance of the place is derived mainly from its military position. Gorizia was the key to the Austrian defenses north of the Carso plateau.

Slavs to Invade Bulgaria. Saloniki, Nov. 26.—The czar has addressed a personal telegram to Premier Pasitch of Serbia, promising within a week from now the appearance in Bulgaria of Russian troops.

The Italian government has promised an expeditionary force of 40,000. Offers Serbia Separate Peace. Saloniki, Nov. 26.—It is reported here authoritatively that Germany, through Field Marshal von Mackensen, offered Serbia a separate peace. The offer was categorically rejected by the Serbian crown prince at Prizrend.

The message proposed the immediate cessation of hostilities, the Austro-Germans, Bulgarians and Serbians to retain the positions they then occupied. This was to be followed by a meeting of plenipotentiaries for the conclusion of a peace treaty on the basis of the cessation to Bulgaria of the northeast corner of Serbia from Kniehovatz to Piro, all of Serbian Macedonia, the Villyak of Uakup and old Serbia remaining Serbian.

The battlefield between the Serbian and German lines was proposed as the place for the meeting of plenipotentiaries. The Serbians assert that they will refuse to treat with the Bulgarians. They inflicted a defeat on the Bulgarians before Leskovae.

TEUTONS TAKE 16,700 SERBS

Austro-Germans Cross Montenegrin Frontier and Reach Vucurn—Capture Number of Guns.

London, Nov. 27.—In western Serbia, the Teutons continue to advance against the Serbs and Montenegrins. Southwest of Sienica, the Austro-Hungarians have crossed the Montenegrin frontier and have reached Vucurn, south of Milovitzta, while to the south of this region the German and Bulgarian forces are about to cross the Sinitca.

In the capture of Mitrovitzta and Pristina, Vienna asserts that 16,700 Serbs and a large number of guns and quantities of ammunition and other war essentials were taken.

In southern Serbia the French report the repulse of Bulgarian attacks to the east of Krivolak. Unofficial advices are that seven German regiments have arrived at Prilep, on their way to aid the Bulgarians against the Anglo-French and Serb forces in the south.

GREECE GIVES IN TO ALLIES

Reply to Collective Note, Asking Greece to Preserve Friendly Attitude, Satisfactory.

Athens, Nov. 27.—Greece has met the demands of the Entente powers and given guarantees that the requirements will be fulfilled.

Official announcement is made that the reply to the collective note presented by the Entente ministers has been delivered to them.

The announcement says: "The reply is couched in very friendly terms and gives satisfaction of the demands of the Entente powers and all guarantees considered essential."

Mississippi Congressman Dies. Meridian, Miss., Nov. 26.—Representative S. A. Witherspoon of the Fifth Mississippi congressional district, is dead.

Greek Promises Satisfy Allies. London, Nov. 26.—Although the text of the Greek government's reply to the note presented by the Allies has not been made public, there is every indication that the government is satisfied with the position taken at Athens. The assurances given by Greece differ in marked degree from the previous expressions of benevolent neutrality. They promise explicitly that no military measures will be taken against the Serbians, French or British troops in case they retreat to Greek territory.

STATE'S BUSINESS TOTALS MILLIONS

TREASURER ESTIMATES TOTAL FOR YEAR AT \$45,439,690.33—INCREASE SHOWN.

TRUST FUNDS \$23,339,284.89

Gain of More Than \$22,000,000 in Forty Years Indicated—Stillwater Prison Farm Machinery and Twine Plant Receipts \$2,000,000.

St. Paul.—Minnesota did a business of \$45,439,690.33 during the year ending July 31, 1915, according to figures just made public by Walter J. Smith, state treasurer.

This round sum serves to convey to the mind of the taxpayer the wide extent to which the governmental business of the state has grown, but some of the mathematical conjurors in Mr. Smith's office have worked out a small table which makes the big business of Minnesota even more forcibly apparent. Their figures show the business is done in the following amounts: \$45,439,690.33 a year; \$3,786,640.92 a month; \$126,221.36 a day; \$5,259.22 an hour; \$87.65 a minute.

These figures represent the total receipts and disbursements handled by the office of the state treasurer during the year. They are widely different from those of even such a late year as 1875. The total receipts and disbursements for that year were \$2,014,113.93. In that same year the assessed valuation of real estate in Minnesota was \$218,855,743.00. In 1915 it was \$1,274,159,395.00.

Trust Funds \$23,339,284.89.

In 1875 the permanent trust fund contained a total of \$1,274,480.00. At the close of the fiscal year July 31, they had tripled and quadrupled and multiplied to the large total of \$23,339,284.39. And they are of even greater value than this figure. Mr. Smith explained how this actual value is realized, as follows:

"These figures on the permanent trust funds represent the actual bonds in the custody of my office for money loaned out of the funds. There is now about \$11,000,000 in land contracts for state lands sold which are drawing 4 per cent interest, and as soon as these lands are paid for it will add just that much more to the permanent trust funds so that in reality the actual securities belonging to these funds at this time is more than \$34,000,000."

The state contributed \$4,372,215.34 toward support of the public schools last year, as shown by the books of Mr. Mith. To the counties for aid in building roads and bridges went \$1,429,066.37 from the state.

Profit From State Prison.

Another interesting feature dug out of the mass of dry figures on the receipts and disbursements of the state for the last year by Mr. Smith was the fact that receipts from the Stillwater prison farm machinery and twine plant for the year were more than \$2,000,000. The profit of the prison industries was more than \$350,000, so that the Legislature did not appropriate one cent for support of the prison. This means that the taxpayers of Minnesota were not called on for one penny to aid in meeting the running expenses of the big institution with its more than one thousand inmates.

CANBY, MINN., SWEEP BY FIRE

Business District Threatened as High Wind Blows, According to Winona Dispatch.

Winona, Minn.—According to information received here, fire which broke out at midnight is destroying the business district of Canby, in the western part of the state. With the mercury below freezing and a high wind blowing it is declared the heart of the town is doomed. The cause is unknown.

The Northwestern road started a special train from Tracy with fire fighting equipment and additional equipment was picked up at Ghent and Marshall on the 50-mile run.

ROWE MISSING, IS INDICTED

Minneapolis, Minn.—Arthur Rowe, convicted proprietor of the Elroy hotel, 21 Nicollet avenue, was indicted by the Hennepin county grand jury on a charge of kidnapping a house of ill-fame at that place. The indictment, although not formally reported, was voted following the testimony before the grand jury of four witnesses who appeared in the trial of Frank Stobbe for murder last week and of James Robertson, attorney for Stobbe, who appeared as a witness against Rowe.

Church Abandons Suit; Compromises. St. Cloud.—Though a verdict of \$209.68 was returned by a jury in district court against W. L. Seabury, the judgment on file in the office of the clerk has been settled by the Methodist church committee, plaintiff in the action. The suit was started by Rev. F. W. Hill, former pastor of the church, in common with several other suits against men whom Hill claimed had subscribed to the new church but refused to pay. Acting under a policy adopted by the new pastor, all the cases have been dropped.

MORE AND BETTER STOCK

Slogan Adopted by Pennington County Livestock Breeders' Association—Auxiliary Societies Formed.

Thief River Falls.—The Pennington County Livestock Breeders' association was launched at a meeting here attended by 65 prominent farmers. The following officers were elected: President, Henry Hanson; vice president, Harry Woolson; secretary and treasurer, Henry Werner; directors, Peter Engstad and Fred Beerbour, all of Thief River Falls.

Three auxiliary associations were formed, as follows: Breeders of Guernseys: Albert Johnson, president; H. Woolson, secretary; T. B. Conklin, treasurer. Holstein breeders: Fred Beerbour, president; F. T. Satre, secretary and treasurer. Shorthorn breeders: R. L. Muzzy, president; R. G. McKercher, secretary; E. T. Hurst, treasurer.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted by the county organization and Saturday before Thanksgiving day made the annual meeting date.

The county organization voted to affiliate with the Red River Valley Breeders' association which in turn affiliates with the state organization. The meeting was called and promoted by the agricultural department of the local schools in charge of Henry Werner and Superintendent J. H. Hay. The Commercial club served lunch and entertained the visiting farmers.

HIBBING TAX WAR IS ENDED

Iron Mining Companies Agree to Pay Their Back Taxes, Amounting to \$690,000.

Hibbing, Minn.—After one of the most bitter and long drawn out of the most bitter and long drawn out municipal battles in the history of the state, the Hibbing city council has made a settlement with the U. S. Steel corporation and 10 other mining companies working the iron mines in this district. The basis of the settlement was the promise of the iron mining companies to pay their back taxes, amounting to \$690,000, which they refused to pay when due last April. The refusal of the mining companies was due to the charges of extravagance in the village of Hibbing. Levy Limited to \$750,000.

The substance of the settlement is: The payment of the back taxes by the mining companies within three weeks; the annual levy to be limited to \$750,000 in the future; the \$1,500,000 bond election to be called off; the treasurer to be absolutely bound to take up all orders in rotation, commencing with the oldest order outstanding; water-works and other contracts uncompleted to be finished at once, and all contracts already let, to stand; the Hibbing council to promise to limit expenditures to no more than \$24,500 per month, including internal revenue, during the present city administration.

SING AS SALOONS ARE CLOSED

East Grand Forks Citizens See Passing of Liquor Industry Valued at \$500,000 Annually.

East Grand Forks, Minn.—Song and hilarity marked the closing of East Grand Forks saloons, and the passing of a liquor industry valued at \$500,000 annually. Polk county was voted dry in the option election May 24 last.

The revelry lasted far into the night. On the streets, throngs of sight-seers, many of them women and their escorts, passed to and fro, while to their ears came the shouts and cries of men inside the saloons.

Bargain seekers in liquor made their way from place to place, and one wholesale firm is reputed to have disposed of more than \$5,000 worth of liquor in the two last days.

Prominent Minnesotan Dies.

Minneapolis, Nov. 26.—Henry C. Belden, one time judge of the district court and for many years prominent in Minnesota legal circles, is dead at his home here. He had been in ill health for nearly three years. Upon coming here from Vermont in 1884, Judge Belden went into partnership with J. B. Gillilan. He was elected judge of the district court in 1894. While in his prime, Judge Belden handled much important litigation.

Dog Attacks Baggage Man.

Red Wing.—H. J. Sargent, baggage man on a Great Western train, was bitten by a dog which attacked him in the car when the train reached White Willow. Sargent's lower lip was lacerated and his wounds were such that the services of a physician were needed. When the train reached Red Wing the dog leaped from the open car and was not captured.

Engineer's Widow Gets \$6,000.

Red Wing, Minn.—Mrs. George Brobert of Minneapolis, widow of the locomotive fireman on the Milwaukee road who lost his life near Lake City last summer in a train wreck as the result of a cloudburst, has been paid \$6,000 by the railroad corporation, it was learned. The settlement was reached a few days ago. Mrs. Brobert was represented by attorney A. J. Rockne of Zumbrota and the Milwaukee road by F. W. Root, chief counsel for the corporation.

CONVERT HATCHERY INTO SANATORIUM

STATE OFFICIALS SELL PLANT AT DEERWOOD—TO BE MADE INTO HOSPITAL

EVENTS AT STATE CAPITOL

Interesting and Important Happenings of the Past Few Days Selected and Arranged for the Convenience of Busy Readers.

Minnesota will have one less fish hatchery and an additional tuberculosis sanatorium as the result of a sale made by J. A. O. Preus, state auditor, and Oscar Arneson of the state land department. These officials, who have just returned from Northern Minnesota, reported having sold the fish hatchery at Deerwood, one of the oldest in the state, to the Crow Wing-Aitkin county tuberculosis sanatorium commission. It will be fitted up into a hospital for tubercular sufferers.

The hatchery property sold at the price at which it had been appraised by state officials, approximately \$7,350. Mr. Arneson said that the hatchery was offered for sale because it was outgrowing its usefulness and because officials believed that benefit would accrue through its being converted into a sanatorium.

Corn Worth \$45,049,429.

There were 2,906,665 acres of corn in Minnesota this year, which gave forth a yield of 24.84 bushels per acre, making a total production of 75,082,383 bushels. The total value based on present prices would be \$45,049,429.80, according to figures given out by Fred D. Sherman, commissioner of immigration.

These figures were gathered in practically the same manner as similar figures are gathered by the United States department of agriculture. The immigration department obtains estimates from reporters representing the department in every county in the state. These reporters give their best judgment as to acreage in their county and yield per acre. The figures are compiled by the immigration department.

"I am quite sure that our estimate on the average yield for corn this year will be higher than the estimate which will be made by government officials later on," said Mr. Sherman. "I am sure our reporters have given as near correct estimates as it is possible to get on the corn grown."

"In some cases fields were drowned out too late in the season to be planted to any other crop, and in counties where this happened the yield would naturally be lower on the total acreage, but I firmly believe, on the acreage actually grown, that 25 bushels is correct."

Advocates Farm Census.

The taking of a farm census by county assessors each year is advocated in a letter sent to the secretary of the efficiency and economy commission, by Fred D. Sherman, immigration commissioner. He would have the results include acreages sown in the different crops, yields an acre and farm values of crops for the preceding year. The immigration commissioner points out that the United States census bureau is the only means of obtaining such information and that is available only once in ten years.

Must Have Barbers' Licenses.

The state board of barbers' examiners will insist upon women hair cutters undergoing examination and taking licenses, otherwise they will be arrested. Members of the board say they have received many complaints that women hair dressers are cutting the hair of children and women in violation of the law and have mailed letters to women in all parts of the state engaged in the business.

Do Cows Pay Board?

The average Minnesota cow isn't paying her board, according to reports received at university farm. These reports have it that the average Minnesota cow gives from 163 to 170 pounds of butter fat a year. Francis W. Peck of the college of agriculture says that records of milk production and maintenance cost, kept for several years, disclosed that a cow must produce at least 200 pounds of butter fat a year, or about 5,500 pounds of milk, if she is to pay her way.

The Minnesota supreme court has decided that the Minnesota Northwestern Electric Railway company must bring condemnation proceedings if it continues to use the streets of Thief River Falls for its tracks, carrying freight as well as passengers.

Dangerous conditions with reference to fire were noted at the sanatorium for consumptives at Walker by the state board of visitors which recently inspected the institution. Many patients are housed in frame buildings heated by woodstoves, the fuel being piled nearby. The board recommends that heat be supplied to the pavilions from the main heating plant. With the exception of the boiler, the food supplies were satisfactory and the institution generally found to be well kept.