

Hawaiian Gazette

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
Dec. 18, 1916—Last twenty-
four hours' rainfall, .23.
Temperature, Min. 67; Max.
79. Weather, pt. cloudy.

LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS	
	Cents Dollars
96° Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton	5.14 \$102.80
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.14 \$102.80
Last previous quotation	5.27 \$105.40

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CHICAGO IN DEADLY NEED OF COAL TO FIGHT COLD

Fuel Famine Threat Grows More Menacing As Supply of the Needed Fuel Drops Thousands of Tons Below Normal Demand

ZERO WEATHER AND HIGH WINDS ADD TO TORMENTS

Sufferings of the Poor Unable To Keep Fires Going Already Intense; Dealers Blame Shortage On Lack of Railroad Cars

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CHICAGO, December 18.—The coal famine which has been threatening Chicago ever since the winter set in is here. The weather which has been excessively cold and stormy has become more so, the temperature yesterday having dropped to zero and a high wind blowing in from the lake.

The price of coal which has been high all winter and going higher has put it beyond the ability of thousands of the poorer people of the city to obtain the necessary fuel and there are hundreds if not thousands who are in real peril of freezing to death, or falling victims to the diseases due to exposure.

Already the hospitals are filled to overflowing with such cases and the charity boards of the city have more than they know how to attend or care for on their lists.

The coal dealers are united in declaring that the shortage which has now reached approximately seven thousand tons of coal a day below the actual needs of the city, is due to the lack of railroad cars to haul the fuel. They have appealed in vain to the railroads, they declare and the railroads have replied that they are doing which they can to rush coal to the city, but that the demand for cars from other cities and towns in the Middle West and elsewhere in the country, is such that they can not meet it.

The city government has taken official cognizance of the situation and has issued a manifesto calling upon the business men and manufacturers of the city to reduce their expenditure of the precious fuel as much as possible so that the supplies which are reaching Chicago will meet more needs.

The manifesto requests managers of office buildings and apartment houses to reduce the temperature of these buildings from seventy to sixty and asks that manufacturing plants cut down expenditures as much as possible.

The suffering among the poor is already intense, and threatens to become much more so before relief can be had.

MORAN OUTPOINTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 18.—Gusshot Smith and Frank Moran went the legal limit here last night, in a boat before a large crowd. Smith outpointed and outfought Moran, who was loggy and slow. Smith was alert and aggressive from the top of the gong. In the fifth round of the will Smith was knocked groggy by a right to the jaw but was not in danger at any other time.

WHEN the war broke out it found the British army hardly better equipped with heavy artillery than is that of the United States, but two and one-half years of war have enabled Great Britain to "catch up" with her friends and foes in this respect. The photograph shows one of the monsters the British gunners are using in Northern France and Flanders to blast a passageway for the following infantry battalions. The gun is called by its crew "The Reaper," and when the camera was snapped was located in a wheat field in France.



DIVER IMPERILS MORE AMERICANS

Members of Crew On Horse Transport Sunk By Submarine In Mediterranean Sea

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 19.—The British steamer *Russia*, being used as a horse transport, which carried a number of American muleteers in her crew, was submerged and sunk in the Mediterranean on the fourteenth, according to an official announcement last night by the admiralty.

The loss of life amounted to twenty-eight men, including seventeen of the Americans.

The *Russia* was a steamer of 5763 tons and has only recently been taken over for government service.

The Portuguese steamer *Cascas* was also reported to have been sunk. News of this effect was made public by the Lloyds agency last night. No details of the sinking were given out.

Despatches from Amsterdam report the torpedoing of a French battleship of the La Patrie class. This is flatly denied by the French admiralty. According to the report from Holland, the ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The despatch, which is based on a German official report, declares that the armed transport *Maghelan*, with one thousand troops on board, had been sunk at the same time the battleship was damaged. The French admiralty in its official denial adds that the announcement of the loss of the transport had been made some days ago.

PEACE RESTS WITH GOD SAYS KAISER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AMSTERDAM, December 18.—The Kaiser, in an address to the troops in Lorraine yesterday, assured them of victory. "Your brave endurance and the iron-like tenacity of yourselves and your comrades have repulsed the enemies of your country on all fronts and have enabled me to address my enemies the proposal for peace, the result of which is in the hands of the Almighty."

NEW TURKISH ENVOY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 18.—The state department yesterday announced that Fud Bey will succeed Rustem Bey as Turkish ambassador to the United States.

President Celebrates Wedding Anniversary

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 19.—One year ago yesterday President Wilson led Mrs. Norman Galt to the altar. Last night he celebrated the first anniversary of his marriage, marking the event by attending for the first time in his life a regular moving picture show, although he has been himself filmed scores of times. The President and Mrs. Wilson were hosts at a family dinner in the White House, while the President spent the day attending to pressing official business.

MOTHER COUNTRY CALLS ON CANADA TO SEND RAILS FOR FIGHTING FRONT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
OTTAWA, Canada, December 18.—Canada has begun tearing up 1000 miles of railroad tracks belonging to the roads controlled by the Dominion government. The rails are badly needed on the Western war front and the British authorities in London have appealed to the Dominion to send such rails as could be spared.

The Intercolonial lines, connecting Montreal with the Maritime provinces, and the Grand Trunk Pacific connecting Montreal with Winnipeg are the roads which will suffer most severely. The rails are to be taken from spur tracks and sidings.

The Imperial authorities in their appeal to the Dominion stated that the rails are needed for roads for moving troops on the front, and that a sufficient supply will save thousands of lives to the Empire. There is no steel to spare for such purpose, not has the government of Great Britain the labor to spare for the manufacture of the rails even if the materials were at hand.

HIGH TREASON CHARGE LAID AT DOOR OF ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 19.—A Reuter despatch from Athens announces that a charge of high treason has been made officially against Eleutherios Venizelos, head of the provisional government of Greece established by the revolutionaries, with its capital established at Salonika. Venizelos was, at the outbreak of the war, premier of Greece, being deposed from office by King Constantine when, as premier, he gave the official consent of the Greek government for the use of Salonika as a base for the Allies in their Balkan campaign.

The treason charge against the former premier, the first official notice that has been taken by the Constantinianists against him, is based on articles published by the Cretan which are stated to be libellous and reflecting upon the honor of the members of the central staff.

Sixteen Thousand Guardsmen Ordered Home From Border

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 19.—An announcement was made at the war department yesterday that sixteen thousand of the nearly one hundred thousand and militiamen still on border duty are to be brought north and mustered out of the federal service in time for the men to spend Christmas in their homes.

Officials of the department have made it plain, however, that this lessening of the militia force on the Mexican border is not to be construed as foreshadowing the withdrawal of the expedition in Mexico under General Pershing, nor does the designation of the units to be withdrawn at once signify that the militia as a whole will soon be relieved of its work in the border States.

Secretary Baker, in asking congress for an immediate appropriation of \$5,000,000 to be used by the war department for the support of the dependent families of guardsmen on active duty estimates his need for this amount on the assumption, that the guardsmen will be retained in the federal service until the end of the present fiscal year, June 30.

Seventy-five thousand militiamen are to be maintained on the border until General Pershing is withdrawn and that may not be for six or seven months yet.

BARON OPPENHEIM ORDERED DEPORTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 18.—Baron R. E. Oppenheim, credited with being a son of a wealthy European banking family, and who was detained at Ellis Island on arrival here yesterday, was ordered deported by an immigration board today. He appealed to the immigration authorities to change the ruling. It is said that he is wanted on a charge involving a financial deal in France.

SENATE REJECTS DRY BILL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 18.—A substitute bill offered by Senator Reed Smoot of Utah for the Sheppard bill calling for prohibition in the District of Columbia was rejected by the senate today. It would prevent the importation of liquor for personal use.

AMERICAN BLOCKADE PROTESTS PRESENTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 18.—Ambassador Walter Hines Page today presented to Lord Robert Cecil, secretary of state for the blockade, the peace notes of Germany, Austria and Turkey.

Cuban Sugar Crop Reaches New Records

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 18.—The Federal Sugar Refining Company has received news that the new Cuban sugar crop is 3,266,000 tons, a new record.

RUSSIAN SLASHES WIFE AND HIMSELF

Uses Razor When Refused Money Which He Had Turned Over To the Woman

In a fit of fury because his wife refused to turn back to him some of the money he had given her, Petro Eskin, a Russian, living in the Ah Leong Block at Punchbowl and Queen Streets, last night attempted to kill the woman, and then slashed himself with the razor he had used to attack his wife.

The woman was horribly mutilated, but is likely to live, her wounds being for the most part superficial. She is cut on the arm, the abdomen and back as well as other parts of the body.

The man's hurts are far more serious, as he practically disemboweled himself with the blade, besides inflicting other injuries from which he came near to bleeding to death.

Bicycle Officer Ross was called to the spot by neighbors and at once notified Captain Baker, who was on duty at the time. The ambulance took the blood-soaked pair to the Emergency Hospital, where they were given first aid, and then rushed to the Queen's Hospital.

UNCLE SAM FACING DEFICIT NEXT YEAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 18.—Faced by a deficit for the year ending June 30, 1918 the Wilson cabinet is concentrating its attention upon plans for meeting the shortage when the time comes. Various suggestions for methods of raising revenue have been made at recent meetings of the cabinet, among them one for a bond issue to meet the temporary expenditures, particularly those incurred by the troops along the border. This plan has however, met with a rebuff from the President, and it is not likely that it will be resorted to. The administration has asked the congressional party leaders to cut the rivers and harbors appropriations to the bone this year.

POPE WILL NOT ACT AS PEACE ADVOCATE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, December 18.—A statement issued at the Vatican today says that the Pope has no intention of attempting to mediate to bring a peace settlement now.

SAILORS SAVED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 19.—The twelve members, crew of the Brazilian bark *Nethus*, have been rescued, but the bark itself was lost off the Jersey coast, according to latest information.

GOVERNMENT WHIP QUITS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
OTTAWA, December 18.—John Stanger, government whip in the Canadian house, yesterday tendered his resignation. He is reported to dislike some of the recent appointments to the railway service.

BRITISH ENFORCE WAR DIET PLAN RECENTLY PASSED

Potatoes, Wheat and Milk Are Articles Which Are Causing Much Trouble; Australian and Indian Supplies May Be Tapped

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, December 18.—In view of the shortage in food supplies, the British government today took drastic action in enforcing the "war diet" in the country.

The food restrictions announced recently were put into full effect today. Hotels and restaurants were forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast and luncheon and three for dinner.

Wheat, potatoes and milk are the articles of food which are giving the board of trade most anxiety at the moment. Not only will the surplus Australian crops for 1915 and 1916 be largely drawn upon for British needs, but the wheat resources of India will almost certainly be tapped.

One of the suggestions into which the government has been making serious inquiry is that it should prohibit the baking of white bread, and that the wholemeal or standard loaf should be made compulsory. France and Italy have already resorted to this measure of economy, and there is some prospect that it will soon be enforced by law in this country.

Among the questions of policy which are being considered by the wheat commission is the offer to farmers of a guaranteed minimum price for wheat for a term of years. The government rejected this proposal when it was made by Lord Milner's committee last year, and doubt is expressed whether it would be as efficacious now in securing a substantial increase of the average under wheat as it would probably have been then.

The food prices committee has been inquiring into tea, sugar, butter, eggs and shipping freights in their relation to food prices.

WAR VICTIMS NOW TOTAL MILLIONS

German Figures of Somme Fighting Give Allied Losses As 1,300,000 Men

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, December 19.—According to the official German accounts the losses of all the combatants on the Somme front since the inauguration of the Allied offensive last July up to the end of November total 1,300,000 men, the principal sufferers having been the British, whose total losses now amount to 550,000 killed, wounded and taken prisoners.

The French according to Berlin, have lost 250,000 men, while the total German losses amount to fewer than half a million.

These figures are in strong contrast to the claims made through London, where the German losses in the greater number of the battles fought are claimed to have been far heavier than those of either the British or French, the various advances having been preceded with such terrific artillery preparation that the infantry has been able to advance with comparatively little loss against the demoralized defenders of the trenches. For the first time in the war, the British have been claiming, the attacking side has had fewer casualties than the defenders.

From July to October, inclusive, according to a compilation of the official German lists in London, the German losses on all fronts amounted to 743,055, while the November losses on the Somme, at Verdun and in the Champagne brought this total up to approximately 900,000 men, while in Galicia, Transylvania, Rumania and Macedonia the German losses have been also heavy in both killed or wounded and in prisoners taken.

On the western front, too, the British reports point out, the German loss has been mainly in killed and in prisoners taken, removing these wholly from the war, while the British and French number a very large proportion of wounded among their losses, a big percentage of whom will soon be back among the effective forces.

The Overseas News Agency estimates that the total losses of the French army have been 3,700,000 and the British army 1,300,000.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole Presents Hawaiian Bills

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 19.—Delegate Kalaniana'ole yesterday introduced a number of bills relating to Hawaiian affairs, the principal one of which was a measure providing for a more complete system of home rule in the Islands, making the Governor an elected officer in stead of, as at present, an official designated by the President.

Delegate Kalaniana'ole Presents Hawaiian Bills

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, December 19.—Sylvia Pankhurst, who led a peace parade on Sunday, resulting in a riot near the entrance to the docks, and who was arrested and held without bail, appeared in Old Bailey for trial yesterday, the charge against her being that of obstructing the highway. On that charge she was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of forty shillings or spend one week in jail.

POILUS CREEP NORTHWARD ON VERDUN LINES MAKING GAINS

Recapture Chambrettes Farm Which the German Forces Had Succeeded in Wreting Earlier In the Day. After Bitter Fighting

BATTLE ON BLOOD SOAKED FIELD RAGING FIERCELY

Teutonic Allies in Dobrudja Are Reported To Be Making Steady Advances, and Are Believed To Be Menacing Russian Flanks

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 18.—Slinging their way forward the French are still steadily advancing north and northeast of Verdun. This advance is being accomplished in spite of the desperate resistance of the German troops, who are hotly contesting every inch of the already blood-soaked ground.

Illustrative of the manner in which the fighting lines are swaying back and forth is the story of the fighting about Chambrettes farm. Here the Teutons yesterday made furious counter attacks and by the use of hand grenades and their heavy artillery succeeded in halting the onward march of the French and in gaining a foot hold in the trenches which the poilus had thrown up as soon as they drove the Germans out the day before.

But the French were prepared for the reverse and late yesterday afternoon launched another attack which drove the Teutons out of the recaptured trenches and beyond the positions they had formerly occupied the result of the day's battle being a net gain for the Gallie troops.

The toll of German prisoners which the French are taking here is mounting swiftly. Already they have taken more than eleven thousand men and the German losses in the fighting have been tremendous. In some cases, according to the reports from the French capital last night whole German battalions have been wiped out of existence, while, thanks largely to the accuracy of the French barrage fire the loss of the attackers has been comparatively small, although they also have suffered greatly.

In an apparent effort to drain away the Allied force from the blows at Verdun the Germans for the last several days have been launching a series of attacks north of the Somme. Here yesterday they attacked in numbers and after a tremendous artillery bombardment, which lasted for hours, Paris and London alike declare however, that the attacks broke down under the fire of the Allied cannon, and that the attackers suffered heavy losses, the neutral ground of "No Man's Land" between the two lines of trenches being covered with the bodies of the Teutonic dead and wounded when night came to end the struggle.

Reports from the eastern fronts indicate that the fighting, while important has not been of a sensational character. The German-Bulgarian armies in the Dobrudja district have resumed the offensive there and are reported to be advancing northward. It is as yet too early to say whether this move will prove a serious one, or be merely local. It is possible that the main attack of the German allies may come in this district now that the Rumanian resistance west of the Danube has been crushed, as the complete conquest of the Dobrudja region would shorten the German line very considerably, and at the same time flank the Russians in the Bukovina and the Galician provinces, which has all along been one of the chief objectives of the Rumanian campaign of von Falkenhayn and von Mackensen.

Berlin reported officially last night that the Germans have succeeded in crossing the line between Bahadagh and Peenings.

The Russians northwest of Lutzk in the Volhynian triangle are still attempting to drive the German-Austrian Turkish forces back, but according to the Berlin reports their attacks were repulsed yesterday with heavy losses.

SYLVIA PANKHURST FINED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
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