

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
Nov. 20, 1917—Last twenty-
four hours' rainfall, .00.
Temperature, Min. 72; Max.
81. Weather, pt. cloudy.

Hawaiian Gazette

LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS	
Cents	Dollars
98 Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton	
Price, Hawaiian basis...	5.90 \$138.00
Lowest previous quotation.....	7.02 \$140.50

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SWEDISH MINISTER ACTS FOR RUSSIA IN SEEKING PEACE

Note Despatched to Berlin Foreign Office on Request of Trotsky With No Delay

GERMANY IS QUITE READY

WASHINGTON, November 30—(Associated Press)—Negotiations for peace between Russia and Germany are already under way and Sweden is the intermediary. A note asking for a truce has been despatched to the Berlin foreign office from the Swedish legation at Petrograd. This news was conveyed to London in an Exchange Telegraph despatch.

At the request of Trotsky, the lieutenant of Lenin, chief representative of the Bolshe-Vikis and other radical elements which constituted the anti-Kerensky and peace party, the ambassador from Sweden to Petrograd consented to act as the intermediary between Russia and Germany in negotiations looking towards a peace, this despatch said. Without delay the Swedish minister acted and forwarded a note to the foreign office in Berlin proffering a truce which is to be followed by negotiations for peace.

CONFIRMATION FROM BERLIN

Practical confirmation of this and indicating the receptive mood in which Germany stands came in despatches from Berlin which said that in the Reichstag yesterday von Hertling spoke and said that Germany stood ready to enter into negotiations for a peace with Russia and that no delays would be placed in the way of such negotiations. Plans for the sending of Russian emissaries to Berlin with full powers to treat were well under way, he said and continued:

"It is our wish, our hope, that these efforts will soon be in such concrete shape as to bring about the peace we desire."

ASSURES COUNTRIES SELF-GOVERNMENT

Referring to the proposed form of government for Lithuania and Courland, he said: "We shall respect the right of those people to determine for themselves what sort of government they desire and we shall leave that largely to them but we shall expect them to give themselves a constitutional form of government and one that will correspond to their condition and fulfill their needs."

BOLSHE-VIKIS FIND EXCUSES

Remarks alleged to have been made in confidence by one of the French commissioners to Rumania to the Russian commanding general of the Rumanian forces are used in Bolshe-Viki newspapers in Petrograd as excusing the seeking of a separate peace at this time. Despatches from Petrograd tell of the publication of an article which purports to quote M. Henri Berthelot, chief of the French military mission to Rumania, under a date line of Jassy, November 25, as saying to the Russian commander that he had been "requested by military officials of France to investigate for and to report to them his discoveries as to the conditions in Rumania and with the armies there."

He did not speak, he is reported to have said, as a national commissioner but in confidence and he trusted to the patriotism of the highest Russian in command when he expressed his belief that it would be criminal to enter into negotiations to keep the Russian army facing the common enemy under the conditions which he had found.

DRAWS RIFLE AND SHOTS WHEN ASKED TO ATTEND MEETING

BILLINGS, Montana, November 30—(Associated Press)—Emil Koski, a Finlander, minor and labor agitator refused yesterday to attend an "anti-secession meeting" and put up armed resistance when a committee sought to escort him to it. Tonight he is in jail awaiting the action of a coroner's jury and facing charges of murder or at least of manslaughter.

Koski has been one of the foremost of the element here that is accused of having caused serious agitations. Yesterday a "liberty committee" called upon him and asked him to attend the "anti-secession meeting" which was to be held. This he refused to do and, seizing a rifle which he had in his room, he opened fire upon the members of the committee. All of his shots went wild but one bullet struck Mrs. Anna Jackson, killing her instantly.

Koski was then disarmed and taken to jail under arrest.

BELIEVE ANARCHISTS INVOLVED IN PLOT TO KILL KING OF ITALY

SEATTLE, November 30—(Associated Press)—Explanation of the recent rush to purchase canned fruits and vegetables has been found in the propaganda alleged to have been spread by an Italian anarchist society which has strong pro-German tendencies.

Insistent stories to the effect that the government was about to seize all canned fruits and certain other stores that had reached the housewives of the city and made them anxious to fill their larders in advance of such seizure have been traced by P. M. White, immigration commissioner, to this Italian society of known anarchistic principles. Their purpose is supposed to have been opposition to food conservation program and to unsettle public sentiment.

It is believed that this society is further involved in plans that had been laid for the assassination of the King of Italy.

FIRE DURING STORM
SIOUX CITY, Iowa, November 30—(Associated Press)—Fire yesterday occasioned losses of \$150,000 in the business districts of this city. There was a severe storm raging and the firemen had to fight the flames from a veritable lake of mud and water.

DECORATE NURSES
LONDON, November 15—(Associated Press)—A ribbon decoration for nurses and women hospital workers is to be awarded shortly by the British military authorities.

RULERS OF THREE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES MEET

Important Conference Is Welcomed By King Haakon Who Says Each Country Shall But Combined They Are Powerful

CHRISTIANIA, November 30—(Associated Press)—The conference of the Scandinavian countries, participated in by the kings of Denmark, Sweden and this country and the three premiers and other prominent advisers of the three monarchs was opened yesterday. It was arranged for the discussion of the many serious problems which the neutral Scandinavian countries are called upon to solve because of the war and to devise ways and means, through a cooperation of interests, to solve them or to mitigate the ill effects that are being so seriously felt.

At yesterday's session of the conference King Haakon welcomed his royal guests and their advisers, and King Gustave replied.

In formally opening the proceedings King Haakon referred to the separation of Norway and Sweden and said that this was the first time since such separation that a monarch of Sweden had visited Norway.

"Upon the need of alliance and cooperation he said: "Each of our countries is small in itself, we have not the wealth, the power, the population which the greater nations enjoy, but, even if we are small taken each alone, taken together we constitute a force that must be reckoned with by any of the great nations. We can and must command consideration when the question of safeguarding and maintaining our independence and the right to freely dispose of our own destinies are concerned."

He commented upon the necessity of a thorough understanding between the three Scandinavian powers and the desirability of a strong and hearty cooperation in plans that must be thoroughly coordinated for the good of the peoples of all of their countries.

CRACKER BAKERIES MUST SAVE SUGAR

Food Administration Rules Expected To Work Saving of Sixteen Million Pounds

WASHINGTON, November 30—(Associated Press)—Rules regulating cracker making and cracker baking have been prepared by the food administration and are soon to be put into operation. Under these rules Hoover officials expect to be able to bring about a saving of 16,000,000 pounds of sugar in the year and of 12,000,000 pounds of shortening.

The food administration will also cooperate with the department of agriculture and with the fuel controller in an effort to secure a larger use of wood for fuel to help meet a threatened shortage of fifty million tons of coal during the coming winter.

USE WATERWAYS TO RELIEVE RAILWAYS

Important Suggestions To Aid Traffic Problems Are Made In Washington Conference

WASHINGTON, November 30—(Associated Press)—Plans for the relief of traffic congestion are going forward. A conference was held yesterday at which a number of important suggestions were made. These include the use of inland waterways more extensively than ever before and the employment of motor truck trains where found practical.

Secretary of War Baker proposed that lake tugs shall be employed to tow barges through the inland waterways throughout the winter. If the storms will permit such traffic through the Great Lakes in the winter and they can be kept open through the ice 't' would be used on the lakes, otherwise in such other waterways as may be applicable.

Another suggestion was to use motor truck trains to lighten the strain on the railroad freight handling. These were proposed to be used extensively in Pennsylvania.

MRS. DE SAULES GIVES DINNER WHILE IN JAIL

MINNEOLA, New York, November 30—(Associated Press)—Inmates of the jail in this little Long Island city had the best Thanksgiving Day dinner in their experience yesterday, when they were the guests of Mrs. De Saules, now on trial for murder of her late husband, Jack De Saules, popular club and society man and one time star of a Yale football team. There were not many inmates at the jail, but the cost of the dinner served to them was more than a hundred dollars and was defrayed by Mrs. De Saules.

KING HAakon of Norway is host at the Scandinavian Conference which opened yesterday in Norway. This conference will discuss matters of the greatest moment to the Scandinavian countries and policies necessitated by the war.



ALLIES BEGIN CONFERENCE Supreme War Council Is Formed

NEW YORK, November 30—(Associated Press)—The Inter-Allied conference began at Paris yesterday with fifteen nations represented. Its sessions are expected to be of the most vital to the interests of all events during the course of the war.

The Supreme War Council has organized with the United States, Great Britain and France and Italy represented. It will soon take up the consideration of the whole western front. All changes of plans will be suggested by this supreme war council and its recommendations will thus bring about a concert of action such as has at no time before prevailed in the operation of the allies.

SUSPECT MAY HAVE BEEN GERMAN AGENT

Man Arrested Thought To Have Been Active In China

LOS ANGELES, November 30—(Associated Press)—Karl Frederick Wiedman, who is believed to have formerly been a German consular agent in China and while so engaged to have been also employed as a cartoonist for various newspapers in the Orient, and 40 later have enlisted in the United States service in the Philippines was arrested here yesterday.

The arrest of Wiedman is believed to have been under a presidential warrant for no information of another warrant court officials. He has said to have been under surveillance almost all of the time he has been in this city.

BREAD AND POTATOES MUST FEED GERMANS

Supplies Adequate But Restrictions Needed

AMSTERDAM, November 30—(Associated Press)—Germany has an adequate food supply for the winter but many restrictions of diet will have to be employed to make it so. The Prussian food regulator, made this statement in Berlin yesterday.

In his report on food conditions and supplies in the empire, von Widdow said that the grain reserves would be larger this winter than they were last winter and that the potato crop was satisfactory. Sugar Germany has in the same amount as formerly.

The food regulator said that bread and potatoes would have to be the chief food for the people.

Two Regiments of Hungarians Fight Fiercely

Differ in Tongue and Uniform and Mistake Each Other For Enemies On Italian Front

ITALIAN NORTHERN HEAD-QUARTERS, November 30—(Associated Press)—Two Hungarian regiments fought one another bitterly and all but exterminated each other on the Asiago front on Wednesday. This became officially known yesterday. They mistook each other for enemies and both were all but wiped out before the mistake was recognized and they were drawn apart.

Two Hungarian regiments, one composed of Czechs and the other of Galician Poles, speaking different languages and wearing differing uniforms and accoutrements came upon one another unexpectedly in the midst of the general engagement which was in progress on the Asiago sector. They mistook each other for enemies and each quickly engaged the other.

A terrific hand to hand encounter was soon in progress. Rifle fire was followed by a charge and bayonets and hand grenades were brought into use. Finally but not until both regiments had been decimated, the mistake was rectified and they were disengaged and redrawn to the rear.

JUAREZ DARKENED IN FEAR OF VILLA

Troops Sent South To Reinforce Federals and Many Mexicans Cross Rio Grande

JUAREZ, Mexico, November 30—(Associated Press)—Juarez was practically deserted last night with few soldiers even on the street. The famous keno game was closed and lights that usually burned brightly were darkened. Hundreds have crossed over the line to El Paso and few from El Paso crossed the Rio Grande last night. There is another Villa alarm and many have left in the fear that Juarez is again to be a battle ground with the once idol of northern Mexico and later hated bandit as the attacker.

All troops stationed at Juarez have been hastily sent south to reinforce the federal troops which are said to be engaged with Villa whose main command is said to be in the vicinity of Chihuahua City.

When the bandit leader was south of Presidio reports were received from there that his next objective was to be Juarez and he would proceed from there to Chihuahua City. It is considered that he has merely changed his plans sufficiently to attack Chihuahua City first and that if successful there will proceed against Juarez.

Reports that reached here yesterday afternoon said that a Villista force had been met and repulsed at Laguna and there were unconfirmed reports of a battle between federal cavalry and Villa's main body near Chihuahua City.

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Movement Not New

The Villa movement is a new one, having no connection with the Felix Diaz or other revolutionary movements, according to Gen. Porfirio Ornelas, permanent commander of the Ojinaga garrison. The new movement is called the Conventioneer party, and, in fact, a revival of the former movement by Villa called the Conventioneer movement, following the convention of revolutionary chieftains at Aguascalientes.

BREAD PROFITEERERS FACE PROSECUTION

Overcharges Alleged Right In Wheat Belt

FARGO, North Dakota, November 30—(Associated Press)—Though Fargo is situated right in the heart of the wheat belt its residents are paying more for their loaves of bread, getting less for their money, than are those of other sections of the country. The food administration has taken the matter up and promises reductions.

Bakers were yesterday notified by the food administration that they would have to at once make their prices conform to actual cost of production plus the same reasonable profit that bakers in other communities are allowed. The federal authorities said that a loaf selling for fifteen cents here is no larger and weighs no more than the ten cent loaf sold elsewhere and that bakers faced prosecution in case of refusal to make prices conform to demands.

BIG GUNS ON WEST FRONT PROMISE NEW BATTLE SOON

Heavy Artillery and Raids Won By French Reported In Several Western Sectors Indicating New Battle Front

BRITISH ARTILLERY IS NOW SHELLING CAMBRAI

Italians Are Aggressive and Try Counters On Huns — Teuton Defeat Near Seacoast Told By Rome

NEW YORK, November 30—(Associated Press)—Signs of increasing activity multiplied on the Western Front yesterday while in Italy aggressiveness was displayed by the forces of Italy in launching counters against the common enemy. The Austro-German forces made no headway in that theater and the German official despatches of yesterday issued in Berlin made small mention of activities in Italy. The British are shelling Cambrai.

On the Piave River the situation remained unchanged last night. The opposing armies had battled throughout the day but the massed attacks of Teutons lacked the violence and strength of Wednesday.

TEUTONS REPULSED

Repulse of strong Teuton forces with heavy losses north-east of the seaport of Avlona was reported from Rome. This report said that on all sectors the Italian arms had held their own during the day's conflict.

Despatches from Berlin show that the vigor of the Italians is unabated and tell of counters made against Monte Tomba which, they claim, were failures.

CAMBRAI SHELLED

Before Cambrai the British have brought up their artillery and are shelling the town. This, also, is reported from Berlin. It indicates the complete consolidation of the British in their new positions before the beleaguered city.

In Northern Alsace there was an unusually heavy artillery fire which was mentioned in the official report issued in Paris. This report said that in the Aisne sector there had been a series of heavy artillery actions during the day and that in upper Alsace there was an artillery duel of magnitude in progress, presaging other activity.

FRENCH WIN RAIDS

An enemy raid was repulsed north of Carnilet while in the Argonne sector French forces successfully raided German trenches taking a number of prisoners.

For the past three days, Berlin reported, there has been a furious artillery conflict near Policapelle and on both sides of the Meuse. A French attack upon Deppe, it was said, met with disaster and was repulsed.

Bavarian forces were reported to have taken prisoners a large number of Belgian soldiers.