

## RELIEF SHIPS SAFE IN ZONE

Germany Will Grant Passage to American Vessels Carrying Belgian Supplies.

### CANT STOP AT ENGLAND

Kaiser's Submarines Have Orders to Respect Ships Bearing Commission's Mark.

The Hague (via London), March 4.—The German government yesterday informed Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, through the German minister, F. von Muelled, that arrangements had been made to grant safe passage through the naval war zone to American relief ships bearing supplies for the people of Belgium. The German communication was in response to inquiries from Dr. Van Dyke concerning restrictions which Germany was said to have imposed upon granting safe conduct to relief ships which, it was feared, would make the relief work difficult if not almost impossible. The German communication is as follows: "The German government naturally is striving to give every possible support to the humanitarian work of the American relief commission. It will permit relief vessels to pass through the English channel unmolested if they are rendered recognizable by the usual marks which must be plainly visible at night (namely, large painted letters on the ships' sides and a white flag with the same marks in red letters.)

"German submarines have received the requisite order to this effect. It must be understood that every means will be taken to guard against misuse of the relief commission's special marks.

"The German government will at once ask the American ambassador at Berlin to explain to the British government that only such ships as are really engaged in this service may carry the commission's marks. "Germany regrets that, having regard for the existing mine danger in the war zone, it cannot grant safe conducts for the commission's ships to and from England."

In the light of dispatches from The Hague yesterday it is possible that Germany's refusal to grant safe conducts for relief ships to and from English ports may have an important bearing upon the work of the American commission.

It was explained in these dispatches that the commission's work would be hampered if its ships were not permitted to touch at English ports for coal on the homeward voyage.

## THEY WANT HELP, BUT NOT ADVICE

English Seek no Suggestions From Neutrals—Grey Turns Down Plan Set Forth by Diplomat.

London, March 5.—"Unless neutral nations are prepared to assist in throwing the Germans out of Belgium, no suggestions from them in the matter of preventing the further devastation of that country are wanted," said Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, in the house of commons yesterday. The foreign secretary's statement was made in response to an inquiry from Frederick W. Jowett whether the government was "willing to invite suggestions from neutrals with a view to avoiding the further devastation of Belgium by the great powers which are contending for its mastery."

"The only solution of this question," Sir Edward continued, "is the evacuation of Belgian territory by German troops, the restoration of her independence and reparation for the wrong done her. Unless neutral powers are prepared to assist in securing that solution, I don't see what could be gained by the course suggested."

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## BODY OF MISSING GIRL IS FOUND

Man Discovers Corpse of New Haven, Conn., Girl in Bushes.

New Haven, Conn., March 5.—The body of Lillian May Cook, a clerk in a local factory, who disappeared a week ago, was found among bushes on top of West Rock late yesterday afternoon. The body was found by Raymond Phillips, who notified the police. As a revolver which was in Miss Cook's desk was missed the day she disappeared, the theory had been held that she had taken her own life. Phillips did not wait to examine the body.

## IOWA HAS SECOND "HENRY FORD"

Cedar Falls Manufacturer Shares Profits.

Cedar Falls, March 5.—Adam Wagner, head of the Wagner Manufacturing company, makers of hardware specialties, has come to be known as the "Henry Ford" of Cedar Falls. One of the first men in Iowa to better the working conditions of his employes, Wagner yesterday climaxed his altruistic programme by announcing that his company would share all its profits—above a 7 per cent earning on the stock invested—among its employes. The profit-sharing will apply to all employes who have been with the concern for one year or more. The distribution will be made in proportion to wages received.

## WAR NURSE BURIED WITH HONORS

Twenty-one Year Old French Girl Succumbs to the Typhoid Fever.

Geneva, (via Paris), March 5.—Mademoiselle Seiler, a girl of 21 years who left her home in Paris at the beginning of the war to serve as a volunteer nurse, was buried with military honors at Belfort, France, on Tuesday.

Mlle. Seiler followed the French army through all the vicissitudes of the winter campaign in Alsace and a short time ago volunteered for service in a military hospital near Belfort to which soldiers suffering from typhoid fever are sent. She contracted the disease which caused her death.

Immediately after Mlle. Seiler's death an order was issued setting forth that a gold medal of honor had been granted in view of her services.

## SWAMP LANDS BECOME RICH FARM

Ohio Farming Corporation Proves What Big-Scale Ideas and Modern Methods can Accomplish.

Wellington, Ohio, March 5.—When the Horr-Warner Co., of this town, set out forty years ago to buy up "worthless" swamp lands, the farmers shook their heads. "That land is so poor you couldn't raise a disturbance on it," was a popular Wellington joke.

But the Horr-Warner Co. "disturbed." They disturbed peaceful, antiquated farm methods. Thousands of dollars were invested in the reclamation of this swamp country—all the unpromising swamps in the vicinity were brought up. Their former owners chuckled. It seemed a grim task, but this town now boasts one of the largest and most extensive farm corporations in the United States—with assets well up to the million mark—for that "hopeless" swamp land today represents one of the richest producing sections in this part of the state.

This company has been using hundreds of tons of fertilizer on all crops. In fact, they think it unprofitable to raise onions and celery without commercial plantfood.

## PEARSON TO STAY AT STATE COLLEGE

Ames President Declines a Tempting Offer From New York.

### HE LIKES HIS WORK HERE

Sees Wonderful Future for Institution Now Best of Its Kind.

Des Moines, March 5.—President Raymond A. Pearson of the State Agricultural college at Ames will not accept the offer of Governor Whitman of New York to become commissioner of agriculture of that state. He so informed members of the state board of education at their meeting yesterday afternoon.

It is not believed that President Pearson seriously considered the offer at any time. His announcement that he would remain at the head of the Iowa institution was enthusiastically received by the board of education and his many friends.

"I do not want to leave Iowa," President Pearson told a reporter for The Register and Leader. "I came here two and a half years ago expecting to remain in the state, where I had spent a part of my childhood, and I see no reason for my leaving."

President Pearson declared that Ames institution is the best in the world. He complimented the student body and predicted great achievements for the college in the future.

The New York offer was a tempting one. The salary of the position of commissioner of agriculture of that state is \$8,000 a year. The New York legislature is now considering doubling the salary. President Pearson receives \$7,500 a year at Ames. It is understood that the board of education intends increasing the salary of Dr. Pearson in the near future, but no action was taken at the meeting yesterday.

## MUSCATINE AGAIN HIT BY QUARANTINE

Fear of Contagion From Illinois Infected Area Causes Action.

Muscatine, Ia., March 5.—A quarantine has again been imposed upon the Muscatine stock yards. The latest governmental order has forbidden the receipt of any live stock at the local yards except that received in transit. Muscatine county farmers are again unable to ship live stock from Muscatine, the order specifically forbidding the receipt of cattle on the hoof or in wagons at the local yards.

Muscatine's proximity to the infected Illinois area is assigned as the cause of this precautionary measure. It is held that Muscatine is a point of contagion and because of the traffic between Muscatine and Illinois points it is contended that germs might well be brought here from Illinois counties.

### Notice of City Primary Election.

Pursuant to the primary rules adopted by the voters of Webster City, there will be a primary election in the various voting precincts of the city as follows:

- First Ward—City hall.
- Second Ward—First door south of Kern's grocery store, 907 Seneca street.
- Third Ward—Court house.
- Fourth Ward—Basement of The Willson.
- Fifth Ward—School house.

Polls to be open from seven to nine o'clock Friday evening, March 12, 1915, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for mayor, city treasurer, city assessor, trustee of the Kendall Young Library, one councilman from each ward, two councilmen-at-large, one committeeman from each ward, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the caucuses.

Citizens City Central Committee, P. J. Brandrup, Chairman, E. F. King, Secretary.

Usually a man succeeds in making two women miserable for life—the woman he ought to have married and didn't and the woman he ought not to have married and did.—Helen Rowland.

Ships, dim discover'd dropping from the clouds.—Thomson.

## OPEN FIGHT FOR BOOST IN RATES

Forty-one Lines Begin Argument Before Commission in Chicago.

### OUTLINE THEIR CONTENTIONS

Roads Seek Advance Enough to Pay Seven Per Cent Dividend.

Chicago, March 5.—Contending that the margin between their income and expenses was becoming so small as seriously to affect their credit, forty-one western railroads began before Commissioner W. M. Daniels here yesterday their argument in their application to the interstate commerce commission for an increase in freight rates, which, it was said, would add \$10,000,000 to their annual revenue.

The argument was of a general character. Later the rates on commodities, such as grain, live stock, packing house products, coal and fruits and vegetables, are to be considered in detail.

The chief contentions of the roads, as outlined by C. E. Schaff, president of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road; S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago, Great Western and C. C. Wright, counsel for the Chicago & Northwestern road were:

That all the railroads should be permitted to charge enough to enable them to pay at least 7 per cent dividends, with a margin over that for surplus.

That at present many of the roads are not able to pay more than 5 per cent and some of them cannot pay anything.

That their smaller profits impair their credit and they are compelled to pay higher rates for new capital. That public demand for elaborate passenger stations and freight terminals to enhance the beauty of cities, such as at Kansas City, Mo., and St. Paul, Minn., has placed burdens on the railroads without increasing their revenues.

That increased equipment, higher wages and restrictive legislation have greatly increased the expenses of the roads involved.

After opposing the demands of the roads on the ground that what they asked for would amount not to \$10,000,000 but to \$75,000,000 or \$100,000,000 a year, Clifford Thorne, who appeared as leading counsel for the shippers, asked Mr. Schaff if it were not merely on account of the European war that the roads were asking increases. Schaff said he could not recall any increased expenses on account of the war.

## THE CHIEF OF POLICE IS ARRESTED

Sioux City Official is Charged With Bribery—Civic Graft and General Corruption is Said to Exist.

Sioux City, Ia., March 5.—Geo. Peirce, police chief of Sioux City, was placed under arrest last evening on a warrant sworn out in a local justice's office. The information was filed by E. C. Walcott, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. It charges bribery against the head of the police force.

It is thought other arrests will follow at once.

The charges against Chief Peirce are the result of investigation into city conditions which have been quietly made for a number of weeks. It is alleged that startling revelations of civic graft, general corruption and knavery will be revealed.

It will be charged that men in authority have been in league with the underworld and that they have collected graft, both petty and great in return for which they allowed bootlegging, gambling, houses of prostitution and other evils to flourish. It is further alleged that the men were not satisfied with the spoils received, but double crossed their victims, arresting them after they had promised them immunity.

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## U. S. INSISTS ON SAME RIGHTS AS ENGLAND

Will Claim Authority to Get Dyes From Germany if British Do.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—The United States will insist on its right to get dyestuffs from Germany if England continues to do so.

Although the president of the British board of trade in parliament declined yesterday to commit his government to the right of American shippers to get dyestuffs, it was declared here yesterday on high authority that the United States would insist there should be no discrimination.

## QUESTION SANITY OF PASTOR DARNELL

Minister Indicted as White Slaver to Undergo Examination.

Chicago, March 5.—The Rev. James Morrison Darnell, the former Kenosha, Wis., preacher who is under indictment on charges of violating the Mann act, is to undergo an examination into his sanity.

Darnell, who was known in Kenosha as the husband of Ruth Soper Darnell, resigned his pastorate several weeks ago following the discovery by trustees of his church that he had another wife in Chicago. He was indicted on a charge of transporting Ruth Soper from Owatonna, Minn., to Kenosha.

The inquiry by insanity experts will be conducted by two physicians selected by Darnell's counsel and one selected by the government.

## THE FRENCH KILL THEIR OWN MEN

Slay Prisoners in Hands of the Germans—Berlin Reports Further Success in the East.

Berlin, March 5.—The developments in the eastern and western campaigns yesterday are reported as follows in a statement issued at the war office:

"Western theater of war: On the heights of Loretto, northwest of Arras, our troops early yesterday morning occupied positions of the enemy, 1,600 meters (nearly one mile) wide, capturing eight officers, 558 French soldiers, seven machine guns and six small cannon. Hostile counter attacks during the afternoon failed.

"Renewed attacks in Champagne were easily repulsed.

"A French attack in the Argonne west of St. Hubert, failed. Counter attacking we occupied a French trench. In Cheppy Wood also a French attack failed.

"One of the recent communications from the Eiffel tower declared that a German column, while marching across the height of Tahure (northeast of Souain) was successfully shelled. We must confirm the accuracy of this announcement. The column consisted of French prisoners who were being led away and suffered a loss of thirty-eight killed or wounded.

"Eastern theater of war: Russian attacks northeast of Grodno led them into a flank fire from our artillery, and failed. Northeast of Lomza Russian attacks broke down with severe losses. In the region south of Myszyniec and Chorzelien and northwest of Przasnysz the Russians again attacked. On the remainder of the front there was no change."

### Law Enforcement.

Fort Dodge Chronicle: Those who are not for prohibition for logical and practical reasons are generally agreed that if we must have it we should have it air-tight. They do not want near-prohibition but prefer the real thing with a state constabulary attachment if this extreme measure is necessary to accomplish the end. A return of the times when bootleggers run the town is a sort of uplift that few want to see.

Few love to hear the sins they love to act.—Pericles.

All is not lost when anything goes contrary to you.—Thomas A. Kempis.

Drawing paper for sale here.

## ATTEMPTS TO RELIEVE PRZEMYSL

Austro-German Armies Make Repeated Attempts to Pierce Russian Line.

### THE ATTACKERS' LOSS LARGE.

Two German Companies Reported Destroyed Around Koziouwka and Rojanka.

London, March 4.—In their determination to relieve Przemysl and drive the Russians out of Galicia, the Austro-German armies, which for some weeks have been on the Galician side of the Carpathian mountains, have, during the last few days, made repeated attempts to break through the Russian entrenchments, but without success.

Since Sunday last, when in massed formation they threw themselves against Russian troops holding strong positions, the Austro-Germans have attacked repeatedly in spite of the heavy losses which this kind of fighting entails.

Yesterday, according to the Russian official account, the Austrians delivered furious attacks between the San and Ordawa rivers, only to be thrown back as they were in their previous efforts, while the Germans made several fruitless attempts around Koziouwka and Rojanka, at the latter point losing two companies which were surrounded and annihilated.

No estimates have been published of the losses sustained by the German armies in their efforts to break through the Russian lines in east Poland, but they are believed to have been very large, as the Russian positions were almost impregnable.

Regarding the Austrians' attempt to outflank the Russians in Eastern Galicia two Russian official reports in succession have reported that the Austrians suffered a severe reverse and that yesterday they lost in prisoners alone more than 6,000 men. The Russians also captured a number of guns and a large quantity of transport material.

On the other extreme wing in northern Poland the Germans have either assumed the defensive or are retiring, except at Ossowetz, where they continue to bombard the fortress. Berlin reports unofficially that at this point the Germans have succeeded in silencing two of the forts. Their attempt to approach the city, however, has been repulsed by the Russians.

The Germans, while claiming successes near Augustowo, where they captured 1,500 prisoners from among the Russian forces who tried to cross the Bobr river, admit that they have withdrawn their advance guards south of Myszyniec.

The fact seems to be that the Russians are advancing along the whole northern line, but very slowly because of the mud, which impedes the movement of guns and transport wagons.

They have been able to reinforce their armies at every threatened point, and are now considered to be in as good a position as the Germans, who have left their railways behind them.

So far as the west is concerned, the French offensive in the Champagne region continues to be the outstanding feature of the campaign.

The French troops have now reached the highest points on the ground north of Perthes and Beausejour, and must be drawing near positions from which they will be able to shell the branch railway that runs to the rear of the German line and maintains communication between the German forces before Rheims and Verdun.

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