

## 14 VESSELS UNDER BRITISH CONVOY ARE LOST IN NORTH SEA

### German Naval Ships in Two Raids Destroy Thousands of Tons Merchant Shipping

#### SEVEN NEUTRAL VESSELS AMONG THOSE ATTACKED

British Lose One Merchant Ship, a Destroyer and Four Mine Sweepers.

#### ENEMY DESTROYERS OPERATE OFF TYNE

Total Merchant Tonnage Lost in Largest Raid Aggregates 8,000.

London, Dec. 17.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway. Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced today. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was 8,000.

Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of whom are women, and ten British were rescued by four British destroyers from a cruiser squadron which was hunted to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats.

#### TWO MERCHANTMEN AND TRAWLER ON DEC. 12

London, Dec. 17.—Two neutral merchant vessels and a trawler were sunk off the Tyne on Dec. 12 by German destroyers. Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, announced in the house of commons today.

#### HOOPER APPEARS BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEES

Asks Privilege of Making Statement—Leaves Without Making Talk.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Food Administrator Hoover personally appeared today at the subcommittee investigation of the sugar shortage and asked for a statement of his version of conditions.

The committee, after considering the report in executive session, went on with the questioning of President Roosevelt of the Federal Sugar Reserve authority, one of the food administrators, and Mr. Hoover, without an announcement of a decision on Mr. Hoover's request. The food administrator then left the committee room.

Hoover declared that if this year's sugar crop had been allowed to come past there would also have been a shortage of sugar. As the crop is better, he said, had been by the food administration at \$1.20 at all ports, the western refiners could be expected to escape freight charges to eastern ports.

Speakers reiterated that at the time his request was about to close, a lack of sugar, 25,000 tons of raw cane sugar was held by the California Hawaiian Sugar company. He said that George M. Rolph, president of the California Hawaiian company and director of the sugar division of the food administration, declined to answer questions.

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#### TERMS OF THE ARMISTICE ON EASTERN LINE

Russo-German Agreement Includes Lines From Arctic to Black Sea.

#### NO MOVEMENT OF TROOPS FROM PRESENT POSITIONS

Agreement Reaches to Jan. 14 or Until Notice of Abrogation is Given.

By Associated Press. When the armistice agreement between the Russian government and the central powers goes into effect on the eastern front today, the emissaries of the several countries will begin negotiations looking toward peace between Russia and her former enemies. The armistice between Russia and the central powers is to continue for 28 days and for an indefinite period afterward unless a seven-day notice is given. Both sides agreed not to carry on military transfers on the eastern theater except those begun when the treaty was signed.

#### Temper Their Attitude.

London newspapers forecast that the allies will give recognition of the Bolsheviks "in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic heel of Germany." Great Britain is said to have decided to release Tchitcherin, a Russian political prisoner, and the Bolsheviks are now permitting British subjects to leave Russia. To the American delegates at the Paris conference is said to belong the credit for the tempering of the allied attitude toward the Bolsheviks.

#### Confiscate Church Property

Labor strikes appear to be the great obstacle before the Bolsheviks at present, especially in the Petrograd district. The railway and fuel situations are serious. The counter revolt is still more or less of a menace to Bolshevik authority and the constituent assembly is another knotty problem. The confiscation of all property, lands and money of the Russian church has been decreed by the Bolsheviks, who also have abolished all privileges of the clergy.

Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 16.—Terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligate no transference of troops until Jan. 14 (Jan. 1 Russian); no in-

#### NAME OFFICERS FOR THE WAR COUNCIL

Place of Quartermaster General in Army is Offered to Goethals.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rearrangement of some of the high commands in the war department was indicated today by the detachment of officers designated by Secretary Baker to sit in the department's war council. It became definitely known today that Major General Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, has been offered the place of quartermaster general to succeed Major General Sharpe. Presently assigned to the war council will not be detached from his present office.

Brig. Gen. John D. Barrette of the coast artillery corps recently at Camp Upton has been selected for chief of coast artillery, succeeding General Weaver.

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#### IN CHARGE OF THE GREAT CAMPAIGN TO GIVE BUTTE A RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP OF 25,000



TO ENLIST AN ARMY OF RECRUITS FOR HUMANITY'S CAUSE IS NO GREAT TASK FOR THEM.

Leaders in the movement to multiply the Red Cross membership in Butte and Montana declare the Treasury state will hang up another war record by the end of the week when it is expected that the state will furnish at least 70,000 members. Butte will raise her 25,000 without difficulty and, it is expected, will surpass this imposing figure. Those shown in the picture are the leaders in the great membership campaign that was launched today. They are (left to right): Rear Row—Harry Galloway, chairman of Butte chapter of the Red Cross and campaign director; L. P. Sanders, executive committee of the local chapter; Reno Sales, also executive committee member. In front—Trevor Bowen, secretary of the Butte chapter, and Mrs. A. Von Dachenhausen, chairman of the permanent membership committee.

## Great Campaign for Augmented Numbers in the Red Cross Society Is Opened Today

#### RED CROSS CO-OPERATES WITH U. S. TO PROTECT HEALTH OF THE SOLDIERS

The principal purposes of the American Red Cross in its work in the United States may be summarized as follows:

1. To take such measures as are necessary, in co-operation with the army and navy, for the protection of the health and welfare of soldiers in camps and cantonments, and of civilians whose welfare is involved in war conditions.
2. To stimulate and guide the volunteer work of women in the manufacture of supplies and comforts needed by troops and civilians abroad and by men in training in this country.
3. To co-operate with the government and with all relief agencies in caring for the dependent families of men in the military and naval service, and to relieve suffering caused by any disaster.
4. To maintain at the lowest cost consistent with efficiency machinery to assure the uninterrupted performance of these duties and of the relief work in Europe.

#### SELECTIVE DRAFT IS ISSUE BEFORE CANADIAN PEOPLE

Borden and Laurier Both Confident Their Followers Will Win.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Upon the decision today of the voters throughout the Dominion rests the fate of the new union government, which, if retained in office, will enforce selective conscription to fill the ranks of the Canadian army overseas. Opposing Sir Robert Borden, leader of the union forces, is the veteran liberal leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who proposes a referendum as an alternative to the compulsory conscription law, pledging the liberals to abide by the will of the voters.

#### BUTTE WILL EASILY EXCEED HER QUOTA IS EXPECTATION OF THE SOCIETY OFFICIALS

Six Hundred Campaigners Start Out Today to Secure a Membership of at Least 25,000 for This City and County. Remarkably Efficient Organization is Worked Out. Every Office and Home in the City Will Be Visited Within the Week. Public is Enthusiastic Over Humanitarian Work.

With the slogan, "Let a greater Red Cross be your Christmas gift to the nation and our allies," 600 workers, divided into 81 teams and each directed by a captain, today started on a week's intensive campaign to secure 25,000 members in Butte and Silver Bow county. While the greater part of the day was devoted to organization, instructions to workers and issuance of supplies, early indications are that the campaign will be successful. Before noon receipt books for upwards of 10,000 members were in the hands of the canvassers.

#### NOT SATISFIED WITH ANSWERS OF ARMY CHIEF

The Senate Committeemen Tell Gen. Crozier Country Will Not Be Content.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Inquiry into alleged delays in supplying the army with guns and the curtailment of funds raised by the ordnance bureau for that purpose was taken up again today in open session by the senate military committee after a two days' examination of Major General Crozier behind closed doors. General Crozier, who was still on the stand today, continued his detailed statement of the ordnance situation as far as it revealed nothing the war department considers a military secret. General Crozier declared there was "entirely too much red tape" getting money. While an emergency appropriation request for a lump appropriation

#### ENDURING PEACE ONE OF GREATEST AIMS OF AMERICAN RED CROSS

Broadly speaking, the Red Cross war council has proceeded upon the theory that the present work of the American Red Cross should contribute to these great aims:

1. To be ready to care for our soldiers and sailors on duty wherever and whenever that care may be needed.
2. To shorten the war—by strengthening the morale of the allied peoples and their armies, by alleviating their sufferings in the period which must elapse until the American army can become fully effective abroad.
3. To lay foundations for an enduring peace—by extending a message of practical relief and sympathy to the civilian population among our allies, carrying to them an expression of the finest side of the American character.

#### NO GENERAL RECAST OF THE WAR TAX BILL

Only Corrections of Inconsistencies Will Be Made, Says Simmons.

Washington, Dec. 17.—There will be no general reconsideration of the war tax bill at this session of congress, Chairman Simmons of the finance committee announced today during an attack on the measure by various public senators. He declared the bill was not perfect and added that to correct various inconsistencies some legislation would be required.

#### HER SECOND HUSBAND IN YEAR DRINKS POISON

When Bazil Babcock Committed Suicide His Widow Married R. Christman and Today Christman Attempted Suicide by Drinking Lysol at the Family Home.

#### BOTH SIDES ARE CLAIMING VOTES TO DECIDE ISSUE

Ballot in House on Prohibition Issue Late This Afternoon.

#### "WETS" GAIN STRENGTH IS ADMITTED BY "DRYS"

But Prohibition Forces Expect to Secure Two-thirds Majority.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Both wets and drys predicted victory today when the house launched into a six-hour debate which is to close at 5 o'clock this afternoon on the prohibition constitutional amendment. The drys admitted that the wets had been gaining strength for several days, but claimed 20 votes to spare over the necessary two-thirds. The wets gave no figures and predicted the defeat of the resolution by a narrow, but safe margin. Although the resolution has passed the senate, it will not be out of the woods with passage by the house, for it has been amended, and if the house passed it today it would be necessary for the senate to vote again on the changes. The house committee has amended the resolution to provide that the states must act on its ratification within seven years, while the senate specified six.

#### Loads of Telegrams.

Congressmen emerged from under veritable loads of telegrams from "back home" when they came into the house chamber to vote. The galleries were packed with enthusiasts from both sides of the question, come prepared for a field day. There was much conferring among the generals on the floor as the debate got under way with the time equally divided between the two sides. As the debate ran on Representative Barkley of Kentucky, one of the prohibition leaders, claimed that a complete canvass of the state delegations indicated adoption of the resolution by a margin of 15 votes over the necessary two-thirds.

#### ASKS MINERS OF COAL TO FOREGO USUAL HOLIDAYS

Fuel Administrator Says Every Idle Day Costs 2,000,000 Tons of Coal.

Washington, Dec. 17.—To keep coal production at a maximum, Fuel Administrator Garfield is preparing to appeal to operators and miners to forego the usual Christmas and New Year's holiday. Every idle day in the mines costs the country nearly 2,000,000 tons of fuel. Authority to shut down industries if necessary to supply householders with fuel was granted by the fuel administration today to W. K. Prudden, federal fuel administrator for Michigan. Many Michigan cities are said to be almost entirely without supplies for domestic needs.

#### ASKS PRIORITY FOR SHIPMENTS OF COAL

Washington, Dec. 17.—The fuel administration has called on the priority shipping board to give coal further preference over other freight in an effort to relieve the fuel situation throughout the country.

Mrs. Christman was the wife of Bazil Babcock when Babcock committed suicide last summer at his home on Missouri avenue after domestic infelicities. After Babcock's death, the widow married Christman. Christman drank poison late this afternoon at their home, 230 South Dakota street. His condition at the emergency hospital is doubtful. Babcock ended his life by drinking (Continued on Page Sixteen.)