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## THREAT USELESS ASSERTS GERMAN

### Naval Critic Declares American People Cannot Handle the Teuton Government.

### "WILL FOOL THEMSELVES"

### Newspapers Comment on Nation's Note Regarding the Coast War Zone.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 13.—The text of the American note to Germany regarding Germany's enlargement of the war zone around the British coast has not yet been made known to the German press and the comment up to the present time has been based entirely on news agency dispatches from Washington giving a brief synopsis of the communication.

The Koelnische Zeitung has republished prominently from the Tages Zeitung an article by Count Von Reventlow, the naval critic. In this article Count Von Reventlow refers to the report that the Washington government intended to ask how Germany proposed to make neutral shipping safe in these waters, and says:

"This marine war zone was announced by the German government for the very reason that safety of navigation therein cannot be guaranteed. The vessels of neutrals enter upon this war zone only at their own risk. This condition of affairs and the consequences it may bring after February 18, cannot be changed or influenced by any representations of demands from Washington. It is equally out of the question that the neutrality of every ship with a neutral flag be ascertained. A submarine mine cannot learn this identity and such a course is equally impossible for a submarine boat.

In concluding his article Count Von Reventlow says:

"The German declaration in itself must furnish proof to Americans that the possible destruction of American ships after February 18 cannot afford the Washington government any ground for complaint of any nature against the German government, but that the American government and the shippers themselves must bear the responsibility if they permit their vessels to enter this war zone.

"We gather the impression here from expressions reaching Germany from across the water that if the American people believe they can handle the German government as they desire by pressure and threats, they will fool themselves."

LONDON, Feb. 13.—That the British government will have no difficulty in giving a satisfactory reply to the American note on the use of the American flag by British merchantmen is the contention of afternoon papers of London who virtually unite in expressing the opinion that a neutral flag will be used by British vessels only as an intimation to German warships that

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## EWING MAKING GRAVE CHARGE

### Says Plans Were on Foot at One Time to Sell Sanitarium Stock to State for Tremendous Price.

Sensational statements relative to the transaction leading up to the sale of the stock of the Oklahoma Sanitarium company which has a contract for care of the state insane at Norman were made in a speech made on the floor of the house late yesterday afternoon when the question of concurring to the senate amendments to the Ewing resolution was up.

The resolution as it passed the house called for the appointment of a special committee to probe the sanitarium at Norman. The senate passed it with an amendment providing also for a probe of the moving picture bill episode which occurred in the 1913 legislature in which Representative Ewing of Guthrie was a material witness. Ewing made no objection to this amendment and himself made the motion to concur in the senate amendment, which was adopted by the house.

Ewing charges in his speech that an attempt was made by certain stockholders at the beginning of the present

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## TWO SHIPS ARE SUNK

### Believed in Havre that Oriole and London Trader Both Victims of German Submarine.

HAVRE, via Paris, Feb. 13.—Shipping circles here now consider it virtually certain that the British steamer Oriole was sunk by a German submarine. It is known to have been seen was at 2 p. m. January 30 near Dungeness in company with the London steamer London Trader, which is also missing.

There is equal certainty that the London Trader shared the fate of the Oriole. A telegram from Rouen says James Cullen, a survivor of the Trader, was landed there by the steamer Poland, the captain of which stated another ship whose name he could not ascertain delivered him at sea.

The Oriole left London for Havre on January 82. The crew numbered 21 men. The British admiralty expressed the opinion on February 9 that she had been sunk by a German torpedo.

The London Trader was a vessel of 684 tons built in 1913 and owned by the London Welsh Steamship company of London.

### BURGLARS KILL BANKER AND WIFE IN CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 13.—Jacob Voegel former president of the Citizens Bank of Fruitvale and his wife were found murdered today in their home in Fruitvale, a suburb. They had been beaten to death by burglars who first trussed them up with ropes and Mrs. Voegel's apron strings.

## BILL PROPOSES END OF SCHOOLS

### Measure Introduced in House Today Would Abolish Five District Agricultural Institutions.

A bill submitting to the people the question of abolishing the district agricultural schools at Lawton, Helena, Warner, Tishomingo and Broken Arrow and the university preparatory school at Claremore was introduced in the house by Representatives Testerman, Lemon, Powell and Sams. The question is to be voted upon at an election called under the terms of the initiative and referendum.

The house this afternoon passed finally a bill by Killam which has already passed the senate appropriating $5,000 to pay for animals killed to prevent the spread of foot and mouth disease.

The house passed in committee of the whole a bill appropriating $2,268 to assist the state auditor in collecting gross production and inheritance taxes.

A joint resolution from the senate proposing a constitutional amendment for a graduated land tax was recommitted in the house with instructions to cut out the provision permitting the levying of such a tax on grazing lands.

### RUSSIAN MARKETS CLOSED TO GERMANS IN FUTURE

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The meeting of the finance ministers of the triple entente was not merely to organize for an economic victory" declared P. Bark, the Russian minister of finance, in an interview with the Matin. "We must not be obliged some day after the war is ended," he continued, "to pay a sort of indemnity to the Germans by leaving open to them a means of recouping and enriching themselves at our expense in our own markets.

"Germany having demolished the factories in Belgium, Poland and northern France, perhaps thinks to force us to buy from her goods we cannot make ourselves. Let her be quite sure our markets are closed to her forever."

## AMNESTY TO KOREANS

### Japanese Clemency Given Men Who Were Sentenced to Imprisonment for Attempted Assassination.

SUEL, Korea, Feb. 13.—Amnesty was granted today by Japanese authority to Baron Yun Chi-Ho, a former cabinet minister; Yan Ki Tak, formerly connected with the "Korean Daily News;" An Tai-Kog, Im Chi-Chong, Yi-Sung-Hun and Ok Kwan-Pin, who in July, 1913, were sentenced to six years' imprisonment for an attempt to assassinate General Terauchi, Japanese governor-general of Korea.

## HELENA SCHOOL GETS ITS FUND

### Charge Made That It Was Fought Because Located in Republican County.

### SAYS MINORITY PARTY FREE

### Testerman Refutes Charge That Republicans Are Subject to Influence.

Charges that the appropriation for the district school of agriculture at Helena was defeated yesterday because the institution is located in a Republican county were made on the floor of the house during the debate this morning on final passage of the measure after a motion had been adopted to reconsider the vote by which the measure had been defeated on the previous day.

Representative J. A. Smith of Alfalfa county presented an able defense of the school in his district and turned defeat into victory. The bill was passed finally by a vote of 61 to 27.

Following a speech by Representative Childers of Enid in which he declared that he is "as good a Democrat as ever wore hair," but would not vote to kill an appropriation for the Helena school just because it is located in a Republican district Representative Harrison of Hughes county declared that the legislature had furnished two stenographers to the minority to work in Republican headquarters.

**Refuted By Testerman.**

"I am informed from a reliable source," continued Harrison, dramatically, "that the Republican chairman called a meeting of the state committee yesterday for the sole purpose of instructing the Republican minority to vote against every measure that is proposed by the Democrats in this house."

"As far as the minority party being instructed by the chairman of the Republican committee to vote against Democratic measures, I deny the allegation," replied Representative Tom Testerman of Perry, Republican floor leader. "The position of members of the minority on measures that come before this house is taken upon conviction and not under the crack of the whip of the boss of any political party."

A tilt between the Democratic and Socialist sides of the house also occurred during debate on the bill. Representative McLemore, Socialist, declared that he would have to vote against the bill because opposed to maintenance of schools which did the same work as a hundred or more high schools are now doing.

Representative S. L. Johnson of Okmulgee, Democrat, declared that the district agricultural schools are higher educational institutions in their line.

"I don't doubt, sir," declared Johnson facing McLemore, "that if you could abolish every educational institution in this state you would be performing one of the greatest services you could accomplish for the party which you represent."

## WARSHIPS GUARD ENGLISH VESSEL

### Lane of Destroyers Protect British Passenger Steamer Enroute to America Says Arrival.

New York, Feb. 13.—Passengers arriving here today on the British steamship Megantic from Liverpool said that extra precautions apparently were being taken to protect shipping in and out of English ports from torpedo or submarine attack.

Charles A. Nelson of Utica, N. Y., said the Megantic, leaving Liverpool at 4 p. m., February 3, was closely guarded by destroyers until she was well clear of the channel.

"It appeared as if we were going through a lane of war vessels," said Mr. Nelson. "The destroyers were not at anchor, but were moving back and forth rapidly, sweeping over the waters of the channel."

### WEST VIRGINIA NEEDS TAX CAUSED BY PROHIBITION.

CHARLESTON, W. A., Feb. 13.—Governor Hatfield today sent to the legislature a special message asking legislation that will make up the deficiency of $650,000 occasioned by the operation of the prohibition amendment.

He declared that the production tax on oil, coal and gas would meet the requirements but expressed preference to a privilege tax for holding lands in excess of five thousand acres and a corporation income tax.

## FIVE ARE ARRESTED

### All Indicted on Charge of Murdering William Black, Anti-Catholic Lecturer, Are Freed on Bond.

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 13.—Five arrests have been made on indictments charging the murder of William Black, the anti-Catholic lecturer, who was shot and killed here last week during a conference with a local committee which was calling on him to ask him to stop speaking.

Those arrested were George Ryan, George Tier, J. Copeland, Henry Winne and Frank O'Leary. All were released on bond.

The grand jury which handed down these indictments is still in session. When it reported them last night Judge H. T. Lyttleton sent the jurors back with instructions to go over the evidence again carefully and report this morning. No further report was made this morning.

### SEMI-PANIC WHEN WHEAT PRICE DROPS

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Stop loss selling of wheat today led to wild downward swings in price. Weakness developed right at the outset but did not become extreme until approach of the final hour of the session. At the time a violent break took place and the market crashed to a point 9 1-2 under Thursday night's close. May going as low as $1.19 a bushel July was down 6 1-8@12 7-8.

Trade was on a large scale and individual operations were lost track of completely.

The worst of the semi-panic was over in fifteen minutes but the market remained extremely nervous up to the closing gong. Shorts buying to realize to profits helped to rally the market somewhat in the final dealings. The close was 5@5 1-8 to 5 1-4c down as compared with Thursday night—May finishing at $1.54 1-4 and July at $1.29 7-8@1.30.

## CONTEST STARTS ANEW IN SENATE

### Burton Starts Speech to Last Whole Day When Gore Attempts to Discharge From Bill's Consideration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—While the administration Democrats were reframing the ship bill for a new drive in the house, the Republican filibuster blossomed anew today in the senate, where Senator Gore tried to have the commerce commission discharged from consideration of his bill, which is to be used as one of the bases of compromise.

Senator Burton took the floor for a speech that promised to last all day and it was apparent that the Republican opposition was prepared to hold its lines firm until the administration compromise took a thoroughly definite turn. Senator Weeks, author of the bill, which is also a part of the compromise predicted it could not be accepted in the senate with the amendments prepared for adoption in the house.

## *Day In Congress.*

**SENATE.**

Democrats conferred on ship bill and cloture proposals, but took no action.

**HOUSE.**

Debate continued on sundry civil appropriation bill.

Representative Stephens of California instituted substitute ship bill.

Leaders prepared for caucus on administration ship bill.

## *War at a Glance*

The persistent German attack in the Argonne has gained further ground, the Berlin war office announced today more than half a mile of French positions is said to have been won. There has been further fighting in the Vosges and the Berlin official report states that all attacks of the allies were repulsed. The French communication gives few details of yesterday's fighting laying particular stress upon heavy artillery contests.

The German war office states that on the western front was found artillery ammunition which doubtless originated in American factories.

Regrettable damage to the civilian population was done it is said in Berlin in the air raid on the coast, but only slight losses were sustained by the military.

A victory is said to have been won over the Russians in Poland and further successes are noted in today's official report.

Heavy fighting is in progress once more in the Argonne and the Vosges which have now become the most bitterly contested sections of the western battle front. Otherwise the opposing armies in that war theater are virtually at a standstill.

The deadlock in the west, in fact, is so complete that the initiative on land and sea has been left largely to comparatively new devices for making war—the submarine and the aeroplane. The activity of German submarines is believed to have been responsible for the sinking or injury of three merchantment. Great Britain's spectacular aeroplane, her reply to this menace, was directed at the German submarine bases.

## THE WEATHER

**Washington Forecast.**

Oklahoma—Tonight fair, colder; Sunday fair, colder in extreme portion.

Louisiana—Tonight partly cloudy, rain in east portion, colder; Sunday fair, colder.

Arkansas—Tonight cloudy, rain in east portion, colder; Sunday fair, colder.

East Texas—Tonight fair, colder, freezing in north portion, frost in south portion except on coast; Sunday fair, colder except in northwest portion.

West Texas—Tonight fair, colder except in Panhandle; Sunday fair.

Generally fair weather tonight and Sunday; colder tonight.

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| 10 a. m. | 39 |
| 11 a. m. | 41 |
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| 1 p. m. | 49 |
| 2 p. m. | 54 |
| 3 p. m. | 54 |

The storm is central over eastern Nebraska this morning and is moving northeastward. This disturbance has caused light to moderate rains over the western portion of the Mississippi basin from the Dakotas to northern Portion of Texas, and the rain area is moving eastward over the lake region and Ohio valley. Generally fair weather has prevailed west of the Rockies and in the Gulf and Atlantic districts. Unseasonably warm weather continues east of the Mississippi river. Temperatures have fallen in the plains states and westward to the Pacific, but are still above the seasonal averages over practically all of the western half of the country.

## PRODUCERS TO GO INTO COURT

### Conflict of Conservation Law and Existing Contracts Expected Soon.

### ADVICE GIVEN BY LAWYERS

### Constitutionality of New Law Will Be Tested on the First Order Made.

Attorneys for crude oil producers have advised their clients to continue operations under existing contracts, notwithstanding the new oil conservation law now effective, which said it enforced, is to claimed, be in disastrous conflict with present contracts. The oil men are also advised to be courteous in any contract with the corporation commission but to firmly stand their ground and go to court immediately in case action is taken and test the constitutionality of the new oil law in the limit.

Impairment of existing contracts was the most important thing complained of in the protest against the executive approval of the bill several days. It was stated that the operation of the new law would drive many of the smaller producers out of business and impair contracts in any case which had already been made. These contracts are those upon which advice is now given not to disturb, but to continue serving and if any action is taken against them then to go to the courts on a writ of prohibition, or to the federal courts for injunctions.

**Both Sides are Waiting.**

When any steps may be taken for the final test is uncertain. It was stated at the offices of the corporation commission that nothing would be done by the commission until some complaint was made that provisions of the new law were being violated. Then the particular complaint would be taken up, evidence taken and an order, or rule would be made covering the matter and promulgated by the commission, which is given power to enforce the new law.

But if the advice to the oil producers is followed, and it is believed it will be then any order the commission might make, if it gets that far, may be tied up in court pending final determination of the constitutionality of the law.

It has been suggested that few contracts would in reality be affected to any serious extent. Many of them, it is said, are made in the first place on a sliding scale, and might be subject to change at any time. It has been urged that such contracts could be changed to suit the new conditions possible under the new law and not feel any detrimental effects. This, however, has been disputed just as firmly.

**Big Contracts In Doubt.**

It is understood there are some big contracts that might be seriously effected in case an attempt is made to enforce the law, some of them made within the last few days. One of these involves the delivery of 750,000

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## BANK ROBBERS FLEE IN AUTO

### Unmasked Men Lock President in Room, Take Money and Escape in Stolen Car.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 13.—Three masked men robbed the Merchants and Planters' Bank of about $1,100 shortly before noon today and escaped in a stolen automobile. They entered when President L. B. Randall was alone, locked him in a closet and rifled the cashier's till. The bank is in the middle of the Mexican business section.

WILLISTON, N. D., Feb. 13.—Entering the Medicine Lake state bank, at Medicine Lake, Mont., today, two youthful robbers forced the cashier to hand over $3,000 in currency and fled. One was wounded and captured. His companion escaped riding toward the Canadian border.

### PORK AND BEEF PRICES LOWEST IN THREE YEARS.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 13.—Wholesale prices of beef and pork were quoted a half a cent a pound lower here today and are the lowest prices in the last three years. No. 1 beef loins are selling for 18 1-2 a pound, 6 1-2 cents lower than last year.

Retail prices on pork and beef are dropping slowly.

## FASTER MAIL SERVICE

### Oklahoma Will Be Affected by Change in Schedule Between Chicago and the Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—New arrangements for faster mail train service between Chicago and the Pacific coast were announced today by Postmaster General Burleson. The changes will affect the service in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

One new mail train between Chicago and Los Angeles will make the run in sixty-four hours and ten minutes over the Santa eF. The time of other trains through various states will be arranged in conformity to improve connections. The Missouri Pacific and Pennsylvania have arranged new schedules to ag

## VICTORY CELEBRATED

### Berlin Cheered by News of Russian Defeat in East Prussia; Further Good News Expected.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The morning papers hail the victory in East Prussia as removing further danger of an invasion of that province. They point to the Russian report of the battle of completeness of the defeat as it admits that the Russians are falling back to the protection of their chain of fortresses. The victory is especially prized because of the frustration of the plans for a strong offensive which the Russians are believed to have been preparing in this region.

The capture of 26,000 prisoners reported in the German official communication means that practically an entire army corps has been put out of the fighting. The fact that the number of guns captured is comparatively small is commented upon in some quarters as indicating that the Russians, who are said already to have lost a third of their artillery through captures, are now insufficiently equipped in this arm of the service.

The Lokal Anzeiger's military contributor says, in commenting on the results in East Prussia:

"We believe the Russian general staff is not far astray when it assumes that our troops in East Prussia have been reinforced."

The press expresses hopes for further good news from the battle still proceeding in some parts of the operation line.

The children in the schools were given a holiday today and flags are flying all over the city in honor of the victory.

## GUARD OFFICERS FROM AVENGERS

### Union Leaders Protected by Montana Authorities; Miners' Outbreak Following Death Not Feared.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—Fearing an attempt by friends of Thomas Monroe to avenge his shooting here last night by, it is charged, Harry Robinson, vice-president of the Butte Mine Workers' Union, precautions have been taken by the authorities to guard several officials of the Butte Mine Workers' Union.

While feeling is high the police express no fear of an outbreak on the part of the miners. Officers were investigating today an alleged conspiracy to kill Monroe, in what was taken to be his dying statement, said Robinson was a stranger to him and had asked him his name before the shooting.

Efforts were being made to ascertain the identity of three other men who were with Robinson in the automobile from which Robinson stepped when he is said to have shot Monroe.

Robinson's friens assert that Monroe threatened to shoot Robinson in a saloon yesterday.

Monroe, formerly a mine guard and shift boss at the Aanaconda mine, had been appointed a deputy sheriff and assigned to guard the building in which are the offices of the Anaconda Copper Mining company.

Early today Monroe lapsed into unconsciousness. Hospital surgeons said his death was a matter of hours.

### FISHING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS OF GERMANS STOPPED

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 13.—Germany has informed the Scandavian government that no foreign fishing or coasting ships will be permitted until further notice within a certain area off the coast of Schleswig-Hosteln or off the german North sea coast westward of the Elbe and Weser rivers and the East Fristian islands. Scandinavian coasting vessels plying between ports in the Baltic and between Scandinavia and Holland hence forth will give a wide berth to German territorial waters.

## SPAIN NOW AROUSED

### Cabinet and Council Meet to Consider Action Following Expulsion of Minister From Mexico.

MADRID, via Paris, Feb. 13.—The expulsion from Mexico by General Carranza of Jose Caro, the Spanish minister has created a profound impression upon public opinion here. All the newspapers discuss the incident at length and comment forcibly on Carranza's action. Meetings of the cabinet and council have been called for today to consider what steps shall be taken.

## SEE-SAW BATTLE IN CARPATHIANS

### London Believes Victory in Mountains Will Decide Fate of Poland.

### AIR RAID A GREAT SUCCESS

### British Elated With Flyers Attack on German Submarine Bases.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Emperor William received Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the eastern battle front on Friday and it was decided to make a renewed dash for Warsaw next week according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The German emperor, the message goes on, said to be anxious that the Polish capital be taken before the next session of the Reichstag in order to enhance the house to vote a new war loan without opposition.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The retirement of the Russian forces in East Prussia and the great British air raid on the coast of Belgium appear today as the biggest factors in the military situation. On the other hand the diplomatic field would seem to be dominated by the American notes to Great Britain and Germany, especially to Germany, where the newspapers and the public, according to news dispatches reaching here from Berlin, are insisting in spite of Washington's protest and in spite of possible consequences that the German submarine policy must be pursued relentlessly.

The gist of German opinion, as it has been thus far transmitted to London, would appear to be that neutral powers have been sufficiently warned to keep out of the military area, and in as much as Germany is facing starvation at the hands of Great Britain there is no other course for her to pursue.

**Claims Conflict.**

As in other important encounters in the eastern arena of the war the claims of the opponents disagree as to the strategic importance of the German advance into East Prussia. The Germans are hailing it as a great victory and Berlin is decorated with flags while the Russians claim it to be a realignment of their forces in their own territory, supported by their own forts and that the decisive conflict is yet to come.

The battling in the Carpathians is going on in the snow, but the information from this field of activities is most scant and the indications reaching London are that it is still a see-saw affair with both sides sustaining enormous losses. Farther to the south the Austrians contend that they are continuing their advance into Bukowina. Military experts in London are of the opinion that the Carpathian front still remains an area of prime importance in the east, where a decisive victory by either side would

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## RAILROAD HOLDS STEAMSHIP LINE

### Interstate Commerce Commission Grants First Decision Under Provision of Panama Canal Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Retention of control of the Pacific Mail Steamship company by the Southern Pacific railroad was authorized today by the interstate commerce commission in its first decision under the provision of the Panama canal act requiring railroads to give up competing steamship lines, except when joint ownership and operation was found by the commission to be of public advantage.

The protection of the railroad set forth that it proposed to operate the steamship company in traffic between San Francisco and ports in Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, between Mexican and Central American ports and Europe, and between Mexican and Central American ports and the Atlantic and Gulf ports of the United

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## *England Dodges Establishing Precedent in Disposition of Wilhelmina Cargo*

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Every indication in London is that the cargo of the American ship Wilhelmina now in Falmouth harbor will not go through a prize court, but will be sold to the American commission for relief in Belgium.

While the cargo still is in the charge of the customs officials the British government offers no objection to its sale without a prize court decision. In fact, it is generally believed the avoidance of such a decision would be a relief to all quarters concerned because of the danger of establishing a precedent for regarding foodstuffs destined for civilians of belligerent country absolute contraband.

British officials at first were positive that the Wilhelmina's cargo would go through a prize court, but now they say it is uncertain what course will be taken pending an investigation. The owners of the vessel at first asked the same price for the cargo as they would have received for it in Germany. The American commission was unwilling to pay this amount. The Wilhelmina will proceed to Bristol channel as soon as it is possible to repair the damages caused by the heavy weather experienced during the voyage across the Atlantic from New York.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador discussed with Secretary Bryan today the case of the American steamer Wilhelmina whose cargo of foodstuffs destined to civilians in Germany is held by British authorities at Falmouth. The ambassador reiterated it was learned that the attempt which he declared Great Britain was making to starve the civil population of his country by preventing the foodstuffs from entering Germany would have to be met by Germany's attempt to cut off commerce with the British Isles.

### LEADING JESUIT EDUCATOR IS DEAD IN KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 13.—The Rev. Martin P. Dowling, former president of Creighton college, Omaha, and one of the leading Jesuit educators in the United States, died here today.

## *Bertha Seiber Is Missing and Police Say Case Is One of Greatest Mystery*

**BULLETIN.**

Bertha Seiber was found this afternoon at the home of a family at 324 North Oklahoma, where she was employed as a domestic. She had obtained the position through the Young Women's Christian Association. She gave no reason for leaving home.

Bertha Seiber, daughter of Charles C. Seiber, shipping clerk of the Crane company, has been missing since last Monday night and the police and relatives have been unable to find her. The girl is 13 years old and it is the belief of those at work on the disappearance that she has been kidnaped or enticed away. The search for the missing child has turned out to be one of the greatest mysteries with which the police have had to deal lately, for not a trace of the child has been found.

The fact that the girl had disappeared first became known Tuesday night when her father went to the home of her brother at 705 West Fifth street to see his daughter. He was told that she had started home at 5 o'clock the evening before. The little girl had been missing twenty-four hours before it became known to her father or other relatives.

The police officers believe that the girl has been enticed out of the city and are working on that theory. Telephone messages and telegrams have been sent to all the surrounding towns in the effort to locate the missing girl. In the meantime the city has been searched most thoroughly and every place where it is possible for the girl to be has been gone through in the effort to find her.

Inquiries have been made among all the acquaintances of the missing girl and it has been ascertained that she is not with any of them, nor has she left the city with any one who knew her, as far as the officers and relatives have been able to learn. Miss Seiber was a student at the Emerson school, in the seventh grade, and had been living at the home of her uncle, W. Seiber, at 705 West Fifth street.