

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair tonight and Wednesday

# TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

**METAL QUOTATIONS**  
Silver ..... 76  
Copper ..... 85  
Lead ..... \$7.50-\$8.10  
Quicksilver ..... \$70.000

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# GERMANY PROPOSES PEACE

## All Neutral Nations Are Notified That Negotiations May Begin

### KAISER WILLING CEDE BELGIUM OCCUPIED PARTS OF FRANCE FOR RETURN OF COLONIES

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—GERMANY AND THE ALLIES HAVE PROPOSED TO ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS FORTHWITH. PROPOSITIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE VATICAN ALSO BY THE AUSTRIAN, TURKISH AND BULGARIAN GOVERNMENTS. CHANCELLOR VON BETHMANN-HOLLWEG GAVE OUT A NOTE TODAY TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL NEUTRAL NATIONS ASKING THEM TO BRING THE PROPOSITION TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOSTILE GOVERNMENTS.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—GERMANY, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, WILL PROPOSE COMPLETE RESTORATION OF OCCUPIED PORTIONS OF BELGIUM AND FRANCE IN RETURN FOR GERMANY'S COLONIES, THE BALKAN SITUATION, BECAUSE OF ITS COMPLICATED NATURE, TO BE DISPOSED OF IN A PEACE CONFERENCE. THE NOTE PROPOSES RESTORATION OF THE STATUS QUO BEFORE THE WAR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT KINGDOMS OF POLAND AND LITHUANIA.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—A wireless from Berlin says the chancellor, in a speech in the reichstag, said Germany and its allies, "conscious of their responsibility before God, before their own nation and before humanity, proposed that the hostile powers enter into peace negotiations."

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg received, separately, representatives of the United States, Spain and Switzerland, to whom he transmitted a note, which also was to be read in the reichstag, suggesting propositions for negotiations appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace. According to the chancellor, the governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia have

transmitted identical notes and also communicated with the Holy See and all neutral powers.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—The official Austrian statement referring to the peace offer says that when Austria drew the sword after almost fifty years of peace the country was actuated by no designs of conquest, but only by self-defense.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says it is announced from Berlin that the emperor has notified his commanding generals of the peace offer and informed them that he still is uncertain whether they will be accepted. Until then the armies are to fight on.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The news was immediately sent to the president. Speaking for the president, Secretary Tumulty said he was deeply interested, but could make no comment until he learned what reception the proposal received from the entente.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—In the absence of Lloyd George through illness caused the cabinet to postpone a statement of policy until Thursday.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—One prevailing opinion among the foreign embassies was that the Teutons expect to make terms which will be acceptable to England and her allies, causing England to yield to their pressure. The recent Russian Duma crisis is recalled. It is generally conceded that Germany will try to conclude peace separately with her enemies.

### NO DESIRE TO CRASH OR ANNIHILATE FOES

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The chancellor told the reichstag: "Our aims are not to shatter or annihilate our adversaries, despite the consciousness of military and economic strength and readiness to continue the war, which was forced upon us, but to avoid further bloodshed and atrocities we propose the negotiations."

### EFFECT ON MARKETS

WHEAT DROPS 9 CENTS BUSHEL AND BETHLEHEM BREAKS \$26 A SHARE

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—On receipt of the news of peace proposals, wheat broke over eight cents. May sold last night at \$1.75. Within fifteen minutes after the opening today the option sold at \$1.66.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The stock market became immediately unsteady on receipt of the news. Munitions and the shares of other companies profiting by war were most affected, Bethlehem Steel dropping \$25. Descent of the cotton market stopped and an advance began.

### WILSON TO VETO LITERACY TEST

PRESIDENT IS POSITIVE ABOUT CUTTING OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—While the immigration bill passed by the house at the last session was meeting unexpected opposition in the senate, it became known definitely that President Wilson will veto the measure if it goes to the White House with the literacy test provision, one of its chief features.

The president early in his administration vetoed a similar bill for the same reason—as Presidents Cleveland and Taft had done before him—but advocates of the legislation had hoped that he would not withhold his signature this time if substantial majorities were given in both houses of congress.

### ONE SIDED ACTION BY UNITED STATES

GERMANY REMINDS WILSON OF OUTRAGES PERPETRATED IN EAST PRUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The deportation answer expresses regret that the United States never has seen fit to protest against what it describes as dragging off of Germans from east Prussia, Alsace and other places to Siberia.

### British Pessimistic Over Probable Peace Terms

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—The foreign office says it is "unable to discuss peace until the terms are received. Meanwhile its attitude toward the possible terms remains unchanged. A general note of pessimism prevails. One official said: "It is doubtful if the proposed terms offer even a basis for negotiations."

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The chancellor said the propositions "guarantee the existence, honor, liberty and evolution of the central powers."

### LORD HELP US! ACTORS STRIKE

VAUDEVILLE PLAYERS' UNION ASKS BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Orders for a nation wide strike of vaudeville actors were awaited here last night by many members of the White Hats Actors' Union of America. It is thought here that the strike call, for the purpose of forcing better working conditions, will be issued in Chicago.

It was said that vaudeville heads and booking agencies have taken steps to meet the expected strike by "lining up more than 200 emergency acts to fill in breaches in the western time" that may result from a walkout.

### FRENCH SHIP SHELLED WITH LOSS OF LIFE

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 12.—The French steamer Saint Philippe has been sunk, according to a dispatch to the Havre agency from Havre. The dispatch adds that two of the crew were killed while the vessel was being shelled. The captain and five members of the crew have just arrived at Havre.

### DYNAMITER TELLS OF PART IN PLOT

SMITH, THE PARDONED CONVICT, TAKES STAND AGAINST GERMAN CONSUL

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Louis J. Smith took the stand today to tell of his alleged employment as a dynamiter by the German consulate at San Francisco. Judge Hunt compelled the United States district attorney to hand Smith his telegraphic pardon from the president restoring his citizenship. Smith accepted this as complete absolution from the theft of \$8 worth of cigarettes, tobacco and incidentals from an army canteen. He told how he came into the employ of the consulate.

Smith testified that Baron von Brincken asked him if he would explode a dynamite barge. Detective C. Crowley asked him if he would follow the barge and "blow it up to Seattle." Smith said he would. "Afterwards von Brincken and Crowley promised me \$300 a month and expenses, with \$300 bonus for each explosion. He sent me to Pinole to get information of dynamite shipments from a German there, but I could not find the German," the witness explained.

**TEMPERATURE REPORT**  
Highest temperature yesterday, 40; lowest this morning, 31.  
Highest temperature a year ago, 41; lowest, 38.

### MIDNIGHT HINT OF GREAT EVENT

MOST REMARKABLE SESSION SINCE THE DECLARATION OF WAR

(By Associated Press.)  
AMSTERDAM, via London, 11:53 p. m., Dec. 11.—The Berlin correspondents of the Dutch newspapers emphasize the importance of the session of the reichstag which will be held tomorrow and which they characterize as "the most remarkable since the outbreak of the war and of world wide historical importance."

All the members of the reichstag, even those in the fighting line, have been summoned to Berlin by telegraph. The imperial chancellor today received the ministers of all the federal states and discussed with them the subjects which he will bring up in the reichstag. It is said the chancellor's statement has been received with approval by the governments at Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople, where similar parliamentary sittings will be held simultaneously.

### BEEF TRUST MUST PAY \$25,000 FINE

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS FINE IMPOSED BY THE DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The supreme court today dismissed the appeal of the Armour and Swift companies from Missouri decrees assessing \$25,000 fines for violation of the anti-trust law. This ends the Missouri beef trust case.

### FOOLING WITH GUN KILLS HIS CHUM

TRAGIC END OF FUTILE SEARCH FOR A RUNAWAY GIRL

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Ralph Williams, aged 19, was killed by his chum, Frank Lacy, a Berkeley high school boy, by the accidental discharge of a revolver.

### MONOPOLY OF MEAT BY SALE OF PLANT

NEVADA PACKING COMPANY BOUGHT BY RICH CATTLE COMPANY

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—U. M. Slater, head of the Nevada Packing company of Reno, announced here today that the Western Meat company has purchased the Nevada company's interests and many thousand head of cattle. As to the price Slater would say only that it was a large sum of money, although it was reported to be approximately \$1,000,000. It was said the deal leaves the meat business of Nevada to virtually two concerns, Miller & Lux and the Western Meat company.

### AMERICAN CITIZEN IN MEXICAN JAIL

DESPITE PROTESTS PRISONER IS TAKEN TO INTERIOR FOR TRIAL

(By Associated Press.)  
BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 12.—Despite strong protests of J. H. Johnson, American consul at Matamoros, Ricardo Solis, an American citizen, arrested in Matamoros, has been taken to Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, for trial. The state department at Washington is said to have taken up the matter several days ago with General Carranza, requesting that Solis be tried at Matamoros. The charge against him has not been made public.

### ESCAPED CONVICTS ALMOST STARVED

FUGITIVES FOUND HIDING IN HOME OF SAN QUENTIN WARDEN

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 12.—John "Forty Year" Smith and Frank Williams, San Quentin convicts who escaped Thursday, were found today in Warden Johnston's house crouched under a stairway. They had been living on scraps of bread and meat.

### GREECE ON WARPATH AND ORDERS MOBILIZATION

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says advices from Switzerland state that Constantine has ordered general mobilization in Greece.

### TRANSPORT RUNS ASHORE IN FOG

CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE BRING OTHER STEAMERS TO RELIEF

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The United States transport Sumner, bound from Colon to New York, is aground in a heavy fog off Barnegat, N. J., according to a wireless message received here. The Sumner sent a "S. O. S." call for assistance and several steamships in the vicinity responded.

The Sumner was bound from Colon to New York with officers, soldiers and civilians. Coast guard cutters are rushing to her rescue. The vessel began to pound with the rising tide early this morning. The women and children passengers are being landed at Barnegat in lifeboats.

**TODAY AND A YEAR AGO**

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| 5 a. m.                      | 32 | 31 |
| 9 a. m.                      | 35 | 33 |
| 12 noon                      | 42 | 39 |
| 2 p. m.                      | 45 | 40 |
| Relative humidity at 2 p. m. |    |    |
| today, 40 per cent.          |    |    |

### GERMANS ON SOMME REPULSED BY FRENCH

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 12.—Germans attacked on the edge of Desloges wood, near Lessigny, south of the Somme, where a French curtain of fire checked the advance.

## FEDERAL REGULATION OF WAGES MUST COME

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Regulation of wages by the same commission that regulates rates may be the ultimate solution of the railroad wage problem, according to Elisha Lee, chairman of the national conference committee of the railways, who addressed the Economic club here last night on the question: "Should the right of public service employes to strike be regulated by law?"

"I am not prepared to say that all wage problems of the railroads should be placed unreservedly in the control of a public commission," said Mr. Lee. "But I do believe that when a controversy between the managements and the men reaches a stage where the interests of the public are imperiled that then there should be a compulsory peaceful settlement, a judicial settlement, that will conserve the public interest as well as the rights of the parties to the controversy. If any body of men are required in the public interest to subordinate their private rights to their public duties, it should be with the full understanding that their rights must be in every way safeguarded by the public."

"We are at the parting of the ways. One road before us is a continuation of the system of unrestricted private wage bargaining that eventually leads to settlement by force. The other road is a restriction and regulation of private wage bargaining for the protection of the rights of the

**BUTLER THEATRE**  
**TONIGHT**  
FANNIE WARD  
—In—  
"THE GUTTER MAGDALENE"  
Thrilling story with a theme portraying a woman's triumph and redemption.  
Burton Holmes Travels  
"In Southern Italy"  
Tomorrow  
Ethel Clayton and  
Holbrook Blinn in  
"Husband and Wife"  
Thursday—"The Fall of a Nation"  
Seven-Act Motion  
Picture Spectacle  
Matinee, 1:30; Night, 7 and 8:30  
Admission 10-15c