

THE WEATHER
Generally fair tonight and Thursday
Colder tonight

TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

METAL QUOTATIONS
Silver 76 5/8
Copper 32 1/2-34
Lead 57.50-57.75
Quicksilver 870-880

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AGREEMENT IS NOT HOPELESS

REVIEW OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALLIED POWERS SHOWS ENCOURAGEMENT

Starving Refugees From Rumania Overrun Russia

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Rumanians who abandoned homes and property in face of the invaders, cast the shadow of a new refugee problem on the Russian empire.

at the worst time of the year to care for refugees.
Russia has only partly assimilated millions of homeless Poles and Jews arriving during the first year of the war and presents a tremendous economic burden.

ing colonization in fertile districts and giving work in making boots and clothing. Special schools have been opened for refugee children. The American relief committee is helping. Despite all efforts, the refugee ranks have been thinned by disease, cold, lack of food and clothing and insanitation.

DOORS OF DIPLOMACY OPEN TO CONSIDERATION OF PEACE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The first official impression of Lloyd George's reply to the German peace proposals, with the announcement of Russia, Italy and France, is that it does not foreclose further moves which might lead to a discussion of peace, such as the central powers have discussed.

the matter. To me it looks as though there will be at least one more exchange of notes, which will talk of the future and not of the past.
The allies' responses are viewed by administration officials not at a flat refusal, but an answer most to be expected by a group of belligerents, anxious to throw back on their adversaries in a world diplomatic struggle for public opinion, all the onus of having caused the war and of having brought about conditions under which peace was morally wrong.

may bring out the minimum bases of contention.
German embassy officials were optimistic because the British premier did not flatly refuse to enter into a discussion. At the same time they deprecated the suggestion that definite peace terms might be set forth in formal notes. The German view, as reflected here, is that nothing can be achieved by a public discussion of terms, for the reason that each set of belligerents is bound to ask more than it actually expects to receive, because there are so many belligerents each striving to gain realization of particular aims, in addition to the general plans of the alliance with which it is connected and because

historical precedent shows conclusively that without direct negotiations and exchange of views by representatives in a conference the breach between enemies is not likely to narrow.
The German view, however, is that it is not improbable that Germany may, should Great Britain ask it, be willing to make some preliminary statement of principle regarding terms, especially if failure to take such action should be the only barrier to the entente agreeing to send representatives to a conference. On the other hand, great emphasis is placed upon the statement that if the entente should refuse a conference, Germany and her allies would regard it as a refusal to talk of peace.

MENINGITIS IS NOT SPREADING

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Medical officers on the border report there is no danger of spinal meningitis among Georgia and Pennsylvania troops being coming epidemic. No new cases have developed in eight days.

SHIPPING ORDER MAY DRIVE OUR TRADE FROM SEA

PROPOSED RULE WOULD SERVE AS A VIRTUAL BLOCKADE OF AMERICA

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—An official speculation on the effect of the nationalization of British shipping, mentioned by the premier, said there is nothing in law which the United States could do should the whole British merchant marine be withdrawn from American trade and harbors. The effect upon commerce depends on the completeness with which the rule would be enforced. It appears at first glance as though it would turn over the great majority of the world's carrying trade to specific war purposes.

BANK ROBBERS CUT TELEPHONE

(By Associated Press.)
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 20.—Robbers blew the safe of the Oklahoma National bank this morning at Skiatook and escaped in an auto with \$20,000 in currency and silver. They cut the telephone wires and got several hours' start.

SECRETS STOLEN

PRIVATE RECORDS TAKEN FROM ANGEL ISLAND TO AID CHINESE

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Investigation of the alleged betrayal of the United States immigration department records by trusted employes at Angel Island station to aid the illegal entry of Chinese commenced today. Edward White, commissioner of immigration, said he had been informed anonymously that certain attorneys had been given information enabling them to substitute papers of Chinese qualified to enter for clients not entitled to admission. The scheme was traced to Chinese who returned to China permanently and the use of his description for a new arrival.

JUDGE WELSH OF MONO CO. FOUND AL LOS ANGELES

MISSING MAN FROM BRIDGEPORT DISCOVERED ON THE COAST

Judge J. J. Welsh, the venerable ex-public administrator of Mono county, who disappeared recently after starting from his home in Bridgeport for Los Angeles to enter the Odd Fellows home, has been found. So states a letter to Chief of Police Evans received this morning from A. E. Dolan, sheriff of Mono county. The old gentleman, who is nearing his 90th year, was found at the Los Angeles poor farm, where he was being treated for a fracture of the shoulder blade caused by stepping off a moving train. The message added that Judge Welsh is now on his way home, but it is believed that the injury will prove quite serious owing to the advanced years and general debility of the sufferer.

RIOTING IN PORTUGAL

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS ARRESTED BEFORE TROUBLE IS QUELLED

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Madrid states that the recent revolution in Portugal was put down by the suspension of the constitutional guarantees and the arrest of thousands of persons.

Paris dispatches December 16 have reported revolutionary outbreaks in various parts of Portugal, which an official note declared had been entirely quelled.

BURBANK TAKES HIS SECOND WIFE

(By Associated Press.)
SANTA ROSA, Dec. 20.—Luther Burbank announced today that he will marry Miss Elizabeth Waters, his secretary, tomorrow in San Francisco. Burbank is 67. The bride is 30 and a native of Hastings, Mich. Burbank divorced his first wife 20 years ago.

RUSSIANS BREAK THROUGH LINES

PENETRATE BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS AND GAIN GROUND

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The British admiralty has learned through a wireless press report that Russian troops operating in Galicia near the River Bystritsa broke through the barbed wire entanglements before the Austro-German advanced posts and penetrated Bohorodzyany Stare, southwest of Stanislaw. The Germans fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners.

SEVENTEEN BANDITS SUMMARILY SLAIN

CHIEF OF EAR CUTTERS EXECUTED BY CARRANZA TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)
JUAREZ, Dec. 20.—Baudelio Uribe, a follower of Villa, who is said to have instituted the practice of cutting off the ears of Carranza prisoners, was executed with seventeen banditti by the home guards after a battle southwest of Chihuahua City.

EIGHT SOLDIERS DIE ON BORDER

MEN BLAMED FOR EXPOSING THEMSELVES WHILE OVERHEATED

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Dec. 20.—Sergeant Robert E. Gonzales of the machine gun company of the second South Carolina Infantry and son of the United States minister to Cuba, died today at the base hospital at Fort Bliss of pneumonia. This is the eighth case among regulars and guardsmen in eight days. General Bell declares the soldiers contract pneumonia when they get their tents overheated and go into the cold night air to cool off

NEUTRALITY LAWS OPENLY VIOLATED

ATTORNEY ROCHE THREATENS TO MAKE SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURES

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Attorney Roche, for the defense, in his opening statement declared the government's case against Bopp fell down because the German consulate employed spies and not dynamiters. He declared he was prepared to prove that the Union Iron works, San Francisco, built submarines last year for the entente and shipped the parts to Canada for assembling. He declared British war vessels trans-

PRESIDENT CALLS ON SENATOR ILL AT HOME

WILSON MAKES AN EXCEPTION IN MISSISSIPPI MAN'S CASE

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The president today went to visit Senator Williams of Mississippi at the senator's home because he knew he was ill and had affairs to discuss. Presidents have rarely done this. "It was the act of a very good fellow," said Williams, who was unable to go to his office, so the president drove him there.

TAKEN TO GOLDFIELD FOR ROBBERY OF COPPER JUNK

Tom Campbell and S. E. Wood were taken to Goldfield last night by Deputy Sheriff Hickerell on suspicion of being implicated in the theft of copper from the mill at Millers. The prisoners traveled in a new Ford car which they said was stolen from the owner at Taft, Cal.

GREEDY BRITISHERS GORGE THEMSELVES

Refuse to Obey Orders to Curb Their Appetites in Deference to New Control Measure

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 20.—According to some newspapers, the two days' experience for a control measure regulating the number of courses served in hotels and restaurants have proved futile. The order failed to check consumption of food, which in many cases was increased. Customers can indulge in several helpings and take a succession of meals at various places if desired, since there is no supervision. The papers urge the issuance of food tickets or a tax on hotel and restaurant bills, as in Paris.

800 STAMPEDE IN A COAL MINE

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 20.—Several were entombed in the Edgewater mine of the Tennessee Coal and Coke company, 12 miles northwest of Birmingham, as the result of an explosion believed to have been caused by gas. One was killed and one was burned.

FRENCH CLAMOR FOR A CHANGE

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 20.—Henry Berenger, senator for Guadeloupe, in the senate accused the cabinet of weakness and dilatoriness. The senator said the new ministry had brought about only a change in personnel. This was shown in the way in which the war was being directed, the French having been unable to drive the Germans beyond the frontier. The speaker then reproached the ministry with defects in the organization of economic life and charged that there had been a lack of organization in the production of war material. He then attacked French diplomacy, to which he imputed as a result the recent events in Athens.

"Do not think that your past war record," said M. Berenger, addressing Premier Briand, "gives us sufficient assurance for the future."

M. Briand in replying deprecated reproaches against the government at this grave period "because the men in power must be able to work with the necessary freedom of mind, have uninterrupted confidence at home and for their actions abroad, and our allies must not be allowed to think that our government is under suspicion and the menace of

Today and a Year Ago

Table with 3 columns: Date, 1916, 1915. Rows include 5 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., Relative humidity at 2 p.m., and today, 51 per cent.

CYANIDE CONSUMERS WILL GAIN RELIEF

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The senate today passed the Wadsworth resolution authorizing the increase of water diverted from Niagara to increase the output of plants on the American side.

BIG INCREASE IN THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON CROP

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton gains prior to December 13 amounted to 16,845,989 bales, the census bureau has announced.

RUSSIANS REPULSED

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Several unsuccessful Russian attacks have occurred along the northern Rumanian front.

AMERICANS ARE FREED BY TURKEY

WILL BE DETAINED TO PREVENT THEM FROM GIVING OUT INFORMATION
(Loyd George's declaration that he accepted the German proposals as contained in the note transmitted through the United States would be to put "our heads in a noose" was met in German quarters by the statement that no set of belligerents would in any way endanger itself by appearing at a conference to enter into direct negotiations. It was added that if the entente representatives did not like developments they could withdraw immediately. (Continued on page four)

NAVAL OFFICER DEAD

BERKELEY, Dec. 20.—Captain Carlos Gilman Calkins, United States navy, died today, aged 66.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The two hundred Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by Turkish authorities have been granted permission to leave via Beirut on condition that they intern at Beirut for a month to make valueless any military information they may have.

The United States has repeatedly made diplomatic efforts to free these Americans, some of whom are missionaries and others naturalized. Efforts will be made to shorten the internment. The cruiser Des Moines will go to Beirut to take away the refugees.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT
GLADYS MULETTE
In "THE SHINE GIRL"
"The Peg-O'-My-Heart" of the Screen
A Max Figman comedy
Tomorrow
"JAFFERY"
And—
Pathe News
Matinee, 1:30; Night, 7 and 9:30
Admission 10-15c