

WAR WORK IN STATE COST ONLY \$68,000

Chairman F. B. Mumford to Report on Council of Defense Activities.

OTHERS SPEND MORE But Missouri With Little Money Accomplished as Much as Other States

A report of the work of the state council of defense of which Dean F. B. Mumford of Columbia is chairman, is now being prepared for submission to the state legislature. The report will show that by co-ordinating the work of the various state departments the council was able to carry through Missouri's war work at a cost of approximately \$68,000, while other state councils of defense spent as much as one million dollars and accomplished no more than Missouri.

"The success of Missouri's war campaigns, including Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, has demonstrated what can be accomplished by community effort," said Robert A. Glenn, acting secretary of the Missouri Council of Defense, last Saturday. "Now the state must capitalize that spirit and employ it in solving the problems of reconstruction."

Whether the work of readjustment which must follow the war will be handled through the State Council of Defense, or through some other agency will be one of the problems before the state legislature when it meets next month. Probably a recommendation will be made by the defense council within the next few days. The council members were in conference with Governor Gardner before he went to Annapolis to attend the governors' meeting last week. At that time it was decided to postpone the adoption of an after-war program until Governor Gardner's return, in the belief it would be well to ascertain what other states are planning to do.

One suggestion is that the state assembly legalize the state council of defense and make it the agency through which Missouri will care for the rehabilitation of its soldiers and sailors. Another suggestion is that a smaller body be organized to be known as the Greater Missouri Commission. Whatever program is adopted, the council of defense will urge that there be no lagging in Missouri's expression of gratitude to the men who went into war service.

Mr. Glenn said last night he did not believe Missouri would have trouble in finding suitable employment for the 150,000 men it sent into the army, navy and munition factories. The greatest problem, he continued, will be the question as to how they can be absorbed to the best advantage not only to themselves but to the state.

FOOD RULES ARE OFF

All Restrictions Upon Public Eating Places Are Removed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Wheatless and meatless days, together with the other food restrictions placed upon public eating places by the Food Administration were declared off today.

CIVILIAN CLOTHES SHORTAGE

English Tailors Worrying About Supplying Returned Soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 12 (By Mail).—English tailors are scratching their heads, dazed and bewildered.

Hundreds, and very soon, thousands of men will be clamoring for "civvies." The first thought of the discharged soldier is to rush off and deck himself out in a smart civilian suit. Not many of them will be content to return to their old pre-war outfits, and in many cases these will not be fit to return to, having provided food for moths during four long years.

The shortage of wool is becoming greater and 96 per cent of available supplies are still being taken up for army needs. Therefore, it is feared that even after discharge, thousands of soldiers will have to keep in khaki for a considerable time.

BIG STAMP SALE SATURDAY

Package Mail Shows Big Increase in Columbia.

The sale of postage stamps at the Columbia Postoffice Saturday amounted to \$583.67, according to R. H. Gray, acting postmaster. The number of packages this year shows a marked increase over that of last year.

Marriage Licenses Issued Today.

The following marriage licenses were issued today: Jessie Stewart Turner, McBaine, 24 and Miss Ruth Hallenger, Columbia, 23. Alexander Moreau of Guthrie, 29 and Miss Grace Forbis, of Ashland, 17. James Frances Rodman of Stephens, 29 and Miss Johnnie B. Carls, Hallsville, 17. Wilbur C. Melloway, Columbia, 21 and Miss Mildred Poe, Huntsdale, 18.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Probably snow tonight and Tuesday. Much colder, temperature to 16 or lower.

For Missouri: Probably snow northern and rain or snow southern portions tonight and Tuesday. Colder. Fresh to strong northerly winds.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be 6 west; 5 north; 25 east, and 20 south.

Weather Conditions. At 7 a. m. this morning snow was falling over western Texas, all of Oklahoma and Kansas, and most of Colorado. The weather was cloudy throughout the Mississippi Valley and thence eastward to the Atlantic; and generally clear in the Rocky Mountain region and on the Pacific coast.

The Northwest is experiencing the first touch of real winter; zero temperatures obtain in Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas.

In Columbia winter weather will prevail during the next two or three days.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 41; and the lowest last night was 30. Rainfall 0.90. Relative humidity noon yesterday was 79 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 45 and the lowest was 20. Rainfall 0.90.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	30	12 noon	32
8 a. m.	30	1 p. m.	32
9 a. m.	30	2 p. m.	32
10 a. m.	31	3 p. m.	32
11 a. m.	31	4 p. m.	32

Yesterday Shortest Day of Year.

Yesterday was the shortest day of the year. With unusually moderate weather up to the present, the colder weather of today marks the beginning of practically a three months' period of cold weather usually had in this section of the country.

DOWNED 845 PLANES

American Air Service Had 39 Squadrons in France—442 Casualties.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The American aviators downed 845 enemy planes during the war. Four hundred and ninety-one were confirmed and 354 were unconfirmed, according to information reaching the War Department today.

Major Harbord, in a cable to the Director of the Air Service, thus summons up the work of the fliers and the scope of our service:

On the day the armistice was signed 39 American Aero squadrons were in operation in France; enemy planes brought down 271; casualties suffered, 442; of this 103 killed, 103 wounded, 200 living and 27 prisoners, and 3 interned. This casualty list was low considering the number in the air service, which was 58,090, including those in France, England and Italy.

WESTMINSTER FUND IS SHORT

College Must Raise \$60,000 by Jan. 1 or Lose \$40,000 Already Pledged.

FULTON, Mo., Dec. 23.—The biggest problem that now faces Westminster College is to get the required \$500,000 for its endowment fund in the allotted time—by January 1. The total is now \$440,000 leaving \$60,000 still to be raised. Unless this is secured within the next week the campaign will be a failure, as the subscriptions were secured on condition that all of it should be raised to make it binding.

To date more than 4,000 subscriptions have been received and if the amount is not raised by January 1, it would mean that all would have to be rewritten, which Doctor Reed declares would be an impossible task. He is still optimistic and feels that the aid will come from somewhere.

The influenza epidemic practically nullified the work of the canvassers during the months of October and November and therefore makes the task of the last days much harder.

TWO FIRES IN SAME HOUSE

Department Called Twice to Home of I. Wolfson.

The Fire Department has extinguished two fires in the last twenty-four hours at the same house, the home of I. Wolfson, 1500 Bass avenue. The first fire which broke out about 6:30 last night was thought to have been caused by some sulphur candles which were being used to fumigate the house. It caused about \$100 damage.

The second fire occurred about 3:30 this afternoon and was caused by a defective flue. The first was put out in a few minutes. Very little damage was done.

NOT TO SINK WARSHIPS

Lansing Denies Rumor About Surrendered Boats.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Secretary Lansing today officially denied that the American peace delegates had decided to advocate the sinking of surrendered German warships. The proposition, he said, has not even been discussed.

Naval Unit Mustered Out.

Ensign Carl W. Goerling has completed the mustering out of the Naval Unit of the S. A. T. C. and will report back to Naval headquarters at the Great Lakes the last of this week.

Nathan King Arrested.

Sheriff Fred Whitesides arrested Nathan A. King last night in St. Louis following an indictment by the grand jury.

HEARST MUST CEASE STEALING THE NEWS

Supreme Court Decides Case In Favor of Associated Press.

A PROPERTY RIGHT Verdict Has Far-Reaching Effect on Newspaper Work In General.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In a decision that has a far-reaching effect on newspaper work, the Associated Press won its case in the Supreme Court of the United States against Hearst International newspapers on the charge of pirating news.

The Supreme Court sustained the injunction from the lower court preventing the International News Service from pirating Associated Press dispatches.

The court emphasizes the fact that news is a commodity belonging to the organization disseminating it, and has a property right. The case was decided by a vote of 5 to 3. Justices McKeena and Holmes voted against it, Justice Clark did not take part in the decision.

The case grew out of the alleged pirating of the Associated Press news dispatches at Cleveland, O.

JOHN S. MOORE VISITS HERE

He Is in Charge of Y. M. C. A. at Camp Henry Cook.

John S. Moore formerly secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Columbia, is home from Camp Henry Cook to visit his family over the holidays. Mr. Moore is in charge of the Y. M. C. A. at Camp Henry Cook, thirty miles from Louisville, Ky., and has a staff of forty men under him. During the recent influenza epidemic there he said the Y. M. C. A. workers devoted practically all of their time to aiding the medical authorities in combating the disease.

Camp Cook is an artillery camp and at the time the armistice was signed about 14,000 men were there. It is named after a Revolutionary War general.

CONFESSES TO A MURDER

Brother of Boxing Instructor Slays a Soldier.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Thomas Kelly, brother of Leo Kelly, widely known army boxing instructor, has confessed to the murder of Ambs, a discharged soldier, today. Leo Kelly is free from any implication in the murder except that he was a member of the party. Thomas Kelly returned yesterday from Kansas City where he was apprehended. Thomas Kelly asserts that he killed Ambs in self defense.

George Washington Returns.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The George Washington, on which President Wilson sailed for France, arrived here today from Brest, with 3,805 officers and men aboard.

GERMAN CONSTITUTION FOLLOWS U. S. PLAN

Presidential Powers Are Even More Restricted Than In America.

TO HAVE 14 STATES

Bloody Street Fighting In Progress Today In Essen.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (delayed).—A constitution for the German Republic has been drawn up by Hugo Von Prass, head of the Constitutional Committee, and secretary of the Interior. The new constitution follows closely the plan of the American Constitution.

The central and state governments will bear the same relation to each other as in the United States. The presidential powers will be more restricted under the proposed German constitution, than those of the American executive. The legislature will be composed of an equal number of representatives from all of the proposed fourteen states.

Union of German Austria with Bavaria has been outlined.

Rioting at Essen Today.

By United Press.

ZURICH, Dec. 21.—Bloody street fighting between the Workmen and Soldiers Council and the Sparticus group at Essen was in progress today. The Sparticus group apparently were defeated.

Leaders of the strike were arrested by members of the Soldier and Workmen's Council. The Sparticus group obtained re-enforcements and made an attack upon the prison to release their comrades. Shortly after that a mob tried to wreck the mine. The Workmen and Soldiers forces planted machine guns around the mine and met the rioters with a deadly fire.

Calls Congress for January 5.

By United Press.

ZURICH, Dec. 23.—Bourgeois Council has called a congress of Burgeois from all parts of Germany for January 5, according to a dispatch from Berlin.

Count Karolyi Resigns.

By United Press.

ZURICH, Dec. 23.—Count Karolyi addressing the Hungarian Cabinet announced his resignation as premier.

GENERAL RHODES INJURED

Head of Armistice Commission in Aeroplane Accident.

By United Press.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—General Rhodes, head of the American Armistice Commission, was severely injured in an airplane accident on the way to Paris today. His pilot was killed. General Rhodes was flying to Paris in an airplane piloted by Lieutenant Gieves, according to the Journal. The machine collapsed just as it reached Paris.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Charity Organization Society, in accordance with its usual custom will distribute Christmas baskets to the poor of Columbia on Christmas morning. There have not been enough baskets promised as yet, according to Mrs. W. T. Stephenson, so that those who will donate a Christmas dinner are asked to call 539 or 889. The organization will attend to the delivery of the baskets.

MRS. ANNA SNODGRASS DIES

Complications Following Influenza Are Fatal.

Mrs. Anna Snodgrass of Huntsdale died at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at her home of complications of following influenza. The funeral services were conducted at Nebo Church at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon by C. M. Calvin. Burial was on the Nebo Cemetery. Mrs. Snodgrass has been known to the people of Huntsdale for years as "Grandma" Snodgrass. She leaves one son, W. F. Snodgrass. Her husband died about two years ago.

8,100 IN COUNTY

Columbia Added 3,875 New Members to American Red Cross.

By United Press.

Boone County, 8,100.

Columbia, 3,875.

That is the way Boone County and Columbia have responded to the drive for Red Cross members which was started a week ago yesterday. Considering all conditions this is thought to be a favorable record, especially for Columbia.

The canvass will be officially ended tonight in the county. A complete report will be prepared tomorrow night.

IN ALL THE BIG BATTLES

Leonard Coatsworth Writes of "Nine Days of Hell."

First Sergeant Leonard Coatsworth, a former student in the School of Journalism of the University, writes from Belgium to the Missourian:

"My service record gives me credit for St. Mihiel, the Argonne-Meuse offensive, and the advance on the Esant (Belgium). I went through nine days of hell in the Argonne, and there and elsewhere in France and Belgium. I have seen, I believe, nearly every phase of open warfare. It has been a very remarkable experience, and I am deeply conscious of how privileged I have been to have had a part in this."

ITALY DECORATES 36,718

In One Day That Number of Medals Were Distributed.

By HENRY WOOD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

ROME, Dec. 23.—In one day recently there were conferred on soldiers in the Italian army 36,718 medals for valor, representing acts of heroism that had taken place at the front during several months previous.

Of the 36,718 medals, nearly 7,000 were awarded to the memory of soldiers who had lost their lives in the deed of heroism that had merited the distinction, the medal in this case going to their families. The other 30,000 were given to soldiers who had survived their heroic acts.

Of the total number 130 were gold medals which were given almost exclusively to men who had lost their lives in performing the act of heroism; 13,000 of the medals were of silver and the remainder of bronze.

As is invariably the case most of these decorations went to the infantry and especially to the specialist troops such as the grenade throwers, bersaglieri or sharpshooters and Alpini. The decorations conferred during this single day represents only a small percentage of all the recognitions that have been won by Italian soldiers and conferred on them during the war.

MAY RETAIN THEIR RANK

Pershing, March and Others to Keep Titles, It Is Urged.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary of War Baker has recommended to Congress that General Pershing, General March, and Lieutenant Generals, Liggett and Bullard, retain their present rank through life in recognition of their service.

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Kinyon.

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter November 18 to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kinyon in Tokio, Japan. Mr. Kinyon is a graduate of the University and was formerly the university publisher here. They went to Japan last spring where Mr. Kinyon has a position on the Japan Advertiser.

With Foreign Cable Press Service.

H. E. Rasmussen, former editor of the Evening Missourian, is now connected with the foreign press cable service of the Committee on Public Information. He has his headquarters at 20 Broad street, New York City.

WILSON BELIEVES HE CAN SWING ALLIES

Confident He Can Show That American Plan Means Just Peace.

GERMANY SHOCKED

People There Perturbed by Assertion That War Makers Be Punished.

By ROBERT J. BENDER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Wilson will pursue the policy of free and open discussion in dealing with the Allied countries. He will deal direct with the Allied countries. He will make public his addresses in England and Italy, it became known today, and will make use of the press for the same general purpose.

That he is getting the ear of the Allies, is indicated by the many letters, expressing sympathy with his policies and promises of support for his program, received from the people.

In England, President Wilson will confer with British statesmen. The President believes that such conferences will clarify any points in question regarding the peace settlement. He is confident that he can show that the American program will be developed so as to bring a just peace for all.

Wilson's Speech Shocks Germany.

By FRANK A. TAYLOR (United Press Staff Correspondent)

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Germany received a rude shock when it heard of President Wilson's speech in Paris favoring the punishment of war makers. Germany fears that at the peace conference those who are not guilty will be considered in the same light as those who are guilty. Germany has been ready to instruct its delegates at the peace conference to receive President Wilson's terms with enthusiasm. They believe also that he is the only man capable of saving the world from future wars.

The German peace delegates will object to any punishment to the Kaiser which would make him out a national hero. They want "no return from Elba."

All the war makers are now unpopular in Germany with the exception of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. General Ludendorff is the worst hated. There is a general feeling among the Germans to "let bygones be bygones."

By United Press.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 23.—"Germany is depending upon President Wilson's fourteen principal points to protect it from a dictated peace," Theodore Wolfe, editor of the Tageblatt said in an interview today.

"We also depend upon this program to provide for Alsace-Lorraine and German Austria. Germany is not humbled and is not powerless. She will rise again."

GERMANS VANDALS UNTIL LAST

Planted Mines Thickly Until Armistice Took Effect.

By United Press.

AMERICAN PRESS HEADQUARTERS, BRITISH FRONT, Dec. 23.—To the very last minute of fighting the Germans exercised their military privilege of destroying bridges, dynamiting railways, mining roads and destroying property that might directly or indirectly aid the enemy.

American correspondents who motored on the Ath-Brussels road on the day of the armistice, almost at the heels of the Germans, found more mines "planted" than they had ever experienced before. It is a fact that mines were clustered only fifty feet apart over long stretches of the road and near Enghien the fresh excavations for mines not yet laid seemed to be even thicker.

By the terms of the armistice these mines were all indicated either by signs reading "Danger—Mines" or "Keep to the Center of the Road." The center of the Brussels road is of cobble-stone with a spacious dirt way on either side. The mines were planted where the dirt and cobble-stones joined with the idea that when transport was temporarily halted vehicles would attempt to drive off the cobblestone on to the dirt to speed up to positions further ahead. The result would be a considerable loss of life and material in a deep crater which would also temporarily block the road.

Carson Boyce Dies of Pneumonia.

Carson Boyce died at 11 o'clock last night at his home on More's Boulevard of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. He was employed at the East Grocery Store on Paris road. The funeral services were held this afternoon at Mt. Zion Church and burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Barnett Adair Home on Furlough.

Barnett Adair arrived Saturday from the naval training station at San Francisco, Cal., to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Helen Adair, in the Dumas Apartments. He will leave Christmas afternoon to report back there.

Food

Fair Price List

The following is the weekly report on fair food prices in Columbia. The first two rows of figures represent what the retailer pays; the last two rows what the consumer should pay:

	Low	High	Low	High
Wheat flour, per 1-16 bbl. bag (12 1/4 lbs.)	1.35	1.45	1.45	1.60
Wheat flour (bulk) (per lb.)	5 1/2	5 3/4	7	7
Cornmeal (bulk), (per lb.)	4 1/4	4 1/2	5	5
Cornmeal (package) 5 lbs. or less, (per lb.)	4 1/4	4 1/2	5	5
Oatmeal or rolled oats (bulk), (per lb.)	6	6	7 1/2	7 1/2
Oatmeal or rolled oats (package), (per pk.)	11	11	14	15
Rice, unbroken, standard quality, (per lb.)	11	11	14	15
Hominy or hominy grits, (per lb.)	4 1/4	4 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
Sugar, granulated (bulk), (per lb.)	9.96	9.96	11	11 1/2
Beans, white, navy or pea (not lima), (per lb.)	11 1/4	11 1/4	14	15
Beans, colored, pinto or other colored variety (per lb)	9 1/4	9 1/4	12 1/2	12 1/2
Potatoes, white or Irish, (per lb.)	30	30	40	40
Onions, (per lb.)	2 1/2	3	4	4
Raisins, seeded, (per 16 oz. pkg.)	14 1/2	14 1/2	20	20
Canned tomatoes, standard grade, per 20 oz. (No. 2) can	14	15	19	20
Canned corn, standard grade, per 20 oz. (No. 2) can	14	15	19	20
Canned peas, standard grade, per 20 oz. (No. 2) can	14	15	19	20
Canned salmon, tall pink Alaska, per 16 oz. (No. 1) can	18	19	24	25
Canned salmon, tall red Alaska, per 16 oz. (No. 1) can	25	25	30	35
Evaporated milk (unsweetened), per 6 oz. can	6 1/4	7 1/2	8	10
Evaporated milk (sweetened), per 16 oz. can	12 1/2	15	17 1/2	20
Milk (dipped), (per qt.)	7 1/2	7 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Butter, creamery (tub, print), (per lb.)	64	64	68	70
Oleomargarine, (per lb.)	31	35	35	40
Eggs (fresh, stored), (per doz.)	55	60	62	68
Cheese, American, full cream (cut), (per lb.)	37 1/2	40	40	48
Lard, pure leaf (bulk), (per lb.)	29	30	34	36
Lard, pure leaf (in tin), (per lb.)	31	32	25	40
Lard substitute (bulk), (per lb.)	24 1/2	25	30	31
Lard substitute (in tin), (per lb.)	25	28	30	35
Bacon, breakfast, sliced (fancy), (per lb.)	53	60	60	65
Pork chops, (per lb.)	33	34	40	40
Ham, smoked, sliced, (per lb.)	45	50	50	60
Round steak, (per lb.)	30	35	35	40
Hens, year or more old, dressed not drawn, (per lb.)	28	30	23	35
Fish, fresh, plentiful variety, (per lb.)	30	35	35	40