

## 100 ASK ERECTION OF COUNTY HOSPITAL

### Petition Filed With County Court to Have Proposal Voted On.

### \$100,000 THE LIMIT Tax of Two-Thirds of a Mill on the Dollar Thought to Be Enough.

A petition, asking the County Court to permit citizens of Boone County to vote on the building of a public hospital, was filed with County Clerk C. W. Davis today, by J. Kelly Wright and J. L. Lynes.

The petition is signed by a hundred freeholders of Boone County and asks for the establishment and maintenance of a public hospital in Columbia, at a maximum cost of \$100,000.

The petitioners believe that a tax of two-thirds mills on the dollar valuation will be sufficient to raise the fund. The County Court has the petition under consideration.

If the County Court passes favorably upon the petition, the citizens of Boone County must vote on the proposition within ninety days, at either a special or general election. A two-thirds majority will be necessary.

The matter will be taken up by the County Court Monday. Missouri law provides that a proposal for a county hospital must be submitted to a vote of the people if a petition is presented signed by a hundred freeholders of the county, fifty of who shall live outside the limits of the city in which the hospital is to be located.

A tax of two-thirds mill on the dollar would be approximately \$7 on a thousand dollars property valuation. The official valuation of Boone County is about thirteen millions. A tax of this kind would run twenty years, according to the petition.

## DRY BILL A CERTAINTY

### Representative Farris, Leader of Wets, Says He Will Not Oppose It.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 15.—Ratification of the national prohibition amendment will have clear sailing in the House of the Missouri General Assembly.

The last storm wave was believed blown away today when Representative Frank H. Farris, Rolla, leader of the wet forces, said he had decided to offer no contest when the measure comes up tomorrow morning. Senate opposition is also regarded as ended.

Farris declared the dries are unanimously in control of the House and that opposition would be useless.

The House was in session fifteen minutes today. It will reconvene at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

### Three More States Needed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Only three more states must ratify the prohibition amendment to the United States Constitution to make the measure effective. The number of states ratifying already was brought to thirty-three when the Iowa and the Oregon Legislatures ratified the amendment today. The Oregon legislature was unanimous.

The lower house of the Utah legislature passed the measure today, and the senate is expected to follow suit. Dispatches also told of ratification by the Wisconsin senate.

### FARM AGENTS DISCUSS REPORTS

#### County Workers Learn to Conduct "Community Sings."

The discussion on records and reports at today's session of the annual conference of the Agricultural Extension Service was led by E. A. Livesay, assistant county agent leader.

He spoke on the value of records to the successor of the agent, to the state headquarters and to the neighboring counties. Some offices in the state are not up to date in the matter of keeping records, said Mr. Livesay.

A community sing was held to instructing agents in leading this kind of gatherings in their own communities.

W. H. Hargrove, superintendent of extension schools, told of the new three-day extension schools, which are replacing the five-day schools.

### BASKETBALL FINANCES GOOD

#### Lack of Season Tickets Makes Little Difference in Receipts.

While the attendance at the two Missouri-Ames games last week was a little below the average of last year, the cash returns for the games, especially the game Friday night, were above the average for last year, it was stated at the gymnasium this morning.

The falling off of the University attendance and the fact that no season tickets were sold this year has not cut deeply into the support of basketball.

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer Thursday; lowest temperature tonight about 28.

For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer Thursday and northwest portion tonight.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be between 28 and 30.

### Weather Conditions.

Fair weather with seasonable temperatures have prevailed in the Rocky Mountains, Plains, and Central Valleys, and generally in all territory east of the Mississippi Valley. In the British Northwest it is warmer than normal while in the Gulf and South Atlantic states the weather is colder than normal.

Except rain on the Pacific coast and along the West Gulf coast there has been no precipitation of consequence.

In Columbia fair moderate weather will prevail over Thursday.

### Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 40; and the lowest last night was 27. Precipitation 0.00. Relative humidity noon yesterday was 62 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 18 and the lowest was 4. Precipitation 0.00.

Sun rose today, 7:27 a. m. Sun sets, 5:11 p. m. Moon sets, 6:59 a. m.

### The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	.....27	12 noon	.....37
8 a. m.	.....25	1 p. m.	.....40
9 a. m.	.....28	2 p. m.	.....41
10 a. m.	.....31	3 p. m.	.....46
11 a. m.	.....34	4 p. m.	.....46

## KILLED BY EXPLOSION

### Andrew Lowry Went to Close to Dynamite Cap at Mine Near Here.

Andrew Lowry, 25 years old, died at 8 o'clock last night at the City Emergency Hospital. The death was the result of severe injuries sustained at 4 o'clock in the afternoon by a dynamite explosion at a coal mine operated by himself and father three miles east of Columbia.

While blasting, Lowry set two dynamite caps. Upon the failure of one of the caps to explode, he started to make a closer investigation. An explosion occurred and Lowry was injured so severely that death resulted four hours later.

Lowry, who made his home at 1705 Cauthorn street, is survived by his wife; 2-year-old child; his mother; his father, George Lowry of Columbia; a brother, Henry, of Columbia; and three sisters, Mrs. J. D. Arthaud, of Saverton, Mo., Mrs. J. W. Davis of Boone Terre, Mo., and Mrs. Ira Teeters of Providence, Mo.

Definite funeral arrangements have not been made, although it is expected that the funeral will be held sometime tomorrow.

## SLAV DECISION NEAR

### Allies Expected to Agree Upon Russian Representation at Peace Meeting.

BY LOWELL MELETT (United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Representation for Russia at the peace conference was expected to be definitely determined upon at today's session of the Inter-Allied War Council.

The associated powers have reached the obvious conclusion that discussions of world peace would be futile without the vast population of Russia being considered.

A program for official investigation of actual conditions in Russia was to be fully discussed today. This it was believed would result in a commission being sent into that country which would report directly to the conference.

Upon the report would be based some form of recognition for the Soviet government and other factions that they might send accredited representatives to Versailles.

## EXPLOSION KILLS 30

### Molasses Tank at Austin, Tex., Explodes—Fifty Are Injured.

AUSTIN, Jan. 15.—Thirty were killed and fifty seriously wounded when a two-million-gallon tank of molasses exploded at the Puritan Distilling Company's wharf today, Superintendent Crowley estimated. Some of the injured may die. Scores of persons were slightly hurt.

### Rev. C. C. Grimes to Talk.

The Rev. C. C. Grimes, former pastor of the Broadway Methodist Church, will give the concluding address of the Centenary meeting here at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The topic of the address will be "The Church in the New Age." The public is invited.

### Grant School Mothers' Club to Meet.

The Grant School Mothers' Club will hold an important business meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is requested that every mother attend.

### Dramatic Club to Meet.

The Dramatic Club will meet tomorrow night in the Y.M.C.A. Auditorium immediately after the lecture in the University Auditorium by Doctor Powers.

## WOMAN TELLS HOW MUSIC AIDED IN WAR

### When Enthusiasm Was Needed County Turned to Its Singers.

### EACH COUNTY BUSY Local Chairmen Organize Musical Forces for Campaigns.

"The whole country is alive to the moral and educational uplift of music," according to Mrs. W. D. Steele, state chairman of music of the Missouri Council of Defense. When the country got short on enthusiasm, they got music. The National Council of Defense realizing that music was the one thing that would instill enthusiasm, they sent out an order that music be used in all the states as an organized activity.

"The State Councils of Defense appointed a musical chairman for every county in their state. The work of this chairman was to organize community choruses in his county. When a patriotic meeting was to be held in his county, he would call several of the choruses together to furnish music."

Since the fifteenth of last September, regardless of the influenza, seventy-one counties have been organized in the state of Missouri. Each one of these counties has its own song leader, says Mrs. Steele.

"All this work was done in a patriotic spirit to help win the war," said Mrs. Steele today. "It was not only done at home, but also in the army camps and abroad. This work in the camps was carried on at the request of General Bell who said that nothing sustains the morale of troops better than music. General Pershing was so enthused with the work that he increased the personnel of the army bands from thirty-eight to fifty. He stood behind all movements for music as he valued it highly."

Under the Council of Defense the most prominent musicians of America conducted community choruses. These choruses are called "liberty choruses" since the war closed. Mrs. Steele said that this movement in her estimation was the hope of musical America as it brought the music to the people.

Mrs. Steele will be in Columbia for about two weeks. She will conduct the singing during Farmers' Week and will present a song written by Girard Blair, a former Missouri man. The name of the song is "Hymn to Missouri."

### CITY LIBRARY REPORT GIVEN

#### Total Number of Books Circulated Is 520—Contributions Welcome.

The fact that the Columbia Public Library was closed from October 9 to November 2 restricted the use of its books, as shown in a report for October and November issued today by Miss Lella Willis, librarian.

K. O. Severance, University librarian contributed twenty-four books formerly used by S. A. T. C. men. A friend sent files of four years of the American Boy. If those interested could see how the boys enjoy these magazines, they would give more liberally of their periodicals of this class and other classes. Miss Willis says.

Many high school students have come to the library for reference material for their semester papers.

Miss Willis gives these figures for the two months:

Number of books circulated: Adult fiction, 318; juvenile fiction, 123; other classes, 69; total, 520.

Books rented, 25; books mended, 17; new borrowers, 15; periodicals circulated, 21.

Amount collected from fines, \$2.40; amount collected from rentals on new books, \$1.29; amount expended for new books, \$2.55.

The following new books have been placed on the library shelves:

"My Home in the Field of Honor," Frances Wilson Huard; "My Year of the Great War," Frederick Palmer; "My Second Year of the Great War," Frederick Palmer; "The Evidence in the Case," Beck; "Carry On," Dawson; "Over the Top," Guy Empey; "The Diplomatic Background of the War," Seymour; "Mr. Britling Sees It Through," H. G. Wells; "Poems of the Great War," Canfield; "Rhymes of the Red Cross Man," Robert Service; "Private Peat," Harold Peat; "The Salt of the Earth," Mrs. Alfred Sedwick; "When the Prussians Came to Poland," Laura D. Turcymonicz; "My Four Years in Germany," Gerard; "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," Vicente Relasco Ibanez; "Missing," Mrs. Humphrey Ward; "The Hill Top on the Marne," Mildred Aldrich; "Biography of a Grizzly," E. Thompson Seton; "Penrod and Sam," Booth Tarkington; "Christian" (two copies), Alice; "Georgiana of the Rainbow," Annie Fellows Johnson; "The Blue Bird," Maurice Maeterlinck; "Life of Alice Freeman Palmer," Palmer; "Just David," Eleanor Porter; "Riders of the Sea," John Synge; "King of the Golden River," John Ruskin; "My First Hundred Thousand," Jan Hay; "I Accuse," By a German.

## ALLIES LET GERMANY IMPORT FOODSTUFFS

### Act to Avoid Necessity for Further Invasion of Foe Soil.

### ADVISED BY ARMY Entente Mission to Seek Teuton Ships to Carry Out Project.

BY FRED S. FERGUSON (United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Fear that further occupation of Germany would be necessary if a serious food shortage develops there prompted the Allied food council to permit importation of supplies into that country, the United Press is able to state authoritatively today.

Bolshevist riots in industrial centers such as Berlin are based upon food difficulties. It was further ascertained that while Germany's supplies are sufficient for the moment the people are rapidly consuming their stocks and would face actual starvation before spring.

It was upon representation of the Allied military authorities that the council decided it was vital to import foodstuffs. This would insure the establishment of a stable government, it was declared, and prevent the necessity for further encroachment by the Allied armies upon German territory. Under the rules of the Hague conference provisioning of the people will develop upon the armies of occupation.

### Under Civilian Control.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 15.—President Wilson is determined as far as possible that civilian representatives shall control the machinery for feeding Germany, but if the Germans fail to agree to the proposition advanced by the civilians Marshal Foch will make the terms.

Edward Hurley and Admiral Benson, representing the United States, in company with the Allied commissioners, were en route to Treves today to meet the German delegates and to take up with them the proposition of turning over German merchant ships to the Allies for transportation of food.

### C. C. ORCHESTRA REORGANIZED

#### Will Give Two Concerts During the Year.

The Christian College orchestra under the direction of Prof. H. H. Loudenback met last night for the first time since the holidays. The orchestra was organized early in the school year but owing to the military restrictions at the University of Missouri, and to the prevalence of influenza, it was obliged to disband.

Professor Loudenback is perfecting plans for a new organization for the second semester. The new organization will consist of five first violins, four second violins, one viola, two cellos, one contra bass, one flute, one oboe, two clarinets, one trombone, two cornets, two horns, drums, and piano.

Miss Esther Ross will act as pianist, and Miss Floy Ebert will be concert master. Regular rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings. Two concerts, open to the public, will be given before the close of the college year.

## TROTSKY IS DEFIED

### Revolt Breaks Out in Petrograd Garrison, Washington Hears.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—An anti-Bolshevist outbreak has broken out in Petrograd garrisons, according to a diplomatic message reaching here today from Swiss channels.

Imported battalions of the garrison have renounced Trotsky's authority and are fortifying themselves at strong-holds for the struggle, it was stated.

### MORE RED CLOTHING NEEDED

#### People Have Not Responded to Latest Charity Call.

"Although the people have answered every other call of the Charity Organization Society, they have not responded to the request for bed clothes recently issued, says D. E. Major, field agent for the society.

"These clothes are not especially needed so long as the warm weather continues but will be very essential when the temperature lowers."

Mr. Major reports that the influenza situation on the North Side is greatly improved.

### LABOR ASKS PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

#### A. F. of L. Demands Government Control All Utilities.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Government ownership of all public utilities is demanded by the American Federation of Labor in its program of reconstruction measures filed today with the Senate committee on education and labor.

## BRADFORD GETS \$2,700 VERDICT

### Circuit Court Gives Him Decision Against Wabash.

W. E. Bradford was awarded \$2,700 damages by the jury late last evening in his suit against the Wabash Railroad for \$2,975.

Mr. Bradford asked damages for the death of fourteen head of stock and for damage done to ten other head while being transported from here to Fayette, Miss., last February.

The two cases against Dr. H. F. Mikel were dismissed in Circuit Court this morning.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning, Judge Harris excused the jury for the rest of the day.

Miss Marjory Quinn was appointed deputy circuit clerk yesterday.

The case of the state against Harvey Barnes was continued on the application of the defendant.

The case of the state against Marion Barber, charged with reckless driving, was postponed until January 16.

In the five cases of the state against Douglas Arnett, who is charged with writing illegal prescriptions, the defendant pleaded not guilty, and the cases were continued until next term.

## CLUB ASKS \$300 FUND

### Commercial Organization to Use Money for Farmers' Week Expenses.

The Commercial Club will send out committees tomorrow under the leadership of J. R. Richards to canvass the business section of Columbia for funds for Farmers' Week. With all economy being practiced, \$300 will be the minimum required, although this amount has been exceeded in past years. The money is needed for badges, extra office expenses and the many details that accompany extensive preparations.

The club is further seeking every available room in the city to house the visiting farmers, 3,000 of whom are expected. Last year's registration numbered 2,700 but agricultural gatherings throughout the state indicate that the attendance is greater at these conventions this year than heretofore. Anyone with a vacant room or rooms to rent is urged to get in touch with the Commercial Club. The office will be open until 9 o'clock this evening and probably succeeding evenings.

A committee was appointed yesterday to make arrangements in connection with the Commercial Club to find employment for returning soldiers and sailors. It consists of Harry Jacks, chairman, and O. W. Boutwell and Warren Branham. The Commercial Club rooms will be used for the employment bureau.

## NINE OUT FOR P. O.

### Government Agents Restrict Their Inquiries to Those Who Took Tests.

More than thirty business men had been interviewed by noon today by Charles Hendricks, district secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Commission and K. C. Aldrich, postal inspector for St. Louis, concerning the qualifications of the applicants for postmaster of Columbia.

Each applicant had named several business men of the town as references. These are the men interviewed. From three applicants making the highest grades on the examination and receiving the highest recommendations one will be appointed by the President. The appointment has to be ratified by the Senate. The appointment will be sometime in February, it is expected.

More than a dozen men made application but only nine took the required examination. The nine are: R. H. Gray, T. W. Whittle, L. J. Hall, W. R. Maxwell, J. E. Boggs, L. G. Rinkle, T. M. Green, L. T. Searcy and D. O. Bayless.

Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Aldrich will remain here until tomorrow.

### ALUMNUS CITED FOR BRAVERY

#### Lieut. C. R. Hanger of Laddonia Makes Five Trips Through Heavy Fire.

Lieutenant Charles R. Hanger of Laddonia, Mo., has been cited for extraordinary bravery in action near Pouilly, France, November 10-11.

When three of the companies of his battalion had become lost in the fog in the crossing of the Meuse, Lieutenant Hanger made five trips through heavy fire and guided the companies to the river crossing.

Lieutenant Hanger is a graduate of the University of Missouri, receiving a degree from the School of Law in 1913.

### Fixes Blame for Troop Train Wreck.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Blame for the wreck on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad near Marshfield, September 17, 1918, was fixed today by W. P. Bolland, chief of the Interstate Commerce Commission's bureau of safety. He said that a train dispatcher had failed to give proper orders to the east-bound troop train. Bolland also said the troop train's engineer failed to observe block signals at stops.

## GERMAN BOARD ASKS TRIAL OF EX-KAISER

### Finds After Investigation That Wilhelm Is Responsible For War.

### EVIDENCE WRITTEN Notes on Official Papers in His Handwriting Incriminate Kaiser.

BERNE, Jan. 15.—A German commission appointed to determine the former kaiser's responsibility for the war has officially recommended that he be brought to trial, according to information received here today.

The recommendation was presented by Herr Kautzsky, who was appointed to direct examination of documents in the archives of the foreign office.

"The marginal notes in the kaiser's own handwriting on the most important papers in the foreign office proves he was one of the principle war makers," Kautzsky said. "It is necessary to bring him before a tribunal."

### SISTER OF H. H. BANKS DIES

#### Miss Minnie Banks, 60 Years Old, Lived in Nevada, Mo.

The body of Miss Minnie Banks, who died in Nevada, Mo., Monday night, was brought to Columbia early this morning by her brother, L. S. Banks, of Kansas City. Miss Banks was 60 years old. H. H. Banks, president of the Columbia Savings Bank, is also a brother.

Funeral services were held at the home of H. H. Banks, 1100 More's boulevard, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. The Rev. Madison A. Hart conducted the services. Burial was in Columbia Cemetery.

## FIGHTING IN BERLIN?

### All-Day Battling Is Reported, But Dispatches Are Conflicting.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Fighting was resumed in Berlin yesterday, according to dispatches from Copenhagen, quoting German sources. These dispatches have not yet been confirmed from any other source. A conflicting dispatch from Amsterdam, in fact, says a truce was arranged in Berlin between the Spartacides and the government forces, providing that neither faction should resume fighting without giving twelve hours notice. The latter dispatch said "peace negotiations" were going on between the two forces.

The Copenhagen dispatch adds that Spartacides fired into the streets from the housetops, and threw bombs into railroad stations. It says the fighting continued all day, and that in one brief engagement garrison troops successfully repulsed an attack.

### STINE URGES WEARING OF MASKS

#### Asks M. U. Women to Help Avoid Influenza Outbreak.

Dr. Dan G. Stine, in a talk to the women of the University yesterday, assured them that the danger from the influenza epidemic could be minimized just as that of the fall epidemic was if proper precautions are taken. The results in Columbia in the fall were more favorable than in any other community heard from.

Possibly due to a reaction from the strict restraint before the holidays there is a great deal of indifference displayed.

There will be no formal social gatherings for an indefinite length of time. Students are urged to wear their masks in the corridors as well as in the class rooms. What appears to be a returning epidemic of influenza can be checked if the masks are worn in the houses as well as in the class rooms.

The masks are, Doctor Stine says, "an absolute protective agency."

"In talking droplets of water bearing the germs may be carried three or four feet; coughing or sneezing may carry them six or eight feet. The mask stops these droplets."

Doctor Stine said there was no plan for closing the University as long as the students make it possible to keep the disease in check. However, he said it would be more satisfactory to close the University than to go through another term like the last.

He spoke of the provisions that have been made to care for the sick. There are 125 beds ready and attendants and nurses to take care of 125 patients.

### Senator Harris Has Recovered.

Senator F. G. Harris has recovered from his severe cold. It was at first thought that the senator had the influenza when he came home from Jefferson City, but he is so much better that he will return to the capital tomorrow.

### Mrs. C. O. Selders Ill.

Mrs. C. O. Selders is ill with influenza at her home 812 Rogers, where she and Mr. Selders have been living since their home on Willis avenue burned about ten days ago.