

AMERICAN MUNITION SHIP IS BLOWN UP

REPORT NEXT ARMY CALL WILL BE ISSUED ON DECEMBER 15TH

NO OFFICIAL WORD IS RECEIVED IN OTTAWA SAYS BOARD

WILL FILL QUOTA

SECOND LARGE BATCH OF FIGHTING MEN WILL COMPLETE DISTRICT'S ALLOTMENT FOR ARMY—DELAY SECOND EXAMINATION OF SELECTS.

With war machinery being oiled for effective and speedy results in building up the great American army, the reported early shipment of large national guard units to France and the thinned ranks in all cantonments, are expected to bring the next and perhaps final increment of selected men to Camp Dodge on December 15 for training.

This statement was issued out of Des Moines today when orders were sent to mustering officers to appear for duty from each organization in camp. Should the announcement have any foundation in truth, Ottawa's second big batch of fighting men probably will be called to the colors within the next ten days. The mustering officers are ordered to report tomorrow. They will have charge of the enrollment of 22,000 men who are yet to be sent into the service to complete each district's quota.

At the local board no official word has been sent indicating when the government will issue the call. The only information the draft chiefs can garner comes thru telegraphic dispatches, and many of them have proven decidedly false. Naturally the supposed December 15th call is looked upon with a deal of skepticism and will not be believed until such time as word is sent out from the provost general's office ordering them to call the men together and entrain them for Des Moines.

Delay Second Examination.
A report received from Washington today indicates that the next increment of 500,000 men, to be selected for military service, will not be called until the latter part of March. The announcement says that the calling of additional men has been delayed because of a shortage of warm clothing. The second draft will be called from the classifications which will result from the questionnaire which will be sent out to all of the registered men on Dec. 15. Each registered man will be required to answer 148 questions, which will practically give a history of his life and the manner in which the questions are answered will determine in which class he will be placed.

Must Answer Questions Truthfully.
The question blanks will be sent out from all of the selection headquarters at the rate of five per cent a day, starting on December 15. The registered men are allowed seven days in which to fill out the blanks and return them to their respective boards. The warning is issued that it will be necessary for all registered men to truthfully answer the questions, failure to do so being a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or imprisonment for one year and may result in the loss of valuable rights and immediate induction into military service.

While the questionnaire will entail a large amount of work at the beginning, in the end it will greatly simplify the work of the selection headquarters. Provisions have been made for extra clerks while the questionnaires are being sent out and filed on their return, in accordance with the number of men registered in a district. The questionnaires will have to be filled out by all registered men who have been exempted or discharged for any cause whatever, the same as the men who have not yet come before the selection boards, all exemptions and discharges having been withdrawn by official order of the war department.

New Box Carrier.
A new book carrier made of flexible material has pockets in its inner sides into which the covers of a book may be inserted and extension handles.

INJUNCTION DOES NOT FORCE DINNEEN TO CLOSE UP PLACE

EX-COMMISSIONER CAN OPERATE SOFT DRINK PARLOR UNDER SIGNED TODAY BY JUDGE ELDRIDGE IN CIRCUIT COURT.

Under a ruling handed down today in the city's case against former Commissioner Dan Dinneen, the ex-official will not have to close his place entirely, but will be permitted under the temporary injunction granted by the Circuit Court to operate a "soft drink" parlor as long as he cares to.

The injunction, copies of which were served on Dinneen this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Fred Stedman bars him from selling or giving away intoxicants of any kind. It does not prohibit the sales of Bevo, Hop gin, gerale, soda or others of the so-called harmless beverages. It is wording the order signed by Judge Eldredge is sweeping in its import. It prohibits Dinneen or any of his employees or servants from conducting a saloon, or dram shop, in his present location or in any other location in the city until after he has been properly licensed by the municipality.

The injunction writ passed into effect when the city this morning filed its \$500 bond ordered by Judge Eldredge. The guarantor is the United States Fidelity & Insurance Company while signers with the bonding company were Mayor E. F. Bradford, Commissioners Charles W. Campbell and August M. Helfrich.

The ban placed against Dinneen by Judge Eldredge is contained in the following closing paragraph of the order:

It is ordered that a writ of injunction issue in said cause restraining and enjoining the said Dan Dinneen, individually or thru any agent, servant or employe or other person in any manner connected with the name Daniel J. Dinneen from operating, running, keeping open or carrying on a saloon or dram shop at 1215 Columbus street in the city of Ottawa, Illinois, or at any other place in said city of Ottawa until legally securing a license issued to him by the said city of Ottawa, and that he individually, as well as in acting by, thru, or under any servant, agent, employe, or other person in any manner acting or connected with said Daniel Dinneen, be enjoined and restrained from allowing people to congregate in the building on said premises for the purpose of drinking whiskey, spirituous, vinous, malt liquor, beer or any intoxicating liquors or from exchanging, bartering, selling, giving away or in any manner dispensing or disposing of intoxicating liquors in less quantity than one gallon, or in any other manner or quantity at 1215 Columbus street in the city of Ottawa or in any other place in said city of Ottawa until legally licensed by the said city of Ottawa to operate and conduct a dram shop in said city or until the further order of the court on relators, or some one or more of them entering into a bond in the sum of \$500, same to be approved by the court.

MEN PERMITTED TO PICK OWN BRANCH OF ARMY SERVICE

A number of men who are registered for military service have applied for their permits to enlist under the new ruling of the draft law. The exemption board has granted permits to the following men during the past few days: Charles Balchowsky, Clarence Earl Hartford, Strawn Gay, Leonard A. Bennett, Erick Erickson, Elmer H. Van Schoick and Harold C. Hoffman.

Mercury Nears Zero.
Last night was the coldest night of the year. The mercury hovered near the zero mark most of the night. At eight o'clock this morning the thermometer was at 10 about, but has been gradually rising all day.



OTTAWA COUPLE TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE

MR. AND MRS. C. J. METZGER TO OBSERVE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW—PLAN RECEPTION AT HOME.

Fifty years of happy married life will be fittingly celebrated tomorrow by Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Metzger, two of Ottawa's best known old residents. A public reception at their home on West Main street has been planned during which friends can call to congratulate them upon their achievement; the hours being from 3 to 5 and 8 to 10 o'clock.

On December 7, 1867 the then Charlie Metzger and Miss Sophia Polkow, plighted their troth at a quiet marriage ceremony performed in this city. They pass the fiftieth milestone of that important event on the morrow, with both in exceptionally fine health, while their hearts glowing with pride at the 50 years of unalloyed happiness that has been theirs during their long and glorious comradeship.

The groom an energetic young German, was born at Frankfort on Main and in 1857 set out to make his fortune in the new world, arriving at Chicago that same year and within a short time of his locating there came to Ottawa to make his home with his aunts. The bride is a native born American having been born in New York City in 1853.

Mr. Metzger's first "job" in Ottawa was to work as a butcher in a shop that was operated where Lutz' drug store is now located. He later secured employment with Sam Drobuss and became an expert buyer and seller of cattle. For a score of years he has led a retired life, enjoying the fruits of years well spent.

He is one of the oldest living Masons in Ottawa and is the oldest member of the Ottawa Turn Verein. One of his prized possessions is a sheepskin embossed with his record, showing his fifty years of continuous membership in the National Turn Verein.

Besides serving as president of the local Verein for a great number of years, Mr. Metzger was actively identified with the city's progressive movements. He was one of the incorporators of the Ottawa Driving Park association and was active in the operation of that concern up to only a few years ago. He served as supervisor for a period of years and always played an important part in anything that meant for the betterment and growth of the city.

CHRISTMAS SAVING CLUB STARTED HERE

OTTAWA BANK PUTS PLAN INTO ACTION THAT HAS MET WITH GREAT SUCCESS IN MANY ILLINOIS CITIES.

A Christmas Savings Club has been started in this city by the National City Bank. Anyone in the city can join this club and deposit a sum of money in the bank each week, for fifty weeks, which money at this end of this time can be drawn out with interest.

The amount deposited can be optional with the depositor, or it can be one of the plans made out at the bank, and published in the little deposit book, which is given to the depositor. The first plan is to deposit one cent the first week and to increase the deposit one cent each week making the final payment at the end of the fifty weeks \$25.00.

Another popular plan will be by the decreasing payment system, starting with a 50-cent payment and decreasing the payment one cent each week making the last payment one cent, and the total amount saved \$12.75.

There is the 2-cent-a-week plan, starting with 2 cents the first week and increasing the payment 2 cents each week, making the total fifty weeks' payment \$22.50. Then there is the 5-cent-a-week plan that makes the total deposit \$62.75.

There is the straight 50-cent-a-week plan that brings the deposit to \$25.00 and the straight \$1.00-a-week plan, that brings the amount in the saving club up to \$50.00.

These clubs have been conducted by the banks in Joliet, Aurora, Decatur, Springfield and other cities throughout the state for several years and prove a great benefit to the public as well as to the bankers, for many savers, and many people that are always broke at Christmas time find their pockets filled with money, for their Christmas presents, and have not noticed their small weekly deposits.

Most of the merchants in Joliet have also inaugurated this Christmas saving club in their stores, where people can leave their weekly deposits, and trade the amounts out at Christmas time, or can pick out any article in the store at any time during the year, and pay for it with their Christmas savings club money.

YOUNG COUPLE COME TO OTTAWA TO MARRY

Miss Elizabeth McClughan, of Normal, and John N. Buchanan, of Peru, were quietly married yesterday afternoon in his chambers by Judge Mayo. The couple were unattended and left immediately after the ceremony for Peru, where they will make their future home.

PERU WIDOW ASKS \$40,000 INSURANCE ON SPOUSE'S LIFE

MRS. ANTONIA LINK NAMES MUTUAL LIFE DEFENDANT IN CLAIM FOR HEAVY INDEMNITIES—LA SALLE WOMEN SEEK DIVORCES.

Three suits in which she demands \$40,000 from the Mutual Life Insurance Company, were filed by Mrs. Antonia Link in the Circuit Court this morning. Mrs. Link, who is the widow of Jacob Link, deceased wealthy Peru resident, claims there is due on policies carried by her husband the grand total of \$40,000, none of which has been paid by the insurance company.

She asks for \$10,000 in two of the policies and in the third makes a demand for \$20,000. The dead man is a brother of John Link, Ottawa resident, and was well known here.

Charles Helmg, of Peru, is counsel for the plaintiff in her three suits. Charges infidelity.

Mrs. Bessie Dobson, of La Salle, today filed suit for divorce from John J. Dobson, whom she alleges in her bill was unfaithful and is now living with a Belle Martin, in Canton, Ohio. She accuses them of having posed as man and wife at Buffalo, N. Y.

The Dobson were married in Ottawa October 30, 1916, and separated September 1, 1917.

Alleges Cruelty.
Mrs. Marie Meathe, another La Salle woman, says Frank drove her from home and threatened to kill her, while he was trying to get their children away from her and because of his conduct she was forced to leave him.

They have two children, aged 5 and 3 years, and the mother asks their custody, claiming the husband to be an unfit person to have their care. The Meathes were married July 15, 1912, and separated in February of this year.

J. P. CATLIN HEADS GRAND RIDGE BANK

On December 4th, James P. Catlin was elected president of the First National Bank of Grand Ridge, succeeding the late Thos. D. Catlin. Charles Turner was elected cashier, succeeding Mr. Catlin in this position and George L. Dearth was elected assistant cashier, succeeding Mr. Turner.

At the same time Frank K. Hook was elected a director to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Thos. D. Catlin.

HALIFAX AFLAME AFTER EXPLOSION

Truru, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—The Northwest portion of Halifax is on fire, forty or fifty persons are reported killed,

FOOTBALL SQUAD IS BANQUETED; STARS ARE GIVEN LETTERS

ANNUAL "EATS" ARE PARTAKEN OF AT ENJOYABLE EVENT IN O. H. S. CAFETERIA—"OLD TIMERS" RECOUNT THEIR EXPERIENCES.

The annual football banquet for the Ottawa high school team was held last evening at the new building in East Ottawa. There were forty-five people present at the affair. A splendid five-course turkey dinner was served by Miss Clegg and the girls from the domestic science department.

After the dinner was over, and every one present in the best of spirits, speeches were made by Lorenz Leland, Al. F. Schoch and Lester Strawn, all of whom dealt more or less in telling about the oldstyle of athletics which were indulged in in the alleys after school was out and which furnished some very fast sport for a short while until one of the men participating had obtained the upper hand.

Prof. Kingman, who acted in the capacity of toastmaster, then called upon the following to make a few remarks, all of whom responded most cheerfully: Lieut. Yentzer, Freeman Bradford, Floyd Hoxsey and all the senior members of the football squad. Coach Biggs then presented the mer with their "O's". Their are seven men on the team who will graduate this year, but according to the team "that the coach has outlined for the next year there is no foundation for the saying that the local high school will not have a winning squad in 1918.

The letters awarded were divided among the different classes as follows: Seniors, 7; Juniors, 3; Sophomores, 4.

The men receiving letters were Earl Snarr, Howard Bradshaw, Frank Ribbs, Dale Edmond, Harold Woodward, Gale Copping, Elmer Hitter, Glenn Baker, Morril Palmer, Milton Formahals, Floyd Hoxsey, Percival Belrose, Earle Reese, and Charles Kleiber.

Following the presentation of the letters the members of the football squad elected Glenn Baker as captain for the next season.

U. S. CONGRESS VOTES TOMORROW ON WAR WITH AUSTRIA HUNGARY

Washington, Dec. 6.—Immediately upon the convening of the House this afternoon Chairman Flood of the House committee on foreign affairs, presented the report of his committee's resolution for war against Austria-Hungary.

Unanimous consent was granted for consideration of the resolution at noon tomorrow.

The reports which the committee authorized Chairman Flood to draught recites the outrages which Austria-Hungary has committed against the United States, while the government of the dual monarchies has professed to be at peace with this government.

The plots of Ambassador Dumba to disorganize and dynamite munitions and other industrial plants while he was still ambassador to this country was emphasized.

on fire, forty or fifty persons are injured and hundreds of buildings are completely destroyed or damaged by the explosion of a munition ship, which was rammed in the Halifax harbor today. All telegraph and cable wires are down and reports are meagre.

Doctors, nurses and fire fighting equipment are being rushed to Halifax from every town within a radius of eighty miles.

Altho conflicting reports have been received, the fact has been established that the explosion resulted when an American munition steamer which was leaving port for overseas, was rammed amidstships by an incoming steamer.

In the terrific explosion which followed both ships sank with their dead or dying crews.

The force of the concussion damaged the offices of the telegraph and cable companies to such an extent that all wire communications were cut off.

Buildings within a radius of two or three miles were damaged.

Practically every warehouse and other similar structure along the Halifax waterfront were also damaged. The roof of the Halifax railroad station was blown off and buildings over a mile away in the vicinity of the Queen's Hotel, were damaged. Little effort is being made to obtain an exact account of the casualties, as all attention is now being given to rescue work.

Flames Sweeping City.

New York, Dec. 6.—Flames are still sweeping Halifax, according to private advices received here this afternoon from St. John's. The message arrived here at 2:45 and said: "The loss of life is large. Firemen have been unable to check the fire following the explosion."

According to other advices received here this afternoon the explosion was caused by a British cruiser crashing into the munition ship. Both ships were blown into atoms.

Death Toll Heavy.

Moncton, New Brunswick, Dec. 6.—The death toll in today's disaster at Halifax, Nova Scotia, will reach four hundred, according to unconfirmed advices received here this afternoon. The same advices reported that more than a thousand persons were injured and that the property loss will run into the millions.

TWO RAIDERS ARE BROUGHT DOWN IN FLIGHT OVER LONDON

London, Dec. 6.—A fleet of aeroplanes raided the southeastern coast and London today. There were between twenty and thirty machines in the attacking squadron but only five or six of them succeeded in fighting their way past the barrage fire from high-angle guns and British air patrols to this city.

Two of the German aeroplanes were shot down.

An official statement this afternoon said "that bombs were dropped on Kent, Essex."

The machines which penetrated the London defenses dropped bombs upon this city, but the damage to property and the casualties are believed to be slight.

The German machines traveled in two groups. The first was sighted at Kent, shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, but it was about 5 o'clock before the safety signal was given. In its official announcement Viscount French said that there were three airmen in each of the German machines shot down.

British Retaliates.
London, Dec. 6.—Three German aeroplanes were destroyed and German military positions in Belgium were badly damaged by a British air squadron Tuesday night. Bombs were thrown on a train just leaving the Embel station.

All the British machines returned home safely.

Appropriate Howl.
A homeless dog strayed into a Pittsfield (Mass.) theater and started to howl just as the movie film read: "Let the dogs of war howl!"

Hydraulic Power.
The use of hydraulic power in Spain for mills and other business places is rapidly increasing.