

### MILITARY OFFICERS TRAVESTY ON PEACE PROGRAM CENSURED

Burlesque of Administration's Policy at Banquet of Carabon Club Angers President.

### SECRETARY DANIELS IS GUEST

Head of Navy Leaves Before Objectional Song.

### DISTINGUISHED MEN ATTEND

Several Hundred Army and Navy Officers Present.

### SECRETARIES TO INVESTIGATE

Garrison Will Determine Whether It Is Branch of Discipline or Exhibition of Bad Taste.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Wilson today ordered an investigation by the War and Navy departments of the satires on the administration's Philippine policy, which featured the annual banquet last Thursday of the Order of Carabon, an organization of army and navy officers, who served in the islands. President Wilson suggested to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels reprisals for those responsible. Secretaries Daniels and Garrison conferred early today and called for a statement of explanation from Rear Admiral Howard and Quartermaster General Alshire, the highest ranking officers at the dinner.

### President Is Indignant

The president expressed his indignation to members of his cabinet after he had read published accounts of the banquet. He felt particularly displeased over the travesty on the administration's peace policy and criticisms aimed at Secretary Bryan when three six-foot models of battleship horns were carried into the banquet room. In the middle of the guns were stuck nosebags and the milk-white dove was perched on each fighting top. They were named "U. S. S. Fellowship," "U. S. S. Friendship" and "U. S. S. Piffle." Another satire was a moving picture film of a three-year pursuit of a Filipino colonel, who time and again had escaped capture and hardly had been apprehended when he was made governor of a province.

### Daniels Leaves Early

President Wilson himself was not satisfied by the dinner, but he made it plain to his assistants that he felt keenly the burlesques on members of his cabinet. Secretary Daniels and Secretary Garrison shared the president's feeling in the matter. "Mr. Daniels said today that he left the dinner immediately after making his speech in order to keep another engagement and that the song, 'Damn, Damn, Damn, the Insurrectos,' was particularly offensive to him.

### Condemnation Among Officers

The news of the proposed investigation fell like a bombshell in army and navy circles. There were hundreds of officers present. Rear Admiral Howard told Mr. (Continued on Page Two.)

### DEFENSE NOW BEING HEARD

Evidence in Behalf of Dr. Brantley Is Offered in U. S. Court.

### TAKES STAND IN PERSON

Accused Physician Tells of His Relations with Fraudulent Treatment and the Misuse of the Mails.

After hearing the argument of Arthur Miller, attorney for the defense, in the case of the government against E. D. Brantley, for more than an hour Monday morning, Judge Page Morris of the United States district court, overruled a motion made Saturday, to instruct the jury in a verdict for the defendant. In denying the motion, Judge Morris explained clearly the gist, or is he referred to, the "meat of the indictment," in the absence of the jury.

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News Note—A Lawyer suing for a \$200,000 Fee Has Offered Expert Testimony of His Fellow Lawyers as to the Value of His Professional Services.

### MINISTERS OPPOSE TANGO

Also Vote Their Disapproval of the Big Charity Ball.

### OPINION, HOWEVER, IS DIVIDED

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### Henry Spencer is Given Reprieve

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Henry Spencer, murderer of Mildred Allison-Clearcut, will not hang next Friday, as Governor Dunne today granted him a stay of execution for four weeks to give time for an appeal to the supreme court of the state.

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### FRAUD CHARGED TO DELZEL

Admits He Falsified Records of State Teachers' Association.

### COMMITTEE CALLS HIM DOWN

Asks for Explanation and State Superintendent Has None but Promises to Do Anything the Committee Desires.

That State Superintendent James E. Delzell, president of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, allowed and falsified the treasurer's report relative to the fraudulent registration of 1,321 teachers by the Lincoln Commercial club, and that the executive committee called for an explanation, which the superintendent did not make, is information emanating from members of the committee who attended the executive committee meeting Saturday.

### Changes Report.

Delzell has charge of the printing of the Teachers' association, and it was after the executive committee had approved the treasurer's report that Delzell changed it and published it as changed.

### Final Estimates on Wheat and Corn Crops

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The government's final estimates of crop production issued today show:

Corn, 2,446,988,000 bushels.  
Winter wheat, 322,961,000 bushels.  
Spring wheat, 239,619,000 bushels.  
All wheat, 562,580,000 bushels.

### A Duty to Your Newspaper

Every reader of The Bee owes it to himself to give his newspaper a fair and careful reading.

That is to say, he should be sure not to neglect the advertisements—all of which are planned for his special information and benefit.

If any part of the newspaper is to be slighted, skip over something other than the advertising.

Every reader also has a duty to the newspaper itself. He should support and patronize those merchants who tell their helpful store news through the advertisements.

The advertiser, while of course advertising for a business reason, none the less does a distinct service to the reader, and deserves the reader's attention and patronage. And by giving this support the reader not only discharges a duty to himself and to the advertiser, but also to The Bee.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:  
Fair, not much change in temperature.  
Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	35
6 a. m.	35
7 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	35
9 a. m.	35
10 a. m.	35
11 a. m.	35
12 m.	35
1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	35
3 p. m.	35
4 p. m.	35
5 p. m.	35
6 p. m.	35
7 p. m.	35
8 p. m.	35
9 p. m.	35
10 p. m.	35
11 p. m.	35

### Comparative Local Record.

1913	1912	1911	1910
Highest yesterday	40	38	28
Lowest yesterday	24	25	20
Mean temperature	41	41	35
Precipitation for the day	0.0	0.0	0.0
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:			
Normal temperature	41	41	35
Excess for the day	0	0	0
Total excess since March 1	588	588	588
Normal precipitation	35	35	35
Deficiency for the day	0	0	0
Total deficiency since March 1	2,332	2,332	2,332
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-14, 14 inches			
Station and State Temp. High-Rain-Of Weather.			
Cheyanne, clear	24	42	0.0
Sioux Falls, clear	24	42	0.0
Denver, clear	24	42	0.0
Des Moines, clear	24	42	0.0
Pueblo, clear	24	42	0.0
Lander, cloudy	24	42	0.0
North Platte, clear	24	42	0.0
Omaha, clear	24	42	0.0
Rapid City, clear	24	42	0.0
Salt Lake City, fair	24	42	0.0
Santa Fe, cloudy	24	42	0.0
Sheridan, clear	24	42	0.0
Sioux City, clear	24	42	0.0
Valencia, clear	24	42	0.0
Victoria, clear	24	42	0.0
Indianapolis, clear	24	42	0.0
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.			