

BUTTE—Tonight: Continued cold. Tomorrow: Slightly rising temperature.

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TWELVE VESSELS TAKEN, TEN SUNK, BY A GERMAN RAIDER IN ATLANTIC!

Several Big Ships With Immense Valuable Cargoes Fall Prey to Destroyer in Southern Sea

NEWS GETS OUT WHEN ONE VESSEL WITH 237 MEN OF CAPTURED CREWS ARRIVES

Raider Which Successfully Ran the British Blockade Is Believed to Be Still at Large.

Remarkable Feats of the Renowned Moewe Are Duplicated by Unknown Vessel, Which Raids the Food and Supply Fleets Plying Between South American and Some United States Ports and Britain—One Vessel Sent to Port Under Prize Crew, With 400 Captured Sailors, Is Not Yet Heard From.

Eight British and two French vessels have been sunk in the Atlantic and two British steamships captured by a German raider. Announcement to this effect was made today by the British admiralty.

So far as is shown by the British announcement, the raider is still at large. Apparently she has been operating off the coast of South America. The first news of the raid was received with the arrival at Pernambuco, Brazil, Monday evening of the Japanese steamship Hudson Maru, which had on board the masters and 237 men of the crew of vessels destroyed between Dec. 12 and Jan. 12. In addition the British steamship Yarrowdale, one of the captured vessels, was sent off with about 400 men, who were to be landed. No news of these men has been received as yet.

The British admiralty announced on Dec. 8 that a report had been received that a disguised German vessel of the mercantile type was intercepted on Dec. 2 off the northeastern coast of Scotland, but was permitted to proceed under the impression that she was the Dutch steamer Amma.

STATEMENT OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY

London, Jan. 17.—Eight British and two French merchant vessels are believed to have been sunk by a German raider.

The ships sunk by the German raider are: British—Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minch, Netherby Hall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic, Voltaire, South—Nantes and Anieries. The steamships St. Theodore and Yarrowdale were captured. Their whereabouts is unknown.

The following announcement was sent out here officially today: The Announcement.

For some time past it had been assumed that the following British and French merchant ships, which had been sunk by a German raider—British: Dramatist, Radnorshire, Minch, Netherby Hall, Mount Temple, King George, Georgic.

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YOUTHS CONFESS THEFT OF 21 AUTOMOBILES

Los Angeles, Jan. 17.—Three youths confessed they stole 21 automobiles in three months, according to the report, were charged today with grand larceny.

PRIVATE WHO DESERTED ON BORDER IS NOW IN PRISON

John E. Mackey, Butte Miner, Has Been Arrested by Federal Officers and is Now Held at Fort Leavenworth, According to Information Received.

John E. Mackey, a well-known Butte miner who enlisted in the Second Montana regiment and went to the Mexican border with the troops and afterwards deserted along with Sergeant Rogers, a prisoner at Fort Leavenworth, according to word received this morning from the commanding officer of the fort by Col. Dan J. Donohue, Regimental Adjutant King.

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LEAK INQUIRY IS HALTED; PROBERS ASK MORE POWER

Committee Authorized to Extend Time of Probe and Employ Counsel.

TESTIMONY WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW

J. P. Morgan and Other Financiers to Be Examined at Once.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The leak investigation was interrupted today while the house extended the time of the investigating committee 30 days and authorized it to employ counsel. This foreshadows extending the inquiry to its broadest aspects. Taking of testimony will be resumed tomorrow, probably with J. P. Morgan and other financiers in the witness chair.

When the house met Representative Poy, acting for Chairman Henry, asked unanimous consent for consideration of a new resolution to authorize the committee to employ counsel and expert accounts familiar with stock exchange transactions and authorize hearings outside of Washington if necessary.

Criticize the Probers. Although declining to object, Representative Cooper, republican of Wisconsin, criticized the inquiry to date in a short speech.

"Thus far," he said, "the results have only confirmed the belief throughout the nation that there is no sense of honor in public life. This inquiry has degenerated into a partisan struggle."

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania said that Samuel Untermyer had been suggested as counsel for the committee and declared that Charles Evans Hughes "might be a good man to consider."

Republican Leader Mann then declared: "I am convinced that the employment of either Samuel Untermyer or Mr. Hughes would be an act of such gross impropriety that it would not be considered for a moment by the committee."

Mr. Mann added he hoped and believed...

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Little Danish Isles in West Indies Pass to Sovereignty of United States

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Danish West Indies passed today under the sovereignty of the United States. Negotiations continued for over half a century came to a conclusion with the exchange of ratification of the treaty of cession by Secretary Lansing and Danish Minister Brun. Formal transfer of the islands, with the raising of the American flag, will take place as soon as the \$25,000,000 purchase price is paid over, some time within the next ninety days. The treaty provides that present representative of the Danish government shall continue his jurisdiction and a committee of one Dane and one American shall be appointed to arrange for further details. The form of government of the islands and their name are now in the hands of congress, with some doubt as to whether they will have a civil government or be administered as a naval base for which they were bought.

MINING MEN IN ALL PARTS OF THE STATE COOPERATING IN THE DEFENSE CAMPAIGN

Letter Sent Out Today by Committee on Organization. How the State Mining Association is Opposing Effort to Discriminate Against Industry. Butte Men Will Appear Before the Joint Tax Committee at Helena Tomorrow Evening. Communities Are Aroused.

The executive committee of the local association organized to oppose the measures intended to impose a license tax on metals produced in this state is taking steps to present evidence to the senate and house tax committees at Helena. These committees, in joint session, will meet representatives of the Butte mines and others tomorrow evening in the capital. C. F. Kelley, chairman of the executive committee, and several other mining men will meet the committee at that time.

Today the committee on organization, to which was left the work of organizing the proposed state association, is sending out letters to mining men in various parts of the state. All the mining interests of Montana are to be included in the movement which will center in the state organization. Every class of miner will be represented in the campaign, for all are vitally concerned. The committee said today that mining men everywhere were aroused as to the importance of organizing to resist the unjust and discriminatory tax proposed.

The following is the letter sent out by the committee on organization today: "Dear Sir: You have probably observed some of the proposed legislation at Helena aimed particularly at the mining interests of the state by...

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MEXICAN CATTLE RUSTLERS SLAIN BY TWO COWBOYS

Americans Kill Six Outlaws on United States Side of the Border.

Nogales, Ariz., Jan. 17.—Six Mexicans were killed Sunday by two American cowboys 39 miles west of here when they were fired upon while herding back cattle "rustled" by the Mexicans, according to reports to the sheriff's office here. A troop of Utah cavalry, stationed here, is on the way to the ranch of the Aravaca Land and Cattle company, on the American side of the border, owners of the cattle. A detachment of cavalry already at the ranch has been ordered to patrol the border near there. Deputy sheriffs left here during the night to investigate the affair.

Ninety head of cattle were taken from the Aravaca ranch by 29 Mexicans who crossed the border there, according to the sheriff's reports. They...

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TO CARRY SUBMARINE OVERLAND TO THE BAY

U. S. Lets Contract to Private Firm for Salvaging the H-3.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 17.—The navy arranged with a private contracting firm here today to jack the United States submarine H-3 out of the sand grave on the beach north of here, crate it and roll it across the peninsula for relaunching in Humboldt bay. The contract price is \$18,000.

The H-3 went aground Dec. 14. Saturday the cruiser Milwaukee piled up a few hundred yards away, a total loss save for armament and machinery, while attempting to pull the H-3 off. The Milwaukee cost \$4,000,000.

Bunkhouses to shelter 211 men and officers on the beach during the time it will take to strip the Milwaukee were contracted for today.

TEXAS WILL VOTE ON PROHIBITION IN JULY

Austin, Tex., Jan. 17.—Submission to the voters of Texas of a prohibition amendment was favorably reported by the house committee on constitutional amendments today by a vote of 13 to 2. The resolution acted upon calls for an election in July, 1917, setting March 1, 1918, as the date upon which the antiliquor measure will become effective.

RUSSIANS ON THE OFFENSIVE ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER

German Attack in the West Against the French is Unsuccessful.

THE WAR SUMMARY.

The Russians, who recently have been giving evidences of increasing power of resistance to Field Marshal von Mackensen's pressure along the Sereth line in northern Rumania, have now taken the offensive. Advancing near the Danube end, they have captured the town of Valeni, six miles southwest of the Rumanian Danube port of Galatz, according to an official announcement from Petrograd today.

On the Somme front in northern France, German troops attacked the French lines near Clercy and Blaches, but were repulsed, according to the French war office. The other operations on the Franco-Belgian front so far as reported were of a minor nature. Greece has accepted without reservation the ultimatum of the warring agency advices from Athens.

THEY URGE KAISER TO ENERGETIC USE OF ALL THE WAR WEAPONS

Berlin, Jan. 17 (via London).—Emperor William, in reply to a loyal address from the Hanza league, occasioned by the emperor's announcement of his war aims, passes over in silence the league's reference to the necessity of the "energetic employment of all weapons with iron determination."

The address was one of hundreds which are now pouring in on the emperor from sovereigns of federal states, parliamentary bodies, municipalities and trade and agricultural organizations.

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RUSSIAN CABINETEERS AND DUMA LEADER CLASH

Duel Between Two of Czar's High Officials is Said to Be Inevitable.

Petrograd, Jan. 17 (via London).—A dramatic clash between M. Protopopoff, minister of the interior, and M. Rodzianko, president of the duma, is described by the Novoe Vremya. According to this story, M. Protopopoff approached M. Rodzianko during the New Year's reception at Tsarke Selo and offered his hand in a conciliatory way. The head of the duma turned away with a curt "Never."

The friends of the minister say that a duel is inevitable.

ALDERSON AND RAE TAKEN IN TO BREAK A DEADLOCK

Former Bookkeeper for Northwestern Trustee Company Says State Officers Were Elected to Break Tie Vote on Question of Policy.

Special to the Post. Helena, Mont., Jan. 17.—R. H. Alderson, the second witness for the defense in the trial of the directors of the Northwestern Trustee case, accused of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, was under cross examination during the entire forenoon session of the court. On his direct examination Mr. Alderson, who served as bookkeeper and later assistant secretary of the company from July, 1913, to April, 1914, testified that the company carried on its books \$25,000 in notes contracts...

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE NOW HAS TAX MEASURE

Dodds Bill is Taken From the Committee on Corporations in House.

BILL FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS RECOMMENDED

Usury Bill Amended After Long Debate—New Bills Introduced.

Special to the Post.

Helena, Jan. 17.—The committee on corporations other than municipal in the house today recommended that H. B. 28, the Dodds bill taxing the metal output of mines, be referred to the committee on ways and means. This suggestion was adopted without debate. Kehoe of Yellowstone is chairman of that committee. The other members are White of Fergus, Ashby of Lewis and Clark, Rainey of Dawson, Morrow of Musselshell, Crismas of Carbon, Lemmon of Deer Lodge, McMahon of Silver Bow, Baxter of Meagher, Holt of Cascade, Bernard of Flathead, Baldwin of Carbon, Middleton of Rosebud, Belden of Fergus and Higgins of Missoula. The Dodds measure was first sent to the committee on corporations other than municipal.

Lane's bill for the division of the state into congressional districts was favorably reported in the senate today and the report adopted.

H. B. 5, by Stimpert, relating to construction of bridges across streams wholly within towns, was likewise recommended; as was S. B. 46, by Buria, a constitutional amendment to permit of the sales of state lands lying within three miles of cities and towns.

A Senate Memorial.

Hogan introduced a memorial asking congress to raise the pay of employees in the federal mail service. Dwight gave notice of a bill prescribing the minimum movement of loaded freight cars in a 24-hour period; Galloway gave notice of a bill regulating the sale of explosives, and White-side of one relating to the sale of bonds held by the state.

Stevens, amending the grain inspection law.

The senate adjourned until 1:30 p. m. Thursday.

The first public hearing of the taxation committee of the senate and house will be held Thursday evening at the rooms of the Helena Commercial club. Testimony will be heard...

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GREECE ACCEDES TO ALL THE ENTENTE DEMANDS

London, Jan. 17.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says that the Greek government has accepted the entente's ultimatum without reservation. The decision was reached by the crown council on Tuesday afternoon, according to the dispatch, and was immediately communicated to the entente ministers. The release of the Venizelists who were arrested on Dec 1 is expected hourly.

ADMIRAL'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD FROM THE CAPITOL

Army and Navy and Entire Government to Participate in Last Tribute to the Beloved Naval Hero. Funeral Services Will Take Place Under the Capitol Dome and on Every Ship in the American Navy.

Washington, Jan. 17.—President Wilson today sent a special message to congress formally announcing the death of Admiral Dewey and paying tribute to the dead naval hero by saying that "the people and the government of the United States will always rejoice to perpetuate his name in all honor and affection."

Washington, Jan. 17.—Funeral arrangements for Admiral Dewey, who died late yesterday, were partially completed today. Orders were issued by the navy department to bring all the cadets at Annapolis, and all available blue-jackets from the Norfolk and Washington navy yards, to attend the funeral here Saturday. Secretary Baker will order all available army units to participate in the ceremonies. Burial will take place at Arlington.

Secretary Daniels and ranking officers were engaged today arranging for details. These include services on every American naval vessel and at all...

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CONTRACT FOR SHELLS GOES TO BRITISH PLANT

Secretary Daniels Awards a \$3,000,000 Job to English Company.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Contracts for armor piercing navy projectiles of the 14 and 16 inch type, totalling \$3,141,000, today were awarded by Secretary Daniels to the Hadfields Limited, the English munition company.

Bids from American firms were more than \$200 a shell in excess of that submitted by Hadfields. In announcing the award Secretary Daniels said the department had made every effort to secure reductions in prices which would enable it to give a contract to obtain satisfactory bids.

The question of delivery, aside from cost of the shells, was an important factor in favor of Hadfields. On the 4,500 14-inch projectiles delivery was guaranteed in 19 months, and for the 3,000 16-inch, 18 months was specified. Time proposals from American bidders were approximately twice those of the British company.

WOMAN LEGISLATOR IS SUCCESSFUL IN CONTEST

Colorado Legislative Election Committee Finds She Won at the Polls.

Denver, Jan. 17.—A second woman is to take a seat in the current Colorado general assembly. If the house adopts the report of its elections committee, presented today, on the contest made by six Denver democrats against an equal number of republicans from the same county.

The report stated that a recount of the votes cast for representatives in the legislature in Denver showed Mrs. Evelyn Heartz had received a greater number of votes than George P. Winters, her republican opponent. The other five republicans will retain their seats, despite the contest, if the report is adopted.

Agnes Riddle, senator from Arapahoe county, is the other woman member of the legislature.