

AN EPITOME OF LATE LIVE NEWS

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FROM ALL SOURCES

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Western Newspaper Union News Service.

ABOUT THE WAR

Italy calls out all available troops between ages of 18 and 43.

French destroyers sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

British casualties reported in the week ending Dec. 18 totalled 17,976 officers and men.

The Italians repulsed the Austro-German forces on the Tasson-Col-Del-Orso front, with heavy losses.

The officers of the Russian army in France have volunteered as a body to give their services to the United States.

Austrians are repulsed in an infantry attack on San Marino and Caprille hill, the enemy suffering heavy casualties.

It is stated officially that Norway has lost 5,000 sailors during the war, a Central News dispatch from Christiania reports.

American submarine F-1 was sunk in collision with her sister boat, the F-3, in American waters. Nineteen perished, five being rescued.

Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London during Wednesday night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The agreement for an armistice beginning at noon Dec. 17 and lasting until Jan. 14 was signed by the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Teutonic allies.

Fourteen British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons and three under that tonnage were sunk by mine or submarine during the week ending Dec. 19.

The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending Dec. 15 were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1,600 tons was sunk and none over 1,600 tons.

The artillery activity between the French and Germans in Champagne and in the mountainous region near the Swiss border is increasing in volume, probably forecasting infantry attacks at an early date.

Admission that the Cossacks have captured Rostov was made in the Petrograd official statement from the Bolshevik war office. Orenburg Cossacks opposing the Bolsheviks have occupied Tcheliabinsk, a junction on the Trans-Siberian railroad, according to a report received by the Den.

WESTERN

Mrs. Lorenzo Borino, charged with violation of the Mann act in having transported Rosa Peckel, 15 years old, from her home in Winterquarters, Utah, to Diamondville, Wyo., for immoral purposes, was found guilty in the Federal Court at Salt Lake City.

A woman bearing the name of Romanoff and who said she resembled Tatiana Romanoff, second daughter of the former czar, so closely that she was detained three weeks in Yokohama until she established her identity, arrived in San Francisco. She is Mme. Helene Romanoff.

War will not cause abandonment of the annual Tournament of Roses at Pasadena, Cal., on New Year's day, although it will give a martial air to the great pageant never before attempted. Decision to hold the tournament as usual was not made until favorable word had been received from President Wilson, to whom the question of observing the time-honored custom had been submitted.

WASHINGTON

The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of former President Grover Cleveland, to Capt. Boanquet of the Coldstream Guards.

What purports to be an outline of the Kaiser's much-advertised "Christmas peace terms" has been received through neutral diplomatic channels in Washington.

Some two score or more telegrams which passed between Count Von Luxburg, German minister to Argentina, and the German foreign office were made public by the State Department by agreement with the Argentine government, which also published them at Buenos Aires. Exposure of Count Von Luxburg's "sink without trace" telegram by Secretary Lansing was what caused a rupture of diplomatic relations between Argentina and Germany.

The United States shipping board is hard pressed to fill the allies' orders for between 5,000,000 and 8,000,000 tons of shipping in 1918, members of the board admitted, prior to appearing before the Senate inquiry committee. Chairman Hurley of the board declared the task would be accomplished.

A Red Cross service flag, displaying three crosses, was hung in a window of the county jail at Dallas, Tex., when three women inmates joined. Two of the women face murder charges.

FOREIGN

An extraordinary session of the Peruvian Congress convened to discuss financial projects.

The first heavy fall of snow in the vicinity of Paris occurred Dec. 18. Railroad and telegraph services were disorganized.

Two sailors instead of one were saved by the Germans from the American destroyer Jacob Jones, according to an official German announcement at Amsterdam.

Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the first woman to be elected as mayor of a town in England and a prominent physician, died at her home in Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Unidentified bodies of 200 victims of the Halifax disaster were buried after public funerals conducted by Protestant and Catholic clergymen. Nearly 100 of the bodies were charred beyond recognition.

Complete restoration of the territories taken by the enemy, together with compensation, was demanded by Premier Lloyd George in explaining the war aims of the government in the House of Commons in London.

Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were supplied by the arrival at Buchs, on the frontier, of 576 pale and suffering children between the ages of 7 and 9. They are from Vienna and other Austrian towns.

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukrainian Rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolshevik government. Disorders in the capital, due, it is said, to the looting of wine cellars and shops, made necessary the proclamation of a state of siege.

Unionist candidates, supporters of the premier, Sir Robert Borden, and his conscription program, were victorious in twelve of British Columbia's thirteen constituencies in Monday's election. Skeena alone was carried by a Liberal candidate, where Fred Stork, a Prince Rupert merchant, defeated Colonel Peck, now overseas.

The forward gun crew of an American liner reaching an American port destroyed a submarine the morning after leaving a British port on the voyage, according to stories told by passengers. Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, former chief of staff of the army, who was a passenger, is said to have stood behind the gunners during the action and complimented them on their marksmanship.

SPORTING NEWS

Young Jake Schaefer established a new world record for high runs in red ball billiards at San Francisco when he ran forty-nine. The previous high record was forty-five, held by Marc Catton.

Tommy Fitzpatrick, graduate of the University of Utah, who has been coach to the Salt Lake East Side High school for four years, was appointed coach to the University of Utah athletes.

Jimmy Hamill, Denver boxing promoter, wired Jess Willard a guarantee of \$50,000 if he will come to Denver to stage his proposed heavyweight championship match for the benefit of the Red Cross. The only stipulation made by the Denver man is that the titleholder meet either Fred Fulton or Bill Brennan.

GENERAL

Legislation specifically to subject all federal officials except the President and members of the Supreme Court to the excess profits tax was agreed upon by the House ways and means committee.

At Memphis, Tenn., yeggmen blew the vault of a coal company in the heart of the business district during the night and escaped with \$3,000 in cash. They also took \$500 worth of Liberty bonds and considerable jewelry.

Mrs. Frank D. Adams, wife of Lieut. Frank D. Adams, assumed his duties of the pastor of the Universalist church at Urbana, Ill., to fill the vacancy caused when her husband left to begin his duties at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

Further investigation by the Federal Milk Commission into means of improving production and distribution of milk, after it has fixed prices for producers and distributors for the first three months of next year, was decided upon by the commission in New York. The Federal Food Administration has set Jan. 1 as the date on which the commission must fix prices.

Robbery of the State Bank of Summit, a suburb of Chicago, of \$30,000 or more, called attention to the appalling list of bank and payroll robberies in Chicago and suburbs in the last eighteen months. According to an official of a big burglar insurance company, there have been seventeen bank robberies, netting approximately \$400,000, and fourteen payroll robberies of insured firms, netting \$200,000 to the bandits, in the period mentioned.

Removal of the east-bound embargo on corn and oats, and rumors that the minimum price of corn was to be removed, led to a sharp upturn in the corn and oats market on the Board of Trade in Chicago, Dec. 20. In the early trading May corn advanced 6 1/2 cents to \$1.26 1/2. Oats rose 3 cents.

The next loan the people of the United States will be asked to purchase to aid the government in winning this war will be for \$5,000,000,000; the bonds will be 4 1/2 per cent issue and the offering will be made on March 15, 1918.

NEW MEXICO STATE NEWS

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COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 14-19—Farmers' Week and Home Makers' Conference at State College, Mesilla Park.

Jan. 17-18—Farmers' Meeting at State College, Mesilla Park.

Feb. 11-13—New Mexico Electrical Association meeting at Silver City.

March, 1918—Wool Growers' convention at Roswell.

The deposits of salt near Willard are to be investigated.

Albuquerque sportsmen demand a closed season on deer in New Mexico.

Ground is being broken for erection of a fine new federal building at Raton.

The comptroller of the currency has granted a charter to the First National Bank of Taos.

Sheriff Rafael Garcia issued an order banishing women from saloons in precincts outside Albuquerque.

Mrs. Antonita Garcia was almost instantly killed at Albuquerque by a taxicab. Her head was crushed.

It is now thought that the total number of automobiles in the state will reach 14,500 for the year 1918.

Silver City was selected as the place of holding the February meeting of the New Mexico Electrical Association.

Plans for a new court house and jail at Silver City, to cost \$350,000, have been submitted to the Grant County Commissioners.

Herbert V. Betts and William S. Towner of the Santa Fe office of the field division, have enlisted with the signal reserve corps.

In the death of Mrs. Susan A. Bell, widow of Judge John J. Bell, prominent attorney at Silver City in the early days, Grant county has lost another of its pioneers.

A deep well west of Carlsbad, controlled by the Dow Brothers, was dewatered by unknown parties, and the cattle that the Dows were watering at the well suffered from lack of water.

R. C. Reid, federal disbursing officer and president of the state tax commission, has been appointed a captain in the national army and assigned to assist Governor Lindsey in future army draft work.

The Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' association of New Mexico became a permanent organization at the meeting held in Albuquerque with the adoption of a constitution and the election of permanent officers.

The movement of the New Mexico battery of field artillery from Camp Mills, Long Island, to Camp Merritt, N. J., furnished foundation for a report that the organization had embarked for France.

Acting Gov. Antonio Lucero issued a requisition on the governor of Arizona for the extradition of Frank A. Williamson, wanted in Luna county on the charge of obtaining property under false pretense.

Three prisoners held to await action of the grand jury on different charges escaped from the Lincoln county jail at Carrizozo. They are Rinaldo Martinez, Maximiliano Chavez and Lorenzo Sandoval.

The members of the legal advisory boards for New Mexico, to assist in the work connected with the selective draft, have been appointed by President Wilson and announced by Capt. R. C. Reid, federal disbursing officer.

Chief Justice R. H. Hanna received a telegram announcing the death at Baltimore of Fred McBride, traveling freight and passenger agent of the New Mexico Central railroad and a resident of Santa Fe for several decades.

All of the fraternal and other organizations of Las Vegas have pooled together, and are known as the Las Vegas Associated Charities.

Frank Schriver, a cattleman and farmer of the Richmond precinct on the Lower Gila, was chosen by the board of county commissioners to be sheriff of Grant county, succeeding Sheriff Herbert J. McGrath, who resigned.

The nine counties of New Mexico in the Tenth federal reserve district subscribed a total of \$1,420,200 for the second Liberty Loan bonds, well over the minimum allotment of \$996,000, and not far from the maximum of \$1,660,000. These counties are Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Juan, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos and Union.

The cost of registration and the draft in New Mexico was \$27,395.02 on December 1, a statement issued by the executive office at Santa Fe shows. The cost was heaviest in Rio Arriba county, totaling \$2,148.39. San Miguel county took second place in the cost column with \$2,001.05, and Bernalillo county third place with \$1,887.51 expended.

The first lightless night ordered by the fuel administration, gave Albuquerque the semblance of an English town expectant of a raid by Zeppelins. It was only a semblance, however, for here and there light shone. They were lights declared by the police to be necessary.

The State Supreme Court handed down an opinion holding that Lea county, which came into legal existence last June, is entitled to delinquent taxes collected from property formerly in Chaves county, but now within Lea county.

TO CHEAT GALLOWS

MARIA CUEVAS AND SILVERIO SILVA HANG THEMSELVES.

Were Sentenced to Be Executed, But Used Rope Attached to Beds in Gallup Jail.

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Santa Fe, N. M.—Maria Cuevas and Silverio Silva, convicted of murder and sentenced to hang Dec. 31, defeated justice by hanging themselves in the McKinley county jail at Gallup. Using a rope smuggled into the prison, each man attached it to the bed and strangled himself. Life was extinct when the bodies were discovered by the jail officials.

Letters signed by both prisoners said they did not intend to be hung by the state, would rather have faced a firing squad, and asked for respectable burial. In another note, Cuevas bequeathed his guitar to a prisoner in the jail.

The men were Mexicans. Cuevas was convicted of killing another Mexican at a dance last May. Silva was to pay the death penalty for killing a roomer in his home following a dispute over \$5 rent.

Government to Help Kill Pests.

Farmers' Prosperity Day of the Dona Ana Farm Bureau, held at the New Mexico State College, was attended by 500 people. Judging of live stock in the morning, a free barbecue at noon, and talks by experts in various lines of farming in the afternoon, including motion pictures and a lecture on drainage by a United States Reclamation Service employe, was the program of the day.

Plans are under way for the building of a concrete road from Las Cruces, N. M., to the Texas state line. The estimated cost of this work is \$240,000 of which the county of Dona Ana is to furnish \$60,000, the State of New Mexico \$60,000 and the United States government the balance or \$120,000.

The United States Department of Agriculture has appropriated \$25,000, contingent on the State of New Mexico using a similar amount, for the eradication of rodents and predatory animals in the State of New Mexico. This work will be conducted by the United States Biological Survey, in conjunction with the New Mexico Agricultural College. It is estimated by experts of the agricultural college that the losses of the farmers and stockmen of New Mexico from the above mentioned sources amount to not less than \$2,500,000 a year.

Mogollon Road Project Approved.

Silver City.—The Department of Agriculture has notified State Engineer James A. French that it has approved the following road projects in New Mexico for which specifications have been submitted by the state highway commission for federal aid: No. 8 in 1918, seven miles of Mesacolor sand road, east of Roswell in Chaves county; No. 10 in 1919, twenty-five miles in Lincoln county; No. 9, to be built in 1918 and 1919, seventeen miles of Silver City-Gila river road between Silver City and Cliff, Grant county; No. 11 in 1919, five miles in Lincoln county.

Coal on Cash Basis.

Santa Fe.—The retail price of Gallup coal has been fixed at \$16 a ton in Los Angeles by the fuel administrator. New Mexico retail dealers feel that the margin allowed them at present is hardly sufficient to cover the cost of doing business, at least not on credit, and expect to go on a cash basis.

East Las Vegas.—Jos Martinez and Tranquilino Baca, charged with cattle stealing, have been acquitted by a jury in the District Court here.

Woman in Suit for Million.

Albuquerque.—Two millionaire mining men of Spokane testified for the defense at the trial in Federal Court at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, of the suit brought by Mrs. Mathilda Cardener of Albuquerque, against Eugene R. Day and other members of the Day family to recover a one-sixteenth interest in the Hercules lead and silver mine, in the Burke district, near Coeur d'Alene.

L. A. Hurton, part owner of the mine, said he considered the mine was worth four millions in October, 1916, when Mrs. Cardener sold her interest in it for \$370,000. She contends it was worth \$20,000,000.

Want Elephant Butte Dam Guarded.

Santa Fe.—Senators A. B. Fall and A. A. Jones, as well as Congressman W. B. Walton, have received appeals from the Mesilla valley because of the unguarded condition of the Elephant Butte dam, the military guards having been recalled. It is proposed to have the government employ civilian guards.

To Close Immoral Resorts.

Deming.—Immoral resorts at Lordsburg, Hurley, Santa Rita, Silver City and all other cities in central New Mexico were instructed to close in orders issued by District Attorney J. S. Vaught. Orders issued by Lieut. Paul Popenoe of the law enforcement branch of the Foodlic committee call for the closing of any resorts which might be visited by soldiers within a radius of 150 miles. More than 100 inmates of resorts are affected by the order.

DUAL MONARCHY TO HELP KAISER

AUSTRO-GERMANS DECLARED IN PACT TO RETAIN CONQUERED TERRITORY.

HOLD ALSACE-LORRAINE

FLAME OF CIVIL WAR SPREADS IN RUSSIA AND CAPITAL IS IN TURMOIL.

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Paris.—Austria-Hungary is pledged to support Germany in retention of Alsace-Lorraine, according to a dispatch printed Saturday in the Matin, purporting to reveal the text of the agreement between the two biggest central powers. The Matin also asserted Germany had determined not to evacuate Belgium and France unless her colonies were restored.

Rome.—Italy will never support a separate Italian peace or take any action not loyal to the allies, declared Deputy Ghitti in the Chamber of Deputies.

London, Dec. 22.—The flame of civil war in Russia is spreading northward along the Volga river from Astrakhan to Samara. Grand Duke Nicholas is reported in the Caucasus with a vast army of royalists, while Kerensky is said to be marching on Moscow at the head of thousands of troops. The province of Ukraine has rejected the Bolshevik ultimatum and has declared its independence. Bolgrad in Bessarabia was in flames following riots.

Petrograd is a scene of turmoil. Armed detachments engaged in emptying wine cellars have had clashes with civilians, fifteen being killed and wounded, while fifteen soldiers are reported dead from drink.

Fighting continues at Odessa, and the Ukrainian troops have been joined by the Russian army from the Rumanian front under the command of Gen. Stcherbacheff. The Red Guards lost 800 men killed and 1,000 wounded in six-day fight.

A Bolshevik force, under command of Austro-German officers, defeated a small detachment of Cossacks near Tashkent.

The peace situation is similarly disturbed. A report from Petrograd states that the Germans have refused the Russian peace terms and that the Bolshevik commissioners have been recalled to Petrograd. Von Kuehlmann, German foreign secretary, is now at Brest-Litovsk. Bolshevik authorities in Petrograd are growing desperate over the continued opposition and serious developments are feared. Former Czar Nicholas and family are to be permitted to leave Russia and seek haven in some other country.

Petrograd.—Under the heading, "Secret Treaty Between Japan and Russia for Joint Armed Demonstration Against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia publishes what it says is the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, runs for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Sazonoff, then Russian foreign minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese foreign minister.

ARGENTINIANS DEMAND WAR.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22.—As the result of the publication of the telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, the former German minister, to the Berlin foreign office, it again has been necessary to call out mounted patrols to disperse crowds of people who demanded a rupture of relations with Germany. The mob, which was shouting "Long live the republic!" and "Death to President Irigoyen!" was dispersed after a fight with mounted police in the Calle Florida.

Heavy guards again have been placed over the property owned by Germans in the city and mounted men also are guarding the office of the newspapers La Union, for which Count von Luxburg obtained a subsidy.

The general belief is that the publication of the telegrams will lead to new demands for the severance of relations with Germany, Congress having already refused to sanction the budget appropriation for continuing the Argentine legation in Berlin, which was insisted on by the organs of President Irigoyen.

Seven Violent Attacks Repulsed.

Rome, Dec. 22.—A considerable portion of ground gained by the enemy Dec. 18 in the region of Monte Azzone, on the northern front east of the Brenta river, has been retaken by the Italians, the war office announces. The positions regained by the Italians were held despite the most violent fire from the enemy artillery. Active artillery fighting on the Verdun front east of the Meuse was reported by the Paris war office.

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"Chariots of Iron" at Gaza. History repeats itself down to minute details, the London Star reminds us, and recalls previous operations at Gaza related in the Book of Joshua.

That it picturesque special correspondent to whom we owe the narrative of the sun and moon standing still in the valley of Ajalon had witnessed the onslaught of General Allenby's auxiliaries, he might have pictured beneath wallowing on the shore and levintham rising out of the sea. It is related in the Book of Judges that though the tribe of Judah took Gaza, they could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley because they had chariots of iron.

Allowing for the intervening centuries which have transformed the 'chariots of iron' into tanks, we see that in this case the omens are in favor of the invaders, and we may reasonably hope that the clearing out of the Philistines will be final and complete.

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How He Made Window Sashes.

A young Welshman, a woodworker, applied at the work of a building material company for a job.

"What can you do?" inquired the foreman in charge.

"Indeed, look you," said Taffy. "I can do any joinery work whatever."

"Can you make window sashes?" asked the foreman.

"Surely!" was the laconic answer.

"Well, just take off your coat and let me see you make one."

So Taffy set to work, while the foreman went off round the works. The first sash the new hand attempted was a failure, so planting it under the bench, Taffy got ahead with a second one, and had just finished it when the foreman returned and taking hold of the sash, said, "Call that a sash, do you? Don't believe I could find a worse one in the country."

"Indeed," said the wood butcher, grinning, "you may find a ferry much worse one under the bench made from your own timber!"

Then he got a move on.

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Just an Extra Potato.

Jones was urging Smith to run over to dinner some time. "But I am afraid that your wife will go to a lot of trouble, Smith demurred.

"A lot of trouble—nonsense!" replied the hospitable man. "It just means to boil an extra potato. And what is seventy-five cents between friends?"—Judge.

Beds Must Have Been Large.

Little Eibel had just returned from Sunday school and was looking very puzzled. "Mamma," she said, "Did they have very large beds in Bible days?"

"I don't know, dear," said her mother. "Why do you ask?"

"Because," said the little girl, "our teacher said today that Abraham slept with his four fathers."

Re-enforced Concrete Dry Dock.

The completion of the first dry dock made of re-enforced concrete was celebrated at Moss, a city in Norway. This dock is in the nature of an experiment, as it will receive ships of only 100 tons, 80 feet long; but it is said to be successful and much cheaper than steel and more quickly built. The shipyard that built this dock is now receiving inquiries for docks up to 8,000 tons.

Specification. "That man is always running other people down."

"Scandal or auto?"

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