

SUFFRAGE TO GET CHANCE IN HOUSE

Will Come Up for Vote on Special Rule.

PROHIBITION TO BE FIRST

Question of Constitutional Amendment Will Be Passed on Dec. 22, to Be Followed by Action on the Subject of Votes for Women.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Yea and nay votes in the house on special rules for consideration of proposals to submit woman suffrage and prohibition questions for constitutional amendment has been assured by the action of the rules committee.

The prohibition question will be brought into the house Tuesday, Dec. 22, and when it has been disposed of woman suffrage will be taken up.

Chairman Henry declared one day will be allowed to each of the propositions and that the house would be kept in session until they are disposed of.

Without a dissenting vote a rule was voted providing eight hours' general debate on the Hobson amendment for national prohibition. By a 4 to 3 vote the Mondell suffrage resolution was ordered to be taken up also.

Voting against the suffrage rule were Chairman Henry of Texas, Cantrell of Kentucky and Pou of North Carolina, Democrats, while their colleague, Goldfogle of New York, declined to vote.

GERMANS BATTLING TO REGAIN FOOTHOLD

Paris, Dec. 14.—A determined attempt is being made by the Germans to regain a foothold along the Yser canal to the south of Ypres.

Repeated attacks by the Germans have been repulsed, but with reinforcements, which have been moved into this section, renewed attempts are being made against the allied line. The fighting in this section is from trench to trench.

Official statements issued here clearly indicate the extreme determination with which the engagement is proceeding. The Germans, partially successful in gaining one French trench, were given no rest and a counter attack was immediately started by the allies and the position retaken. The losses on both sides are declared to have been heavy.

COUNTY TREASURER JAILED

Official Alleged to Have Embezzled Public Funds.

Duluth, Dec. 14.—While awaiting trial for embezzling of public funds, Fred Jackson, treasurer of Cook county, is in the Cook county jail at Grand Marais. He was arrested at his home there after wireless orders had been received from Governor Eberhart directing his suspension as county treasurer and instructing him to turn the administration of the office over to A. E. Fritz, state public examiner.

Jackson admitted he had defaulted in his accounts, according to officials. Charles R. Boomstrom, assistant to Examiner Fritz, sent a wireless report from Grand Marais that the shortage would amount to more than \$10,700.

STRIKE DEADLOCK IS BROKEN

Two Thousand Eastern Ohio Coal Miners Will Return to Work.

Bellaire, O., Dec. 14.—The deadlock between miners and operators in the Eastern Ohio coal fields, which has existed since last April, when the miners struck for increased wages, was broken with the announcement that 2,000 men at the Fair Point mine would return to work under the Pittsburgh scale.

The West Wheeling mine also will resume, but on a profit sharing basis. It was said that fully 16,000 miners still were out, but that if the co-operative plan of the West Wheeling mine proves satisfactory other companies will adopt it.

TO LET IN SKILLED WORKERS

Senator Gronna's Amendment to Immigration Bill.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Senator Gronna of North Dakota has offered an amendment to the immigration bill, pending in the senate, providing that neither the educational test nor other restrictive features of the measure shall apply to mechanics who work on farm machinery, who operate such machinery or other skilled workmen.

Mr. Gronna, who is of the opinion that the country needs skilled workmen, believes it would be a mistake to exclude them.

California is the only state that produces borax, magnesite and chrome and is the leading state in the production of asphalt, fluor spar and quicksilver.

STURDEE AND VON SPEE.

Admirals and Scene of Naval Fight in the South Atlantic.



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Vice Admiral Sturdee, commander of the British fleet, is at the top and Vice Admiral von Spee, who went down with his flagship, commanded the German squadron.

BATTLE IN THE EAST IS NEARING A CRISIS

London, Dec. 14.—In addition to the claim that the movement to relieve Cracow has failed, Petrograd official reports declare the German advance has been checked at all points from the north along the line of the Miawa drive and along the western and the southwestern fronts.

With statements from Berlin admitting that the Russian resistance is as yet far from overcome a decisive result may be expected soon.

The latest official reports state that after repulsing the Germans in the north the Russians took the offensive and drove several columns back.

Both Berlin and St. Petersburg are reticent in their statements concerning the situation in the east. The check administered the Germans, as claimed in the Russian official statements, is not held as a decisive victory. It also follows the suggestion that under certain conditions Warsaw might be evacuated without being regarded as a defeat.

GERMAN SUBMARINES ATTACK SCOTCH PORT

London, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from Edinburgh to the Daily Mail reports that two German submarine attacks were made on the Firth of Forth, but that they were repulsed. Two of the enemy's submarines, the dispatch says, were destroyed.

The Firth of Forth, facing the North sea, has a British naval base at Rosyth, off the shore of Fife, immediately to the west of the great Forth bridge. Because of its advantageous situation in regard to the British naval operations against the Germans undoubtedly a strong fleet is gathered there, hence the report of a German submarine attack is no surprise.

The principal port on the Firth of Forth is Leith, the port of Edinburgh.

YOUNG MAN KILLS MOTHER

Nebraskan Then Sends Bullet Into His Own Head.

McCool Junction, Neb. Dec. 14.—Otto Bellows, twenty-three years old, shot and instantly killed his mother, Mrs. Frank Bellows, wounded his sister and then sent a bullet into his head, causing a wound which doctors say will result fatally. The young man is believed to have been insane.

POTATO GROWING IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA

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twenty years hence, when most of the land will have been cleared and

cropped for several years? Yes, we have such facts on hand. Facts that will dispell any such fear. They are the records of the North-Central Experiment station—yearly crop records of fields extending over a period of twenty years. They are records on two fields that produced this year 314 bushels and 305 bushels per acre, respectively, of marketable potatoes after all the small, sunburned and the injured potatoes has been culled out, leaving a stock of potatoes of such quality that will sell at a premium on any market.

The East and West.

For convenience we will call these two fields the west and the east. The records on the west field shows that it has been in a three-year rotation for the past twenty years, as follows: Grain, hay, and potatoes or corn. During this time the field has produced seven crops of grain, seven crops of clover and timothy hay, four of fodder corn and two crops of potatoes.

Four-Year Yields.

The yield for the four years just passed was as follows: 1911, fodder corn, 10 tons per acre; 1912, oats, 56.7 bushels per acre; 1913, clover hay, 3.03 tons per acre, 1 cutting; 1914, 305 bushels of marketable potatoes per acre. The record of the east field for the past twenty years is as follows. Grain, grass and cultivated crops in rotation, making seven crops of grain, six crops of hay, five crops of potatoes and two of corn, and the production for the past four years has been as follows: 1911, potatoes, 247 bushels per acre; 1912, oats, 73 bushels per acre; 1913, clover hay, 5.17 tons per acre in two cuttings; 1914, potatoes, 314 bushels per acre. The only treatment these fields have had besides the ordinary tillage has been an application of barn-yard manure every third year. The soil and the climate have done the rest. No commercial fertilizer of any kind has ever been applied to these fields. The lowest potato yield by this station on upland soil was in 1912, when a rented field, previously in timothy, yielded only 170 bushels per acre. The average yield of potatoes at the North-Central Experiment station since 1910 is 287 bushels per acre.

The Desired Quality.

Have the potatoes grown here the quality demanded by the best markets? Yes, as seed potatoes for the South and Central states they will outyield seed stock from any other section, and in the past they have been remarkably free from disease and for this reason we are hoping that the merchants and farmers here will not put this region in jeopardy by shipping in potatoes from other states where potato diseases prevail. Yes, they have the native qualities to sell.

Of course, we have some small potatoes and some sunburnt ones, also some are injured when harvested, but if the farmers persist in placing these on the market it is not the potatoes' fault. Potatoes of many kinds are grown here and all do well, but they mix easily and refuse to sell when handled by a fool, but that is the fool's fault and not the potato's. Some grow too large for the ordinary market, but the alert farmer saves these for the porters in the dining cars.

Feed to Pigs.

What do you do when the bottom falls out of the potato market? Feed them to the pigs. Four and a half bushels of boiled potatoes are equal to a bushel of first grade corn. As corn is sold on the local market here today potatoes are worth twenty cents per bushel as feed for hogs. At the present prices of pork they will return to you more than that in cash when fed to them boiled with one part of corn or barley to three parts of potatoes. In other words, pigs will pay you \$40.00 per acre, gross, annually, if fed on potatoes yielding 200 bushels per acre. Progressive communities growing more potatoes than their pigs can eat, store them in community warehouses near the railways where they can be safely kept until the market demands them. These storage houses are equipped with such facilities that the potatoes can be safely loaded and shipped in the coldest weather.

You Can Compete.

Do you really mean to infer, then, that the farmer of northern Minnesota can compete successfully in the Chicago market with the potato growers of Michigan and Wisconsin who live within half the distance from here to Chicago? Before answering this question, let me ask you one. Why do the farmers of California, Oregon and Washington ship their cabbage, their lettuce, their tomatoes, their apples and most every other product from intensive farming in train-load lots to the Mississippi Valley and the East, and sell these products at a good profit right under the noses of the farmers

RELIEF OF CRACOW IS DELAYED

Teutonic Forces Are Defeated.

END OF EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF CONFLICT

Both Sides Profess Satisfaction With Present Situation.

London, Dec. 14.—The close of the eighteenth week of the war finds the stirring operations in the eastern theater of chief immediate importance. The military headquarters on both sides profess satisfaction with the situation as it affects their respective armies and are giving outsiders only scant opportunities of forming independent judgment.

British commentators reiterate that something went wrong with the timing of the Austro-German operations for the relief of Cracow and that General Dimitrieff, formerly Bulgarian minister at Petrograd and now in command of Russian forces in Southern Poland, has been able to inflict a sharp reverse on the Teutonic forces by repulsing the individual armies before they had time to concentrate. This situation is not borne out by the German and Austrian official statements, and the Russians officially admit they are meeting with stubborn resistance in West Galicia.

German Front Is Pierced.

Russian military observers contend that the Germans in withdrawing before partial successes of the Russians along the battlefield to the north of Warsaw are following their well known tactics of delaying the advance of their opponents as long as possible by holding each successive trench until it becomes untenable. Reports reaching Petrograd, however, indicate that the German front has been pierced at least on two points between Ciechanow and Przasnysz, which has resulted in severing communication between the German columns.

A German repulse here, military critics say, will be more significant as a strategic advantage than as a decisive factor in the campaign now raging on all sides of Warsaw. It will give the Russian forces operating to the northwest of Warsaw, Russians point out, space in which to maneuver on the right bank of the Vistula their right wing, which hitherto has been cramped by the falling back of their own troops upon the Polish capital.

In the Western Arena.

In France and Belgium, while no general advance has yet been signaled, the steady pressure of the allied armies on the German lines is believed to presage an early general offensive movement. "Continued progress in the direction of the enemy's lines" is becoming so familiar a formula in the French official communications as to lead to expectations of larger operations soon. Reports from French and English sources state that the Germans are being pushed back slowly here and there as if the present operations of the allies are in the nature of testing attacks to ascertain whether the Germans have been weakened by withdrawals of men for the eastern battlefields.

The Germans, who surrounded Ypres a month ago, are still attacking the town. Their onslaught Saturday was particularly violent and they succeeded in capturing a French trench, which the allies recaptured later in the day.

of the East and Central West? Yes, there are good reasons why. The farmers beyond the Rockies grow good stuff. They ship to the Eastern market only the very best. Their second grade produce goes to their local markets and to their canneries and factories. The culls they keep at home. Yet I have not told all the secret of their success. There is another good reason why. And that secret is the key to the whole situation. I hope the farmers and business men of Minnesota will take this key and use it. Here it is: THE FARMERS OF THE WEST ARE ORGANIZED.

Miss Erna Stolzenfeld, a girl without a college education, has been promoted to first assistant bacteriologist in the Milwaukee health department.

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