

# GENERAL BELL ASSAILED BY GENERAL GONZALES

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## MAY PUNISH OHIO TROOPS

"ROUND ROBIN" INQUIRY BY GENERAL BELL HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

## REPORT IS READY

The Finding of the Special Commissioner Is Expected to Be Announced Today—Five Hundred Men Involved.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Action upon the cases of the 500 Ohio Guardsmen for breach of military regulations for mailing the "round robin" to Ohio newspapers, protesting against a longer stay on the border because of camp conditions and food supplies, today awaited the report of the commissioner investigating the affair by order of Gen. Bell.

Major W. J. of General Bell's staff went into the Ohio camp today to continue an investigation to ascertain if there are grounds for such complaint. It is expected that Maj. Ely's report will be made some time during the day.

After inspecting the quality, amount and preparation of guardsmen rations and camp conditions Maj. Ely went into the tents and talked with the men who signed the protest. The names of all the signers, known as the "round robin" came into possession of the military authorities when intercepted in the mails and were returned to the signers. In most cases the guards admitted signing the protest and gave reasons for such action.

Man Killed By Automobile.

WACO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Parker M. Linville, aged about 36 years, was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon on Bosque Boulevard in Northwest Waco when he was struck by an automobile, owned and driven by H. H. Shear, president of the Shear company, and a prominent business man.

Don't try to make everybody love you; it simply can't be done.

## TEN MILLION BALES GINNED

COTTON GINNED FROM 1915 CROP PRIOR TO DECEMBER 13 WAS 10,845,989 BALES.

## ABOVE LAST YEAR

These Figures Show an Increase of 479,680 Bales Over the Same Time Last Year—Texas Also Shows Increase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned from the crop of 1915 prior to December 13 amounted to 10,845,989 bales, against 10,366,309 bales in 1915, the census bureau reported today.

Of this amount, 183,403 round bales were included, against 100,925 last year. Sea Island cotton included amounted to 110,448 bales, against 84,110 bales in 1915.

The amount ginned in Texas was 3,485,526 bales.

Ginnings by other states is as follows:

Alabama, 531,076; Arkansas, 1,045,582; California, 23,671; Florida, 49,343; Georgia, 1,780,490; Louisiana, 432,832; Mississippi, 763,283; Missouri, 54,276; North Carolina, 618,946; Oklahoma, 782,813; South Carolina, 894,090; Tennessee, 348,656; Virginia, 25,333; all other states, 10,073.

Sea Island ginnings by states were: Florida, 34,728; Georgia, 73,395; South Carolina, 2,325.

## BODY OF AN UNKNOWN MAN FOUND IN RIVER

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 20.—The body of a man whose name was not learned was found in the San Antonio river near Houston street bridge. The police are investigating.

## GROCER'S BODY PIERCED IN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 20.—The accidental discharge of a 44-caliber pistol nearly cost William Tisinger, proprietor of a grocery store at 3603 Washington avenue, his life at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The bullet entered Mr. Tisinger's chest three inches above his heart and took an upward course, making its exit under the left shoulder blade. The wound is not considered dangerous unless complications set in.

## CONTINUE THE HAMMERING ON PRICES OF COTTON

PRICE DECLINES 19 TO 37 POINTS ON THE OPENING OF THE EXCHANGE TODAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The hammering which sent cotton down nearly four dollars a bale on some months yesterday was resumed at the opening of the exchange today. Prices dropped 19 to 37 points. February sold at 16.80, off nearly two dollars a bale. At 17.35 July was off one dollar a bale.

## TEUTON TROOPS IN IGNORANCE

MEN IN TRENCHES KNOW NOTHING ABOUT GERMANY'S 'PEACE OFFER.'

## MORALE IS BROKEN

Continuous British Bombardment of German Lines Having Telling Effect on Spirit of the Troops.

By William Philip Simms.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 18.—(Delayed).—Despite the Kaiser's order of the day to his armies, the British believe that the bulk of the German troops are still ignorant of the emperor's peace proposals.

Several prisoners, who were recently captured by the British troops, professed absolute ignorance on the subject. Only one non-commissioned officer admitted that he knew of the proposals. In a similar fashion it has been ascertained that General von Hindenberg is dissatisfied with the way things are going on the western front. The increased German artillery fire and aerial activity during the past few weeks is apparently the result of his orders to prevent, if possible, the continual fire from the British guns. Seemingly this continuous bombardment is telling on the spirits of the German troops. Hindenberg also issued orders to German airmen to try to check the constant hovering over the German lines by allied aviators and their frequent raids far behind the German lines.

The British troops are filled with admiration over the French allies' smashes at Verdun, citing this as a splendid answer to Germany's peace proffer.

## FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO PROBE PRICES

ALLEGED FOOD PRICE CONSPIRACIES TO BE INVESTIGATED AT DALLAS.

Federal Grand Jury Will Convene There January 8—District Attorney Confers With Special Agent.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—The federal grand jury to be convened here in January is expected to take action on alleged combinations to fix food prices.

W. E. Allen, United States district attorney, came here from Ft. Worth today and is expected to confer soon with F. M. Spencer, special agent of the department of justice, who has been conducting an extensive investigation here.

## HARRISON CASE IS REVERSED

FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD BRIDE GIVEN A NEW TRIAL ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER.

## GROUND FOR ACTION

Court of Criminal Appeals Held That Trial Court Had No Right to Offer Testimony Attacking Defendant's Character.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 20.—The case of Katherine Harrison, the 15-year-old bride who was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for shooting and killing W. L. Warren, aged hotel proprietor of Fort Worth, on December 22, 1915, was today reversed by the court of criminal appeals and remanded for a new trial.

The girl testified in the trial of the case at Fort Worth that she shot and killed Warren because he had wronged her more than a year before the killing. The case was reversed on the ground that the state was permitted to introduce testimony touching the defendant's character when she had not made this a specific issue. The court held that the state had no right to do this inasmuch as no character witnesses were used by the defense.

Warren was shot while riding with Mrs. Harrison and her young husband, Charles Harrison, in the latter's auto on the night of December 22, 1915. The body was found the next day in a deserted field. The murder remained a mystery several months and when Mrs. Harrison finally confessed the police believed they had the crime fastened on a man who was said to have been jealous of Warren's alleged attentions to his wife. The confession followed the breaking down of a girl chum of Mrs. Harrison—the only other person besides the Harrisons who knew the facts.

Mrs. Harrison had never gone to prison, having been released on bond pending the result of her appeal.

## STOCK MARKET OPENED WITH A STRONG TREND

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The stock market opened today with a general strong trend following Lloyd George's speech before the house of commons reflecting confidence among the traders. Although the general tone is good the approval of the bolshavists is restricting trading to some extent.

## NEXT MOVE IS UP TO GERMANY

SHE CAN NOW TAKE TERMS SUBMITTED BY THE ALLIES OR LEAVE THEM ALONE.

## THE BRITISH VIEW

This Is the Interpretation Placed by the British Public on Lloyd George's Speech in Commons Yesterday.

By Ed L. Keen.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—"Here are our terms; take them or leave them. It is your move—but don't come again in the role of a victor."

This is the view of the British public after it had digested Premier Lloyd George's speech in commons yesterday. The public's interpretation of the speech is that the premier has furnished Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg with an opportunity to demonstrate his sincerity. If Germany desires to continue the argument now she knows how to go about it. Not the slightest opposition was manifested toward Lloyd George's plan for a universal service and civil mobilization, thus moulding the nation into an army behind an army. The press and the man in the street reflected the universal sentiment—"the country is with Lloyd George; what does he want us to do?"

Impending nationalization of shipping and mines has been anticipated for some time and the Welsh miners alone objected to nationalization in their field. The taking over of shipping by the government likewise has been expressed that commerce has long been the target of measures by those seeking to cut down war profits. Everywhere the new plans were regarded as "out Germanizing the German plans" in concentrated, communized effort to swing all England's resources into the war.

The Daily Mail under caption of "Lloyd-George Acts" today says: "We have had to fear more in the past because of carelessness and easy-going optimism of the government. When we see how much work has already been done and will be done in a few days by a cabinet which knows its own mind, we feel that no apologies are due from the Daily Mail."

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## GOAL DEALERS ASK FOR FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

DECLARE THAT THE SHORTAGE EXTENDS FROM NEW ENGLAND TO ROCKIES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Coal dealers here, maintaining that the coal shortage is national in scope, are preparing to ask the federal trade commission to conduct an investigation. They declare that the shortage extends from New England to the Rockies. A protest was made against local and state investigations.

While the house and senate military affairs committee heard high army, war department and civilian officials, the house naval committee heard more expert advice regarding more adequate defense for the United States because of insufficient sea forces.

## THE WAR WILL BE ETERNAL

WILL CONTINUE UNTIL GERMANY TERMINATES IT IF ALLIES REJECT PEACE

## FIGHT TO FINISH

According to the German View the Allies Will Never Conquer. Comment on Premier's Speech.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20.—"If Premier Lloyd-George means to postpone peace until the allies conquer the war will be eternal, unless the German armies succeed in terminating it at an earlier date," said the Lokale Anzeiger today, according to Berlin dispatches. "The phrase 'reparation' is completely valueless."

The Tageblatt observes that "Lloyd-George's speech is apparently composed of a candid prescription on one hand—and on the other."

"Lloyd-George's assertion that whoever wants to prolong the war is criminal implies a strong self-condemnation if England rejects peace negotiations," the Voerworst asserted.

## BUFFALO BILL IS REPORTED TO BE SERIOUSLY ILL

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), who was suddenly taken ill a few days ago, was reported much better today, but he is not yet entirely out of danger.

## INDEPENDENT OIL IS ADVANCING IN PRICE

THE SINCLAIR COMPANY ADDS TO THE PROSPERITY OF OIL MEN.

Refiners See in This Action the End of Standard Oil Domination in Oklahoma Oil Fields.

TULSA, Oklahoma, Dec. 20.—The Sinclair Oil and Gas Company today added to the prosperity of oil men in the Mid-Continent field when an advance of ten cents a barrel was announced, making the price of crude \$1.30 a barrel. The Sinclair company is the youngest and also the largest independent corporation operating in the Mid-Continent field.

Independent refiners point to the fact that the advance by the independent company actually means the end of Standard Oil domination in the Oklahoma field.

Read the Light—get all the news.

# HOUSES BODILY REMOVED FROM THEIR LOCATIONS

## DRY NATION PART DEFENSE

CRUSHING OF 'SALOON URGED AS PART OF THE PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM.

## TAKING TESTIMONY

Three Committees Are at Work Taking Testimony Regarding National Defense Plans—Hope to Evolve System.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The three big congressional hearings out of which it is hoped some new "and more efficient" system of national defense will be evolved continued their work of taking testimony today.

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Congressman Webb of North Carolina, offerer of the nation wide dry bill, said he would urge its immediate passage on the grounds that no nation is prepared against possible attack from a foreign foe until the sale of intoxicants is prohibited. He declared the crushing of the saloon ought to be a part of the preparedness program. He said: "Any kind of military preparedness is necessarily bound up in physical and bodily preparedness. Warriors of Europe have rules that could not be successful under the old conditions. Early during the great European war England, Russia and France were quick to declare against intoxicants."

The navy department bureau chief appeared before the house naval committee today. The increase in cost of building battleships during the last two years must be shown the departmental heads.

National Guard officers will be given an opportunity to present their side of the question of universal military training.

## ALLIED TERMS ONLY A BLUFF

THAT IS THE WAY GERMANY REGARDS STATEMENTS OF ALLIED STATESMEN.

## REALLY WANT PEACE

The German View of Lloyd-George's Speech Is That the Allies Are Anxious for Peace—Berlin Not Pessimistic.

By Karl W. Ackerman.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Speeches by British, French and Russian statesmen are regarded by Germany as a bluff to impress Berlin with the entente's determination. They are really anxious for peace.

Following Premier Lloyd-George's answer to Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg's peace offer in his speech yesterday this view is reflected in all walks of life. Berlin is not pessimistic over the desire expressed in the London statement, added to the previous statements of Paris and Petrograd, that the allies are determined to continue the war until its object is attained. Officials coincide with this view. One official said that no belligerent will ever ask a neutral nation to begin peace negotiations, but such a step by a neutral would not be regarded as unfriendly to the Central powers. The public mind is such, he added, that American interference now would not be welcomed.

## A BIG THEFT IS UNCOVERED

THREE RESIDENCES STOLEN FIVE YEARS AGO HAVE NEVER BEEN FOUND.

## REMOVE FROM LOTS

The Houses Were the Property of a New York Woman and Were Stolen from Sales and Gillespie Streets in Dallas.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 20.—The most colossal theft in all the Dallas police annals was uncovered today. Some time back in 1911 somebody swiped three residences belonging to Mary S. Baldwin of New York City. The houses were removed bodily from Sales and Gillespie streets, and according to facts disclosed today no one knows where they went.

The authorities were apprised of this fact when M. B. Shannon presented a petition to the commission asking that body to refund to Mrs. Baldwin \$127.00 paid as taxes on improvements which ceased to exist in 1911.

Dallas sleuths are busy today polishing their magnifying glasses making ready to start out in search of the missing houses.

## CREW OF SCHOONER WAS PROBABLY LOST

CREW OF SCHOONER ... TWO BODIES FROM THE AMERICAN VESSEL WILLIAM MASON WASHED ASHORE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—The bodies of two of the crew of the American schooner William Mason, washed ashore here, are believed to indicate that Captain Patterson and his crew of six perished in a storm last week. The schooner was bound from Perth Amboy, New Jersey, to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

## FACTORY EMPLOYEES GET CHRISTMAS BONUS

HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY SHOE COMPANY.

Large Milling Company, With Branch in Dallas, to Give Month's Salary and Turkey As Christmas Bonus.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—More than \$150,000 will be distributed among employees of the International Shoe company, it was announced today. The employees of St. Louis factories will receive weekly bonuses. Those at other cities will receive a Christmas bonus Saturday.

The employees of the Stander-Tilton Milling company will receive a month's salary and a turkey as a Christmas bonus. Employees at Dallas, Texas, and Alton, Jerseyville and Rockbridge, Illinois, will share in the distribution.

## THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS NOT GIVEN A CHANCE

GIVEN POLICE DUTY ON BORDER WITH VIEW TO ITS DISINTEGRATION.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—That the national guards have been kept on discouraging police duty along the border with premeditated view of causing its disintegration, was the charge made by Congressman Anthony of Kansas today while Chief of Staff General Scott was being cross-examined before the house military committee.