

## BELGIAN PROBLEM IS GROWING GRAVER

Number to Be Fed Increased by Return of Refugees From Southern Holland.

## WINTER SUFFERING KEEN

Arrivals From Antwerp Say Germans Are Willing to Give Work but Pay in Paper That Will Not Buy Food.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—"The population of Belgium which must be fed during the winter probably will be many thousands more than seemed likely a short time ago."

This is the conclusion reached by a special commissioner delegated by the American commission for the relief of Belgium to make an investigation. The commissioner sent a telegraphic report from Rotterdam today to Herbert Clark Hoover, chairman of the American commission.

Speaking of the Belgian refugees in the south of Holland, the commissioner said large numbers, most of whom belonged to the agricultural element, had returned to Belgium or were going to return, with the result that there would be an enormous addition to the starving population, as it is impossible to get work. At Bergen-op-Zoom there are 3000 refugees living in tents. Most of the tents shelter two families. With the ground like a quagmire and the cold almost unbearable, the refugees sit huddled about a small fire by day and sleep on straw at night.

"One tent contained two men, their wives and a couple of children," the report said. "One of the women was expecting to become a mother in two or three days."

Recent arrivals from Antwerp admitted that the Germans were ready to give them work, but added:

"They pay us with pieces of paper, telling us that some day it will be good money; but it will not buy food."

Refugees from small villages where the American commission has not yet been able to relieve said the places had been cleared of food by the Germans, who also had requisitioned all the cattle, so that actual starvation faced the people remaining at home.

## PRINCETON TO STUDY BELGIUM

Dean of Institution Commissioned to Visit War Zone.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 27.—At the suggestion of President Hibben and with the official sanction of Princeton University, Professor Howard McClenahan, dean of the college, will sail Saturday for Europe to investigate the condition of Belgian refugees. Because of uncertainty in reports and with a desire to have the most efficient means, a number of alumni and friends of Princeton have made the investigation possible.

Dean McClenahan first will visit Cambridge, Oxford and the various institutions in England that are sheltering Belgians. From England he expects to visit Paris and go from there to Belgium.

In discussing Professor McClenahan's trip, President Hibben said tonight:

"Dean McClenahan will sail on his unique mission by the Lusitania on December 6 and will be away for two months. His trip will be merely to satisfy the curiosity of the American people. The friends of Princeton who have given him the commission wish to secure for the university and this country information as to the advisability of sending food, clothing or money and what quantities they actually need. They have also asked for a report on the physical condition of the people and the economic advantages or disadvantages of transporting Belgian refugees to this country."

## STOLEN DIAMONDS FOUND

Spokane Youth Says He Got Loot From Man in Minneapolis Jail.

SPOKANE, Nov. 27.—Thirty-seven diamonds, stolen from a jewelry salesman in Minneapolis, in October, were found buried under rocks near the Northern Pacific depot here today by detectives. Howard Lyons, who recently came here from Minneapolis to live with an uncle, a large railroad contractor, told the detectives he buried the diamonds under the rocks.

Lyons, according to the detectives, said he received the diamonds from D. Hunter, who later went to a Minneapolis jail, charged with theft of the diamonds, which are valued at \$2500.

## PRESIDENT IS RETURNING

Thanksgiving Vacation to Be Followed by Official Work.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., Nov. 27.—President Wilson brought his Thanksgiving visit here to a close today, leaving in time to reach Washington at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow. As soon as he arrives at the capital Mr. Wilson will plunge into work, completing his message to Congress and conferring with Congressional leaders on the legislative program for the next session. A large crowd of Williams College students braved a cold wind to bid the President farewell, cheering him lustily as his train pulled out.

## BRITAIN STILL CONFIDENT

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shown an enormous superiority of gun power.

"We have lost none; Germany has lost eight or 10," the speaker said.

The economic pressure on Germany, Mr. Churchill said, continued to develop in a healthy and satisfactory manner. Hundreds of ships of more than 300 tons burden entered and left the ports of the United Kingdom daily, while a deficiency in the commodities necessary for munitions of war, the speaker added, was beginning to make itself felt in the enemy's military organization.

## Naval Losses Compared.

Of the older armored cruisers, the First Lord said, Great Britain had lost six and Germany two. At the beginning of the war Great Britain had 26 light, modern cruisers to Germany's 25. Great Britain had lost two and Germany had lost or had interned a quarter of her number, while Great Britain since the beginning of the war had added as many light cruisers as Germany had lost. Mr. Churchill declared that the maximum reinforcements which Germany could receive at the end of the year 1915 was three capital ships, while the strength of the British

fleet in that period would be increased by 15 ships. He added:

"We can afford to lose a superdreadnought every month for 12 months without a single loss to the enemy, and yet be in as good a position of superiority as we were on the outbreak of the war."

## German Cruisers Still Held Back.

Mr. Churchill said there had been some danger of the escape to the high seas of fast liners equipped with guns for commerce destruction, but that that danger up to the present had been successfully surmounted.

Another peril was the danger from mines. The enemy had adopted methods which before the outbreak of the war it was not thought would be practiced by any civilized power, and Mr. Churchill said he was glad to tell the House that, although Great Britain had suffered losses from mines, the danger from them had been and still was being effectively resisted and controlled by measures taken by the navy.

Submarines, the First Lord of the Admiralty asserted, had introduced entirely novel conditions in naval warfare. The freedom of movement which formerly belonged to the stronger power was restricted in narrow waters by the development of submarines.

It was necessary for the safety of this country, he said, that the fleet should move with freedom and hardihood, though anxiety must always be known today.

Mr. Churchill remarked that the British power in submarines was much greater than that of the enemy. The only trouble was that the British vessels so seldom had a target to attack.

## AIR RAIDS DEPRECATED

WILSON'S DISAPPROVAL COMMUNICATED UNOFFICIALLY.

Course Taken Nearly Two Months Ago Becomes Known—Specific Violations Not Mentioned.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—It became known today that President Wilson nearly two months ago communicated unofficially to United States diplomats in the belligerent countries of Europe his disapproval of attacks by air craft with bombs on unprotected cities.

Just how the American diplomats abroad were to convey President Wilson's feeling in the matter to the foreign governments was not disclosed, as White House officials, in the absence of the President, declined to discuss the subject.

It is believed here, however, that the President called attention to the article in The Hague convention of 1907, to which all the principal belligerents are signatory, which provides for notice of 24 hours before bombardment or attack, in order that noncombatants remove themselves from the danger zone.

It is not believed that the President mentioned any specific violation, but that he expressed his views on the general subject of aerial attack. Through the unofficial character of the communication, it was intended by the President to bring about a better understanding about aerial warfare without actually involving the American Government in the matter.

It is supposed that the American diplomats used their good offices, consequently, in a personal way with the belligerent governments, without perhaps even mentioning the fact that they were doing so at the request of the President, as such methods of obtaining a desired end are not unusual in diplomacy.

## TENNESSEE TARIFF BLAMED

HELMSMAN INDIFFERENT TO DANGER, SAYS TURKS.

Blank Shots Also Declared Ignored, While Third Sends Shell, but Not Near Launch.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The Turkish commander of the forts at Smyrna lays all responsibility for the firing upon the cruiser Tennessee's launch "to the indifference of the helmsman of the launch," who, it is said, did not heed warnings of the presence of mines.

Secretary Bryan issued today a supplemental statement on the Tennessee incident, based upon the latest communication from the Turkish minister of War to Ambassador Morgenthau in Constantinople.

"The War Minister's report," it said, "states that he ascertained from the commander of Smyrna that two blank shots of warning were first fired and that the sentinel, after waiting two minutes, was obliged to fire the third shot in another direction from that of the launch, which latter shot was merely to prevent the helmsman of the launch from holding his course, which would lead directly on to the mines at the entrance of the port, and to rescue him from a very certain danger. The commander of Smyrna expresses very great regret that such an obligation was presented to the sentinel of the port, which he attributed to the indifference of the helmsman of the launch."

## HAWAIIAN MOUNT ACTIVE

MAUNA LOA CRATER, ONE OF BIGGEST IN WORLD, BELCHES LAVA.

Islands' Most Spectacular Volcano, Long Thought Extinct, Suddenly Becomes Restless.

HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 27.—Mokuweewe, the great summit crater of Mauna Loa, the most spectacular of Hawaiian volcanoes, is again in eruption. During a period of quietness it was believed to have become extinct. Lava is rolling down the mountain.

Mokuweewe crowns the huge, bald dome of Mauna Loa at an altitude of 13,600 feet. Its diameter of 12,400 feet, and its circumference of 40 miles, makes it one of the largest craters in the world.

Farther down the flank of the mountain is the crater Kilauea, at an altitude of 4,000 feet, which is in a perpetual state of sub-acute activity.

The eruptions of Mauna Loa in past years have been distinguished for the quantity of lava discharged, rather than for violence or damage done. The present outpouring can do no damage until it reaches the timber line, 4000 feet below the lip of the crater.

## Second Fatality From Race Occurs.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 27.—Z. D. Kelley, of Savannah, one of the participants in the 300-mile motorcycle race over the Grand Prize racecourse here yesterday, died early today from injuries received when his machine struck a tree. This was the second fatality. Gray Sloop, of Mooresville, N. C., was instantly killed yesterday during the race.

## NEWS THIEF CAUGHT

New York Telegraph Operator, Arrested, Confesses.

## CRYPTOGRAM TRAP IS SET

Small News Agencies Dependent on Robbery of Associated Press Deprived of Source of Information by Law.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—H. L. Linder, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company, and attached to the office of the New York Globe, was arrested today charged with violating section 552 of the penal law, in that he revealed the contents of a telegraphic message sent out by the Associated Press.

For a long time it has been evident that the dispatches of the Associated Press were being systematically stolen and were redistributed by a number of smaller agencies to their clients. A careful watch was set upon the business, and suspicion pointed to a certain man employed in the office of the Globe, a New York evening paper, as the guilty person. The case was considered by the executive committee of the Associated Press directors at a recent meeting, and a plan was adopted. For the purpose of transmitting the more important news in bulletins, wires connect the central office of the organization at No. 31 Chamber street with the editorial rooms of the various members in New York.

Openly Copies Bulletin. In the office of the Globe these bulletins were copied, surreptitiously, by H. L. Linder, a telegraph operator employed by the Postal Telegraph Company, and repeated to the New York News Bureau, a Wall-street concern. Frequently within two or three minutes after their receipt in the office of the Globe, they appeared on the News Bureau's ticker and in the report of the International News Service, the Central News of America and other minor organizations.

For the purpose of trapping the wire-tappers the following dispatch was prepared: "Bulletin EOS, Petrograd, Nov. 27.—The Russian dreadnought Filba, formerly the Ismail, striking a mine in the Gulf of Finland, is a complete loss with 450 lives."

"Add Petrograd, under dash, loss of Filba.—The Ismail was one of four Baltic dreadnoughts laid down at the Kronstadt yard in 1904. She had a displacement of 23,000 tons and carried nine 14-inch guns and 25-inch."

The short bulletin wire to the Globe office was detached from the main wire which included the other New York evening newspapers, members of the Associated Press, so that the message should go to the Globe alone. As anticipated, the dispatch instantly appeared upon the ticker and not long after was printed in the papers served by other news agencies in different parts of the country. As soon as this was done, and before it appeared in any issue of the Globe, a notice to "kill" was sent out, and the telegram thereafter, at no time reached the public as from the Associated Press.

The word "Filba" was cryptic. Substituting for the initial consonant the consonant following it in the alphabet and for the two vowels the vowels following in the alphabet Filba became Globe. Thus the culprits were left no chance for escape. The telegram was identified beyond question and its source made plain. The telegraph operator was arrested and made a full confession. He was arraigned this afternoon before Magistrate F. B. House and held in \$5000 bail for a hearing on December 1.

Detective Watches Bureau. In order to observe the methods of the New York News Bureau a trusted Pinkerton operator was employed and established himself as an investment broker, "Mr. R. D. Smith," at an office at No. 366 Broadway. He fitted his office carefully with a safe and appropriate furniture and installed one of the New York News Bureau tickers.

Employees of the Associated Press were assigned to watch the tickers with great care and to time each dispatch. During a period covering several weeks it was observed that the dispatches of the Associated Press were constantly repeated upon the ticker within five or 10 minutes after they were sent out by the Associated Press. The New York News Bureau is not a member of the Associated Press and is not entitled to its service.

## WRECK SKIPPER CITED

NEGLECTANCE IS CHARGE AGAINST CAPTAIN OF LOST VESSEL.

Hanalei Master Took No Soundings for Some Time Before Fatal Crash, Testifies One Witness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—As the result of a preliminary inquiry into the causes of the wreck of the steamer Hanalei, which was concluded here today, Captain J. J. Carey, master of the Hanalei, was summoned to appear before Joseph Dolan, inspector of steam and sailing vessels, next Monday, for trial on charges of negligence and unskillfulness.

The Hanalei struck on Duxbury reef November 23 and went to pieces early the following day. More than 20 lives were lost. At the time of the crash Captain Carey was not on the bridge, and according to the testimony given today by Seaman Oscar Brandt, no soundings had been taken for some time previous to the impact. These points are the ones on which inspectors Dolan and Guthrie based the charges made today against Captain Carey, and the ones he will be asked to explain at his trial next Monday.

Captain Carey was not present at today's inquiry, not having recuperated from mental and physical shock incurred during the wreck of his vessel. Testimony was taken from several survivors of the disaster. The inquiry was held behind closed doors.

## POLES ARE ORGANIZING

Preparations Being Made for Change in National Life.

WARSAW, Russia, Nov. 27, via London.—Organization of a Polish National Council is announced in a proclamation published today in Polish newspapers.

The proclamation, signed by the most prominent Polish politicians, says the object of the council will be to prepare the people for changes in their national life in the event of the reorganization of Russia's promise, made in the name of Grand Duke Nicholas, that the dismembered parts of Poland should be reunited.



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## SHOOTING IS UPHELD

Guards Wounding German Prisoners Are Exonerated.

## RIOT HELD RESULT OF PLOT

Guns Used Only After War Captives Attacked Them, Testify Officers

In Great Britain's Camp of Isle of Man.

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man, via London, Nov. 27.—A coroner's jury today decided that the shooting of several German prisoners of war during the riot in the Isle of Man detention camp last week was justified.

Colonel Madoc, camp commandant, testified he thought the riot was prearranged. The trouble occurred in the dining-room and the commandant said a red hand made of cardboard was placed on the dining-room table during dinner and that a chair was thrown through a window. The guards fired on the prisoners, who advanced on them, throwing missiles. The soldiers were unable to use their bayonets, and in the opinion of Colonel Madoc they were justified in firing.

A diary, said to have been kept by one of the prisoners, showed that a hunger strike had been talked of and that one of the prisoners now under arrest had been going about stirring up trouble.

Colonel Madoc read an entry from his own diary, which he said was made on November 15 by Chandler Hale, who is attached to the American legation in London as special secretary, as follows:

"I visited the Douglas aliens' camp this day and found conditions satisfactory."

In an appalling state of chaos, the Colonel continued, the place being practically wrecked. The guards were attacked on all sides by the hostile aliens.

Douglas Blackburn, the guard who fired the first shot in the riot, testified that he did so when he saw one of the aliens about to strike another guard on the head with a chair. He said he feared that if the prisoners got possession of a rifle the situation would become acute.

Other guards testified that they withheld their fire until they had been cut about the faces and hands.

tralia editor, has been named for Mayor; Foster Hovies and Grant Packard for Councilmen, and J. M. Boyles for Treasurer.

The people's ticket is composed of F. R. Benefiel for Mayor; T. G. Patterson and Grant Packard for Councilmen; and J. M. Alger for Treasurer. Packard being named on both tickets.

## BROTHER SEES SISTER AFTER 40 YEARS.

MIDVALE, Idaho, Nov. 27.—(Special.) John H. Clark, who lives near Emmett, Idaho, met his sister, Mrs. H. Isabella Jenks, of Hendricks, Idaho, at the home of Mrs. Jenks' daughter, Mrs. James Cole, of Midvale, Idaho, after a separation of more than 40 years. Mr. Clark and his sister had crossed the

plains with their father in 1866, going first to Puget Sound via Portland in Captain Bean's train. They are endeavoring to locate any members of the party who survive.

Two Hurt by Revolver Shot. WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—When Harold Simon and Harold Pochel were hunting in East Wenatchee Wednesday they were met by Lyman Dyer, who drew a revolver from his pocket and discharged it by accident. The bullet went through the fleshy part of his own hand and also through the hand of Harold Simon. The latter is suffering from a painful wound.

Centralia tickets named George Dew and F. R. Benefiel Picked to Run for Mayor.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Two complete tickets have been nominated for the town election to be held in Toledo December 8. On the citizens' ticket George Dew, editor of the Toledo Messenger and an ex-Cen-

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