

## SIEGE OF BRITAIN BY SEA IS PLANNED

### Germany to Give Notice to Neutrals.

## 30 SUBMARINES ARE READY

### Each to Be Held Responsible for Specified Zone.

## ALL SHIPS TO BE HAILED

### Entente Vessels Will Be Sunk Regardless, and Others That Carry Contraband—No Quarter to Armed Merchantmen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Germany will declare a deep sea barrier around the British Isles, beginning February 1. This news is brought to New York by four passengers arriving from British and Baltic ports on the Philadelphia, of the American, and the Baltic, of the White Star Line, today, gave the same version of the new plans of the German Admiralty.

The deep sea barrier will be patrolled by 30 submarines of the latest type, all of which have been launched in the past two months and are capable of a 600-mile cruising radius, according to three Americans, travelers from Germany.

### Neutrals Will Be Warned.

A note will be sent by the central powers to all neutral nations, warning them of Germany's decision, similar to the note sent to the United States, 1915, which received Mr. Wilson's famous reply in return demanding strict accountability from Germany for any American life placed in jeopardy.

This newest "danger zone" is the North channel, which separates Ireland and Scotland, the carrying channel, between England and Ireland, and the entrance to the English Channel.

All allied vessels, whether carrying contraband or not, will be stopped, their crews ordered to take to the ship's boats and the vessel immediately sunk.

### Zones Allotted to U-boats.

The submarines which will patrol this newest zone have a speed of 18 knots on the surface and 12 knots submerged, it was said by the Americans, who asserted that they had the highest German authority on this statement. Each submarine will operate in a 10-mile radius, and will be held responsible for any allied merchant vessel which slips past into an allied port.

Each submarine is to be equipped with six torpedo tubes, two rapid-fire guns mounted fore and aft, bomb-laying chambers and a large supply of bombs, mines and grenades. They will carry sufficient provisions to last five weeks without recharging.

In the case of neutral vessels' passage through the war zone their cargoes will be examined as previously and, if they are carrying contraband, they, too, will be sunk, their crews first having taken to the lifeboats.

### Food to Be Made Contraband.

It is understood that Germany is preparing a new list of contraband articles, which will be in effect as soon as the new note is sent to neutrals. It is believed that large quantities of food-stuffs, as well as other necessities of life, will appear on this new contraband list.

Allied merchantmen similar to the British steamer Aberleau, which sailed Friday for Southampton via Halifax, with a steel gun turret, to have a six-inch gun turret for offensive, as well as defensive, warfare, will be considered as an armed cruiser and will be sunk on sight, it is said. The question of arming merchant vessels for attack is thus made a greater question at issue.

## PALESTINE DOCTORS DYING

### Some Villages Lose Last Medical Men in Epidemic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Cholera and typhus have claimed so many victims among the physicians who have been fighting these epidemics in Palestine that some of the villages have lost their last medical men and in other cities few physicians remain to cope with the situation, according to a statement made public here tonight by Hadasah, the women's Zionist organization in America.

The conditions in Palestine were described in an appeal for \$75,000 to equip and support for one year a medical unit to be dispatched to the afflicted country without delay.

## FRANCE TO LIMIT SUGAR

### Confectionery Shops Also Required to Close Two Days a Week.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Sugar cards are to be instituted in France. Their introduction into Paris, the Department of the Seine, will be accompanied by a census with a view of making the measure effectual.

The government also has decided that after February 1 all confectionery establishments must close Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, except holidays. On these two days, the consumption is strictly forbidden of cakes, tarts and candies in confectionery and bread shops, hotels, cafes and groceries.

## BRITISH MAY LEASE SHIPS OF GREECE

### PROPOSAL SERIOUSLY DEBATED BY ATHENS CABINET.

### Coal and Insurance Strong Factors in Inducing Decision—Removal of Troops Continues.

ATHENS, Saturday, Jan. 20, via London, Jan. 21.—The Cabinet today discussed at length a British proposal to lease the Greek merchant marine. It was decided to take measures to assure the retention of the number of ships necessary to provide the food-stuffs which Greece requires.

According to a high official, two considerations already have put Greek shipowners in the hands of the entente, namely, coal and insurance.

The latter, it was pointed out, might be secured in the United States, but the former, according to this authority, was sufficient to induce owners to accede to the proposals of Great Britain.

ATHENS, via London, Jan. 21.—The removal of Greek troops and war material to the Peloponnese continues. It is believed the transportation of artillery will be completed next week, when the blockade can be lifted.

The entire transfer will be finished in a fortnight, according to present indications.

## AUTO HITS CLARA STETZEL

### Little Girl Bruised and Cut About Face, but Not Badly Hurt.

Clara Stetzel, aged 6 years, who lives at 1140 East Twenty-third street North, was struck by an auto driven by Frank Pugh, 553 East Twenty-fourth street North, at East Twenty-third and Alberta streets, last night. Mr. Pugh took the girl to the office of Dr. L. A. McCabe, in Alberta, where her injuries were attended. She was not badly hurt, being bruised and suffering cuts about the face.

The driver of the machine went promptly to the police station and reported the accident. He said the girl stepped in front of the approaching machine.

## DRYS IN MEXICO JUBILANT

### Measure Putting Liquor in Federal Control Lauded.

QUERETARO, Mex., Jan. 21.—The adoption by the constitutional assembly of a measure placing the control of the manufacture and sale of alcohol in the hands of the federal department of health was discussed widely here today. Many declared it was a victory for those advocating the restriction or the prohibition of the sale of liquor.

The article declares that measures taken by the department of health against alcohol or the sale of "substances which poison individuals" may be within the scope of the powers of Congress and shall be reviewed later by that body.

## HIGHER PAY ASKED FOR

### Postoffice Employees Adopt Resolutions Petitioning Congress.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Postoffice clerks and mail-carriers representing their respective National organizations in a meeting here today passed resolutions petitioning members of Congress to hasten the passage of the Madden bill, which would create \$100 as the initial and \$150 as the maximum salaries of postoffice clerks and carriers in lieu of the \$800 initial and \$1200 maximum salaries now in force.

The resolutions carried a preamble to the effect that the present high cost of food and clothing made it practically a necessity for the increases in salaries provided for in the Madden bill.

## HOSPITAL SELLS POTATOES

### Oregon State Institution Clears \$2800 From Vacant Lots.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Superintendent Steiner, of the Oregon State Hospital, has completed a deal with a local produce house whereby he has announced the sale of 2500 potatoes at \$1.12 a bushel, or a total of \$2800.

Most of the potatoes were grown on vacant lots, owned in various parts of Salem by private individuals.

The sale is clear money to the State, labor of inmates being used. The potatoes will be shipped to Oklahoma.

## COTTON RISKS INCREASED

### Raiders' Activities Result in Sharp Advance in Insurance.

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 21.—An increase of 50 per cent in war risk rates on cotton on American ports in British bottoms was announced today by the British government, according to advices received by a local insurance firm.

The rate now is 3.45 per cent. Activities of German raiders is said to be the direct cause of the advance.

## NUDE BARRED FROM FILMS

### Producing Companies of National Association Make Pact.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The nude in motion picture art has come under the ban of the national board of review, it was announced here tonight.

All producing companies that are members of the National Association have agreed, it was said, not to permit the production in their studios of photoplays using such a figure.

## 25,243 GUARDSMEN ARE ORDERED HOME

### Oregon Not Included in Official List.

## EARLY START WILL BE MADE

### More Than 45,000 to Continue on Border Patrol.

## GENERAL RULE FOLLOWED

### Seniority of Service Has Not Always Been Observed, However, Owing to Unequal Weakening of Line on Boundary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—More than 25,000 National Guardsmen, now on the Mexican border, have been designated by Major-General Funston for return home and muster out of the Federal service. All these organizations will be started homeward as soon as transportation facilities can be provided.

Their departure will leave between 45,000 and 50,000 men of the Guard still in the Federal service doing border patrol.

### Pershing's Orders Not Mentioned.

War Department officials continue to withhold comment on reports that the movement of General Pershing's regulars out of Mexico soon will be under way and the statement announcing the guardsmen designated for relief does not connect these orders with the withdrawal plans in any way.

The understanding has been, however, that with the return of the expedition in Mexico and readjustment of the border patrol all of the state troops would be sent home.

### Rule Not Always Followed.

The Department's statement said: "General Funston has selected these organizations chiefly in accordance with the rule of returning first those troops longest in service on the border. To some extent, however, this rule could not be followed without unequal weakening of the border guard and the departures from it are so explained. The total strength of the organizations selected is 25,243."

The guardsmen designated for return and muster, follow:

Arkansas—First Infantry.  
Delaware—Two battalions infantry.  
District of Columbia—Battery B, field artillery.  
Illinois—Brigade headquarters and Third Infantry.  
Indiana—Second Infantry, Ambulance Company No. 2, brigade headquarters.  
Iowa—First Squadron Cavalry, Field Hospital No. 1, Ambulance Company No. 1, brigade headquarters; Third Infantry.  
Kentucky—Second Infantry.  
Louisiana—First Battalion Artillery, Field Hospital No. 1.

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## FIVE HURT WHEN CAR TURNS OVER

### HIGHWAY ACCIDENT CAUSED BY BROKEN STEERING GEAR.

### Victims Only Scratched and After Being Dressed at Hospital Are Able to Go to Their Homes.

Five persons were injured early last night by the overturning of an automobile on the Columbia Highway near Troutdale. All were taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where their injuries were attended and they were sent home later.

The injured were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reed, 507 Blismark street; Miss Alberta Armbruster, 507 Blismark street; Mrs. Marie Cox, 749 East Ninth street; and Frank Maedke, 420 Vancouver avenue.

The accident was caused by the breaking of the steering gear on the automobile, which was driven by Mr. Reed. The car turned on its side, throwing the occupants out on the road. The injured were brought to Portland by Phil Pollack. All escaped with cuts and bruises.

## GIRL, 14, RADIO OPERATOR

### Tacoma Miss Gets Amateur License After Constructing Plant.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The first girl or woman in the Northwest to receive a Federal wireless operating license is little Miss Winnifred Dow, of Tacoma, who is also said to be the second of the feminine sex on the Pacific Coast to receive such a permit.

Miss Dow is 14 years old, and a student at the Visitation Academy. She constructed nearly all of her own wireless set, and is said to have a remarkable understanding of electrical problems. She expects to build a transmitter that will give her station a long sending radius.

Her license is a second-class amateur permit.

## WEATHER IS MODERATING

### Benefit of Cold Spell in Holding Back Buds Seen by Fruitmen.

The recent cold has vanished from the entire Northwest and from Puget Sound to California moderating weather with rain and south winds is prevailing. Yesterday the temperature fluctuated between 36 and 44 in Portland.

The slight cold spell was welcomed generally and especially among fruit-growers who were alarmed at the tendency of trees and other plants to prepare for the budding season. The freezing weather the last 10 days checked the budding impulse of the trees.

## TRAPPERS SAVE 5000 DEER

### Slaughter of Predatory Animals Is Protection to Herd.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Based on the estimates of some of the oldest hunters and trappers, the slaughter of cougars, gray wolves and wild cats in Douglas County last year will have the effect of saving approximately 5000 deer this year.

Trappers estimate that gray wolves and cougars killed an average of 52 deer a year, while wild cats slaughter about half that number.

## PHYSICIAN WHO SAW ARTIST DIE IS FREED

### Police Accept Tragic Story of Suicide.

## YOUNG WOMAN SETS STAGE

### Threat to Kill Compels Attention to Recital.

## RUG LAID FOR PURPOSE

### Limits Within Which Listener Must Stay During Telling of Long Story Is Defined—San Francisco Colony in Mourning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Sorrow filled the local artists' colony today at the tragic death of Betty de Jong, who shot herself Saturday night in her studio in the presence of Dr. William S. Porter.

A cablegram to Miss De Jong's sister, Dr. de Jong, of the Hospital Hotel Dieu in Paris, was sent today by Miss Marguerite Saligne, with whom the artist had been working in the raising of funds for the French wounded. Nothing so far has been heard from any of the young French woman's relatives in Paris.

### Police Inquiry Completed.

The police, it was said today, have virtually completed their investigation in the case and that of Dr. William S. Porter, a prominent physician, of Oakland, who was in the room with Miss de Jong when she shot herself. An autopsy was held, but nothing of importance was revealed.

Dr. Porter was allowed to go to his Oakland home late last night, after several hours of questioning by the police. The physician has steadfastly maintained his relations with the young woman were nothing more than mutual interest in art. Dr. Porter is president of the Alameda County Art Association. He says he became acquainted with Miss de Jong at the time of the Exposition of 1915.

### Doctor's Story Corroborated.

The police said tonight they found in the studio not only complete corroboration of Dr. Porter's story, but evidence Miss de Jong had carefully set the stage for her tragic end. So far as the police is concerned, the case is closed.

From the story told the police it was gathered that when Dr. Porter returned to the studio at 6 o'clock in accordance with a request made by Miss de Jong at the time of her afternoon visit, he found the furniture had been rearranged.

The big chair in which he had posed for his portrait had been moved near the door. Another chair had been placed by itself near the innermost wall of the studio. Under this chair was a rug about eight feet square.

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## BLIZZARD IN EAST IS WORST IN YEARS

### ST. PAUL HAS 15 INCHES OF SNOWFALL IN DAY.

### Freight Service Practically Abandoned and Stockmen Warned to Adopt Safeguards.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 21.—The worst blizzard since 1907 raged over Southern Minnesota, Western Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and Northern Iowa today and continued here tonight with slight signs of abatement. No loss of life has been reported.

Fifteen inches of snow fell here during the day. All railroads running into St. Paul report trains many hours late, and on trains from the South Dakota district indefinite reports are given. Pierre, South Dakota, reports all trains have been cancelled until the storm abates.

Information received here indicate the storm was the heaviest in the South Dakota territory, where telephone and telegraphic communications have been seriously hampered.

A decided fall in temperature is predicted tonight. The coldest here today was 19 degrees above zero.

OMAHA, Jan. 21.—One of the worst storms of the winter gripped Nebraska and Iowa today. Freight traffic has practically been abandoned on all roads in Nebraska and Western Iowa and passenger trains are running hours behind schedule.

A heavy snow fell last night and today and a stiff wind tonight piled it in huge drifts. Temperatures hovered at zero tonight. Warnings to stockmen that "zero temperatures and gales" were coming, it is expected, caused safeguards to be taken against any loss of livestock.

Fifteen to 18 inches of snow has fallen in the western part of Nebraska.

## WOMAN SCARES BURGLAR

### Man Caught Rifling Corbett Building—Offices Put to Flight.

Several offices in the Corbett building, including the office of the H. W. Corbett estate, were ransacked yesterday by a man who was frightened away finally by Mrs. May Edmondson, who surprised him in the Corbett office.

Detectives Abbott and Coyle, who investigated, reported that nothing of great value had been taken.

Mrs. Edmondson surprised the man by entering the Corbett estate office while he was prowling about the rooms. He said he was an electrician, but fled when Mrs. Edmondson insisted that he be searched for by the police. Mrs. Edmondson described the prowler as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, light-complexioned and wearing a dark suit and hat.

## SILENT MARCHERS VIEWED

### Woodmen of the World Go to Central Presbyterian Church.

Without banner or martial music, a silent throng of more than 200 men, women and children last night filed from East Sixth and East Washington streets to East Twelfth street and north on Twelfth street. People threw up their windows and wondered.

The crowd contained Woodmen of the World, Multnomah Camp No. 77, and members of their families on their way from the lodge hall to the Central Presbyterian Church, where Dr. A. F. Bishop addressed them.

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## PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON "BONE DRY" BILL

### Final Meeting Will Be Held Tonight.

## EMERGENCY CLAUSE IS SURE

### House Considers Making Penalty More Severe.

## ACTION WILL BE RUSHED

### Wholesalers to Plead for Certain Exemptions on Alcohol for Medicinal Use—Bill May Be Law February 1.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A public hearing on the Anderson-Eddy "bone-dry" prohibition bill will be held in the House chamber at 8 o'clock tomorrow night under direction of the joint House and Senate committee on alcoholic traffic.

Every one interested in the bill has been invited to attend. It is understood that a delegation of pharmacists and a group of physicians will be here to discuss the sections regarding the sale of pure alcohol.

### Wholesalers Display Interest.

Wholesale and retail grocers also have written in for copies of the bill. The wholesalers are interested in the provisions regulating the importation of alcohol for mechanical purposes.

They use it for the manufacture of extracts, and the measure does not propose to deny them this privilege. It imposes restrictions, however, that will prevent its abuse.

The bill probably will be up for final passage before the end of the week, and will go through the House, bearing the emergency clause, with at least 50 votes. That is certain. It is probable that it will have 64 and possibly 67 votes.

### Emergency Clause Not Opposed.

There is no organized opposition to the emergency clause or to any other important provision of the bill. One or two individual members of the House have made objections to the bill, ostensibly for the reason that it carried the emergency clause, but inasmuch as three measures carrying the emergency clause already have passed the House, two of them by unanimous votes, objections on that point are not taken seriously.

Representative Anderson, who introduced the bill, recently made a partial poll of the House and learned that 48 members will vote for it. He did not get to see all the members, including five or six who, he believes, also will vote affirmatively. All the House leaders are for it.

### Minor Changes Possible.

One of the seven members who voted against the prohibition memorial adopted by the House on the opening day of the session says that he will vote for the "bone-dry" bill. There may be others.

"It is probable that a few minor changes will be made to meet reasonable objections," said Mr. Anderson today, "but those changes will be made by friends of the bill."

Members of the House have received numerous suggestions in the last few days that the penalties for violation of the law are not severe enough. No jail sentence is required for the first illegal importation. It is probable that efforts will be made to change the measure in this particular.

### Shipments May Cease February 1.

Any amendments that are found necessary will be printed early this week, so that the measure can be up for final passage in the House before the end of the week. Inasmuch as the Senate has been voting unanimously on all prohibition questions this session, no delay is expected there.

The emergency clause will make the bill a law as soon as it is signed by the Governor, so it appears likely that shipments under the present law will cease about February 1—but not much before.

## OHIO GUARDSMAN IS KILLED

### Shot Fired as Guardsman Stands at Attention at Retreat.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 21.—As he stood at attention while the regimental band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" at retreat late today in the Fourth Ohio camp, private Harry L. Baker, of Marietta, Ohio, was shot and almost instantly killed when the rifle of one of his comrades was discharged.

A corporal of the dead guardsman's company is being held pending an investigation.

## BRUSILOFF EXPECTS ROUT

### Russian General Says He Will Be Completely Beaten in Year.

PETROGRAD, via London, Jan. 22.—The Ruskay-Slovace says General Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies of the southwestern front, addressing his staff officers, said: "Information at my disposal and my personal conviction warrant me saying that I am as certain, as I am certain I am standing before you, that during the coming year the enemy will be completely routed."

