



HALIFAX IS AFIRE; HUNDREDS DEAD

TAKING OF 11,000 OF ITALIANS IS CLAIMED

Berlin War Office Also Reports Capture of 60 Guns in Renewal of Austro-German Drive; Seven Communes Stormed.

Italian Report Says 15,000 Teuton Guns Are Concentrated on 50-Mile Front and Big Offensive Is Forecast.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Capture of 11,000 prisoners and 60 guns in the renewed Austro-German drive in Italy was announced by the war office this afternoon.

Rome, Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Under tremendous pressure from great masses of the enemy, Italian troops strongly defended positions around Melette until the order came to retire, today's official statement declared.

Austria a Step Nearer Doom As a Result of Congressional Action in Washington Today

Washington, Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—The senate foreign relations committee this afternoon voted unanimously to report to the senate tomorrow the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary. An effort will be made to bring the resolution up for discussion in the senate tomorrow.

ASK LOGGERS TO ABANDON LONG LAYOFF

"IF SPRUCE WILL WIN, THE KAISER'S LICKED." THIS UNIQUE SLOGAN OF THE UNITED STATES SIGNAL CORPS IS THE TEXT OF AN APPEAL ISSUED "TO ALL LOGGERS, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES" TODAY BY COLONEL BRICE P. DISQUE OF THE SIGNAL CORPS, ASKING THAT CAMPS ABANDON THIS YEAR THEIR CUSTOM OF CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

TWO KILLED WHEN EXPRESS DERAILS

Redding, Cal., Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Two unidentified men were killed and one engineer and seven passengers were injured at 7 a. m. today when train No. 15, the California express, was wrecked at Upton, two miles north of Sisson.

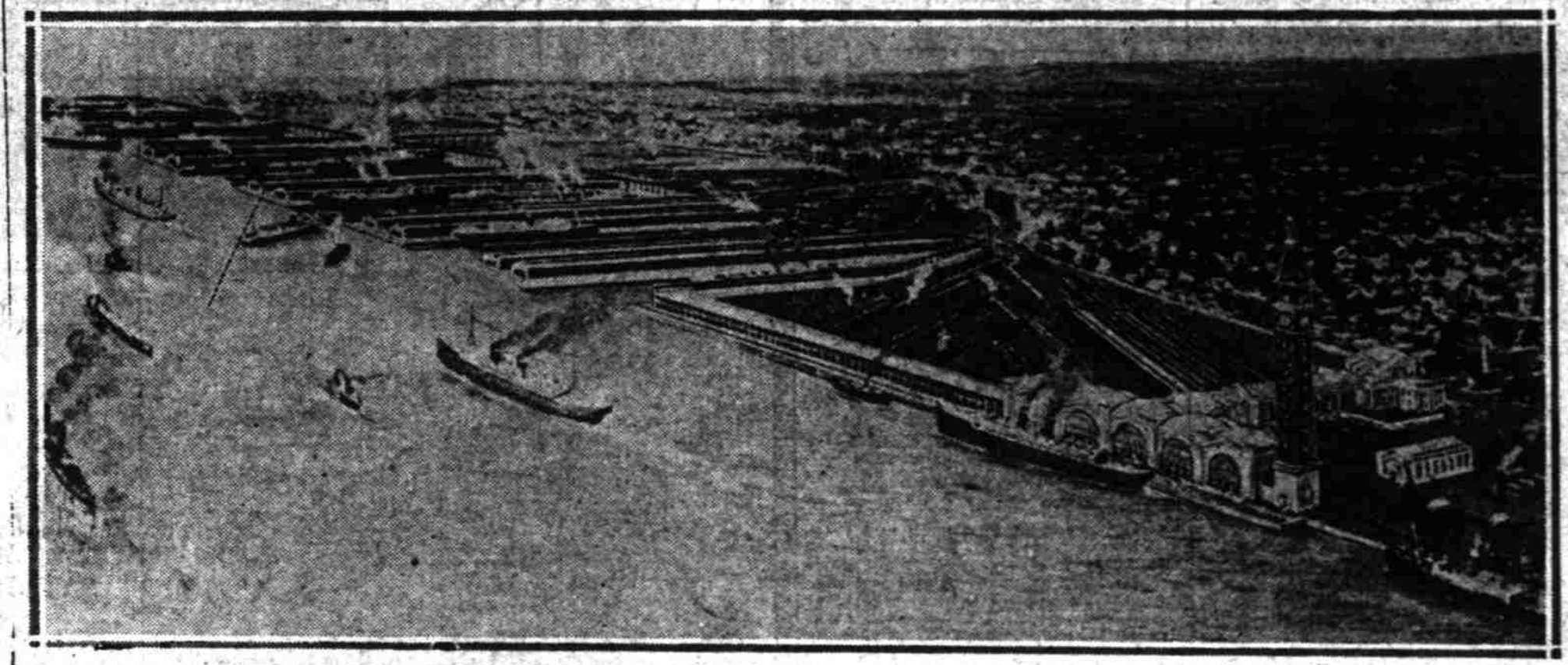
Automobile Bandits Rob Bank of \$2800

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—St. Louis police today were assisting in the search for auto bandits who last night robbed the Bank of Longtown, Mo., of \$2800 after locking the cashier, Dayton Thorp, in the vault.

today and report it tomorrow. A vote in the senate may not be reached before Saturday or Monday.

PHOTOGRAPH AND MAP OF HALIFAX DOCKS, GREATEST IN THE WORLD

GENERAL VIEW OF THE NEW HALIFAX dock system, constructed under the direction of Johnston Porter of Portland. The docks cost \$90,000,000, and work was begun on them in 1914. They were to be completed the last of this month. Halifax is the ideal place to ship both men and supplies from North America to Europe, its geographical location saving from 100 to six days, according to the speed of the boat, in crossing the Atlantic. Fifty vessels of 7500 tons can dock at the same time there. The map gives a general view of Halifax harbor and the dock system there.



CRITICISM MADE OF MAXIMUM LEVY

Minority Report of County Budget Committee Raps Road Fund Expenditures.



SEATTLE PACKERS PORTLAND MAN IS ON STRIKE TODAY AMONG WOUNDED

Seattle, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—Strike of union employees in three big meat packing houses in Seattle went into effect at 9 o'clock this morning. Union leaders claimed that approximately 700 men answered the first call and predicted that the number would rise to 9000 men if the demand for a closed shop, the paramount issue involved in the controversy, the strike will extend to the retail butcher shops and that 3000 men will be out before Saturday.

COAST ARTILLERY WILL GUARD YARDS

Company of 85 Men Reach Portland From Ft. Stevens on Request of Max Houser.

Silcox to Head New N. W. Labor Bureau

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—F. A. Silcox, former district forester for district No. 1, United States forestry service, with headquarters here, has been appointed executive head of the federal reorganization of labor in the Northwest and has been transferred to the department of labor.

Denver Druggist Killed by Bandits

Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Henry Morgenson, a druggist, was shot and instantly killed, and J. W. Clark, 61, a jeweler, was wounded when three automobile bandits attempted to hold up Clark's jewelry store in the heart of the downtown business section here this afternoon.

POWERSHIP BLOWS UP IN HARBOR WHEN HIT BY INCOMING VESSEL

Buildings Demolished for Many Blocks by Terrific Explosion; Report Is That 1000 Have Been Injured and Death Toll May Exceed 400; Bodies Litter the Streets.

Blast Heard 100 Miles Away; Flames Spread Rapidly; Nearby Cities Rush Fire Fighting Apparatus and Aid to Stricken People of Canadian City; Flames Unchecked

A MHERST, N. S., Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Late this afternoon a dispatch from Halifax said the fire was under control. Richmond, a suburb of Halifax, has been completely wiped out, not a building in the city escaping damage.

St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Half of the suburb of Richmond, in Halifax, where the munitions ship exploded this morning, is razed and fire was still sweeping the section when communication was established with Halifax this afternoon.

New York, Dec. 6.—(I. N. S.)—So far as could be learned here, the Nieuw Amsterdam, of the Holland-American line, was the only mercantile steamship in Halifax harbor at the time of the explosion. This vessel left New York about a week ago with 750 passengers on board, many of them subjects of Germany and Austria-Hungary, returning home by sanction of the British government.

With the arrival of nurses and seriously wounded were carried to hospitals. Pieces of shrapnel blown from the scene of the explosion were found three miles away.

When direct communication was established between Halifax and this city late today, reports said hundreds probably are dead and it is estimated 1000 are dying or are terribly injured.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the buildings in the city proper were damaged. Hollis street from the Queen's hotel to the North street station is a shambles. Every building is in ruins and beneath the wreckage lies the bodies of many victims.

Station Mass of Ruins
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 6.—(U. P.)—Halifax city is on fire, said a message received by D. J. Reid, minister of railways, from Division Superintendent Hayes of the Intercolonial railway at Moncton, N. B.

Hospitals Are Overflowing
Hospitals are filled with injured and improvised wards have been hurriedly set up in corridors.

Portland Man Built Docks
Construction on the great dock project was under the direction of Johnston Porter of Portland, a member of the firm of Porter Bros.

It was said that through the new docks European mail could have been landed in New York by rail from Halifax 24 hours quicker than by all water routes from Europe.