



# GERMAN DIVER SINKS U. S. DESTROYER; U. S. SPRUCE MILL TO RISE AT VANCOUVER

## 2000 DEAD IS OFFICIAL TOTAL NOW AT HALIFAX

Relief Train Is Reported to Have Broken Through Snow Drift and Taken Succor to Blast Victims; Storm Continues.

Twenty Thousand Persons Have Been Left Destitute and City Calls for Contributions From Canadians; Loss \$25,000,000

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—The toll of the Halifax disaster was today officially placed at 2000 dead and 4000 injured. Reports received here this afternoon state that the Boston relief train has broken through the great snowdrifts and is rushing on to the scene of the catastrophe after several hours delay.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—A lashing nor'easter, burdened with sleet, that howled in from the Atlantic all night and was still raging early today, failed to halt relief work in this stricken city.

## Watchman Named to Guard Draft Cards

A night watchman to guard the registration and draft records in room 145, courthouse, has been appointed by the county commissioners on the suggestion of W. E. Woodward, chairman of the combined local exemption boards of Portland.

## 3000 GIRLS TO DANCE AT CAMP LEWIS

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Three thousand girls will be enlisted eventually by the Y. W. C. A. to live in a special hotel at the gates of Camp Lewis—America's biggest army cantonment—and act as dancing partners for soldiers in the pavilions that are to be erected.

## TIFLIS SAYS CZAR HAS MADE ESCAPE

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—That Nicholas Romanoff, deposed czar of Russia, had escaped from his place of confinement in Siberia was the rumor the American consul at Tiflis reported to the state department today.

## Bandits Take All Money From Bank

Culver City, Cal., Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Ten thousand dollars, which literally cleaned out the bank, was the loot of bandits who held up the cashier, J. J. Byron, and fled after the city bank today, escaping toward Venice in automobiles.

## FAILURE TO IDENTIFY LINES IS ADMITTED

Claim to Have Pushed English Back About Half Mile in Contested District About Graincourt Is Only German Boast.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—On both sides of Graincourt the British have been pushed back 100 meters, an official statement announced today.

## Physician Faces Long Prison Term

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Arthur L. Blunt, 65 years old, today is facing what virtually means life imprisonment for violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic law.

## Symphony Director Is Under Arrest

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Dr. Ernest Kunwald, director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra association, was arrested today in the association's offices by United States Marshal Devanney on order of Attorney General Gregory of Washington.

## COURTS MAY CLOSE TO AID DRAFT MEN

DENVER, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Colorado may be without tribunals for several days, beginning December 15.

## MIDDLE STATES IN GRIP OF COLD

Kansas Is Covered With Six to 13 Inches of Snow; Mercury Is Five Below.

Kansas City, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Kansas City and vicinity is in the grip of real winter weather, the mercury registering 5 below zero here this morning.

## Storm Sweeps Louisiana Coast

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—A storm sweeping the Louisiana coast early today blew down the grandstand at the new Shreveport race track and otherwise damaged the course.

## Seven Drown Off Mouth of Calumet

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Seven men were drowned here today when the steamer Desmond capsized in the harbor off the mouth of the Calumet river.

## WOMEN HIRED AT PLANT, MEN QUIT

Strike at Carman Furniture Factory of 150 Men Due to Substitution, It Is Said.

## IMMENSE "CUT UP" PLANT TO BE BUILT

Government to Commandeer Polo Grounds at Vancouver Barracks for Greatest Spruce Mill in World.

REPUTABLE concerns that wish to find spruce stumps and have been unable to do so, will be aided by the United States signal corps.

## CONGRESS RESTS; TURK WAR WANTED

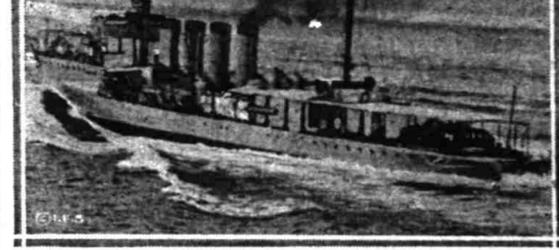
Senator Borah Confident Advocates Can Pass Resolution Despite President.

## CASUALTIES IN FORCES OF U. S.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—The wounded of another American soldier in action and two deaths in the Grand Coulee in France was announced officially today.

## DESTROYER SUNK BY TORPEDO

"M" CLASS OF U. S. DESTROYERS, the type of the Jacob Jones, which was sunk by German submarine while on patrol duty in foreign waters.



## Navy Department Issues Roster of Jacob Jones

Washington, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The complete roster of the Jacob Jones was made public by the navy department this afternoon. The list does not show which members are missing. It follows:

## Helena Bids \$5035 For 'Gridley Flour'

Wagers of Thousands of Dollars Made That Butte Will Double Captain's Bid For Trophy Started From Honolulu.

## Revolution Breaks Out in Portugal

Washington, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Having shown the world America's unity by practically unanimously declaring war against Austria-Hungary, congress rested today.

## AMERICAN DESTROYER SUNK WITH LOSS OF 72

German Submarine Torpedoes and Sinks U. S. Vessel Jacob Jones; 37 Survivors Are Rescued by Two Other Vessels.

Lieutenant Commander Bagley, a Brother-in-Law of Secretary Daniels, Among Those Believed to Have Been Lost in Atlantic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Probably 70 American seamen, including Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley, of North Carolina, brother-in-law of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, perished in the Atlantic Thursday night when a German submarine torpedoed and sank the destroyer Jacob Jones of the Atlantic fleet.

It is possible, but not probable, that there will be others rescued. American and entente warships are searching the seas near where the disaster took place.

## M'cusker to Create Loyalty Board Here

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—To assist the government in every way possible in the task of stamping out disloyalty to the United States, the Pacific Coast Federation of Employers, comprising five states, Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana, at its annual meeting here directed that committees be appointed to prosecute a campaign to be conducted in each territory.

## Marion Valuation Shows an Increase

Salem, Or., Dec. 8.—Assessed valuation of all property in Marion county for 1917 is \$42,845,051, according to tax rolls just completed by County Assessor Eben F. West.