

GENERAL CROZIER BLAMES CONGRESS FOR SLOW PACE; PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS WAR AGAINST DUAL MONARCHY

GERMANS MASSIVE FORCE AT CAMBRAI

Territory Behind Line Opposed to Northern Flank of British Literally Swarming With Reinforcements, Aviators Report.

Greatest Concentration of Teton Air Forces Yet Disclosed Attempts Unsuccessfully to Keep British Flyers Down.

By William Philip Simms
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—Long lines of transports littering swarming with German reinforcements were seen behind German lines on the northern British flank of the Cambrai section today.

Spain Indignant at Sinking of Steamer

Madrid, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The destruction of the Spanish steamship *Salado* by a German submarine is causing indignation throughout Spain. The newspaper *Heraldo* today printed a demand that the government protest to Germany or take even stronger measures to protect her rights.

Blackwell, Okla., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Fire of unknown origin early today destroyed an elevator belonging to the Blackwell Mill & Elevator company containing thousands of bushels of wheat and corn. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

FIRES FIRST SHOT FOR U. S. AT AUSTRIANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—America's first shot at the Austrians, now formally recognized as enemies, has been fired. Representative Tinkham's secretary this afternoon received word that the Massachusetts congressman, who has been witnessing the titanic struggle of the allies to hold back the Teuton invaders, has visited the first line defenses and there was accorded the privilege of pulling the lanyard of one of the big Italian guns, sending a shell into the Austrian positions across the Piave.

DESTROYER JONES HAD NO CHANCE

Little Craft Went Under Waves Nine Minutes After Torpedo Was Sighted.

30,000 Union Men Ready for Strike

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—Thirty thousand union labor men today were prepared to strike at 10 a. m. Thursday and cripple every industry in the Twin Cities.

MEN IN CAMPS ENGINE WELL, WORD ISSUE PUT UP OF DR. SMITH TO PORTLAND

Portland Physician Just Back From Camp Mills Says There Is No Occasion for Hysteria Concerning Conditions There.

Col. May Regrets Reports That Have Gone Out of Discomfortures; Tents Are All Supplied With Stoves.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—Investigation of the Oregon governor's charge that troops at Camp Mills were short of blankets was ordered by the war department this afternoon, following receipt of the governor's message.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The American destroyer *Jones* went under the waves nine minutes after a torpedo was sighted speeding toward the vessel by the lookout.

This information reached the navy department today in a cablegram from Admiral Sims, giving an account of the sinking of the *Jones*. Lieutenant J. C. Richards, one of the survivors, said the vessel was proceeding to port after target practice. At 4:30 in the afternoon a torpedo was sighted by the lookout. It struck the ship on the starboard side, abreast torpedo tube No. 2.

CASUALTIES IN FORCES OF U. S.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—First Lieutenant Edgar W. Medical officers reserve corps has been severely wounded in the attack on the British and German forces, General Pershing reported to the war department today. Young's wife lives at Menlo Park, Va.

PATROL BOAT IS SUNK; ALL ARE RESCUED

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—A United States patrolboat has been sunk off here in collision with two other vessels, the identity of which has not yet been established.

ENLISTMENTS HERE 1000 IN 3 DAYS

Recruits Are Being Sent to Vancouver Barracks in Detachments of 100.

PRESIDENT KERR STAYS AT O. A. C.

Letters, Telegrams and Personal Solicitation Do Much to Influence State College Head.

Judge Neil Perishes In Fire in Own Home

Medford, Or., Dec. 12.—Early today no definite knowledge had been obtained as to how the fire started in Judge James R. Neil's home in which he was burned to death last night.

WAR UPON AUSTRIA IS FORMALLY DECLARED

President Wilson Issues Proclamation Declaring the United States to Be in State of War With Ally of Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson issued a proclamation this afternoon declaring the United States to be in a state of war with Austria and laying down rules and regulations for the treatment of Austrian subjects in this country for the duration of the war.

Austrians are not to be interned, removed from their present dwellings or in any way molested so long as they do not interfere with the conduct of the war against their country by the government.

There is no mention in the brief proclamation of any intention to seize Austrian property or bank accounts. While the Austrians will be permitted to continue living in prohibited areas and to travel throughout the United States, they will be subjected to immediate arrest and internment or imprisonment should they speak or act in any manner that may be construed as disloyal to the government.

Mills Shut Down; Cars Are Lacking

The mills of the Silver Falls Timber company at Silverton are closed and it is understood that the mills of the Silverton Lumber company will be obliged to close soon because of the car shortage on Southern Pacific line.

Atlanta Youngsters Enjoy Winter Sports

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Atlantans today delved into cellars and garrets for almost forgotten sleds and ice skates and took to the hills and ponds.

GEN. CROZIER CHIEF OF ORDNANCE, United States Army, who was first witness today in senate military affairs committee's investigation.



TEST MOTOR, THEN TALK, SAYS THAW

American Fliers in France Deeply Interested in New Liberty Motors.

Sub-Committees on Money Bills Named

Washington, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The house appropriations committee today appointed the following sub-committees to supervise drawing of the several big appropriation measures referred to them.

Cash for Late Model Ford 2d-Hand Cloth'g Wanted

Automobiles Wanted—75 CASH for late model Ford; conditions no object.

CONGRESS IS ROUNDLY RAPPED BY ARMY MAN

Red Tape Declared by Crozier to Have So Tangled Things That Putting America on War Footing Is Seriously Impeded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Democrats of the house in caucus this afternoon decided to—first Representative Mark R. Bacon, Republican member of congress from the Second Michigan district, and to seat in his place Samuel Beakes, Democrat. Beakes contested Bacon's election. The action of the Democrats gives them 216 members in the house. Republicans have 211 and eight are independents.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—The small-like pace of congress, war department red tape, bickering with contractors and the labor situation were blamed today by Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, for "serious delay" in getting America on a war footing.

Crozier declared that in spite of all delays encountered "we will be caught up with all shortage of ordnance by next summer."

Austrian Warship Wien Is Torpedoed

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Austrian battleship *Wien*, which was sunk in the Adriatic on Sunday night was destroyed while trying to run the blockade which British, French and Italian warships are maintaining on the Austrian coast, said a telegram from Vienna today.

Seattle Girl Captured By German Raider Has Thrilling Tale to Tell

She was captured by the Seeadler in mid-ocean and Captain A. B. Petersen, in order to secure the girl protection at the hands of the Teutons, introduced her as his Buchanan, Evans, Howard, Mondell, Vore and Stafford.