

# CROZIER PUTS EQUIPMENT BLAME ON BAKER; PROPAGANDA SEEN IN 'HARDSHIPS' REPORTS

## BRITISH AT CAMBRAI HOLD FIRM, SAYS HAIG

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LONDON, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—British lines out of Cambrai hold firm today, despite a tremendous blow struck in almost continuous fighting yesterday by Crown Prince Rupprecht's reinforced army. Field Marshal Haig reported today. The German drive, he said, carried the enemy through the British lines, but the situation was unchanged by this.

With the British Armies in the Field, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—British forces early today had apparently stopped Crown Prince Rupprecht's long prepared attempt to break the British hold around Bullecourt.

Fighting was still continuing fiercely, but as this is expected, the Germans only succeeded in advancing a few yards. The attack was perhaps the most formidable the British have yet had to sustain in this section.

## Hawley Named on Ways, Means Body

Selection Was Unexpected as Name Not Formally Proposed; McArthur Missed Election by a Single Vote.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Representative Hawley's selection as a member of the ways and means committee came as a surprise, without his name having been formally proposed before the Republican committee on committees. He was reluctant to leave the appropriation committee but agreed to the change in response to the desire of colleagues. Representative McArthur, who also was not a candidate, came within one vote of election to the ways and means committee Wednesday.

## Foreign Minister Is Ill in Vienna

Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, is confined to his bed in Vienna, suffering from ulceration of the stomach, said a dispatch from the Austrian capital today.

## Hindu Plot to Foment Revolution in India Traced Right to Berlin

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The plot to foment a revolution in India, for which 33 are on trial before Federal Judge Van Fleet here, today was traced to Berlin through an agent in Switzerland and through Von Papen. Detective Sergeant George L. Barnits of New York testified that he arrested B. L. Gupta, at Columbia university, and that Gupta had confessed that he was paid \$16,000 by Von Papen to proceed to Tokyo to organize the revolution. Gupta stated that while in Japan he was shielded from a British agent for three months by a Japanese official who concealed him in his home. Gupta was convicted in Chicago.

The British intermediary between the plotters and the Kaiser's government was testified to be M. Albourque, who is alleged to have passed messages from America through to Berlin. He was stationed at Montreux, Switzerland; the witness said.

## HAIG PRAISES YANKEES FOR GALLANT ACT

WITH the American Army in France, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Praise for the gallant American engineers who fought with the British on the Cambrai front is contained in a letter from Field Marshal Haig to General Pershing, the American commander in chief. The letter says:

"I trust you will convey to those gallant men how much I appreciate their prompt and soldierly readiness to assist in what was for a time a difficult position. I regret very much the losses they sustained."

The Americans were caught when the Germans made a surprise attack near Gaussemont, southwest of Cambrai. They seized rifles and fought alongside the British.

## KANSAS CITY ICY COLD AT 5 BELOW

Temperature Takes Sudden Drop and Fall to 10 Degrees Predicted; Fuel Short.

Kansas City, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Following a light snowfall last night a high wind, icy cold, early today caused the temperature to take a sudden drop and it is unofficially reported to stand at 5 below zero here today. Local weather bureau officials predict a temperature of 10 below before Friday morning.

The storm is general in the southwest and a coal shortage in parts of Kansas and Oklahoma is causing much suffering. Practically all operations in the oil fields of both Kansas and Oklahoma are at a standstill owing to the severe cold.

## Many Boats Frozen In Paducah, Ky.

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Steamboats, towboats and other craft worth more than \$1,000,000, are frozen in between Louisville and Cairo and all are in danger of being destroyed when the ice breaks and starts to run in the Ohio river.

## Chicago Covered With Snow

Chicago, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Chicago woke up today to find itself covered with six inches of snow and traffic, both electrical and steam, tied up. The lowest temperature during the night was 18 degrees above zero.

## Pooling Cars for Fuel Relief Urged

Chicago, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Pooling of railroad facilities is the only way to relieve the coal situation in Illinois, according to Fuel Administrator Williams. He asserts there is plenty of coal if cars could be provided and that pooling is the only way to get these cars.

## Guard Is Created For Home Service

Washington, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The United States guard, the body of armed men who will take over the guarding of munition plants, railroads and like essentials of warfare located in this country, was created today.

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## ALLIES ARE WINNING IN WAR ON SUBS

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of Admiralty, Says Great Britain Is Rapidly Increasing Construction of New Ships.

Destruction of Enemy Divers Also Greatly Increased, Official Tells Members of House of Commons; Danger Not Over.

London, Dec. 13.—The allies are beating the submarine war game, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, told the house of commons today.

Shipbuilding is increasing faster than ship losses and the destruction of submarines is increasing, he declared.

"I have studied the general curve since November representing the building by ourselves and allies of warships and merchant ships," the admiralty head asserted, "and find it is an upward curve. An upward curve showing destruction of enemy submarines also continues."

## Cattlemen Fear Storm

Denver, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—A sudden drop in temperature throughout the Rocky Mountain region is the cause of much uneasiness among cattlemen who have stock on the open range in Colorado and Wyoming. Reports from the range country of Wyoming said that the mercury fell from 45 degrees above zero to 12 and 15 below in less than 12 hours and caused considerable damage to the large herds covered as wide a range as recorded in parts of the Colorado grazing districts.

## Makes Way Over Ice Cakes

Paducah, Ky., Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—L. E. Wood, night watchman on the steamer Rapids, made his way to shore from ice cake to ice cake Wednesday when ice gorges rammed the vessel, causing her to sink. Heavy gorges resulted in the river freezing solid here.

## Turkey Said to Be Ready to Ask Peace

Berne, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Groaning under invasion and her war burden, Turkey is about ready to make a separate peace, according to an article in the Swiss press today. It is reported that Moukhtar Bey, a delegate sent to this city to confer relative to the exchange of war prisoners, has asked the Turkish government for authority to open peace negotiations.

## Bulgaria Said to Want Peace

Washington, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Swiss reports that Turkey might negotiate a separate peace with the allies, reaching here today, were characterized as "interesting" by administration officials, but they furnished no basis for general comment.

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## GERMANS SAY GREAT SMASH IS PREPARED

ZURICH, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Frank admission that the central powers are preparing their greatest blow on the west front, with enthusiastic prediction for its success, filled German newspapers, received here today.

The articles declare that Hindenburg, in conjunction with the Austrian command, will "subject the allies on the west front to the same treatment meted out to Italy."

## DANGER IS SEEN IN POLISH SITUATION

Germany Makes Strong Effort to Enlist Services of Army, Report.

London, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The allied chancelleries are today viewing the Polish situation with some anxiety. Some go so far as to call it "critical."

Information gathered here is to the effect that events have taken a turn which unless checked by the allies will lead to more or less of a fruition of German hopes in this quarter.

## General Korniloff Reported Wounded

London, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—General Korniloff was defeated and himself wounded in the fighting with Bolshevik forces between Bielegorod and Sumy, according to Bolshevik claims received here today.

## Michigan Democrat Is Seated by House

Washington, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Without a record vote the house this afternoon decided the Michigan election contest of Samuel W. Beakes, Democrat, against Mark R. Bacon, Republican, in favor of Beakes.

## CHICAGO BANDITS MAKE BIG HAUL

Four Take \$15,000 From La Grange State Bank and Escape in Auto.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Working in a blinding snowstorm that enabled them to escape without leaving a trace behind, auto bandits staged two daring bank robberies shortly before noon here today.

## Miss Rankin on Suffrage Committee

Washington, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—The house this afternoon elected the members of the new women's suffrage committee with Representative Baker of California, Democrat, chairman, and Miss Rankin of Montana, leading Republican member.

## Rain at Astoria Closes the School

Astoria, Or., Dec. 13.—Astoria experienced one of the worst rainstorms in years Wednesday, although the wind reached a velocity of only 10 miles at the mouth of the Columbia. Slides broke the water mains, and as a result part of the city will be without water until Friday night or Saturday morning.

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## VISITORS IN CAMP DENY STORES OF SUFFERING

Oregon Delegation Incensed at Reports Printed in Portland; Tales Are Likened to Vicious Propaganda Used by Germans

Congressman Sinnott and Ex-Governor West Met and Talked With Soldiers; Heard No Complaint of Alleged Ill Treatment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—(Washington Bureau of The Journal).—Members of the Oregon delegation are indignant over wild tales about the conditions at Camp Mills reported to have been printed by the Portland Oregonian, which is on the level of German propaganda intended to cause dissatisfaction and heartache among the folks at home.

Representative Sinnott and Oswald West, among the latest visitors to the camp, directly refute the stories reported to have been circulated in Oregon. They went among the troops, ate with them and invited complaints. They found the soldiers generally well satisfied, with no complaint whatever of suffering. The clothing supply was 100 per cent efficient against the several cold days which had been endured. The camp was not picked as a cantonment or for permanent quarters, hence the lack of buildings and conveniences provided in the regular cantonments.

## AMERICAN GUESTS FACE SHELL FIRE

Civilians From United States Visit Battlefield in Italy; None Are Hurt.

Rome, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—American guests of the Italian general staff, who have been on a visit to the battle front, were under fire, but escaped injury, said a dispatch from Verona, the Italian headquarters, today.

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Of the two thousand enlistments, 1015 were from the army recruiting station in the Federal building. The number of men accepted was increased daily since Monday. With Sergeant Kinney at the head, the office force of less than a dozen is breaking all records for handling the applicants.

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## GENERAL CROZIER SHIFTS BLAME TO SECRETARY BAKER AND ADMITS U. S. IS MAKING FEWER GUNS THAN BEFORE ENTERING WAR

Chief of Ordnance Undergoes Hot Fire From Senate Committee and Replies Come in Angry Tones When Pressed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Eight months after the war rifle factories in this country are only making half as many rifles daily as they were making for the allies before we got into the war.

The machine gun officially adopted for the American army never been given a test under actual war conditions. These disclosures were made today to the senate military affairs committee during a grilling cross-examination of Major General William Crozier, chief of ordnance.

President Wilson, however, showed his faith in Crozier by reappointing him today. Secretary of War Baker was flatly charged by Crozier with responsibility for delay in providing machine guns for the American army.

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