

STEAMER HITS U. S. MUNITION SHIP OFF HALIFAX; 400 KILLED; ENTIRE CITY AFIRE

WAR AGAINST BULGARIA AND TURKS URGED

Opening Debate in Congress Shows Strong Sentiment Favoring Declaration.
DELAY MAY BE ONLY A PLAY FOR TIME
Many American Lives Endangered if Proclamation Came Now.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The senate foreign relations committee this afternoon voted unanimously to report to the senate tomorrow the resolution declaring war against Austria. An effort will be made to bring the resolution up for discussion in the senate tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The foreign relations committee today favorably reported the resolution declaring war against Austria.

The opening debate showed clearly that sentiment favored declaring war against Bulgaria and Turkey, despite the President's recommendations.

Representative Miller declared the presence of Turkish and Bulgarian representatives in Washington was a menace. He said information daily was reaching Berlin through them.

Blames U. S. For Italy's Defeat.
Miller charged the failure of the United States to get supplies, funds and war materials to Italy for months resulted from the fact that this country was not fighting Austria. He declared much responsibility for the Italian disaster rested with the United States.

Miller declared his willingness to accept the President's recommendation and justify the actual war declaration against the German allies.

The possible intimation of the administration's counsel against an immediate declaration against Bulgaria and Turkey is in reality playing for time to get Americans out of those countries.

The court expressed its intention of making a start as soon as Eugene Bennett has made a report, and the start will probably be made in the west end. West end towns had the impression that the court would delay a beginning until the controversy over the location of the road between Pendleton and Echo.

A. Phillips Named To Succeed Van Rappard

NO CHANGE ASSIGNED FOR REASON IN DUTCH MINISTERS TO U. S.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 6.—August Phillips today was named minister to the United States, succeeding Chevalier W. L. F. C. Van Rappard.

BREWER AT WORK ON FARM LABOR PROBLEM

FORMER SECRETARY AT THE DALLES IS STATEWIDE ORGANIZER.
J. W. Brewer, well known Oregon resident and until recently secretary of the Commercial Club at The Dalles, is now serving in a state-wide capacity as farm labor specialist in the bureau of farm management, department of agriculture.

DISLOYALTY PROBE AGAIN POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The La Follette disloyalty investigation was again postponed because eight of the 15 members of the senate privileges and elections committee were absent.

AUSTRO-GERMANS RENEW PUSH AGAINST ITALIANS CAPTURING 11,000; BRITISH FORCED BACK

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The Austro-Germans today renewed the Italian drive and captured 11,000 Italians and 60 guns, it is stated. Seven Communes in the Apennine mountains were stormed, and strong positions there maintained.

The Germans advanced two and a half miles against the British over a six mile front, capturing Graincourt, Amiens, Cantaine, Novelles and wooded heights north of Marsing. The Germans captured in Cambrai sector 9000 prisoners, 118 guns and 716 machine guns.

ROME, Dec. 6.—After unprecedented violent fighting the Italians retired slightly before a renewed drive, it is stated.

WEST END TOWNS WANT ROAD WORK

Ask Court to Start Grading Work at Once Between Umatilla and Echo.

Another section of the county was heard from today at the meeting of the county court. This time it was an east end town, and by that delegate it was asked for road work.

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Among those in the delegation today were D. C. and C. G. Brownell of Umatilla, J. D. Wilson and George Cross of Hermon, R. A. Holte, W. T. Reeves, J. M. Kels of Stanfield and Fred George and Ann B. Thomson of Echo.

Pilot Brock's contingent yesterday afternoon was disappointed in not securing promises what it was after. Residents of that section wished to secure for the road between Pendleton and Pilot both the same kind of treatment as the state highway commission and the county court have provided for the road through the west end, namely a permanent grade and gravel surface.

When sugar is craved, buy fruits instead of candy, cream and soft drinks. It will be better for the body as well as being a patriotic act.

GERMAN CRUISE DOWN TO

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Four hospital trains with nurses, surgeons and supplies were rushed to Halifax. Another train is carrying a firefighting equipment. The entire city is reported afire. A large section of the city is completely demolished. The fire is spreading rapidly.

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ST. JOHNS, New Brunswick, Dec. 6.—Half of the suburbs of Richmond in Halifax where the munitions shop exploded is razed, and the fire was still sweeping the city when communication was reestablished this afternoon. The bodies clutter the streets. Hundreds of injured wander about, moaning and hunting their dead.

GERMANY SOUGHT PEACE THROUGH SPAIN IN AUGUST
Trotsky Publishes Secret Diplomatic Papers Revealing Teuton Effort.

25 AIRPLANES ATTACK KENT AND LONDON

Two German Machines Forced to Land; Crews Are Captured Alive.

RAIDS CONTINUE FOR NEARLY THREE HOURS

French's Report Indicates Germans Used Latest Type Gotha Planes

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YOUNG IS BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY BY PARKES

CHAMBERLAIN HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

MANY FARMERS PUT ON DOUBLE SHIFTS

PLOWING DAY AND NIGHT TO FINISH WORK BEFORE COLD WEATHER STARTS

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XTRA HANDLING OF GRAIN IN BULK TO BE NECESSITY IN 1918 SAYS HEGARDT

Shortage of Sacks and Containers High Prices Assigned as Reason.

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PART OF THE RAINBOW DIVISION ON ITS FAREWELL MARCH IN NEW YORK



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BOTH VESSELS BLOWN TO PIECES; CREWS ARE INSTANTLY KILLED; CORPSES ARE CHOKING RAILWAY STATIONS; PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY

PROMINENT SPEAKERS TO ASSIST WORK PREPARING DRAFT

So Many in Attendance at Farmers Union Time is Too Short for All

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