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## AID RUSHED TO STORM BOUND CITY OF RUINS

BLINDING SNOW STORM ADDS TO HALIFAX HORROR. HARD TO ESTIMATE DEAD

### FOUR THOUSAND COFFINS ASKED

With Added Details Coming Over Wire, Full Extent of Disaster Grows. Storm Delays Aid

Halifax, Dec. 8.—The Massachusetts relief train has arrived. A blinding "north country" snowstorm is raging and as yet there is no estimate that is near accurate of the number of dead.

Amherst, Nova Scotia, Dec. 8.—The estimate of 4,000 dead in the Halifax disaster is contained in a private telegram received by an undertaking firm here. The message asks that 4,000 coffins be sent immediately.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—Stricken Halifax was swept tonight by a raging blizzard. So fierce was the storm that rescue workers were forced to suspend their operations in the devastated section. It is believed certain that all the injured buried under the ruins of shattered buildings have perished of cold and hunger.

The sufferings of those who escaped injury have been increased by the fact that every available blanket, quilt and comforter has been requisitioned for the hundreds of injured in the temporary hospital.

A single telegraph wire, bending dangerously in the storm, offered Halifax only a precious means of communication with the outside world, and it was feared momentarily that this line would snap.

No concerted effort has been made as yet to compile a list of the dead as every effort is being made to identify those who perished. The condition of many of the bodies makes this exceedingly difficult and a large proportion of those who lost their lives will be buried as "nameless dead."

There is no reason, however, to (Continued on page 8.)

## JUST TRIBUTE PAID TO FIGHTERS-OF-AIR

London, Dec. 8.—"The Chivalry of the Army" was the title bestowed upon the British air forces by Premier Lloyd George in a tribute he paid to them in a recent speech in the house of commons. The premier was moving a vote of thanks to the British armies and navy. Of the aviation service he said:

"The heavens are their battlefields, they are the cavalry of the clouds, high above the squalor and the mud, so high in the firmament that they are not visible from earth, they fight out the eternal issues of right and wrong. Their struggles there by day and night are like a Miltonic conflict between the winged hosts of light and darkness."

## INFERNAL MACHINE: EXPRESS CAR WRECK

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 8.—The explosion of an infernal machine in the express car of train No. 7 on the Northern Pacific caused the destruction of the car near Windsor, N. D., Wednesday, according to information obtained by officials investigating the affair, it was announced here tonight.

## ITALIANS GIVE GROUND SLOWLY

Tremendous Pressure of Austro-Germans Drive Defenders Back About Three Miles

Washington, Dec. 8.—Austro-German invaders in Italy suffered enormous losses in today's drive, according to official Rome dispatches. In one instance several regiments were decimated by their own artillery.

King Victor Emanuel today conferred the military cross on Gabrielle D. Annuzio, poet aviator.

America's declaration of war against Austria will probably be of great help to the Italian troops and people.

During the past four days the invaders have pushed the Italians back an average of three miles on a ten mile front, but the defending line remains unbroken.

The superiority in numbers and materials caused the retreat.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 8.—Lieutenant Ancillotti of the Italian aviation corps has executed one of the most daring exploits of the war, telescoping an Austria balloon which was observing Venice, passing through the gas bag with parts of the envelope about his propeller, and winning a government bonus of 5,000 lire for his exploit.

## WORK STARTED ON TESTAMENT FUND

Portland, Dec. 8.—The Oregon State Sunday School association has already raised about \$750 for the American Bible society "Bibles for Soldiers" fund on the energetic initiative of Mrs. Dannenhauer and Mr. Radd. The demand has since grown many-fold, just as the Y. M. C. A. work has expanded. \$19,000 is the quota for Portland and \$5,000 for the state.

President Wilson, Governor Withycombe and the state council of defense have authorized this drive.

The testaments to be used are India paper, bound in heavy khaki cloth and cost 25c each in million lots; they are distributed by the Y. M. C. A. and chaplains on the spot without duplication.

## REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN LISBON IS REPORT

Madrid, Dec. 8.—A revolution has broken out in Lisbon the capital of Portugal, according to a dispatch received here today. It also declares that an outbreak has occurred at Oporto.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION AT CLUB LUNCHEON

At the Chamber of Commerce luncheon next Monday, there will be no out-of-town speaker but the feature of the luncheon will be a general discussion by members on the work of the club. This discussion should develop many helpful suggestions.

The secretary received a wire from R. B. Miller, who had been invited to speak at the Monday luncheon, to the effect that he would have an important conference with the Twobys during the week and could not come to Grants Pass until after that time.

## RUMOR REPORTED THAT EX-CZAR HAS ESCAPED

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American consul at Tiflis reports a rumor that the former czar of Russia has escaped. There has been no confirmation.

## DESTROYER IS SUBMARINED: SIXTY LOST

AMERICAN DESTROYER OF THE FIRST CLASS VICTIM OF TUNTON DIVER THURSDAY

### COMMANDER BAGLEY MISSING

Brother of Mrs. Josephus Daniels Was in Command of Halted Vessel When It Sunk

Washington, Dec. 8.—An American destroyer, the Jacob Jones, was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone Thursday with the loss of a large part of the crew.

Thirty seven survivors were taken off on a life raft and the name of ten of them have been received here.

The officers reported saved are: Lieutenant John K. Richard, Assistant Surgeon L. L. Adamkiewicz and Ensign Nelson Gates.

The sinking occurred at 8 o'clock while the ship was on patrol duty. She was commanded by Lieutenant Commander David Worth Bagley, a brother of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy. Commander Bagley's brother was the first American officer to lose his life in the Spanish American war.

The Jacob Jones was the destroyer which saved 205 persons from the sinking Orama, torpedoed October 19. It was one of the newest and largest of the American destroyers, completed last year. Her peace time complement was 97 men but there were probably more on board when she was sunk. It is believed that about 60 were lost, including Commander Bagley.

## LANE PLEADS FOR UNITED PEOPLE TO MAKE AMERICA LEADING NATION

Washington, Dec. 8.—In his annual report published today, Secretary Lane, in characteristically striking phrases, portrays the transition of a peaceful democracy into a nation organized for war. Possession of resources alone he warns the country does not win war and recounting the enormous progress made on every hand declares the physical stores of the United States are almost completely at command of the world's needs.

"What can you do to serve me?" quotes the secretary. "To that question each individual and each department of the government must give answer. The answer of this department is that it has put every agency and activity which it has at the service of those departments more directly concerned with war making. Our men of scientific knowledge—metallurgists, chemists, engineers, topographers—have found new work at their hands. The homesteaders and the miners on the public lands have been released from their obligations if they go into the army or show themselves to be of greater service off their lands than on them. The reclamation service on a million and a quarter acres of irrigated lands and the Indians on a hundred reservations joined in the campaign for more meat and more wheat. The patent office has been reached for new devices that could be brought into use to kill the submarine or limit its destructiveness, for the plans of heretofore unused lethal weapons, and for the formulae of improved or unknown sources of power. Before war actually came this department had compiled the data which showed the power of the nation in mineral and chemical resources, our possible needs and how they could be met at home or where abroad. Prepared lists of those men who had special knowledge or were

## BOLSHEVIKI IN CONTROL VLADIVOSTOK

RADICALS MAY SECURE POSSESSION GREAT STOREHOUSES OF MILITARY SUPPLIES

### KERENSKY REPORTED IN SIBERIA

Former Premier Is Said to Be Prominent in New Independent Government in Asiatic Russia

Washington, Dec. 8.—It is reported that 1,500 Bolsheviki troops have arrived at Vladivostok where a large store of military supplies have been accumulated, most of which have been shipped from the United States and Japan.

The temporary independent government in Siberia has chosen Kerensky as minister of justice. It is reported here that General Korniloff has joined General Kaedines, the Cossack leader.

Washington, Dec. 8.—If Bolsheviki troops are moving into Vladivostok, the United States and the entire allies may be forced at any time to adopt a definite policy toward the radical government of Russia. Great quantities of munitions and supplies shipped by the United States and Japan before the overthrow of the Kerensky government are stored at the Pacific port awaiting shipment over the congested trans-Siberian railroad, and it is well understood that the allied governments do not intend to permit them to fall into hands that might prove hostile.

## BRAZIL PAPER ANTI-AMERICAN

Germans in South America Making Strenuous Efforts to Turn Populace Against United States

### PRISONERS FAIL TO MAKE GET-AWAY

Salem, Dec. 8.—After waiting several days for an attempt to escape from the penitentiary at Salem prisoners who had sawed through the roof of the penitentiary building, Warden Murphy today had the roof repaired. The prisoners had made a 50-foot rope from strips of blanket and had also several ladders. Guards had been posted nightly but the convicts, evidently knew of the discovery and failed to make an attempt to escape.

## WYOMING UNEARTHS CATTLE KILLING PLOT

Greybull, Wyo., Dec. 8.—That a systematic plot to destroy cattle and other live stock in the Greybull neighborhood is the belief of officers who have investigated several recent killings. In each case a portion of the tongue of the animal has been cut off, and officers believe this is done so that the perpetrators may obtain a reward to killing the cattle.

## SWITZERLAND INCREASES HER RATE, ON POSTAGE

Berne, Dec. 8.—Switzerland has once again followed Germany's lead in arranging for an increased income by raising postal rates materially. New stamps of 2½ and 7½ centimes will be issued shortly, it is understood, and the possibility is discussed of a new coinage of these denominations.

Guayaquil, Dec. 8.—Ecuador has severed diplomatic relations with Germany. It was today officially announced.

## WRITER AND ARTIST INTERNED AS SPIES

New York, Dec. 8.—Otto Julius Markel, a German writer and lecturer, and Hans Stengel, an artist and cartoonist, were interned as dangerous enemy aliens on Ellis Island yesterday on the orders of John C. Knox, assistant United States District Attorney. Stengel was connected with the German publication, the Zepplin the name of which was changed to Eulen Spiegel when the United States entered the war.

## ARCHBISHOP OF RHEIMS HONORED BY REGIMENT

Paris, November 25.—(Correspondence)—The 152nd line regiment, itself the first to receive the "fourragere" both in the colors of the war cross and the military medal, has just conferred a military medal "fourragere" upon Cardinal Lucon, Archbishop of Rheims, in recognition of his bravery in never quitting his post in his much bombed city.

## HOUSTON SAYS FARMERS HAVE MET FULL DUTY

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE PRAISES WORK OF FARMERS AND ASKS MORE

### WAR NEEDS ARE MULTIPLYING

Increase of Billion Bushels of Grain Good Starter Which Country Should More Than Duplicate

Washington, Dec. 8.—With record crops grown this year the nation's farm and livestock production must be stimulated to a still higher efficiency during the coming 12 months if domestic demands and the needs of the allies are to be adequately met. Secretary Houston says in his annual report to congress today.

"That the farmers of the nation have generously responded to the appeals for increased production, and that much has already been done to insure a large supply of foods and feedstuffs," says the report, "justifies no let-down in their activities or in those of all agricultural agencies. On the contrary, even greater efforts must be put forth in the coming months."

While the precise figures for meat, poultry, dairy products and vegetable oils are not yet available, the secretary estimates that the quantity of these commodities is greater than for 1915 and 1916.

An increase of a billion bushels over the five pre-war average was effected in this year's crop of staples. Unrevised estimates contained in the report are as follows: 3,191,000,000 bushels of corn, \$69,797,000 of wheat, 1,580,000,000 of oats, 201,659,000 of barley, 54,000,000 of rye, 16,813,000 of buckwheat, 33,256,000 of rice, 73,380,000 of kafir, 429,686,000 of Irish potatoes, 84,727,000 of sweet potatoes, 15,957,000 of commercial beans, 42,606,000 of peaches, 11,419,000 of pears, 177,733,000 of apples, and 7,621,000 of sugar beets.

The report outlines in detail the varied activities and lines of effort of the department during the year, particularly the tremendous expansion effected at the outset of the war.

## NAVY YARD LOCATED SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Washington, Dec. 8.—Alameda was recommended as the site for the additional navy yard on San Francisco bay, in a report to congress by the special board headed by Rear Admiral Helm. The approximate cost of the plant was fixed at \$36,307,000.

## BRITISH DRAWING LINES NEAR TO JERUSALEM

London, Dec. 8.—The British have captured Hebron, southwest of Jerusalem.

## DIAZ FOLLOWERS CAPTURE A TOWN

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 8.—Fourteen federal soldiers were killed yesterday when 300 alleged followers of Felix Diaz attacked and captured Guerrero, a small Mexican garrison town opposite Zapata, Tex. The Diaz commander is said to be General Almazan. His casualties, if any, are unknown. American troops are guarding the river crossings in the Zapata vicinity.

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