

### BRYAN REPLIES TO 'PORK' CHARGE IN RIVER BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The National rivers and harbors congress began its annual convention here today with a large attendance of delegates from throughout the country. Many prominent speakers are on the program for addresses during the three days' sessions.

The convention was opened with an address by Secretary Bryan. A feature was the annual address of Senator Ransdell of Louisiana, president of the rivers and harbors congress, in which he vigorously denounced recent attacks on the river and harbor bill passed at the last session of congress and the filibuster which resulted in the practical defeat of the measure.

Critics of the legislation, he said, had been unable to suggest a better system than the one they criticize. "To assert that river and harbor bills are full of 'pork' graft and corrupt items," he declared, "is to charge that the engineer corps of the army, members of the rivers and harbors committee of the house and commerce committee of the senate, and a majority of the senators and representatives who advocated and voted for these measures, are guilty of fraud, corruption, graft and plain stealing. Such an accusation is false."

Senator Ransdell concluded with an appeal to the convention to insist that "under no circumstances should any water course be improved unless it has real, genuine merit back of it."

### KANSAS WEATHER AFFECTS SELLING

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Continued absence of adequate moisture for the winter crop in Kansas gave an advantage today to the bulls in wheat. Strength at Liverpool counted also against the bears. Demand here, however, was light. After opening 1/2 to 3/4 higher, prices reacted a little, but then again hardened.

Corn weakened under selling led by prominent speculators. Wet weather that promised to lessen the movement from first hands formed only a temporary prop to the market. The opening which varied from a shade to 1/4 higher, was followed by a setback all around.

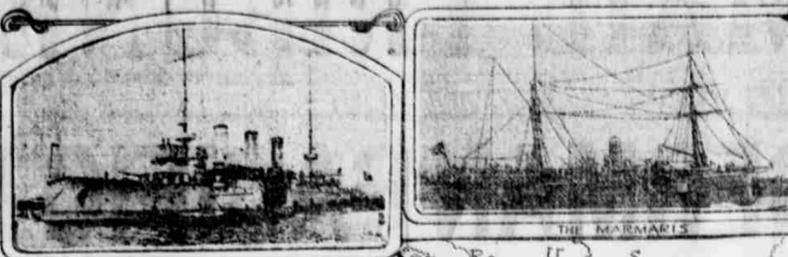
Oats weakened with corn. Transactions were for the most part between pit traders. Higher prices for hogs carried provisions up. There were increasing offerings, though, on the advance.

### GOD AND NERVE WITH US--KAISER

BERLIN, Dec. 9, via London, 12:30 p. m.—There is published today a speech made December 3 by Emperor William at one of the army camps, composed of Germans and Austrians, which he visited on his recent trip to the eastern front.

"You are fighting for a just cause, for liberty, for the right to exist as a nation, and for a future of pro-

### RUSSIAN PORT BOMBARDED BY TURKISH VESSELS.



THE HAMIDIEH

THE MARMARIS

An official Constantinople despatch, received by way of Berlin, says that the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh bombarded and destroyed the Russian petroleum depots and wireless station at Tnapse, near Novorossisk (on the Black Sea).

The despatch also reported that a heavy battle, lasting nine hours, occurred on November 18 along the Shal-el-Arab River (this river empties into the Persian Gulf and forms part of the boundary between the Persian and Turkish dominions) between British and Turkish troops. The British losses were heavy. Captured British soldiers declare that the wounded included the British commander.

The despatch also stated that one shot from the Turkish gunboat Marmaris hit a British gunboat and caused an explosion, details of which were not available.



MAP SHOWING TAURSE, NEAR NOVOROSSISK, WHICH THE HAMIDIEH BOMBARDED

### FLETCHER SAYS SUBMARINE NOT GREATEST POWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—For the first time in many years the house naval committee today conducted in public its hearing on the naval bill, which already has assumed the nature of a general inquiry into efficiency and general conditions of the fleet.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic fleet, in a general statement, defended the dreadnought as the greatest weapon of naval warfare.

"The European war has not demonstrated," said Admiral Fletcher, "that the battleship is any less valuable in naval warfare than heretofore, or that it is not still the main factor in finally determining a conflict."

"The submarine undoubtedly is a valuable adjunct to a navy. The defense against the submarine has not yet been fully developed. One defense against the submarine already developing is the airship."

The admiral gave it as his opinion that great naval battles would continue to be decided, in the main, by battleships.

### CARRANZA AIDES FILE PROTEST ON ZAPATA MEMBER

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—The permanent committee of twenty-one of the Aguan Calientes convention has protested against the naming by Provisional President Gutierrez of certain of his cabinet officers, among them Soto Y. Gama, a close adviser of General Zapata. This was reported today in official advices from Mexico City to Juarez officials.

From the interior came several American and Mexican refugees with stories of disorders at several points. It was said that Villa soldiers a few days ago had entered the village of Galeana, Chihuahua, where the inhabitants favored the new Salazar revolt and had executed one-half of the men of the town. The others were released with a warning. Many of them later joined Salazar's little army.

Refugees from Mexico City said that four prominent business and professional men of the capital had been executed after the entry of the convention forces. Among them was David Reyes Rena, a young attorney of an old family in the capital. Persons from Guadalajara declared that the Carranza commander of that city had employed the Roman Catholic cathedral there as a dance hall for his officers.

### NATION'S ARMY IN GOOD SHAPE SAY STAFF HEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Hearings on the army appropriation bill were ended today by the house military committee with a discussion of the nation's preparedness for war by Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff.

General Scott told the committee the condition of the national defense was constantly improving and discussed at length the question of ammunition supplies. Chairman Hay declared supplies on hand were rapidly "approaching the necessary reserve."

Representative Groome of Vermont quoted from the report of the former chief of staff, General Witherspoon, a statement that there is a "serious deficiency" in ammunition for coast defenses. General Scott pit into the record a table showing that there was on hand for twelve-inch mortars 50 per cent; for sixteen-inch guns, 33 per cent; for fourteen-inch guns, 48 per cent; for twelve-inch guns, 48 per cent; and ten-inch guns, 10 per cent of the reserve ammunition.

"General Witherspoon must have been nervous and excited when he wrote that report," remarked Chairman Hay.

### VON DER GOLTZ WILL DRILL TURKISH ARMY

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Dec. 9, 3:10 p. m.—Field Marshal Baron von der Goltz, who has been governor of the territory in Belgium now occupied by the Germans, has arrived at the Ottoman capital. The field marshal some years ago reorganized the Turkish army and the report circulated that he is to take charge of the Turkish troops.

W. R. Garret, postmaster of Buncom has resigned his post, and the postal department has ordered the steps toward the filling of the vacancy.

### 13 MINERS DIE AS DYNAMITE EXPLODES

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—Thirteen miners were killed in the Diamond shaft of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal company here today, when a box of dynamite being lowered into the mine with fourteen men exploded, wrecking the descending carriage and dropping the victims to the bottom of the shaft. The one man who escaped alive is Martin Belinski, a driver boss. The accident occurred when the men were going to work and at a time when the entrance to the mine was crowded with men waiting to be lowered to the various levels.

### YANKEE MINISTER TO FRANCE GAINS MEDAL OF HONOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The grand cross of the Legion of Honor is on its way across the sea from the president of France to Myron T. Herrick, in recognition of Mr. Herrick's services to the French people while American ambassador to France. Mr. Herrick was decorated yesterday with a red ribbon, emblematic of the cross, by the captain of the steamship Rochambeau, acting on wireless orders from the French ambassador at Washington, who said he was acting under instructions from President Poincare. The decoration was pinned upon Mr. Herrick's coat as soon as the steamer reached the three-mile sea limit of American sovereignty. Announcement of the bestowal of the honor was made today when the Rochambeau docked.

The grand cross of the Legion of Honor is the highest honor which the French government can bestow. There are, including Mr. Herrick, only forty-five living persons throughout the world who have been thus decorated.

A spectacular reception was given the retiring ambassador and his wife when the vessel docked. The passengers, nearly all natives of France, lined the rail and cheered as Mr. and Mrs. Herrick walked down the gang-plank, and the cheering was taken up by hundreds of persons who had gone to the pier to greet him on behalf of the city, state, nation and the state of Ohio.

### GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HAIR

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### Southern Oregon's Protest

(From the Salem Capital Journal.)  
Just as a hunch to the politicians it is suggested that they put in a little time studying the election returns from southern Oregon, and they may learn something that will be of use to them in 1916. It will be remembered while conning this little lesson that southern Oregon has been practically without recognition either in state or federal offices so long that it has become sort of understood among politicians that she neither wants nor deserves anything. An examination of the votes for congress will disabuse the mind-political of this idea. The republicans of southern Oregon wanted the nominee for congress at the last election, but they did not get him. The democrats put up a Coos Bay man, who was little known in the district, and yet a study of his vote will convey the idea of what southern Oregon intends to do. Notwithstanding Congressman Hawley's strength, had the democrats put up a southern Oregon man with wide acquaintance and popular, such as could have been easily found, it may well be doubted if Mr. Hawley could have won. It is not that there is any special feeling against Congressman Hawley or any other man, but that southern Oregon is demanding representation in congress, and she is going to have it. That section is naturally republican, but it she

can't have a republican congressman, she will take a democratic one. There is no charge for this hunch to the republican leaders, but it is worth much more than the cost.

### REJECTED SUITOR KILL WOMAN FOR LOVE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Joseph Adams, a petty officer on the battleship Illinois, stationed at the Philadelphia navy-yard, shot and killed a young woman named Anna Conway at her home here early today and then committed suicide. According to the police, Adams shot the girl because she refused to marry him.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The chief concern of the United States must be to enact legislation that will promote industrial prosperity and insure the constant employment of all, according to Albert B. Cummins, United States senator from Iowa, who spoke tonight at a banquet here. The flow of immigration that he expects to follow the close of the war will present a problem to be considered, along with the necessity of insuring every American a job, he said. Too great an influx of aliens might increase the problem of the unemployed.

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