

### POLLUTION OF GREAT LAKES IS HEALTH MENACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Pollution of the Great Lakes and tributary rivers is becoming a serious menace to health, according to the annual report today of Surgeon General Rupert Blue of the public health service. He points out that about 16,000,000 passengers are carried each year over the Great Lakes and that more than 1600 vessels use these waters.

"It becomes apparent, therefore," Dr. Blue declares, "that these inland vessels play an important role in the maintenance of the high typhoid fever rate in the United States."

"The degree of the pollution of the Great Lakes and rivers tributary thereto is becoming a serious question. These large bodies of water constantly are becoming more polluted, thus lessening their value as a source of water supply. Practically all of these vessels get the water used aboard for all purposes by pumping from the lake."

It is recommended that water so taken be purified before being used for drinking purposes.

Study of the use of drugs in this country, where anti-narcotic legislation has made statistics available, Dr. Blue says, leads to the belief that the estimate of drug-users has been high and that the users of morphine and opium in this country probably don't number more than 140,000, while the number of cocaine users is probably "very much lower."

### LEGISLATORS CLASH AUSTRALIAN HOUSE

MELBOURNE, via London, Dec. 18, 8:56 a. m.—During a stormy all-night session of the federal house of representatives, the speaker cited Joseph Hume Cook, leader of the liberal party and a former cabinet minister, for gross insults to the chair.

In reply Cook, amid liberal cheering, said the party declined to sit under a tyrannical speaker, and the opposition thereupon left the house in a body.

Following their departure, a motion was carried to suspend Cook until he apologized for his actions in the house. The clash grew out of a debate on the commonwealth bank bill.

### AUSTRIA LOSS IN SERVIA HEAVY

PARIS, Dec. 18, 10:50 a. m.—In a dispatch from Nish, Serbia, the correspondent of the Havas Agency says the Serbian authorities have re-established themselves in the vicinity of Podrinie, where the Austrian troops surrendered to them. Prisoners affirm that the Austrian losses in the recent engagements in killed and wounded have been very large and that they exceed the loss in prisoners. Heavy casualties are shown by the innumerable unburied bodies of Austrian soldiers found on the line of their retreat.

Loznitza, where there had been fighting recently, was burned by the Austrians.

### GERMANS PLANNED TO ANNEX SWITZERLAND

PARIS, Dec. 18, 8:25 a. m.—As proof that Germany made plans to annex Switzerland, the Matin prints photographs of German ten and twenty pfennig stamps across which are printed in black letters "Schweiz, ten centimes," and "Schweiz, twenty-five centimes." The editor claims that he has stamps of this kind in his possession.

### TWO PERISH IN TERRE HAUTE FIRE

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Two persons were killed and a number injured, three of them seriously, in a fire which early today destroyed a large rooming house here. The dead are: Lucius Alexander, a cripple, smothered to death in bed, and Chester Rawrey, eighteen, son of the rooming

### CAROTHERS JOINS SCOTT TO STOP BORDER FIRING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department with General Villa, has been sent to Naco to join his efforts with those of Brigadier General Scott, who arrives there tomorrow to stop firing from the contending Mexican factions into American territory.

Secretary Bryan has secured, through the government of General Gutierrez, assurances that Governor Iturbide will have a fair trial.

A dispatch to the Carranza agency here reports the defeat of Villa forces south of Tampico.

Consular Agent Canova at Mexico City reports the departure of 15,000 Gutierrez troops for the west coast and the occupation of Puebla by Zapata troops.

Gutierrez has ordered all generals to be represented at the forthcoming conventions of chiefs, which is to select a president.

### A. J. VANCE ACCEPTS NEW MILITARY HONOR

A. J. Vance, manager of the Home Telephone company, recently named captain of the 7th company, appeared before the members at Wednesday's meeting and at the urgent request of Medford citizens accepted the position. It is planned to introduce athletics and other forms of amusement as a side feature of the military training. Five new men have recently enlisted, and more are on the waiting list. Money to further the athletics will be raised by a series of entertainments. Captain Vance's commission will arrive in a few days. New life will be instilled into the company.

### Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts 219; steady to strong. Hogs—Receipts 1802; 10c higher. Prime light, \$7.40@7.60; medium, \$7.20@7.30; smooth heavy, \$6.85@7.10; rough heavy, \$6.40@6.60. Sheep—Receipts 142. Steady.

### SOUTH AFRICAN REBELLION ENDED ASSERTS BOTHA

CAPE TOWN, via London, Dec. 18, 8:15 a. m.—General Luis Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, considers that the rebellion, apart from the rounding up of a few stray bands, is at an end. Accordingly he has gone for a short vacation on his farm before undertaking a campaign against German Southwest Africa.

With the capture of General De Wet and the death of General Beyers in an engagement, the South African government recently announced that the rebellion started by the leaders was practically at an end. Most of the followers of De Wet and Beyers, it is stated, have been either captured or dispersed.

### PORTLAND STRUCK BY COLDEST WAVE

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 18.—Portland experienced the coldest December weather in six years today when the mercury descended to 23 degrees above zero. Steamers from the Columbia river reported new ice forming across the river from St. Helen's, Or., eastward. Word was received here that the Cascade Locks were frozen.

Vessels due to pass through the locks today from above started down the river several hours before scheduled time, hoping to break through before the ice became too thick. At Baker, in eastern Oregon, zero weather was reported. The minimum at Spokane was 2 degrees above and at Seattle 39 degrees.

### FOR CHRISTMAS

Nothing nicer for Christmas than Governor Johnson and Mt. Pitt cigars in Christmas boxes.

### EMDEN'S SAILORS TAKEN PRISONERS BY BRITISH SHIP

TOKIO, Dec. 18, 10 p. m.—Cretain British warships have captured those members of the crew of the German Cruiser Emden, which escaped at Cocos island when the cruiser was destroyed November 10 by the Australian cruiser Sydney. The German sailors went to sea in a Cocos island schooner named Aysha.

Forty men of the German cruiser Emden were ashore on Cocos island when their vessel was overtaken and sunk by the Sydney. Under the command of Lieutenant Muecke, they commandeered a Cocos island schooner, loaded it with provisions and sailed away. A dispatch from Manila, December 16, said these men later captured a collier on which they mounted two Maxim guns, evidently brought with them from the Emden, and began raiding commerce in the Pacific.

This report came through officers of the British steamer Malacca, which arrived at Jolo. It has not, however, been confirmed from any official quarter. Where they captured this collier has not been divulged. The Malacca, fearing that she would be overhauled by this collier, made her way into Jolo without showing lights. This would indicate that the collier has been operating in the Pacific not far from the Philippine islands.

PARIS, Dec. 18, 3:35 p. m.—The ministry of marine announced today that the British auxiliary cruiser Empress of Japan had captured the collier Exford, having on board three officers and forty men from the German cruiser Emden, sunk November 10 by the Australian cruiser Sydney. These are the forty men who escaped to Cocos island and subsequently sailed away in a commandeered schooner.

Engineers ask congress for \$1,750,000 to complete work at month of Columbia.

### FRENCH ASSERT ALLIES DRAWING GERMANS BACK

PARIS, Dec. 18, 2:47 p. m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:

"The day of December 17 was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every counter attack undertaken by the enemy failed.

"In the region of Arras, a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches.

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"In the Argonne the Germans blew up one of our trenches to the north of Four De Paris and endeavored to move out from their position with three battalions of troops. This infantry attack, as well as the one they undertook at St. Hubert, was repulsed.

"To the east of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report."

### WARSHIPS DESTROY TURKISH BARRACKS

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Havas agency has given out a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens, who quotes a message from the island of Tenedos to the effect that the recent bombardment by a British fleet in the Gulf of Saros, immediately north of the Dardanelles, completely destroyed the Turkish barracks on shore and seriously damaged the fortifications. The Turks, panic-stricken, fled to the interior.



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