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# INVESTIGATIONS TO KEEPCONGRESSMEN BE RE-APPOINTED BUSY FOR AWHILE

Five Inquiries by Senate and One by House During Holidays

CONGRESS ADJOURNS UNTIL JANUARY 3

To Investigate Transportation System-To Vote on Suffrage January 10

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Senate inquiries into the transportation system. both rail and ship, have been added to the series of war activity investigations to be conducted by congressmen during the Christmas recess.

When congress adjourned yesterday until January 3, the senate left behind it five investigations; army preparations and sugar in full swing; one on Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech pending, and those on railroad ship-ping affair to be begun. A house committee is hearing testimony on the navy's activities. The senate's decis-ion to investigate the railroad situation was taken despite the fairbad state that administration spokesmen indicated President Wilson will present his plans for solution of the problem after the heliday recess.

the holiday recess.

The senate interstate Commerce committee was authorized to start the committee was authorized to start the inquiry before congress reassembles January 3. Senator Cummins in proposing the investigation, asserted that he expected it would be constructive instead of critical and the recent report of the Interstate Commerce commission suggesting either government operation or repeal of the anti-pooling laws and a federal loan as a way out of present difficulties probably would be considered.

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would be considered.

Equally quick was the action on Senator Harding's resolution to investigate the shipping situation. The resolution was prompted, it was announced by it sponsor, by the continual re-organization of the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet corporation. Chairman Fletcher called the committee to meet Thursday to arrange its procedure.

In its last business day the senate took final action toward submission to the states of the federal prohibition amendment and arranged for the dis-

amendment and arranged for the dis-posal of Walsh coal and oil leasing idil January 7. The house passed a resolution to remove as to the appliresolution to remove as to the appli-cation of the excess profit taxes to federal officers, except the president and Supreme court judges and ar-ranged to take the suffrage amend-ment January 10;

## LIGHTLESS NIGHTS FOR **VAUDEVILLE HOUSES**

Washington, Dec. 19 .- Requests by vaudeville theater for exemption from the recent lightless night order on the grounds that their pariotic services deserve recognition was denied today by the fuel administration. The the-aters has cited the fact that they had permitted use of their stages for fourminute-men and by solicitors for Lib-erty bonds. Red Cross and other patriotic funds.

Replying to the request Fuel Admin-

istrator Garfield today wired the Vaudoville Managers' Protective asso-ciation at New York: "Although appreciating the patriot-

fe services rendered by vaudeville houses to the country we cannot per-nift exception in your favor allowing excessive use of fuel to ganerate power. war demands for coal are largely in schools which was demanded to gamerate power buildings, placed the total amount at excess of limited production. It is unfair to the public to allow display advertising. We rely upon your patriotic principal sufferers. Fire flowers the principal sufferers. co-operation to induce your members to comply loyalty with our ruling."

## ALIEN ENEMY TALKED HIMSELF INTO PRISON

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 18.— Herman Frederick Wilhelm Babbel, an alien enemy is under arrest today on instructions from Washington and will be interned at Fort Douglas for the period of the war, Babbel, it is alleged, recently expressed the opinion that Germany would win the war and get even with the United States for taking the part of the allies "if it

took 40 years."

Babbel who is a ladies tailor and who had for customers many of Salt Lake's fashionable women, displayed Prussian colors at his place of

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London, Dec. 19.-Field Marshall Haig, commander-in-chiefs of the British forces in France, s. The Times says, it understands, s. is making important changes in s. his headquarters staff which up to this time has virtually been unaltered since he took over the supreme command.

# MARSHAL WEBB TO

Only Two Letters Received Protesting Against Mr. Webb's Reappointment, Don Elias' Being One

days, as will also Mershal W. T.
Dortch, of the eastern district of
North Carolina. Senators Lee S. Overman and F. M. Simmons have endorsed for re-appointment both of

certain newspapers that objection had been made to the re-appointment of Marshal Webb, of Asheville, Senator Overman said yesterday that he bad received two letters, and only two, protesting against the re-appointment of Mr. Webb, and that one of less was from Don Elias, of Asheville, Senator Overman did not consider that the protests called for any serious consideration and has already formally endorsed the re-appointment as did also Senator Simmons. The appointments will go to the senate for confir-mation within the next few days. There is no question of their confirmation and Marshals Webb and Dortch will continue in their work, having given the department satisfac-

## FRENCH TRANSPORT WAS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

All Passengers, Soldiers and Officers, Saved-Ten of Crew Lost

Paris, Dec. 18 .- (Delayed) -The old French cruiser, Chateaurenault, em-ployed as a transport was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of December 14, and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed, according to announcement made tonight by the French minister of marine. The passengers on the Chateaurenault all of whom were either soldiers or officers, were sayed. Ten members of the crystwers lest. Ten members of the crew were lost.

The French cruiser Chatcaurenault was faid down in 1896. She was 442 feet long, with a beam of 55.7 feet and displaced 7,898 tons. Her complement before the war was 600 men. Besides being used as a cruiser form-erly, the Chateaurenault had been fit-

Noon today was the time set for the sale of \$127,000 worth of city bonds, but as no satisfactory bid was received the commissioners postnoned the sale. The issue is for serial bonds for street news print paper market for five news paper market for five n

Fire Did \$200,000 Damage, Baltimore, Dec. 19.—Revised esti-mates of the losses caused by the fire late last night which destroyed the

## ONLY FIVE PER CENT OF MEN TO GET FURLOUGHS

Department Not to Modify Orders and Will Not Tolerate "Row"

By GEO. H. MANNING.

Washington, Dec. 19.-No disposi-By GEO. H. MANNING.

Washington, Dec. 19—United States
Marshal Charles A. Webb will receive
his commission within the next few
days, as will also Mershal W. T.
Dortch, of the eastern district of per cent of the men over the Christmas holidays.

The orders issued concerning the

dorsed for re-appointment both of these men, whose terms expire within the next week.

Concerning the reports published in Concerning the reports published in cortain newspapers that objection had quences for those starting it, Adjuand the Plave, has become the center of fighting in this sector. Berlin claims orders from the war department that no more than five per cent of the men in camp were to be furloughed over the Christmas holidays, there have been some newspaper reports of great disappointment among large numbers. disappointment among large upphers of the boys in camp who expected to the m go home over the holidays. Some of the reports had gone so far as to state that "there would be a row over The

this order. Adjutant General McCain said to-day that no reports have come to him officially of dissatisfaction at any of the camps and when told of the in-timations that there might be a "row" over it, he suggested that these are war times and that anything in the naure of a "row" would be dealt with

Secretary Baker issued the order that the army regulations providing that no more than five per cent of the men at any camp be furloughed at one time in times of war, would be observed at all the camps during the Christmas period," said General Mc-Cain. "I have no idea there will be any change in that order during Christmas."

## MAY INCREASE MILEAGE RATES TO 2 1-4 CENTS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Southern ommercial travelers entered strong protest against the proposed increase of interchangeable mileage rates from two to two and one-fourth cents or southern railroads when the roads application was heard today by an Interstate Commerce commission

R. A. Broyles, of Atlanta, represent-ing the Travelers' Protective associa-York, president of the Southern Travelers' association, argued that two cents was adequate for commercial mileage. The railroads explained that the increase is sought to make southerstern mileage rates equal to those maintained elsewhere. those maintained elsewhere.

## SALE OF CITY BONDS LOSS OF PRODUCTION OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

The issue is for serial bonds for street improvements, the bonds drawing five per cent interest.

Since the last sale of city bonds, several weeks ago, the bond market has slumped tremendously, according to financial journals from various sections of the United States. points. A small decline in jobbers' stocks is indicated, and also a decline of about 9,500 tons in publishers' stocks is shown.

late last night which destroyed the four story building at 319 West Baltimore street, in the business center of the city, and damaged two adjoining buildings, placed the total amount at \$200,000 Morris Brothers company.

## TEUTONS STRIKE AT NEW POINTS

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Questionnaires Mailed
Men With Order Numb
Between 349 and 515 nitiar stans

east of the Brenta last week, the invaders, despite the heavy losses inflicted upon them by the Italians have struck at two new points on the line between Asiago and the Plave.

Monte Solarolo, between the Brenta the defenders. West of the Frenta the Austro-Germans have attacked in the mountain region and Berlin says more than 1,000 prisoners were cap-

There has been no change on the front in France. Infantry fighting has not increased and the artillery tinues to be active in certain sectors,

German Patrols Active.

London, Dec. 19.—German patrols
were active last night in Flanders near Passchendaele. Otherwise there were no operations of consequence the war office reports. The statement follows:

"Hostile reconnoiters endeavored to approach our posts southeast and northeast of Passchendaele. were driven off by our fire. We se-cured a few prisoners. Elsewhere there was nothing of special interest."

## SHOULD HAVE NO RIGID **RULES FOR CAR SUPPLY**

I. C. C. Should Not Interfere With System of Car Distribution

Washington, Dec. 19.-The Interstate Commerce commission should not interfere during abnormal war times with the system of coal car distribution worked out by the railroads car service commission, said an eximiner's report submitted today to the commission.

The examiner recommended dis-missal of a complaint of the Southern Appalachian Coal Operators' association, representing southern Kentucky and eastern Tennessee operators, ing that the Louisville and Nashville compelled to furnish an adequate supply of cars to connecting lines on which coal shipments origin-ate and with which through rates are maintained. The operators had asked promulgation of definite car supply rules and rigid adherence to them.

"In a time like this," said the ex-aminer's report, "no such action should be undertaken by this commission, quite aside from the merits or demerits of the proposal as a rule of action in normal times. The ques-tions raised by this case are of the gravest importance, and should receive the careful consideration of the commission when normal conditions of transportation are resumed. It is quite clear that any general rules that might be laid down by the commission in this proceeding would be impossi-

## British Crew Surrendering to a U-Boat



The crew of a British vessel sunk at sea surrendering, after they had taken refuge on life-boat and life-raft, the U-boat that torpedoed them. This picture was published in a German newspaper with the evident intento the U-boat that torpedoed them. This picture was published in a German newspaper with the tion of bolstering up the hopes of the German people in their campaign of submarine frightfulness

clusive—The Names

The following registrants were sent copies of the questionnaire yesterday by the county exemption board, the order numbers being between 349 and Grover Franklin Case

Charum Murry Howie Altmost Johnson Claude Eston Mendows William Thomas Stewart Jesse Marcell Israel Joseph Fred Hall Joseph Franklin Love John Payne William Harry Harvey Karl L. Jones

Joseph Voughn Whitake Lawrence Aubrey Sloop Grover Lloyd Justice Charles E. Watkins Garfield Haney Cashus Melton Morgan Charles Ed Hamilton Joel Milton Anderson Earl Bryan Gooch Owen Berr Sumper

Owen Bert Sumner Robert E. Scarborough Frank Lawrence Wells Marshall Tomberlin Merrimon Harrowood Edgar Calvin Burrell Joe Ward

Brilliant Arrowood James W. Roberts James Russell Benjamin Lloyd Hensley Furman J. Wyatt Paul Vain Creasman Clarence Capps Garland Thurman Wright John Wilson Ernest Hughey Bishop Carl Homer Cagle Ed Flack James Woodard West Ose B. Bailey Harvey Merrick Haywood Jarvis Shroat John Lloyd Parker Christopher C. Jackson Hermon Andrew Warr Woodfin C. Etter Jerry Lamar Ingle

W. Nelox Clarence Arthur Morgan Ellis Harrowood Thomas Johnson Smith William Calloway Earley William Roy Roberts Renjamin Buckner Luna Roberts Herbert Morebead Fred Cecil Cole Bert Eugene Green Fred Alexander Rickman

this time.
The commission ordered the estab-

Men With Order Numbers Between 349 and 515 In-

Tom Hemphill J. B. Ballard Paul Sidney Cochrane Burlin Edford King French Zaigler Flack Royal Linden McKinney James Webb Bailey James Erwin Parris William Clyde Allison John Thomas Austin Albert Roy McCon Bouman Ulus Clark James Waldron Fred Lee Wilson Charles Everett Haney

William H. Scaley Crawford Charles Merrell Jeter Hensley Crawford William McElrath Major Bynum Jackson Joseph Voughn Whitaker

Clarence Pearson Ledbetter Luke Spurgeon Metcalf Lloyd Victor Dillingham Alfred Larkin Cook Adolphus Bart Greenwood John Mont Thomas Lawrence Daniel Ramsey

Joe Harrison Stepp James Norman Alexander Richard Frances

Gomer Woody Louis Thorton Ingle Erastus Long

Nathaniel Harrison Snelson

Albert Pardini Jerry Hascue Robinson Austin McKinley Mann George Cornelius Hawkins Exra Vono Brookshire

P. Franklin King David Henry Penley Alvin Herbert O'Kelley

E. Hardle Buckner
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Fletcher King
Thomas Lay Jones
David Gaston Warlick
Philip Sampson Meadows
Walter Ray Chambers
Arthur Moore

Arthur Moore Grover Cleveland Jesse Clingman Penland Rube Clifford Stamey Gorden Allen Roberson

John Lloyd Parker.

LIBERTY MOTOR TRUCK

**COLLIDED WITH TRAIN** 

Kelley Head Baxter Parris Shope John William Haney

G. L. Self

Louis Milion Higgins George Western Cochrane Joet Oden Brigman Lonnie Owenby James Martin Smith James Henry Wilson George Washington McElrath

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lishment through rates on coke in carloads from Stopega, Osaka, Glam-organ, Esserville, and Dorchester, Va., to Alabama. Florida, Georgia, Ken-tucky, Louisiana, South Carolina and Tennessee equal to rates now in efincorporated, clothiers, and the Southern Commission company, were the principal sufferers. Five firemen were slightly injured.

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## THIRD COUNTY LIST TEN KILLED AND SENT YESTERDAY 70 HURT IN AIR RAID LAST NIGHT

One German Airplane Which Took Part in Raid Brought Down - Another Probably stroyed-Only Five Machines Reached London-Five Injured Outside of London

London, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and 70 injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

Official Announcement. The following official communica- tured alive by an armed trawler, tion in regard to casualties was given

out: "Last night's air raid ensualties nel, says the report. were: Ten killed and seventy injured A British pilot fired two drums of

London. rial damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military

establishments."

took part in last night's raid over England, was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed, the war office announces. From 16 to 20 raiders, divided into six groups, endeavored to reach London but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

After the main attacks of the raiders erosed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m. Three other groups crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6:45 p. m. "All six groups made towards London. Most of the raiders were turned back by gun fire at various places, only about five machines actually reaching and bombing the capital between 6.15 and 6:45 p. m. "All six groups made towards London. Most of the raiders were turned back by gun fire at various places, only about five machines actually reaching and bombing the capital between 7 and 8 p. m. "One raider, hit by gun fire at various places, only about five machines actually reaching and bombing the capital between 6.15 and 6:45 p. m. "All six groups made towards London. Most of the raiders erose towards london. Most of the raiders erose took part in bast night's raid over Eng-

Two of the crew of three were cap-

There is reason to believe another raider dropped into the English chan-

in London; only five injured outside ammunition into a raider as it was dropping bombs on London from a

"Several fires occurred. The matefal damage was not serious. There
was no damage to naval or military
stablishments."

One Airplane Brought Down.

One of the German airplanes which
ook part in last night's raid over Engand, was brought down and another

The statement issued today by Lord
French, commander of the British
home forces, reads:

"The latest reports indicate that from 15 to 26 enemy airplanes took
part in last night's air raids. Three
groups of raiders crossed the Kent
coast between 6.15 and 6:25 p. m.
Three other groups crossed the Essex

## CONVICTS WILL NOT BE DANIELS AND M'GOWAN REMOVED DECEMBER 24

## Supt. Collie Recommends House Inquiry Into Navy's Further Work on Ridgecrest Road

which were ordered to be removed into the navy's war activitie December 21, be allowed to remain on Chairman Oliver, of the sub-comthat road for the same length of time mittee said that he expected a number which they have lost on account of of leading navai authorities, including

old Fort via Round Knob, and the putting of the road in such condition as will be acceptable by the federal road engineer, in order that the federal road engineer, in order that the federal road engineer is conditionally as the condition of the road engineer. eral appropriation for this project may done and give it a clean bill of health

be secured.
Supt. Collie and H. B. Yarner, Secretary Dasiels gave a general re-Supt. Collie and H. B. Varner, chairman of the prison board, went view of what the navy has been dover this road in company with representatives of the board of trade. Motor club, Good Roads association, city and County commissioners, about the middle of November, and at that time they advised representatives of Old Fort township and Buncombe chassers, he said they were regarded county that the convicts would be retime they advised representatives of Old Fort township and Buncombe county that the convicts would be removed on December 24. Old Fort township has placed a number of leams on the road in order to assist the men so that the road could be gainshed for final acceptance by the coverament engineer, but on account of the cold weather for the past two weeks the squad of convicts has been unable to do work. A letter has been written to Supt. Colle expressing appreciation for his recommendation.

The more and the use of submarine chassers, he said they were regarded as a necessity but there was "no great enthusiasm" about them as a great weapon for permanent effectiveness. Navat aviation, he said, has made gratifying strides but has been hambered by lack of manufacturing facilities.

Secretary Daniels praised the coordination between the personnel of the navy and the

# ALLEGED FORGER HELD BY COUNTY OFFICERS

rall while the orders are working sub-on additional evidence, which it is stated has been secured against the prisoner. Nelson is said to be wanted in several cities on charges of passing worthless checks and ferrery, which are the charges he is being held on here.

Warren, O., Dec. 19.—Liberty motor trucks of 23 military liberty motor trucks enroute from Detroit to Newport News, near Braceville, Ohio, at 2 a. m., today, was struck by an Eric passenger train, resulting in the death of Frank Pappelo, of Canton, O., driver of the truck, and seriously injuring John Litzenburg, an assistant, of Mineral City, O. The motor truck fleet, scheduled to reach Warren, O., at 60 clock last night had been delayed by a heavy snowfall.

Never no., Dec. 19.—Liberty motor trucks SUNK BY U-BOAT

Paris Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by a submar ne of the Spanish steamer Novembre, 3,654 tons gross, is reported in a dispatch from Biarritz to the Excelsior, quoting advices received there from Bilboa. Thirty of the principle of self-definition of nations." Trotzky, is reported to crew have been landed. They say the ship was torpedoed without warning at night and that they were all thrown into the sea. After swimming about for an hour they were picked up by a relacking.

French catrol ships which put the submarine to flight,

# FIRST WITNESSES CALLED War Activities Got

Under Way Today

In response to telegrams sent by Washington, Dec. 19. - Secretary the board of trade, a letter was re- Daniels and Paymaster-General Mcceived today from Supt. J. R. Collie, Gowan, of the navy, were the first of the state prison, advising that he witnesses summoned to appear today has recommended to the state prison before the house naval sub-committee board that the convicts at Ridgecrest delegated to begin an investigation

the extreme cold weather for the past those abroad, would furnish informatwo weeks.

This information will be agreeable to all those interested in the completion of the road from Ridge crest to old Fort via Konna Knob, and the putting of the road in such condition.

one of the great problems, he said, was to furnish gun crews to merchant ships. "We made these reserve ships." said Mr. Paniels, "a school for gunners and the efficiency with which these officers have taken hold of the young men and made the young men

officient is really one of the big things of the may in this war."

"When you come to write the story of this war," said he, "one of the most thrilling chapters will be regarding R. A. Nelson, the man with many aliases, who was arrested several days ago by members of the shering department, is being held in the county jail while the officers are worker on additional.

### What Kind of Peace.