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YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Guns of 24-inch calibre to shoot 40 miles with longer ranges for special types is an epochal achievement now possible for the first time in the United States army, says the annual report of the Major General who is in command of the coast artillery, published today. This mammoth gun is one of the greatest accomplishments of the American army. The largest gun now is a 14-inch gun with a range of 30 miles.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Russian Bolsheviks has recognized the independence of Esthonia, says a wireless today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The greatest number of deaths in the army from influenza was at Camp Grant, with Camps Devens, Taylor, Pike, Lee and Meade next in order as named.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Count Karolyie, former premier of Hungary and first president of the national assembly, attempted suicide because of despair at the failure to reconstruct Hungary, says an Amsterdam dispatch today. There are no details.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The troop ship Koonland from Brest docked at 4 o'clock this afternoon with 1243 soldiers on board, including 704 sick and wounded. The British steamer Camopic, with 2,000 aboard, reached Boston this afternoon. The Empress of Britain docked today with 2,400 from Liverpool.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—British tonnage sufficient to transport 40,000 men monthly will be placed at the disposal of the United States by England for returning soldiers to America.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Approximately 17,000 soldiers in the United States army died from influenza in military stations in the United States during the epidemic this year. It is announced by the War Department today. There were 338,257 cases.

WITH THE PRESIDENT AT SEA.
Dec. 10.—It is the President's desire to make the proposed league of nations the principal question at the peace conference and get it out of the way before taking up other big problems, according to indications. It is understood that the President has sent word to Paris hoping that no decisions will be reached on any mooted questions, including the manner of holding conferences, representations, etc., before his arrival Saturday. It is regarded as certain that the President wants the league of nations to precede questions of punishment, indemnities and territorial arrangements. The weather is fine, and the health of all aboard is splendid.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—In a fit of melancholy William Hohenzollern attempted suicide at Amerongen, but was prevented by members of his staff. One of them was slightly wounded, says a Copenhagen

dispatch.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Berlin, Hamburg and Munich are the centers of counter revolutionary agitations in Germany today. The general command established at Berlin is refusing to recognize the soldiers' and workmen's council. Many arrests are being made at Hamburg. The Bolshevik reign of terror in Bavaria is spreading.

MRS. C. C. HOOK MADE ADDRESS TO BETTERMENT.

Woman's Betterment Association Endorses Move for Medical Inspection in the Schools—Also Favors Establishment of County Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

(Reported for The Gazette.)

The Woman's Betterment Association held its regular monthly meeting on the afternoon of Friday, December 6th, with the president, Mrs. R. C. Warren, in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. S. A. Kindley and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Various committee reports were then heard. Mrs. Frost Torrence stated that the civic committee was responsible for the recent enforcement of the anti-spitting ordinance. Also that sanitary officer B. W. Craig would have trash removed from lots at any time if notified.

The name of Mrs. James Jenkins was presented for membership.

Mrs. J. H. Separk reported that the public health committee was formulating plans to secure medical inspection in the schools. She asked for the endorsement by the betterment association of any plans that might be presented, and by a unanimous vote the betterment pledged the desired endorsement.

Mrs. Whitesides reported that the Red Cross seals committee had paid \$50 on the hospital bill of the little Abernathy girl. She also stated that this committee had volunteered its services to Mr. John Carpenter, chairman of the Christmas Red Cross Call Committee.

A letter was read from Mrs. R. R. Cotton. This letter was in reply to one written by the president at the request of the betterment for advice as to the disposition of the balance remaining of the Furlough Home Fund. Mrs. Cotton stated that there was no more immediate need of funds for the sending of a unit of women workers to France, and with this fact in view the association voted to keep the remaining \$210 in the treasury.

An earnest appeal from the Food Administration headquarters was read, asking for a stricter observance of economy in our food program, that the starving nations of the world might be relieved.

The following pledge was taken by the betterment:

We pledge to our country our best efforts to prevent waste and the selfish use of our food reserves. We pledge our loyal co-operation in carrying out the conservation measures suggested by the government.

And if economy sometimes grows irksome or if this service works unwelcome change in our accustomed manner of living, we will think of those who have offered their lives for their country and those whose homes have been devastated. We will be glad that we, too, can serve in satisfying their hunger, in renewing their courage, and in re-establishing their

homes.

The association voted to pay the remainder of the hospital bill of the Abernathy child, amounting to \$50.

The Red Cross Seal committee then took charge of the afternoon's program, and in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. D. R. La Far, Mrs. H. F. Whitesides presided.

Mrs. Whitesides spoke briefly of the growth of the Red Cross Seal work in Gaston county. She stated that there would be no sale of Red Cross Seals this year, as the American Red Cross will take over all the work of the anti-tuberculosis campaign for the year.

A most pleasant feature of the program was a visit and stirring address by Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, State chairman of the Red Cross Seals committee. Mrs. Hook told of the anti-tuberculosis program mapped out for North Carolina and emphasized two features which she regarded as of the utmost importance. The first of these is medical inspection in all our schools.

The other is a tuberculosis sanatorium

in every county in the State.

The address of Mrs. Hook was both earnest and informing and she was heard with deep interest. The project of a county tuberculosis sanatorium was very favorably viewed by those present, as being feasible and most desirable, although quite a decided step forward.

Mr. John Carpenter, chairman of the Christmas Red Cross Roll-Call Commission, spoke briefly in behalf of this cause, asking for the cooperation of the betterment association and the aid of each and every one present.

This closed the very interesting program of the afternoon and the association adjourned till its next regular meeting in January.

Sicker Than Ever.

What makes a kid the maddest is to get sick so he won't have to go to school, and then to find out that the teacher was sick on that day and that there wasn't any school.

Snakes in the Ocean.

It is not generally known that there are snakes in the ocean. There are numerous varieties of small snakes that live in all oceans; then there are the eels, of course, which go from the salt water to the fresh. In the waters around southern Asia there lives the banded sea snake, which has stripes around its body and broad tail, and can swim with great speed.—Christian Science Monitor.

Hard to Explain.

Has it ever been fully explained why it is that a man on a cold, raw day will sit four hours uncomplainingly on a hard board in a rowboat and hold a fish pole, yet squirm and fidget and fume if he is asked to sit more than an hour and fifteen minutes on a cushioned seat in a well-warmed church?

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