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ILLINOIS SENATOR CLAIMS PERSHING LACKS ARTILLERY

DOUBTS VICTORY UNLESS MANY BIG GUNS ARE HURRIED ACROSS

DIG INTO SHIPPING SITUATION SHORTLY

Rap Boards Inefficiency; Demand Immediate Action, and Abolition of "Red Tape"

Washington, Dec. 18.—Testifying before the senate military committee in executive session today, Representative McCormick of Illinois, made statements which tend to contradict testimony of Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, regarding the adequacy of General Pershing's equipment, with especial reference to heavy artillery. Representative McCormick intimated that neither the British nor the French had sufficient heavy artillery, and that they were supplying Pershing only because the American forces were in still more difficult straits.

In a statement issued tonight, partially summarizing his testimony before the committee, Representative McCormick said, "If we make enough guns, and transport them to Europe before the spring of 1919, we ought to win the war without terrible losses. Without the guns we shall lose many men, and perhaps the war itself."

The senate committee today decided to hear private manufacturers of ordnance and munitions tomorrow, and to delve into the clothing, cantonment building, food and transportation situation Friday by examining Major General Sharpe, quartermaster general.

Almost simultaneously with the announcement of Chairman Hurley of the shipping board that Rear Admiral Harris had resigned his position as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, resolutions for investigation of the entire shipping situation were introduced in both houses amid heated charges of "red tape," "inefficiency," "a crime," and other phrases of denunciation. Senator Chamberlain and administration spokesmen declared the shipping board had resolved itself into a "debating society," and added: "Something has got to be done, or nothing can be accomplished as long as there are constant changes being made in the personnel of the board."

With regards to the railroad situation, congress got busy today, despite the fact that administration leaders indicated that President Wilson will not present his plans until after the holiday recess.

To Investigate Railroad Question

The senate adopted almost without discussion, a resolution by Senator Cummins providing for an investigation of the interstate commerce commission's recent recommendation for government operation of railroads.

In the house, Representative Penroot of Wisconsin, proposed a great government corporation to provide equipment for railroads. The corpor-

In the house, Representative Lenama railway and shipping corporations, with the government owning all stock, building and leasing cars to the railroads.

DETROIT COAL MEN COMPLETE NEW POOLING ARRANGEMENT

Detroit, Dec. 18.—Coal dealers, jobbers, operators, and railroad men of Detroit and Michigan at a meeting this afternoon formed a pooling arrangement to handle all coal that comes into Detroit in the future. Beginning operations about Jan. 1, it is expected to handle during its existance betwen 10 and 12 million tons of coal. Its purpose is to assure equitable and fair distribution of all coal assignments among dealers and jobbers.

Railroad men representing the Michigan Central, the Wabash, and the Detroit and Toledo Shore Line, present at the meeting pledged their support and co-operation to the arrangement.

Next Issue of The Daily to be Jan. 3

With this issue The Daily suspends publication until Thursday, Jan. 3, 1918.

ADELPHI SELECTS VARSITY TRY-OUTS

Victoria Adams, '19, First Woman to Secure Place on Varsity Tryouts

Results from the Varsity Mid-West debate try-outs held by the Adelphi house of representatives at University hall last night show selection of the following:

Samuel M. Epstein, '19; I. Victoria Adams, '19; Valois E. Crossley, '18; Wilfred Nevue, '18; Laurence H. Seltzer, '20; A. Joseph Himmelhoch, '20; Don Bell, '19; Kelsey Guilfoil, '20L; and Jacob N. Braude, '18.

Victoria Adams, '19, is the first co-ed at Michigan to secure a place on the Varsity try-outs. The chosen speakers will hold a competitive squad contest after the holidays.

Herman A. August, '19, Varsity debator, acted as chairman of the meeting of the Varsity try-outs.

Students Forget "Smokes" Barrels

Scarcely a package of cigarettes has been dropped into the barrels placed in drug stores and candy shops on the campus to receive "smokes" for the soldiers during the past week.

Since the barrels were first stationed in the stores more than a full barrel of various kinds of cigarette and tobacco packages has been collected. These "smokes" were packed and sent to the Detroit Red Cross headquarters where, together with other similar shipments, they were forwarded to the soldiers in France.

However, during the week which has just passed very few packages have found their way to the receptiicles and the interest seems, apparently, to be waning. It has been suggested that other barrels be placed at the Interurban station and the two depots today and that students drop packages in as they leave for home.

TO MAKE CHANGES AT HEALTH SERVICE DURING HOLIDAYS

More Room Needed For Accomodation of Students at Health Service

Several changes are to be made at the University health service during Christmas vacation. The new arrangement will afford more room which is greatly needed on account of the increasing number of students receiving treatment at the service.

The present treatment room of Dr. W. E. Forsythe and Dr. H. R. John will be changed into a waiting room, and the old waiting room will become the treatment room. Dr. Forsythe's present office will be changed into a private treatment room, and the porch at the rear of the building will be enclosed for an office. Dr. Stouffer's office will remain unchanged as will the women's quarters up-stairs.

During Christmas vacation the health service will be open from 11 to 12 o'clock, but the doctors may be reached by phone at any time.

RANK IN ARMY ONLY FOR DISCIPLINE WRITES BAKER

Washington, Dec. 18.—In response to a senate resolution asking whether there are war department rules and regulations to prevent social intercourse between officers and men of the army, Secretary Baker wrote to Vice-President Marshall that distinctions of rank in the army imply no social distinction and are solely in the interest of military discipline.

Frequently in a country like this, the secretary said, the advantage of education and culture is in favor of the soldier. Nevertheless, he added, safety demands that the soldier and officer acquire by continuous and unvarying practice the habit of instant obedience to his superior.

PROF. H. H. BARTLETT TO SAIL FOR DUTCH EAST INDIES

Prof. H. H. Bartlett of the botany department has secured passports for the Dutch East Indies and will sail on Jan. 17, 1918.

Professor Bartlett will have charge of the 40,000 acre rubber plantation and the laboratories of the United States Rubber company at Sumatra Island. A leave of absence for 11 months was granted him at the last meeting of the Board of Regents.

19 Die When U. S. Submarines Collide in Heavy Fog; 5 Saved

Washington, Dec. 18.—Nineteen lives were lost when the American submarine F-1 was rammed and sunk by the submarine F-3 in home waters during a heavy fog Monday afternoon. The F-3 was undamaged, and picked up five survivors of her victim's crew.

Secretary Daniels announced the disaster late today in a brief statement which gave no further details. Among those lost was Ralph E. McCluer, electrician, of Detroit.

REGENTS AUTHORIZE NEW COURSE IN TELEGRAPHY

CLASSES TO BE HELD IN ENGINEERING COLLEGE AFTER CHRISTMAS VACATION

President Harry B. Hutchins and the executive committee of the board of regents yesterday authorized a course in radio telegraphy to be given in the engineering college immediately after the Christmas recess. The course will be open to men subject to draft and will prepare them for service as radio and buzzer operators in the signal corps.

Expect to Retain Men Here

It is thought that this course will keep many men in the University who are not planning to return after the holidays, as it is practically certain that men attaining proficiency will enter the service as corporals or sergeants and will be in line for speedy promotion.

The course as planned will take 200 hours, or about four weeks, depending upon the amount of time given to the course. Preference will be given to drafted men of the University who have passed their physical examinations. Other men of the University and men in the district will then be enrolled until the facilities of the course have been exhausted.

No Previous Training Required

No previous training will be required of men entering the course. The University will issue certificates of proficiency, stating just what facility has been acquired, and it is promised by the federal authorities that these certificates will receive official recognition in the army and will almost certainly place the men in the signal corps. Such special training as this course is to give, will render men capable of giving the most constructive service to the country, by having something definite which they can carry into the service.

Present Certificates to Board

The certificates given out by the University are to be presented at the cantonment to the vocational board whose duty it is to place men in that part of the service in which they will be the most effective.

The signal corps needs 15,000 operators and under federal request the department of electrical engineering is opening the course to train men for these jobs. Men are supposed to reach a proficiency of receiving 20 words per minute but because of the great shortage of men it is thought that men will be taken who have reached a proficiency of receiving but 15 words per minute.

Men wishing to enroll in the course can get detailed information from Mr. Porter H. Evans of the department of electrical engineering in room 109 of the Engineering building. Mr. Evans will enroll men in the course in the order in which their applications are received up to the limit of the present facilities.

COSMOPOLITAN CLUB TO HOLD SLEIGH-RIDE PARTY THURSDAY

Members of the Cosmopolitan club will hold a sleigh-ride party tomorrow night to the J. A. Steere farm. All foreign students are invited, and those who will be able to attend, are asked to hand in their names to H. Gilbert King, grad., president of the Cosmopolitan club, before tonight. The party will start at 6:45 from Lane hall, and any other information can be secured from King at phone 717M.

A Christmas reception will be given for the foreign students on the Friday night following Christmas at Harris hall.

BOARD OF REGENTS TO ACT ON CERTIFICATES

NEW "WAR DIPLOMAS" MAY BE ISSUED TO MEN GOING INTO SERVICE

"This to certify that John Doe, a student at the University of Michigan in good standing, left during his second year to enter the United States aviation corps." This is a specimen of the proposed war certificate upon which the Regents have been asked to act at their next regular meeting by the faculty of the literary college.

Not Equal to Diploma

This document is not a diploma or an equivalent of one, but a written statement of the amount of work done by the student and his reason for leaving school before the end of the year. It will be signed by the president and deans in much the same manner as a diploma and will be tendered only to men that leave the University to enter service who are in good standing at the time of leaving.

Faculty Start Action

This action came as a result of a feeling among the faculty that a student entering service should have some sort of recognition and that a diploma should be reserved for men that had completed the required amount of work.

Many of the faculty men feel assured that the Regents will pass upon this suggestion.

LOCAL RED CROSS GUARANTEES QUOTA

Secure 1,250 New Members Since Beginning of Christmas Campaign

In response to a telegram from Detroit Red Cross headquarters asking how Washtenaw county was doing in the national Red Cross Christmas membership campaign, the following answer was sent:

"We are going strong. We guarantee our quota."

By their campaign the Red Cross organization expects to bring their membership list from 5,000,000 to 15,000,000. Their slogan is: "Make it a Red Cross Christmas."

The required quota for every county is 25 per cent membership for the total population. Ann Arbor has secured 1,250 new members since the beginning of the campaign.

Women stationed at booths in all of the banks in the city and the postoffice building and branch office have been responsible for the sale of many memberships.

LACK OF CHILDREN STOPS PLANS FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Due to inability to secure the children for the Christmas entertainment which was to have been given at the Union yesterday afternoon, the committee in charge of the affair decided to devote the money collected from the various honorary societies on the campus to buying shoes and stockings for the children. The buying and distribution will be done through the Associated charities of Ann Arbor. About $24 was collected by the committee.

Ann Arbor Man Prepares Booklet

A new booklet entitled "New Minted Gold" has been prepared by Edgar L. Moon of this city for the use of young men. It is an arrangement of the Book of Proverbs, and is especially recommended as being suitable for our soldiers.

NEW LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARRIVES

Lieut. Col. E. W. Howe Third Officer To Be Detailed Here By Government

Lieut. Col. Edgar W. Howe, retired, arrived yesterday afternoon, having been detailed by the war department to the University as professor of military training and tactics.

The exact status of Lieutenants George C. Mullen and Losey J. Williams has not as yet been ascertained. President Hutchins is awaiting further orders from the war department.

Under general orders No. 48, the University is entitled to three commissioned officers, which probably accounts for the detail of Lieutenant Colonel Howe.

Students Pay Up $10,341 on Fund

Funds for the Y. M. C. A. Student War fund campaign have totaled $10,341.08 to date, according to the report of the auditing committee made public yesterday.

Prof. Leo Sharfman and Prof. F. H. Stevens constituted the committee which audited the books submitted by Treasurer G. W. Dowrie. The report of the treasurer was found to be exact in every detail. The final report is as follows:

Debits

Pledged payments	$9,937.08
Post dated checks,	
1st payment	35.00
2nd payment	104.00
3rd payment	115.00
Pledges paid by Liberty Bonds	150.00
Total	$10,341.08

Credits

Cash in bank	$ 9,500.14
Disbursements	404.94
Bad checks	12.00
Check returned for correction	20.00
Post dated checks,	
1st payment	35.00
2nd payment	104.00
3rd payment	115.00
Liberty bonds	150.00
Total	$10,341.08

UNION TO HOLD MIXER FOR STRANDED STUDENTS SUNDAY

For the benefit of those who intend to remain in Ann Arbor over the holidays, the Union will hold a mixer from 3 to 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Union dance hall. There will be the usual "jazz" music and a general get-together.

The University Y. M. C. A. will cooperate with the Union at this meeting and N. C. Fetter, social secretary of the "Y", will be present. Foreign students will be especially welcome and all students, whether members of the Union or not, who are here during the holidays are invited to attend. The committee will be as follows: A. L. Kirkpatrick, '18, chairman; Charles E. Buell, '18, and H. G. King, grad.

K. OF C. WASHTENAW COUNTY WAR FUND TOTALS $3,944.19

Subscriptions totaling $3,944.19 have been received by Mr. Weatherbee, treasurer of the Knights of Columbus war fund in Washtenaw county, up to yesterday afternoon.

A number of towns have not as yet been heard from," stated Mr. Weatherbee yesterday. "Some of the districts have only sent in partial reports. The last day of the war fund ends Feb. 1."

Fresh Lits To Hold Mixer

Fresh lits will hold a mixer at Barbour gymnasium Saturday afternoon, Jan. 19.

The committee in charge is composed of George Duffield, Eleanor C. Spencer, Albert E. Hitchcock, Roy E. Lounsbury, Alice E. Comlossy, Beatrice N. Beckwith, and Wesley L. Nutten.

No Contracts Let For Uniforms

No contracts have as yet been awarded for the manufacture of the military uniforms for members of the R. O. T. C. The committee considered the bids last night, but failed to make a decision.

BALANCE OF POWER SWAYS BACK AND FORTH IN RUSSIA

EXPECT COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF SLAV ARMIES BY NEXT WEEK

BAD WEATHER KEEPS MOST FRONTS QUIET

Teutons Begin Offensive in Monte Solarolo Region But Are Repulsed by Italians

BULLETIN

London, Dec. 18.—German airplanes raided English coast towns tonight.. Some of the raiders reached London where they met with a vigorous defense. Many bombs were dropped.. Reports of casulties and damage have not yet been received.

(Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 18.— Various reports continue to come from Russia regarding operations of the revolutionary and counter revolutionary forces in the supremacy. It is, however, impossible to gain an accurate idea as to which side of the controversy is in the ascendancy, out of the haze that surrounds everything.

Preliminary peace negotiations between the Bolsheviki representatives and the delegates of the Teutonic allies are in progress. The real negotiations have in view the bringing about of peace, and the consequuent retirement of the Russian army as a belligerent against the Teutonic powers is expected to begin next Tuesday.

Little Action on Western Front

On none of the battle fronts except that of northern Italy are military operations of great magnitude taking place. Heavy snow, and inclement weather generally, has brought the fighting almost to a standstill on the western front in France and Belgium. The entire line is quiet except for small encounters by outposts and reciprocal bombardments. On the Italian front around Monte Solarolo, the Austro-Germans have begun a vigorous offensive, throwing their troops against the Italians with great fierceness, disregarding the losses inflicted upon them. The Rome war office reports that in the latest offensive the enemy was completely repulsed.

SELL 1,000 COPIES OF WORK BY TWO FRENCH PROFESSORS

Proceeds To Go To Support of Widows and Orphans of French Teachers

More than 1,000 copies of the translations of "The French Miracle" and "French Civilization" have been sold up to the present time. This is the volume containing the two essays translated from the French of Victor Giraud by Professors Hugo P. Thieme and William McLaughlin of the French department.

A number of universities have ordered copies of the book and have placed them on sale for their students. Transylvania college ordered 100 copies, and Allegheny college 65, Columbia university 60, and the University of Illinois 20. Many others have ordered from 10 to 15 copies each.

The translators are in receipt of several letters of appreciation, among them one from the French ambassador, M. Jusserand, who commends the book heartily.

Professors Thieme and McLaughlin as in hopes of selling 1,500 copies by Christmas, as the proceeds of the book go to the support of the widows and orphans of French teachers.

Spanish Club Meets at Lane Hall

El Ateneo Cervantes, the Spanish club of the University, held an enjoyable meeting last evening at Lane hall.

Mr. S. Scatori of the Spanish faculty gave an interesting talk on the "Value of Castillion," and the program also included a skit by Mary Oakes, '20, and H. Stocker, '19; a song by A. A. Carter, '20P; and a piano selection by S. Pizarra, '20E.

The organization is arranging for a number of speakers at future meetings when different Spanish subjects will be discussed.