

Pictures of World Events for News Readers

Temperance
(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

A SAVING TO TAXPAYERS.
It is stated that the taxpayers of Polk county, Iowa, in which Des Moines is located, will save \$19,000 by the closing of saloons. "Since the many thirst parlor have closed their doors and paid off their help the courts have taken a semivacation," says the Des Moines Capital. "Inebriate and insane asylums have taken down the 'Standing Room Only' signs and report that business is falling off 'something fierce.' The levy for the state institution fund has been reduced for the first time in the history of Polk county. Last year the levy was 1 mill. Now it is 3 mills, a difference of 2 mills. The levy for court expense has been reduced 3 mills. Last year's figure was 3 mills. This year it is 2.7 mills. The net reduction for the two funds amounts to half a mill or \$19,000.

County officials explain the reduction in the court expense levy by the fact that dry conditions have greatly reduced the number of cases. When the saloons were running on all six cylinders, a big percentage of cases were of the intoxication variety. With the saloons running full blast, the county derived a revenue of \$25,000. Taxpayers are now saving \$19,000 with the bars out of business only nine months.

CAPITAL AND LABOR BENEFIT.
When the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company some time ago announced its intention of discontinuing the manufacture of bar fixtures, because there was no longer a demand for them since prohibition had closed so many saloons, the liquor press sent up a howl declaring that prohibition had thrown hundreds of men employed by this company out of work. Investigation has shown, however, that the company had received immense orders for Edison phonograph cases and similar work and that not one man has been discharged as a result of the diversion of the work into different channels. Not only this, but it is asserted that the number of men employed will be increased rather than diminished, and the change is generally considered by business men of Dubuque as favorable to the labor market.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?
As one state after another outlaws the drink traffic the astonished liquor men ask, "What's the matter, anyway?" That question is easily answered. The thing that's all wrong is liquor itself, and the people are finding it out. The dispensary plan; the high license plan; the government owned saloon; the family liquor store; Sunday closing; early closing; strict supervision; abatement of free lunch, music, tables and games; the system of having only one saloon to so many population; local option—all of these are mere subterfuges. They are quack remedies. They do not go to the root of the evil which is liquor itself. The only cure for the liquor evil is the complete prohibition of its manufacture and sale in the whole nation.—Kansas City (Mo.) Times.

NO NEED OF JAIL.
The following statement appears in the Mail of Los Gatos, a prohibition city in Santa Clara county, California: "During the last four months it has cost Los Gatos 75 cents for prison expense. One person was arrested during this period and 75 cents was paid to take him to the county jail at San Jose. This is a mighty good record for a city of 3,500 people. Another matter—Los Gatos has been without a jail for months."

TRANSFORMATION OF BREWERY.
In these days when breweries and distilleries are being closed in considerable numbers throughout the country, it is interesting to note the different uses to which the buildings and machinery are being adapted. The list so far includes ice plants, creameries, pottery works, soft-drink factories and many others. And now comes word that a brewery in Providence, R. I., has been transformed into a motion picture studio.

MENACE OF ALCOHOL.
Dr. Henry Smith Williams, a very able physician and man of science, closes an article in a recent number of McClure's Magazine, with this declaration: "I am bound to believe, on the evidence, that if you take alcohol habitually in any quantity whatever, it is to some extent a menace to you. Part of the cost you pay in person; the remainder will be the heritage of future generations."

SERMON ON TEMPERANCE.
Perhaps Kitchener, being an Irishman, was in the congregation when the priest gave the sermon on temperance which ended with the impressive words: "Drink is the ruin of the country. 'Tis drink that steals your wages. 'Tis drink that makes ye beat your wives. 'Tis drink that makes ye shoot at your landlord, and 'tis drink that makes ye miss him."—The Independent.

WEST VIRGINIA'S STAND.
"West Virginia," asserts Commissioner Fred O. Blue in a recent interview, "will never again permit the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages, and will never again enter into partnership with the liquor business. 'We will never go back to it for the purpose of raising revenue and it is an insult to the intelligence of our people to suggest it.'"

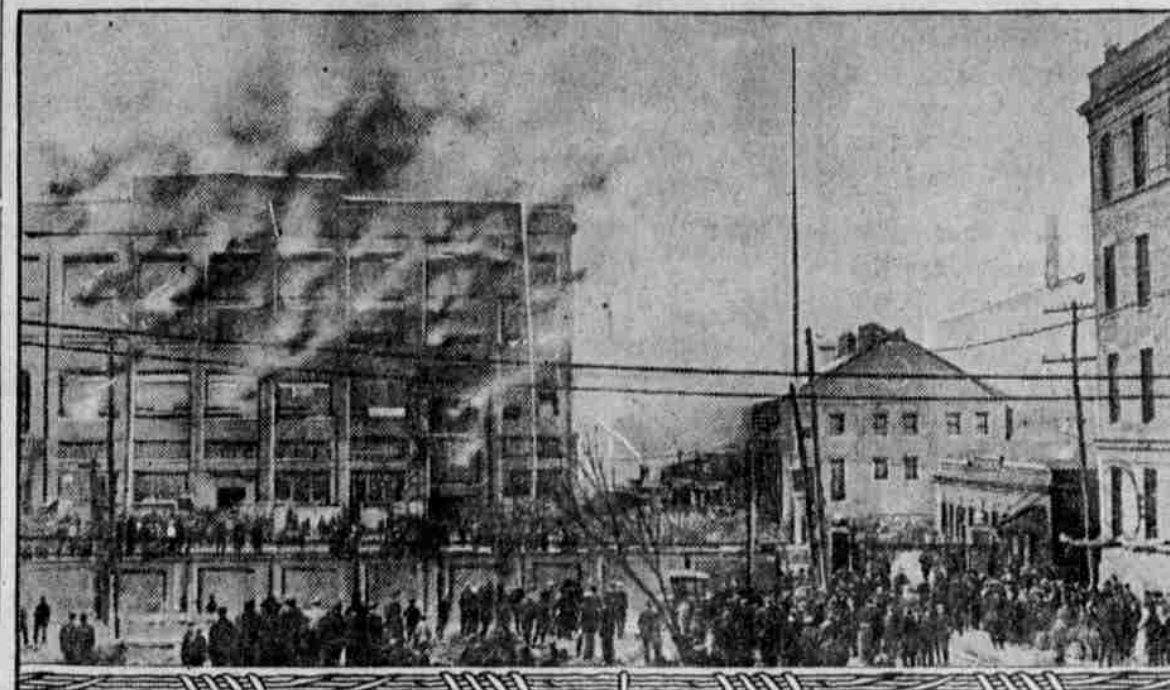
LIQUOR TRAFFIC AND FARMER.
If all the distilleries and breweries were closed the farmers' market for corn would not be affected. The liquor traffic uses less than 2 1/2 per cent of the five leading grain crops of the land. For every bushel of grain used by the breweries and distilleries more than forty-four and three-fifths bushels are used for legitimate purposes.

ANCONA AND HER CHIEF OFFICERS



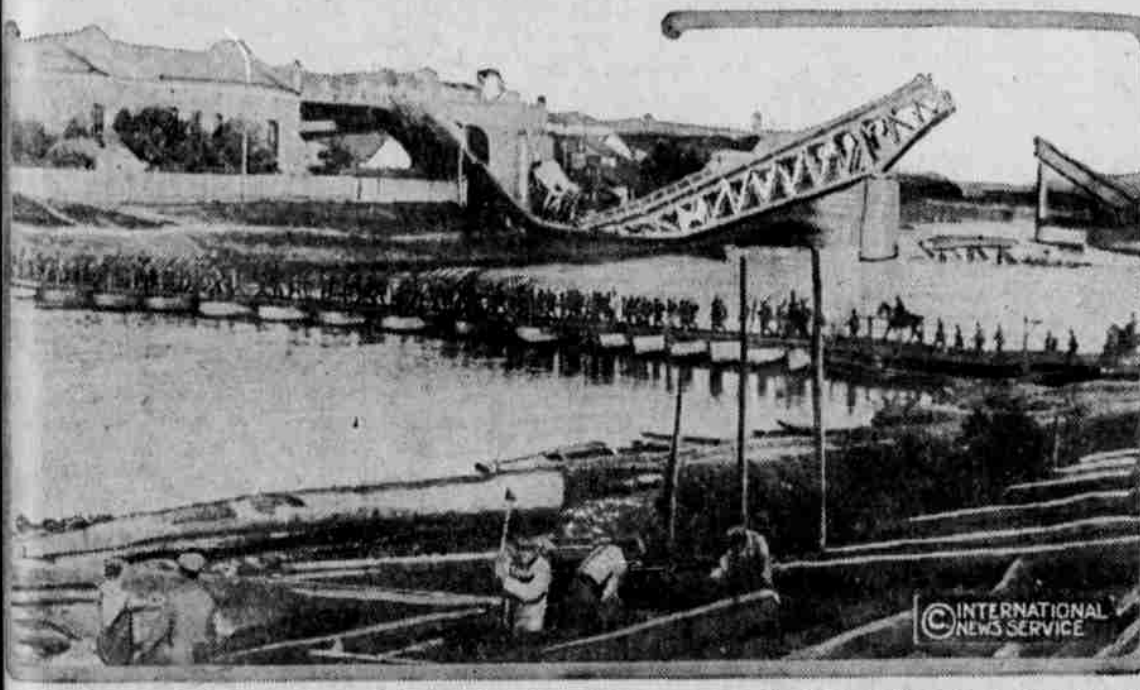
This is the Italian steamship Ancona which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine flying the Austrian flag, with the loss of several hundred lives. At the right is Capt. Pietro Massardo, who was in command of the vessel, and at the left Italo Zolezzi, first officer.

GREAT FIRE IN BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT



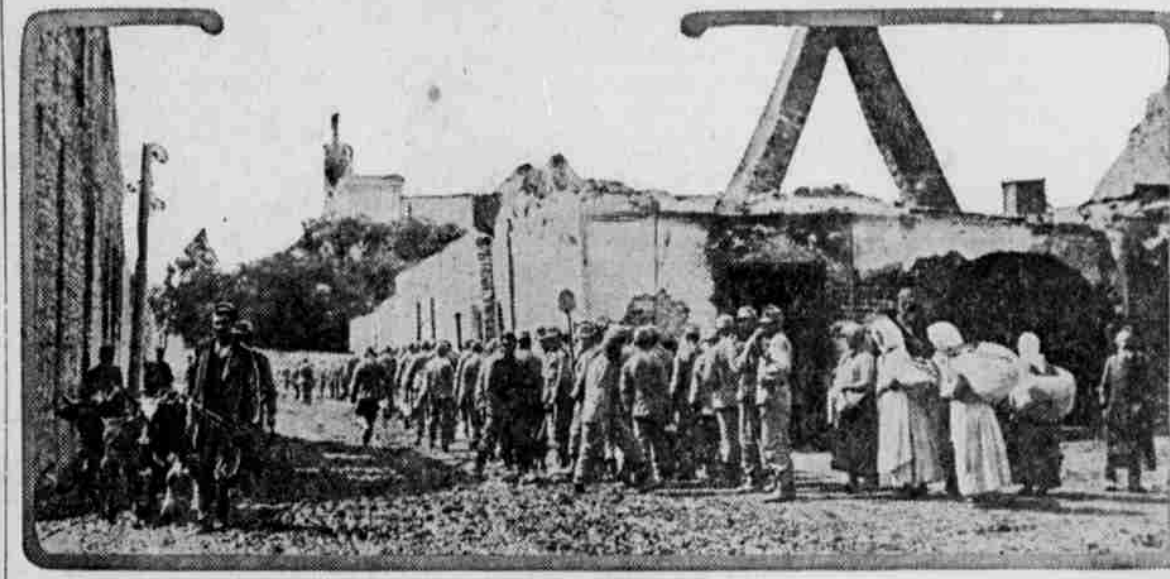
Photograph taken during the progress of the conflagration in the Bethlehem Steel company plant at South Bethlehem, Pa. The machine shop was destroyed, together with much valuable machinery and hundreds of large and small guns in process of manufacture for the United States and the allies, the loss running up probably to \$3,000,000.

CROSSING THE GRODNO ON PONTOON BRIDGE



This photograph shows a column of German infantry advancing across the Grodno river on a hurriedly constructed pontoon bridge. The iron bridge blown up by the Russians is seen in the background.

AUSTRIANS CLEANING UP TOWN OF JAZEBOW



Effective work is being done in various sections of the battle-swept regions by the Austrian sanitation corps. This photograph graphically portrays the condition of the town of Jazebow just after the battle. The streets were littered with ruins, and in many places were found the corpses of defenders, vanquished and those who were not combatants, eager to flee from the scene. A detail from the Austrian sanitation corps is seen setting off on its "cleaning up" work. Behind it is a group of returning refugees.

RESULTS OF BOMBARDMENT OF WESTENDE



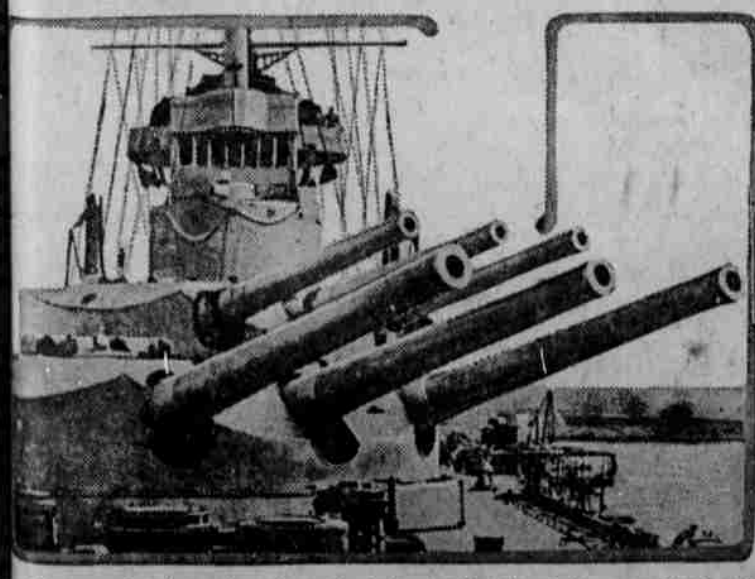
Coincident with the main drive of the British forces in Flanders in the region of Lens, the British battleships appeared off the coast of Belgium and heavily bombarded the German positions. This is the first picture received in this country showing the results of the British bombardment of the Belgian coast. The picture was taken at Westende, a small village near Ostende.

HOW THE SLIDE BLOCKED PANAMA CANAL



This photograph, taken October 26, near Gold Hill, pictures vividly the problem confronting the canal officials. Rock and earth have moved down from the heights on either side and forced the mud at the bottom up out of the water. In the foreground is an island which began to form just before the picture was made. It rose and spread until it joined the sides of the canal. The mass in the background, through which a narrow channel had just been blasted, came up first as an island and grew until it blocked the entire canal at this point. Shortly before this picture was made, a big blast had been shot off in the center and the water can be seen rushing through.

ODD TURRET OF AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP



Photograph taken aboard an Austrian battleship of the new Tegethoff class, showing the double turrets, one above the other, each carrying three guns.

NAVY RADIO SERVICE HEAD



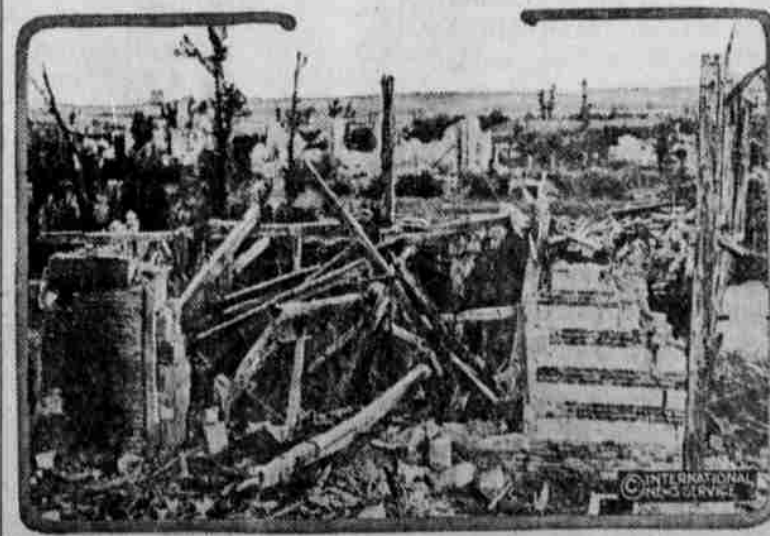
Capt. W. H. Bullard, chief of the radio service of the United States Navy and superintendent of 53 wireless stations in the United States and its island possessions, who co-operated with the civilian engineers in the recent long distance phone tests.

FLYNN AFTER CONSPIRATORS



William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, has taken personal charge of the hunt for the instigators of the plot to dynamite ships of the allies leaving the United States with arms for the allied armies and which has resulted in the arrest of Robert Fay, Walter Scholz and others in New York. The case is about the most important of the secret service work now and Chief Flynn is in almost daily conference with the government officials in Washington.

SCENE OF BITTER FIGHTING



The village of Tahure, France, which, with the territory adjacent, has been the scene of tremendous fighting between the Germans and the French. As the photograph shows, the village is now but a mass of ruins.

RECORDS READING OF METERS

Camera Performs a Work of Value to All Users of Gas and Electric Light.
An American manufacturer of cameras has designed and is introducing a camera made especially for the purpose of making a record of the readings of meter dials. In order to secure a reading with this photographic recorder, it is only necessary to place the camera against the meter dial and press a lever, which automatically opens the shutter as well as switches on four small battery-operated lamps that illuminate the meter dials. The exposures are made on a film consisting of opaque paper coated with an emulsion. The side of the paper next to the emulsion is white, so that the developed film clearly shows the meter readings in reverse order. The film is then placed in a special roll stand that is provided with a mirror so that the meter dials will appear in their proper order. By means of this camera it is possible for an electric light company to possess photographic evidence of the meter readings of all its customers.
Shoulder Your Own Load.
Sufficient unto most people is their own burden. Do not pile your load upon others. Do not distress them with aches and pains, your doubts and fears and forebodings. Do not tell them of your mental and moral infirmities. They will find them out soon enough without your help, and possibly will see them more clearly than you do yourself. If there is a cloud in your heart, do not let it appear in your face. Bear your own burden bravely. You can lighten it by giving others a lift.—Great Thoughts.

Solidifying Decomposed Rock.
Decomposed rock can be solidified either by applying great pressure or by injecting cement or by doing both. Thus sands are formed into sandstone, clays, become shales, and varaceous deposits yield limestone. Sandstone from their cementing materials, differ in composition exactness as did the sands of which they composed. Sandstone, according to the United States geological survey, may be nearly pure quartz, or quartz and feldspar, or quartz, feldspar and mica, and it may vary in texture from the fine to the coarse. Some sandstone is so coarse that it will hold six quarts of water to the cubic foot, and underground deposits of such sandstone form excellent reservoirs which may yield a never failing supply of water.