

U-BOAT IS FAILURE SAYS LLOYD-GEORGE

CLERGYMEN SIGN PROTEST AGAINST SOLDIERS BENEFIT ATHLETIC SHOW

ACCUSE PROMOTERS OF USING FIGHTING MEN AS SUBTERFUGE

WILL BLOCK PLAN

NINE LOCAL MINISTERS SIGN COMMUNICATION PROTESTING AGAINST NEW YEAR'S AFTER-NOON EXHIBITION IN OTTAWA.

The New Year's afternoon athletic benefit for Ottawa's fighting men will not be permitted if the opposition raised in a communication from nine local clergymen to the Free Trader-Journal is heeded by state and county officials.

A statement setting forth their opposition to law violation, even though the infraction is occasioned by motives to help the local boys in their nation's service, accuses the promoters of the exhibition with using the soldiers as an entering wedge for a revival of the battle game in this city.

Signers of the communication of protest in the order in which they affixed their signatures to the document are Carl Stackman, George W. Farrar, John P. Quinn, L. E. Hackitt, C. J. Miller, G. W. Chasman, H. T. Ebert, I. D'Van and John F. Venek.

In their list of charges the signers state the attention of the authorities will be called to the attempt to revive prize fighting in Ottawa and a demand will be made that the law against pugilistic encounters be invoked to stop the performance. The communication says:

To the Citizens of Ottawa:
For two weeks or more there has been openly advertised the intention of a certain group of individuals to conduct on New Year's Day a prize fight, called a boxing exhibition, for the benefit of Company C. In the hope that the proper officials, sworn to law enforcement, would take such action as is necessary to prevent an open and flagrant violation of law, we have withheld our comment and action, but in the absence of evidence of the intention of anyone else to move in the matter, we, as those who seek to aid public opinion in the observance of law and order, now feel compelled to act.

Wherefore, we desire to publicly state that there will be filed with the proper authority the complaint required by law against the promoters and the principals concerned in the proposed exhibition, and will make every effort within our power to prevent the carrying out of this exhibition and the consequent re-establishment of the boxing game in this city.

We desire to make this further statement of our reasons for so doing: First, there is no question here involved of the good or evil effects of such exhibitions. We have no desire to enter into a discussion of their brutality, or of any other phase of that question. The only question involved is whether as a community we shall by closing our eyes to it permit the open and flagrant violation of the laws of the commonwealth. (The statute is appended.) Second, we cannot help feeling that an attempt has been made by a clever move to obscure this issue in the minds of the public by bringing forward the plan as a benefit for Company C at this particular time, and by publishing a list of committees of prominent men who are implied to be backing it. We are in a position to positively state that at least two such names were used without any authority and that up to Wednesday, December 19, two days after publication, these men had not even been informed of such use of their names. The same may be assumed to be true of others. We further feel that the real interest of those promoting the plan is to see if the game can be re-established here without opposition.

We hold ourselves second to none in interest in and readiness to do for the boys of Company C, and if there is anything they need let us

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LID CLAMPED DOWN ON ATHLETIC SHOW BY LOCAL OFFICIALS

MINISTERIAL CLAIMS BEAR FRUIT WHEN FORMAL PROTEST AGAINST NEW YEAR'S EXHIBITION IS PRESENTED AUTHORITATIVELY.

Ministerial objections to the New Year's day athletic exhibition at the Gayety theater, as a soldiers' benefit, today bore fruit. Two officials—Mayor E. F. Bradford and Sheriff E. M. Davis—ordered the "lid" clamped down tight and as a result further plans for the contest have been abandoned.

Clergymen who became interested in the case brought pressure to bear in their denunciations of the "entertainment" and let it be known that if the local authorities did not act they would call upon the governor to force the issue to a successful termination. The result left only one alternative—and that was to order the exhibition called off without further ado.

In speaking of his attitude in the matter Mayor Bradford stated, while he had given no consent to the performance at the Gayety, he promised no interference with the promotion of the venture unless there was opposition from any source to the show.

"When the preachers' committee came to me and filed their protests there was nothing I could do but enforce the law," he said.

Sheriff Davis was of the same opinion. Both officials were inclined to be liberal in the case, as long as the thing was planned as a soldiers' benefit, and all the moneys derived from that source were to be turned over to the city's fighting men in all branches of the service.

Sheriff Davis said: "I personally do not have any objections to these athletic exhibitions. But there is only one thing I can do when an objection to them is raised as forcibly as this one brought to my attention this morning. I, by virtue of my office, will have to see that the law is not violated in this regard and will issue orders to my men to see that there are no infractions allowed."

Mayor Bradford issued his orders after consultation with men prominently identified with the proposition solely thru the benevolence of it, and it was agreed that if the exhibition was to be a prize fight it could be rated in no other way than a law violation. They withdrew from the proposition and recommended that the mayor and sheriff perform their duty.

OTTAWANS PROMOTE PERFECTION TIRE CO.

S. B. Boyd and Joseph Gusmano, of Chicago, will leave tonight for Fort Madison, Iowa, after spending a few days in Ottawa in the interests of the Perfection Automobile Tire Co. The Perfect Tire Company is a large automobile tire concern, whose products have been on the market for two years. The company has two factories in operation, one at Fort Madison, Iowa, and the other at Wabash, Ind.

A company office will be opened in Ottawa January 1st, either in the Central Life building or in the Ottawa Banking & Trust Co. building.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN STREATOR

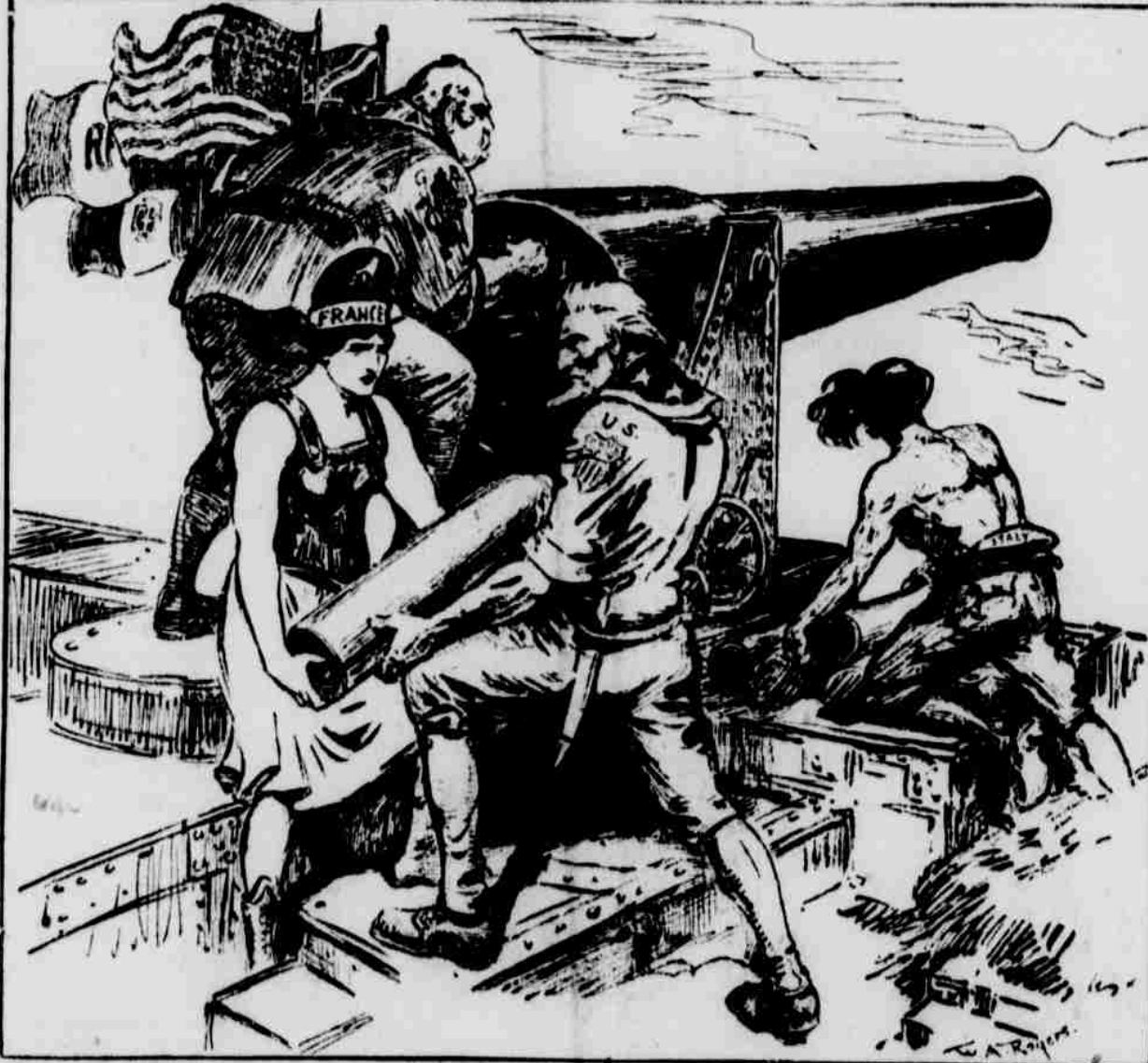
Mrs. Isadore Eagle, a former Ottawa resident, died suddenly last night at her home in Streator. Mrs. Eagle moved from this city about forty years ago.

Her husband preceded her in death six years ago.

Five children are left to mourn her loss—Elizabeth and Isadore of Streator; Mayme and Dennis, of Los Angeles, and Louis, of Moline.

Remember the Golden Rule. Remember to do unto men what you would have them do unto you.

THEY WANT PEACE—AND KNOW HOW TO GET IT



—Rogers in New York Herald.

OTTAWA HOUSEWIFE DISTRICT MEDICAL TO PAY BIG PRICES BOARD IS NAMED FOR XMAS EDIBLES

FOOD COST WILL BRING PRICE OF DINNER UP 25 PER CENT. OVER WHAT IT WAS IN 1916—CHRISTMAS FALLS ON MEAT-LESS DAY.

There has been a slight decrease in the cost of turkey during the last three days, which will make the menu for the 1917 Christmas, falling on meatless Tuesday, easier for the Ottawa housewives. Notwithstanding this reduction, it is likely that chicken will be the fowl for the Christmas dinner this year.

Turkeys will be about 38 cents a pound or higher this year, when fully dressed. The housewife who buys her turkey alive or New York dressed must consider the depreciation in the turkey when it is ready for cooking.

There will be about a twenty-five per cent. added to the cost of Christmas dinners this year in spite of Hoover and his food administration being on the trail of the provision sharks.

Canned goods are about the only kind of food on the market that is not selling for more this year, than at this time in 1916.

Syrups of all kinds are about 30 per cent. higher at this time than last year, and some brands of syrups are 50 per cent. higher.

Eggs are selling at 50 cents a dozen for fresh eggs and 45 cents a dozen for packed eggs, a raise of 5 cents on the dozen over last year's price.

Country butter is selling for 48 cents a pound and creamery butter is 52 cents a pound, a raise of 10 cents on the pound over the 1916 price.

Kettle rendered lard is selling for 48 cents, which is an increase of 60 per cent. on last year's price.

Bread is higher this year. The loaves are smaller and the prices are higher, but bread has dropped in price in Chicago and Ottawa housewives are hoping that the Ottawa bread will do the same.

Flour is selling for \$3.25 a 49-pound sack, which is an increase of 75 cents on each 49 pounds.

Sugar is selling at 84 cents a pound, which shows a decline in the sugar market in the last few weeks.

Meats have raised on an average of 25 per cent. during the last year. Some kinds of meat have not raised this much, while others have raised more, bringing the average to 25 per cent.

All kinds of nuts have raised from 5 to 10 cents a pound and candies have raised in proportion to the increase in the cost of raw candy materials.

PHYSICIANS AND DOCTORS ARE CHOSEN TO SERVE ON RE-EXAMINATION BOARD—DR. PETTIT IS CHIEF OF BOARD—OTTAWA SEAT OF DISTRICT.

Announcement was made today at Springfield of the men who will constitute the medical re-examination board of District No. 8, of which Ottawa is the seat. Dr. J. W. Pettit, of Ottawa, has been constituted the medical chief of the district, which is made up of La Salle and Bureau counties.

The following physicians and dentists have been chosen to serve on this re-examination board: Dr. T. W. Burrows, Ottawa; Dr. W. H. Jamieson, Ottawa; Dr. Fred C. Taylor, Peru; Dr. A. C. Purcell, Streator; Dr. J. H. Franklin, Spring Valley; Dr. L. J. Quillen, Streator; Dr. Walter W. Graves, La Salle; Dr. R. E. LaDue, Ottawa; Dr. Harry C. Hill, Streator; Dr. L. E. Jordan, Ottawa; Dr. P. J. Wendel, Ottawa; Dr. N. A. Gohrie, Ottawa.

Questionnaires Held Up. The mailing of the questionnaires has been held up by the local exemption board for several days until the supplements arrive in Ottawa. As soon as the supplements arrive the forms will be mailed out to the registered men in the usual quota each day.

The sixteen new filing cases and the covers for the records of the registered men have arrived. These covers contain all the papers for a complete record of each registered man. Every man's record is filed in an individual cover. In this way the board will be able to have facts about each registered man at their disposal at a minute's notice.

MASONIC XMAS PARTY TAKES PLACE FRIDAY

The Christmas party given each year by the Masons under the auspices of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, will be held at the Masonic temple tomorrow, Friday, December 21. A program will be given at 8 o'clock, to which the Masons and their families are invited.

Used First Sewing Machine.

The first woman in America to use a sewing machine died at Winsted, in Connecticut, at the age of eighty-six. She was Miss Elizabeth Kilbourn, who in the fifties was a teacher in a private school at New Hartford. When Elias Howe was experimenting with his invention, he asked her to help him, and so to her fell the honor of being the first to use the new machine.

CRACKSMEN OBTAIN \$41,000 FROM BANK AT SUMMIT, ILLINOIS

TUNNEL WAY INTO VAULT AND BURN OUT STEEL CASING WITH ACETYLENE TORCH—MAKE GETAWAY WITHOUT DETECTION.

Summit, Ill., Dec. 20.—Cracksmen early today tunneled through the wall of the vault of the Summit State bank and escaped with \$41,000. The money was contained in two suit cases, one holding \$33,000 and the other \$8,000.

The robbers overlooked a bag containing \$30,000 which was concealed underneath a tier of safety deposit boxes.

Gaining entrance to the bank by prying open the rear window the robbers used a sledge hammer and a heavy crowbar to break through the brick wall of the vault and then burned the inner steel casing with an acetylene torch. In the north wall of the vault they battered a hole large enough for one of them to crawl through. The wall is a foot thick. The robbery was discovered at 8 o'clock when the bank was opened. No one saw the robbers enter or leave the bank.

Henry C. Kilgour, president of the bank, said the bandits obtained not less than \$30,000 and perhaps as high as \$41,000, the majority of which was the pay of 15,000 employees of the Argo factory of the Corn Products Refining Company.

Since April 27, 1917 bank robbers have cleaned up about \$129,000 in Chicago and suburbs.

Get \$2,500 at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Yeggmen blew the vault of the Galloway & Eberhart Coal company, in the heart of the business district early today, and escaped with \$2,500.

VICTIM OF ELECTRIC FLASH PASSES AWAY IN RYBURN HOSPITAL

Frank Yocmans' aged 35, the Mar-selles electrician who was so badly burned last Sunday by an electric flash from the switchboard at the Northern Illinois Light & Traction Co. power plant, died last night at 12 o'clock at Ryburn hospital in this city.

Mr. Yocmans was removed to the hospital here as soon as the accident occurred and it was thought at first he might recover. The deceased is survived by his wife and six children.

PREMIER SAYS SUBS HAVE BEEN BEATEN

LIEUT. PETTIT SAYS U. S. MUST WIN IF IT TAKES TEN YEARS

OTTAWA DOCTOR "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE" PREDICTS FALL OF AMERICAN PRINCIPALS IF GERMANY IS NOT DEFEATED.

Italian reverses and Russia's evidence of yellow are dwelt upon in pessimistic terms while fervent American threats are made by Dr. Roswell Pettit, who says in his latest letter home from "somewhere over there," "We'll lick 'em if it takes ten years," and "We must beat them and if we don't—but the letter speaks for itself."

Dear Father:
I have not received a letter from you for sometime, but mother's letter of October 22nd reached me yesterday.

Since writing you last things have been very quiet with me—have had practically nothing to do—a little drill, a little sanitary inspection, and a few sick to see every day, and the rest of the time I go walking and riding, or exercise my French on the inhabitants. My French is fierce, I know, but it is the only way to learn, and I pick up a little every day.

For a few days last week I thought I was elected to go to Italy, but was left behind, and the first of this week was transferred to another unit. I do not know when we are to go back to the line, but not for a couple of weeks, I understand. In the meantime I am hoping to get to Paris for a few days—if possible for Thanksgiving. I do not believe I will get turkey, though. Things are awfully high here—10c a piece for eggs, and other things in proportion; but the army is well fed; plenty of meat, vegetables, sugar, coffee and tea, and on the whole well cooked.

Mother asked me what the boys over here wanted most for Christmas. I am sure I cannot say, but on the whole think heavy wooden socks are the most needed. Tell her to send me a couple of pairs sometime. I think the boots you sent will be a very suitable present for me. They came last week and are just what I wanted.

With Italy gone to smash, we all feel pretty dubious here about an early ending of the war. I would not be surprised to see it drag on three years or more, especially if Russia declares a separate peace, which she will most certainly do.

We are all of us in for a rough time, but just remember that if you are at home and I am not at all downhearted, and if I am not at home should not be. We'll lick 'em if it takes ten years! That is what I told a German officer prisoner, and he said, "The Germans can't win, but on the other hand you can't beat us, either." We MUST meet them, and if we don't—well, all our ideas of right and wrong, and justice, and morality, and everything else are gone. It is a war of principle, the same as the Rebellion, and it must be fought out. It is a nasty job, but must be done, and personally I would rather be here than at home trying to explain why I am not here. I will come out all right, so don't worry.

Love to all.
Your son
ROSWELL.

Spends Five Days in Paris.
November 30, 1917.

Dear Father:
I am in Paris on five days' leave which ends today and I go back to the Flanders' mud after a delightful holiday. I am sending you a package which I hope will reach you at Christmas time. I will write

London., Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd George today told the British nation that Germany's submarine war has failed. The premier delivered a speech on the war situation in the House of Commons in which he stated that the margin of shipping losses is growing less and less.

The sinking of submarines is on the increase while the output of the shipbuilding yards is growing larger all the time.

"There has been a big development in the food situation," said Mr. George.

"British tonnage decreased twenty per cent during the past year, but despite this the imports for 1917 will show an increase of six per cent. over those of 1916," the statement declared.

Touching upon America's entry into the war the speaker said that this event and the establishment of an allied council of war "would loom big in the future."

Austria Makes Dire Threat.
The Hague, Dec. 20.—That Austria will demand peace with annexations and with indemnities if the allies reject the peace offers by the Central powers, was indicated in a speech delivered in the Austrian parliament by the foreign minister. He said that the central powers are ready to enter into peace negotiations and forecasted a formal peace offer from Vienna and Berlin.

Scott Escapes Submarine.
An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—The American liner which arrived here today with Major General Hugh Scott, as one of its ninety-eight passengers, engaged a German submarine in battle off the Irish coast, December 12. The American gunners fired several shots at the U-boat which made its escape, however, by submerging without attempting to attack the liner.

The War in Summary.
Russia's turbulent domestic affairs and the uncertainty of their outcome was still the first in the world's attention today.

Civil war in the new republic is apparently spreading and steps have been taken by the Bolshevik government at Petrograd to defend the city in case of siege.

No news of the progress of the peace negotiations between the Bolsheviks and the German delegates has been received for nearly twenty-four hours and their is every indication that Germany is trying to hasten them through with a rush.

Nothing decisive has occurred on the western front and in Italy there has been no developments of great importance, although heavy fighting has occurred in a snow storm in which the Austro-Germans made a gain on the Asiago plateau and captured about 2,000 prisoners.

Greek Army Fighting.
Paris, Dec. 20.—Greek troops are now fighting with the allies in Macedonia.

French and British officers have overhauled the air corps of the Greek army and advised received today said that Greek aviators are seeing constant service. Some of them have taken part in raids over Constantinople and the Dardanelles defenses.

OPEN BRANCH LIBRARY AT FEDERAL PLATE

The books for the branch library at the Federal Plate glass works are being moved from Reidel's library today and will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Two rooms of a house in the Federal Plate addition were secured for this purpose. These rooms have been extensively remodeled and re-decorated and will make an ideal place for a branch library.

Vestry to Meet.
There will be a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Episcopal church Friday afternoon, December 21st, at 4 o'clock in the office of J. W. Hanifen.

Immediately of my wonderful trip to Paris.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you, and perhaps you can think of me in the trenches at that time.
Things are going nicely with me.
ROSWELL.