

WALTER JOHNSON SIGNS WITH FEDS; OVER \$16,000 YEAR

Speed Wonder of Base Ball Leaves Organized Fold for Place with Chicago Outlaws. SALARY NOT MADE PUBLIC Pitcher Confirms Weeghman's Statement that He Has Made Jump. TERM IS FOR TWO YEARS

Washington Pitcher Puts Name to Contract After Talk with Tinker. "A VERY INTERESTING OFFER" Harler Will Not Say How Much He Is Going to Get, but Asserts It Is Above Certain Sum Named.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—That Walter Johnson, premier pitcher of the American league, has signed a contract with the Chicago Federal league club was the announcement made by Charles Weeghman, president of the local club, late today.

Gov. Aldrich's Son Weds in Omaha; Surprises Parents

By way of Lincoln comes the information that the paragon of the First Methodist church in Omaha was the scene last Friday of the marriage of George S. Aldrich, son of ex-Governor Aldrich, and Miss Alberta Wyatt, to which the young folks evidently forgot to invite their parents.

Belgrade is Taken at Bayonet Point

BUDAPEST, Dec. 3.—(Via Amsterdam and London.)—The city of Belgrade, captured yesterday by the Austrians, was taken by storm at the point of bayonets.

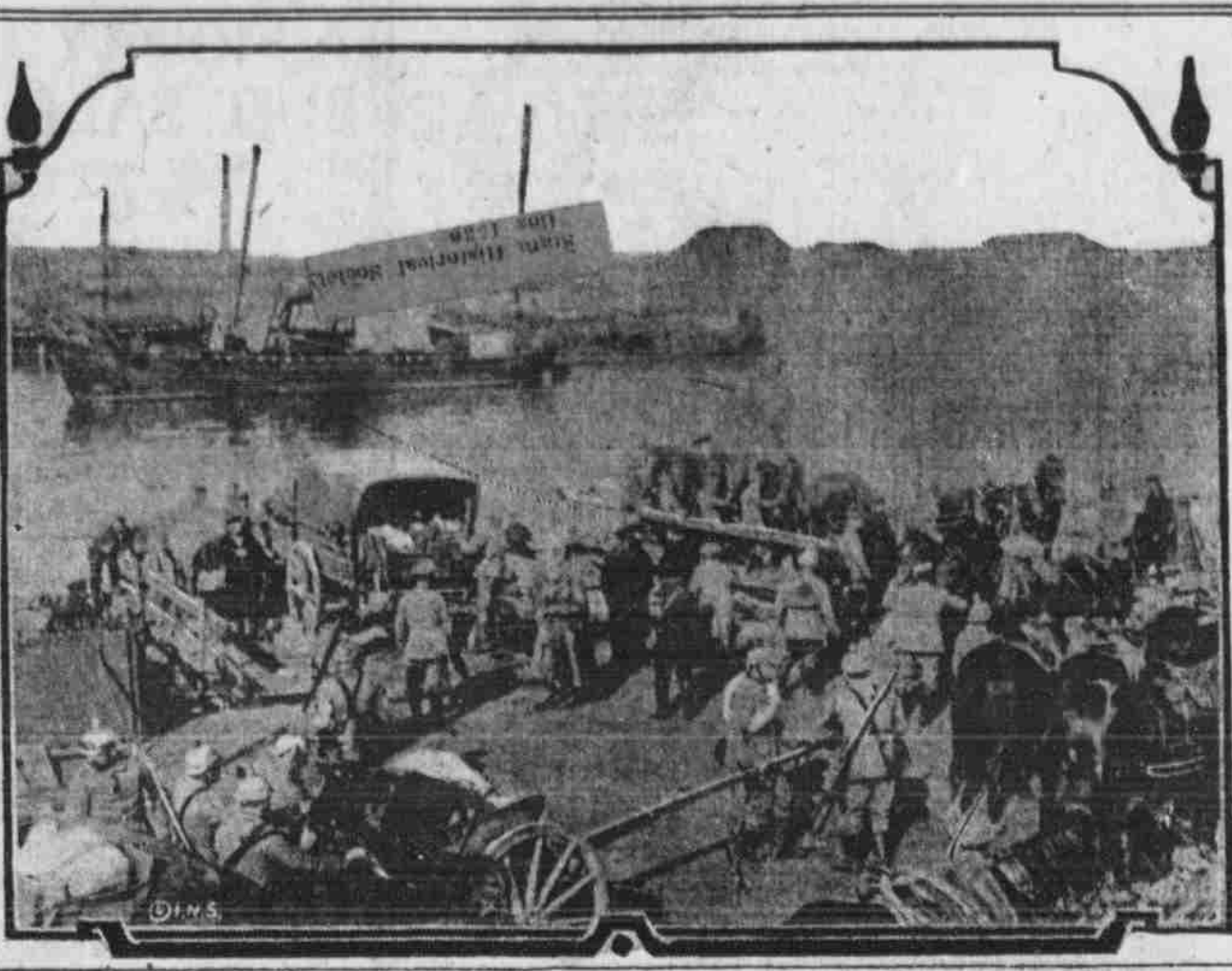
KAISER CONFERS ORDER OF MERIT UPON LIKMAN

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent says Emperor William has awarded the Order of Merit to Lieutenant General Likman, commander of the Guards division and military correspondent of the Tagische Rundschau, for distinguished service at the battle of Loos.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and comparative lowest records.

WITH THE KAISER'S ARMIES IN BELGIUM—German troops crossing the river Scheldt by means of ferries.



METHODISTS HOLD THEIR CONVENTION

Three Bishops and Many Prominent Clergymen in District Assembly at First Church.

BISHOP W. A. QUAYLE SPEAKS Noted Divine Declares that if All People Had Brains Enough They Would Get Religion in 20 Minutes.

With three bishops, dozens of prominent ministers and hundreds of lay members in attendance, the big two days' convention of Methodists from the Omaha, Council Bluffs and Tecumseh districts opened at the First Methodist church yesterday.

Bishop William A. Quayle of St. Paul and Minneapolis was the principal speaker at the opening session. "Christianity's Message to the World" was the theme of his brilliant address, which held his audience in rapt attention for one hour and left them anxious to listen longer to the bishop's skilled mixture of religion, personality, humor and common sense.

William D. Townsend, Sportsman, Is Dead After Long Illness

William D. Townsend, veteran sportsman and member of the Townsend Gun company, died Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, after a long illness. He was 49 years of age, had been a resident of Omaha for thirty-one years, and was the friend of hundreds of local sportsmen, who knew him familiarly as "Billy." Sarcoma was the cause of death, complicated with other troubles.

Kaiser Wants Food Cargoes Sent to Belgium Certified by His Embassy

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The committee of mercy today made public the following cablegram from James Gerard, American ambassador at Berlin, which was forwarded by the State department at Washington.

Two Newspapers in Dublin Suppressed

DUBLIN, Dec. 3.—(Via London.)—The newspaper Sinn Fein did not appear today, the publishers refusing to print it in consequence of having been warned by the authorities that they would be liable to prosecution for the publication of treasonable matter.

Prisoners in British Concentration Camp Make an Effort to Escape

LANCASTER, Dec. 3.—(Via London.)—An attempt to escape made last night by 1,000 prisoners in the concentration camp here, was thwarted by the guards, who charged the mob with bayonets, wounding several.

SUFFS NOT PLEASED WITH THE CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Hall of Lincoln Says it Was Women of Nebraska Who Defeated Suffrage Amendment. HAVE NOT CAUSE FOR CONTENT Says Now is the Time to Change Tactics and that Next Campaign Must be Started in This State at Once.

FRENCH CABINET RETURNS TO PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The French Parliament has been called to meet in extraordinary session at Paris on December 2. The members of the French cabinet are to leave Bordeaux next week for this city, where they will put themselves at the disposition of the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

King Haakon Will Inspect Coast Forts

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Christiania, Norway, says that King Haakon goes to Trondhjem today, where he will embark on the battleship, Harald Harard, for a cruise along the coast from Trondhjem to Bergen, in order to inspect the measures taken for the defense of Norwegian neutrality.

Australian Troops Disembark in Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 3.—"Australian and New Zealand contingents have been disembarked in Egypt," according to an announcement of the official bureau, "to assist in the defense of that country and complete their training there."

ARCHITECT OR CONSTRUCTION MAN

MAN—With wide experience in estimating and construction of large buildings can secure permanent and profitable employment by local firm doing general construction work. Applicant must be able to furnish high class references for honesty and ability. Give age and state experience and last employment in first letter.

FRENCHMEN BEAR BRUNT OF HOLDING GERMAN INVADERS

British Troops Form Only Twelfth of Line Against Only Teuton Onslaughts Made. BELGIANS PLAYING VITAL PART Colonel Swinton of Intelligence Bureau of General Staff Gives Review of Campaign.

ENGLISH FACE HEAVY FIRING

Gallois Reinforcements Prove Very Welcome to Distressed Islanders. WARFARE ONE OF EXHAUSTION Information Department Attacks Asserts Struggle Won by Side Having Most Raw Material to Draw On.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Colonel F. D. Swinton of the intelligence department of the general staff of the British expeditionary force in France and Belgium, in a narrative dated November 23, gives a general review of the development of the situation of the force for six weeks preceding that date.

There has recently been a lull in the active operations, he says. No progress has been made by either side, and yet there has come about an important modification, comprising a readjustment in the scope of the part played by the British army as a whole.

France stands in breach, he points out, as did General French, commander-in-chief of the British forces, that the British held only one-twelfth of the line, so that the greater share of the common task of opposing the army, fell and still falls to the French, while the Belgians played an almost vital part.

With the fall of Antwerp the Germans made every effort to push forward, and hastening force toward the west, and succeeded in bringing up a new army corps, which had been hastily raised and trained, their object being to drive the allies out of Belgium and break through to Dunkirk and Calais.

Eventually the Germans had north of La Bassee about fourteen corps and eight cavalry divisions, that is "a force of three-quarters of a million of men with which to attempt to drive the allies into the sea. In addition, there was immensely powerful armament and heavy siege artillery, which also has been brought up from around Antwerp."

Dr. Kirby Arrested On Perjury Charge By U. S. Officers

Dr. Tupper Kirby, who was a witness for the defendant in the case of the government against Walter Sammons, who was recently found guilty of robbing the postoffice at Kearney of a registered package containing \$5,000, was arrested at Kearney yesterday afternoon on the charge of perjury. Kirby was taken into custody by Ogan Sammons, deputy United States marshal and brother of Walter Sammons.

Little Human Interest Stories of the Big World War Now Raging

To Cut Off Soldier Supply. LONDON, Dec. 3.—It is reported by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company that Major General Ketm, German military governor of the Belgian province of Limburg, has ordered the arrest of all young Belgians in that district who are liable for military service in the army of 1915. This act, it is said, is to be extended throughout Belgium.

German Calls It Stupid War

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Not even the words "Merry Christmas" may be written on packages of supplies sent to the starving Belgians. The American commission for relief in Belgium announced today that the placing by donors of an inscription of any sort inside or outside the package might subject the entire consignment to confiscation by officials suspicious of a military code message.

War Horses to Have Care

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Approval was given by President Wilson today to the movement to have the Geneva convention, under which Red Cross societies operate, extended so as to provide for attention to horses in war. Word of the president's action was carried to the Purple Cross

The Day's War News

Although the opinion is expressed by foreign military critics that operations on a large scale are in progress in France and Belgium, the official announcements from Paris and Berlin tell of no important battles. The fighting in the east likewise has diminished in intensity.

The Krupp factory at Essen, which supplies the German army with its great guns, is said to have been bombed by an aeroplane, though with what effect is unknown.

For the first time since the Germans were checked in their advance on Warsaw, it was possible to gain a fairly clear idea of the military situation in Russian Poland in its broader aspect. Advice from both Berlin and Petrograd indicated that the Germans had definitely succeeded in throwing back the enveloping Russian forces and were maintaining solidly their positions west of Lodz.

A German military critic estimates that the Russian losses in killed, wounded, prisoners and death from sickness, amount to fully 1,100,000, or one-third of the nation's best troops.

In Galicia, the situation is still confused. Recent reports from Petrograd that the Russians had invested Cracow on three sides are now contradicted by an unofficial dispatch, which says that the invaders are eight miles from the city. The archbishop of Przemysl, the Galician stronghold which has been under siege for several weeks, is quoted as saying that the situation there is desperate and that the surrender of the city impends.

Germany's determination to prosecute the war relentlessly is shown in the virtually unanimous vote of the Reichstag for a war credit of \$1,250,000,000, and in the imperial chancellor's declaration that his country would fight to the last breath.

In France and Belgium the deadlock remains unbroken. Although fighting proceeds at various points, there was no indication that either side had won important advantages.

BOMBS DROPPED ON KRUPP FACTORY

Famous German Arms Plant is Bombed from the Air in Daring Raid. CANNON BUILDINGS ARE HIT

Message from Berlin Says Airman Escaped Uninjured and Extent of Damage Has Not Been Ascertained.

KANSAS CITY WOMEN MAKE SHIRTS AND BANDAGES

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—A consignment of 2,000 heavy flannel shirts and 7,000 bandages, all made by Kansas City society women, was shipped from here today for the war sufferers in Europe.

Norwegian Ship With Cargo from New York Held Up

LONDON, Monday, Nov. 30.—Lloyd's agency declared today that the Norwegian steamer Ran, which reached Liverpool yesterday (Sunday) from New York, has been taken into custody by the British authorities and is being held as a prize.

The farms are ready for you.

"When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock." Then's the time to see farm lands. Then's when the leaves are turning, when the soil shows whether or not 'tis mellow, when the corn itself shows what the land will produce.

PRZEMYSL MUST SOON FALL INTO RUSSIAN HANDS

Great Austrian Fortress Not Likely to Withstand Siege Very Much Longer.

STRUGGLE IS ON AROUND YPRES

Increasing Thunder of Great Guns Shows Official Reports Have Not Told the Whole Story.

BATTLE IN EAST CONTINUES

Germans Are Making Desperate Efforts to Resume Advance on Capital of Poland.

RENNEKAMPFF IS SCAPEGOAT

Hero of Mukden Blamed for Escape of Germans from Cordon.

RUSSIAN ARMY IS DECIMATED

Berlin Military Expert Estimates that Half of Caer's First Line Is Killed, Wounded or Captured.

VENICE, Dec. 3.—(Via London.)

The archbishop of Przemysl, who is en route to Rome, is credited in an interview published here with declaring that the situation of Przemysl is desperate and the surrender of the fortress imminent. The hospitals are crowded, according to the published statement, the mortality is enormous and the food supply exhausted.

RENNEKAMPFF IS SCAPEGOAT

From Petrograd comes the report that General Rennekampff has been made the scapegoat on account of the Napoleonic coup, which enabled the German forces to cut through the encircling Russian cordon. According to this (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

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Belgian Queen to Rejoin King

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A Flanders dispatch to the Daily News reports the return of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium through France to rejoin King Albert.

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