

LEAGUE OF NATIONS MAY BE PEACE BASIS

Quicker Demobilization Is Believed Possible by Plan.

BRITISH IDEAS WORKED OUT

English Going to Conference With Proposals Ready, but Wilson's Plans Are Causing Anxiety.

BY JOSEPH W. GRIGG. (Copyright by The New York World, Published by Arrangement.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There is a growing belief in many quarters that the Associated Powers will agree on a preliminary peace structure...

Not only do the strongest advocates of the league of nations in this country see complete agreement between the United States and Great Britain on future naval policies...

Britain Is Prepared. Everything indicates that Britain is going to the peace conference with the league of nations scheme...

Although some persons here may have had the idea that President Wilson will be influenced by personal contact with the war area...

His reception in Paris as well as his speeches have restored the proper perspective in some quarters here...

LABOR MOVES CAREFULLY.

British labor, according to its representatives, is standing wholeheartedly behind the President, but is moving carefully in order not to embarrass him...

Regardless of politics the press here is strongly in favor of the President and the censorship during the whole peace conference...

The Liberal Manchester Guardian says the monthly magazines are prohibited by official edict from discussing the possible issues of the conference...

The position of Russia at the conference is being earnestly considered here, and it is believed it will undoubtedly emerge as the guiding consideration of President Wilson...

CENTRALIA AIDS ORPHANS

City Follows Example of Company M, Now in France.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—How Centralia adopted two French war orphans is told at length in a story appearing in the lead of the Stars and Stripes on October 26.

The first military organization in France to adopt orphans was Company M, 161st Infantry, composed largely of Centralia boys...

Centralia's orphans are Fabien Bardard, aged 13 years, whose father died on May 19, 1917, of wounds received in action...

Obituary.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Joseph Ward, a pioneer of Oregon and Washington, died today at his home at Lakeview...

STORM GRIPS MIDDLE WEST

Heavy Snow Falls in Missouri and Kansas First Time This Winter.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Northern and eastern Missouri and the greater part of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas tonight have their first severe weather of the winter...

U. S. OFFICER, FLYING, HURT

Pilot Killed When Plane Capsizes Near Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(Havas.)—An airplane piloted by a British officer and carrying an American General from Treves, Germany, capsized this afternoon at Louvres, on the outskirts of Paris.

Asylum Inmate Hangs Self.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Taketu, a laborer, 36 years old, an inmate of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, committed suicide here Saturday night by hanging himself from the transom with a towel taken from the hospital washroom.

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ALBANY, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—On the eve of his silver wedding anniversary Clarence A. Burgess died at his home here today, aged 43 years. He was a native of Minnesota and came to Albany three years ago from Colorado. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Misses Earla and Helen Burgess, all of this city.

COBLENZ TRADE IS DULL

MERCHANTS LOOK WITH APPREHENSION TO FUTURE.

Entrance Into New Enterprises Is Feared With Present Unstable Situation in Germany.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The feeling among the merchants of Coblenz is that it is unsafe to risk investments until Germany's future is assured.

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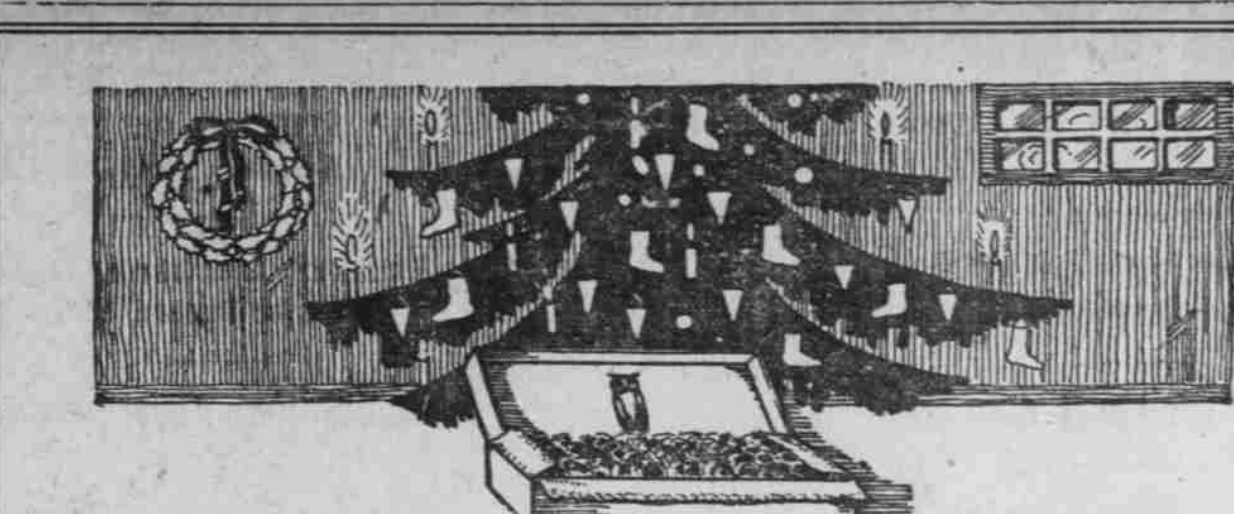
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CREDIT NEEDS ARE GREAT INCREASED DEMAND FOR FACILITIES IS FORESEEN.

British Committee Report Points to Necessities During Period of Reconstruction.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—There will be an increased demand for credit facilities during the reconstruction period, and the ability of trade and industry generally to provide for its financial needs will depend largely on the amount of reserves it has been possible to accumulate, says the report of the committee on the provision of financial facilities for trade after the war, issued today by the ministry of reconstruction.

SMOKER FOLLOWS SESSION Knights of Columbus Have Music and Address on War.

The Knights of Columbus held a smoker after their regular meeting last evening. An interesting address on the war was delivered by E. F. Irvine. A varied programme of classical and popular selections was rendered by Miss Agnes Dooley, violinist; Miss Genevieve Clancy, lyric soprano; Miss Mary Clancy, accompanist, and Sergeant Young, pianist, and Sergeant Brunn, banjoist, of Vancouver Barracks.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Major George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern division of the American Red Cross, will leave for Siberia early in January to determine the work of the organization there, it was announced tonight.

Red Cross to Aid Siberians.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23.—Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, former First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, will come to Australia in February to review the commonwealth's naval base programme.

SPOKANE HAS 22 NEW CASES. SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Twenty-two new cases of influenza since noon last Saturday was Spokane's report tonight. There was one death today.

SUGAR CARGO IS LARGE. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 23.—Fourteen thousand bags of sugar, the first of the new Porto Rican crop, were shipped to New York today.

SUPREME COURT TAKES RECESS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court today recessed over the holidays until January 6.

That Smile of satisfaction and expression of comfort comes as a result of freedom from those terrible headaches—headaches which have been permanently relieved by wearing my Perfect Fitting Glasses. Dr. Wheat Eyesight Specialist 207 Morgan Building, Washington at Broadway.

BERLIN LOOKS TO WILSON STABLE AND ORDERLY GOVERNMENT URGED BY EDITOR. Right of Self-Determination for Alsace-Lorraine Is Demanded in Press Interview. (Copyright by The New York World, Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—Reliance on President Wilson to persuade the enemies powers to deal with Germany so that a stable, orderly government may be assured, is urged by Theodore Wolff, editor of the Berlin Tageblatt, in a remarkable interview given by him to the correspondent of the Copenhagen Politiken and telegraphed here to the daily press. "We stand fast by President Wilson's programme, counting on real peace negotiations, not on a dictation of peace terms, and we count on the President to persist in that programme. We shall demand that Alsace-Lorraine be given the privilege of voting and determining for itself its future government. And we shall urge the same on the correspondent of the Copenhagen Politiken and for German Austria. "If the entente suppose that Germany has been so humbled as to be powerless it is a mistaken impression for 69,000,000 people will not be cowed indefinitely by threats. Germany will rise again and will be a strong factor in the European family. Her central position is dominating and she cannot be held down."