

# ALLIES WILL GIVE EAR TO PEACE TALK

### Embassies at Washington Permit It to Be Known That Proposal From Central Powers to End War To Be Given Consideration.

### TENTATIVE TERMS MAY FORM BASIS OF PEACE

President Wilson receives proposals from Germany and immediately forwards them to nations involved in European conflict.

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—The allied embassies this afternoon allowed it to become known that the allied governments will make representations to Germany, with a view to securing terms of peace which might form the basis for the opening of peace negotiations.

The position of the allied governments was said with the note that Germany brought on the war and that she now is willing to make concessions which will "rob the future of the danger of a renewal of the classic struggle resulting in the ambition of German militarism," she will be given opportunity to do so.

### INTERNAL DISSENSION IN GERMANY HELD TO BE CAUSE OF PROFFER

Lord Northcliffe asserts that strained relations among Teutonic allies factor.

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### Oil Concern Raises Wages of Employees

Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—Wage increases representing an average of 10 per cent, affecting 2000 employees in this city alone, were announced today by the Gulf Refining company, the largest independent oil concern in the United States.

### Fire Is Wiping Out Town in Wisconsin

Park Falls, Wis., Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—Fire is wiping out this city. With \$100,000 loss already, the fire is still burning. Cold is handicapping the fire-fighters.

### Whiskey Dispenser Is Caught by Police

Good whiskey at 25 cents for a one ounce drink was being dispensed to the thirsty through the north end yesterday by Edward Barry, according to Patrolmen Spough and Burkhardt, who arrested him in the Blasler pool room last night.

# Swedish Ships Are to Call at Local Seaport

### Johnson Line of Motor Vessels Will Make Local Connections Within Six Months From Now.

Portland will be a port of call for the Johnson line of Swedish motorships within six months.

### CONSIDERABLE FORCE OF GREEKS IS MASSES AT KATERINI, REPORT

Position is in dangerous proximity to left flank of Gen. Sarraill's Allied Army.

London, Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—That King Constantine has massed a considerable force of Greek troops around Katerini in dangerous proximity to the left flank of General Sarraill's allied army in Macedonia is indicated by advices received here today.

### Copper Companies Raise Wages

Redding, Cal., Dec. 14.—(P. N. S.)—Wages were voluntarily advanced 25 cents a day by the Mammoth Copper company of Kennecott and the Alaska Copper company of Coram and the Mountain Copper company of Keswick today.

### Bank Robber May Be in Jail Now

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### St. Johns Banks Will Consolidate Jan. 1, Is Report

Reports indicate that negotiations carried on for several weeks will result in the consolidation of the Peninsula National bank with the First National bank of St. Johns under the name of the former.

### Big Snowstorm Hits Arkansas, Oklahoma

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—Western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma were visited today with the heaviest snowstorm in 15 years.

### I. C. C. Investigates Coal Carrying Cost

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U. S. P.)—With a view of reducing soaring prices on coal, the Interstate Commerce commission today instituted a nation-wide investigation of coal transportation cost, including all railroads.

# BRITISH CREDIT OF 400,000,000 POUNDS ASKED

### New Government Makes Its Plans for Further Prosecution of War and Regulation of Food, Labor at Home.

### BURDENS ON NEUTRALS WILL BE MINIMIZED

### Cabinet Is Hastening Effort to Clarify Situation in Greece.

London, Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—A vote of credit for 400,000,000 pounds was moved in commons today by Andrew Bonar Law. Law said the average daily war expenditure had now reached the total of 5,710,000 pounds (approximately \$27,807,700).

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### "Billy" Sunday to Revive New York

New York, Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—The New York William A. Sunday Evangelistic association was incorporated here today with half a dozen millionaires, including John D. Rockefeller Jr., as directors.

### Man Is Trampled to Death by N. Y. Mob

Crowd of 500 Kills Man Who Tried to "Shoot Up" Historic Greenwich Village—First Lynching in 2 Years.

### Aerial Plunderer Being Hunted by Postal Officials

Redding, Cal., Dec. 14.—(P. N. S.)—An aerial plunderer is being hunted by postal officials here today.

# Lady Senator Gives Up Toga To Fit on Togs

### Kathryn Clark of Glendale Forfeakes Politics in Oregon to Work in Cloak Store in Los Angeles.

State Senator Kathryn Clark of Glendale, Oregon's first and only woman member of the upper house of the legislature, has forsaken politics and affairs of state for the realm of business and is now busily fitting cloaks in a Los Angeles department store.

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# Marked Gains In Business Are Reported

### Portland Survey Shows That the Increase Over Year Ago Will Reach Twenty-Five Per Cent.

"Business in Portland will average a 25 per cent increase over that of a year ago," declares a report which was made by the survey committee of the Portland Ad Club that was sent on its way to the research committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

### Sensational Break In Stock Market

Dumping of Holdings Becomes So Great That Tickers Are Swamped; United States Steel Seven Points Off.

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# BULLETINS

### Summer's Passengers Taken.

New York, Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—The government transport Kilpatrick this afternoon took off the remaining 100 passengers of the transport Sumner, which is ashore near Barnegat, N. J.

### Six Months' Term for Speech.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Colonel Pagnuelo of the 26th battalion, C. E. F., has been sentenced by court martial to six months in jail for making a speech of the character to encourage his men to desert. The sentence must be confirmed by the government.

### EDITORIAL COMMENT IN BERLIN ON OFFER OF PEACE IS PESSIMISTIC

Too Much to Expect Immediate Success but First Step, Is General View Taken.

### Austrian Cabinet Is Reported Resigned

Amsterdam, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Resignation of the Austrian cabinet was announced in dispatches received today from Vienna. Alexander Spitzmuller is to attempt formation of a new ministry.

### Fumes in Hothouse End Lives of Two

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—Rev. Ray Cornell, an itinerant minister, and John Russell were found dead in a greenhouse here today. That carbon dioxide, thrown off by flowers and plants in the greenhouse, may have caused the death of the two men is a theory advanced by authorities.

### Garment Workers Win Strike Point

New York, Dec. 14.—(U. S. S.)—Partial victory was won by the garment trades strikers here this afternoon when it was announced that several manufacturers had agreed to accept the strikers' demands of a 48 hour week and wage increase amounting to \$2 a week.

### Poet Pinched for Riding Pegasus Upon Burnside St.

The cosmopolitan society that haunts the environs of Burnside street has no place for poets and Francis Smith learned this to his sorrow yesterday.

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# KNOCKED DOWN HOUSES ARE TO BE SENT ABROAD

### Portland to Aid in Rehabilitation of War Stricken Europe as Result of Plant to Be Established Here Soon.

### TO EMPLOY 1000 MEN IN LOCAL INDUSTRY

Peninsula Lumber Co. Adds New Feature to Its Portland Plant.

### PROHIBITION BILL OF NATION WIDE SCOPE IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

House Judiciary Committee Makes No Comment on the Suffrage Measure.

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