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ENORMOUS WAR EXPENDITURES STAGGERING

ESTIMATED THAT \$18,000,000,000 HAVE BEEN SPENT DURING LAST FISCAL YEAR

SHORT MATURITIES 5TH LOAN

Sale of War Stamps and Certificates to Be Continued in Most Vigorous Manner

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Carter Glass, the new secretary of the treasury, in a telegram to Governor James K. Lynch, of the Twelfth Federal Reserve district announces that expenditures of the government during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1918, and including December 16, 1918, exceeding nine billion six hundred million dollars and that expenditures in the month of November were nearly \$2,000,000,000. In the current month of December up to and including December 16 expenditures exceeded \$1,000,000,000. It is estimated that the total expenditures of the fiscal year will be \$18,000,000,000.

Secretary Glass favors short maturities for the Fifth Liberty loan and announces that the treasury department will continue the sale of War Savings Stamps and certificates in a most energetic manner.

Part of Mr. Glass' telegram is as follows:

"Millions of Americans have contributed in the most vital, tangible and necessary way to the winning of the war. They have loaned their dollars to their country with no small sacrifice of personal comfort and enjoyment, and have given largely of personal effort and service. For all time we have disproved the slander that Americans are a money-loving people, incapable of rising above materialistic things. In the eighteen short months of the war American people subscribed for \$18,000,000,000 of Liberty bonds and War Savings certificates.

"The proceeds of the Fourth Liberty loan so far received have all been spent, and the remaining installments payable on subscriptions to that loan will be needed to meet maturing treasury certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of that loan, and as yet unpaid. Since the armistice was signed, Secretary McAdoo has estimated that the cash outgo from the treasury during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, will amount to \$18,000,000,000 and much more than half of that amount has already been expended in the five and one half months which have elapsed.

"The treasury must issue another large loan before the end of the fiscal year and I am entirely in accord with the policy already outlined that this loan should take the form of bonds of short maturities.

"It is vitally important that the treasury should continue in a most energetic way the sale of War Savings Stamps and certificates. Among the valuable and much needed lessons we have partly learned from the war, is that of thrift and intelligent.

"Thrift helped to win the war and will help us to take full advantage of a victorious peace.

"Our men on the other side still have their work before them and so have we. They will not leave until the task is fully accomplished, nor shall we. I am sure then that the treasury department can, with confidence, offer another Liberty loan and continue the sale of War Savings Certificates knowing that the organizations will respond once more to the call for service and will at once prepare the grounds and sow the seed so that the harvest may be abundantly fruitful."

EX-KAISER WILL DELIVER SERMON

William Hohenzollern to Celebrate Christmas in Own Way—Select Crowd—Many Refused

London, Dec. 23.—William Hohenzollern has arranged a Christmas celebration for himself, after the traditional German style, as far as possible. There are to be elaborated Christmas religious ceremonies on Christmas Eve, and William will deliver the sermon himself.

Many who asked permission to attend will be refused, so the audience will consist of Count von Bentinck and family and the emperor's suite and servants.

+ I. N. S. SERVICE NEWS +
+ STOP PIRATE NEWS +
+ Washington, Dec. 23.—Injunctions granted the Associated Press to stop pirating of news by the International News Service were sustained today by the supreme court. The decision said there was quasi-property interest in uncopied news as between rival news-gathering organizations.
+ The decision was on a vote of five to three. Justice Clerk, of Ohio, a newspaper publisher, and not participating. Justice Brandeis dissented. Justices Holmes and McKenna, in an associated opinion, merely declined to uphold all the views of the majority. Regarding property right in the news of the Associated Press, requests were granted.

BANK ROBBER DAVIS RETURNS TO FACE LAW

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Police Inspector W. H. Hyde left here Sunday with Arthur C. Davis, former bookkeeper of the East Side Bank, of Portland, Ore., who is being returned to Portland to face charges of embezzlement of between \$45,000 and \$50,000. Police officials recovered \$42,135.35, which has been expressed to the Portland bank.

SAYS LIME NEEDED ON SOUTHERN ORE. SOILS

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 23.—Practically all the soils in the humid sections of Oregon need lime, and a circular telling when, where, how, and why lime is used has just been issued for farmers, by the department of soils at the college. The chief reason for the use of lime is now recognized as being the correcting of soil acidity, points out the circular. Most soils of southern Oregon are acid to some extent, while east of the Cascades acidity except for the marsh areas is almost negligible. Farmers interested may get a copy of the circular free on request.

O.A.C. WILL GIVE GAS ENGINE INSTRUCTION

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 23.—Short courses relating mainly to the selection, operation, adjustment and repairing of gas engines will be given at the college in the winter term, due to the scarcity of reliable tractor operators in the state and the increased interest in tractors shown in the last few months. Three one month short courses will be given—January 6 to February 1, February 3 to March 1, and March 3 to March 29. A three months course will start January 6.

EBERT GOVERNMENT NOW FACES ANOTHER CRISIS

Minority Members of Cabinet Resign—"Faithful" Troops May Seize Berlin—Huns Deny Sending Notes to United States Alone and Say "Innocent Will Not Crawl Away"

Political circles in Berlin have been agitated by the rumor that General Grorner, who succeeded Ludendorff, has threatened to seize Berlin with troops that remained faithful, if order is not re-established shortly.

Deny Eckhardt Recalled
Washington, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Fletcher at Mexico City has advised the state department that the government organ, El Pueblo, denied that von Eckhardt had been recalled by Germany. Other Mexican newspapers say his mission has been terminated, but that he is undecided as to leaving the country.

Washington, Dec. 23.—An indirect warning from the American government was responsible for the decision of the German authorities to dispense with the services of the notorious minister, von Eckhardt, at Mexico City. A hint was given the new German government of his undesirability, it has been officially learned.

Deny Exclusive Notes
Berlin, Dec. 23.—The German

government officially denies that it continued to address notes exclusively to the United States after being warned to send them simultaneously to all hostile belligerents. The Vorwaerts, commenting on the charge, says "the harshness of this charge is incomprehensible. It is inconceivable that the United States should go so far as to expect the people entirely innocent of starting war, and their new government, will quietly crawl into a corner and expire."

Zurich, Dec. 23.—Von Hindenburg according to reports from Germany, has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen, which is in German Poland. Polish troops recently invaded the territory after Poland claimed it as a part of New Poland.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Ebert government at Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis, through the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS IN NEW YORK STARVING

New York, Dec. 23.—Aroused by reports that, with Christmas approaching, East Side children are "fainting in schoolrooms and dying at home from hunger," because their parents cannot pay the prevailing high prices for milk and staple foods, representative citizens today organized a committee to "feed them first and investigate afterward."

A plea that something be done for her pupils, who were "slowly starving to death," was made recently by a teacher to Joseph S. Markus, a banker, who now heads the relief organization.

One settlement, he said, has the names of 113 babies who, recovering from influenza, now face death from pneumonia because their parents cannot buy milk needed to restore them to health. Every hospital in the district, he continued, knows hundreds more underfed children, many of whom are physically unable to continue their studies. Of his visit to one school, he said:

"In one room there were 22 children. A ragman would not have paid 5 cents for all the clothing they wore. Many had no undergarments and those who did could hardly call them by that name. Many were without shoes and others had heel-less and solesless ones.

"We learned most of them came there without any breakfast. Some kind people were giving the teacher a little money every week, and with that she purchased some milk and cocoa, preparing gruel over a small stove in the room. She said with the high cost of milk now she was not able to buy much, and that several of the children had fainted right there in the class room. Others were too weak to leave hom and died there. Malnutrition was the cause—starvation."

SOCIALISM IS FAILURE WHEN PUT IN PRACTICE

Berne, Dec. 23.—Reliable information from Russia says that socialization of industries in that country has been a complete failure. The expenses considerably exceeded the receipts in almost all of the 513 mills and factories controlled by the state.

BOYS IN FRANCE TO HAVE A MERRY XMAS

Thousands of Trees, Santa Claus Costumes and White Whiskers Are Ready for Celebration

Paris, Dec. 23.—An American Christmas for American soldiers and for French children is the great Yuletide project of the American expeditionary force, aided by the Young Men's Christian Association. Thousands of tinselled trees decked with presents have been distributed in readiness for the day, thousands of red Santa Claus costumes with accompanying white whiskers have been provided and thousands of Christmas entertainments have been prepared for presentation on Christmas eve in the Red Triangle huts—"his home over there."

The Americans have shown the French what they can do in the way of fighting, and now will present their peculiar ideas in the way of celebrating the day of universal good will, the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Last December, when there were less than 200,000 American soldiers in France, and these mostly busied training for the great knockout which they delivered to militarism this summer, the boys in khaki and the "Y" workers managed to show a small sample of the American Christmas idea to the French. This year the 2,000,000 Americans here will import America's Yuletide bodily and set it down on the sacred soil of France where the people have learned to expect the Yanks to do everything on the grand scale.

The celebration will divide into two parts, the Christmas for the American boys so far from their own firesides and the gift day for the youngsters of France, so long denied a real observation of their beloved Noel.

To each of the 2,000,000 soldiers in the American expeditionary force the Y. M. C. A. will present a Christmas box containing two bars of chocolate, a package of cream candy, two packages of cigarettes and a tin of tobacco. In addition each man will receive a Christmas card.

WILSON BARS DENSMORE FROM THE GRAND JURY

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The decision of Secretary of Labor Wilson in refusing to permit John B. Densmore and aides to testify before the grand jury investigating the alleged irregularities in the Thomas J. Mooney case, has been sent to Governor Stephens.

ITALIANS LOSE HALF MILLION MEN IN WAR

Paris, Dec. 23.—Five hundred thousand Italians lost their lives in the war. Of this number 200,000 were killed in action.

This statement was made to the correspondent today by Salvatore Barzilai, former member of the Italian cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel to Paris, in explaining Italy's sacrifices and her claim to territories previously held by the enemy. Signor Barzilai said: "On the eve of the peace conference, where Italy must claim the territories due her for reasons of nationality, it is well the world should know the sacrifices sustained by her. All Italians trust America as an impartial judge.

"Italy lost 500,000 dead. To those actually killed in battle must be added 300,000 who died of disease, particularly malaria, contracted in Albania, Macedonia and along the Piave. The Italians severely wounded number 300,000 while 500,000 of the five million called to the colors were taken prisoner."

FEEDING THE STARVING TO BE MAIN WORK

WILSON CONSIDERS THAT PEOPLE IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES MUST RECEIVE FIRST AID

WILL OPPOSE SINKING SHIPS

Senator Lodge Takes Same View. No Such Project Included in the Regular Peace Program

Paris, Dec. 23.—President Wilson considers the most pressing problem now confronting this nation and the allies, that of feeding the starving peoples in liberated countries. The task is said to be nearly solved, however, with Food Administrator Hoover the chief one handling the work.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It may be authoritatively stated that the president will oppose in the most direct fashion the proposal to sink the warships surrendered by Germany.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Press dispatches from Paris saying that the American peace delegates, with British support, will urge the sinking of the surrendered German warships as the solution of the problem of their disposition, led to initiation of steps today in the senate to obtain an official statement of the facts and to wide discussion in naval circles. At the state and navy departments no information was available, Secretary Daniels repeating his previous statement that he had never heard the suggestion officially, while at the state department it was said that so far as known that no such project was included in the American peace program.

The first published suggestion that the ships be sunk came from London several days ago. But even before that, it was learned, this had occurred to some naval authorities here as one possible way of settling a vexing problem.

BECKER SUSPICIOUS OF ANYTHING HEARST DOES

Washington, Dec. 23.—Alfred L. Becker, deputy attorney general of New York, on continued cross-examination today by Senator Reed, of Missouri, at the senate committee's German propaganda inquiry, declared that Senator Reed represented William R. Hearst, about whom most of the testimony revolved.

Senator Reed indignantly denied that he represented anybody or anything except an effort to reach the truth in a maze of "distorted testimony."

The hearing was full of sharp exchanges of accusations between Mr. Becker and Senator Reed, who sought to show that Becker drew unwarranted conclusions from "scraps of evidence" of acquaintance between Hearst and Bolo Pasha, von Bernstorff and other German agents. Mr. Becker declared he was "suspicious of almost anything that Mr. Hearst did."

The cross-examination will be continued when the hearings are resumed after the holiday recess.

BRITISH TELL DUTCH THEY WILL USE SCHELDT

Brussels, Dec. 23.—It is reported that Holland has been informed by Great Britain of her intention to send supplies to the British army of occupation in Germany, by way of the River Scheldt and Dutch Limberg.