

PEACE WILL BE WEIGHTY ISSUE

TO PLAY BIG PART
IN STATECRAFT.

Crises Numerous in Past Year, Both
With English and German Nations
—Mexican Situation Makes Ces-
sation of War Important.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Peace promises to be the transcendent theme of the state department the coming year, in sharp contrast to the almost warlike moments of some months last year.

Intermittent peace talk took definite form in the last weeks of December, after Germany had proposed peace to the allies. From now on, it will be the enormous subject before the state department in view of the fact that this government seems destined to play a big part in whatever peace negotiations are undertaken.

In addition to possible complications with Mexico, the main issues of the last year still are pregnant with difficulties which American diplomacy is seeking to smooth out, at the same time protecting adequately and honorably the rights of America and Americans.

These issues are:—
Submarine problems between Germany and the United States.

German deportation of Belgians.
English interference with mails.
English blacklisting of American firms with German interests.

English embargoes affecting America.

Germany's submarine warfare came to a head in so far as the United States is concerned when this government last March gained a statement that Germany had effected a change in her submarine methods and pledged to continue on a milder course.

"Crises" have been numerous. The state department, however, in accordance with administration principles, has sought to settle matters through diplomacy, rather than through a break in relations. Indeed, this government did threaten to break after the Sussex torpedoing, if Germany broke her pledges, but since then the spirit has been to bring Germany up short, gain a sharp, air tight definition of her pledges and then insist upon adherence to them.

Prospects of peace, though still undoubtedly some months distant, will probably affect future dealings with Germany, and even more strongly influence the administration idea of avoiding a break with Germany.

Germany's deportation of Belgians provoked a protest from this government, but her answer gave but little satisfaction. The administration plans to watch this situation closely.

German transgressions have involved American lives. In these circumstances, the general view has been that the cases required quick, strong protest.

On the other hand, England's offenses have involved American commerce. These were negotiated, but differences are still extant over England's treatment of American mails, her blacklist and her embargoes. The state department will continue negotiating and protesting against infringements of U. S. rights by England, although none of these cases, the department holds, involves such seriousness as to call for a threat of a breach in relations.

Mexico has been a sore spot in diplomacy the past year.

Conditions became such that American troops were sent into Mexico, and militia to the border, following Villa's raid on Columbus.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The state department found many intricate problems with Carranza. Finally it brought him up short with a recital of outrages against Americans and their property, and a definite demand to know what he was going to do hereafter.

The Americans aim in Mexico toward rehabilitation and peace without arms. But the problem before the Mexican-American commission is still grave and enormous. Villa again is making trouble, though Carranza in recent months has shown a disposition and some ability to alter the dreadful conditions.

But with all the problems that have spelt trouble, the idea of peace the world over has been a paramount hope—and more lately, a pregnant possibility.

MILLER AND MARTIN TO MEET JANUARY 10

Sandpoint Midget Anxious to Wrest
Laurels From Bend Favorite on
the Mat—Fast Go Promised.

Ernest Miller will meet Max Martin in a return wrestling match in Bend January 10, according to an agreement reached between the two men this afternoon regarding weights. Martin has agreed to make 135 pounds ringside.

Following Miller's challenge two days ago, Martin answered that he could make 135 pounds and would wrestle Miller at that weight. Both men will go into training at once for the big match, which will be held in the Hippodrome. Miller is confident that he can defeat Martin at the weight he has agreed to make.

Miller, in speaking of Monday evening's match, wishes to express his thanks to the Bend wrestling fans for their courtesy and financial assistance to him.

The coming Miller-Martin match promises to be the fastest that has ever been seen in Central Oregon.

Both men now are in the best of condition. Martin is anxious to retain his record he has held since he came to Bend and Miller is even more anxious to wrest laurels from the Bend favorite.

WILL SEND REQUEST FOR FUNDS TONIGHT

Petition of Court for \$5,000 For
Roads to Be Accompanied by
Letter From Hastings.

Another step toward the securing of government aid in the building of 14 miles of the McKenzie road in this county will be taken this evening, when Supervisor Hastings, of the Deschutes National forest, will send to the district forester at Portland the petition of the county court for \$5,000 used in the construction of the road. The petition is the one prepared yesterday by Mr. Hastings, and adopted by the court.

Accompanying this, will be a letter from Mr. Hastings, explaining that due to the undetermined condition, of the county financial resources, it was impossible to ask for more than \$5,000, but that a like sum can probably be utilized during the succeeding year.

The petition of the court, published yesterday, it is expected, will allow sufficient time before an answer from government officials is received, to allow of a decision being reached as to the county's being able to duplicate the \$5,000 asked from federal funds.

The petition and Mr. Hastings' letter will be forwarded from Portland to the department of agriculture in Washington, D. C.

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