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HINDENBURG LEADS ARMY UPON POSEN

Large Force Reported Concentrated Against Poles Who Claim This Region Part of New State—Ludendorff's Successor Threatens to Seize Berlin With Troops if Order Not Established Soon—Ebert Forces Crisis.

ZURICH, Dec. 23.—(Havas). Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to reports received here from Germany, has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen.

Posen is in German Poland. Polish nationalists have claimed it as part of the new Poland and Polish troops have invaded the territory.

MAYENCE, Sunday, Dec. 22.—The French threw a pontoon bridge across the Rhine at Nierstein on Friday. This bridge, which is over 1000 feet in length, was built in five hours.

MUNICH, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.) All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23 until January 2 for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 90 percent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located.

ZURICH, Dec. 23.—(Havas). The Ebert government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis thru the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

Political leaders in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that General Groener, who succeeded General Ludendorff as chief quartermaster-general, has threatened to seize Berlin with troops that have remained faithful if order is not re-established there shortly.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—It is reported here 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 Scheidt and Dutch Limberg.

GERMANY DENIES NOTES TO AMERICA ARE PROPOGANDA

BERLIN, Sunday, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is officially denied that the German government has continued to address notes exclusively to the United States after receiving the request of the Washington government that official communications from Berlin be forwarded simultaneously to all the hostile belligerents.

Commenting upon the report received here that the American state department had declared the latest note from Germany was not published because it was evidently of a pro-paganistic character, the newspaper Vorwaerts says: "The harshness of this charge is incomprehensible. It is inconceivable that the United States goes so far as to expect that the people, entirely innocent of starting the war, and their new government, will quietly crawl into a corner and expire."

WILSON TAKES WALK WITHOUT AN OVERCOAT

PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson went out walking together today for the first time since their arrival in Paris. They slipped away from the Murat palace through the famous old garden and walked up the boulevards and through some of the old side streets, strolling about for an hour.

The president did not don his overcoat for the walk. Mrs. Wilson wore a walking suit of black. The president carried his cane. Two secret service men were their only escort. He conferred briefly with Colonel E. M. House before his departure.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPAIGNS NOT ABOVE \$500

Senate Adopts Amendment Senator Thomas Placing 100 Per Cent Tax on Political Campaign Contributions Above \$500—Luxury Tax of 20 Per Cent Is Voted Down.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In disposing of amendments to the war revenue bill with a view to its passage before adjournment today, the senate expressed its first dissent from the finance committee's revision by disapproving 38 to 32, the committee's action in eliminating the 20 per cent tax on so-called luxuries.

The luxury tax section was estimated to raise about \$185,000,000. It imposed the 20 per cent rate on a variety of articles above fixed prices. Another final vote on re-insertion of the tax section was planned later.

The senate adopted 34 to 28, the amendment of Senator Thomas of Colorado, democrat, for a tax of 100 per cent on political campaign contributions in excess of \$500.

The senate adopted an amendment by Senator Trammell of Florida, democrat, providing for a bonus of one month's pay to all officers and enlisted men honorably discharged from the army, navy and marine corps after November 11.

Inheritance Tax The senate, without objection, adopted the committee's amendment for taxation of inheritances in lieu of the tax on estates as provided in the house bill.

The inheritance tax plan proposes a graduated levy ranging from one per cent on inheritances between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to 25 per cent on those over \$2,500,000. Another amendment exempts from inheritance taxes life insurance policies payable to beneficiaries, regardless of their amount.

On motion of Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, the senate reduced the tax of 20 per cent to 10 per cent on all luxuries enumerated in the bill except on men's and women's clothing. The latter exception was made at the request of Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who urged that the entire tax be removed from these articles.

An amendment by Senator Johnson of South Dakota, to eliminate the 5 per cent tax on automobile tractors, automobile wagon trailers and tractors was adopted.

PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW TROOPS ON CHRISTMAS

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The latest changes made by the British government in the itinerary of President Wilson's visit to England would bring him back to Paris on New Year's Day. He will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday in London and will have conferences Saturday. The president will be at Carlisle Sunday and will make an important speech in Manchester on Monday. He will return to London Tuesday and will leave the same day for Paris where he will arrive Wednesday.

The president's Christmas program provides for his leaving on a special train at 1 o'clock in the morning, the schedule for the run providing for the train's arrival at Chaumont, General Pershing's headquarters, at 7 a. m. The party will take automobiles thence to Laneris, where the review of American troops will take place. The president will take luncheon at midday with 400 troops, returning to Chaumont in the afternoon. On the return trip the president will leave Chaumont at 4 p. m. and reach Paris at 9 o'clock in the evening.

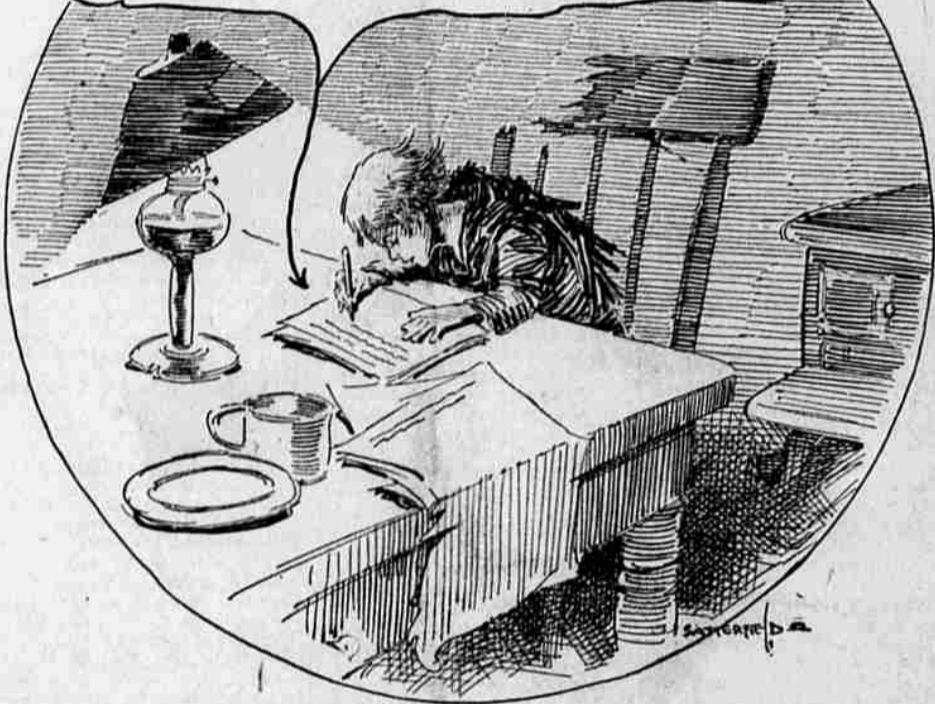
The president will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, her secretary, Miss Benham, Admiral Grayson, an aide de camp, and the president's private secretary.

AEROPLANE FALLS U.S. GENERAL HURT

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(Havas).—An airplane piloted by a British officer and carrying an American general from Treves, Germany, crashed this afternoon at Louvres, on the outskirts of Paris. The pilot was killed and the general was seriously injured.

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus maybe you will forget me
mama says because you have to go
and Brother because you have to go
so many please, but i know you
won't forget if i tell you were i
live and you can just bring
me a little dollie and brother a
horn or a drum and candy
so we can give some
to mama-



TWO SOLDIERS KILLED POLICE PATROL SMASH

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—Two men were killed and seven others were injured when the police patrol, driven by Patrolman Rekdal, collided with a telephone pole while trying to dodge another automobile on the east side shortly before 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

The dead men are Private Bert Helder, of the 14th spruce division and Corporal James Jardin of the same unit. Those injured were: Roy E. Barnes, medical detachment, Vancouver barracks; Patrolman Rekdahl, Patrolman Bruening, Patrolman Gell, George W. Randall, and F. K. Stewart.

The men had climbed aboard the patrol wagon to ride to the main part of the city on the patrol wagon, which was returning from answering a burglary call in the neighborhood.

KEROSENE LAMP FIRE FATAL TO WOMAN

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Mrs. George Waldencamp of Graham, was fatally burned early this morning when a kerosene lamp fell setting fire to her clothing and the house. She ran out and was found by neighbors a few hundred feet away. She died on the way to a hospital in Tacoma. Her son, 14, escaped. Her husband is ill with pneumonia in a Tacoma hospital. The house and contents were entirely burned.

PROFESSOR MASARYK TAKES OATH AS PRESIDENT

PRAGUE, Bohemia, Sunday, Dec. 22. Prof. T. B. Masaryk, president of the Czechoslovak republic, took the oath of office as president today in the diet building. The president's oath on assuming office was as follows: "I promise as president of the Czechoslovak Republic, on my honor and conscience, that I will care for the welfare of the republic, and its people and respect its laws."

SEC'Y WILSON REFUSES TO ALLOW DENSMORE TESTIFY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—A decision of Secretary of Labor Wilson refusing to permit John B. Densmore, director general of employment, and his aides to testify before the grand jury in its investigation of alleged irregularities in the prosecution of Thomas J. Mooney case, unearthed by Densmore, was sent to Governor Stephens by George Stanleigh Arnold, Mr. Wilson's representative, here today.

LONDON IS BUSY PREPARING FOR WILSON'S ENTRY

First Scheme of Street Decoration Since War Being Arranged for President's Visit—First Head of Republic to Stay at Buckingham Palace—Mrs. Wilson's Status.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The first organized scheme of street decoration in London since the beginning of the war is being arranged for President Wilson's visit.

It is understood that the entire route from the railway station to Buckingham palace will be elaborately and systematically decked with lanterns linked by streamers. The Stars and Stripes will be predominant features of the decorations and the flags of the allies also will be used.

The decorations of the city of London for the president's visit of Saturday will likewise be upon a splendid scale.

Mrs. Wilson's Status The various government departments were busily engaged today in perfecting the details of the preparations for the president's entertainment. There was likewise considerable activity at Buckingham palace. President Wilson is not only the first head of a republic to make a stay at the palace but the first as a guest of honor to be accompanied by his wife. As the wife of a president has no official status, the court has a problem in etiquette to decide regarding Mrs. Wilson.

Escort of Cavalry The Charing Cross station, where the president will enter London will be gaily decorated. The guards will furnish a guard of honor and at Buckingham Palace the king's guard and the Welsh guards will await the president's coming. These troops will mount guard in the quadrangle in front of the palace throughout the president's stay. On ceremonial occasions his carriage will be followed by the sovereign's escort of household cavalry.

When President and Mrs. Wilson arrive at Manchester Sunday evening after their visit to Carlisle they will be conducted to the town hall, remaining there as guests of the lord mayor and lady mayoress. Secretary of State Lansing and Colonel E. M. House, it is said, are expected to accompany them.

CHINESE DELEGATION ARRIVES

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 3.—China's delegation to the Versailles peace conference arrived here today aboard the Japanese trans-Pacific liner Suwa Maru. The delegates plan to go by boat to Seattle where they will en-train tomorrow for New York.

LOYAL RUSSIAN TROOPS DEFEAT THE BOLSHIEVIKI

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Defeat of the Bolshevik army on the Ekaterinburg front in a decisive battle by an army of loyal Russians, was reported today in an official dispatch to the Russian embassy from the Omsk government. The message said the disorganized Bolsheviks were retreating northward toward Perm. Much equipment and booty was captured.

The embassy also was informed that Attaman Doutoff, commanding the Cossack troops of the Orenburg region, had asked General Semenov to submit to the orders of Admiral Kodchak, dictator of the Omsk government. It was indicated in the cablegram that the people of Siberia were united in support of Kodchak.

LONDON IS PASTERED WITH U. S. FLAGS

LONDON, Nov. 14.—(Correspondence of Associated Press). If there is not friendly feeling toward the United States in England the flags of London speak untruthfully. There are millions of flags. Where all of them come from is a mystery. They simply appeared from everywhere and nowhere, like a barrage of color on the day when the armistice was signed. No coronation or royal jubilee has been such a marvel of cloth. Hardly a house, however small and humble, in the whole more than twenty mile radius of the largest city in the world was without its decorations. And the Stars and Stripes were more conspicuous than any flag except the Union Jack.

PORTLAND MURDERER COMMITS SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—N. Carlson, in the county jail here awaiting trial for killing Gus Johnson, a fellow laborer in the shipyards last week, cut his own throat today while shaving, and died within 20 minutes. Thirty other prisoners were present when he was arrested. Carlson, who declared he had killed Johnson because of an assault on Mrs. Carlson, had expressed the fear that he would not be well defended, since he was without funds. His wife and children had not visited him at the jail.

HUN MINISTER'S RECALL DUE TO U. S. WARNING

Indirect Warning From U. S. Government Leads German to Dismiss Von Eckhardt—Continued Pro-German Activity in Mexico Must Cease.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An indirect warning from the American government was responsible for the decision of the German authorities to dismiss the services of the notorious Minister Von Eckhardt at Mexico City. It was learned officially today that a hint was transmitted to Berlin recently that it was difficult to reconcile Eckhardt's continued anti-American and anti-anti-propaganda with the new German government's protestations of regard for the United States and repeated appeals for food supplies.

Evidence of Eckhardt's influence in the Mexican capital was seen today in a report from Ambassador Fletcher that El Pueblo, a government organ, had published a denial of the minister's recall.

The state department has been advised of the recall, although evidently there has been no official announcement of it at Mexico City. Ambassador Fletcher said other newspapers were saying Eckhardt's mission had ended, though he had not decided as to leaving the country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Fletcher at Mexico City advised the state department today that El Pueblo, a government organ, had denied that von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico, had been recalled. Other Mexican newspapers, however, say that von Eckhardt's mission there has been terminated, though he has not decided as to leaving the country.

CONGRESSMEN WERE OPPOSED TO MAILING BAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Details of the unsuccessful fight made by the leaders of the socialist party to have the American Socialist restored to second class mailing privileges were related today by J. Louis Engdahl, editor of the paper, when he was recalled as a witness in the trial of five socialist leaders charged with violation of the espionage law.

The witness said the paper was barred from the mails June 30, 1917, after the publication of the "Liberty edition" of which 250,000 copies had been printed.

Engdahl said he had no desire to violate the law and had tried unsuccessfully to have the postoffice authorities make definite rulings on the character of the articles.

Engdahl said he then sent a copy of the paper to every member of congress with a request that they express an opinion as to whether it was a violation of the espionage act. A number of replies were received which the witness read to the jury. Representative Dillon wrote that he did not think the paper should be barred from the mails.

Representative C. C. Dill expressed the view that the paper should be admitted. He said the socialists were entitled to fair play and the right of free speech should be safeguarded. Similar opinions were expressed by Senator Gronna.

After the paper was barred from the mails, it was shipped for a time by express and parcel post.

POLAND THREATENS TO FIGHT FOR GALICIA

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—Poland is anxious to reach an amicable agreement with the Czechs regarding the claims of the latter to Austrian Silesia and a Polish deputation will soon go to Prague to discuss the matter, according to a statement issued by the Polish foreign minister and printed in Cracow newspapers. The minister also says that no efforts will be made to solve by diplomacy claims to Galicia by Ukraine.

Regarding the southeastern frontier of Poland, the minister says the situation is very serious, and adds: "It will be a question of arms until the matter is settled."

PROBLEM FOOD SUPPLY IS NOW NEAR SOLUTION

Work is to Be Handled Principally by United States Under Direction of Herbert C. Hoover—Foundation League of Nations Laid in Such Co-operative Arrangements.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson's conferences today and tomorrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will lay the principal part of the ground work for the actual peace conference.

Mr. Wilson considers the most pressing of all problems before the entente nations in a fair way toward being solved. This is the question of supplying food to the starving peoples of liberated countries. It now seems probable that the work will be handled principally by the United States, through Herbert C. Hoover. It has been made plain to the entente nations that the United States has no wish to claim entire credit for the work of relief in the minds of the people who are to be fed and a satisfactory understanding appears to be in sight. Mr. Hoover will confer with the president again today.

Participation by the United States in various councils that have been handling food questions, matters of shipping and the like, is being gradually wound up, as American officials are trending toward the opinion that those are proper subjects for the consideration of a League of Nations, or at least of preliminary organizations which may precede it.

Some of those who have been giving the subject close study and have been following the conferences with entente representatives say they would not be surprised if the real foundation of a League of Nations were to be laid in co-operative arrangements between the United States and the allies for handling these fundamental questions.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23.—No warrants had been issued, it was said at the police court here this forenoon, as a result of the clearing of the local socialist hall here last night by a party of some 60 furnished soldiers and sailors after George F. Vandevier, who appeared for the defense in the Chicago Industrial Workers of the World trial, had delivered an address.

SOCIALIST HALL IN SPOKANE CLEARED BY U. S. SOLDIERS

"You fellows want to overturn the government, do you?" the leader of the soldiers and sailors was reported to have told the crowd in the hall. "Well, we are not going to have any Bolsheviks here. Just take warning. We are going to have no more of these Sunday meetings."

The hall was quickly cleared without resistance, and later a crowd that gathered outside was dispersed by the soldiers and sailors.

3 PORTLAND CITIZENS GUILTY OF BOOTLEGGING

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Robert H. Warfield, contract manager of the Home Telephone company here; Gus Emerick and George E. Fifer pleaded guilty in the federal court here today to importing liquor into Oregon. All three were given county jail sentences. Warfield will serve three months, Emerick and Fifer 30 days.

The men were charged with importing whiskey from San Francisco in carboys, labelled acid and consigned to the telephone company. The liquor afterward was put into bottles and sold to the retail trade here.

GREAT BRITAIN'S TERMS OF PEACE READY CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The cabinet, it is said, will be able to finish by tomorrow night the task of framing the terms to be proposed by Great Britain at the Inter-Allied conference preceding the peace congress. The final draft should be ready by Christmas Day. It will be discussed at the conference between President Wilson and the war cabinet.