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## STORM IS RAGING FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC COAST

### Reaches from Canada to the Gulf—With Snow in Florida

## SLEET AND ICE HAMPER TRAFFIC IN NEW YORK

### Snow Slides In Colorado and Blizzards Sweep the Dakotas

New York, Dec. 27.—Snow and sleet, driving over New York and the eastern and middle states in the most troublesome storm of the winter, tied up traffic and interfered with telegraph and telephone lines today.

The storm raged from Jacksonville, Fla., where it was snowing, to the Canadian border.

Surface and elevated lines in greater New York, particularly in Brooklyn and the Queens, were greatly delayed owing to a thin sheeting of ice which hampered trolley collections.

**Snowslides in Colorado.**

Denver, Colo., Dec. 27.—The cold wave which struck the Rocky mountain region Christmas day still holds this territory in its icy grip today. Below zero temperatures were reported this morning from many points.

The coldest weather in the Rocky mountain states last night was at Havre, Mont., where the mercury reached 18 below.

As a result of snowslides in the western part of the state and in Wyoming, all trains over the Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande railroads are from 10 to 12 hours late.

## Blizzard in Dakotas

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 27.—The worst blizzard of the season is raging in the Dakotas. The snowfall started Christmas day and up to noon showed no signs of abatement. Mandan reports a fall of 18 inches. Williston claims 10 inches.

Businessmen throughout the Dakotas came to their offices this morning on skis and rural mail deliveries are cancelled for fear the carriers will get lost in the snow.

## Snow Near San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Following a drop in the mercury to within six degrees of freezing point, San Francisco and vicinity was dripping under a cold rain today. Little relief was promised by the federal forecaster for the new year celebration.

Mount Tamalpais and Mount Diablo were snow capped yesterday, and reports from all sections of the state, except the coast, are of snow.

## Settles Divorce Suit with His Revolver

Rainier, Or., Dec. 27.—W. J. Horton, a logger, age 54, and his wife, age 45, are dead today, the victims of Horton's revolver.

Enraged because his wife had started divorce proceedings Horton went into a mercantile store where Mrs. Horton was employed as clerk and after a heated argument fired two shots into his wife's body, then turned the weapon on himself. Mrs. Horton died four hours later, but the husband's death was instantaneous. Three young children survive.

**Abe Martin**

## Blame for Accident Is Placed on Both

Portland, Or., Dec. 27.—Responsibility for the accident which last Friday resulted in the death of a priest named Castell and Mrs. J. J. Chabrean, and the serious injury of Manager Savage and the serious injury of Motorman Pierson of the trolley and Jitney Norman Myers, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Pierson claimed to have brought his car to a stop before the crash, but all the witnesses contradicted him, while Myers claimed one of his front wheels caught in the flange of the street car rail or he could have gotten out of the oncoming cars path.

R. V. Holder of San Francisco and Manager Savage are both recovering from their injuries.

## AUTOMOBILE STRUCK BY ELECTRIC TRAIN

### Engine Went Dead As It Crossed Track—Auto Smashed, No One Hurt

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Mitchell, who live north of this city, had a narrow escape from death yesterday afternoon when the Ford car in which they were riding was struck by an Oregon Electric train in front of the court house. The accident happened at 4:15 o'clock and serious injury was averted only by the quick stopping of the electric train by Motorman Shumway. As it was the Ford's left rear wheel was smashed, the fender bent, and a big gash cut in the side of the door.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had just entered their machine to drive home after doing shopping at the Farmers Cash Store and he had turned across the track to go North on High street. Just as they got on the track the motor died and he was struck directly in the path of the oncoming train. Before the train was stopped it pushed the Ford thirty feet along the pavement. Neither Mr. Mitchell or Mrs. Mitchell were injured.

## DEFENSE RELIES ON STRANGE EVIDENCE

### Murder Trial in Which Contents of Stomach Will Be Main Evidence

Ossipee, N. H., Dec. 27.—Chemical analysis of the stomach of Mrs. Florence Small, for whose murder on September 28 Frederick Small, her husband, is on trial, shows that she ate roast beef on the day of her death, according to information here today. This simple fact, the defense claims, will prove the turning point of the trial and prove the innocence of the accused man.

Small left his cottage in the ruins of which his wife's body was found last night, at 8 p. m. on the day of the murder. For lunch he said his wife had canned shrimp. The presence of roast beef in the stomach of the murdered woman proves, therefore, according to the defense, that she was alive after her husband's departure, that she ate supper and was murdered by persons unknown after that meal.

Attorney William S. Matthews, chief counsel for the defense, said he is perfectly satisfied with the analysis of the stomach contents as furnished by the state attorneys.

Indications are that the jury will be completed today and County Solicitor Walter D. H. Hill will make his opening address to the jury. The jury probably will view the ruins tomorrow. The jurors will ride in sleighs eight miles to the ice coated shores of beautiful Lake Ossipee. The horses will plunge through two feet of snow to reach the scene of the crime.

## Fate of the Maryland Is Still Unlearned

New York, Dec. 27.—The fate of the steamship Maryland, reported Christmas night to be sinking about 350 miles off Sandy Hook, was still a mystery early today. Nothing had been heard from the vessel, or from government cutters rushing to her rescue for nearly twenty-four hours.

Word was expected momentarily from the coast guard cutters Oresban and Aenshmet, which are now in the position which the Maryland last reported before her wireless failed.

Fear was expressed for the safety of the Maryland's crew, consisting of thirty-four Spaniards.

### MAJOR CLAYTON DEAD

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 27.—Major Powell Clayton, Jr., of the Sixteenth cavalry, died in the military hospital at Fort Sam Houston today from injuries received in a fall from his horse during drill ten days ago. The body will be sent to Washington today accompanied by Clayton's family and Colonel George T. Langhorn of the Eighth cavalry, who arrived from El Paso today. Clayton was a son of General Powell Clayton, confederate leader.

## GERMANY TO SEND TERMS TO WILSON IF ENGLAND DOES

### Would Ask Though That These Be Published Only by Mutual Consent

## PRESIDENT ACTUATED BY TWO STRONG REASONS

### One to Bring War To An End, the Other to Avoid Complications

By Robert J. Bender.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 27.—Despite a general feeling of hopelessness among government leaders over prospects for peace, in the light of Germany's latest communication, men closest to President Wilson believed today he will strive to the utmost to prevent the situation getting beyond his grasp.

Two reasons they say will actuate him, namely:

A desire to end the war and, if possible, to avoid having to put through his Sussex note threat to break relations with Germany should she overstep her submarine pledges.

Officials made no secret of their pessimism over the allied rejection of the German proposal for a round table conference.

This was the more expressive because Germany does not propose now to link the idea of a world armistice with the round table session. Apparently, the allies want such a theme added.

**Door Is Still Open.**

Men in touch with Wilson, however, said the "door is not closed" and that while the allies may throw down the German conference idea hard, Wilson still can move again, especially with the backing of neutrals.

Wilson's friends held he has placed himself in the position of at least a potential mediator and hence cannot quit now unless his ideas are thrown down hard and fast.

While the idea of obtaining peace is uppermost in administration minds, there is among the inner circle a profound idea that a break with Germany is inevitable if present peace proposals fail utterly.

In fact one of the highest officials told the United Press today that present plans call for no more note writing to Germany.

He added, if the Marina, Arabia and other cases develop clear cut violation of German pledges in the Sussex case, or if Germany starts a new submarine campaign in case peace fails, then a break in relations can be the only answer.

He declared that President Wilson's "peace" note and Secretary Lansing's subsequent "verge of war" statement were in a measure educational that the country would not wonder what it was all about in event matters came up to the breaking point.

**Will Settle Her Terms.**

Washington, Dec. 27.—If President Wilson will get from the entente allies their terms of peace, Germany's "peace" note will furnish to the president the Teuton terms, it was stated at the German embassy today.

Central power diplomats agreed with this belief. They said they do not expect any move from President Wilson until England's reply to his peace note is received. Should President Wilson thereupon transmit the German reply to England and should England officially ask for Germany's peace terms through the president, it is thought probable Germany would reply favorably if a similar concession was made by England.

In such an event, however, Germany, it was believed, would prefer both sets of peace terms to be held temporarily confidential between the belligerents and President Wilson and not be published except by mutual agreement.

## DR. D. A. PAINE DIES SUDDENLY AT EUGENE

### Prominent Physician and Capitalist Was Stricken In Home Today

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 27.—Doctor D. A. Paine, retired physician and banker, died suddenly at his home here today. He was born in Germany in 1854 and came to Oregon in 1888. Mrs. Carrie Topping, wife of Dr. W. F. Topping, of San Francisco, is one of two daughters and a son surviving.

Dr. Paine was well known in Salem, having served as superintendent of the state insane asylum. In Eugene he was for years president of the Loan & Savings bank and prominent in political and civic affairs. He had been in poor health for several years past.

A widow, one son, Elmer, cashier of the Loan & Savings bank, and two daughters, Mrs. L. L. Goodrich, wife of the cashier of the First National bank of Eugene, and Mrs. W. F. Topping, of San Francisco, survive him.

## GARRANZA HAS NOT ACTED ON PROTOCOL

### Government Will Wait Short Time—Meanwhile Troops Cannot Come Home

By Carl D. Groat  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 27.—Two developments that closely followed each other today thrust the Mexican situation to the foreground here.

The first was an unsolicited statement from the state department that unrest in northern Mexico is growing and that as a result administration attention once more is focused toward the border.

The second was announcement by Secretary of the Interior Lane that he has issued a call for a conference of the American members of the American-Mexican commission "at some early date," probably this week. Up to noon no word had been received as to whether General Carranza had signed the troop withdrawal protocol agreed upon by the commission.

In its statement the department declared it had information that large groups of bandits are on the rampage and that the situation "is such as to give the department fresh concern."

The state department newspaper conference this forenoon resulted in a discussion almost entirely of Mexican matters.

The department suspects Villa of smuggling all the arms he needs across the border. Just how, the department does not know. Nor would the department say whether conditions are worse than a few months ago when, in a note to Carranza it characterized them as "deplorable."

Men in touch with the state department maneuvered inclined to believe today's emphasis on Mexican affairs was intended as a preparation of the public.

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## LOAN BANKS LOCATED

Washington, Dec. 27.—The federal farm loan board today announced the following cities in which farm loan banks will be located:

- Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbia, S. C.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Wichita, Kan.; Houston, Texas; Berkeley, Cal.; Spokane, Wash.

One hundred and forty consulting cities were disappointed.

## THE BIRTHDAY CAKE WILL BE UNTOUCHED

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—A large white frosted covered birthday cake with twelve candles on top lay untouched in the home of Charles Trinkler's parents. For Charlie is dead.

Since 1910 the youngster has been injured on every birthday. Yesterday he celebrated his twelfth birthday.

"Mamma, I wonder what I'll get for a birthday present today," he said, referring to previous accidents on his natal day.

"Run along son and be careful," Mrs. Trinkler said. "I'll have a little surprise for you when you return."

A few hours later Charlie's mangled little body was brought home. He had been crushed between two street cars.

## VILLA CAPTURES CARRANZA'S ARMY NEAR SAN PEDRO

### Authentic Reports Say Division of 2,500 Is Taken In by Bandit

### PLAN TO TAKE TAMPICO AND CUT OFF OIL SUPPLY

### Thinks This Would Force England to "Compel" United States to Act

By Webb Miller.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—That Villa's objective is Tampico and that the bandit leader is setting the stage for an attack upon that Mexican seaport was indicated in reports obtained today by United States diplomatic agents here.

Although no official confirmation has been received, authorities here are inclined to accept the report that Villa forces are now in possession of San Luis Potosi, cutting off communication between Tampico and the west. Military men here believe that a separate force of bandits must have gone south if the city is now in Villa's hands.

Officers close to the bandit chieftain told foreigners in Chihuahua City that Villa planned to take Tampico and force international complications and action against the Carranzista government by the United States. Fuel for the English fleet is drawn from the oil fields in that region and Villa believes that England would immediately force the United States government to act if the oil supply was cut off.

In the absence of direct reports, United States diplomatic agents here believe in all probability will next move upon Saltillo and Monterey, the only two positions of any importance between his present base at Torreon and Tampico. Private dispatches from Queretaro state that the Carranzista government is making the greatest effort to round up every available man into the campaign against Villa. With the railway cut at San Luis Potosi, progress of the government forces north will be hindered.

Authentic reports received here today tell of the capture of an entire division of Carranzistas, numbering 2,500 by Villistas at San Pedro, following the fall of that city. The government troops were being rushed toward Torreon to reinforce the garrison there, but were cut off and taken prisoners by the bandits.

## New York Is Facing Big Labor Struggle

New York, Dec. 27.—New Years day promises to find New York engaged in a big labor struggle.

Nine labor organizations with more than 150,000 members now plan strikes to be effective that day.

The big drive of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance will be at its peak when 1917 is ushered in. Union officials promise to carry the strike into the "lobster zone" and along Broadway on that day, and claim they will have four thousand waiters out in sympathy with the union members south of Union Square, who are scheduled to walk out tomorrow.

Announcement of plans to call out 15,000 shirtmakers, who are demanding a 20 per cent increase in wages, has been made by union officials.

Other organizations which are planning strikes include watch makers, book makers, petticoat makers, white goods workers and umbrella workers.

## Bopp Trial Will Go to Jury by New Years

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—That the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general and attaches of his office will be ready for the jury before New Years day, was the belief expressed by lawyers in the case today.

Taking testimony is expected to end tomorrow night or Friday and then final arguments will be heard.

Speculation was rife today as to whether President John A. McGregor of the Union Iron Works would be called to the stand.

Theodore Roche, counsel for Bopp, today expressed the belief that if McGregor was permitted to take the stand he would tell of his concern's making submarine parts for England.

## Light House Tender Launched at Long Beach

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 27.—The Cedar, the largest lighthouse tender yet built for the United States government was launched at 10:30 this morning at the yards of the California Shipbuilding company. Mrs. George Krohn Cook, said to be the only living descendant of William Bradford, second governor

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## MEN IN TRENCHES ARE AGAINST PEACE

### Feeling Is That His Note Simply Smooths the Way for Germany

By William Philip Simms.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
With the British Armies in France, Dec. 27.—"Never has the British army been so prepared to fight; why should we talk peace?"

"You can safely give that as the British army's answer to all peace talk," declared a staff general today in answer to questions as to what he and his men thought of President Wilson's note.

To say that the American note felt like a bombshell here is putting it mildly. Bombshells are always expected hereabouts, whereas such a step as that taken by the American president was remote from all thoughts.

The move was variously commented upon by the fighting men. Nobody doubted for an instant the president's good intentions in the suggestions, but the feeling was that strong influences had succeeded in inducing him to believe this was an opportune moment to act. Such action was regarded as smoothing Germany's road and enabling her to take the second step in her peace program.

Sentiment at the front is unconditionally against peace now. Every indication points to much worse conditions in Germany than the world even suspects; on the other hand, the allies are daily better situated to wage a successful offensive.

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**THE WEATHER**

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