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BERNSTORFF SAYS GERMANY WANTS LEAGUE

HAVE FORMED LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY

FORMER GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO U. S. OPTIMISTIC

Bernstorff Claims He Was Always In Sympathy With League.

GERMANS HOPEFUL FOR THIS ORGANIZATION

Refused To Discuss Charges Made Against Boy-Ed And Von Papan.

By Frank J. Taylor
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
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Berlin, Dec. 20.—(11:45 a. m.)—The German people feel that their political salvation is contingent upon the successful inauguration of a league of nations, according to the opinion of Count Johann von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States. Bernstorff, who knows the American president personally better than any other German in public life, is optimistic over the outlook for a peace settlement along the lines advocated by President Wilson.

Bernstorff, who since his recall from Turkey, has been acting technically as foreign secretary under the socialist government, gave the United Press today the first public utterance which he has directed at America since our declaration of war against Germany.

"The people of Germany are overwhelmingly aware that their salvation as well as the salvation of the entire world, lies in a strong league of nations founded on a peace of justice and right," declared Bernstorff.

ABE MARTIN



Th' flu mask wuz a fine thing for re-treatin' chins. Some workin' men are gittin' so efficient that they even give attention on overalls.

George Washington Is Due To Arrive Christmas

New York, Dec. 21.—The United States transport George Washington, which took President Wilson to France, is due to arrive in port on Christmas day, it was reported at the embarkation headquarters today.

BRITISH PAPERS SAY WILSON INTERVIEW IS CLEAR STATEMENT

Do Not Believe President Is Actuated By Any Desire For Ascendancy.

London, Dec. 21.—British newspapers regard President Wilson's interview with the Paris correspondent of the Times as an unusually clear statement of allied peace aims and as effectively disposing of any misunderstanding that may have existed between Great Britain and the United States.

REORGANIZATION OF ARMY ON PERMANENT LINES HAS STARTED

Washington, Dec. 21.—Reorganization of the United States army on permanent lines has been started.

Chief of Staff March Announces Plans For Bringing Soldiers Home.

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White Star Liner Baltic Arrives Carrying Troops

New York, Dec. 21.—The White Star liner Baltic arrived in port today with 99 officers and 1943 enlisted men. They are classified as follows:

PRESIDENT AMUSES VICTOR EMMANUEL WITH SHORT STORIES

Mrs. Wilson Engaged In Buying Candies And Toys For French Children.

By Robert J. Bender
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Paris, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's early discovery that the short story is the best method of approaching European dignitaries, was again brilliantly illustrated when King Victor Emmanuel called at the Murat palace.

ALL SPAIN FAVORS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Spanish Premier Romonos Says It Is Only Salvation Of Smaller Nations.

By Henry Wood
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Paris, Dec. 21.—Spain, to the last man, favors the league of nations, Premier Romonos declared in an interview with the United Press here today.

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Suggestions Regarding Disposal Of German Fleet Favorite Pastime

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AMERICAN AVIATRIX TO ATTEMPT FLIGHT FROM EUROPE-U.S.

Katherine Stinson Flew Over London Yesterday In Handley-Page.

By Don Chamberlain
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Dec. 21.—Katherine Stinson, American aviatrix, announced today that she will attempt to fly from Europe to America. She expressed confidence in her ability to do what no mere man has ever done.

PEACE DELGATES SHOULD WORK FOR COMMON BENEFIT

Wilson In Interview, Says This Should Be Aim Of Representatives At Conclave.

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VERSAILLES TO DIFFER FROM VIENNA CONGRESS

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WILSON TO BE ASKED TO DEFINE ATTITUDE CONCERNING RUSSIA

British Papers Bitterly Oppose Further Military Occupation Of Russia.

By Lowell Mallett
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Dec. 21.—President Wilson arriving here immediately after Christmas will be urged by liberal leaders to define his attitude toward Russia.

WOOL ARRANGEMENT MADE.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Charles J. Brand, chief of the bureau of markets, department of agriculture, has been named by Chairman Baruch to direct the work of the wool section of the war industries board, which will not have been completed when the board dissolves January 1. His chief task will be to adjust reimbursement to wool growers of differences between the government price to the dealer and the price received by the grower.

Great Britian Will Meet Principles of Wilson Half Way

Lloyd-George's Friends Say That He Went Further In Heat Of Election Campaigning That He Intended.--Wilson Is Anxious To Get Into Immediate Touch With English Leaders For Comparison Of Peace Views.

By Ed L. Keen
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
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