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## CLAIMS BOLSHEVIKI ARE AFFECTING REAL RUSSIAN RESTORATION

### Ordinarily Conservative London Paper Declares That Order Is More Thoroughly Re-Established In Russia At Present Than At Any Time Since Fall of Czarism—Bolsheviki Are Clearing Country Of Corruption.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(Delayed)—Royalists have started an active propaganda campaign to win the support of the German and Austrian people for re-establishment of the monarchy, it became apparent today.

The movement centers in Bavaria, regarded as the pivotal state of the Austro-German political situation.

The republicans are convinced that formal establishment of a German republic and election of a president will effectually end the aspirations of the monarchists. As a result they are re-organizing their efforts to combat the monarchial propagandists.

Bavaria, in addition to its territorial and economic importance will bring into the German republic a large portion of German Austria, which would replace any territory lost through the aspirations of the French and Poles.

**Oppose Movement.**

The German newspapers therefore, believing a strong central government absolutely essential to the life of the German republic, are vigorously opposing the republican separatist movement in Bavaria on the grounds it would weaken the democratic movement and be playing into the hands of the royalists.

The plan for establishment of seven semi-republics in Germany and Austria, to be federated like the United States was being strongly advocated in Saxony. The newest program in this connection provides the following lines:

**Where Capitals Would Be.**

Dresden as the capital of upper Saxony; Hanover as the capital of Lower

Saxony; Coblenz as the capital of the Rhineland; Stuttgart as the capital of Schwaben, which would be called Neckerland; Munich as the capital of Bavaria, which would be called Danubialand; Vienna as capital of German Austria, which would be called Alpenland and Berlin as the capital of Oberland, which would include Brandenburg, Prussia, Posen and Silesia.

Each republic would have a local president or governor who would be under the confederation president in matters of national importance. Either Berlin or Dresden would be the national capital.

Electioneering in the balloting for delegates to the national assembly is proceeding. The army is taking an active part in this. General Von Goulandt, commander of the Fourteenth Baden army corps, has issued a proclamation urging the army to vote against the Spartacides.

## Resources Of National Banks Greatest Recorded

Washington, Dec. 23.—Resources of the national banks, \$19,821,404,600 are the greatest ever recorded, the controller of the currency announced today. The previous record was in November, 1917, when \$18,553,197,000 was reported.

Growth in the resources of national banks has been greater in the last five years than in the preceding 25 years. Aggregate resources of national banks are greater than the combined resources of the national banks of England, Dominion of Canada, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Japan and Germany, according to their latest reports.

## Metal Trades Council Considering Walk Out

Portland, Or., Dec. 24.—The metal trades council and the Columbia river district maritime council are today considering a proposal to strike which would affect 30,000 shipbuilders.

The walkout is contemplated because men who quit work at the Willamette Iron and Steel Works Saturday at noon following the inauguration of a brief holiday scheme on the part of the firm, were discharged.

## ABE MARTIN



"I reckon th' President 'll have a hard time findin' six or seven men t' succeed McAdoo," said Uncle Niles Turner. Notts makes a good dancer, and as he's staid at home with a baby.

## GERMAN SOCIALIST SAYS HUNS STARTED WAR WITHOUT DOUBT

### Immediate Need Is For Peace In Order That Indemnities Can Be Paid.

By Frank J. Taylor  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Berlin, Dec. 23.—(Delayed)—If the allies expect to collect indemnities from Germany they must secure peace immediately so the Germans can get down to work and earn the money, Emil Bartha, prominent socialist, declared in an interview with the United Press today.

Bartha said that while he was convinced Germany was wholly to blame for the war, it would be "unwise for the entente to strangle its debtors."

"Germany must have peace soon at any price," declared Bartha.

"The Germans must admit defeat and pay anything to get peace and food so they can go to work and pay off their debts."

**Germany Was Guilty.**

"Personally, I was convinced from the start that Germany was guilty of starting the war. I possess no documentary evidence, but I am certain Germany inspired the Austrian note to Serbia. We have examined public documents and the secret documents of the militarists, but the most immediate problems are peace and demobilization."

"We realize the danger of demobilization as the result of Poland's attitude. We will care, however, that if we were defenseless. Furthermore, if Germany were defenseless the allies would be able to reduce their armies of occupation and thus save millions of dollars a month both to themselves and to us. It is to the entente's interest to do this as well as ours because it would be unwise for them to strangle their debtors."

"Germany needs supplies and credit from America and the allies. We have no cotton, no leather and very little other raw materials. Millions of our people are hungry. It is a dark hour for Germany."

## DEATH SENTENCES OF SOLDIERS COMMUTED

### Each Sentenced To Twenty Years Imprisonment For Desertion From Army.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Sentence of death imposed upon Recruit Ernest F. X. Leub for desertion and refusal to wear the uniform has been commuted by President Wilson to 20 years imprisonment and 20 years imprisonment.

Leub was attached to the 163rd depot brigade, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

For Private George O. Jacobs, 150th infantry, Camp Shelby, Miss., President Wilson has commuted a death sentence for desertion to 20 years imprisonment.

Captain Sam Buckle was dismissed from the service for failure to properly account for funds in connection with construction of a theater at Camp Funston, Kansas.

One court martial case has been suppressed by order of the secretary of war without explanation.

Second-Lieutenant E. X. Schriber of the Fifth infantry replacement regiment, has been dismissed from the service for passing a worthless check.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS IN TWO NEW YORK HOMES

New York, Dec. 24.—It will be a very merry Christmas in the castle of W. K. Vanderbilt Jr. Preparations for the joyous celebration were in full swing today. Big vans backed up to the imposing entrances of the mansion unloading impressive quantities of flowers, evergreens, tiny Christmas trees, holly, gifts, delicacies, and everything that goes to make this a happy time of the year.

A small army of servants were engaged in getting things ready. Many of them were at work in the vast ball room, with a floor so big that an automobile could be driven around on it, its handsomest ball room in New York.

As for presents, "there will be loads of them," as one of the attendants exclaimed. He added when he said it, "Everybody seemed happy. Mrs. Vanderbilt, on Christmas night, is to give a dinner, and dance for her daughter, Muriel, who will not be formally introduced into society for another year or two. A staff of expert cooks was at work on the banquet today. After the feast there will be a good, old-fashioned holiday doings in the ball room which make an appropriate setting with its garlands and festoons of scenery.

The reporter would like to have in-

## BANK OF CEDAR RIVER RESERVOIR GIVES WAY

### Quarter Million Dollar Damage Is Wrought And Many Narrowly Escape Death.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—Damages estimated at more than a quarter-million dollars was wrought by the breaking of the north bank of the Cedar River reservoir, Monday the Snoqualmie valley being flooded and mills and residences swept away.

Dozens of people living in Edgewick, a small town in the valley, narrowly escaped death before the rushing waters. Charles Moore, North Bend Lumber company watchman, gave a general alarm by fastening down the mill whistle and running from house to house. The people rushed to a nearby elevation. Several were caught by the water swirling up to their armpits. There were no casualties.

The bank that gave way is a mile long and composed of debris and accumulation. The reservoir, which is Seattle's water supply source, has been sealed several times by the city at an expense of more than \$100,000.

## COWBOY CONFESSES TO KILLING OF LANGLEY

### Only Excuse Offered By James Justus Was That "He Needed Killing."

Baker, Or., Dec. 24.—The only reason that James Justus would give today for killing Ira Langley, a well known cattleman of Rye Valley, was that "he needed killing."

Justus, who is a cowboy 19 years old, was arrested yesterday. He has confessed, the officers say, he was suspected because of his peculiar actions during the past few days, following the murder.

The cowboy declared he fired at two other cattlemen who were with Langley at the time of the slaying "just to see them run." Neither was hit.

## EFFORTS TO HURRY CHRISTMAS BOXES TO SOLDIERS MADE

### Germans Are Co-Operating To Make Season Enjoyable For Yankees.

By Webb Miller  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
American Headquarters in Germany, Dec. 24.—With a spirit of "peace on earth, good will to men," two million American soldiers will enjoy a really merry Christmas on German and French soil tomorrow.

In the back areas the holiday feasts will be elaborate. In the advanced areas most of the Christmas boxes and failed to arrive today, in spite of the best efforts of the transportation units.

But the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. were hurrying several train loads of boxes forward in an effort to get them here in time for the celebration.

**Christmas Spirit Prevails.**

While a true Christmas spirit will prevail here tomorrow, the boys' minds will be centered on one thing—the little family group back home.

More than 20,000 Americans will be spending their Christmas in Germany, where one of the strangest situations in history will exist—two races which a few weeks ago were engaged in mortal combat, co-operating in mutual celebration of the day.

Throughout German territory the inhabitants are making preparations to aid in the festivities and it is evident their sentiments are sincere. Burgomasters of the various villages are presenting Christmas trees to the dough boys. In many places the townspeople have invited the soldiers to their homes.

**Germans Will Offer Gifts.**

Great numbers of the German people, it is known, will offer gifts to the soldiers and the latter will reciprocate. Some of the doughboys have bought toys and candy for the children, explaining that they are "only kids, anyway."

Every company will have its own Christmas tree. The decorations were bought by the men or presented by the Germans. Some of the doughboys have improvised Santa Claus outfits, and will enact the role for the benefit of their comrades.

Army rations have been supplemented by ducks and geese, which cost from \$10 to \$15 apiece. Officers' men alike "chipped in" to buy them.

The Y. M. C. A. has sent a company of entertainers here in a special train. They will give dozens of performances in the bridgehead areas. \* Christ-

## JOLLY CHRISTMAS FOR MEN AT DEBARKATION HOSPITALS IS PLANNED

### John McCormack Will Sing For Wounded Soldiers Tomorrow Afternoon.

New York, Dec. 24.—Their Christmas in "blighty" will be a joyous one for the 3,500 wounded American heroes at Debarkation Hospital No. 3.

Thousands of gifts and loads of good cheer will be distributed. The Santa Claus will be the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and many other charitable and welfare organizations.

Evergreen and holly deck the hospital today from roof to cellar. A mammoth Christmas tree decorated with ornaments and gifts, stands in the rotunda. A home-like yuletide atmosphere prevails.

Soon after midnight Santa Claus will tour the wards. In the morning each wounded man will find hanging beside his bed a large red stocking filled to overflowing with Christmas gifts and goodies. There will be also a walking cane. These are all the gifts of the Red Cross.

A "wonderful" dinner is being prepared for the veterans. There will be turkey and "all its fixin's." In the afternoon John McCormack will sing in the auditorium.

The main Christmas feature is to be staged in the evening when thousands of additional gifts will be given the doughboys.

## FORMATION OF LEAGUE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SETTLEMENT OF PEACE

### This Is What London People Think Discussions To Continue Informally.

London, Dec. 24.—Formation of the league of nations is even more important than the actual peace settlement, according to opinions expressed here today.

The impending arrival of President Wilson, together with the league of nations program suggested by Viscount Grey, former secretary of state for foreign affairs, has given a fresh impetus to discussions of the subject.

It is estimated by all well informed persons that the allies already are beginning conversations regarding the league, but that no attempt will be made at actual codification of its laws until the principal terms of the peace treaty are disposed of.

**Suggest Program.**

Some students of international affairs suggested the following as a possible program:

Discussion of the league will continue informally as at present.

The general peace terms will be formulated at the later-alled conference, making acceptance of the league of nations a part of the demands to be made upon the central powers.

These terms will be presented and ratified at the general conference in Versailles.

Then the conference, without dissolving, will proceed to work out all the details of the league.

Some persons argue that the league would be valueless unless it were universal, which would be impossible now, they say, on account of the political and economic situation in Germany and Russia.

## Relax Restrictions On Exports To Latin-America

Washington, Dec. 24.—Sweeping relaxation of restrictions on the export of foodstuffs, foddies and feed to Latin-America was announced by the war trade board today. Only wheat and wheat flour, corn, coffee, sugar, butter, cheese, eggs, linseed meal and cottonseed meal remain on the export conservation list and any of these may be obtained in certain quantities through official channels. License for exportation to South America of manufactures containing gold, will be granted upon agreement of the exporter provided the bulk of the value of the gold in the manufacture represents 50 per cent of articles.

Cocoon meal can be imported in any quantity. Restrictions on quality and fixing of maximum prices of rubber importations are eliminated.

Mass letters are on their way home, or have already arrived. Except for patrolling the edge of the bridgehead, discipline will be relaxed tomorrow.

The most famous Christmas toast is expected to be "To der tag—that we go home."

**TO SURRENDER MORE SUBS**

London, Dec. 24.—Fifty more German submarines including some of the largest types, will be surrendered soon, it is learned.

## Establishment Of Monarchy Is Still Goal Of Royalists

### Republicans Are Convinced That Formal Establishment Of Republic And Election Of President Will Effectively End Aspirations Of Monarchists.—Saxony Advocates Confederation Of German States.

London, Dec. 24.—Capping a growing wave of suspicion, evidenced in the liberal British press during the past month, the New Statesman today makes the sensational announcement that bolsheviki, supported now by many former opponents, are effecting a real restoration of Russian order.

The New Statesman, far from an organ of the extreme radicals, is regarded as being a sober element with a large circulation among liberal intellectuals.

The article has undoubtedly heightened the spreading impression that the full truth has not yet come out of Russia.

Agitation is increasing in favor of compelling the government to state explicitly its attitude toward Russia. It is now regarded as practically certain this agitation will result in President Wilson being urged to declare his stand on the Russian situation during his visit here.

**Food Distribution Better.**

"Order is more thoroughly re-established in Russia now than at any time since the fall of Czarism," said the New Statesman. "Food distribution is better organized than at any time during the whole war. Factories are rapidly starting up again, as fast as raw materials can be obtained. Management of the factories by committees failed for obvious reasons. Management by the soviets with consultative committees of employes has been substituted with growing success."

"The bolsheviki, though hampered by undesirable tools, are cleaning the country of bribery and corruption. Terror has ceased. It has been greatly exaggerated. If Nicholas Lenin had not been in bed there would have been no 'terror' in Moscow. There has been no executions in Moscow for two months. During the 'terror' there were 400 executions, of which 60 per cent were corrupt soviet officials. Inefficiency is being remedied by rapid recruiting from the educated classes."

**Is Disciplined Force.**

"The red army has become a real disciplined force with a new spirit of revolutionary nationalist enthusiasm. Its numbers are uncertain, but there are at least six hundred thousand men in its ranks. It has rifles, machine guns, and ammunition in plenty, but little artillery. No Russian army has a chance against it. It has experienced nothing but success since September."

"Great masses of professional men and petty bourgeoisie have gone over to the bolsheviki during the past few months. In the large towns the workmen almost unanimously support the bolsheviki. The peasants were hostile for a long time, but the formation of 'poverty committees' and the administration of the affairs of every village in the interests of the peasants has resulted in a great majority now keenly supporting Lenin."

**Finds Few Friends Now.**

"The invading British army, which six months ago would have found many friends, now finds only a very few. These are mostly property owners."

"Where the white guards (anti-bolsheviki) temporarily occupied districts, they have carried out 'terrors' on a scale the red guards never dreamed of."

"Any government established by us will need the support of foreign bayonets, as the Russian proletariat are thoroughly imbued with bolshevism."

"The bolsheviki would be certain to get a majority in a constituent assembly, but they prefer a soviet government. This is frankly class rule in which property owners have no voice until they become proletarians, but as a majority rule, it is broader than ours was before the last reform act."

## BIG STORM RAGING IN MIDDLE WEST STATES

### Santa Claus Will Be Able To Drive Over Six Inches Of Snow In Places.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The middle west was in the grip of a regular Christmas snowstorm today. In many sections the storm approached blizzard proportions. A temperature ranging from zero to 29 above was predicted for the north-western and Mississippi valley states for Christmas day.

Four inches of snow fell in Chicago during the night, breaking the snowless December record here. Surface streets in parts of the city were stalled and suburban trains were late. A 30 mile wind, increasing to a gale over Lake Michigan, was blowing. Storm whistles along the lake were blowing. Many minor traffic accidents occurred. Several were injured when a Santa Claus passenger train collided with a freight outside the Chicago yards.

Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, Wisconsin and other states were blanketed with snow.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The south west was assailed today of a white Christmas. The weather bureau here today reported heavy snow over Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Western Missouri and parts of northern Texas. Some snow has fallen in eastern Missouri, the report stated.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—It's to be a real old-fashioned white Christmas, with whistling winds and probable zero weather through in. Rushing upon a howling northwest wind belated Christmas snow struck the Twin Cities at daybreak and a blizzard is in progress.

Des Moines Iowa, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus will be able to ride through Iowa in his sled tonight. A heavy snowstorm during the night covered Iowa with a blanket of the so-called beautiful, ranging from two to six inches in depth.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 24.—Santa Claus was blocked south and east of here today by one of the heaviest snowstorms in years. The Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Colorado Southern lines reported train services completely stalled by snow drifts. On other lines more fortunately situated schedules are badly disrupted. Blizzards in Kansas and the Texas panhandle are responsible for delay of tons of mail and Christmas presents. Steam snow plows are bucking the drifts to reopen communications.

## Detectives Believe Dead Man Was Collins Murderer

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Seattle detectives today were working on the theory that Albert Schreor, discovered dangling dead from an apple tree on the lot of C. J. Olson's residence at Tacoma yesterday, is the murderer of Daniel A. Collins, local salesman, killed in his room in the Dillely hotel here early Sunday morning.

S. Langley, night clerk at the hotel, in describing the mysterious guest who rushed hurriedly out of the hotel at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning, about the time of the crime, furnished an accurate description of Schreor, city detectives declare.

It was C. J. Olson of 282 West M. street, who found him, however. When Olson arose at 6 a. m. Monday, he saw hanging from a tree in the rear of his lot a stiff figure covered with frost. It was estimated he had been dead at least six hours.