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KING GEORGE IS OPPOSED TO PEACE

ALLIES ARE AFRAID TO TURN DOWN PEACE NOTE

DIPLOMATS HERE SAY THAT ENGLAND WOULD LOSE WHAT SYMPATHY SHE HAD HERE.

FREE REIN TO WILSON

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—For the same reason that Great Britain and her allies did not flatly reject the peace proposals of the Teutonic powers, they will not flatly turn down President Wilson's peace suggestions. According to the opinions of diplomats here of two of the most important allied embassies, two reasons were given the United Press for this action.

In the first place, it is suggested that by flatly refusing Mr. Wilson's request for specific peace terms, it would be made to appear that the allies were responsible for the continuation of the war.

In the second place, two such "turn-downs" would weaken what sympathy now exists in the United States for the entente cause.

These allied diplomats, however, admitted their "chagrin" over the President's suggestion of specifications for the war objectives necessary.

American Note Received. WASHINGTON.—A American Charge Crew at Berlin has notified the State Department that he has received President Wilson's peace note for transmission to the German foreign office.

Lansing's Statements. WASHINGTON.—Secretary of State Lansing's two statements of yesterday, in interpreting President Wilson's peace note, have been forwarded to American diplomats abroad.

Give Wilson Free Reins. WASHINGTON.—Congress will give President Wilson free and untrammelled rein in his attempt to find common ground upon which the European belligerents may meet to formulate plans for a lasting peace.

DIED THIS MORNING

Mrs. Maggie McGowan died this morning at 6:16 o'clock at the home of her brother, L. H. Ross. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the home, Rev. C. M. McEntyre officiating. Interment will be at Oakdale cemetery.

Here from Greenville. J. T. Binkley, of Greenville, is spending today in the city, attending to business matters.

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING WILL PROBABLY GO THROUGH

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Whoever the House military committee will recommend universal military training depends upon two men, according to a poll taken today by the United Press. These two are Representatives Nichols

of South Carolina and Hull of Tennessee. Both are believed to be dissatisfied with the national guard system. They hold the balance of power and it is generally believed that they will vote in favor of universal training.

BANK OF AURORA MAKES GOOD SHOWING

An interesting statement, showing something of the prosperity of the Aurora section, has been prepared by the Bank of Aurora and was sent out at the close of business December 5.

The statement showed that the bank has a capital stock of \$10,000, a surplus fund of \$8,500, undivided profits of \$3,339, and deposits of \$190,426.16.

The net earnings of the bank for the year are given as \$2,027.58.

BIG FIRE IN RICHMOND

(By United Press) RICHMOND, VA.—Captain William C. Matt is dead and Firemen Abram Poda and J. L. Buck are seriously injured as the result of falling from a ladder in a \$100,000 fire, which is raging here and which has destroyed several buildings.

\$124.50 RAISED FOR CHARITY

Fund for Associated Charities Was Increased by \$28 in Today's Contributions.

Two new contributions were made to the Associated Charities fund today. It is hoped that the list will be materially increased tomorrow. Following is the report of the fund to date:

Previously reported	\$ 94.50
Eureka Lumber Co.	25.00
J. E. Adams	3.00
Total	\$124.50

MRS. B. R. HODGES DIES

Mrs. B. R. Hodges, of Old Ford, died suddenly last night. The funeral services will be held this afternoon. Rev. C. M. McEntyre will officiate at the burial services.

CLARK TO BE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1920

(By Parker R. Anderson) WASHINGTON.—Representative Edward Pou, of North Carolina, a close personal friend of President Wilson, and the man whom the President selected to lead his fight against the McElmore resolution, today started a boom for Chauncy Clark for President in 1920, when he gave the Daily News an exclusive interview declaring for the speaker for President in 1920. Speaker Clark's age, Mr. Pou says, will not be against him. He pointed to the fact that the Missouri statesman is now as active as most men at 70, and he has no apprehension along this line.

Because of Mr. Pou's known influence at the White House a great deal of attention will be paid to his statement today declaring for Speaker Clark as the Democratic candidate for four years hence. Like many other American citizens, Mr. Pou believes Clark was done a great injustice at Baltimore four years ago when his party failed to declare him nominated after he had held a majority for more than a dozen of the ballots.

Mr. Pou is confident also that the boom will be Democratic and that Clark will be re-elected speaker of the house without opposition on the Democratic side.

FOREIGN TRADE OF U. S. WILL BE \$7,147,000,000

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—The prospects are that the United States foreign trade for the year will total \$7,500,000,000. It was announced by the Department of Commerce today. The foreign trade for the first eleven months amounted to \$7,148,000,000.

HALCYON CLUB DANCES

The Halcyon club today announced its dances for the holidays. The dances will be held at the Elks' Hall on the following dates:

Christmas dance, December 27, Levin's orchestra of Raleigh.

New Year's dance, January 3, Myer-Davis orchestra of Washington.

Returned from St. Mary's

Miss Mamie Latham Richardson has returned from St. Mary's College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson.

92 PER CENT OF ALL U. S. SPENDS IS FOR WAR, SAYS KITCHIN

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—More than ninety-two per cent of the expenditures of the United States government during the next fiscal year will be to pay the cost of war or in preparing for possible war, said Claude Kitchin, majority leader of the House, today.

"The estimated expenditures for the Army and Navy, for fortifications, armaments, battleships and men will require seventy-six per cent of the revenues from taxation. These expenditures are under what we call the defense programme.

"Then the payments for pensions to those who have participated in past wars will bring the total expenditures on account of war up to nearly ninety-three per cent."

GUARDSMEN WON'T BE HOME TILL NEXT WEEK

DALLAS, TEX.—None of the sixteen thousand national guardsmen ordered home will be able to leave the border before the middle of next week, according to railroad officials.

DENVER TO CELEBRATE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

DENVER, Colo.—Fifteen thousand people are expected to pack the city auditorium tomorrow night to celebrate Denver's first community Christmas. Extensive plans have been made for the affair and the entire city will play Santa Claus to Denver's kiddies.

The program will consist of a musical and literary entertainment and the distribution of gifts to about 10,000 children from an immense Christmas tree placed upon the stage of the auditorium.

100,000 PITTSBURGERS OUT WITH 3 MILLION TO SPEND

PITTSBURGH.—One hundred thousand men and boys with \$3,000,000 in their pockets gave the Christmas shopping symphony a grand finale today.

They are the workers in the big steel and munitions plants of the Pittsburgh district—probably the highest-priced army of skilled and unskilled workmen in the country today.

Nearly all of them were paid within the last 24 hours but this was the half-holiday when they were expected to cash in at the stores.

Hundreds of those who received fat envelopes are men whose earnings have been above \$5,000 for the year. At a hearing in Turtle Creek recently, three workers told Justice Riddle that they had made, respectively, \$4,100; \$4,500; \$4,800. An army of the "boys"—14 to 21—receives from \$5 to \$10 per day the men who sleep out only about \$3.50 a night such a much.

FORCES OF VILLA ARE ATTACKING TORREON

THE ATTACK ON IMPORTANT CITY HAS BEGUN THIS MORNING AT DAYBREAK.

BATTLE NOW RAGING

(By United Press) EL PASO.—Villa forces attacked the city of Torreon at four o'clock this morning. The battle for the possession of the city is now raging. Torreon is one of the most important cities held by the Carranza forces and they are making a desperate attempt to repel the bandits. Villa is in personal command of the attacking forces.

The Carranza forces have been expecting the attack for the last week or more and have a large number of men employed in defending the city.

MINSTREL SHOW TO BE HERE TONIGHT

Price & Bonelli to Appear at the New Theatre for One Performance.

Taking all in all, the greater New York Minstrels will prove a genuine treat in the way of amusement for the "Tired Business Man" who needs a good laugh to keep his system in trim for the chase of the elusive American Dollar.

Go to the New theatre tonight and take the family, have a good laugh, enjoy the songs, dances, and feats of the acrobats and novelty artists. It will be well worth your time. And the admission prices are within easy reach of all. The scenery and costumes are new, and a feature to any minstrel show, and the many song numbers, both ensemble and solo, include the sweet melodies of the Sunny South, and the popular ballads of the day.

BIG ORDER FOR TIMBER

(By United Press) DURHAM, N. C.—A contract was today signed for the exportation of a million feet of white oak timber to Glasgow, Scotland, for the construction of a thousand miles of railroads. The purchase price was \$35,000.

COLORED PEOPLE RAISE FUND TO HELP MEMBERS

State Library Com. WILL RUN OWN RACE

Appropriate Efforts of White Citizens in Spreading Christmas Cheer.

Having noticed in the Daily News the desire of the white citizens of the city to aid all those in distress and need, a number of the colored people have contributed to the Christmas fund to aid those members of their own race, who are in distress.

Willie Edwards, wife of Edmund Edwards, this morning visited a number of persons and raised the sum of \$3.70. This amount will be used in helping those cases mentioned in the Daily News during the last few days and for any other cases where colored persons are in need. The Associated Charities will have charge of distributing the goods purchased. The following contributed:

Willie Edwards	\$.50
Edmund Edwards	\$.25
Edmund O. Farrow	\$.25
Dr. J. M. Lloyd	\$.50
Theodore Bonner	\$.50
Dr. W. T. Beebe	\$.50
Gould Howard	\$.25
Ed. Moore	\$.25
W. G. Saunders	\$.25
Wilhelmina Edwards	\$.10
Mildred Edwards	\$.10
Total	\$3.70

16 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

(By United Press) PENDLETON, S. C.—Sixteen were injured, some perhaps fatally, when a Blue Ridge train was wrecked near here. One car turned completely over. Thirty-seven passengers were on board of the train.

BANKERS TO MEET HERE

Will Hold Their Convention in this City February 22. Many Delegates Expected.

The bankers in the First Congressional district, comprising Group 1 of the North Carolina bankers, will hold their convention in Washington on February 22.

The membership of this group consists of 75 banks and practically all of them are expected to attend the convention.

Local bankers are already making preparations for the entertainment of the visitors.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

(By United Press) LONDON.—The British steamer, Ursula, was torpedoed unwarmed, it is stated. Six Americans were on board the vessel, but none were killed. The crew of the Ursula managed to take to the life boats before the vessel sank.

KING URGES ENGLAND TO CONTINUE THE WAR

MADE SPEECH IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE DISMISSAL MUST VINDICATE RIGHTS.

NOTE IS "SOAKING IN"

(By United Press) LONDON.—Dismissing parliament today until February 7, King George added the weight of his words to the stern reflection of the allies of German-made peace.

"A vigorous prosecution of war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated our rights that have been so ruthlessly violated by the enemies and until we have established the security of Europe on a firm foundation."

Letting Note "Soak In."

LONDON.—The government's wisdom in allowing President Wilson's note to "soak in" for twenty-four hours, is readily apparent. It saved a too recent violent denunciation of America. Today, although the British people are practically unanimous in deploring Wilson's action, there was none of the sweepingly violent denunciation as there would have been if first impressions had been allowed full play.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Mr. O. C. Hodges and Miss Minnie Wheaton were married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. A number of intimate friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony. Rev. Charles M. McEntyre, pastor of the Christian church, officiated.

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JNO. B. SPARROW, Cashier

ALL SYRIA STARVING. ANTIOCH PRELATE SLAIN

ROME.—Agostino D. Etrian Bahmani, Patriarch of the Syrian Catholic church in the village of Antioch has been assassinated by a band of Turks. The assassination took place in the Patriarch's residence at Marid.

Information received is to the effect that the situation in Syria is alarming, the population being terrorized and starving.

Have You Been Prosperous the PAST YEAR?

Share your prosperity with those less fortunate and make their Christmas a happy one.

The Associated Charities was organized to keep in touch with and assist all needy persons of the city.

Make your contribution to the Association through the Daily News or any of the following persons:

E. R. MIXON, President
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Give "Him" What He Expects

Every man and boy looks forward to Christmas morning to provide him with a renewed supply of SHIRTS, HOSIERY, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs and the like, and the ones that come from the store are the kind he most prefers. If you can't think what to get him make use of these suggestions: Hosiery, neckwear, Glouch Suspenders, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Bedroom Slippers and other Main Street, Washington, N. C.

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