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Lieut. Gen. Ting-Tsu Chiang, head of the Chinese mission to the United States, is director of the Chinese education department. He is studying United States fortifications.

## THE CONDITIONS INSUPERABLE

TERMS FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND GENERAL PEACE MADE KNOWN BY CZERNIN.

From Entente Standpoint—No Annexations and No Indemnities Acceptable But Russia's Allies Must Guarantee to Fulfill Terms.

Terms under which the Teutonic allies will be willing to make "an immediate and general peace" have been made known to the Russian delegates engaged in the peace parley at Brest-Litovsk. The terms have been set forth in an address by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

As in previous Teutonic allied intimations of what will be required from the German viewpoint to bring about a cessation of hostilities and eventual peace, the latest terms are hedged about by conditions which seemingly are insuperable from the standpoint of the United States and the entente allies.

The basic principles of the peace terms of the Russian revolutionary masses—no annexations and no indemnities—Count Czernin said he believed could be made the basis of a general peace, but that the Teutonic allies could not bind themselves to these conditions unless a guarantee were given that Russia's allies would recognize and fulfill them.

Notable omissions in the statement of Count Czernin connected with the complete demands of the United States, Great Britain and France, as already made known, are the questions particularly of the rebuilding of Belgium and Serbia, the return of Alsace and Lorraine to France and the overthrow of the militarist government in Germany and the formation in its place of a government that can be believed to be loyal to the treaty.

Pending the placing of Count Czernin's proposals before Russia's allies, the Russian delegates to the peace conference have asked for a 10 days' recess in the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

## MISPLACING OF CARS CAUSE COAL SHORTAGE

Washington.—President Wilson's decision to take over the railroads will keep the senate coal inquiry within narrower limits than originally planned. Members of the manufacturer's committee, investigating both coal and sugar, are disinclined to go into the transportation difficulties, now that they believe improvement is in sight, and in the hearing touched only Railroad shares, especially those under greatest depression in the widespread decline of recent months, recorded extreme gains of 5 to ten points in the representative group, 13 to 18 points in the less active dividend issues and 2 to 12 points in numerous non-dividend stocks.

The bond market for rails kept pace with the movement on stocks, various underlying or junior issues advancing 3 to 8 1/2 points.

Industrials and the many related caually upon the lack of railroad facilities blamed for coal shortage.

## BROTHERHOOD'S BEHIND GOVERNMENT'S PLANS

Washington.—Heads of the four railroad brotherhoods conferred with President Wilson, discussing in detail the part the employees will play under government regulations. A. B. Garretson, of the conductors, said afterward that wage increases were mentioned. Mr. Garretson added that the brotherhoods were behind the government operation plan, and the president had known it for two weeks.

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## WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN  
Number Five

### Jimmie and a German Boy Clash—Must Do Three Things to Save Country.

It was a warm evening, so Uncle Dan went out to a lawn seat under the spreading branches of the great tree that Jimmie and Jimmie had been laying for him, so Uncle Dan was captured by the boys on short order.

"Say, Uncle Dan," Jimmie began. "We had a red-hot argument at school yesterday with Carl Newman. Carl said that German schools were miles ahead of our schools and that no one could come up to the educated German. Well, Jimmie got hot under the collar and handed it back to him good and plenty. Jimmie said if their education taught them to torpedo Lusitanias, sink hospital ships, murder hundreds of women and children, make slaves of the Belgians, poison vessels, destroy fruit trees and commit all sorts of crimes, then we did not want that kind of education here. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan? I told Jimmie you spent a lot of time in Europe and knew all about schools, so give us your opinion."

"Well," replied Uncle Dan, deliberately, "the German schools are very thorough; they furnish exceedingly valuable and practical instruction. The industrial training given there is probably the best to be found. The schools as a whole, however, in my opinion, appeal to the head only, and never to the heart. The aim and trend is to make the individual blindly submissive to the Prussian plan of world domination; they teach that it is the destiny of Germany to rule the world, and that to the glory and advance of Germany, in this plan, all things must give way; that the Kaiser as head of the state can do no wrong if he carried forward the plan of world control. Some of the greatest teachers and preachers even defend and justify her heartless crushing of Belgium and the many other atrocious crimes she has committed in this war. The God-given American education reaches both the head and the heart. It is an education with a soul, and we must maintain the high ideals we have fixed. In a word, in Germany, the people are taught that they exist for the government, while here the government exists for the people."

"Just wait a minute," interrupted Jimmie. "Say that over again slowly, so I can write it down."

Uncle Dan, smilingly, complied. "Jimmie exclaimed: 'Now, we will hand that out for Carl to copy.' Jimmie has a very smart father who keeps him posted on the German argument, Carl said our government was only an experiment anyway; that it would not last twenty years, and that it might burst up any old time. Jimmie said that Germany was a mighty good, why they did not go back there to live."

"Our government will go on forever, won't it, Uncle Dan?"

"Now," said Uncle Dan, "you are raising a big question, and you are troubling me for years. Our government is still in the experimental stage; in fact, it is the greatest experiment ever undertaken, and if popular government is to be successful, a few things must be done, otherwise, to paraphrase the great Lincoln, the government of the people, by the people and for the people, will perish. It is my firm conviction," said Uncle Dan, in a very impressive manner, "that if our country is to go on, as we hope and pray, we must very quickly do at least three things, and I will name them in the order of importance as it appears to me:

"First, adopt compulsory universal military training of all young men physically fit before they reach the age of twenty years.

"Next, require that every foreigner who comes here to live must, within a reasonable time, acquire the English language, and that every citizen's intention of becoming an American citizen and take the necessary steps to do so, thereby, from that moment, assuming all the obligations of citizenship of our country, and that means he must defend our flag upon equal terms with our native born, and if he is not willing to do this, he should be sent back from whence he came."

"That's the stuff," exclaimed Jimmie. "And, finally, enact such legislation as will make voting compulsory. Popular government is based upon the participation of all and the rule of the majority, and democracy cannot continue and be successful unless we live up to the spirit of the institution."

"The first step, however, is the passing of the Chamberlain bill for universal military training. If you will get the leading citizen, and especially the editor of your paper, to write personal letters to your congressman and both senators, urging their support, it will help enormously."

"I see by the morning papers," said Uncle Dan, "that the Rotary clubs of the entire country, the largest, most efficient organization to be found, have unanimously decided to get back of the Chamberlain bill and give it loyal and enthusiastic support. They will work with the Universal Military Training league to accomplish this important piece of legislation, which will do more than anything else to make us a real nation with common viewpoints, bring us back to sane living, and teach us the patriotism of service."

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Two deserters from the German army arrived at an Atlantic port in America Sunday a week as stowaways on a Belgian relief ship. They were turned over to the immigration officials. Both were said to be under 30 years of age and to have escaped from the Russian front.

## EARTHQUAKE WIPES AWAY GUATEMALA

125,000 PERSONS ARE REPORTED IN THE STREETS WITHOUT SHELTER.

### DEEP FISSURES ARE OPENED

Many Killed by Violent Shocks That Completed Work of Destruction Began Christmas Day.

Washington.—Guatemala city, capital of the little Central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid in ruins by a series of earthquakes beginning Christmas day and culminating in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the navy department said 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

Naval vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to the stricken city to render all possible assistance.

Following is the brief dispatch which brought the news of the catastrophe:

"Bad earthquakes hit the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of the shock. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people are in the streets. Parts of the country are very cold and wind tents are needed badly. Quite a number killed by falling walls."

The shocks probably occurred between 5:37 and 7 o'clock. Violent quakes were recorded at that time by the seismographs of the Georgetown University observatory and the distance was estimated at 1,800 miles from Washington.

### INHABITANTS IN PANIC HAVE FLED FROM CAPITAL

San Salvador.—Guatemala City, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the disaster, some in their homes and others in the streets.

The Colon theater, which was filled with people, collapsed. There were many casualties among the audience. Various hospitals and asylums and the prisons were badly damaged and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad depot, sugar mills, postoffice, the American and British legations, United States consulate and all the churches in the city have been leveled.

The inhabitants in panic have fled from the capital. More than 50,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadoran government has suspended the official New Year celebration and entered into mourning in sympathy with Guatemala.

### UNNATURALIZED GERMANS ARE TO BE REGISTERED

Washington.—The week of February 4 was set aside by the department of justice for registration of the half-million unnaturalized Germans in continental United States by police and postmasters in pursuance of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation directing that they must carry a certificate card and may not change his place of residence without approval of the police or postmaster. Violation of the regulations will be punishable by internment for the war.

The orders do not apply to German women, nor to any persons under 14 years of age, because these are not classed as alien enemies by law. Subjects of Austria-Hungary are not required to register.

### PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BY PEACE DELEGATES

Brest-Litovsk via Berlin and London, Dec. 30.—Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including liberation of war prisoners and resumption of commercial relations was reported by delegates of Russia and the central powers in discussion of issues which, in the event of a general peace, would have to be settled among the nations represented in the negotiations. This provisional discussion was terminated.

### ENLISTED MEN SENT TO "PAPER ORDINANCE BASE"

Washington.—Investigation has been ordered by Secretary Baker of circumstances surrounding the misunderstanding which caused enlisted men of the ordinance corps to be sent to Ordinance Base for mobilization at an Ordinance Base which apparently exists only on paper. The arrival of some two-score of the force was reported to Mr. Baker. Officers were sent to straighten out the tangle and the soldiers will be housed at Camp Upton.

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## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

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The Old North State Smoking Tobacco Company's factory at Reidsville was destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered in the cutting room on the fifth floor of the main plant. The factory had closed for the holidays and no one was in the building.

service is being rendered in a quiet way by patriotic traveling salesmen, who have gone beyond the food administration's request that they give their patronage to the hotels and restaurants that are co-operating in the food conservation program.

Two United States army officers, Major Walsh and Major Brown, inspected a camp site at Fayetteville for a proposed ordnance corps training camp to be established at once. The camp will be for permanent occupancy and would be built for 15,000 or 20,000 men.

A large deal was consummated when J. H. Separk and associates, of Gastonia, bought the Daniels mill at Lincolnton, from D. E. Rhyne. The consideration to be paid to have been in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The name will be changed to the Arrow Manufacturing Company and the main office will be in Gastonia.

Medical Director Edward R. Stitt has been promoted to rear admiral. Doctor Stitt is a son of the late Capt. Edward Stitt of Charlotte. He was born in North Carolina, but entered the navy from Raleigh, S. C. Dr. Stitt is considered the best diagnostician in the navy.

The prize of a \$50 Liberty bond offered by Mr. J. B. Ivey, state merchants' representative under the food administration, for the best article on food conservation has been awarded to Miss Ethel Abernethy of Charlotte. Several score papers were submitted and the judging was done by officials of the food administration at Raleigh.

Walter Hines, arrested and locked in the jail at Granite Falls for being drunk, met a horrible death when the lock-up, from some unknown cause caught fire and his body was burned to a crisp. Hines formerly lived at 100 S. W. 11th St., Raleigh, and was taken to the fire by the call for help made by the young man. The door was broken down and he was carried out. He expired as soon as he was carried from the building.

John C. Scarborough, who was a pioneer in building up the educational system of the state after the civil war, died at his home at Martinsboro, aged 75 years. Mr. Scarborough was superintendent of public instruction of North Carolina for 12 years. He also held the position of state commissioner of labor and printing for several years and for ten years was president of the Chowan Baptist Female Institute.

Robert Morefield, the 12-year-old son of George P. Morefield, was seriously injured at Salisbury, when the rear wheel of a large motor truck ran over him. The youth attempted to mount the moving truck when he missed his footing and the wheel passed over his body from head to foot. While no bones were broken there are fears that the boy suffered internal injuries.

A wedding which came as a surprise to their friends occurred at Monroe in the Presbyterian manse when Miss Myrtle Sanders, daughter of Mrs. O. M. Sanders, became the bride of Mr. John Beasley, son of Mr. G. M. Beasley. Rev. H. E. Guernsey performed the ceremony. Immediately after the service the young couple left for a honeymoon in Florida.

The bride and bridegroom are two of Monroe's most popular young people. Mrs. Beasley is an attractive young lady and a talented musician, with many friends here and throughout the state. Mr. Beasley is editor of The Monroe Journal.

Standing in the chapel of the state prison before a Christmas tree, around which were grouped gifts for each prisoner in the institution, Gov. Bickett expressed his whole-hearted Christmas sentiments, wishing for them the pleasures that come from without, the happiness that comes from within, and the blessedness that comes from above. The occasion was the celebration of Christmas at the prison, this year on a scale more pretentious than ever before. Entertainers from Raleigh were there and the Christmas spirit was contagious.

An automobile ran into the Seaboard cotton platform at Richardson, a small station four miles west of Bladenboro, the aftermath of Christmas day, wedging itself beneath the platform. None of the nine occupants escaped injury with the exception of two babies. Colonel Heister, a prosperous lumberman, is dead from having his spinal column driven upwards into the brain and the deaths of others in the party are expected momentarily. Colonel Heister, owner of the car, which was a Chevrolet, was driving.

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## ENEMIES OF CITY BEAUTIFUL

Among These Are Owners or Tenants Who Fail to Utilize Space About Houses for Flowers.

He who adds one line or tint of beauty to the city beautiful is its friend, while he who through ignorance, avarice or neglect takes from it one line or tint of beauty is its enemy. The builder who goes into a residence section of detached houses, with neat lawns and pretty flower beds in front and at the sides and there erects block of small, cheap houses, standing flush with the building line, with no room for grass plots or flowers, cannot be regarded as a friend to those who have good taste and love the beautiful.

The owner or tenant of a house with space in front or at the sides for grass plots and flower beds who neglects to utilize this space to make it an adornment to the house and the street, is an enemy, and so is he who owns a vacant lot and allows nothing but weeds, instead of keeping it green, neat and wholesome.

How few there are who do not think of the flower garden as an unfulfilling source of pleasure to the eye and cheer to the heart and what precious memories linger around hours there spent, in the happy days of childhood, the romantic episodes of youth, the resting periods of middle age, or the diversion-seeking times of elderly maturity! Yet there are many who do not think of repaying a part of the debt they owe for such pleasures by contributing to the support of the charm of flowers, through the cultivation of a few, at least, in their front yards, or their back yards in the city.

A street with modest and inexpensive houses, neatly kept, tastefully decorated and painted with pretty parkings, beautified by green lawns and blooming flowers, is much more pleasing to the eye and satisfying to the mind than rows of more ambitious and expensive houses, built close to the sidewalks and with no strips of green or brightness of flowers to relieve the monotony of walls of wood, brick or stone and concrete walks and pavements.

**TERRACED GARDEN IN CITY**  
One Man Shows What Can Be Accomplished by the Owners of Sloping Plots of Ground.

An example of gardening which should be a stimulus to the owners of sloping plots of ground, is a lot, 150 feet deep, on a steep hillside in the heart of a city of 500,000 people, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine.

This place has been terraced its full length, second hand lumber being used in making the retaining walls. Vines have been set out next to the walls to help hold the soil back, and most of the level spaces have been planted with vegetables and fruit trees, except at the top where there is a poultry yard.

**HOME-OWNING AIDS THRIFT**  
Being Tied to One Place is More Profitable Than Being Foot-Free and Homeless.

The owning of a home, a fortune greatly desired by every man, is achievable by most men. And yet the proportion of Americans who live in rented quarters grows larger year by year.

One of the prime reasons for this increasing tenancy is that an increasing proportion of earners are employees, and being employees they wish to hold themselves free to move as better employment may offer itself. To this hope of better employment the hope of a home is easily sacrificed.

The fear of being tied to a home is not uncommon in those who are not employees, says the Minneapolis Journal. Some are not content to settle down permanently, being lured by the enchantment of the beyond—that beyond being the other side of the continent or the other side of the street. Moving becomes a habit, made easy by those whose business is transportation. But in the end the habit is expensive.

As a matter of everyday demonstration, two facts stand forth: First, being tied to a home is vastly more profitable than being foot-free and homeless; and, second, the home-owner need never be tied to his home in an undesirable way.

Few men ever accumulate enough to carry them through life without first being caught and tied up. Every well established business is a financial hitching post. The business of the life insurance agent is to catch and tie those who will not otherwise accumulate. Buying a home while living in it is one of the surest ways on earth to persuade a man to accumulate property.

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## Texan Is Assistant of Secretary McAdoo

As Director General He is Expected to Direct Unification and Operation of Roads Through Present Management—Retains Cabinet Place.



Thomas B. Love, formerly state commissioner of insurance and banking in Texas, has been appointed assistant secretary of the treasury. He will probably supervise the work of the war risk insurance bureau and of the internal revenue bureau. He has been working recently as volunteer assistant to the commissioner of industrial revenue.

Washington.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson and became effective at noon Friday, December 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances including steamship lines, is taken over and all systems will be operated as one under the director general.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation, the president announced that as soon as congress reassembles he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad property in good repair.

The president's move, although forecast for weeks, came at this time as a great surprise to nearly everybody in Washington, including railroad officials. It had been generally believed that he would await the re-assembly of congress before taking any step. He acted through Secretary of War Baker, under authority conferred in the army appropriation act.

Management of the roads will remain in the hands of railroad officials and the railroads' war board, comprised of five railroad heads, will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The chief practical effect of government operation will be to permit a complete unification of all rail systems, impossible under private operation by reason of statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings. The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction, and it became known only that they had been warned by Attorney General Gregory that a violation of anti-pooling laws could not be permitted.

Interurbans Excepted. Although the proclamation applies to all electric lines engaged in general transportation, local interurban systems are specifically exempted from the operation of the act. Congress will be asked to guarantee earnings equivalent to the average net operating income for the three-year period ending June 30, 1917. Railroad experts estimate that this will cost the government next year in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, which can be raised in large part by increased freight. If the interstate commerce commission grants the roads' application for the 15 per cent rate increase now pending. Otherwise it will be paid largely out of the general government funds.

**GENERAL BLISS WILL BE RETAINED ON ACTIVE LIST**  
Washington.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss was retained on active service as chief of staff of the army after he reaches the retirement age Monday, December 31. Secretary Baker announced last week that this had been decided upon by President Wilson. It had been believed generally General Bliss would continue in active service, but that some younger officer would assume the burdens of the chief of staff.

Gen. M. Rolph, head of the food administration's sugar division, says prohibition has caused an increased demand for sugar particularly in the South where there are thousands of soldiers who, in the absence of liquor, are using more chewing gum, candy and soft drinks.

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