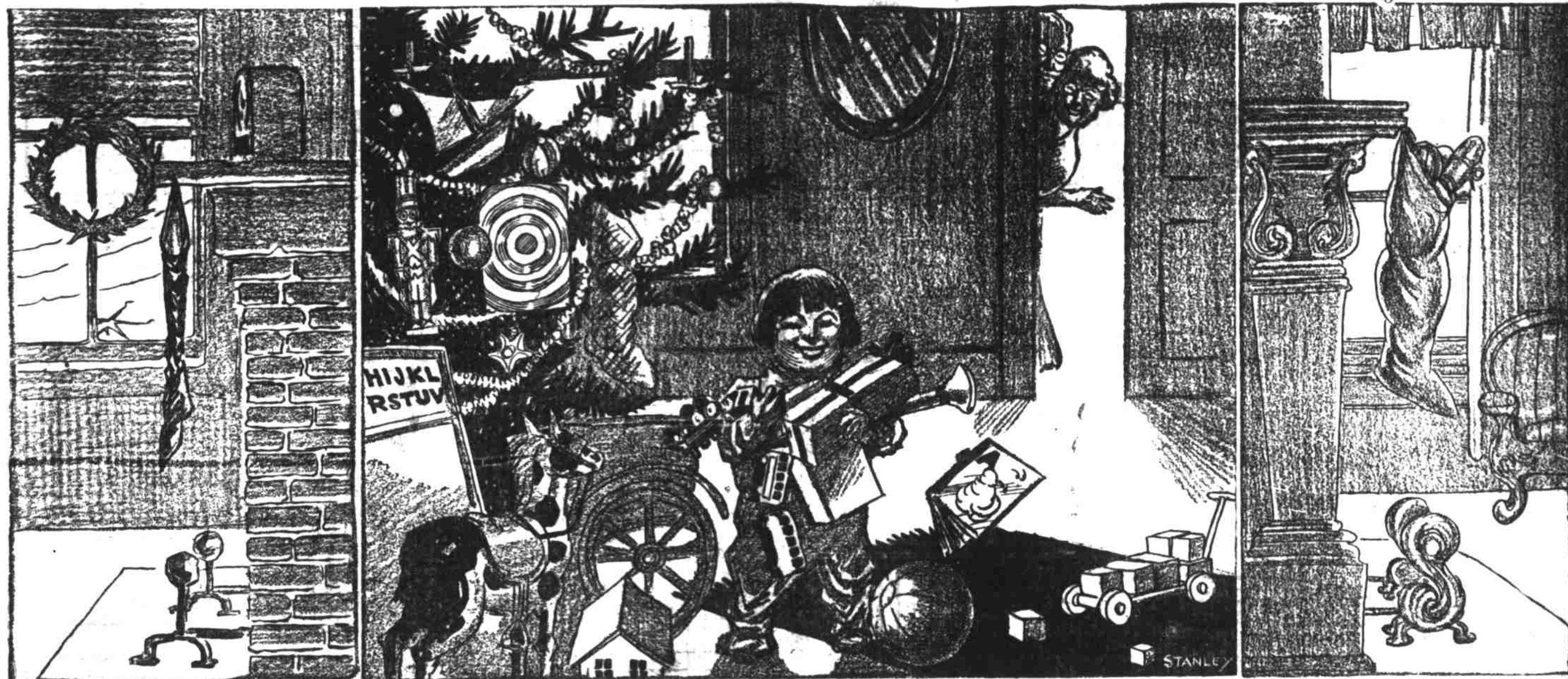


Christmas Morning Brings Greatest Cheer to Homes Where Toys and Dolls are Welcomed



FORD STARTS FOR HOME; TURNS PEACE PARTY OVER TO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Takes Steamer To New York After Paying \$270,000 To Finance Expedition

MEMBERS ALWAYS AT ODDS, LONDON HEARS

When Official Doors Are Closed To Project Manufacturer Gives Up Plans To Get Men Out of Trenches By Spring. Says He's Satisfied With Result of Trip In Publicity

(By the Associated Press)

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 24.—(Via London).—The Norwegian liner Bergensjord, with Henry Ford on board sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace Association. The Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

Before leaving Christiania for Bergen Mr. Ford wrote out the following statement for the press:

"I am satisfied with what has been accomplished in Christiania. Peace has been given publicity. Newspapers have power to end the war, for it is through publicity that the gospel of peace is spread.

"Norway is like every other country. The people are all right."

In announcing at Bergen the circumstances under which the expedition would be continued, Mr. Ford said a committee had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver; the Rev. Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago; John Barry, of San Francisco; Lieutenant Governor Andrew J. Bethea, of South Carolina, and Louis P. Lechner of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

Christiania newspapers say that in view of Mr. Ford's departure no prominent Norwegians will join the expedition.

Expedition Cost \$270,000 London, Dec. 24.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says:

"Before leaving Mr. Ford gave a statement to the press."

GIVES UP PEACE MOVE



HENRY FORD

COMMUNITY TREES ALL OVER COUNTRY

Thousands See Christmas Eve Displays In Many American Cities

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 24.—Official celebration of Christmas began in New York tonight when the lights were turned on in "community trees" and choir sang carols while thousands of belated shoppers passed to listen. Charitable organizations completed preparations for the distribution of thousands of well-filled baskets for the poor, and none need look a share in the holiday cheer. Postal and express company employees toiled late to clear away an avalanche of Christmas packages.

On the stock exchange in Wall Street banks and brokers, offices, stores and factories Christmas bonuses were distributed with a lavish hand. Gift buying was on an unprecedented scale and there was no lack of funds to provide for the needs of charity.

Commander Evangelus Booth announced that all arrangements had been made for the greatest Christmas dinner ever given by the Salvation Army anywhere in the world. More than 50,000 persons in the metropolitan district will share in the feast.

Vincent Astor will provide dinners tomorrow for one thousand families through various agencies; Congressman George W. Loft will distribute 5,000 baskets among the poor of his district and James J. Nagan, Democratic leader

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CHRISTMAS VIEWS ARE PRESENTED BY CITIZENS OF STATE

Thoughts Appropriate To The Day Voiced By Well Known Public Men

PRAYER FOR PEACE UTTERED BY MANY

Others Offer Plans For Up-building of Commonwealth. Preparedness Discussed Pro and Con; Schools As Means For Uplift Strongly Stressed. Spirit of Generosity Urged

On Thanksgiving Day the News and Observer presented a symposium of sentiments from some well known women of North Carolina. For today, Christmas Day, a collection of sentiments appropriate to the season as submitted by some of the prominent men of the State is given.

As was the case with the North Carolina women who responded to the request for expressions, the men show the great desire existing in North Carolina to hear that the war in Europe is to end and peace once more reign in the earth. This sentiment is of course particularly suggested by reason of the peculiar significance which attaches to the Christmas season.

Bearing a close relation to the views as to the desirability of peace in Europe are those which touch on preparedness in this country. Several of the replies

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CHRISTMAS BANK FAILS, HE PAYS \$167,000

(By the Associated Press)

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Joy prevailed in the hearts of Pittsburg school children tonight as a result of the announcement late today by H. C. Frick, millionaire magnate, that he will pay in full, as a Christmas gift all the accounts of the 41,000 children depositors in the Pittsburg bank for savings, closed here last Wednesday by order of the State Department of Banking. The deposits amount to \$167,000.

In order to induce children to save, a school savings fund was started many years ago. Through an agreement with the city board of education bank collectors visited the 132 schools in the city weekly. Penny by penny the deposits of the children increased. Then a few days before Christmas announcement was made that the bank had been closed.

When Mr. Frick was informed that thousands of children were depositors, he at once announced that he would take care of the fund in such a way that the school children would not lose a cent. Mr. Frick specified in his proposal that the children were to receive their money without delay and arrangements were made for the paying of the 41,000 accounts as soon as state banking officials can complete their canvass of the books of the closed institution.

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TROUBLE MAKERS' BLUFF CALLED BY NAVAL SECRETARY

Daniels Makes Public July Report of General Navy Board

CLAMOR FOR DATA IS HIS OPPORTUNITY

New York World, In Editorial, Shows Need of Preparedness Program; Mr. Daniels and President Agree On Plans For Defense; Secretary Issues Statement To Critics

By H. E. C. BRYANT. Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Daniels today called the bluff of a lot of persons who are trying to make trouble for the Democratic administration at any cost. He made public the July report of the General Board. In doing this he said:

"The attention of Secretary Daniels was called this morning to statements in the General Board's report referring to the report of the board of July 30, 1915, and October 10, 1915, and he was asked if those reports would be given to the public. Secretary Daniels replied: 'Until I became Secretary of the Navy all reports of the General Board were regarded as confidential, and veteran members of the Naval Affairs Committee told me they had never before seen one of their reports. I thought it a wise policy to print the annual reports of the General Board, and have done so in an appendix to each annual report.

"This year, as usual, the annual report was published as Appendix A, and their report, dated October 12, was printed as Appendix B. So the October 12 report has already been printed."

The report of July 30 was made in answer to an oral inquiry. The publishing of the early report of the General Board will help Mr. Daniels with his legislative program, for Congressmen will now realize how reasonable and how conservative he has been in his recommendations. The President and Mr. Daniels are midway between the peace-at-any-price advocates and the supporters of a big and costly navy, regardless of where the money comes from.

Mr. Daniels and his friends think that the clamor for the confidential report of the General Board has given him a great opportunity.

The New York World, an administration paper, had this to say today of Secretary Daniels' preparedness program:

"The Crime of Sanity. 'Henry A. Wiso has resigned from the Naval Consulting Board and indicted the Secretary of the Navy for the high crime of being sane. 'It appears that the General Board of the Navy, following its usual practice, prepared a program so extravagant that there was no possibility of its adoption by Congress. Secretary Daniels, who knows

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NEW REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN CHINA; 30,000 TROOPS RUSHED TO QUELL MOVEMENT BY TSAI AO

528,227 Men Lost By British In War; 112,921 at Dardanelles

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Replying to a written question by P. A. Molteni, member of the House of Commons, Premier Asquith today gave the total British casualties up to December 9 as 528,227. Detailed figures of the casualties as given by Premier Asquith corrected the figures concerning losses at the Dardanelles given yesterday in the House of Commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11 were given as 112,921, a smaller total than the premier gave today for the operations to December 9.

The casualties were distributed as follows:

Table with columns: Flanders and France, Officers, Other Ranks, Killed, Wounded, Missing, Total.

Table with columns: Dardanelles, Officers, Other Ranks, Killed, Wounded, Missing, Total.

Table with columns: Other Theaters, Officers, Other Ranks, Killed, Wounded, Missing, Total.

Grand Total, 528,227.

CHRISTMAS LIKE LAST YEAR IN WAR

Men In Trenches To Observe Day As Year Ago; Little Likelihood of Truce

(By the Associated Press) London, Dec. 24.—Tomorrow, the second Christmas of the great war, will differ but little from its predecessor, judging from the visible signs of the past 24 hours.

Although there is small likelihood of an exact repetition of the strange truce of last year, here and there it is probable that the opposing lines will come to some sort of an understanding which will permit each other to celebrate their one common day or rejoicing without undue annoyance.

The fighting around Hartmans Kerkhof, which has been the chief incident in the recent news from the western front, has not yet reached a decision but reports indicate that the four days losses on both sides have been so severe that some kind of a lull is almost inevitable.

The news from Greece continues to presage a terrific clash in the near future but most of the dispatches put the date of the conflict off until the new year.

Events recently have developed rapidly.

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VIENNA PLEASED WITH NEW NOTE

Austria Sees Amicable Settlement In Ancona Case; To Answer Soon

(By the Associated Press) Vienna, Dec. 24, via London.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States which arose from the Ancona incident are susceptible to amicable settlement.

The Austria-Hungarian reply to the latest Ancona note may be expected in a few days.

The second Ancona note from Washington is being studied here. Meanwhile the press is withholding comment. The remarks incident to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly in tenor and all circles are convinced that the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

No inkling has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication to the United States. Henry Lammasche, one of the leading Austrian authorities on international law suggests an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case. It is felt in

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Military Governor of Yunnan Province Revolts From Government

DR. SUN YAT SEN ONE OF LEADERS IN CAUSE

Five Provinces Reported To Have Declared Independence of Rule of President Yuan Shi Kai; Area of Revolt Covers 146,500 Square Miles, 12,000,000 Men Involved

(By the Associated Press) PEKING, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary movement under the leadership of Tsai Ao, former military governor of Yunnan, has broken out.

The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt.

The troops have been sent from Sze-Chuen province in Western China bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yuan Nanfu, in Yunnan Province.

Tsai Ao is a bitter opponent of the monarchy which is to be restored.

The government troops of Yunnan Province have not joined the revolt, the latest advice indicating that they are still loyal. The neighboring provinces are not affected.

Tsai Ao recently resigned a bureau chiefship at Peking, alleging his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunnan, where he had been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the first provisional president of China, who is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda.

It will require about two weeks of marching through the mountains for the troops from Sze-Chuen Province to reach Yunnan.

Announcement of a revolutionary movement in Yunnan province follows receipt of private reports that five Chinese provinces, including Yunnan, had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The other provinces were Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Kweichow and Szechuen.

Yunnan lies just to the south of Szechuen and is the southwesternmost province of China. Its area is about

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