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THE WAY GROWS CLEARER

Clemenceau with Great Britain on the Freedom of Seas—Question of Indemnities.

(By The Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Dec. 30.—The Central Council of Soldiers and Workmen of Germany has appointed Herr Noske governor of Kiel; Herr Loebbe, editor of the *Volksrecht*, and Herr Wabbel, member of the Reichstag, as cabinet members to replace Foreign Minister Bass, Minister of Social Policy Barth and Demobilization Minister Dittman, who retired Saturday night, according to Berlin advices received here.

Berlin, Saturday, Dec. 28.—An objection to a demonstrative entry of Posen by Ignace Jan Paderewski has been made by the Berlin government, according to the *Tagblatt*. This objection has been made on the ground that safe conduct was granted Paderewski only for the trip from Danzig to the Polish frontier. Prussian governmental authorities have been instructing Paderewski to resume his journey to Warsaw.

In discussing riots which have occurred in Posen, the *Local Anzeiger* says that immediately after an auto was attacked Polish guard officers emerged from the *Garda* in Posen and proclaimed to the crowd that the "union with Poland has been accomplished."

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The question of indemnities has been settled between Germany and the United States and the Allies and German delegates signed the armistice on condition that there should be restrictions to indemnities, according to Matthias Erzberger, speaking here today. War damages and war costs, he said, must be borne by each nation itself unless expressly mentioned in the notes which were exchanged, Germany being obliged to indemnify districts she occupied in France and Belgium and to pay all losses inflicted upon the civilian populations.

Paris, Dec. 29.—(Sunday)—Premier Clemenceau was given a vote of confidence, 380 to 134, in the Chamber of Deputies today after a stormy debate during which the war aims of France were outlined by Stephen Richron, Foreign Minister, and the Premier had indicated his adherence to the old system of alliance with "the balance of power."

It was indicated by the Premier that the formation of a league of nations might be carried out co-incidentally with the drafting of the treaty of peace.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—(Sunday)—Reviewing the situation leading to his resignation last night, Wilhelm Dittman, Minister of Demobilization, Transport, Justice and Health in the Ebert government, said today a crisis had been impending since November 9th, owing to differences between the two sections of the cabinet, the Socialists and Independent Socialists.

He said the principal trouble was pressing economic problems and questions of demobilization and military re-organization.

Richard Barth, who also resigned as Minister of Social Policy, was present when Herr Dittman was talking and took a most gloomy view of the immediate economic future of Germany.

Paris, Dec. 30.—In addressing the Chamber of Deputies last night, Premier Clemenceau made it plain it was his intention to support Great Britain in the peace negotiations on the question of the freedom of the seas, and he declared that his attitude in this matter was approved by President Wilson.

Premier Clemenceau said his conversations with President Wilson had been profitable, although he added, "I should not be telling the truth if I

said I had always been in agreement with him on all points."

In summing up his argument for full confidence and the exercise of patience by the Chamber, the Premier declared: "There will be claims to be set forth, and others which will have to be given up. If I mounted the rostrum to elaborate the subject I would be the worst premier in Europe. That does not mean we are not working hard to prepare a line of action for the peace congress."

The Premier earlier had expressed his belief in the efficiency of the old system of allowance called "the balance of power," but indicated that he was not opposed to a league of nations. Such a league he said might be organized at about the time the treaty of peace was concluded.

"Premier Lloyd George said to me one day, 'You will admit that without the British fleet, you could not have continued the war.' I answered in the affirmative. He then asked me if I was disposed to do anything in opposition to British ideas of the freedom of the seas. I answered in the negative. Concerning this question President Wilson said to me:

"If I approve of what you said. What you have to offer the Allied governments will change in no way your answer to Premier Lloyd George."

London, Dec. 30.—Pillaging on a large scale is being carried out by mobs in Frankfurt, Germany, and the authorities are powerless to prevent it, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. Troops in the city refused to fire on the rioters.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—Independent Socialists in the Prussian Ministry and officials of the Prussian government, who belong to that party have resigned their positions in the *Handelsblad*.

CHRISTMAS DANCE

The social event of the season and the most brilliant dance given in Fayetteville in some time was the Christmas dance, given on Christmas evening in Marsh-MacKethan hall by the young men of the city, under the management of Messrs. William Holt, Sam Rankin, James Parker and Fennon Sandertford.

Artistic Christmas decorations of holly, mistletoe and Christmas belts were used lavishly throughout the ball room. Beautiful music was furnished by the Myr-Davis orchestra of Washington, D. C.

Fully one hundred and fifty couples were on the floor with hundreds of spectators present. Many out-of-town guests added brilliancy to the affair.

Favors were a feature of the dance and during an intermission a beautiful display of fireworks took place in front of the building.

In every detail the dance was a beautiful one and thoroughly enjoyed by the many participants. A list of the couples and chaperons will appear later.

HOMeward BOUND

Nine hundred Porto Ricans, on a special train of twelve coaches, left Camp Bragg about noon Friday for Wilmington, from which port they will embark for Porto Rico. These departing men are the last of 1,700 Porto Ricans brought here some months ago to do construction work at Camp Bragg, 800 having already gone ahead.

As camp laborers they did not prove acceptable, but they were handicapped by sickness on arrival and later by the influenza epidemic, so really they did not have a fair showing. They made a good impression on this community as they behaved well, were peaceful and seemed kindly disposed. As traders they were a big asset to the merchants of Fayetteville, for they drew good wages, and seemed to have no use for money except to spend it as soon as they got it.

Here to the homeward-bound Porto Ricans. May they have a safe and pleasant voyage to their far-away southern island home, where balmy breezes, pleasant sunshine, luscious fruits, quantities of sugar and wine, some maidens await them, and where they doubtless soon will be themselves again.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON IN LONDON

America's Chief and Wife Accorded All Honors Ever Given Royalty—Procession Through London Excited the Greatest Interest.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Wilson were in Buckingham Palace after a journey from Calais to London, during which they were accorded all the honors ever given royalty. Never has a royal progress, except national ceremonials, exhibited such interest here as the first state visit of an American President.

The drive of the procession from the station to the Palace was made through streets lined with guard regiments in khaki. Fresh flags hanging covered the buildings, while windows, balconies, sidewalks and open spaces were full of people, many of whom wore the American colors.

It was a great spectacle. First came the sovereign escorted by troops from the household cavalry with helmets and steel cuirasses. Then came the carriage with King George and President Wilson, Queen Mary, Mrs. Wilson and Princess Mary. These were followed by three other carriages which passed almost unnoticed, as all eyes were on Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson and the royal family.

London, Dec. 26.—The procession in which President Wilson traversed the streets of London to Buckingham Palace today was a brilliant one. There were intervals of one hundred feet between the units. First came a detachment of police, then a general and his staff with the troops of the household cavalry in four abreast khaki and with drawn swords.

Next came the King's carriage in which President Wilson sat on the right of King George. The Duke of Connaught sat opposite them.

Another break of cavalry followed, and then came the carriage with Queen Mary and Mrs. Wilson on the right and Princess Mary facing them. Then came a third cavalry break and after it the three remaining carriages of the procession.

The gleaming coats of the outriders scattered along the procession gave an effective dash of color. The King was dressed in the service uniform of a British field marshal. He remained covered throughout the journey, permitting President Wilson to accept the demonstration. Mrs. Wilson carried a large bouquet of flowers and wore black. Queen Mary was dressed in a dark costume, with a light colored hat.

Thrilling Story of Loss Of a British Submarine

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—The official report of the sinking of the famous British submarine E-14 in the Dardanelles early in 1918, with the loss of her commander, Lieutenant-Commander Jeffrey White and all except seven of the crew has just been published.

The E-14 left Mudrow on the evening of January 27th and proceeded up the Dardanelles searching for the Goeben. After diving under submarine nets, she found that the Goeben had left a few hours previously, so Commander White turned back, keeping a sharp lookout for enemy craft. A torpedo was fired at the ship, which carried the Goeben ammunition causing a heavy explosion which extinguished the submarine's lights and sprung the fore hatch. Leaking badly, the submarine rose to the surface. The forts immediately opened a heavy fire but did not hit her. She submerged one hundred feet and continued on her course, but became so unsteady she was brought to the surface, as she could no longer remain under water. Heavy fire opened on both sides, a shell hitting a hole.

"Orders were given to steer from below, and we ran the gauntlet for half an hour until a few bombs hit us. The Captain saw that escape was hopeless and ran toward shore. His last words were 'We are in God's hands.' Only a few seconds later I looked for him and saw his body mangled."

A BAD WRECK

All Cars of An A. C. L. Freight Train Turned Upside Down and Scattered Broadcast—There Were No Casualties—Trains Decoupled.

Extra freight train No. 460, southbound, consisting of various freight cars was wrecked Wednesday night about 9 o'clock a half mile south of Wade.

The train consisted of twenty-five cars, all of which were wrecked, some of them being turned up side down, scattering their contents broadcast.

The track was badly damaged for about 300 yards. The train was in charge of Conductor Rollins, and none of the crew were hurt.

Northbound trains Nos. 82, 86 and 88, and southbound trains Nos. 83, 85 and 87, were sent around by Wilmington.

The relief train was sent from here to meet No. 88 from Rocky Mount, due here at 8:20 Thursday, transferring the passengers and mail and returning at 9:45. A working train was sent to the scene of the wreck immediately, and it was thought that traffic would be resumed over this part of the road by two o'clock Thursday.

FUNERAL OF ANNIE SUTTON.

The funeral services over the remains of little Annie Morgan Sutton, the sixteen-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Sutton, who died Monday morning at 5:30 o'clock, were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence of Mr. Charles Rankin on Cool Spring street. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. McMurray, pastor of Highland Presbyterian church.

The music was unusually sweet, and there was a profusion of beautiful flowers. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. F. K. Tomlinson, J. M. Devane, T. M. Green and Leighton Huske.

DEATH OF MRS. FRANK GLOVER

The sad news was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. Frank Glover, which occurred at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning in Marion, S. C., whither she had gone to spend Christmas with her mother. Mrs. Glover had been in failing health for some time.

Mrs. Glover, before marriage, was Miss Amelia Evans, daughter of Dr. Dixon Evans, of Marion, S. C., formerly of Cumberland County, and his wife, Eliza Evans, daughter of General William Evans, of Marion.

She was a first cousin of Victor Blue, admiral in the United States navy, and Rupert Blue, the surgeon-general of the United States Public Health Service Bureau.

Retiring in disposition, Mrs. Glover mingled with the outer world very little, but she was a woman of high Christian character, a devoted wife, and loving mother.

Mrs. Glover is survived by her husband, and three children, Misses Kate and Eliza Glover, of this city, and one son, Ashby Glover, who is with the 51st Division, American Expeditionary Force, now in France.

The remains were brought here today on A. & Y. train No. 53, and the funeral was held on Thursday at 3:30 o'clock from the Hay Street Methodist Church.

A CHRISTMAS TREE AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

The officers and teachers of the Second Baptist Church Sunday School gave a Christmas tree Wednesday and an entertainment by the children, which was much enjoyed by the large audience present.

Mr. C. C. Bullard was master of ceremonies. The recitations and songs by the children were appropriate.

Mr. H. B. Downing is the faithful superintendent of this school and has a right to feel proud of its success.

Mr. W. B. Malloy, who was present by invitation, responded to a call for a speech in his own happy style. Not only the members of the school but everybody received a present and all had a good time.

THE TREE OF LIGHT

Beautiful and Appropriate Christmas Services on Market Square Witnessed by a Large Crowd, Which Joined in the Singing.

The tree of light erected in Market Square by the War Camp Community Service and the city was ablaze with vari-colored electric display last evening, and a large star shone above all and guided throngs from afar to the spot. The services were opened with an eloquent invocation by Rev. Joel S. Snyder, and the occasion—the Tree of Light, the exercises, the holy Christmas season were dwelt on most appropriately by Mayor J. D. McNeill in a short address.

After this a fine musical programme was rendered by a choir of community singers, the crowds gathered around the tree joining in the patriotic selections. Mr. J. C. Long, head of the War Camp Community Service, conducted this part of the exercises.

The exercises were well attended and greatly appreciated.

Bolsheviki Have Arrested American Consul Tredwell

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Urgent messages, sent through many channels when the report reached Washington that Roger Tredwell, American consul, had been arrested by the Bolsheviki at Tashkent in Russian Turkistan, brought word today that the consul while under arrest was well treated, being confined to his room instead of in a prison. Efforts to obtain his release are going forward. Just what caused the consul's arrest is not known, but it may be that the hostile Bolsheviki authorities arrested him for no other reason than the fact that he was an American consul officer. The last regular post held by Tredwell was consul at Petrograd. Since his withdrawal from Petrograd he has been assigned with a roving commission to various points in and near Russia, and has made exhaustive reports to this government of conditions as he found them.

LANIER-HARPER

A marriage of great interest was solemnized in this city at 8:15 Christmas evening, in St. John's Episcopal church, when Miss Kate Haigh Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harper, became the bride of Mr. Louis D. Lanier, Rev. Archer Boogher, officiating. The marriage was a surprise to most of the friends of the bride, but all of them throughout the State sincerely wish for the young couple all happiness and usefulness through life.

Mrs. Lanier is one of the most deservedly popular young women in Fayetteville, and those who know her best esteem her most, recognizing qualities in her, to a marked degree, of great brightness of mind, abounding energy and laudable desire to excel in all things worth while. For several years she has occupied the responsible positions of stenographer, typist, book-keeper and press receiver over the phone for The Observer, in which capacities she has excelled.

Mr. Lanier, who is a native of Savannah, Ga., is a young man of business ability and worth, who has a position under Government with the geological surveying corps. He has been engaged in work around Augusta, Ga., but has just been transferred to Bamberg, S. C., where he will go from here.

The Observer joins with the entire community in wishing happiness to the worthy young couple.

EYES EXAMINED GLASSES SHAFER DR. JULIUS SHAFER

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MARKETING HOGS

Beats burying them. Steve Hoover, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, writes, "Commenced feeding my herd of about 100 hogs B. A. Thomas' Hog Powder over two months ago. Fifty were sick and off feed. Nearby herds had cholera. I did not lose one—they are well and growing fast." A. S. Huske—Adv.

AT WIDOWS' HOME

J. E. B. Stuart Chapter of the U. D. C. Delightfully Entertained the Widows of the Confederate Veterans on Christmas Day

The J. E. B. Stuart Chapter of the U. D. C., was a channel for the river of love and good will that flows through all the world at Christmas time, in entertaining the ladies at the Confederate Widows' Home yesterday afternoon.

A gift and a box of candy were given each lady by the Chapter, while Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brothers sent each one a present.

Refreshments were served, consisting of fruit cake and ice cream. The Fayetteville Ice Cream and Mfg. Co., through Mr. A. E. Dixon, asked to be permitted to donate the cream.

The music was in charge of Mrs. S. A. Lambert, who presided at the piano, accompanied by Mr. W. F. Blount, on the violin.

Hymns, appropriate to the Christmas season, were sung by all present, while several solos were delightfully rendered by Mrs. W. S. Snipes and Mrs. A. L. West. One dear old lady asked that Mrs. West sing some real "rag." It is needless to add that Mrs. West responded in "ragtime" fashion and put a finishing touch on the job. Mr. W. F. Blount sang a humorous selection, "The Cork Leg." Into which he put a great deal of energy and spirit, singing in his own inimitable way, as only Mr. Blount can do. Everyone present wished these dear old ladies a merry Christmas and many more of them.

No Neutral Nations to Be Allowed to Participate

(By The Associated Press.)

Paris.—Havas Agency.—Dec. 26.—Allied representatives have decided that neutral nations will not be admitted to the peace conference, according to newspapers here. Neutrals may address their claims to belligerents, however, and any demands thus made will be referred to a special body which will be created by the peace conference. It has been decided, it is reported, that neutrals will be allowed to participate in the deliberations incident to the formation of a League of Nations.

PLEASURES OF MEMORY.

(St. Paul Dispatch.)

Some sayings W. Hohenzollern is trying to forget:

"Accountable only to God, I go my way."
"England's contemptible little army."
"I will tolerate no nonsense from America."
"There will be no soft peace."
"Germany cannot yield one foot of conquered land."
"France is bled white."
"Foch has no reserves."
"My U-boats will take care of the American Army."

COTTON GINNING FIGURES.

Mr. W. N. McCaskill, cotton gin census taker for Cumberland County, reports that there were 17,512 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Cumberland County, from the crop of 1918, prior to December 13, 1918, as compared with 12,331 bales ginned to December 13, 1917.

ANOTHER WRECK.

Two Pullman cars on A. C. L. train No. 86, were derailed Thursday morning about 10:30 o'clock at Chadbourn. This train is due in Fayetteville about 3:20 a. m., but was going around by Wilmington on account of the wreck at Wade Wednesday night. The cars were turned over, but fortunately no one was hurt.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS.

Christmas passed off quietly in the city with no casualties or accidents of any kind. The news comes from police headquarters that there were six arrests—three for carrying concealed weapons and three for drunkenness. The weapon carriers were fined \$50.00 each and the costs in the Recorder's Court this morning. The three "drunks" forfeited their bonds.

REMEMBER THE BOYS

Fayetteville Families Will Have Opportunities of Inviting Camp Bragg Soldiers to New Year's Dinner—Telephone to No. 765.

Many Fayetteville families will perpetuate the good feeling now existing between the city and Camp Bragg by inviting soldiers to their homes for dinner on New Year's Day.

The camp authorities are preparing a roster of the men who will be free to come to the city at that time, and this list will be in the hands of the War Camp Community Service office. Persons who wish to invite soldiers to dinner on New Year's may obtain the names of their guests from this list and either invite them directly or have them invited by the W. C. C. S.

Any family which would like to invite two soldiers to dinner is requested to notify the War Camp Community Service office as soon as possible. The office is at 401 Stein Building, telephone 765.

THE CITY OF VLINA HAS BEEN CAPTURED

A Copenhagen Dispatch to London Mail Says that Bolsheviki Forces Have Taken the City.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—Vilna has been captured by the Bolsheviki forces, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Mail, quoting Petrograd reports.

Secretary Baker Asks for Voluntary Enlistment Again

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—Immediate legislation authorizing resumption of voluntary enlistment in the army and the repeal of provisions of the selective act limiting enlistment to the period of the war was urged today by Secretary Baker in a letter to Chairman Dent of the House Military Committee.

Mexican Chamber Tinkers On Mexican Constitution

(By The Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Dec. 25.—Wednesday.—The Mexican Chamber of Deputies is considering several measures whose object is the mitigation of several sections of the constitution. The reforms refer to sections concerning the power of State Legislatures to fix a maximum number of clergy participating in religious rites, and requiring that all members of the clergy be native-born Mexicans.

Another amendment concerns closed voting on nationalization of church property. These measures were taken up by the Chamber after the passage of a bill giving President Carranza extraordinary powers in official matters.

Safe Arrival in Port of American Ship Brynhilda

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 26.—The safe arrival at Algoa Bay, an African port, of the American sailing ship Brynhilda, previously reported as lost, was confirmed by Lloyd's today.

The Brynhilda sailed from New York, September 27th. Two days later a life boat from the ship was found off the American coast. Later another wreckage identified as part of the ship's crew. It was generally believed that she struck a mine, and 80 per cent of the insurance was paid. The ship carried a crew of 21.