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Secretary Hughes Proposes Cut In Submarine Tonnage

TORNADO TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN CENTRAL SOUTH

Thirty-four Deaths as Result of Storm in Mississippi Valley.

VILLAGES DESTROYED.

Two Towns Almost Completely Wiped Out; Large Property Damage.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—A toll of thirty-four lives was taken by a storm which swept the lower Mississippi valley...

The little villages of Clarksdale, Ark., and Spencer, La., were almost completely destroyed, reports stated. One man and six negroes were killed at Clarksdale when a store filled with Christmas shoppers collapsed.

In Morehouse Parish, La., Mrs. Mary Spauldine and six negroes residing on the Spauldine plantation were killed. Two other members of the Spauldine family were hurt.

Thirty-three whites and ten negroes were killed and more than a score injured in Quitman, Leflore and Yazoo counties, Mississippi.

The storm first struck in eastern Arkansas and continuing southward, passed through northwest Mississippi and northern Louisiana. A number of plantations and small farming communities were completely wrecked by a gale which at times reached 75 miles an hour.

The village of Spencer, Union parish, fifteen miles from Monroe, on the Mississippi and Little Rock branches of the Missouri Pacific lines, was practically wiped out. Hardly a building is left standing and seven persons perished.

Doctors and nurses were rushed to the little hamlet and relief parties organized for other sections in the path of the storm.

The storm house on Bayou Bartholomew, four miles northwest of Bastrop, Morehouse parish, was completely destroyed. Mrs. Mary Spain, wife of Manly Spain, of the Tisdale plantation, in which the house was, and six negroes, were killed.

W. J. Wall, agent for the Missouri Pacific at Spencer, and his wife, are reported to be dead. The depot and store at Spencer were razed. The population of Spencer is only about 100.

The exact loss of life in Morehouse parish cannot be estimated, but it is believed that the casualties were confined mostly to negroes.

William Turner, white and four negroes were killed on a plantation near Marks, Miss.

In an attempt to the tornado, Quitman county lost one of its most prominent citizens, M. V. Turner was returning home after relief work among his people. Half a mile north of his home he was in contact with a live wire on the Morehouse electric light line. He was killed.

AMERICAN RELIEF IS HELPED BY RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 24.—The Moscow Soviet has turned over to the Hoover Relief Administration \$10,000,000 for the purchase of foodstuffs for the relief of the Russian people.

LLOYD GEORGE NOT COMING. The gates of the Atlanta Bastille were about to swing outward.

Given Freedom or His Christmas Gift



EUGENE V. DEBS HAS KIT PACKED

Expected to Start Homeward Journey Sunday; Friends Jubilant.

By JACK R. HORADY. United Press Staff Correspondent.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—Eugene V. Debs packed his old traveling kit tonight.

Tomorrow he expects to be homeward bound, friends stated.

Debs, according to reports at the Atlanta Federal prison, where he has been confined for more than two and a half years, is ready to leave for his home at Terre Haute, Ind., immediately after securing his release.

Friends predicted he would be released tomorrow. No announcement as to the time of his release was made.

His gray suit—the one he wore when he went to Washington unguarded several months ago to confer with Attorney General Daugherty regarding his case—was neatly pressed for the trip by the prison tailor late today.

Other personal effects were being packed. Christmas eve—probably his last day in prison—was spent by Debs in performance of the usual routine work assigned to him in the hospital ward. Only prison attaches were permitted to talk with him.

AMERICAN SOCIALISTS PLAN FOR HOMEcoming OF CHIEF

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 24.—The night before Christmas was Bastille day for American Socialists.

The vanguard of adherents of Eugene V. Debs arrived at their shrine—the Debs homestead—on the eve of his release from Atlanta prison.

Mrs. Debs—Gene's Kate he left behind because of utterances made during war-time—met her husband's cronies and received their Christmas greetings.

She was as gracious to "Pete" Schulman, of Dayton, Ohio, who planted himself on the back porch and announced "wouldn't you like to come home?"

Mrs. Debs, who rose from a sick bed for the occasion, and her appearance was that of a rare cameo, read hundreds of telegrams from Gene's pals who could not make the pilgrimage to Terre Haute for the homecoming.

Thousands of miners, whose favorite story about Debs concerns the time he took off his overcoat on Main street one Christmas eve and gave it to a man who had none, prepared to welcome Debs, who is supposed to get in some time Monday, with the rumble of the "Marsellias."

DESPITE WORLD TRAGEDY THERE IS HOPE TODAY

Maximilian Harden Sees Better Things Coming in the Future.

LOOKS TOWASHINGTON

New World-Power is Different from the Old in Its Attitude.

BY MAXIMILIAN HARDEN, Germany's Foremost Publicist. Staff Correspondent of The News. Special Cable Dispatch to The News. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—"Peace on earth, good-will to men."

So ran the song of Bethlehem centuries ago. And, like the unheeding Romans of old, shall we say that Christmas comes again to a world distracted and torn with strife.

It is true that hundreds of thousands are starving in the valley of Volga. Hordes of orphans wander seeking food like wild dogs, fighting in the village streets over the flesh of the dead.

REVOLTING CORRESPONDENCE. The published correspondence between the ex-Kaiser and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, reveals to the readers who think that the world is "finding pleasure in such a heap of untruths and calumnies are incapable of improvement and unworthy of laws which are not based almost with physical disgust upon the wretched, cunning repetition of lies repudiated a thousand-fold.

It is order cancels treaties and makes laws for the people in the depths of Asia and the northernmost parts of Europe? Laws which are no longer based on national greed and a thirst for power.

MUCH FOR PEACE. So, during these last months of 1921, more has been done for world pacification, more has been done for civilization than in many centuries. It is true, much is left. Even the most casual look around suggests the observer.

THIRTEEN KILLED IN MISSISSIPPI TORNADO

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 24.—Thirteen dead, a score injured, and thousands of dollars worth of property damaged, was the toll of today's tornado which struck three Mississippi counties—Quitman, Leflore and Yazoo.

SEVENTEEN BOYS AND GIRLS PUT TO DEATH

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—According to a report received here from the Mexican border late today, 17 Mexican boys and girls, together with a priest, were massacred in the State of Tlaxcala, Mexico, by gangs of bandits.

NO ISSUE OF THE NEWS MONDAY

There will be no issue of The News published Monday, December 26. This newspaper and its employees will take the day off to spend Christmas at home with their families.

EGYPTIAN RIOTING HALTED. Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 24.—Rioting which broke out at Giza in Egyptian national demonstrations, had been halted tonight by British troops rushed to the scene from Cairo. Five natives were killed and twenty wounded.

SENATORS SEEK RECOGNITION OF RUSSIAN SOVIET

Russia and Germany Must Be Given Consideration By the Conference.

NECESSARY TO PEACE.

Action Planned at Conference of Republican and Democratic Senators.

BY J. BART CAMPBELL. International News Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 24.—An organized movement for the recognition of the Russian Government by the United States and the inclusion of both the Russian Governments in the armament conference before it concludes its deliberations was planned tonight at a conference of Republicans and Democratic Senators.

While the group of Senators included some of the "irreconcilables" by Borah, Republican, of Idaho, there also were present Senators of both sides who were favorably disposed toward the armament conference and the four-power Pacific treaty.

Senator Ladd, North Dakota, a non-partisan Republican, declared that, while he was disposed to support the decisions of the conference, he was "fearful lest they would not result in lasting peace because apparently those persons participating had failed to consider the tremendous potentialities of the millions of people who are included within the borders of Russia and Germany alone.

CANNOT ASSURE PEACE. "Until Russia and Germany, at least, are included in the decisions of the conference, I fail to see how there can be assurance given for a permanent peace either in Europe or in Asia and the Pacific. The four-power treaty, while it is supposed to concern only the island possessions and island dominions of the United States, Great Britain and Japan in the Pacific, is bound, in my judgment, sooner or later to involve Russia, if not Germany; it should be borne in mind that, under the armament conference, Japan proper, lying not many miles from the Pacific coast line of Russia, must present to the Russian people not only a possible barrier to access to the Pacific, but a future menace of possible war.

CHILD INJURED BY GIANT FIRECRACKER

Statesville, Dec. 24.—James Walker, five-year-old son of N. M. Walker of Hixson, Alexander county, is in a local hospital probably fatally injured from his experience with a large firecracker. When the cracker exploded, the lad's left hand was blown off, the ball of his left eye perforated and a hole was torn completely through his abdomen, just above the liver, and a piece of cloth was forced into the liver.

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STREAMS IN OHIO OVERFLOW BANKS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Flood waters of many streams in the vicinity of Cincinnati today caused the Ohio River to rise more than it has for years, according to river men of long experience. During the past 36 hours 3.32 inches of rain has fallen in and around Cincinnati.

NO DEATHS ARE REPORTED BUT PROPERTY DAMAGE HAS BEEN ENORMOUS.

That Mayor Walker and Commissioner Stancil have never acted upon the assumption that they enjoyed larger powers in their respective commissions than was allowed the commissioner of public safety was the emphatic statement of both of them Saturday when their views were sought to the contention that Commissioner Huneycutt enjoys less authority in his office than the other two commissioners.

New Photo of Mexican President



This new photograph of President Obregon, of Mexico, taken in the Turkish room of the National Palace, was snapped as he awaited the arrival of the international newspaper correspondents stationed in Mexico City.

City Commissioners Enjoy Equal Rights, Mayor Says

Walker and Stancil Interpret Charter as Giving Equal Authority.

ALL ON SAME LEVEL.

All Important Matters Are Submitted to the Three Commissioners.

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VIEW OF ATTORNEYS. A number of attorneys, versed in their knowledge of city charters and some of whom have made a special study of the present commission form applying here, were of the opinion that the law does not make any distinction.

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Makes Slashing Reductions in Present Tonnage of America and Britain.

MAY BREAK DEADLOCK

Britain Accepts the Offer, France and Japan Ask for More Time.

BY CARL D. GROAT. United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 24.—America gave to the world today a Christmas spirit message—announcement of a proposal for slashing the world powers' tonnage of deadly submarines.

Under this proposal, made to the five powers' arms delegates by Secretary of State Hughes, America would decrease by more than one-third her present submarine fleet, making its total 60,000 tons; Great Britain would cut down over 22,000 tons, making a 60,000-ton total with France, Japan and Italy would retain their present U-boat tonnage of 42,850; 31,400, and 20,223, respectively.

PROPOSAL A SURPRISE. Today's proposal came as almost as great a surprise as the first. The American group, however, had indicated, generally, that it was ready for some concessions from the original plan which under the United States and Great Britain would have had 90,000 tons each, Japan, 54,000 and France and Italy, each 31,500. Britain accepted with alacrity. The other powers wanted time to consider.

So far as Italy was concerned, Senator Schanzer was empowered to accept anything that France, the United States and Secretary Hughes assured the Italian spokesman that the United States had no objection to Italy being on a parity with France.

Secretary of State Hughes sympathetically informed the meeting that he would be glad to take up the question of abolition later if it should become feasible. He expressed appreciation of the motive prompting Britain's request, but noted that American naval experts favored keeping submarines. At the same time, he pointed out that within the American public there is an abhorrence of submarine warfare—as practiced by the Germans during the war.

He was careful, however, to show that the American Government, while not contending for keeping some submarines, was quite ready to follow the principle laid down at the start—curtailment of naval strength in an effort to curb war.

The French and Japanese positions offered new difficulties. In the way of a settlement, but Secretary Hughes felt tonight real progress had been made, and did not manifest any pessimism as to a final solution.

The Italian suggested that 31,500 tons would be a satisfactory figure for both France and Italy. The French are agreed that Italy should have a parity with France, but the delegation is not yet in a position to accept the Hughes principle, though it gives France a better ratio than under the original Hughes program.

Four submitted in writing the British request for total abolition so his nation could be on record for the future.

The figures presented for future submarine tonnage, given out tonight,

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COLDER

North and South Carolina: Cloudy and much colder Sunday, probably rain on the coast Monday, fair, colder in east portions; fresh northerly winds.



There's so much other stuff 't read these days that we've decided 't drop Borah. Life Bud just happened 't look down an' found a quarter this mornin' just as a young lady wuz goin' 't step on it.