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LINE DRAWN BY THIS GOVERNMENT BETWEEN LIFE AND PROPERTY

Affords Basis for More Interpretations of the President's Peace Soundings—Wilson and Lansing Remain Discreetly Silent

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—Fear that the present peace negotiations will fail and this nation then must clear its slate of the submarine situation with Germany grew apace today. But as stated yesterday President Wilson intends to push the peace work to the limit to avoid any possible subsequent unpleasantness with Germany, if possible.

Both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, however, have decided to maintain distinct silence on this. This is due it is believed to the fact that they do not wish to appear to be wearing a chip on their shoulder when peace is being talked.

There is now no mistaking officials believe that President Wilson's peace notes to the belligerents against unbridled acts of war which would involve either American lives or rights, since this Government's attitude in the violation which effect property is not compared to the violation effecting life, the warning is generally interpreted as directed against the central powers.

Berlin Thinks Answer Helpful.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The general opinion in Berlin is that the German answer to the Wilson note warmly appreciated the President's intentions, and perhaps added practical suggestions for the conclusion of peace. The press bureau today announced. It also said the Teutonic answer was handed to American diplomatic representatives at all the Central Powers' capitals. It is to be noted that the above dispatch apparently was filed before the text of the German note, but the text was given preference and came through first.

No Confidential Terms With Note.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to Wilson's peace note reached the State Department today. It is stated by an official that nothing confidential was attached to the answer, although it had been suggested that Germany might give her terms secretly in an accompanying message to Gerard for transmission here. The copies sent the President are understood to be practically the same as the press text.

Switzerland Gets Same Answer.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Germany and Austria have replied to Switzerland's reiteration of President Wilson's peace suggestions with practically the same phrases in which they acknowledged the American note. German dispatches today said.

MILITANT SUFFRAGISTS ARE STILL MILITANT IN A DIFFERENT WAY

(By WILBUR S. FORREST, United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, Dec. 1.—(By Mail)—England's militant suffragettes are still on the warpath.

But the battle of the militants has turned from smashing windows for votes to an energetic campaign against passive war makers and pacifists.

"The suffragette armies are principally fighting for big battles," Miss Jessie Kenney, one of the leaders, explained today. "Most important is our campaign to force England's ministers to fight the war to a finish. We are fighting in South Wales where peace cranks abound; we are fighting on the Clyde, in Scotland, where pacifists are interfering with the workers; and lastly, we are sending our workers into munition factories to help toward victory by making shells."

CARRANZA MAY ASK GOTHAM FOR FURTHER PEACE CONFERENCE, THO'T DRIVE IN APRIL

Growing Feeling in Washington that First Chief Has Not Signed Protocol, and Is Submitting Counter Proposals

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—That Carranza has not signed the troop withdrawal protocol, but instead has again submitted counter proposals, is the growing belief here.

This is so even in those official circles, where earlier today the hope was expressed that the first chief ultimately would sign. Men in close touch with the situation said they believed Carranza will seek another peace conference. Such a request is expected to be submitted by Chairman Cabrera of the Mexican Commission when he sees Secretary Lane early this afternoon.

COTTON

The farmers were still celebrating the Christmas holiday Tuesday, and there were no receipts on the local cotton market. The local market would have offered from 16 to 16 1/2 in New York January closed 29 points higher than the opening figure.

	Open	Close
January	16.50	16.79
March	16.86	17.19
May	17.24	17.39
July	17.46	17.47
October	15.75	15.89
Spot	15.00	15.00

No local receipts. The market giving evidence of a little stiffening. New York January closing figures 40 points above opening. There was a slight decline after the opening, but this was soon overcome.

Today's New York quotations:

	Open	Close
January	16.88	17.28
March	17.15	17.59
May	17.50	17.82
July	17.54	17.92
October	15.87	16.36

TORNADO SWEEP ARK. LEAVING DEATH IN TRAIL

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Reports tonight from virtually all of the towns and larger settlements in the area swept by yesterday's tornado in South Central Arkansas place the number of killed at 12 and the injured at 50. No accurate estimate of the property damage was available tonight, although some reports indicated that the loss might reach \$3,000,000.

Six of those killed were white persons. Frank and James Bridges, students at Ouachita College, who were spending the Christmas holidays with relatives, were crushed to death when their home at Double Wells was demolished; Albert L. Schwartz, a farmer, was killed near England and three children, Choice and Allie Padgett and Frances Snow, were killed near Carlisle.

GOYTHAM PREPARES FOR BIG SUNDAY DRIVE IN APRIL

Billy, the Great, Will Descend Upon Wicked and Worldly American Metropolis With All Force of Remarkable Organization

(By GEORGE MARTIN, United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Dec. 28.—Powerful forces, both sinister and benign, are being up here today for the case of Billy Sunday vs. Broadway, Wall Street, Bohemia, et al, which goes to trial April 1.

What sort of reception Sunday and his old-time shouting Methodist camp meeting style will get in the world's largest, richest, whitest, most material city, is the subject of much speculation among the residents. It will be a battle royal, and preparations are being made accordingly. Broadway, as Broadway, seems to have paid little heed to Sunday's plans. But scratch the surface and you find that what Cyclone Davis calls The Doss of Boozie and Boodie are not asleep.

The hellbent Billy, though busy with Boston, is watching carefully every move in his preliminary campaign here. Already a small army of fanatics are organizing the big town.

"Billy Sunday, Incorporated," with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as one of the principal stockholders, is officially in existence in New York City. Plans for the erection of the mammoth tabernacle, the great pine and gravel temple for the spiritually unweaned, are well under way.

Committees and women have divided the city into sections and the population into classes for organization on a house to house and man to man basis.

No one has been neglected. Bible meetings and song services will be held daily on the New York Central and the portals of the New York Stock Exchange. Wall Street will be used for the spiritually unweaned. That work is even now under way.

Unconsciously, Sunday faces the prospect of a lifetime in New York. Wall Street, whose hall mark is "the shaking of a Lamb; Bohemia, with its loose leaf letter, weddings, and tender souls and sun god cults.

The slums, steered by spangler and Jewfish from which uptown respectability detests pure gold.

LAWSON SAYS LEAK MADE OVER SIXTY MILLION WALL ST.

Predicts Lack of Quorum Both Houses When Investigation Is Called—Will Last for Weeks, It Is Thought

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall Street by those having advance information on Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received today from Thomas Lawson by Representative Wood.

The message said if it is actually believed in Washington that there would be a real investigation to last for weeks into the alleged leak, there would not be a quorum in either the House or Senate Monday. There would be a shifting of bank accounts similar to those in sugar investigation days.

COLLEGE MEN'S ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUE MEETS

(By the United Press)
Lexington, Ky., Dec. 27.—Special trains from St. Louis and Chicago and special cars from all parts of the country will start for this place tonight with several thousand members of the Students' National Intercollegiate Prohibition Association's national convention here tomorrow.

W. J. Bryan is to be the big feature of the meeting; and it is planned to give the Commoner the organization's assurance that has its complete support in his national prohibition fight. Mr. Bryan is expected to outline some of his plans for national prohibition. The convention will end December 31.

BULLETINS

SUICIDES BECAUSE OF HUNGER.

London, Dec. 28.—There are daily food demonstrations in the chief cities of Austria-Hungary, where great misery is felt and hundreds of suicides occurred during December, it is reported by Exchange Telegraph dispatches from Geneva.

CLYDE LINER IS SAFE.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The coast guard received word that the lost Clyde steamer Ozama was safe in Block Island harbor.

INVESTIGATION OF REVIEW OF WILSON ADMINISTRATION --- AND ALSO PREVIEW

Kentuckians and Mexican Snipers Still Gunning for Each Other—Three Hundred Shots Fired Thursday—Reports Conflict

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Dec. 28.—Because of conflicting reports of affairs, an investigation is under way looking into the outpost skirmish early today between Mexican and American snipers and a patrol of the 3rd Ky. Guard, in which more than 300 shots were fired across the Rio Grande by guardsmen after a fusillade of shots came from the Mexican side. The entire city was aroused by heavy firing. Regular army officers in the vicinity declare they heard no shots from the Mexican side, while other officers of the guard on patrol duty state that scattered firing continued for several minutes from the other bank.

GREENSBORO PLANS FOR PALATIAL HOTEL SOON

Big Stock Company Organized and Papers Forwarded to Raleigh for Incorporation—Will Probably Cost \$220,000 and Be Completed 1917

Greensboro is planning to put the finishing touches on her plans for a big hotel. The agitation has been on for some time, and a big stock company has been organized to build a palatial affair to cost about three hundred thousand dollars. The Greensboro News of Thursday morning makes the following statement:

By Christmas, 1917, Greensboro will have her new hotel. This was assured yesterday when the second day's work of the hotel committee resulted in complete success. The \$75,000 capital stock which had to be placed with business men and others here was subscribed for and the committee losing not a day, has forwarded proper papers to Raleigh to the Secretary of State for the immediate incorporation of the Greensboro Hotel Company. This means that in a year's time—possibly a month or two more or less—this city will have a \$220,000 hotel which will probably surpass in beauty and convenience any hotel between Washington and Atlanta.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

Immediately afterward the President went before Congress and forced the passage of an eight-hour law, averting the strike.

Then came the election. The President himself tells an interesting story of the occasion when the returns gave the result first to Hughes and then to Wilson.

During Tuesday evening he was with Mrs. Wilson and his daughter, Margaret, in the library of the mansion hearing the returns. They were a dubious lot of returns, and after all the New York papers had awarded the victory to Hughes there seemed little hope for him in the outlook.

"I retired about 12:30," the President says, telling of his feelings, "and at that time the situation could not be termed encouraging. I was shaving the next morning when my daughter, Margaret, who has risen early in order to catch a train for New York, came up and informed me I was elected.

2 COUNTY SCHOOLS HAD TO CLOSE UP ON ACCOUNT SICKNESS

Attendance at Others Cut to 50 Per Cent. Because of Prevalence of the Measles and Mumps—No Health Officer

The need for a whole-time health officer in the county is made more apparent by the fact that two of the county schools were forced to close prior to the holidays on account of the prevalence of measles and the mumps. The Hugo and Sand Hill schools, the latter one of the largest in the county, employing three teachers, suffered from the epidemic of the disease to that extent.

Not only were these two schools closed, but teachers' reports in the office of Supt. Kinsey for the month of December show a considerable falling off in attendance at most of the schools. This decrease, attributable to sickness, ran as high as fifty per cent. in some of the schools the week just before Christmas.

About a year ago the County Board of Education undertook to adopt a suggestion of the health department to have medical inspection in the schools, but the county commissioners could not see their way clear to make a small appropriation for the work, and nothing was accomplished in that direction.

SPORTS WINNERS OF 1916

- Professional Baseball.—World's Champions—Boston Americans.
- National League Champions—Brooklyn.
- American League Champions—Boston.
- National League Champion Bateman—Hal Chase, Cincinnati.
- American League Champion Bateman—Tris Speaker, Cleveland.
- National League Champion Pitcher—Grover C. Alexander, Philadelphia.
- American League Champion Pitcher—Babe Ruth, Boston.
- Football.—Leading Eastern Team—Pittsburg. Big Nine Conference Champion—Ohio State University. Leading Pacific Coast Team—University of Washington. Leading Middle Western Team—Leading Southern Team—Georgia Tech. and Tennessee.
- Golf.—National Amateur Champion—Chas. Evans, Jr., Chicago. National Open Champion—Chas. Evans, Jr., Chicago. Professional Champion—James M. Barnes, Whitmarsh Valley Country Club, Pa.
- Tennis.—National Singles Champion—Norris Williams II, Philadelphia. National Doubles Champions—Wm. M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, San Francisco. National Mixed Doubles Champions—Willis E. Davis, Cal., and Miss Eleanor Sears, Boston. National Women's Singles Champion—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, Norway. National Women's Doubles Champions—Miss Molla Bjurstedt, Norway, and Miss Eleanor Sears, Boston.
- Turf.—Biggest Money Winner—Campfire, owned by August Belmont during the season, and sold at the close. Light Harness Horses.—Trotting Champion—Lee Arworthy, 1:58 1/4, world's record. Pacing Champion—Napoleon Direct, 1:59 1/4.
- Automobiles.—National Champion—Dario Resta. Trap Shooting.—Grand American Handicap—John F. Wolf, Milwaukee. World's Professional Champion—Philip Miller, Dallas, Texas.