

POSSIBLE BREAK IS COST MANUFACTURE STRONG CLUB MAKE NEWSPRINT PAPER GERMANY COME LAW WAS NOT INCREASED

Support Other Neutrals Encourages President Keep Good Work Going—Spain May Not Lead Endorsement to Note

By R. J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 30.—The idea of a break with Germany over the submarine warfare will, according to administration's views, constitute a strong club in making her present a better working basis for peace than she has yet given.

The thought that a break must come if the peace maneuvers fail, is spurring President Wilson on, according to a cabinet official, while the endorsement of his peace views by the neutrals is making him doubly anxious to keep up the peace work. The action of Spain in vigorously protesting to Germany against the submarine activities is regarded as inspired by the knowledge of this government's purpose should all hope of peace evaporate.

Spain Will Not Support U. S.

London, Dec. 30.—According to Central News dispatches from Madrid, Spain has notified the United States government that she cannot support President Wilson's note.

State Department Hasn't Heard From Spain

Washington, Dec. 30.—The State Department claimed not to know the intentions of Spain in regard to President's notes to the belligerents.

SOUTH AMERICANS WAITING FOR U. S. SEEK ASSISTANCE

Some Objection to Unanimous Action But Probability of Removal Good If Co-operation Peace Matters Sought

By CHAS. P. STEWART
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Buenos Aires, Dec. 30.—If the United States makes the request, the South American nations would probably join in the peace notes to the belligerents. Just at present there is some objection to unanimous action, but there is good authority for the declaration that these objections would be swept aside if the United States should formally request co-operation.

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Federal Trade Commission States That Such Reason Cannot Be Assigned for Increased Price in 1916—Bigger Profits

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30.—As the cost of manufacturing newsprint paper did not increase this year over last, it cannot therefore be advanced as a factor in the rise of prices, according to the report of the Federal Trade Commission. The figures cover eighty per cent of the supply. The net profits of fifteen companies increased this year from 5.92 to 9.34 per cent. Reduced selling costs are partly explanatory for this.

New York, Dec. 30.—That the news print paper shortage has hit the magazines is evidenced because nearly a dozen have announced a subscription rate increase of about one-third.

CASWELL BANK AND TRUST COMPY WAS CHARTERED SAT'DAY

(By W. J. MARTIN)

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—The Caswell Bank and Trust Company of Kinston was today chartered with \$50,000 capital authorized, and \$25,000 subscribed as a commercial and savings bank. The incorporators are: W. D. LaRoque, C. R. Dodson, F. C. Dunn, H. C. Hines, W. D. Hood, F. I. Sutton and others.

SAN DIEGO FAIR, LONGEST EVER HELD, CLOSES TOMORROW NIGHT

(By the United Press)

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—When the lights dim out on the Panama International Exposition here tomorrow at midnight California will have established two duration records for World's Fairs.

The city is thronged with visitors from all parts of the country today to attend the closing of the exposition.

The San Diego exposition has been running exactly two years. The Exposition at San Francisco in 1915 lasted nine and a half months or longer than any previous exposition in this country. San Francisco closed its fair with a balance of \$1,000,000 after all bills had been paid. At the close of the first year, after having expended \$10,000,000 the city of San Diego was \$40,000 to the good on the fair investment.

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BRADSTRT'S SAYS YEAR JUST CLOSING WAS RECORD MAKER

More Prosperous for All Lines Than Any Preceding—Urges Conservation In Future as Greatest Need Now

Richmond, Va., Dec. 29.—Bradstreet's will say for Richmond and vicinity:

"Trading this week is at its usual dull period following the activities of the holiday season, and practically all merchants are taking their annual inventories. The year just closing has without doubt, taking all lines into consideration, been the most prosperous in the business history of this community, which has showed well in the general prosperity of the whole country. Not only merchants and manufacturers, who buy and sell goods have shared in this prosperity, but banks, public service companies and agriculturalists have shared equally in this good fortune. Bank clearings have broken all records and the earnings of these financial institutions have been large. Manufacturing institutions have been constantly busy and labor well employed, much of it at advanced wages, and this vicinity has been almost entirely free from strikes and industrial disquiet. Farmers have received the highest prices for their products paid in any recent period, enabling them to liquidate much indebtedness and to produce many comforts to which they have been unaccustomed. The high prices which have prevailed apparently diminished the consumption of but few commodities and in many cases the volume of trade has been measured only by the ability of factories to produce. However, in these high prices is believed to lie the greatest danger of trading in the near future and conservatism should be the watchword. There has been slightly fewer failures in this district this year than last, and also fewer new mercantile ventures than last year. Railroads serving this territory have shown the best earnings in their history. Retail trade has been in excess of normal and collections have been usually good during the entire year.

YOUTHFUL SUCCESSOR TO FRANZ JOSEF CROWNED

Coronation Ceremonies Attended With Great Pomp and Royal Regalia Overshadowing War's Sorrows—Solemn Religious Service

(By the United Press)
Budapest, Dec. 30.—The pomp, ceremony and regalia of royalty almost overshadowed the sorrows of war here the day of the coronation of King Karl as Emperor of Hungary. The youthful successor to Franz Joseph will be formally invested with the crown at 9 o'clock tonight in the church of St. Matthew, following a solemn religious ceremony.

TWELVE AVIATORS FLYING FROM N. YORK TO PHILA.

New York, Dec. 30.—Twelve aviators, ten of whom are attached to the American army, are winging their way on a hundred and fifty mile flight to Philadelphia. The first left Hempstead at 9:58 a. m., and the others followed trailing in a long line.

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RESUME OF NEWS OF WORLD FOR 1916 GIVEN FIRST IN THE FREE PRESS—HOW THE NEWS IS GATHERED

From the war fronts in Europe; through foreign cabinet crises; in covering our own country's unprecedented election; from South America, Australia, and every nook and corner of the United States and Canada. The Free Press has shown its superiority during the last year through The United Press, its telegraphic news service.

Standing out as the biggest foreign news beat of the year—in fact, one of the biggest journalistic accomplishments of a decade—is the interview with David Lloyd-George, now the British Premier, published by The Free Press on September 28. In this interview the then British War Minister told the world through the United Press the attitude of the Allies toward the war. The interview has been quoted time after time in the peace discussion that has recently arisen. It virtually has become a State document to which the entire world refers.

(BY THE UNITED PRESS)

Never Claimed Hughes' Election.

From this high mark of the year in news achievement, on through the various crises in this country, and in handling endless "big" domestic stories, through the United Press The Free Press has been able to publish the news first.

On the night of November 7 when all other news agencies, and newspapers throughout the country, announced the election of Charles E. Hughes, The United Press stood solidly on the returns it was gathering through its bureaus and correspondents. Those returns did not show Hughes elected. The United Press was not stampeded. It was delivering reports from State after State far ahead of the opposition service. It was passing through one of the most severe tests of speed, accuracy and efficiency that had ever arisen, and it made good. When the turn came, The United Press was far ahead on developments in California, which finally clinched the reelection of President Wilson.

From the nominating conventions in Chicago, through the campaign with staff correspondents covering the tour and speeches of the candidates, and on to the final count in California, The Free Press led the way with United Press reports.

First South American News Service.

The beginning of 1917 finds The Free Press better fitted than ever before to give its readers the news of the entire world first. In August, 1916, The United Press established the first comprehensive South American news service and closed a long term contract with La Nacion, the leading newspaper of Argentina.

The year saw many other important foreign developments of The United Press, including the signing of important contracts with leading Paris papers; the establishment of a connection with the Australian Press Association and extensions in England, Germany and Russia.

William Philip Simms, manager of the Paris Bureau, was permanently credited to the British front. Simms is the first American correspondent at the British front representing one neutral news agency exclusively.

Henry Wood is now with the French armies. He is credited to remain at the front permanently, and was an eye witness of the recent victory at Verdun.

Carl W. Ackerman was with the German army when the Teutonic forces made their victorious sweep through Roumania which culminated in the capture of Bucharest.

W. S. Forrest has on different occasions visited the British front. He sent personal eye-witness stories from Ireland during the revolt there.

From the Balkans, from Italy, Germany, Russia and France have come United Press stories—FIRST, Partial List of Scoops.

Here is a partial list of United Press scoops, beats and accomplishments published by The Free Press during the epoch news year just closed:

Jan. 1.—Ahead on sinking of liner Persia.

Jan. 14.—Exclusive statement from Chancellor Bethmann-Holweg on Kaiser's condition when latter was ill and rumors his condition serious were being circulated.

Jan. 31.—Exclusive Ackerman interview with Admiral von Holtzendorf, chief of German admiralty staff.

First public statement he ever made and declared it was impossible for Fletcher.

Feb. 1.—Big clean-up on arrival of the British steamer Anpan at Norfolk, Va., in charge of a German prize crew.

Feb. 5.—Exclusive story from Rome, telling of Roumania preparing to join Allies. Other services followed 12 to 48 hours later.

Feb. 19.—Clean scoop from Washington on Lansing's threat demand Bernstorff's recall unless German propaganda alleging United States changed position in Lusitania case ceased.

March 6.—Three-hour beat out of Washington that Newton D. Baker to be appointed Secretary of War. Followed up with exclusive interview from Baker stating his views.

March 10.—Eleven minutes ahead on first announcement American troops to enter Mexico.

March 15.—Exclusive interview with General Funston predicting long, hard campaign to catch Villa.

March 31.—Clean beat on first report of first fight between Villistas and American forces in Mexico.

April 27.—Exclusive story from Ackerman submarine crisis passed and that Germany would limit her operations pending a satisfactory settlement.

May 27.—Exclusive copyrighted interview from Simms with former Premier Kokovostoff, on story U. S. have difficulty negotiating new commercial treaty with Russia.

May 29.—Exclusive Simms' interview with Michail Rodzianko, president Russian Duma, saying Russia would not agree to peace until Germany stacked cannon and accepted Allies' terms.

May 31.—Exclusive Ackerman interview with Count Tisza, Hungarian Premier, saying peace impossible until Allies changed their views. Boat opposition, on Asquith's statement there little chance for peace.

June 7, 8, 9, 10.—Ahead on all developments Republican convention. Clean beat on outline of platform. Ahead on bulletin Roosevelt would decline.

June 12.—Complete scoop on most striking feature Democratic convention—the plan to kidnap the Progressive party.

June 13.—Beat on Chairman McCombs' telegram to Bainbridge Colby, who nominated Roosevelt inviting Progressives to join Democratic party. Ahead on forecast Democratic platform.

June 19.—Exclusive story announcing Roosevelt would endorse Hughes following Progressive National Committee meeting, June 26th.

June 23.—Exclusive Simms' interview with Foreign Minister Sazanoff of Russia on peace.

July 10.—Ahead throughout on Monday's story arrival Deutschland on first trip. Submarine arrived on Sunday. A "first time in history" on which we led all angles.

August 12.—Big beat on announcement mediation board that mediation failed in railway strike.

August 29.—Ahead on President to and on actual speech. Ahead all the address Congress on railroad strike, way through on developments in the railroad crisis, including beat on Congressional leaders informing the President that Adams bill would be passed by nightfall (September 2) averting strike.

Sept. 25.—Scoop on the first report

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WILSON CONSIDERS POLICE RAID BOAT A NEW POLICY FOR AND GET FIVE MEN MEXICO, REPORTED 15 GALLONS BOOZE

Will Recall Pershing's Expedition, Send Representative to Mexico City and Possibly Favor Financial Assistance for Carranza

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30.—A new Mexican policy is being considered by the President, according to authoritative sources, which includes the withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's troops, and reopening of negotiations to settle the border patrol, and protection of Americans matters. Possible financial assistance will be given. Fletcher will be sent to Mexico City and Carranza's representative at Washington recognized.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

GERMANS REPULSE ATTACK.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Germans yesterday repulsed several attacks against their positions on Dead Man's Hill, it is officially stated.

JITNEY ADDED TO MOVIE ADMITTANCE

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—Minnesota Monday will suffer the sting of the bitterest blow of the high cost of living. The price of all movie admittances advanced five cents. Enraged movie fans threaten to boycott the movies, and force down the price as was done in Denver.

RAILROAD MEN COMBND PROHIBITION IN VIRGINIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—A contract for 100 heavy freight locomotives from the Paris, Lyons and Mediterranean Railroad Company of France was closed today by the Baldwin Locomotive works of this city. The order, according to the announcement, amounts to about \$4,000,000 and is supplementary to the contract for 40 locomotives placed by the same railroad several weeks ago.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS INVOKED AGAINST AUTO HORN MAKER

Department of Justice Files Suit to Restrain Klaxon Makers From Prohibiting Dealers Sell Other Makes. Investigation at Newark

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 30.—The Department of Justice today filed a suit at Newark, under the anti-trust laws against the Lovell McConium Manufacturing Co., manufacturer of Klaxon auto horns. The case is aimed at restrictive contracts which seek to prevent dealers who sell Klaxon horns from also selling other makes.

CHAIRMAN HENRY DARES THOMAS LAWSON TO COME

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Washington, Dec. 30.—"I dare you to come here" was virtually what Chairman Henry of the House Rules Committee wired Thomas W. Lawson in the latest development of charges. In a letter to Representative the Wood-Lawson peace note book stated he did not mean it was a dare.

Three Bailey Boys and Ed. Sumrell Under Bond as Well as Fred. Fisher. Negro Drayman—Trial Will Be Held Monday

E. R. Bailey, Ed. Sumrell, Emmet Bailey and George Bailey, young white men of this city, and Fred Fisher, a negro drayman, are under bond to appear before the Recorder Monday morning to answer to the charge of violating the prohibition laws. The police have about fifteen gallons of whisky in pint flasks, confiscated when a boat owned by the Bailey boys and tied near the Caswell street bridge, was raided Friday afternoon by Chief Skinner and Patrolman Thornton.

The suspicions of the police were aroused when large quantities of barrelled goods were being carried over the river from the freight depot. Procuring a search warrant, the officers made the raid and found three cases, containing two dozen pints each, in the boat of the Baileys. The four young men above named were in the boat and were placed under arrest. Two other cases were found in the vicinity, making the total about fifteen gallons. The cases had been falsely labelled by the shippers, it is said.

This is one of the biggest hauls the local police have made and the young men involved were not before suspected of violating the law.

JUDGE W. A. DEVIN HEARD IMPORTANT CASES HERE

Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford sat in chambers in Kinston Friday and heard several more or less interesting cases.

The Duplin fence case, whereby certain citizens are endeavoring to have the Duplin commissioners provide funds for building a county fence was dismissed because of a technical error in drawing the papers. They were not made returnable before Judge Devin but before the next term of court in Duplin. Attorneys L. A. Beasley and Rivers Johnson represented the commissioners and Duffy and Day the petitioners.

The case of the State Hospital versus W. F. Howard, guardian, was decided in the plaintiff's favor. The Hospital through its attorneys, Messrs. Reynold Allen and Harry Lewis sought to have the guardian pay the expenses of his ward, who is a patient in the institution. Judge Devin instructed the guardian to pay to the State Hospital \$720 now due and to arrange to pay \$20 a month for the board in future. Mr. Howard was represented by Mr. G. V. Cowper and Mr. John Dawson looked after the interests of the heirs, who sought to prevent the sale of any of the lands. Judge Devin authorized the conversion of certain negotiable papers to care for the obligation but sustained the heirs' contention.

Judge Devin denied the application of the Canfield Lumber Company for the setting aside of a verdict for \$4,250 given Mr. Odom for injury to a foot, and signed the verdict. Messrs. C. L. Abernethy and Frank Thompson counsel for the defendant, appealed. Mr. Odom was represented by Messrs. Duffy and Day of Onslow and Mr. G. V. Cowper of Kinston.

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