WEATHER: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Conti[illegible] low temperature. Moderate north and northwest winds.

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GERMAN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION FOR SCAPA FLOW

Allied And German Shipping Experts Get Together On Best Means To Settle Question

MAY NOW SIGN PEACE PROTOCOL

Paris, Dec. 16.—A new German delegation arrived in Paris this morning to discuss the compensation for the sinking of the German warships in Scapa Flow.

Paris, Dec. 1 .—The German note replying to the allied communication demanding the signing of the peace protocol was [illegible] by the Supreme Council today and it was decided that a [illegible] of allied experts with [illegible] shipping experts be held [illegible] to discuss the [illegible]

[illegible], Dec. 16.—The German [illegible]'s idea regarding compensation in sinking the Scapa Flow fleet is to offer such tonnage material as can be spared without stultify and without disturbing Germany's economic life, according to the Morgan Post.

The remainder of the amount of tonnage decided upon as compensation would be delivered in the aftermath from new construction [illegible] a fortune shipbuilding [illegible] berths.

GERMANS REFUSE STATE OF NEUTRALITY

[illegible], Dec. 16. The Belgian government will make immediate [illegible] with the independent [illegible] Baden from the states [illegible] may be made of the subject [illegible]

ALLIES CAN FEED GERMANS

START FOOD RELIEF

[illegible] Instant arrival [illegible] of Narvik will [illegible] the supreme Council [illegible] be had [illegible] of passage of his [illegible] by Dr. Renner, Austrian Chancellor.

It was decided that the first [illegible] relieving the Austrian [illegible] shortage was a shipment from [illegible] of 30,000 tons of food which will be dispatched into Austria territory without waiting for the usual red tape [illegible]

EX-CHAMPION WILLARD UNDER GRAVE CHARGE OF PROFITEERING

Sells Green Standing Timber At Excessive Price

MAY BE ARRESTED

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—A warrant charging Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion of the world with profiteering has been issued by Fred Robertson, United States district attorney for Kansas. Willard is charged with charging excessive prices for green wood standing on his farm near Lawrence, Kan. He will be arrested, according to authorities.

Willard bought a big farm four miles from here with the profits from getting licked by Jack Dempsey. On this farm there is a large acreage of timber and Willard means it cleared so that the land will be put into cultivation. When the food shortage arose Willard came here and offered his wood to the city. It was thought that all the city had to do was to go get it and haul it. As it went out for volunteer workmen. Later it developed that Willard wanted $8.50 a load for the stump.

COTTON MEETING HAVE GOOD SPEAKERS

[illegible], Dec. 16—The session [illegible] the North [illegible] Association [illegible] Augusta, of Spartanburg, [illegible] and Colonel Harvie Jordan, of Georgia.

Those who get out this morning [illegible] a new insight into the [illegible] problem and prospects [illegible] the south. They will learn [illegible] the time has come when the southern farmer must [illegible] side with his business friends and bankers, and throw off the shackles which have bound him hand and foot for half a century.

Some men go up and some go down. But others, you know, just laze around. We have been [illegible]

PLUNGER CANFIELD TO BREAK MONTE CARLO

Nephew Of Nevada "Faro King" To Make Splurge

WIRES HE'S COMING

Paris, Dec. 16.—A $1,000,000 attempt to break the Bank of Monte Carlo, as a result of a bet at Tiajuana this year, was signalled by the arrival here of Edward ("Tiny") Canfield, of San Francisco, who says he is the nephew of the Nevada "Faro King."

Adorned with $20,000 worth of diamonds, bringing his own magnificent limousine with him and reserving the royal suite at Monte Carlo, Canfield has just telegraphed to the Casino there: "Get all the coin you've got. I'm coming to bust you."

The telegram has thrown the Casino authorities into considerable consternation, as it is admitted that almost any one backed by a million dollars stands a good chance of breaking the bank. Questioned, Canfield said:

"I busted Tiajuana wide open this year, and I bet Hauser I'd do the same at Monte Carlo. Hauser bet me $1,000 I couldn't do it. I've just cabled him to come and watch me win. From what I've seen of European gamblers, they've short horns. I'm going to [illegible] Alaska and California methods by which, I am confident, I'll clean up—and clean no [illegible]."

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Geneva, Dec. 16. Reports of the outbreak of Bubonic Plague in Constantinople were confirmed in advices received today by the International Red Cross headquarters here.

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FRENCH AND BRITISH FORM ARMY OF OCCUPATION

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COAL COMMITTEE RECOMMEN NATIONALTODAY

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$100,000,000 FOR ARMY HOSPITAL

Washington, Dec. 16. Asking Congress for $55,000,000 to build and equip hospitals to care for war risk insurance patients, Surgeon-General Blue, of the Public Health Service, today reported $42,000 beds would be needed by July 1, 1921.

No sites for location of the hospitals were proposed, the Surgeon-General urging selections await appropriation of building funds.

MORE STRINGENT LAWS TO GOVERN IMMIGRANTS

Efforts To Be Made To Stop Reds Landing Here

PROTECT BORDER

New York, Dec. 16.—Some of the defects of Ellis Island and seven recommendations which the congressional committee will make to the House for a "tightening up" of immigration regulations throughout the United States, particularly as they apply to anarchists, bolshevists and other ultra radicals, were indicated here today by officials of the United States Immigration Station and by Representative Isaac Siegel, a member of the committee which has been investigating this port of entry.

These recommendations, according to Mr. Siegel, will include (1) Naturalization Courts in large cities; (2) a method of requiring all young Americans to take the oath of allegiance upon reaching 21 years; (3) [illegible] of the office of Commissioner General of Immigration, (4) appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor to supervise all immigration affairs; (5) mandatory legislation providing for most rigid inspection at Ellis Island where 80 per cent of incoming aliens arrive; (6) a solider understanding [illegible] the Canadian and Mexican borders; (7) more drastic penalty for ship owners who permit alien members of crews [illegible]

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1,000 BRITISH TROOPS WIPED OUT IN PERSIA

London, Dec. 16. Thirteen hundred British troops in Persia have been wiped out by hostile forces, according to a Moscow wireless received here today.

ALLEGED LEAK IN SUPREME COURT USED FOR STOCK SPECULATIONS

Minor Officials Of Department Of Justice And Attache Of Supreme Court Charged

CAPT. BURKE SAYS NO PROOF YET

Washington, Dec. 16—Department of Justice officials today continued their [illegible]ation of the [illegible] leaks in Supreme Court decisions which are being used as tips for stock speculation.

Minor officials of the department and an attache of the supreme Court are implicated in the charges, but Captain Burke, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, declared that so far no basis for the charges had been discovered.

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BULGARIAN PRINCE CANDIDATE FOR JOB AS HUNGARY'S KING

Cyril Of Coburg Knows Hungary Prefers Monarchy

FERDINAND'S 2ND SON

Amsterdam, Dec. 16.—Prince Cyril of Coburg, second son of ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, is mentioned in Budapest newspapers just received here as a candidate for the throne of Hungary, where a big movement for the restoration of the Kingdom is afoot. Rumor has it that Prince Cyril is about to be engaged to a Royal Princess.

[illegible], leading [illegible] says the Allied peace [illegible] with Hungary will include [illegible] of the Tyrol [illegible]

STIMULATE EXPORTS BY EXTENDING CREDIT

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Senate today adopted the conference report on the Edge Bill, authorizing corporations to expend credit to Europe to stimulate the export trade.

It [illegible] now goes to the President for his signature.

MANY COMMIT CRIME TO GET SHELTER

[illegible] TO STATE HELP

ONE IRISH AREA IS A CHURCHYARD

[illegible] Dec. 16. The sitting [illegible] opened [illegible] Mitchelstown [illegible] they are [illegible] graveyards. [illegible] is a graveyard [illegible] Clare is [illegible] that the police found it a [illegible] when [illegible] all in good [illegible] the only suspect himself killed [illegible] either of the [illegible] amounts to from $1,200 to $1,500 a year he earned five [illegible] scholarships [illegible] The very narrow [illegible] by which the poor man might pass into the old universities has broken down. It is all good that an education at Oxford or Cambridge can become again the exclusive privilege of the well to do.

COTTON MARKET

December	28.00
January	28.58
March	29.03
May	29.07
July	[illegible]

COTTON SEED MARKET

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