

ENGLAND'S ANSWER TO GERMANY UNDELIVERED

Reply Will Probably Not Be Sent Until Tomorrow—Care Taken for Accurate Copy

NO INTENTION TO DELAY REPLY, IT IS STATED

Peace Situation Outwardly Remains Unchanged; Await Answer to President Wilson's Note

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The reply of the entente allies to Germany's peace proposal has not been forwarded and indications point that it will not be sent until tomorrow.

The peace situation outwardly remained unchanged with the probability that the United States will not make another peace move at least until a reply from the entente is received.

TRAPPED BY FIRE, 45 BURN TO DEATH

Sisters of Charities Save 135 Inmates of St. Serdinand, in Quebec

Quebec, Jan. 1.—Sisters of Charity were without outside aid today when they rescued over 100 women from St. Serdinand. Fire destroyed the building burning forty-five of the inmates.

RICARD CELEBRATES FORTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY

New York, Jan. 1.—"Tex" Rickard, who appears to have clinched his title as the king pin of sporting promoters by corraling Les Darcy immediately the crack Australian fighter landed on these shores, received the congratulations of his friends today on the occasion of his 45th birthday anniversary.

PACKING OPENED BY MINNESOTA FARMERS

Fairbault, Minn., Jan. 1.—A project long cherished by the farmers of southern Minnesota became an accomplished fact today, when the plant of the Fairbault Packing and Provision Company was opened for business.

R. I. INAUGURAL AFTER ORGANIZATION

Providence, R. I., Jan. 1.—R. Livingston Beekman, who was re-elected governor of Rhode Island last November, and the others chosen to the several State offices at the time, were inaugurated today with the usual ceremonies.

64 LYNCHINGS IN U. S. IN 1916; 4 WERE WHITE MEN

Sixty-Seven Persons Were Strung-Up in 1915; Many Charges Besides Assaults

THREE NEGRO WOMEN LYNCHED LAST YEAR

Georgia Leads in "Neck-tie" Parties, With Fourteen Persons As Mob Victims.

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.—Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during 1916, according to records compiled at Tuskegee Institute.

In a statement presenting the following statistics, Robert R. Moton, president of the institute, said: "Fourteen, or one-fourth per cent of the number of persons lynched during the past year, occurred in Georgia.

"The charges for which negroes were put to death are as follows: "Attempted assault, 9; killing officers of the law, 10; murder, 7; hog stealing and assisting to escape, 6; wounding officers of the law, 3, and rape, 2. For each of the following charges one person was put to death: "Slapping boy, robbing store, brushing against a girl on street, assisting son who was charged with assault to escape, entering house, defending son who in the defense of his mother killed a man, speaking against a mob lynching a man, and attacking."

"Lynchings occurred in the following states: "Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 4; Florida, 8; Georgia, 14; Kansas, 1; Kentucky, 2; Mississippi, 3; North Carolina, 2; Oklahoma, 4; South Carolina, 2; Texas, 9; and Tennessee, 3."

BEAN IN HIS WIND-PIPE CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH

Reidsville, Jan. 1.—A small bean lodged in his windpipe yesterday caused the death of the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bracken Tate, near Ashland, Caswell county. He choked to death before relief could be secured.

DECEMBER 1916 IS STORMIEST OF YEAR

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—December, 1916, was set down as the stormiest month since March, 1913, when the Ohio valley was flooded, today by weather bureau officials here. Six severe storms swept in rapid succession from the northwest to the South in December, according to the records.

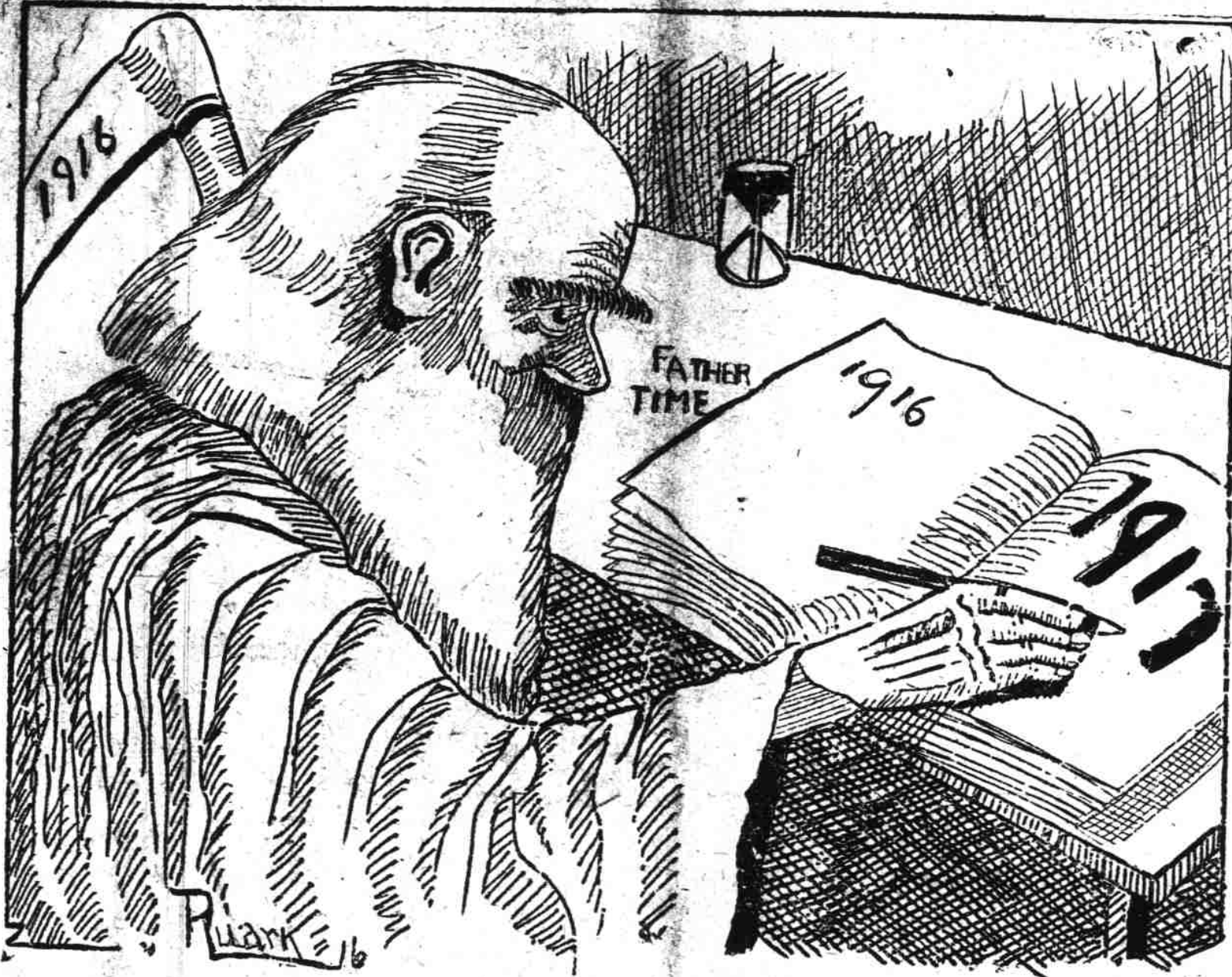
WISCONSIN GOVERNOR AGAIN INAUGURATED

Madison, Wis., Jan. 1.—Emanuel L. Philipp took the oath of office as Governor of Wisconsin for the second time at noon today. With him the newly-elected State officers assumed official authority. The oaths were administered by Chief Justice Winslow in the profusely decorated assembly chamber of the capitol before a big crowd of State officials, members of the Legislature and delegations of citizens from all parts of the State.

BIG ST. LOUIS BREWERY CLOSE DOORS TODAY

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 1.—The Excelsior Brewery, one of the oldest establishments of its kind in St. Louis, closes down permanently today on account of the progress of prohibition. According to official announcement, the brewery has made little money during the past two years and the owners finally decided to close down because prohibition "is inevitable and will come in six or eight years."

THE NEW YEAR



The Moving Finger writes, and, having writ, Shall lure it back to cancel-half a Line, Nor all they tears wash out a Word of it. —OMAR.

THIS IS "BARGAIN TIME" IN THE DISPATCH CONTEST

Automobiles and Other Prizes Will Be Won By Candidates Work Done This Week and Who Appreciate Value Next

- THE PRIZES. \$685 Overland Automobile. Ford Automobile. Carolina Beach Lot. \$100 in Gold. \$75 Victrola. \$50 O. K. Mystic Range. \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet. \$25 Wrist Watch. Two \$60 Diamond Rings.

It will be but a short time now, until several women of Wilmington and vicinity will be experiencing many moments of even great delight and anticipating even greater delight. These happy women will be the winners in The Dispatch contest, which is rapidly drawing to a close.

January 29 is the date set for the close of the balloting which will determine the winners of the \$685 Overland automobile, the Ford automobile, the \$500 building lot, the \$100 in gold, the \$75 Victrola, the \$50 Mystic Range, the \$40 Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, the \$25 wrist watch, and the two \$60 diamond rings. The contest will close promptly at 9 o'clock, Monday night, January 29.

When your friends nominated you in The Dispatch contest, they didn't do it just for the pleasure of filling out the nomination blank. They did it because they knew what the opportunity meant. They selected you from among all their friends because they thought you had a little more ambition, a little more ability, a little more purpose in life, than anyone else they knew. They wanted to do something for you that you would appreciate.

Now, honestly, what are you going to do about it today, tomorrow and the next day? Are you going to show them that you mean business? After the contest is over, are you going to be able to say, "I made good?"

As the race now stands, the automobiles and the other prizes can be easily won, comparatively speaking, by anyone able to appreciate the amount of work that should be done to win such magnificent awards. There can be no let-up during the remaining days of the contest, and especially during the two weeks that remain of the second period. This is the crisis, and what is done during these two weeks will have much to do with your success in securing one of the big prizes. This is the "Bargain Period" of the contest, and you should take advantage of it to the fullest extent.

This second period offers opportunities that will not come again. In the first place, the candidate who turns in the largest amount of money for new subscriptions this week and

ALMOST 40,000 IN BRITISH ARMY DIE

Eight Hundred and Fifteen Officers and 36,360 Men Slain First Part of Dec.

London, Jan. 1.—A portion of the British casualty list made public today, from December 1 to the 23rd, gives 815 officers and 36,360 men killed. No lists were published during the holidays.

The effect of the session of the Somme offensive with the advent of unfavorable weather conditions, gives a daily average of 2,488 and in October, 2,452. The losses reported in December run up the total casualties.

GAVELS MADE FROM SCAFFOLD ARE USED

Columbus, O., Jan. 1.—Gavels made from a scaffold upon which 26 men had paid the death penalty were used by the presiding officers of the Ohio senate and house in calling those bodies to order today for the biennial session of lawmaking. The scaffold was the one used for many years for the executions at the Ohio penitentiary. When the electric chair was substituted for hanging as the method of inflicting the death penalty the old gallows was torn down and from a part of the wood the gavels were fashioned by some of the convicts in the prison.

CATTS TAKES OFFICE IN FLORIDA TODAY

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 2.—Rev. Sidney J. Catts, who was elected on an independent ticket after one of the most spirited campaigns in the history of the State, was formally installed in the office of chief executive of Florida today. The inauguration was attended by the pageantry and pomp which are usually made a part of the ceremonies on the occasion of the administration of the oath of office to the governor of the Commonwealth. The crowd was one of the largest ever seen on inauguration day.

next, who does not win either the Overland or Ford automobile, the building lot, the \$100, the Victrola, or the first diamond ring, will be awarded a \$60 diamond ring. In the second place, each \$15 worth of subscriptions turned in this week and next will give any candidate 140,000 extra votes. In the third place, one subscription for a year will give 15,000 extra votes, two for a year will give 30,000 extra votes, or three for a year will give 45,000 extra votes, if turned in by Wednesday night. In the fourth place, in the same subscriptions count toward both of the above-mentioned vote-offers, and if new, toward the diamond ring, of that country.

BRITISH SALVOS GREET GERMANS AS 1917 DAWNS

New Year's Arrival Welcomed On Western Front As Beginning of the End of War

LITTLE CEREMONIES IN MAJORITY OF SECTORS

Rockets Are Sent Up From Many Trenches—Artillery Booms As Old Year Ends

With The British Army at The Front, Jan. 1.—The arrival of 1917 was welcomed on the Western front as the beginning of the end of the war. There may be varying views and theories as how the end of the war will be brought about, but there is no question or conviction that the next twelve months will bring about a victorious ending of the war for the allies.

In most sectors the new year was ushered in with little ceremony. Rockets are sent up from the trenches on dark nights freely, therefore it is impossible to estimate how many of the rockets sent up last night were in honor of 1917. One section of trenches, however, of British artillery welcomed January 1 with salvos against their enemies from guns of all calibres. On this front one captain who had started down the line to give orders, said:

"We do not know whether the Germans recognized the salutes, but we will try them again tonight." In sending this greeting there was a further complication in the difference of the time, continental time being one hour ahead of the British and French time. To avoid a mistake, however, a salute was fired at both times.

WASHINGTON HOLDS FEW CELEBRATIONS

Clinging to Custom Originated By President Wilson, Little Official Gestures 1917

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—Celebration of New Year 'eve was without many official features in accordance with the usual program started with the advent of President Wilson in Washington. Secretary Lansing did not give his customary diplomatic breakfast.

Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, however, held receptions. Cablegrams from practically all the rulers of the world arrived during the day at the White House. They were sent from heads of belligerent nations, central and South America, as well as other powers.

President Wilson sent the King of Siam a message and another to the President of Haiti in celebration of the anniversary of the independence of that country.

TEUTONIC ALLIES TAKE 1,000 MEN IN DOBRUDJA

SUGGESTION MADE, BUT SECOND NOTE NOT FORWARDED

American Diplomats Instructed to Convey "An Idea. Gov't Knew of Act

U. S. ACTED SOLELY ON OWN INITIATIVE

Definite Statement Made Today That President Wilson Did Not Try to Act in Concert

Washington, Jan. 1.—It was made known by President Wilson here today that no second note to Germany was sent by the United States. American diplomats were instructed to convey a suggestion to the central powers, however.

No other government was asked to co-operate with the United States, it was also announced. The United States acted solely on its own initiative and no attempt was made to act in concert with any other nation, it is stated.

While the form of the instruction to the American diplomats was not disclosed it was learned that President Wilson considered the instruction immaterial. It is said to be possible that some American representative made it appear as if a second note was sent by the United States to Germany, by stating that co-operation of the neutral powers was asked.

This statement is based on the note received by the United States from Spain. Spain's suggestion for an entente of neutral nations to define the rights of neutrals was not commented on. The United States will continue to act by itself, in regard to the peace plan.

It was reiterated as well that the note sent Germany clearly points out that neutral rights are being encroached on too much.

SEAMAN KNOCKED OFF BOAT DROWNS

Swinging Boom Causes Death of Robert Hudson—His Body is Not Recovered

New Bern, Jan. 1.—Robert Hudson, a young seaman employed by Capt. A. L. Simpkins, of Adams Creek, was knocked from the boat by a shifting boom near Oriental Thursday night and drowned before assistance could be given him.

Hudson was steering the boat at the time of the accident and Capt. Simpkins, who was up on the bow, heard the boom swing over and also heard Hudson strike the water. He lowered a skiff and searched for the young man, but failed to find any trace of him, and it is supposed that the blow rendered him unconscious and he sank at once. Capt. Simpkins came to New Bern last evening and reported the affair to local authorities and asked that a search for the body be made. So far this has not been recovered.

A marriage of interest to friends of the contracting parties took place in New Bern Saturday when Miss Nina Todd, of Newport, became the bride of A. M. Dickinson, of Fremont, the ceremony being performed at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Euclid McWhorter.

NEW BERN FIRE CO. TO BANQUET ITS FRIENDS

New Bern, Jan. 1.—The New Bern steam fire engine company plans to entertain their members and friends at a banquet to be held on Monday night and the occasion bids fair to be one of the most auspicious ever held by that company.

These banquets are held annually by the "Button" company and in addition to always being largely attended they prove to be thoroughly enjoyable in every detail.

The Atlantic steam fire engine company plans to hold a similar banquet a few days later.

Austro-Germans Continued Heavy Attacks Yesterday on Moldavian Front

FRENCH DRIVE BACK ATTACKING GERMANS

Violent Russian and Rumanian Attacks Are Repulsed By Kaiser's Men

Berlin (Via Wireless to Sayville, Jan. 1)—On the Moldavian front yesterday the Austro-Germans continued heavy attacks, the war office announced today. Violent Russian and Rumanian attacks were repulsed.

In Dobrudja the Teutonic allies captured 1,000 men, four cannon and eight machine guns. "There is nothing to report on the Franco-Belgian and Macedonian fronts," says the report.

Paris, Jan. 1.—"In the Champagne region yesterday, after a violent bombardment the Germans made two attacks on our advance posts," says today's report from the war office. "These two attacks were repulsed. On the right bank of the Meuse the artillery was rather active during the night," adds the report.

CHURCH-WRECKERS TRAILED BY DOGS

Bloodhounds Cause Arrest of Three Men—Holy Rollers Church is Smashed

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 1.—"Scout," picked up at Laurel church by bloodhounds, put on the trail of men who wrecked this church, has led to the arrest of James and Henry Cardell and Jack Franklin, of Madison county. They are charged with church-wrecking.

The church was practically wrecked. It seems that some resentment followed the use of the church by a sect known as the Holy Rollers. The church was built by Presbyterians.

Some trouble over the use of the church by the Holy Rollers, with their peculiar form of worship, has previously been experienced.

S. C. CHILD LABOR LAW IN EFFECT

New Ruling Automatically Throws 2,400 Children Out of Textile Mills.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 1.—The new child labor law, prohibiting children under 14 years of age to work in textile mills in South Carolina, became effective today automatically throwing 2,400 children out of the mills, according to the figures.

Textile men have been preparing to meet the new law. They have been gradually curtailing labor, the decrease being 1,000 compared with August 1, 1915. Factory inspectors will enforce the law.

NEW YEAR BE RUNG IN NO PEACE IN-SIGHT.

London, Dec. 30.—The entente reply to the German note of Dec. 12, made public here last night, is hailed with satisfaction.

It is generally felt that the year 1916, which has brought about what is essentially a thoroughgoing change in the relative positions of the two sets of belligerents, is being rung out with a resolute note of determination to carry the war to a point where peace can be attained without the sacrifice of those objects of restitution, reparation and security as the chief spokesmen of the entente powers have outlined.

HICKORY MAY BUILD BIG TOURIST HOTEL

Hickory, N. C., Jan. 1.—Several choice pieces of property here are being considered as possible sites for a large country club and tourist hotel. Hickory business men are considering the matter. It is highly probable that plans will mature the first part of this year.