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ENTENTE REPLY WILL POINT TO FOE'S 'CRIMES'

Berlin to Get Hint of Peace Terms in List of Accusations

WILL REJECT U. S. MOVE

Statement of Principles to Mark Rejoinder to President Wilson's Note

Note Called Warning, Not Move for Peace

IT IS authoritatively stated in Washington that

1. No more notes will be written Germany on the submarine issue.

2. President Wilson's message to belligerents was not a "peace note," but was sent in an effort to forestall what appeared to be an impending break with Germany on the submarine issue.

3. It was sent as a warning, not as a peace overture.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Dispatch of the Allies' reply to Germany's peace proposal is imminent.

Information today indicated that the phraseology of the identical notes to be sent by all the Entente nations has virtually been settled upon.

Russia's reply—couched in terms agreed upon by the Allies—is already en route to Paris, where it will be handed to the American Ambassador, with France's note, for transmission to Berlin some time within the next few days.

From authoritative sources it was learned the Allied notes would contain:

A rejection of a peace based on German-made plans.

A vigorously worded summary of the principles for which the Allies contend they are fighting—to remove the menace of militarism, or might over right, of the rule of force over international law.

Probably the Allies will make still clearer their aims and purposes by a recital of the crimes for which they propose to hold Germany responsible.

The note, however, will not state specifically the terms on which the Allies will consent to talk peace. Such terms must be inferentially drawn from the statement of the aims and purposes for which the Allies are fighting.

It will not consent to the peace conference urged by Germany. It will not admit the timeliness of the German plea, nor of President Wilson's suggestions.

At the same time these Allied notes go forward to the Central Powers, through the diplomatic agencies of Spain, Switzerland and America, the Allies will probably forward an identical note answering President Wilson's peace suggestions.

This note is likely to point to the German reply and elaborate somewhat in meeting the American President's plea for a statement of principles. It will also probably emphasize the importance to America of the establishment, eventually, of a peace of such permanence as to prevent all recurrence in the future of another such world disturbance, according to authoritative information today.

Such a peace, the note will point out, can only be achieved by vigorous establishment of the principles for which the Allies are striving.

The Daily Telegraph today asserts that the Entente notes as approved by all the Allies will set forth "in plain words why the Allies are fighting and what they are fighting for."

In view of Washington dispatches, intimating that President Wilson's note and Secretary of State Lansing's original statement that the United States was "on the verge of war," were based on the belief of American officialdom that German submarine warfare would shortly force the putting into effect of the threat of a severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, made in the Sussex note, press and public comment was noticeably less bitter today.

Georges Clemenceau, former Premier of France, writes as follows in his paper, L'Homme Enchaine:

> He who wants to influence directly the opinion of men must speak out clearly. Mr. Wilson's lantern smokes too much. In England the same impression was produced at first, and it will be recognized that when a statesman intends to influence contemporaries it is a grievous misfortune if both friends and enemies can in good faith, be mistaken as to his intentions.

M. Clemenceau concludes by declaring that the Allies are engaged in a war of self-defense and that they were in no way responsible for its beginning.

In view of the German hope that Russia could be induced to make a separate peace, dispatches from Petrograd, have produced a most satisfactory impression in London. The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post intimated that Russia will demand the unconditional surrender of Germany in her answer to the Teutonic peace proposals.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Geneva says that a number of Austrian diplomats have arrived there. They were

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and colder tonight, with lowest about 25 degrees; Friday fair and colder; moderate winds mostly northwest.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises.... 7:21 a.m. | Moon rises.. 2:36 p.m.
Sun sets..... 4:43 p.m. | Moon sculls. 3:45 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES
CHESTNUT STREET

High water.. 4:03 a.m. | High water.. 4:35 p.m.
Low water.. 11:10 a.m. | Low water.. 11:50 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
39	40	41	42	42	41	41	41		

M'LOUGHLIN IS GUILTY OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER

Verdict Carries Recommendation of Life Imprisonment

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—John McLoughlin, who was placed on trial Tuesday for the murder of Richard J. Wyckoff on February 11 last, was found guilty of murder IN the first degree today. The verdict carried with it a recommendation of life imprisonment. McLoughlin appeared much unconcerned and showed no apparent signs of emotion when Foreman George English announced the verdict.

A few moments later Judge Thomas W. Trenchard sentenced McLoughlin to the New Jersey State Prison for life at hard labor.

"KING-PIN" DOPE VENDOR GUILTY

"Dago Ernest" Convicted on Evidence of Cocaine Queen, Who Squealed

WORTHY FATHER WEEPS

Ernest Purcaro, alias "Dago Ernest," who is alleged to have cleared $13,000 in six months in the "dope" traffic, was today found guilty by a jury before Judge Thompson, in the United States District Court, of the accusation of having maintained a drug station at 220½ North Juniper street.

Purcaro was convicted largely on the testimony of Helen Fisher, a woman accomplice in his drug business, who is known to the police as the "Queen of the Dopers." This woman turned State's evidence and testified that she sold more than $200 worth of dope daily from the North Juniper street address and turned the money over to Purcaro.

Purcaro is the son of a wealthy retired wine dealer, Joseph Purcaro, of New York. The elder Purcaro, who has the appearance of being a respectable business man in good circumstances, wept when he heard the virdict. His son, who was dressed as immaculately as a young broker, also showed evidence of a nervous shock when he heard the foreman of the jury pronounce the word guilty.

Internal revenue officers said that the young man was heavily charged with morphine, but it was apparent that even the deadening influence of the drug failed to repel entirely the shock of his conviction. Purcaro is said to be the owner of two automobiles and several parcels of real estate in the "tenderloin."

Internal revenue officers exhibited a bank book in which there was a record of deposits amounting to $4000. Purcaro's wife is said to be confined in the ward for the insane at the Philadelphia Hospital, a wreck from the use of morphine. The conviction of Purcaro was hailed by United States District Attorney Kane as the Government's greatest victory in its fight against the "dope" traffic in Philadelphia.

Vice squad men testified to having arrested twenty-five or more addicts who came from an alley leading to the North Juniper street house. Drugs were found in the possession of all of these persons.

CHEMUNG CAPTAIN HOME

John L. Duffy, Back in New York, Has No Official Complaint to Make

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Captain John L. Duffy, of the American steamship Chemung, which was sunk by a German submarine on November 24 off the Spanish coast, arrived home today on the French liner Rochambeau. He said he had official complaint to make of the submarine's action.

A solid shot over his head, he declared, caused him to stop. He sent the ship's papers aboard the U-boat. Immediately afterward all hands were ordered to leave the ship and she was sunk in two minutes.

The crew embarked in two lifeboats and the U-boat towed them until the Spanish steamship Salvador was sighted.

REACHES THREESCORE

President Wilson was born at Staunton, Va., sixty years ago today. Some reports from Washington tell of face lines and gray hairs, but Doctor Grayson, the President's physician, says golf and outdoor exercise have made Mr. Wilson fit and fine and ten years younger.

MEXICAN SOLDIERS FIRE ON U.S. GUARD

Clash With Kentucky Detail Reported in El Paso District

FILIBUSTERS ON RAIDS

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Mexican outposts in the bed of the Rio Grande opened fire on a patrol of the Third Kentucky National Guard west of El Paso early today.

More than 300 shots were fired across the Rio Grande by the guardsmen after the fusillade from the Mexican side.

The entire city and the militia camps were aroused by the sound of heavy firing shortly before 1 a. m. Regular army officers in the vicinity at the time declare they heard no shots from the Mexican side, while others and officers of the guard on the patrol state that scattered firing continued several minutes from the other bank.

Captain E. W. Clark, in command of Company L, Third Kentucky, on patrol duty above the Union Station, said the first shots were fired at the patrol under Lieutenant Hale. The guardsmen dropped to the ground and opened fire at the spot where they saw flashes. Another detachment ran up and joined in the volleys, shooting at the flashes of the Mexicans' rifles.

So far as known there have been no casualties. Residents on the boulevard a mile from the scene of the shooting reported bullet holes in their houses.

United States authorities have made a demand upon the Carranza military commander at Juarez to ascertain whether any of his men were stationed at the point where the shooting occurred or took part in the skirmish.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Two parties of filibusters crossed the border into Mexico near this city early Tuesday morning, it became known here today. One of the parties engaged in a running fight with Carranza soldiers from the Nuevo Laredo

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HOTEL BLOWN UP; FOUR DIE IN CHARRED RUINS

Acetylene Plants Explode in Madison Hostelry, Mount Holly, N. J.

MANY SERIOUSLY INJURED

Building Literally Lifted From Foundation, Then Collapses From Blast

Four persons were killed and a score injured, several seriously, in a fire and explosion which demolished the Madison Hotel, Mount Holly, N. J., at 11 o'clock this morning. The fire resulted from the explosion of two acetylene gas tanks in the basement of the hotel. The building was blown to pieces and the ruins took fire immediately, imprisoning the victims and hindering the rescuers.

Twenty-seven persons are believed to have been in the hotel at the time of the explosion. Of these, twenty-three have been accounted for. Firemen are digging in the ruins for the bodies of the missing.

Those known to be dead are:

ROBERT SNYDER, seventeen years old, son of Mrs. Robert Snyder, proprietress.
CHARLES GRAY, forty years old, bartender at the hotel.
TWO UNIDENTIFIED negroes who were drinking in the barroom.

Among the more seriously injured are:

MRS. ROBERT SNYDER, forty-five, proprietress.
HELEN SNYDER, twenty-three years old, her daughter.
MRS. M. S. HUDSON, mother of Mrs. Snyder.
JOSEPH HAINES.

These four with half a dozen others are in the Burlington County Hospital. Nearby homes have been turned into temporary hospitals where physicians are treating the less seriously injured.

AID RUSHED TO TOWN

Fire departments from Riverside, Riverton, Pemberton, Moorestown, Bordentown, Burlington, Delanco and Merchantville responded to the call for aid. By 1 o'clock the fire was under control, but not until the hotel was reduced to a smoldering mass of ruins.

Mrs. Snyder, her mother, Mrs. Hudson, and her son and daughter were in their bedrooms when the explosion occurred. Joseph Haines, who is employed in a garage near the hotel, dashed into the ruins and dragged out the three women. He collapsed from his burns before he was able to find Robert, the son.

Firemen heard Charles Gray, the bar-

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JOBLESS MAN ENDS LIFE

Despondent and Unemployed Victim Commits Suicide by Gas

Frank Henkle, twenty-eight years old, of 211 Dawson street, Manayunk, who has been living in a lodging house at 917 Green street for several weeks, wrote a note at noon today stating that he had "nothing to live for" and a few minutes later stuffed all the crevices in the window and underneath the door with paper and then, after turning on the gas, lay down on the bed in his room and died.

Henkle's body was found by William Boxer, the proprietor of the house, after he detected the odor of gas. He called the police and the body was sent to the Hahnemann Hospital to be pronounced dead. The man's relatives were notified. Henkle, it is said, had been out of work and grew despondent.

Mill Hands Escape Manayunk Fire

Fire which started in the carding room of the Freeland Manufacturing Company's mill, Walnut lane and Lauriston street, Manayunk, today damaged the building and stock to the extent of several thousand dollars. Fifteen men and women who were working in the room where the fire started fled to safety. Firemen were greatly hampered in their work by the dense smoke from burning woolens. The mill is a three-story structure of stone. While the origin has not as yet been established, it is believed that some foreign substance created a spark in one of the carding machines, igniting the material.

QUICK NEWS

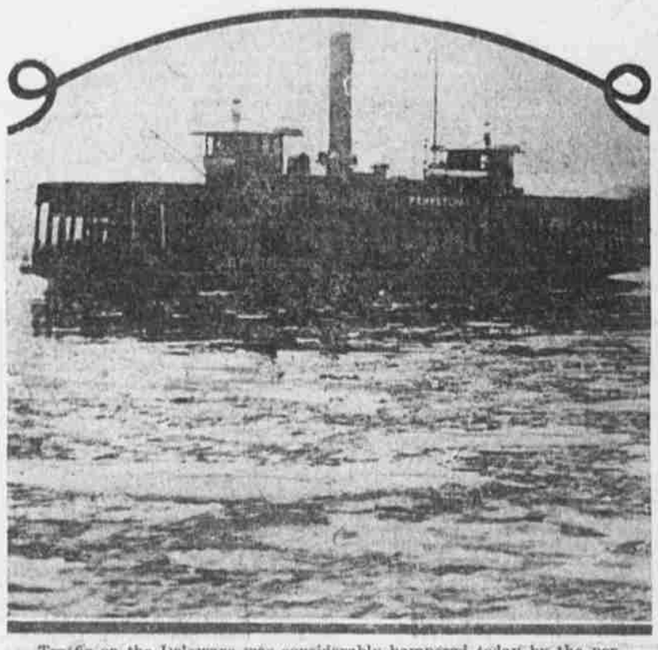
LARRY EYRE SUES BERRY FOR DAMAGES

State Senator-elect T. Lawrence Eyre, of West Chester, today instituted a damage suit against William H. Berry, Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, to recover $50,000 damages. The suit is the outgrowth of remarks made by Mr. Berry during the recent campaign in Chester County, in which he coupled the name of Mr. Eyre with the capitol scandal, at which time Mr. Eyre was Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings at Harrisburg.

GOVERNOR FIELDER REFUSES TO RERIEVE ASHBRIDGE

Governor Fielder, of New Jersey, this afternoon refused to grant a reprieve to William A. Ashbridge, of Camden, who is under sentence to die in the electric chair some time next week. Ashbridge killed an actress and later killed a jailor while trying to escape from the Camden County jail.

ICE AND FOG GRIP RIVER



Traffic on the Delaware was considerably hampered today by the persistent misty rain which obscured objects even close by. The amount of ice choking the river is unusual for this time of year.

IDA TARBELL WILL NOT BE MEMBER OF TARIEF BOARD

The EVENING LEDGER is able to state authoritatively that Miss Ida Tarbell will not be a member of the tariff board to be appointed by President Wilson.

BRITAIN DROPS OPTION ON 2,000,000 TIME FUSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The British Government, which last fall placed a contract with the American Locomotive and Westinghouse Air Brake Companies for 1,000,000 time fuses with an option to purchase an additional 2,000,000 at the same price has decided not to exercise this option. (The decision is probably due to the known fact that Great Britain now is in better condition to supply her own war needs than she was last fall.)

PEACE NOTES BOOST RUSSIAN WAR LOANS

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Russian war loan subscriptions have increased considerably since publication of peace notes, Petrograd dispatches via the Wireless Press announced today. All co-operative societies have subscribed twenty-five per cent of their capital.

GREEK ARMY DEMOBILIZATION GOES ON RAPIDLY

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Demobilization of the Greek army in compliance with the demands of the Allies is going on rapidly, says a dispatch from Athens today. Troops that are allowed to retain their arms are being shifted to the extreme southern part of Greece, the movements being supervised by Allied army officers. There is a noticeable change in the tone of the royalist press in Athens, the dispatch added.

DYNAMITERS WRECK NEWSPAPER MAN'S FORMER HOME

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 28.—Dynamiters today wrecked the house until a few days ago occupied by Charles T. Huchison, manager of the Mining and Scientific Press, who for months has been the recipient of blackmail letters. The police and postal authorities say the explosion was the work of the gang which several weeks ago slipped a note under the door of the executive mansion at Sacramento, demanding that Governor Johnson deposit $20,000 in gold coin in a certain place under penalty of having his home blown up. Letters received by Huchison are almost identical and in the same handwriting as that received by the Governor.

LOOK OUT! 25 "BOMB CIGARS" LOOSE IN THE MAILS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Postmasters throughout the United States were notified today by postal authorities to be on the watch for twenty-five "bomb cigars" mailed December 22 at Goffs, Cal. The packages containing them are tubular in form, the warning said. Five men, recipients of the cigars, have been sent to hospitals with mutilated faces. Nicholas Harris, of San Francisco, delivered the cigar he received to the police. In the end they found a two-inch cap filled with enough fulminate of mercury to have blown off his head had he lighted the cigar.

GUYENEMER BRINGS DOWN 25TH TEUTON PLANE

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Sublieutenant Guyenemer, France's premier aviator, has brought down his twenty-fifth German aeroplane, today's official statement asserted. The report detailed considerable aerial activity on the western front, with aerial bombarding expeditions on Romp Bach, Dillingen, Briey and Hagondange. Two French dirigibles, it was said, bombarded factories at Neuekirchen.

MANY GERMANS DIE OF STARVATION, SAYS PAPER

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Death from starvation is becoming common in Germany, says a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Paris. It quotes a traveler, recently returned from Germany, to the effect that the food shortage has reached the climax of its seriousness. This traveler declared that he saw many persons in Germany fall to the street from sheer exhaustion, due to the lack of food.

SYNDICATE TO REOPEN BELLEFONTE STEEL MILLS

BELLEFONTE, Pa., Dec. 28.—The Hyde City steel rolling mills have been acquired by a syndicate of capitalists headed by Dr. C. F. Hennig, of this place, the inventor of the titan metal, and contractors are remodeling the plant, at a cost of approximately $250,000. The mills have been closed five years.

$5,000,000 FROST DAMAGE TO CALIFORNIA ORANGES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Frost has damaged the orange crop of California more than $5,000,000, according to conservative estimates today. Orchardists are spending $70,000 nightly for oil for stoves among the trees. Some are employing European war methods by running a curtain of fire a mile long and driving it skyward to force back the descending currents of cold air. The orange crop this year is valued at $50,000,000.

LINKS BALDWIN WITH LIQUOR IN SPEAKER FIGHT

Chester League Calls Penrose Man Option's Bitter Foe

ACTIVITY IN HOUSE TERMED DISORDERLY

Attempt Made to Divert Support of T. Larry Eyre and Colleagues

ALLEGHENY CAUCUS OFF

Cox, Vare Candidate, Makes Inroads Into Baldwin's Strength in West

Representative Richard J. Baldwin, Penrose-McNichol candidate for Speaker of the House, not only voted with the liquor interest when the last county local option measure came up in the House, but hustled about the room in disorderly fashion and lined up others against the measure, according to John H. Cole, secretary of the Chester County No-License League. It is also charged that Baldwin is now bondsman for a liquor dealer at Chadds Ford.

Acting in behalf of the league, Cole today made this statement in a letter to T. Larry Eyre, State Senator-elect, who is a member of the Baldwin campaign committee.

The league has started a campaign to force Eyre and two of three State Representatives to withdraw their support from Baldwin and are arranging a series of mass meetings throughout Chester County.

The two Representatives who were elected on a local option platform are Samuel A. Whitaker and Maris Hollingsworth.

In addition to asserting that Baldwin voted with the liquor interests, the league charges that he is the bondsman for the present holder of the liquor license of the Chadds Ford Hotel.

CHARGES AGAINST BALDWIN

The letter to Eyre, among other things, says:

> Every enemy of the liquor traffic knows that Baldwin is against county local option. On the day that the last county local option measure met its Waterloo in the house, Charles L. Huston, president of the league, and the writer were present at close range and witnessed Baldwin vote with the liquor interests and noted his unwarranted and disorderly activity in circulating around the room to keep other members of the House in line against county local option. It's a matter of record that for the year 1914 and continuously before Baldwin is one of the two bondsmen for the present holder of the liquor license for Chadds Ford Hotel. The selection of Baldwin as Speaker of the House would be one of the worst blows that the cause of temperance could possibly receive at this stage of the fight in Pennsylvania.

Eyre led the fight for the local option plank in the platform at the convention of 1914. As yet he has not replied to the letter.

CAUCUS CALLED OFF

The caucus of the Allegheny County members-elect and Senators-elect to the Legislature, which was to have been held at the end of this week, has been abruptly called off, following the tumultuous caucus held yesterday by the Philadelphia delegation, according to word received from Pittsburgh.

Edwin R. Cox, the Vare-Brumbaugh-Magee candidate for Speaker, has made big inroads into the Baldwin strength in Allegheny since Public Service Commissioner Magee opened the fight there in his behalf, and the Cox campaign managers now claim fourteen of the twenty-four speakership votes in the western county.

When the speakership contest opened Cox was sure of only three votes in Allegheny County. Fear that the inroads he has made in the Baldwin strength have been so great that a resolution indorsing the Delaware County candidate might be rejected altogether caused James F. Woodward, a Baldwin supporter and chairman of the delegation, to call off the caucus.

RIVAL LEADERS CLASH

Cox received the expected twenty-four votes in the Philadelphia delegation at yesterday's stormy caucus, held in the rooms of the Republican City Committee, Eleventh and Chestnut streets. The other seventeen members of the delegation to the House made it plain that they are lined up solidly for Baldwin, but technically bolted the caucus by refusing to vote at all, after State Senators Vare and McNichol had engaged in the hottest factional debate heard at any Republican Organization meeting held here for fifteen or twenty years.

As it was well known that twenty-four State Representatives would support Cox, Senator Vare made an attempt to have the unit rule bind the minority to vote for his candidate. This was successfully opposed by McNichol, who said the only binding caucus would be held in Harrisburg.

So confident was the Cox camp that talk was heard of reprisals. The Cox backers are after the place held for years by Thomas H. Garvin, chief clerk of the House. Frank Morrison, of Philadelphia, and one of Cox's workers in Harrisburg, is mentioned for the place.

To placate Frederick C. Ehrhardt, of Lackawanna, who says he might be a candidate for Speaker, it was intimated that if James F. Woodward of Allegheny, persists in backing Baldwin, Cox might name the Lackawanna member as chairman of

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ANOTHER SKETCH
By
CHARLES DANA GIBSON
America's greatest portrayer of the foibles of society, will appear in
TOMORROW'S
Evening Ledger

BOY KILLED BY GAS; FAMILY OVERCOME

Brother, Returning Home, Finds House Filled With Suffocating Vapor

Gas killed fourteen-year-old Charles Stiefel, of 123 Ryers avenue, Cheltenham, this morning as he slept. His older brother, Fred, was overcome in an attempt to rescue Charlie's sister, Margaret, eighteen years old, and the father, Charles Stiefel, Sr.

The boy was pronounced dead, and the others sent to the Jewish Hospital, where the father is still in an unconscious condition. The brother and sister rallied remarkably, and were said to be out of danger this afternoon.

The family used candles before retiring last night, for what reason no one has as yet been able to ascertain. They went to bed at an early hour, but for some reason gas jets were left flowing in two of the rooms downstairs.

Fred came in early this morning and smelled the escaping gas, which by this time had filled the house. He ran upstairs to his sister's bedroom and started to carry her out. The gas was getting too much for him by this time, and just before he reached the bottom of the dark stairs he fell with his unconscious burden.

Neighbors heard the fall and, rushing to the house, smelled the gas. The cold air from the outside flushed the house and enabled them to carry Fred and his sister to the street. Dr. H. D. Johnson was summoned and a hasty diagnosis by him resulted in his pronouncing young Charles to be dead. He had slept on until his death.

NEW YEAR "WELCOME" CRASHES TO PAVEMENT

Huge Sign Takes Tumble While Being Hoisted on City Hall

Several persons narrowly escaped injury when a mammoth sign welcoming the new year fell on the south side of City Hall this afternoon, with a crash that could be heard for several blocks.

The sign, which weighed 4000 pounds, was forty-two by thirty-two feet and was decorated with several thousand variegated lights.

A score of workmen were endeavoring to raise it to a point between the second and third floors when the ropes parted and it fell with a loud report.

Fortunately, a reserve policeman was on the spot and prevented passers-by from entering the hall at that point while the sign was being put in place.

On hearing of the accident, Chief MacLaughlin put a force of electricians to work immediately. They are following the design which he mapped out for the New Year's display, and the sign will be in place at the proper time, just as if the accident had never occurred.

Faces Jail or Loss of Vote

A sentence of six months in the county jail, the loss of his vote and his credibility as a witness was imposed on Clifford W. Smith, thirty-seven years, of 1073 Haddon avenue, by Judge Boyle today. The charge against Smith was perjury. On November 3, when he was arrested for not supporting his aged father, he testified that he did not own any property. It was later found that he owned several houses and a farm.

PEACE 'LEAK' CLEAN-UP DRAWS LAWSON'S FIRE

$60,000,000 Made on New York 'Change, He Says, on Wilson Note Tip

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—More than $60,000,000 was made in Wall street by those having advance information on President Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received today from Thomas W. Lawson by Representative Wood, of Indiana.

The telegram follows:

New York, Dec. 27.

Just read today's New York papers. You and Chairman Henry unable to locate me, really! Framed over my desk is an envelope inscribed "To Thomas W. Lawson," no other address. To settle a wager it was mailed in an interior town in China and landed at my Boston office in record short time.

If you and Chairman Henry wish to communicate with me, toss a post card from any window in the Capitol addressed "Thomas W. Lawson" or "T. W. L., Boston," and you will receive answer by return mail.

Take a tip from one who played the big Washington-Wall street game and the big international publicity game long before you were old enough to distinguish between a stock exchange and a congressional hall—spend less time on last week and more on this week's leak, which is liable to inundate both Wall street and Washington.

There were only sixty-odd million hogsheaded from last week's; this week's may run into billions.

And this tip, too, is meant in the best of spirit—if it was actually believed in Washington there was to be a real investigation of last week's leak there would not be a quorum in either the Senate or the House next Mon-

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