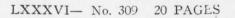
German Peace Proposals May Pave Way to Definite Understanding, Is Belief of London



HARRISBURG





HARRISBURG, PA., FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 28, 1917.

WHY HE WANTS PEACE

TO 1918 BUDGET KILLED BY BOCHE

FRANCE REJECTS **GERMAN PEACE;** WAR WILL GO ON

Pact Based on Before-the-War Conditions Not Satisfactory, Declares Foreign Minister Pichon in Considering Terms of Central Powers Outlined to Russia; Believe Aim of Huns Is to Protract Negotiations

London, Dec. 28 .- "Achievement of the purposes for which the allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind," said Premier Lloyd George in a letter which he sent to-day to the labor congress. The premier's statement is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offer.

aris, Thursday, Dec. 27 .--- France Paris, Thursday, Dec. 27.—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war, Foreign Minister Pichon declared in reply-ing in the Chamber of Deputies to-day to the peace terms of the cen-tral powers outlined to Russia. He asserted Germany was endeavoring to involve France in its negotiations with the Bolsheviki, but that the war would go on whether or not Russia made a separate peace. The foreign minister said Ger-many was seeking to protract the negotiations with the Russians, re-establishing commercial relations in the meantfme, believing that in this way the Bolsheviki might be check-mated later. Referring to the terms which the central powers offered to the Russians, as published to-day, he said: "Germany is trying to involve us

the Russians, as publications of the said: "Germany is trying to involve us in her Maximalist negotiations. After suffering as we have we can-not accept peace based on the status quo. By agreement with our allies we are ready to discuss direct propositions regarding peace but this is indirect. CANNED GOODS PLENTY Government Regulates Prices to Protect Consumers in Winter ndirect.

propositions regarding peace but this is indirect. "Russia can treat for a separate peace with our enemies or not. In either case the war for us will con-titute. An ally has failed us, an ally who in preceding years carried off streat victories. It is a great success for our enemy, but another ally has come: from the other end of the world a democracy has risen against Germany's appetite for conquest. "At the conference in Paris a pro-gram was drawn up and in conse-gram was drawn up an in conse-gram was drawn up an in conse-gram

"In this war France will have played a great role, for, as Roose-velt has said, she will have saved his reasonable profits." Pichon declared the secret

ties published by the Bolshevi in ot compromised France. J the German diplomats who we tending to show indignation we jle very men who sought to negoti-a secret treaty with the old me in Russia, who attempted to w Mexico into war against the ted States, and organized piots in

tina. or referring to the German ation that Alsace and Lorraine never be surrendered, M. said:

"The question of Alsace-Lorianic II oes not affect Freue alree. It is world question. It is not a terri-orial problem but a moral problem. On its solution depends whether, or not the world shall have a durable peace." This statement was greeted stion of Alsace-Lorraine larceny of morphia tablets and pow-dered opium, valued at \$100, from the wholesale drug establisment of Bowman, Mell & Co., 1249 Howard street, some time since Sunday last. Keister was in the employ of the drug establishment as assistant ship-

ccupation of Jerusalem, M. drug

WAR FLOUR TO **BE IN THE CITY** WITHIN WEEK

New Product of Whole Wheat Will Save Much Now Used as Feed

EMPEY TO GET

thoroughly protected and the pro-ducer is not being forced to give up The purchasing agent of one of the

biggest wholesale establishments in the city made this emphatic state-ment to-day on being asked if it

[Continued on Page 13.] **Charged With Theft of** Narcotic Drugs, Man and Woman Are Held by Police

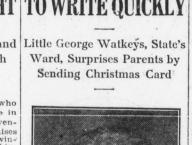
Joseph Keister and Sue Eberly, alleged by the police to be users of narcotics are being heard in police court this afternoon for the alleged strate with gas masks, s," the bayonet and other w trench warfare is carried on. In addition Sergeant Empey, wh

O 1917 The Butterfield Syndicat

BIG RECEPTION

Cabaret Frequenters Must

[Continued on Page 13.] Do Their Bit For Soldiers



'Agreements are scraps of paper, Highest. You're going straight to Hell.'

DEAF, DUMB AND DISTRICT CITY

BLIND BOY LEARNS FOR BIG K. OF C.

Fighting Men In addition to the large general mmittee named some time ago to raise Harrisburg's quota for the Knights of Columbus war camp fund a number of prominent Harrisburg men have been elected to with the original members.

Work For Country's

The names follow: Henderson Gilbert, William Jen-nings, J. William Bowman, George Reinoehl, David Kauffman, Thomas Lynch Montgomery, Donald McCormick, Charles E. Pass, George W. Reily, Andrew S. Patterson, J Wallazz, Captain George Lumb, W. H. Bennethum, Jr., B. F. Blough, James Lentz. John Dapp, Francis J.

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Selected Men Until

By Associated Press

BY GOVERNMENT	BY COUNCILMEN	SHELLS IN FRANCE
ew Order Should Wipe Out	Commissioners to Pass Com-	Corporal of American Engi-
Competition and Relieve	pleted Measure on First	neers Christmas Eve Vic-
Congestion	Reading Tonight	tim; Companion Wounded
VANT QUICK MOVEMENT	MANY SALARY INCREASES	DROP BOMB ON CAMP
nipments Will Go Directly to	Police to Get \$100 a Month at	Enemy Aviators Kill Two
Destination, Regardless	Suggestion of Mayor	Privates at Camping Place
of Company	Keister	Near French Town

\$119,000 ADDED

TELEGRAPH

By Associated Press Washington, Dec. 28.—At noon creases, not quite equaling the to-day the approximately 250,000 amounts asked in a number of in-

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New Order

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BE INITIAL MOVE

government and control of public tillides, passed by without any for-mal cerémony. At the first practical step in the government's operation of railroads which began at noon to-day, Direc-tor General McAdoo drafted the railroad's war board into the govern-to hind of approval. The following five railroad execu-tives, each a leader in the business of transportation, will work out the plans for welding 250,000 miles of railroad into one great continental system for winning the war: Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway.

Southern Railway. Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of

the board of the Southern Pacific. Samuel Rea, president of the,

Hale Holden, president of the Bur-

Hale Holden, president of the Bur-Hagten. Howard Elliott, of the New Haven. Complete control of American railroads for the duration of the war to-day passes into the hands of the United States governmenta At noon, the hour fixed by Presi-dent Wilson's proclamation for ef-fecting governmental possession. Secretary McAdoo, the new director of railroads, was ready with his first official order designed to pool all traffic, equipment and terminals to relieve the congestion which has gripped the country since the out-break of the war. The immediate result of the order will be to wipe out competition and reroute traffic over the shortest lines. Shipments will move directly to their destination regardless of the company with which they originate and terminals will be used in com-mon to effect maximum efficiency.

WAR FUND DRIVE

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Railways Company Gives Its Answer to Charge Cars Do Not Heed Signals

The Harrisburg Traction Company through its president, Frank B. Musser, made an answer to-day to the Public Service Commission in reply to Lila A. Hamill, who charged that the Third street cars failed to stop for passengers and that the operators had orders from head-quarters to do so. The Traction Company denial says "No instructions have been given by the company such as alleged in the complaint. On the contrary the complaint. On the contrary the company's orders to its employes are ful not to pass any intending pas-senger. The only exception is where for some reason one car is im-mediately followed by another and

Enemy Aviators Kill Two **Privates at Camping Place** Near French Town Provision for extensive salary in-By Associated Press

3 U.S. SOLDIERS

With the American Army in to-day the approximately 250,000 miles of American railway systems silently merged into one great con-tinental chain for the winning of the war. Under President Wilson's decision, the great event, regarded by many as the opening of a new epoch in government and control of public utilities, passed by without any for-mal ceremony. France, Thursday, Dec. 27 .-- A working in trenches on a sec-

tion of the French front. The engineers for several weeks had been working along the front [Continued on Page 14.]

IRISH WOULD ENLIST IN UNITED STATES

Associated Press London, Dec. 28. — A number of vorung men in middle and western reland according to a Dublin dis-patch to the Times have applied for United States rable them to go to the United States rable them to go to the ment authorities up to this time, it is added, have refused to grant such **Dies After Short Illness**

DROPS GERMAN LANGUAGE

Dr. Harry P. Eisenhart, 1122 North Second street, a widely known physician, died to-day of acute ode-nia of the lungs. He was 57 years old. Dr. Eisenhart took cold from North Second street, a widely known physician, died to-day of acute ode-mia of the lungs. He was 57 years old. Dr. Eisenhart took cold from a recent snowstorm when his auto-his wife. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. J. Bradley Markward, paster of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, presiding. Burial will be made in the Harrisburg Cemetery.

PRESIDENT'S FRIEND IS DEAD

Baltimore, Dec. 28 .- Dr. Charles W. Mitchell, noted occialist in children's diseases and a member of the facof the University of Maryland died to-day.

vas a classmate of President Wilson at

EX-SENATOR THORNTON DEAD

xandria. La., Dec. 28 .- John R. Thornton, former Senator for Louisiana, died at his home

NOTED AMERICAN PAINTER DEAD -The death of Toby Rosenthal American painter, is reported by the Tageblatt of Berlin. Mr. Rosenthal was born in New Haven 69 years ago. He studied art in San Francisco and subsequently

"BABY JIM" SIMONS DEAD

Chestnut street auditorium this even-ing before an audience that promises to be one of the biggest of the win-ter, will be introduced by Major Liv-ingston V. Rausch, superintendent of the state arsenal, and well known in military circles. The event is re-garded as of great importance among young men who are within the draft age, as Empey will dem-onstrate with gas masks, "persuad-ers," the bayonet and otherwise just

HERE TONIGHT TO WRITE QUICKLY Author of "Over the Top" and Little George Watkeys, State's Committee of Businessmen to New Serial to Give Trench Demonstration

Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey, who ill give his famous war lecture in Chestnut street auditorium this even-

You agreed to take me up to World Empire."

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For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night, with low-est temperature about 8 de-grees; Saturday fair and colder with a cold wave; the tempera-ture will probably fail to zero or below Saturday night. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and colder to-night, snow in east portion; Saturday fair and colder, with a cold wave; fresh northwest winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will remain nearly sta-tionary, and the quantity of ice will probably increase in all streams.

will probably increase in an streams. General Conditions The disturbance from the Upper Mississippi Valley has moved northwest to the St. Lawrence Valley during the last twentpi-four hours, aty snow, on both-ideo of the northern boundary from Minnesota to the New England coast. Snow and rain occurred also in the Northwest-ern States and the Western Canadian provinces as a result from the North Pacific ocean, The strong, high pressure area from the North Pacific ocean, moving southwestvard attended by a severe cold wave. Tem-peratures have fallen 15 to 50 degrees in the Lower Missouri and Upper Mississippi valleys, and are now far below zero in the northern tier of states from Michigan to Montana, and in Canada from Ontarlo westward to Alberta. The lowest tem-perature reported is 36 degrees below zero.

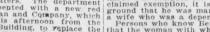
Temperature: S a. m., 26. Sun: Rises, 7:28 a. m.; sets, 4:45 p. m. Moon: Rises, 5:18 p. m. River Stage: 4.2 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 23. Lowest temperature, 13. Mean temperature, 18. Normal temperature, 31.

street, some time since Sunday last.
 Keister was in the employ of the drug establishment as assistant ship-per Thursday and Friday of last.
 week, but was discharged for in-capability. Wednesday one of the employes of the store discovered that a box of 500 one-eighth grain morphia sulphate tablets, and that about 800 sugar-coated morphia sul-phate tablets were missing. Accord-ing to the provisions of the drug lawa a report of the missing articles was turned over to Federal Revenue In-spector Frymire, who turned the case over to Detective Speese. Sam-uel D. Wilson, colored, in the em-ploye of Bowman & Mell, made in-formation to the authorities that keister had approached him sev-eral times, once as late as yesterday, and asked him to the authorities that keister. That exerning at the corner of Third and Market streets knowing that she was friendly to keister. Keister came out later in the night in search of the woman and Officer Balthaser arrested him formation to meached his room and found the morphia tablets and found the morphia tablets and found the morphia tablets mod fund the soure. It is alleged that Keister gained optime was missing from the whole-sule house.
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 Cabaret Frequenters Must Do Their Bit hoser arcs and that about two pounds of powdered optime was missing from the whole-sule house.
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It is alleged that Keister gained entrance to the stock room through the shipping room or the elevator shaft some time Christmas day or night. The missing drugs were last

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LITTLE GEORGE WATKEYS From picture made at Mt. Airy

Little George Watkeys, of Wicono, deaf, dumb and blind, who has been made a ward of the state and a pupil at Mt. Airy, through the in-

trumentality of Senator Beidleman, bids fair to become one of the

bids fair to become one of the brightest boys in the institution. Al-ready he has been saved from the state of hopeless idiocy toward which he was drifting when Senator Beidle-

man became interested in his case The Legislature appropriated suf-

ficient money for his instruction and No More Calls For the lad was sent by his parents to Mt. Airy last fall. Then he could not make his wants known in any except by signs. He was utterly off from communication with outside world. Just before Christmas his mother

to Dodge Draft, Is Charge Philadelphia, Dec. 28. — And now

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Hall, C. H. Hunter, S. F. Dunkle, Frank Brady, Superintendent J. K. Johnson, R. Boone Abbott, Thomas J. Lynch and Arthur Bacon, all of Harrisburg; Quincy Bent, William Nell, R. M. Rutherford and W. E. ant's case when she wished to board

Harrisburg: Quincy Bent, Willaw, Neil, R. M. Rutherford and W. E. Abercrombie, all of Steelton. The election of these Harrisburg-ers took place last night at a meet-ing of the original general commit-tee. Reports received from various sources show that the Knights df Columbus will have no more diffi-culty in raising its war camp fund quota than did the Y. M. C. A., in which campaign many members of the Knights of Columbus were ac-tive. Both organizations are main-taining buildings in all training camps for the soldiers. Meeting Next Wednesday A public meeting is to be held in the Board of Trade hall next Wed-

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Middle of February

Washington, Dec. 28.—Provost Marshal General Crowder has noti-fied state Governors that there will be no more formal calls for deferred

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Philadelphia, Dec. 28 .- "Baby Jim" Simons, colored, said to be the heaviest man in the world, died here to-day. - Book of a foot of a foot of a foot

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Said to be the heaviest man in the world, died here to-day.
This happened in the complainant, a car at Third and Maclay streets.
The car that passed her, however, was followed by another car less than half a block distant upon which she became a pasenger within less than thirty seconds after passage of the first car.
There are no instances, so far as 1 know, where three or four cars, as stated by the complainant, would not stop for passengers or where passages were kept waiting the length of time stated by the complainant, would not stop for passengers or where passes engers were kept waiting the length of time stated by the complainant, would not stop for passengers or where passes and that during the heavy recent snows operation of the Third street line has been particularly different in enace been particularly different in enace been particularly different in a cacount of traffic blocking the tracks."

a street line has been particularly different on account of traffic blocking the tracks."
French Repulse Enemy Attack in the Argonne; Artillery Activity Lively *By Associated Press*Paris, Thursday, Dec. 27.—The French War Office issued the follow-ing official statement to-night:
"In the Argonne we repulsed an enemy surprise attack."
"On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery on both sides continued very lively in the re-sides continued very lively in the re-fig for of Caurieres wood and Bezon-vaux. Northeast of Bezonvaux our batteries caught under their fire an enemy troop concentration which was dispersed with losses."
"Belsine communication: During the last forty-eight hours there has been little activity of the Belging of the last forty-eight hours there has been little activity on the Belging of the last forty-eight hours there has been little activity on the Belging of the last forty-eight hours there has been little activity on the Belging of the last forty-eight hours there has been little activity on the Belging of was continuing; destruction of property was unabated and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other fortigners were safe. letics on lines to benefit physically all students, instead of merely a few specialists, so as to increase the vigor of young American manhood for war service, was endorsed by both Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Naxy Daniels in letters received by the National Col-legiate Athletic Association in session here to-day. QUAKE CONTINUES; THOUSANDS HOMELESS Washington, Dec. 28.—At 6 o'clock last night the earthquake which destroyed part of Guatemala City was continuing; destruction of property was unabated and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other foreigners were safe.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Raymond W. Merrell, New York, and Marvella M. Rell, Jersey shore: William A. Gilbert, Harrisburg, and Mildred A. Schaubin, Carlisle: Irvin B. Rubin and Ivy R. Friedman, Harrisburg; John L. Felix and Cora B. Gunter, Harrisburg.