

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GERMANY WILLING TO TELL TERMS TO WILSON

Ready to Enter Into Secret Negotiations Rather Than to See Peace Fail.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—

Continued agitation by Germany for peace in the face of the apparently immovable opposition of the entente powers was tonight accepted in Washington as the most encouraging development in the peace situation.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, tonight reiterated his declaration that Germany is earnest and sincere in her desire to end the war. Diplomatic Washington accepted this statement as indicating that the central powers may be willing to go further in indicating their definite peace aims than they have heretofore.

The German embassy made it clear that a statement of the terms proposed by the central allies—in more or less definite form—is now available to the United States, under seal of secrecy.

Secretary Lansing declared that all questions as to this "confidential" matter were clearly improper and declined to discuss it. It was apparent, however, that Germany had submitted to this country her informal plans for allowing the United States to handle her peace terms until a similar declaration can be secured from the entente allies. Advice to Washington from American diplomats abroad, and through belligerent representatives here, were to the effect that while the entente powers are still jointly preparing a reply to the German peace advances, they will steadfastly maintain their refusal to discuss peace until Germany has made her peace terms clear and has stated them in the open.

CHILD DIES FOLLOWING MOST HAPPY CHRISTMAS

After partially recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis, Mary Doubt, aged five years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Doubt, of Sides Station, died in the Indiana Hospital, on Tuesday night from Bright's disease. The child was one of the early victims of the disease in this county, and following the lifting of the quarantine from her parents' home she was taken to the Indiana Hospital where she responded to treatment rapidly for a time and had regained partial use of the paralyzed limbs. Bright's disease developed recently, however, and she began to fail. The child was a favorite at the hospital and plans were made to make Christmas enjoyable for her. She took part

Formal Replies Received.

The formal copies of the German and Austrian replies to the President's peace note were received at the state department today without comment. Both were laid before the President, who likewise refused to discuss them. The official text of the notes differed but little and only in insignificant details from the published versions.

The state department and the White House took the attitude tonight that there was nothing for the United States to do toward peace until the formal reply of the entente powers to the President's note has been received. Neutral diplomats, however, declared that the general policy of neutral indorsement of the President's proposals would be continued and that specific indorsements might be officially received from the Scandinavian nations. Holland and the South American countries at any time. Senor Calderon, the Bolivian minister and dean of the Latin-American diplomatic corps, said that joint action by the South American nations was to be expected promptly. A change of ministry in Bolivia has delayed matters slightly and Minister Calderon today cabled the new premier, Senor Sanchez, for instructions. Central American countries are expected to follow closely the action of the South American nations.

The German embassy tonight was emphatic in its declaration that the peace advances of the central powers were bona fide, and in denying published reports that the peace proposals were designed to forestall a serious break with the United States over the question of submarine warfare.

INDIANA WOMAN DROPS DEAD, CARRYING COAL

Miss Clara Fiscus, aged 45 years, dropped dead on Wednesday at her home on South 13th street, while carrying a bucket of coal. She was a daughter of Samuel Fiscus of Armstrong township.

SIX-YEAR-OLD SKATER IS DROWNED IN TWOLICK

Steve Masiha, aged six years, of Clymer, was drowned in Twolick creek while skating Wednesday afternoon. He was a son of Michael Masiha. The body has not been recovered.

A. S. CUNNINGHAM DROPS DEAD ON PHILADELPHIA ST.

A. S. Cunningham, aged 72 years, a well-known and highly respected resident of this place, dropped dead yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock while crossing Philadelphia street. Heart failure is believed to have been the cause of his sudden death.

The deceased leaves three daughters and one son: Mrs. Frank Glover of Pittsburg; Ralph Cunningham of Chicago, Ill., and Misses Erma and Grace Cunningham, at home. For some time Mr. Cunningham has been suffering from heart trouble.

PRISONER GETS AWAY FROM THE SHERIFF

James E. Waterhouse, who was confined in the county jail on six different charges, got away from the Sheriff yesterday afternoon while on the way to Squire Crossman's office for a hearing. A boy who saw the man get away said, "Not even an automobile could run as fast as that guy, he certainly was going some."

POPE PRAISES NOTE AS HONEST AND JUST

ROME, Dec. 27.—via Paris—Pope Benedict, according to reports today in speaking to Cardinal Gaspari, papal secretary of state, regarding President Wilson's note to the belligerents, said: "It is a document showing the honesty, justice and far sightedness of the American President."

AIRSHIP THROWS SEARCHLIGHT AND ILLUMINATES CREEKSIDE

Residents of Creekside were startled Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock when they were suddenly awakened by the noise of a powerful engine which seemed to come from the sky. Rushing to their doors they saw a streak of light in the sky, a searchlight which intermittently flashed its rays down into the streets of the awakening burg. Behind the rays of light, the outlines of an airship were distinctly seen, the network upheld by a huge gas bag.

Perhaps some of them thought that one of the belligerent nations' representatives was about to invade the little town. According to some who actually saw the night prowler, it was soaring at a height of about 300 feet and was headed in the direction of Indiana.

The identity of the strange craft is yet unsolved, and much mystery surrounds the strange event. The spectacle was most sensational, the searchlights illuminating the sky in monstrous arcs for a great distance.

WRESTLING MATCH AT THE AUDITORIUM TUESDAY

Joe Varga and Charles Mitchell will go to the mat in the Auditorium Tuesday evening. Mitchell has been after Varga for two months and for some reason could not get together until now. The Varga-Mitchell match, Tuesday night is expected to be a hummer. Both men will weigh about 165 pounds. Varga is in the best condition and fit for a hard battle. While in Johnstown, Varga has taken on several good middle-weights and won them all.

FINDS FATHER FROM WHOM HE HAD BEEN SEPARATED 25 YEARS

It was a joyous Christmas for Homer McManis, aged 28, of Marion Center. He met his father, Simon Blystone, of Whitesburg, Armstrong county, after a separation of a quarter of a century, during which time neither father nor son knew the whereabouts of the other.

When Homer McManis was three years old there was a domestic tragedy which resulted in his mother leaving her husband, Simon Blystone and his children. Relatives took two of the boys to rear, but the father made an effort to keep the youngest child with him. The care of the three year old lad was too much for the man, and he was placed under the care of the poor overseers. Mr. and Mrs. Silas McManis adopted the boy and located in Marion Center. Mr. Blystone went a short time later and all communication between father and son ended.

Twelve years ago McManis learned that he was an adopted son and started an investigation which resulted in finding the long-lost parent and his brothers

ULTIMATUM BY RAILWAY EMPLOYES TO ROADS

"Put Adamson Law Into Effect January 1 Or We Will Not Answer Consequences"

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"Put into effect January 1. And they intend to secure their rights under the Adamson law beginning January 1."

One of the railroad representatives after the meeting said: "I consider the situation more critical than it has been since the stirring days of last September. I should not be surprised if sporadic strikes should break out next week. Some men may get away from the leaders, but I don't expect a general strike."

"The brotherhood leaders know that if they countenance a general strike before the supreme court decides the Adamson test case, Congress would pass the compulsory investigation act over night. The supreme court's decision may be expected about February 1. That means that one month's overpay—or about \$5,000,000—will be held in abeyance for the men. This sum will be paid promptly, providing the constitutionality of the Adamson law is upheld."

"If the supreme court's decision is against us, another meeting with the representatives of our employes will be held to interpret the law. For instance, the law distinctly states that all railway employes shall work 8 hours a day. We have no doubt but what men in the passenger service are included, men who under present schedules work as a rule only five or six hours out of the 24."

Another bit of secret history of the negotiations between the brotherhoods and President Wilson was revealed today. It became known that the President has pledged the "big four" another law in the event the supreme court throws out the Adamson act.

Men Will Not Wait.

"No matter what we might think individually of your proposal," the managers were told, "we cannot hold back the men from striking if necessary to win their rights. The men know that unprecedented prosperity has come to the railroads. They know that bonuses are being given to workers in other industries in every part of the country."

"They feel that the President and Congress gave them the Adamson law and intended it to go

WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB GIVES ELECTRIC LIGHTS TO TOWN OF BLACKLICK

BLACKLICK, Dec. 28.—Winifred Bushnell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Bushnell, of Blacklick, touched a button on Saturday night which introduced to the thriving town of Blacklick a Christmas gift in the form of electric street lights. The present was from the members of the Woman's Civic Club of this place, through whose efforts funds sufficient to install a modern system of electric lights was secured. The streets of Blacklick were thronged with Christmas shoppers when the lights burst upon them suddenly, and injected the Christmas spirit into the populace in a remarkable manner. With the street lights a permanent improvement, the progressive movement will be directed toward securing paved streets to correspond with the cement sidewalks.

EIGHTEENTH REGIMENT REFUSES BIG BANQUET

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—The 18th Regiment today stood pat on its unanimous decision to accept no favors at the public's hand.

"We refuse to be guests at a public banquet, or to accept any other such honors that would make it appear as though we were glad to get home," said one officer. "We refuse to appear as cowards in the eyes of the public. Our treatment on the border was good."

The 18th was finally ordered back from the border after a newspaper campaign to "bring the boys home for Christmas" had been followed by the personal appeal to President Wilson of a delegation of Pittsburghers headed by Mayor Armstrong.

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