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# Comparative Quiet on all War Fronts

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### OPPOSING THE TEUTONS

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The outcome of all these preliminary negotiations is that President Wilson was assured that he would not be humiliated by a rejection of his action.

Those in official circles who would discuss the notes thought it worthy of attention that President Wilson's action had long been in mind, said:

"The president can only beg that his action be considered entirely on its own merits and as it had been made in other circumstances."

The president looks forward in the notes to all part the neutral shall take in assuring the future peace of the world. He expresses justification for an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views, but the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world.

The whole tenor of official opinion throughout Washington when the president's action became known was that it was an act of the highest order.

At the White House no statement whatever could be obtained as to whether any of the powers even had intimated how they would receive the note and there was every indication that the same careful secrecy which prevented anything whatever becoming known in regard to the president's action until it had been taken would surround any of the succeeding moves.

Nowhere on the surface appears any indication of the history-making events which diplomats generally have been so busy with since the German allies brought forth their proposals, to dispel the general prevalent belief that such an action in the part of President Wilson would be unacceptable to the entente powers.

British embassy officials declared they were utterly taken by surprise, were wholly unable to explain it and were emphatic in their statement that no exchanges whatever had passed through the embassy here as a preliminary.

The wish and hope of the German powers that President Wilson would intercede in some way has long been well known and it is not surprising that different ways to the White House. The attitude of the entente allies as expressed by their statements and certainly until recently in their advice to the American government, has been that a peace offer by the United States would be coming from almost the next thing to unfriendly.

All that, however, was before the German allies were brought forward their proposals of peace. President Wilson specifically says in the notes he is somewhat embarrassed making the suggestion at this particular time, "because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in the peace conference."

Some Hidden Knowledge. Diplomats consider it incredible that the president would bring forward

# Controversy Over National Guard

## FORESHADOWED AT COMMITTEE HEARINGS

### OPPOSITION TO SCOTT

#### Conclusions Drawn From Figures to Support the Contention That the Guard System is Inefficient Are Questioned.

#### Washington, Dec. 20.—Sharp controversy over the future of the national guard in the federal military system was foreshadowed today at hearings before committees of both the house and senate.

#### Gen. Scott Cross-examined.

#### Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, encountered vigorous cross-examination by several members of the house military committee.

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# FOLKETING RATIFIES SALE OF DANISH WEST INDIES

## The Vote Was 90 In Favor of and 16 Against Ratification.

#### Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 20.—The Folkething today adopted the bill ratifying the treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The vote was 90 in favor of and 16 against ratification. Five members were absent.

#### The Landthing, it is expected, will ratify the proposal tomorrow and the sale of the islands will be definitely settled.

# HILLES SAYS REPUBLICAN PARTY LACKS A LEADER

## Urges Conference to Plan for Next Presidential Election.

#### New York, Dec. 20.—Declaring that the republican party lacks a leader, Charles D. Hilles, former chairman of the party, urged today at a meeting of the republican club here tonight that a conference of men prominent in the party be called in Washington within a few months to plan for the next presidential campaign.

#### Other speakers urged the need of organization. Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts asserted a man of experience, trained in the party councils, should be made national committeeman. He suggested that the various state chairmen meet and elect one of their number to the chairmanship. Senator Weeks contended the present methods of conducting campaigns were both wasteful and inefficient. He proposed a return to "party machines."

#### William M. Calder, senator-elect from New York, said that if James R. Sheffield, president of the republican club, could have accompanied Charles E. Hughes on his western tour in the last campaign he would have kept the republican candidate out of complications which were a measure responsible for his defeat.

# 100 PER CENT DIVIDEND BY YOUNGSTOWN TUBE CO.

## Recommended by Directors—To Increase Capital Stock From \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000.

#### Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Stockholders of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company will participate in an extra dividend, it was decided today by directors.

#### A 100 per cent stock dividend was recommended today by the board, which also recommended a new issue of dividends of 2 per cent on the common and 1 3-4 per cent on the preferred stock.

#### That the recommendation will be ratified by the stockholders at the annual meeting February 13 is unquestioned. The recommendation provides for the increasing of the capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 and the payment of a dividend in the form of an extra stock dividend.

# ADDITIONAL LAND FORCES FOR GREAT BRITAIN

## House of Commons Passed a Resolution Calling for a Million Men

#### London, Dec. 20, 10:20 p. m.—The house of commons today passed a resolution presented by the government that an additional number of land forces not exceeding one million shall be maintained at home and abroad.

#### It was explained that no question of policy was involved but that the colonial troops and forces of the crown were both wanted and needed. It was authorized and a vote was necessary in order to regularize the position.

# EXPLOSION OF STEAM PIPES ON OLD DOMINION LINER

## Three Negro Firemen and One White Man Killed Near Norfolk.

#### Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—Three negro firemen were killed and one white man seriously injured tonight by an explosion of steam pipes on the Old Dominion liner Princess Anna, on her route from the port to New York. The explosion occurred in the outer harbor and the ship was forced to return for repairs.

# Movements of Steamships

#### Kirkwall, Dec. 18.—Arrived: steamers Bergensford, New York for Bergen; and St. Peter, New York for Kristiansand. Sailed: Kristiansand, (from Bremen) New York.

#### Bordeaux, Dec. 18.—Sailed: steamer Rochefort, New York for New York.

#### New York, Dec. 20.—Sailed: steamer Philadelphia, Liverpool for New York. Sailed: steamer Sandy Hook at 7 a. m. dock 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

# Condensed Telegrams

#### Abram Baudevine, of New York, well known yachtsman, is dead.

#### The British government announced that it had fixed the price of home wheat for next season.

#### President Wilson appointed Kimbrough Stone of Missouri, Federal District Judge at St. Louis.

#### The Gardner Storage Battery of Chicago, increased its capital stock from \$450,000 to \$1,000,000.

#### Fire damaged the five-story warehouse of the Long Island Storage Co. at Brooklyn, at a loss of \$25,000.

#### Fire damaged the Universal Mill of the Central Iron & Steel Works at Harrisburg, Pa., at a loss of \$15,000.

#### Dr. Walter J. Dodd, for many years in charge of x-ray work at the Massachusetts General Hospital, is dead.

#### The Russian Government has placed orders for 50 additional large engines with the Canadian Locomotive Co.

#### A Congressional investigation into the high cost of paper will be urged immediately after the holiday recess.

#### Gold to the amount of \$6,500,000 was deposited at the Philadelphia mint for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

#### Fifty patients were rescued with difficulty from a fire which destroyed Cook's Hospital at Fairmont, W. Va.

#### American manufacturers of rope and twine have been notified of an increase of three cents a pound in the price of sisal.

#### Eugene Meyer, Jr., resigned as a director and member of the executive board of the Maxwell Motor Co. of New York.

#### The Susana and Borinquen Steamship companies were incorporated at Albany, each with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

#### Mr. Ellen M. McClellan, mother of former Mayor George B. McClellan, New York City, left an estate valued at \$83,717.

#### Articles of incorporation were filed at Shreveport, La., for the Caddo Oil & Refining Co., with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

#### Hawaii is to receive the first squadron of airplanes under the new defense act. Twenty-four machines will be the first allotment.

#### The senate confirmed the nomination of Wm. F. Hoffa to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin.

#### Major Maximilian von Grebe, formerly of the Prussian army and later an officer in the Union army during the Civil War, died in Texas.

#### Two persons were injured when a southbound Madison Avenue car collided with an eastbound cross-town car at 59th Street, New York.

#### Thomas Gill of New York who was dismissed from the police force under a charge of grand larceny, was arrested on New York, at a loss estimated between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

#### Thaddeus A. Thompson, retiring minister to Colombia, closed up his business with the State Department and left for his home in Texas.

#### The Association of Paris Theatre Managers has petitioned the government that if the proposed new tax on theatres imposed all the theatres will be closed.

#### Fire destroyed the Stout Furniture Co.'s factory No. 1 and damaged the plant of the Interstate Public Service Electric Co., at Salem, Ind., at a loss of \$200,000.

#### The Postal Telegraph Co. announced that messages to Europe by wireless via Skyville may again be accepted subject to indefinite delay and at sender's risk.

#### The Interstate Commerce Commission held that joint rates over the Texas & New Orleans Railroad on yellow pine from points in Texas and Louisiana were unreasonable.

#### Elisha Swaney Cornell, an aged cobbler one of the heirs to the Hetty Green estate, was found dead at his repair bench in Minneapolis, Minn. He already had received \$1,000 from the estate.

#### The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger announces the death of Major General Ernst von Zieten, commander of the seventh reserve division. General von Zieten died at Bantzig as the result of an operation.

#### The 24-hour general strike called by labor organizations as a protest against the increased price of food has resulted in a complete tie-up of factories, stores and other lines of business throughout Spain.

#### Miss Julia Duncan, a Stamford school teacher, died several hours after she had eaten of refreshments at a church. The attending physician attributed the death due to ptomaine poisoning.

#### Col. George W. H. Mosely, chief of staff to Major General Chas. H. Clement of the Seventh Provisional Division, was ordered to report before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs in Washington on Friday.

#### Flagman Wm. Herchenroder and Conductor L. E. Johnston, of New York, were arrested, charged with negligence in connection with the wreck of the New York-Winnet Express at Beacon Falls, Dec. 1, in which two men were killed.

#### Secretary of the Navy Daniels appointed a board consisting of Admiral S. S. Fletcher, Commander F. H. Clark and Lieut. Commander Reuber Earle to investigate the various Government armor plate plant sites suggested by the Naval General Board.

#### American battleships will reach their limit in size when they displace 70,000 tons, the House naval committee was told by the engineering chiefs of the navy, and only then because a greater ship could not pass through the lock of the Panama canal.

# BETHLEHEM STEEL DROPPED 72 POINTS

## Losses of Other Stocks Ranged From 5, 10 to 15 Points in Continued Liquidation

### SHIPPING STOCKS MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED

#### Peace Developments Were Given as Reason of Price Reactions Which Wiped Out Most Gains of Recent Months—Pressure Exerted by Professional Traders Was the Most Powerful Factor in Declining in Prices—Beneath Surface Conditions, the General News of the Day Indicated a Continuance of Prosperity—Money Was Easy and in Light Demand.

#### New York, Dec. 20.—Losses of 5, 10 and 15 points accompanied today's other sweeping liquidation of stocks, with the price of Bethlehem Steel which fell to 500, that quotation representing a decline of exactly 249 points since its maximum of the previous month.

#### Reverse in Shipping Stocks.

#### Rails again proved the only notable exception to the general reversal, which took in virtually all stocks and semi-war shares. Shipping stocks were most seriously affected by the notice served by England's prime minister yesterday that it is intended to exercise supreme control over all vessels flying the British flag.

#### Gains of Months Wiped Out.

#### Peace developments were again made the ostensible weapon to bring about further price reactions, which not only wiped out gains of recent months, but sent some stocks down to levels of a year ago.

#### Pressure by Professional Traders.

#### A more powerful factor was found, however, in the tremendous pressure exerted by professional traders, now largely committed to the bear or short side of the market. This clique has acted extensively ever since Germany's peace overtures became known.

#### Another powerful influence in the direction of lower prices was that wielded by leading financial interests, which continued to call loans and issue new securities, and offered as collateral, to the increased embarrassments of brokers and their clients, the latter being in turn forced to strengthen impaired margins or sell out.

#### Board Room Gossip.

#### According to board room gossip, heaviest losses of the past week have been sustained by a group of western and southwestern operators, who took the market out of the hands of local professionals a few months ago. Today's losses were heavy on the part of Atlantic, Gulf and West India 15, South Porto Rico Sugar 10, and American Beet Sugar 6 1-2. Utah Copper 17, and the Locomotive 4 3-4 and as much for Pressed Steel Car.

#### Prosperity to Continue.

#### Despite these adverse surface conditions, general news of the day indicated a continuance of the long sustained prosperity, as reported price concessions in copper.

#### The big list of larger or extra dividend expected to be paid by companies added to by Westinghouse Electric, which increased the distribution on the common stock from 10 to 17 per cent.

#### Money was again easy and in light demand, with no alteration in foreign exchanges, such as may reasonably be expected to be effected by the developments in the European situation.

# GREAT BRITAIN MAY REPLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

## That Opinion Prevails in Government Circles About President Wilson's Peace Note.

#### London, Dec. 20, 9:21 p. m.—There is a strong probability that Great Britain's note in reply to the German peace proposal will be made before Christmas, it was learned from sources well informed government circles today, where it is also believed the reply will be brief and will likely follow the lines of Lloyd-George's speech to the prime minister in so far as it will leave the door open for Germany to make concrete proposals.

#### Great Britain's official reply to Germany, as prominent officials preferred to term it, will be despatched simultaneously with that of her allies. Even before the German note was handed to the foreign office by the American ambassador it has been the subject of discussions between Premier Lloyd-George and his cabinet council, which meets daily. The note and the nature of the reply also have been discussed with the British ambassador in Berlin.

#### It would therefore not be surprising if the allies replies were ready by the end of the week. Especially, it is said, would this be the case in the case of Great Britain's note, which the prime minister is declared to be anxious to despatch without delay.

# SPEDDY TRAVELING IN THE FROZEN NORTH

## From Nome to Valdez in Ten Days by Means of an "Aero" Sled.

#### San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Scotty Allan, three times winner of the Alaskan sweepstakes with a team of dogs, has established a new record for speeding traveling in the frozen North by making the route from Nome to Valdez in little more than ten days by means of an "aero sled." By dog teams the trip usually is made in about 15 days. Mr. Allan's achievement became known here today with the arrival of Frank O'Connor, Nome agent of a steamship company.

#### Mr. Allan's "aero sled" was a combination hydroplane, airplane and sled with gasoline as the motive power.

# BANK ROBBERS GET \$20,000 IN CURRENCY AND SILVER

## From the Oklahoma Bank Near Tulsa—Poses in Pursuit.

#### Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 20.—Robbers entered the Oklahoma National bank at Skiatook, Okla., late yesterday afternoon and the safe and escaped with \$20,000 in currency and silver.

#### The robbery took several hours start on the part of Tulsa and Skiatook, as telephone and telegraph wires leading into the town had been cut.

#### News from Tulsa and Skiatook, Okla., that the robbers were hiding there.

# PRICE OF MATCHES IS TO BE INCREASED

## Diamond Company Advances Prices 10 Per Cent.

#### New York, Dec. 20.—A problem that is worrying the tobacco trade is the scarcity of matches. One of the large chain store companies has posted signs in its various establishments stating that owing to the shortage of labor it is impossible to get matches. Like almost everything else, the price of matches has increased recently. Consequently, when a customer who purchases a 5-cent cigar asks for free matches it will cost him 10 cents more.

#### The largest purchaser was A. J. Tinsley, who has been a factor in increasing prices for news print paper.

#### News from foreign and domestic commerce. Increasing exports, some of which have reached a total value of \$3,470,000, against \$3,260,000 last year, about half of it going to Latin America.

#### In Watertown, Mass., according to word received at his home here, Mr. Pitts was prominent in the organization of the Connecticut River Power company of which he was a director.

# NIAGARA MEASURE PASSED IN THE SENATE

## Approves Resolution to Authorize Increase in Amount of Water Diverted

#### Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Wadsworth's resolution to authorize an increase in the amount of water diverted from the Niagara Falls to the power plants of the Niagara Falls plants of the merican side of the river was passed today by the senate. The measure aims to increase the output of the Niagara Falls plants by the diversion of 20,000 cubic feet of water per second. The limit permitted now is 15,000.

# OBITUARY.

#### Clarke C. Fitts.

#### Battleboro, Dec. 20.—Clarke C. Fitts, former state attorney general, died tonight after an illness of several weeks at the home of relatives in Watertown, Mass., according to word received at his home here. Mr. Fitts was prominent in the organization of the Connecticut River Power company of which he was a director.

# Cabled Paragraphs

#### Japanese Steamer Sunk.

#### Paris, Dec. 20, 12:30 p. m.—The Japanese steamer Taki Maru has been sunk by a submarine. Twenty-three out of her crew of 45 have been picked up.

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