

NEGOTIATIONS OF VERSAILLES TREATY ARE TO BE EXCHANGED ON JANUARY 6TH

When the Germans Sign the Protocol the Allies Will Give Them a Letter Agreeing to Reduce Their Demands to 400,000 if the Total Available Naval Tonnage Has Been Overestimated—Diplomatic Relations With Germany Will Be Resumed the Following Day—Allied Troops Will Proceed on January 12 to the Territories Which Must Be Evacuated By the Germans.

Paris, Dec. 30.—(By the A. P.)—Exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles will take place Jan. 6 at the Quai d'Orsay. Baron von Lefanor, head of the German delegation, and Paul Datusa, secretary of the peace conference, tonight settled all points in connection with the signature which that relating to naval material, which it is expected will be solved shortly.

THREE MEN RESCUED FROM STEAMER ANTON VAN DRIEL

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 30.—Three exhausted and half-frozen men, sole survivors of the crew of twenty-nine of the Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel, were brought here today on the steamer Ingraham. For two days and nights the three men had clung to the wreck of their steamer.

The rescue of the three survivors was accomplished by the Inghram against tremendous odds. The Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel was wrecked in a mass of rocks and ledges extending far to sea on the foot of prominent cliffs. It was regarded by sailors as impossible to get any craft except in the calmest weather and the great storm which brought down the Belgian ship was still raging when the Inghram arrived. The crew of the steamer was rescued by the Inghram and the three survivors were brought here today.

Shortly after the Van Driel was sunk the rocks on Sunday evening the lifeboats were launched in an attempt to make the brief journey through the giant breakers to the shore. Almost all of the boats were swept away and dashed to pieces against the cliffs. Four men had preferred to stick to the wreck and a fifth, by a freak of the waves, was swept back to the steamer after the lifeboat in which he had embarked was smashed. The remaining twenty-four were drowned.

METHODS OF PROCEDURE OF COAL COMMISSION

Washington, Dec. 30.—Hearings relative to the coal industry will be started January 12 in Washington by the commission of three, representative of the miners, operators and public, appointed by President Wilson under the recent coal strike settlement. The commission is announcing tonight its decision to conduct hearings in the following order: first, the miners; second, the operators; and third, the public. The hearings will be held in the following order: first, the miners; second, the operators; and third, the public.

WHAT DID WE GET OUT OF WAR? "PROHIBITION AND THE 'FLU'."

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chicago socialists tonight ended an exception to the rule of L. Berger of Milwaukee, who was denied his seat in congress but recently re-elected. The meeting was arranged by national officers of the socialist party.

TRUST TO YOUR NOSE IN JUDGING CANNED GOODS

Boston, Dec. 30.—"Trust to your nose" in judging canned goods, was the word sent out to the general public today from the annual convention here of the Society of American Bacteriologists.

MANOEUVERS AND DRILL FOR THE ATLANTIC FLEET

Washington, Dec. 30.—Four months of manoeuvre and drill in southern waters, to keep the ships at fighting pitch and train the great number of recruits, constitutes the programme for the dreadnoughts, destroyers and submarines of the Atlantic fleet which will sail for Guantanamo Bay January 6.

Making their rendezvous in Chesapeake Bay, seven of the eight dreadnoughts of the fleet, including the Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nevada and Arizona, will sail for Guantanamo, where they will remain until the end of the month of drill and small arms practice at Guantanamo, the seventh battleship division, including the Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nevada and Arizona, will sail for Bermuda, where they will remain until the end of the month of drill and small arms practice at Bermuda.

Particular attention will be given, it was said, to experimental aviation and to the maintenance of the tactics of cooperation between naval air forces and the fleet. The air detachment will be composed of units based at Pensacola and other gulf ports and will maintain operations in the West Indian waters. The entire detachment is scheduled to visit Colon, while the battleships are there.

SENATORS IN CONFERENCE ON PEACE TREATY COMPROMISE

Washington, Dec. 30.—Peace treaty compromise talk reached a more formal state today when Senator McNary of Oregon, a leader of the mild reservationists, discussed various compromise subject suggestions with Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the acting democratic leader.

TROOP A, CAVALRY, C. N. G., TO BE ORGANIZED IN NEW HAVEN

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 29.—New Haven is again to have its Troop A, Cavalry in the Connecticut National Guard. By order from the adjutant general's office today announces that the petition of George M. Wallace and twenty-two other residents of New Haven that they be allowed to organize themselves into a troop is granted.

CITY-WIDE RAID MADE ON SALOONS OF PASSAIC

Passaic, N. J., Dec. 30.—A city-wide raid on the saloons of Passaic was made by the police tonight after six deaths had been reported during the day from wood alcohol poisoning. City Commissioner Abram Freiske ordered the police to raid every place where the city where alcoholic beverages might be found and confiscate all liquor discovered.

Condensed Telegrams

The dollar was quoted at 10 francs 721-2 centimes in Paris. Sir William Osler, noted English physician, died at Oxford. Followers of William Jennings Bryan are becoming active in New York.

United States Rubber Co. reported going to advance prices of tire on Jan. 1.

French Cabinet approved the French loan bill framed by Minister of Finance Klotz.

Russian soviet government sent a formal peace offer by wireless to the Polish government.

Spanish railways will buy new rolling stock as a result of an increase in tariffs of 20 per cent.

Henry M. Tilford, who died at his home in New York, Dec. 2, left an estate valued at \$22,000,000.

Wholesale dealers predict 15 or 16c a pound will be the ruling price of sugar in New York in February, 1920.

Arabian volunteers and French detachments clashed at Badbek, Syria. Losses suffered by both sides are severe.

It is understood that three new liners each of 18,000 tons are being built in Scotland for the Canadian service.

Fire destroyed the Sheldon block in the heart of the business district of Watertown, N. Y. Loss amounted to \$150,000.

Thirty of the 57 alleged radicals held in Detroit will be started on their way out of the country within the next few weeks.

About two-thirds of the exportable surplus of the Canadian wheat crop was sold and exported through the Canadian Wheat Board.

Half the Imperial Hotel, housing 40 American tourists, were burned out in Tokio. There were no casualties among the Americans.

Steamship President Wilson arrived at New York after a stormy voyage. The 800 passengers were sure the ship was going to founder.

Parcel Post sales from army retail stores, discontinued Dec. 10, to relieve the mails during the Christmas rush, will be resumed on Jan. 1.

Seven men held up the People's Bank at Ottawa Lake, Mich., and escaped with \$7,000. After shooting the cashier, Harman Rothfus.

Safe blowers robbed a store at Marjona, near Petersburg, Va., of money and securities amounting to \$15,000 and escaped in an automobile.

Platinum valued at from \$50,000 to \$75,000 was stolen from a vault in the plant of the Brossier & Hassiacker Chemical Co., Perth Amboy, N. J.

When Admiral Jellicoe leaves Canada within a few days, for a visit to the United States it is understood he will be accompanied by Sir Robert Borden.

Major General Omar Bundy, who commanded the Second Division in France, was badly injured when thrown from a spirited horse at Camp Lee, Va.

U. S. Sugar Equalization Board, it is reported, has had a very busy day in which the country has thus far suffered is due directly to A. Mitchell Palmer.

Dr. Brewster, missionary and director of the American school in Salonica, is distributing \$10,000 of United States money among Greek refugees in Bulgaria.

Captain Sherman H. Boles of the United States air service, died in the American hospital in Paris of pneumonia on Dec. 21. He was a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Secretary Baker announced all but \$775 contracts made by the government for war materials were liquidated by the War Department at a saving of \$1,891,981,800.

Canadian Industrial Reconstruction Association advised Canadian business men to reduce imports from United States to improve the exchange rate between the countries.

Pilots at Kingston, Jamaica, struck on Christmas eve and remained out until they were assured regulations fixing pilotage scales and fees would be changed in their favor.

MODERN METHODS IN INDUSTRY OF SERBIA

New York, Dec. 30.—Schools for the teaching of modern methods in industry and agriculture have been established in Serbia and form a large part of the war relief and reconstruction work in that country. It was announced by William J. Doherty, commissioner of the Serbian relief committee, upon his return today on the steamship La Savoie. Mr. Doherty stated that there are at present 500,000 children in Serbia who must be cared for.

A LARGE INCREASE IN BIRTHRATE IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 30.—(French Wireless Service.) A large increase in the birth rate is shown by statistics for the month of December, the rate in Paris having doubled since the beginning of the year. Last January the birthrate was 9.5 per thousand, while for the present month the rate exceeds 18 per thousand.

OBITUARY

Robert E. Ford, Robert E. Ford, eldest son of the late Patrick Ford, the founder of the Irish World, died at his home here today following an attack of apoplexy. He was 54 years of age, and was a member of the executive board of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

Cost of living is High in Lawrence

Has Increased 84 Per Cent. There, Against 82.2 Per Cent. in the Entire Country.

Boston, Dec. 30.—The cost of maintaining a reasonable standard of living for wage earners in Lawrence, has increased 84 per cent. in the past five years, the national industrial conference board announced today. The board made this statement in a report showing the cost of living in the country as a whole had advanced 82.2 per cent. in the same period.

A steady income of \$26.55 a week is required to maintain in Lawrence a family of five persons at the minimum standard, it was stated. The report was regarded as of especial interest here because of the controversy between President William Wood of the American Woolen Company and merchants of Lawrence over the former's charge that mill operatives there were forced to pay excessive prices. President Wood announced last night that he would open a store at Lawrence shortly to sell necessities at cost to employees of his company.

The percentage increase in costs of principal necessities in the country and in Lawrence as shown by the board's investigation follows: Flour, 10; Lard, 10; Soap, 10; Sugar, 10; Tea, 10; Coffee, 10; Eggs, 10; Butter, 10; Milk, 10; Meat, 10; Clothing, 10; Fuel, heat and light, 10; Shelter, 10; Medical, 10; Education, 10; Recreation, 10; Transportation, 10; Miscellaneous, 10.

Other studies have indicated, however, it continued, that the percentage of increase for garments as well as other goods tend to rise in the most directly inverse ratio to their original selling price.

The yards goods used, although less important than garments bought ready to wear, according to the report, had increased in price 155 per cent.

While no official announcement has been made, it is expected that when Viscount Grey has reported on work to be done by the British representative here a successor will be promptly named.

HARD LUCK FOR 'HIP POCKET' PARTIES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Plans for "hip pocket parties" to relieve the dryness of New Year's eve in Chicago have been largely abandoned by the police. It is expected that no new agreement will be reached for ushering in the New Year in a tide of vinous, distilled or brewed liquors.

FRENCH SENATE VOTES GOVERNMENT CREDITS

Paris, Dec. 30.—The senate today unanimously voted the government credits for three months and the new law to reduce imports from United States to improve the exchange rate between the countries.

PREDICTS THAT INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IS TO CONTINUE

Washington, Dec. 30.—Continued industrial activity is predicted by the committee on statistics of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in its annual end of the year review of business and crop conditions. Manufacturers, the report said, have orders in excess of their capacity and in the retail trade there is a feeling of confidence of the continuation, until another harvest at least, of the demand for all classes of commodities.

HAPGOOD GIVES HIS VIEWS ON SITUATION IN RUSSIA

New York, Dec. 30.—Norman Hapgood issued a statement here tonight in explanation of his resignation as minister to Denmark, in which he categorically denied having expressed sympathy for the Soviet government of Russia. He declared he had not changed regarding the maintenance of the blockade and that he still believes bolshevism is strengthened by its only ally in Russia but elsewhere.

\$7,000,000 FOR NEW COURT HOUSE IN NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 30.—The board of estimate today appropriated \$7,000,000 for the construction of a new courthouse which is to be begun in design. The building will be situated on the courthouse site back of the Municipal building.

Led a Wild Life While on Parole

Donald Hammond, Son of the Dean of Cornell University, Sentenced to Term in State Prison.

New York, Dec. 30.—Charged with violating his parole by forging checks, committing thefts and getting drunk, Donald Hammond, 24 year old son of William Hammond, dean of Cornell University, was sentenced today to a term of three and one-half to seven years in state prison. Hammond was placed on probation under a suspended sentence last August after he had pleaded guilty to forging a check for \$2,000 in the name of Norman Bradford, Jr., a wealthy Newport, R. I. clubman.

He was being living by you, with" declared Judge Wadhams, in imposing sentence, "and your winning smile has kept you out of jail up to the present time. It has added fuel to your crooked work, but it is nothing further that can be done for you by lenient methods."

Hammond's escapades since being placed on probation took him to Atlantic City, Maine and New Hampshire. Finally his friends virtually deported him to Canada in an effort to make him "go straight." The plea in Manhattan proved too tame for him, however, and he went to Boston where he stole \$15,000 worth of bonds, pleaded guilty in the name of an alleged murderer he met in the Toronto prison, and succeeded in obtaining a suspended sentence under that name.

VISCOUNT GREY TO SAIL FROM NEW YORK SATURDAY

Washington, Dec. 30.—Completing three months of service in Washington as British ambassador to the United States Viscount Edward Grey left tonight for New York from which he will sail Saturday on the Aquitania for Liverpool. On reaching London Viscount Grey will report to his government on his work in the United States.

Arriving in New York last September 26, Viscount Grey announced that because of the partial blindness in his right eye it would be impossible for him to undertake the duties of a permanent ambassador and his mission therefore would be "comparatively short."

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JAPAN IS SENDING NEW TROOPS TO SIBERIA

Washington, Dec. 30.—Japanese troops now being sent into Siberia are believed at the state department to be largely replacement units. It was said officially that no new agreement relating to increasing the number of Japanese army in Siberia had been reached, negotiations on this question still being in progress.

Some of the new forces now going into Siberia, officials said, very probably will be used to reinforce some outposts which are threatened by superior forces of bolshevik. It was declared, however, that Japan was not undertaking any aggressive movement.

The Czech-Slovak forces, to the aid of which the joint allied military expedition was sent, soon will be ready to leave for home via Vladivostok. They will be brought across the Pacific in American transports but whether they will cross the continent through the United States or Canada remains to be determined.

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The names of the men arrested are being withheld, Colonel Porter added, until his men have rounded up several other men who are believed to be connected with a plot to sell the deadly alcohol over New York bars.

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A LIVELY NEW YEAR'S EVE IS PREDICTED IN NEW YORK

High Prices Are Being Paid For Tables Along the Great White Way—Hotel and Restaurant Men Predict the New Year Will Be Welcomed With "Private Stock" Whiskey, Brandy, Rum and Wine—In the Meantime Federal Agents Are Hunting Through Greater New York For Poison Liquor.

New York, Dec. 30.—Two score federal agents were despatched tonight on a hunt through Greater New York and the other sections of this internal revenue district for poison liquor. Manufacturers of perfumes, hair tonics, flavoring extracts and furniture polish were investigated on a wholesale basis to "nail down" non-beverage alcohol, in an effort to prevent recurrence of Christmas wood alcohol tragedies.

Hotel and restaurant men throughout New York tonight predicted the blightest New Year's eve ever witnessed in this city, and "private stock" whiskey, brandy, rum and wine were openly announced as welcome for 1920, despite the dry law and its enforcement. High prices are being paid for liquor, and in many instances prospective celebrators defiantly have declared that John Barleycorn is to be their guest "once more."

After deaths reported here and throughout the country today, though in far less volume than the day after Christmas, indicated that wood alcohol drinks continued to be the toll. Additional arrests were predicted both here and in surrounding territory. Chemical analysis of the brains of five men who died from the alcohol liquor, showed today that wood alcohol caused their deaths.

Louis Di Vito, Joseph Giuseppe and Vito Ceilo, who were arrested last night when officers discovered 1,500 gallons of wine in a saloon, were arrested in court today charged with violation of the war time prohibition and held in \$500 bail each for hearing Jan. 7.

New York, New Jersey and New England officials were in conference on the wood alcohol situation late in the day and a wider and deeper investigation has been planned into the use of poison in saloons, it was announced at the internal revenue office.

LEGISLATION TO REGULATE THE SALE OF WOOD ALCOHOL

Washington, Dec. 30.—Legislation subjecting the manufacture and sale of wood alcohol to government restrictions as grain alcohol will be recommended to congress as a result of the many fatalities from the use of wood alcohol as a beverage. Commissioner Rogers of the internal revenue department announced tonight.

The form of the proposed legislation has not been decided definitely by the bureau. It is understood, however, that the bill will provide for the placing of a heavy tax on the manufacture and sale of wood alcohol and requiring of permits by all persons engaged in the traffic. This would prohibit the government with a definite record of the movement of wood alcohol from manufacturer to consumer, and would make possible immediate action by the authorities in cases of violation of the regulations.

Officials said it had become obvious that weaknesses in the national prohibition amendment as well as the internal revenue laws must be remedied so far as wood alcohol is concerned. Federal authorities under existing law, it was said, apparently are without one legal thread upon which to prevent persons dealing in the poison.

"It is obvious" said Commissioner Roper, "that wood alcohol is in no sense a liquor or beverage as described in either the prohibition amendment or the internal revenue laws, nor can it be considered a narcotic under the provisions of the Harrison narcotic law. It is well known to be a deadly poison and should be regarded and treated as such. In most of the states, if not all, wood alcohol is recognized as a poison and stringent laws have been passed regulating its use and safeguarding the public health."

No such laws exist, however, for use of federal authorities. The department of agriculture's bureau of chemistry, which is entrusted with enforcement of the pure food and drug act, also has informed Commissioner Roper that it has no effective control over the distribution of wood alcohol and that so far as it is concerned, the new law is unnecessary before the new menacé can be dealt with effectively.

14TH DEATH FROM WOOD ALCOHOL IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fourteenth death here since Christmas from the effects of drinking wood alcohol was reported to the police today. The victim had been unconscious since participating in a Christmas eve party.

City officials who today began an investigation of the wave of "blind deaths" declared that federal legislation would be necessary to stamp out the evil.

STENOGRAPHER MAKES RECORD OF 324 WORDS PER MINUTE

New York, Dec. 30.—The world's official shorthand speed record was broken today by Nathan Behrin, an official stenographer of the supreme court of New York county, who wrote 324 words per minute with two errors. The contest was held under the management of the Certified Shorthand Reporters' Society of New York at the annual convention of the New York Shorthand Reporters' Association.

that is put over the bars nowadays. Unscrupulous men, tempted by the unbelievably high prices bootleggers will pay for alcohol, are selling drinks that will kill a man as quickly as so much carbolic acid. I don't like there is a saloonkeeper in the world who would need this stuff if he knew what it was, but those who buy it are ignorant.

"Many saloon keepers confronted with a holiday demand for whiskey over New Year's have returned to get something they could sell. I haven't any doubt but these eighteen barrels seized tonight would have been sold over the counter if our men had not found the stuff."

"Speaking as a law enforcing officer and not as a prohibitionist, I want to warn everybody in New York that the use of the stuff sold as whiskey in New York is rank poison."

WOOD ALCOHOL CAUSE OF SIX MORE ARRESTS

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 30.—Six more arrests in connection with the sale or manufacture of liquor constituted the tangible developments in the investigation of wood alcohol poison cases. No additional names of those arrested, the list remaining at 12, in the state, 13 of them in Hartford.

Six agents of the department of justice and three policemen raided the Panama Cafe, in Front street, Hartford, this afternoon. Four men were arrested and ten gallons of wood alcohol, a still and a quantity of raisins and caramel were seized. The men were locked up on charges of making illicit whiskey and the Hartford police began a search for F. P. Denello, proprietor of the saloon, who was not there when the officers entered. Information regarding the place came from a truckman who had been hired to take some liquor away.

The two others arrested today were Angelo Amato and Salvatore Esposito, of this city, who were held for questioning by the authorities in regard to the distribution of poison liquor. Nine others are under arrest here on various charges, while the police and revenue agents continue their investigation into the wood alcohol liquor traffic.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES FOR SALE OF WOOD ALCOHOL

Cheopee, Mass., Dec. 30.—Sam Darling and Max Saunders, Hartford truckmen, were arrested by Marshal Alfred T. Caron of the Cheopee police tonight on charges of manslaughter growing out of the large number of deaths in the Connecticut valley as a result of drinking whiskey containing wood alcohol. They were held under \$10,000 bonds, which they were unable to furnish early this evening, and will be arraigned in police court tomorrow morning.

According to Marshal Caron, Darling and Saunders came to Cheopee this afternoon to pick up some business affairs. Among the men who visited was the police station and they were met with warrants charging them with manslaughter. Earlier in the day, State Detective David J. Manning, Jr. of Springfield, had been to Hartford and questioned Darling and Saunders regarding their alleged part in the transportation of the liquor. During the conversation, Marshal Caron said, Darling and Saunders, who are also facing charges in Connecticut, were asked to go to Cheopee to close up some business. Upon arrival in Cheopee, Marshal Caron had the warrants in readiness.

MOONSHINER IN NEW YORK FOUND ASPHYXIATED

New York, Dec. 30.—Oscar Swensen was found dead of gas poisoning in his home here today, the victim of his home-made "gas" cure moonshine still. A gallon can with a tube "goose neck" and a receiving container of dark brown liquid were found on top of Swensen's gas stove, from which the unlighted gas was escaping. The police believe that the man's still "boiled over" and extinguished the light in the stove, allowing the gas to flood the place while he slept.

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APPOINTMENTS TO STATE COMMISSION ON SCULPTURE

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 30.—Governor Holcomb today appointed Col. Francis Parsons of this city and H. Siddons Mowbray of Washington, this state, to fill the vacancies on the state commission on sculpture until the third Wednesday of January, 1921, when the general assembly will be in session. These vacancies were caused by the failure of the legislature at the last session to take action on the recommendation for their reappointment. It was an oversight and was not discovered until too late to correct.