

# HOW KAHN VIEWS THE EUROPEAN SITUATION

## Strongly Favors Cancellation of at Least a Portion of the Allied Indebtedness to the United States—Feels Assured That Such Action Would Turn Out a Good Investment—Would Have a Refunding Commission Arrange a Fair and Final Settlement With All Countries, Subject to the Approval of Congress.

New York, Dec. 25.—Otto H. Kahn, banker, in a letter to Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, member of the debt refunding commission, made public today by the committee of American business men, has outlined a plan whereby he believes "America can consistently aid toward relieving the European situation and at the same time meet the sentiment of the country which seems opposed to the cancellation of the allied indebtedness to the United States."

Mr. Kahn expressed himself as being "in favor of the policy of cancelling at least a portion of the indebtedness of the allied nations."

"I am convinced that it would be to our ultimate advantage to do this," he wrote. "I feel sure that such action would turn out a good investment."

"But if public opinion and congress will not at present consent to the cancellation of a portion of the debt of the allied debt," the letter continued, "which relinquishment, he it understood, is suggested only in return for, and simultaneously with, measures on the part of the European nations to bring about that change of mental and moral attitude and actual conditions which is indispensable if the world again is to have an even and a just settlement."

He suggested that a commission be appointed to study the problem of the debt and to report to congress in a few days. "The commission should be authorized to investigate the financial position of the allied nations, to determine the extent of their indebtedness to the United States, and to recommend a fair and equitable method of cancelling or refunding the same."

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# Series of Tragedies Marred Christmas

## Three of a Family Gathered Around a Christmas Tree in Seattle Were Shot Dead.

Seattle, Dec. 25.—Appearing suddenly at the home of B. C. Engel, a family of three was gathered around a Christmas tree today, Emil Neurer, a ferryboat operator shot and killed his wife and two children, and then killed himself. Neurer was waiting in a shed in the rear of the house when Engel stepped out of the back door during the Christmas festivities. Engel, a policeman, saw Neurer and ordered him back into the house, locking the door after they hurried inside.

According to Engel's statement, Anna Engel rushed into the room and jumped between the two, and Neurer started shooting. Anna was the first to fall. Then Neurer ran into the living room where Lily was holding a doll she had taken from the Christmas tree. He killed the child with one shot and then entered an adjoining room and killed Hans and himself.

A half filled bottle of whiskey was found in Neurer's pocket. He had taken three bottles to the house with him and two of his pockets were filled with cartridges.

Anna Engel was 17 years old, Hans 11 and Lily 3 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Engel and two children escaped from the house unharmed.

Letters found in Neurer's pocket mentioned supposed troubles with Engel, but did not reveal specifically the cause of Neurer's emphy.

**FOREMEN KILLED DURING CELEBRATION IN COAL FIELD**

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 25.—Four men were killed during Christmas celebration in the Fayette county coal fields last night and today. One of the dead is Frank Hall, a member of the H. C. Frick Coke Company's police force.

Hall was shot to death when he attempted to arrest a man named Allen. Allen fired one shot and Hall, although fatally wounded, pulled his revolver and killed his assailant. The shooting occurred at Gates, a mining camp near here.

Ed Lindsey, a negro miner, was killed in a revolver duel at Footdale.

A third negro was killed in a pitched battle at Burlington, Louisiana, a merchant, was brought to Uniontown charged with the slaying.

**KILLED HER FRIEND IN HER APARTMENT**

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 25.—Mrs. O. L. Jones, 32 years old, shot and killed her friend, O. L. Black, 44, sales manager for a Louisville automobile concern, in her apartment on the subject's last night. She had a Christmas tree in the room, and she told the police, until she could summon enough courage to surrender.

She declared she shot Black because he threatened her. She walked into the station house after daylight, told of the tragedy, and was placed in jail charged with murder.

Mrs. Jones, described by the police as an exceptionally handsome woman, is the divorced wife of O. L. Jones, Louisville, and Nashville railroad baggage master at Cincinnati. Black was unmarried.

# BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Holiday buying in New York has broken all records, and \$250,000,000 has been spent by shoppers there.

An attempt to fly around the world will be started next June by Captain Pedro Zamani, Argentine army aviator.

**William Robertson, American vice consul at Danzig, was found dead in a field near Oliva, with a bullet wound in his head.**

Luis Inquierdo, Chilean ambassador to Argentina, has resigned. His place will be taken for the present by Matias Errazauriz, former minister to Belgium.

Every democratic senator in the new New York state legislature will be a committee chairman, according to Tammany plans.

Reports have reached the department of agriculture of outbreaks of shipping fever or stockyards fever among cattle and sheep in the middle west.

New Yorkers who spend their vacations at Newport have overabundant funds for establishing an airplane service for week end trips next summer.

A Panama dispatch says Ernesto Tialdi Lefevre, former president of Panama, died yesterday morning following an operation.

The Brookside cotton mills, Knoxville, Tenn., have announced a voluntary increase of 10 per cent. in wages, affecting 1,500 employees.

France has released the last German war prisoners. They were undergoing punishment for offenses against the common law committed during their detention as war prisoners.

Miss Carolina Wells of Bryn Mawr and Altadena, Calif., and Roy Jackson of Whitehall, N. Y., both American relief workers in Athens, were married in the English chapel there.

Despite rumors of outrages contemplated on Montreal's Catholic churches on the occasion of the celebration of Christmas midnight mass, nothing untoward was reported yesterday.

Mrs. Beale Kerkwill of Brooklyn was held in \$10,000 bail on a charge of suspicion of homicide, alleging that she sold liquor to Mrs. Florence Steves which is said to have caused her death.

In their comment on the vote of the chamber of deputies making Flemish the official language of Ghent university, the Belgian newspaper express the hope that the senate will not vote likewise.

Using brooms and mop handle as weapons, seven prisoners, four of whom are said by police to be desperate characters, escaped from the Wayne county jail in Detroit.

Robert Shields, 26, a negro, died in Harlem hospital after he had been shot in the mouth by another negro during a quarrel in an apartment at 44 West 143rd street.

# Four Arrests at the Middletown Hospital

## Attendants at State Institution Held for Hearing on Manslaughter Charge.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 25.—Four attendants at the Connecticut State Hospital for the Insane, were arrested here today on charges of manslaughter in connection with the death this morning of Pietro Pallanelli, an inmate of the institution. Hearings were held in bonds of \$500 for a hearing here tomorrow morning.

The men arrested were John H. Walsh, James Morrison, Thomas Rubin and Dean Keenan. The arrests were requested by the hospital authorities after an investigation into Pallanelli's death.

According to the report given to the police by the hospital authorities, Pallanelli died this morning two hours after he had been beaten by the four guards. Internal injuries were observed by the coroner and a medical examiner John E. Loveland, who reported that all but one of Pallanelli's ribs had been broken. According to the investigation made by the coroner, the attendants struck the inmate in the face when called to breakfast. The attendant, returned the blow and assisted by three other attendants then subdued the prisoner. He died two hours later.

Pallanelli was committed to the hospital by the superior court in New Haven in May, 1921 on the grounds that he was criminally insane. He was charged to kill or maim to kill his wife at their home in Derby. After wounding her severely he turned the pistol on himself but recovered.

**FURTHER ARRESTS TO FOLLOW KIDNAPPING INVESTIGATIONS**

Bastrop, La., Dec. 25.—The probability that the next chapter in the Morehouse kidnaping investigations would be written soon in Mer Rouge loomed strongly here tonight.

Attorney General Coo's announcement in Markville, La., where he is spending Christmas, that at least six or seven more on charges of murder in connection with the death of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, is expected to be fulfilled in the Mer Rouge community.

It is believed that many of the men the state suspects as ringleaders of the white-robed and masked mob that carried off five men and administered beatings to them last August will be served with warrants before Jan. 5, the date set for the opening here. Developments at the hearing may bring about the arrest of others. Federal agents have declared they have the names of twenty members of the mob.

"The state believes T. J. Burnett guilty of the murder charge upon which he was jailed Saturday," the attorney general declared today.

"We further believe we have the evidence upon which to convict those we arrest," he added.

An order was issued today denying Burnett the local jail except in the presence of an officer of the military department. Burnett's friends are rallying to his support.

The state forces penetrating into the mystery and the populace of Morehouse relaxed today under the influence of the Christmas spirit.

The troops stationed here and at Mer Rouge brought their guns to rest and helped them be merry.

A conference of those conducting the inquiry was announced for this morning in New Orleans. At that time plans for the hearing will be outlined and the findings of the coroner's jury which held the inquest over the bodies of Daniels and Richards will be discussed. The report of the pathologists will be carefully weighed. It is regarded by the state as going far towards clearing up the mystery in which the two men met their death.

The bodies, which lay for four months at the bottom of the lake before being shot to the surface by unidentified midnight dynamite, were said by the physicians to have borne evidence of a thorough and businesslike manner and no inference to thwart the ends of justice tolerated," he declared.

Mrs. McKinnon, wife of the physician, tonight informed newspapermen her husband was at Johns Hopkins university.

# CHRISTMAS BROUGHT FORTH A SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

## Festivities Were Marked by a Thoughtfulness for the Poor and Unfortunate—Numerous Santas Were Imbued with the Spirit of Giving—Church Folks and Stage Folks Contributed to the Happiness of the Day—The Day at the White House Was Quiet Because of the Illness of Mrs. Harding.

New York, Dec. 25.—Tradition has it that there is only one Santa Claus, but tradition was given the lie direct in New York today, when nearly everyone—from Governor-elect Smith down to the humblest citizen—donned red coat and white fur in public or private. It was a city of Santas.

The new governor was the first to set the fashion. Returning from midnight mass to his apartment in the Hotel Biltmore, he mounted a step-ladder and began stringing glistening ornaments on a sturdy Christmas tree. Then he turned to "Father Al Smith"—he seated himself on a low stool beneath the tree and began distributing the family's gifts.

Meanwhile other Santas were harnessing their theoretical reindeer for a snowless journey around town. There were private Santas galore, but it was the Santas in hospitals and prisons, street-corner Santas, and Santas in mission that drew the most eyes. It seemed as if New York—the great city of nearly 6,000,000 souls—had hearkened to the cry of darker, wartime days and was giving until it hurt.

Not even prison bars could shut out the Christmas cheer. In the Tombs—that forbidding building with its bridge of sighs—Santa stole the stone-flagged corridors, his pack on his back. A real Christmas dinner, with mince pie and fixins', was spread before 250 men and 50 women.

On Ellis Island, that famous gateway of the immigrant, 1,500 future Americans celebrated their first Christmas in America under the very shadow of Lady Liberty.

Into the hospitals, where grown folk and youngsters lay on their beds in pain, marched the red-clad figure with his eyes and woe. At his entry eyes that a moment before had been dull and empty lighted up.

Among the most generous of the Santas was the stage folk from Broadway. Into hospitals, into slums, into the homes of the hopeless they penetrated. Side by side with Salvation Army lassies they labored, spreading joy among those who couldn't buy their amusement at the box office.

Tongues were not long enough to carry the cry of "Merry Christmas!" During the day the radio took up the greeting and the very heavens were full of good cheer.

But the note of tragedy—inevitable as fate—was introduced into at least one home.

Mrs. Rita Diaz, a young Porto Rican, had joined with her husband in a Christmas eve party. A tree, music, dancing—and the guests had parted. The Diaz's seven-month old baby, a tiny white child, was hung for baby's presents.

Then husband and wife quarreled. In the night the wife arose, passed the stocking Santa had packed, entered the bathroom and drank poison.

She died on the way to the hospital. Prohibition officials, who asserted that Broadway had experienced the driest Christmas eve in its history, largely because of the deficit which they claimed the Babarum run had met at the hands of the dry law, pointed as proof to the fact that the West Side court, which usually hears many "grubbs on Christmas day, had no offenders before it.

Police assigned to watch restaurants and cabarets reported they had seen no liquor law violations along the "Gay White Way."

**ACCESSES PROVIDE GREER FOR "DOWN AND OUTERS"**

Chicago, Dec. 25.—One thousand "down and outers" turned their faces to the stars today and watched the movie actress for her generosity in furnishing them a Christmas dinner. They declared it was the best holiday they had had in years.

Miss Lane, who is in Los Angeles, last week telegraphed her father, Charles Appel, to furnish a Christmas dinner "with all the trimmings" to one thousand homeless men and send the bill to her.

Miss Mary McCormack, grand opera star of the Chicago Civic Opera company, helped to make the dinner a success by singing several Christmas songs.

The advent of Christmas in Chicago was greeted by the singing of carols in more than a dozen settlements and poor sections of the city, members of the Chicago Civic Opera Company, taking a leading part.

More than 100,000 destitute persons were cared for by newspapers and charity organizations.

**PRESIDENT REMEMBERED ALL WHITE HOUSE EMPLOYEES**

Washington, Dec. 25.—Every employe of the White House, down to the last messenger and kitchen maid received today a five dollar gold piece with the personal compliments of the President and Mrs. Harding.

The remembrances were virtually the only Christmas presents given to individuals by the chief executive and his lady of the land, and except for the usual Christmas suspension of executive business, distribution of the gifts was the only variation from the every-day routine of the White House. Because of the illness of Mrs. Harding there were no house guests and no Christmas party.

Mr. Harding took a complete holiday, going golfing during the morning and spending a good part of the afternoon with Mrs. Harding in her sick room.

**PRE-SENT IN CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVITIES IN PARIS**

Paris, Dec. 25.—Christmas eve festivities in Paris were carried out with pre-war zest despite the prevailing high prices. Even folk in moderate circumstances dined in restaurants and blood puddling for more aristocratic menus. The prices in restaurants were slightly lower than last year with the result that the cafes drew capacity crowds, the revellers dining, dancing and singing until morning. Large congregations attended midnight mass at the churches where brilliant musical programs were conducted.

**HOW SPANISH ROYALTY CELEBRATED THE DAY**

Madrid, Dec. 25.—The king and queen observed the Christmas eve festival in the same manner as the majority of their subjects, exchanging gifts of simple character and passing the evening "at home."

**FRESHING'S MESSAGE TO DISABLED VETERANS**

Washington, Dec. 25.—General Pershing in a Christmas message today to disabled veterans declared that courage and fortitude would ever be an inspiration to the nation which could never be unmindful of their great sacrifices. He expressed his sympathy for the membership through the national office here of the Disabled American Veterans, follows:

"On this Christmas day I wish to extend to all of you my warmest greetings and most cordial good wishes. None of us can ever be unmindful of the great sacrifices you have made in the service of your country, although few can realize what you have suffered. Your courage and your fortitude shall ever be an inspiration to us. For the coming year, as always, you have my warmest thought for your welfare and happiness. May it bring you full measure of health and fortune, but above everything may I find you ever brave and resolute in living up to the high standards of your war service."

**U. S. FORCES AT COBLENZ HAD TREE FOR CHILDREN**

Coblenz, Dec. 25.—(By The A. P.)—Nine hundred children were the guests of the American forces at a huge Christmas tree celebration today in the Clemens Platz. The children, led by school teachers, were presented with packages containing clothing, candy and toys. The Eighth Infantry band furnished music, and the children, led by school teachers of Foreign Wars, fed 500 orphans at one of the biggest restaurants in Coblenz. The American Legion was host to 300.

The machine gunners of the Eighth celebrated Christmas by playing the music of the Christmas tree, and the children of the Salvation Army and other organizations distributed thousands of baskets of food.

**AMERICAN SAILORS DEFENSE CHEER AT CONSTANTINOPLE**

Constantinople, Dec. 25.—The American cruiser Pittsburgh, eleven American destroyers and two mother ships, lying on the Bosphorus, gave Christmas cheer to several thousand American orphans, hundreds of whom were picked up in the streets of Constantinople by American relief workers headed by Mrs. Elizabeth White of Grinnell, Iowa. Turkey dinners were served and there were gifts for everyone from the Christmas trees. Tens of thousands gathered at the waterfront at nightfall to watch the illumination of the fleet.

**CHIEF WITH MURDER FOR MOONSHINE WHISKEY DEATH**

Shelby, Ohio, Dec. 25.—Philip Weigant, 26, alias Lester Elston, 26, tonight are being held to the Richland county grand jury on charges of murder in connection with the death yesterday of Ralph Longley, 32, after he drank moonshine whiskey at a "Christmas party." Two other men who partook of the liquor were blinded and a score made ill.

When arraigned both men admitted selling the liquor, which the authorities believe contained wood alcohol, but pleaded not guilty to the charges of murder.

Longley was a world war veteran Mayor Morris, before whom Weigant and Elston were arraigned, said that previous to his funeral Tuesday morning, the accused men shall be escorted from the jail to the Longley home and then to the local hospital to view the two blinded men.

**HAD TWO WIVES LIVING WITHIN TWO BLOCKS**

New York, Dec. 25.—Two women, living within five blocks of each other on the upper West Side, were struck along Broadway with a detective this afternoon, when they spotted a man each claimed as her husband. He was arrested for bigamy and locked up in police headquarters, where he gave the name of Linford H. Stockwell, salesman.

Miss Helen Fallon of West 99th street, charged that Stockwell married her July 17, 1922, using the name Linford Rockwell. Miss Vivian Goodwin, of West 58th street, accused him of wedding her October 16, 1922, as Linford Koslin.

They also charged that Stockwell had another wife in Milwaukee, but the police said the prisoner explained his marriages in that city had been annulled because his wife had found a second husband.

**JUMPED FROM WINDOW WITH CLOTHING ABLAZE**

New York, Dec. 25.—A man and a woman, their clothing aflame from the explosion of an oil stove, saved their lives today by jumping from a second story window in Brooklyn after the explosion burned himself severely and set the curtains ablaze. The woman, panic-stricken, leaped through the window, following Nickelsen. Neighbors quickly followed them and rescued them out the blaze with small loss.