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FRENCH OPPOSE WILSON MOVE; "OUTRAGE" SAYS CRITIC

VILLA'S ARMY IS GETTING STRONGER; TORREON TOTTERS

Agents Report to Washington Rumor Another Carranza Stronghold is Captured

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Official agents who have been working over and around the border have reported to Washington rumors that Torreón has been captured by the Villistas, the second or third stronghold the Villa forces have wrested from the Carranzistas within a few weeks. News of the capture of Santa Rosalia a week ago by the Villistas has been received. It is reported that 300 Carranzistas, who were entrained to go to Chihuahua City were captured and that virtually all of them were executed, including a Carranza colonel.

Big Liner Maui Goes In Water

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 23.—The latest great vessel of the Matson Navigation Company, the liner Maui, was launched today with entire success at the yards of the Union Iron Works. Capt. William Matson, head of the company, and many others of its officials and stockholders witnessed the launching ceremonies. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tehney of Honolulu. Mrs. Matson was sponsor for the vessel as the handsome craft slid into the water. A photograph of the liner as she will appear when completed and a description of her main features are published on Page 6 today.

Oil Lands Are Held

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Efforts of the joint committee of congressmen to agree upon legislation for relief of the claimants of land now held in the state of California as reserves for naval oil were ended today when Secretary of the Navy Daniels refused to yield to any compromise proposal.

IRON WORKS GETS LARGE CONTRACT

From the Philippines on the very eve of Christmas comes a big order to the Honolulu Iron Works. Just what the amount of it is in dollars cannot be told until full specifications are received, but it is a very important order. It was said on the street that it was a half-million dollars, but at the office it was said that it would hardly run so big. The Honolulu iron works received information of the order from its Philippine agency, which asked if it were possible to fill the order in the time specified, and was informed that it is. The name of the company was not mentioned, but it is stated that the contract is for a fully completed mill with a capacity of 350 tons a day.

EVERY MARRIED PERSON AT WHITE HOUSE GIVEN TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Turkeys were distributed today to every married person in the White House employ, gifts of the President and Mrs. Wilson.

CHRISTMAS MAIL TAKES FREIGHTS TO CARRY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Reports to the postoffice department show that an enormous Christmas mail is being carried. The volume for 1916 is exceeding that for 1915 by 25 per cent. There is such a shortage of mail cars that freight cars are being used where necessary.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

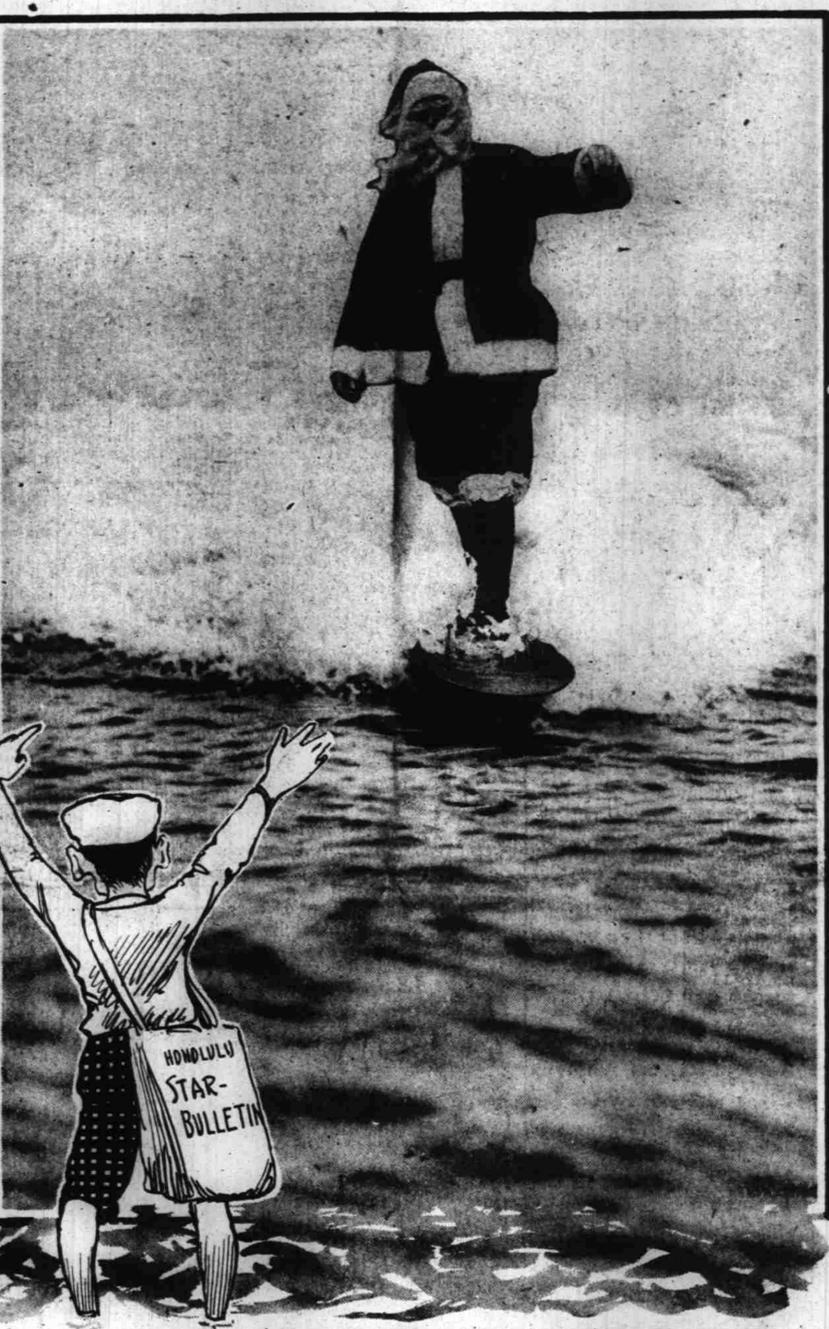
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Alaska Gold	117 1/2	117 1/2
American Smelter	105 1/4	105
American Sugar Rfg.	109 3/4	108 7/8
American Tel. & Tel.	125 1/4	125
Anaconda Copper	82 1/2	83 3/4
Atchafalpa	104 1/4	104
Baldwin Loco.	58 1/2	61 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	84 1/2	84
Ethlehem Steel	503	520
Calif. Petroleum	25	25
Canadian Pacific	166 1/2	165
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	92	91 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45	75 1/4
Crucible Steel	59	59
Erie Common	34 3/4	34 1/4
General Electric	167 3/4	167 1/2
General Motors	117 1/2	117 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	121	118
Kennecott Copper	45	44 7/8
Lehigh R. R.	80	79
New York Central	103 3/4	104 1/4
Pennsylvania	56 1/4	56 1/4
Ray Consol.	26 3/4	26 1/4
Southern Pacific	97 1/4	97 3/4
Studebaker	111 1/2	112
Texas	211 1/4	211 3/4
Union Pacific	147 3/4	147 1/4
U. S. Steel	106 3/4	107 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	120	118 3/4
Utah	100 1/4	101
Western Union	97	98 1/4
Westinghouse	55 1/2	55 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 5.08 cents. Previous quotation, 5.14 cents.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAWAII!"



LANSING STATEMENT STILL IS SENSATION OF DAY IN EUROPE

German Comment Varies From Cynicism to Quasi-Acquiescence—Another Appeal Made to Wilson to End War if Possible

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Secretary of State Lansing said he would welcome an investigation to show whether any official has profited by stock speculation resulting from his statements. His declaration followed the demand in the lower house for an investigation to determine whether the interpretations which the state department put on the president's note to the belligerents had been followed by operations in the stock market.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 23.—The foreign office stated late today that there is little possibility that a reply will be made by the British government before Christmas to the German peace proposals. The American note is still the dominating feature of the war news. The comments in Germany and France are reproduced under headings such as "Lansing's 'Verge of War' Blunder," "The Snare of Peace," and "Wilson's Mistake."

PARIS, France, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's note to the warring nations, calling for an expression of the terms for which they are fighting, and the statements given out almost immediately following by Secretary of State Lansing, continue to be the sensations of the day. The war news is dwarfed by the discussion of the American developments and the varying views from unofficial sources. No official statement has yet been made, and when this is done it will probably be simultaneously and in consonance with the other members of the Entente.

President Wilson's action by no means meets with favor among the commentators of the French capital, both speakers and writers, who only vary in the manner of expressing their adverse criticism of his move.

Arabia Not War Vessel

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—That the P. & O. liner Arabia, sunk in the war zone by a Teuton submarine, was not in the service of the Allies and therefore should be immune from attack without warning, is the British official answer to the United States' inquiry concerning the status of this vessel.

Promotionist and C. of C. Secretary Like Suggestion

The editorial published in the Star-Bulletin on Friday in regard to the Stockton invasion brought out one of the strongest features of publicity that has been presented, said A. P. Taylor, secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, today. "If the Stockton boys care enough about broadening their education to raise a campaign for funds to bring them to Hawaii, it stands to reason that other schools will do the same thing. Romance thrives in all institutions, and youth has always looked toward strange lands. It is certain that the parents of the students will look kindly to any plan that will give the boys a broader view of life.

New Peace Appeal Made To President

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Another development in the peace sentiment came today when George Foster Feabody, Paul Kellogg and Emily Greene Balch started from this city to present to the president a letter from Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher, making an appeal to end the war. The three emissaries represent the American Neutral Conference, which proposed to hold peace demonstrations in various large cities of the country on New Year's.

"Baby Welfare" Station Will Be Established Soon

A "baby welfare" station is to be established at Palama Settlement the first of the year, where mothers will be taught the proper methods of caring for their children. By this means it is hoped that the large mortality among the little ones of Honolulu will be greatly reduced. Plans for this station developed as a result of "Baby Week" held last April. Even during that short time much good was done for the children, for the mothers learned many things necessary to the health and welfare of their babies, and James Rath, superintendent of the settlement, says that a big improvement was noted following the week of instruction.

LES DARCY REACHES U. S.; SAYS WILL GO TO FRONT AFTER FIGHTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Les Darcy, the Australian champion pugilist, who ran away from his country, arrived here today. He said he would go to the war front as soon as he can be conducted and the best ways of making enough money to support his pa-feeding, clothing and caring for the rents in Australia. He expects to fight in the United States and wants to make his debut with Georges Carpentier, the French champion; Jackrose, Mass., says eating candy has prolonged her life.

8 Hours to Big Rains Switchmen On Hawaii

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 23.—An eight-hour day, with straight pro rata time for overtime, has been granted the Switchmen's Union by the federal arbitration board. It gives an increase of five cents an hour for foremen and helpers. They asked 10 cents.

STEAMSHIP OFFICIALS GUESTS OF THE MAYOR AND GEORGE BECKLEY

The Great Northern Pacific officials, G. N. Koepfel, Los Angeles agent, and H. A. Jackson, general traffic manager, both of whom are here for the first time, are getting their first glimpse of the wonders of Hawaii today in company with Mrs. Koepfel and Mrs. Jackson and their children, as the guests of Mayor John Lane and George Beckley. Two big cars are carrying the visitors to the Pail, the beach and other nearby places of attraction. "We are just showing them a few of the handy places," says the mayor, "so they can get their bearings. After that I suppose they will branch out and see most everything." Beckley returned in the Great Northern.

EXTRA CAR SERVICE

Announcement was made this morning by the Rapid Transit Company that cars will be run tonight one hour later than usual for the accommodation of holiday crowds.

KILLED DAUGHTER; IS GIVEN 20 YEARS

Not less than 20 years at hard labor in Oahu prison was the penalty imposed on Murata Tokubeye, Japanese, by Circuit Judge Ashford today, for killing his daughter with a knife. He was indicted for first degree murder, but pleaded guilty to a charge of second degree murder. According to the prosecution's phase of the case, the defendant had been guilty of improper relations with his daughter. In a fit of jealousy, it is alleged, he stabbed her to death after learning she was receiving the attentions of another man, said to be her uncle. The maximum penalty for second degree murder is life imprisonment, but Judge Ashford in passing sentence said he was moved to leniency owing to the man's plea of guilty and his advanced age. The defendant is, however, liable to imprisonment for life unless he is paroled after the expiration of 20 years.

KANSAN IS BEACHED

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 23.—The American steamer Kansan, which hit a mine off the French coast, has been beached at St. Nazaire roads.

SHACKLETON SETS FORTH

DUNEDIN, N. Z., Dec. 23.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, sailed from Port Chalmers today.

MOVIE FILMS CAN NOW GO BY PARCEL POST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—By a decision of the postoffice department today movie films are to be admitted to the privileges of the parcel post.

POSTOFFICE TO BE OPEN MONDAY

Although Christmas is the only legal holiday in the year granted the postoffice employees Monday will not be a day of rest for the local postoffice employees.

Everyone from Acting Postmaster William C. Petersen down to the humblest clerk and carrier will be on hand early Monday morning to handle the Christmas mail, 840 bags, which will arrive in the Oceanic liner Sierra from San Francisco.

The postoffice will remain open to the public from 8 o'clock until noon and with four big auto trucks which have been hired at work, the carriers will deliver all possible first-class and package mail, working all day.

Honolulu will be divided into different districts. Each truck will have a crew consisting of driver and two or three carriers. Each will cover a number of routes, doing work that could not be done in three days by carriers working with the usual carts or on foot.

Last night some of the carriers did not finish delivering Christmas packages which arrived on the Great Northern until 9 or 9:30 o'clock. At least 500 bags of parcel post matter were brought by the liner.

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The German-American Alliance will hold its next meeting on Saturday, December 30, and not today as erroneously advertised.

CHRISTMAS DAY NEWS

On Monday, Christmas Day, the Star-Bulletin, in accordance with its regular custom, will not be issued. Arrangements have been made by which news will be received as usual at the office of this paper and the most important despatches will be written on a big blackboard at the Merchant street entrance. Any interested person is welcome to see the full despatches by calling at the editorial office—if it is open. As a matter of fact, we are going to have just as much time off for Christmas as possible.

A declaration of his intention to become an American citizen has been filed in federal court by Karl Wimmer, a plumber by occupation and a native of St. Polten, Russia.