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FORD QUILTS PEACE PARTY, SAILS HOME; TIRED OF STRIFE AMONG HIS PILGRIMS

XMAS CHEER IN WALL ST.; EVEN OFFICE BOYS PRESENT GIFTS TO THEIR EMPLOYERS

Brokers Celebrate Greatest Prosperity in History With Wave of Prodigality.

SCATTER RICH GIFTS.

Market Itself Strong in Sympathy With Christmas Joy Over Record Profits.

"Merry Christmas" cried everybody in Wall Street to-day. The financial district was exuberant in good cheer and wildly demonstrative in its celebrations. A year ago there was gloom and bankruptcy. Today there was the joy of millions in profits, of wealth beyond anything ever known before in the country's history.

The big Stock Exchange tried to maintain a semblance of dignity and repression, but its individual members were going about exchanging greetings and presents in a delirium of happiness.

Money was everywhere handed out with a liberality never before known in the district. From the enormously increased dividends of many corporations, the lavish disbursements of many banks and trust companies to both their stockholders and employees, on down even to the messenger boys of the street there was a scattering of presents, tips and bonuses on an unprecedented scale.

There was a strong market in trading just to give the added touch of prosperity to the day. The schedule of leaders of finance did not call for a boom to start until the beginning of the new year, but in the general wave of elation nothing could repress the rising sentiments of the brokers.

United States Steel and all the copper stocks were strong on the basis of increased prices for copper metal.

War? Nobody thought of its demoralization and its gloomy side. There was only the talk of the wonderful prosperity the devastation of Europe had brought to America.

While the big Exchange tried to keep itself within bounds of decorum, the Consolidated, or Little Exchange took the lid off and converted its great floor into a theatre for high jinks of craziest excitement. At 1 o'clock the Twenty-second Regiment band was marched into the Exchange blaring out rag time music that set the brokers wild. They formed in line and circled around the room dancing and cheering.

Flags, bunting and streamers of red, white and blue covered the walls. Tricks, presentations, stunts of infinite variety had been prepared in advance by groups of members that were kept up all the afternoon.

The Big Exchange collected \$17,000 to be parcelled out among its employees. The Little Exchange gave every employe a substantial percentage bonus on his salary, beside innumerable special presents. The messenger boys made up a fund to reciprocate and presented to the floor committee, headed by William F. Silkworth, canes and umbrellas. Telephone operators in commission houses had a similar fund for officers of the Consolidated.

San Francisco and New York Consolidated Exchanges sent telegrams of greetings and cheer to each other, wishing the "wave of prosperity to continue."

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FRIENDLY ANCONA NOTE IS SENT FROM AUSTRIA

Wireless Communication on Sinking of Liner Picked Up in London.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A message from Baron Borian, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, to Baron Zwielenek, Austro-Hungarian Charge d'Affaires at Washington, is circulated in London to-day by the wireless press. It is dated Vienna and was picked up in England on its transit by wireless telegraphy to the United States. The communication reads as follows: "The American note was handed over to me on the 21st. Tel. The Secretary of State the answer we are now preparing will be guided by the same concern for good relations between both countries as mentioned by the Federal Government. In consequence of the Christmas holidays our answer cannot be expected before next week."

GREEK LINER IN TROUBLE AT SEA

Thessaloniki's Engines Flooded by Storm—Vessel Stands by to Aid.

The Greek Line steamship Thessaloniki, bound for this port from Piræus, with 300 passengers on board, is in trouble at sea between 500 and 600 miles off Norfolk, Va., according to wireless messages received to-day.

One message from Capt. Lavarello of the Italian liner Stambulia, was received by Hartford & Solaris, agents of the line. It was as follows: Dec. 23 at 2:30 P. M. the Greek steamship Thessaloniki asked for assistance by wireless, declaring engine and boiler compartments flooded owing to heavy storm. At 11:15 P. M. Dec. 23 we came alongside the Thessaloniki. This A. M. at 8:30 were freed and are continuing to New York. Will arrive daybreak Dec. 25.

The captain of the Ioannina, sister ship of the Thessaloniki, advised the Greek Line offices here to-day by wireless that the Thessaloniki is proceeding under her own steam, but will arrive two days late. The Ioannina answered her wireless call for help, but was informed that the Thessaloniki was not seriously damaged and would reach port without assistance.

Justice Tierney Sworn In. Supreme Court Justice-elect Tierney of Bronx County was sworn in to-day by Justice Brady in the Bronx Supreme Court in the presence of most of the County and borough officials. Justice Tierney and Justice Tierney have been close friends for forty years. Justice Brady swore in Mr. Tierney eight years ago at the beginning of his term as a Municipal Court Justice.

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P. S. BOARD ASKS FEDERAL INQUIRY OF STANDARD OIL

Price of City Gas Controlled by Company, Says Hayward Resolution.

ALLEGED PRICE JUGGLING

Demand on Attorney General Outgrowth of Evening World Fight for Cheap Gas.

The Public Service Commission struck at the Standard Oil Company to-day as the power behind the extortionate gas rate in Brooklyn. A resolution submitted by Commissioner Hayward was adopted directing the attention of the Attorney General of the United States to what appears to be discrimination in prices for gas oil and the giving of rebates to gas companies in violation of the anti-trust laws. "If the Standard Oil Company is going to fix the price for gas in New York," said Commissioner Hayward, "we'd better know it, so that we will not be wasting a lot of time holding hearings."

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote instructing the Secretary to communicate with the Attorney General, directing his attention to facts brought out at recent hearings as to discrimination in prices of gas oil to different gas companies in the city.

The commission also decided to continue the hearing on Dec. 30, to inquire into the prices charged to gas companies for oil by the Standard.

The new development resulted from a letter sent to the commission by the Kings County Lighting Company, the 95-cent corporation whose extortionate rates The Evening World has been fighting on behalf of the citizens of the southern section of Brooklyn.

This letter followed The Evening World's announcement yesterday that Commissioner Williams had revised his former opinion sustaining the 35-cent rate and had decided that the rate should be 85 cents per thousand cubic feet. The company immediately brought in the subject of oil and pointed out that prices are going higher. It demurred against lowering its rates on the ground that it would have to pay more for the Standard's produce which is extensively used in gas making.

"We are going to find out whether the Standard Oil Company controls the gas companies and fixes the price of gas to the consumer," said Commissioner Hayward. "We shall ask the Attorney General to inquire into the interlocking directorates of the gas companies and the various Standard companies."

"Rebates have been given to certain gas companies and not to others. There is no fixed or market price for gas oil. No two gas companies appear to be paying the same price. We never have been able to find out even whether there is a market price or any standard of grade of oil to be used. It looks as though prices for oil were juggled to produce desired showings in gas company profits rather than fair open market conditions."

At the commission meeting to-day there were present the new Chairman, Oscar Straus, and Commissioners Cram, Williams and Hayward. Commissioner Wood was absent. Commissioner Williams, who has been handling the gas cases, joined with Commissioner Hayward in demanding inquiry into oil prices, and there was unanimous vote on the proposition.

PRINCE HAS LOVE LETTERS HE SAYS WIFE RECEIVED

Endearing Notes to Princess From Manhattan Club Signed "F. J. S."

PRINCE ON THE STAND.

Nobleman, Sued for Divorce, Swears He Never Kissed Mrs. Hathaway in Public.

Prince Nicholas Engalitcheff, Russian nobleman, erstwhile pet of the Czar, who is being sued for divorce by Princess Evelyn Partridge Engalitcheff in the Supreme Court before Justice Bijur, filed an amended answer to his wife's complaint before he took the witness stand to tell his story to-day.

The amended answer alleges that last April at the Vanderbilt Hotel the Princess tried to commit suicide by taking poison after the Prince had exhibited two notes alleged to have been written to her by F. J. Swift.

The first note, dated Sunday, Manhattan Club, reads:

"My Dear—
"Have been waiting for my 'good morning' note. Well, perhaps it will be here to-morrow. Tell me how you are—your hand, your nerves. The doctor must not take too much care of you. What a shame, this wonderful afternoon—and you away down there—and I'm sitting here in the club—too disgusted to go out. But surely I shall hear from you to-morrow."
F. J. S."

The second note also written from the club and dated, follows:

"They are here—your two letters—and so it has been a GOOD morning. But I do not want to be thinking of your injured hand. I don't want to think of anything about you not perfect. We must all have our individual ways. If I remember you have a few yourself. Why of course your letters are destroyed."

"But tell me about Mrs. H. I have had some ideas what was your experience? And say—you have not said a word about that no account doctor. I have always found it dangerous when a woman is quiet. Hope he chokes. How did they treat you at bridge—they have been making life a burden to me here. Of course there are no regrets. F. J. S."

The Prince declares that in the envelope with the second letter he found one of his own love notes to his wife, and was chagrined to learn his private letters were being read by eyes other than those they were intended for.

The Prince alleges that he took his wife to task for the Swift notes. After admitting her indiscretions he says she flew into a violent rage, attacked the Prince and then attempted suicide by taking poison.

"Umph!" the Prince growled when he was asked if he had ever kissed the co-respondent, Mrs. Jane Hathaway of No. 200 West Fifty-fourth Street. "Do you think WE of royal blood kiss in public? Why, sir, I never do my kissing in public. The idea!"

When Amuth C. Vandiver, counsel for the Princess, asked the Prince how old he was, the Prince growled again and said:

"Why, the idea! I decline to answer that question, sir, and I defy you to force me to answer it. It is insulting."

Henry Ford and Son on Dock Before Sailing of Peace Ship



RUSSIAN VICTORY CLAIMED IN BATTLE IN THE BLACK SEA

Warships Which Germany Sold to the Turkish Government Reported to Have Been Put Out of Action.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Rome despatches to-day reported that the Turkish cruiser Midilli, formerly the German Breslau, has been sunk, and the Turkish dreadnought Sultan Selim, formerly the German Goeben, damaged in a battle with the Russian squadron in the Black Sea.

[The Goeben, a 23,000-ton battle cruiser, and the Breslau, displacing 4,500 tons, eluded hostile warships attempting to trap them in the Mediterranean at the outbreak of the war and steamed through the Dardanelles into the Black Sea. They were then sold to Turkey and renamed.]

[The Goeben normally carries a crew of about 1,100 men. Ten eleven-inch and twelve six-inch guns comprise her armament. She was built in 1911.]

[The Breslau carries about 370 men. She is provided with twelve 4.1-inch guns. She was built in 1911.]

[Both the Goeben and Breslau have been reported at different times to have been sunk or damaged in naval flights with the Russian Black Sea fleet.]

DECISION IN NEW HAVEN CASE NEXT TUESDAY

Trial Closed, Judge May Dismiss Indictments or Leave Decision With Jury.

At the conclusion to-day of five days of argument on motions to dismiss a verdict of acquittal against the former directors of the New York and Hartford Railroad charged with conspiracy to monopolize commerce, was placed in the hands of Judge Hunt. He has the power to dismiss the indictments against all eleven of the defendants as not having been sustained, or to direct a verdict of acquittal against any of them individually. He announced that he would give his decision Tuesday, after the holiday recess.

\$270,000 LEFT TO FINANCE PEACE EXPEDITION BY FORD BEFORE SUDDEN DEPARTURE

Followers, Ignorant of His Going, Are Left to Committee of Five and Under Auspices of Women's International Peace Association.

ILL AND NEEDS REST, SAY FELLOW PILGRIMS

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 24 (via London).—The Norwegian liner Bergensfjord, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this morning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International Peace Association.

The Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Bergen with Mr. Ford.

INQUIRY BY U. S. INTO SINKING OF JAPANESE LINER

Sharp Protest Likely if It Is Shown She Was Attacked Without Warning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in the Mediterranean, reported torpedoed without warning, will be the subject of an inquiry by the United States. Consular agents will be asked to obtain accurate versions of the incident and forward them without delay to the State Department.

The State Department's inquiry in the case is based solely on reports that the liner had an American passenger aboard. Although he was reported rescued, it is felt that if the liner was torpedoed without warning his life was endangered, should reports that the vessel was torpedoed without warning and that the submarine was an Austrian be verified officially, it is said further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary will undoubtedly ensue, in which the torpedoing of ships without warning will be discussed and demand again be made that American lives be not placed in peril by such practices.

After conferring at some length with Secretary Lansing Baron Zwielenek returned to the embassy and spent a half hour preparing a communication which was delivered to Secretary Lansing by messenger. It could not be ascertained what the communication contained; the Secretary saying that the matter was of a confidential nature. Baron Zwielenek denied himself to callers to-day.

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Before leaving Christiania for Bergen Mr. Ford wrote out the following statement for the press:

"I am satisfied with what has been accomplished in Christiania. Peace has been given publicity. Newspapers have power to end the war, for it is through publicity that the gospel of peace is spread."

"Norway is like every other country. The people are all right." In announcing at Bergen the circumstances under which the expedition would be continued, Mr. Ford said a committee had been appointed to act as leaders. It consists of Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, the Rev. Dr. Henry in Lloyd Jones of Chicago, John Barry of San Francisco, Lieut. Gov. Andrew J. Bethea of South Carolina and Louis P. Lochner of Chicago, Mr. Ford's secretary.

Christiania newspapers say that in view of Mr. Ford's departure no prominent Norwegians will join the expedition.

Most of the members of the Ford peace party are said to be ignorant of the fact that Ford has started back home. They have departed for Stockholm, where they are due to arrive to-day.

The newspapers say Ford was down-cast and sick and that he left the party because his physician ordered rest for his nerves.

Ford, it was said, for the first time in his life, consulted a physician, Dr. Firmann Kuren, the leading specialist of Norway, who pronounced him organically perfect, but much run down.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—En route to Stockholm from Christiania, members of the Ford peace party were informed to-day that Ford's illness was serious, though not dangerous. Several of his friends said that Ford had gone to Bergen, presumably to start for America. None of the Ford lieutenants would confirm this statement.

Sweden peace leaders have arranged a reception for the Ford party to be held here to-morrow.

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