

# \$1,000,000 ASKED OF SHONTS IN BUS MERGER DISPUTE

Owner of Chicago and New York Companies Sues, Declaring He Broke Contract.

An agreement between Roland R. Conklin, President of the New York Motor Bus Company, and principal owner of the stock of the Chicago Motor Bus Company and the American Motor Bus Company of Chicago, and Theodore P. Shonts, a director in the Fifth Avenue Coach Company and interested in the Chicago Stage Company by which these concerns were to merge for the purpose of ending fights for franchises in New York and Chicago is alleged in a suit for \$1,000,000 brought by Conklin against Shonts which came up for air in the Supreme Court of Kings County before Justice Benedict today. De Lancy Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Shonts, entered a motion equivalent to a petition for the dismissal of the suit. A. C. Huene, counsel for Conklin, contested the motion and Justice Benedict took it under advisement for a week.

# SEAT FOR ASQUITH PLANNED BY HAVING SUPPORTER RESIGN

Former Premier's Personal Following in Parliament Now Reduced to Thirty-Seven.

LONDON, Sunday, Dec. 29 (British Wireless)—Premier Lloyd George and the Coalition Government won a more sweeping victory in the general election than had been expected. Not only was H. H. Asquith, former Premier, defeated, but his personal following from the House of Commons has been reduced to 37. It is believed that a new seat will be found for him by one of his followers resigning in his favor as soon as Parliament meets.

# TO AID BROOKLYN SOLDIERS IN GETTING OUT OF SERVICE

Victory Committee Has Scope of Work Enlarged by Letter From Soldiers.

The Brooklyn Victory Committee formed to extend fitting receptions to home-coming soldiers of the borough, has had its scope enlarged. The members now propose to aid the boys in getting out of the army. Instead of being kept in some camp tied up with the red tape of the War Department. The new work of the committee resulted from the receipt of a letter from a number of soldiers.

# RIOTS IN POLAND AS PADEREWSKI DEFIES GERMANS

Pianist Hoists American and Allied Flags in Posen After Battle.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Machine-gun fighting raged all Friday afternoon in Posen after Paderewski had defied the Germans and caused Allied and American flags to be hoisted, according to despatches from Warsaw. Paderewski was welcomed to Posen with speeches by prominent citizens and with patriotic demonstrations. He spoke, asserting Poland had recovered her independence and was again mistress of her own ports. Thereupon the German soldieratenar warned him to depart. Instead he and his Polish backers hoisted flags. Col. Wade, the British authority in the city, supported Paderewski.

# CZAR WAS TORTURED BEFORE BEING SHOT

M. Pichon Gives Details of Brutal Execution of Whole Imperial Family.

PARIS, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—Foreign Minister Pichon in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, in urging the necessity for intervention in Russia, related details of the execution of the whole Imperial Russian family. The members of the former Russian Czar's family were placed as prisoners in a small room and jabbed with bayonets throughout the night. The next morning revolver shots ended their misery.

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German Leader Declares Indemnity Restrictions Were Part of Armistice Agreement.

BERLIN, Dec. 30 (by Associated Press).—The question of indemnities has been settled between Germany, the United States and the Allies and German delegates signed the armistice on condition that there should be restrictions on indemnities according to Matthias Erzberger, speaking here today.

# GERMANS STAY IN VILNA TO REPULSE BOLSHEVISTS

Continued Occupation Decided on After Conference With Officials of Lithuania.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 30.—The semi-official North German Gazette reports that German troops will remain in Lithuania for the present and will continue to occupy Vilna. The Lithuanian capital. These steps were decided upon, the paper says, after conferences between the German Government and the leaders of the Lithuanian Government concerning measures to combat the advance of the Bolsheviks.

# CABINET CRISIS IN ITALY.

Premier Orlando Expected to Resign After Wilson's Departure.

ROME, Dec. 30.—A general Cabinet crisis will occur immediately after President Wilson's departure from Italy, it was predicted in Government circles today.

# U. S. FOOD MEN IN MUNICH.

Berne Envoys Tour Cities, and Germans Expect Supplies Soon.

MUNICH, Dec. 30 (Associated Press).—The constantly recurring rumor that America will soon send foodstuffs to Germany has been revived by the arrival here of Ellis Broedel and Franklyn Ivy, both of Boston, Mass., and both connected with the American Legation at Berne. They have begun a tour of German cities to study conditions.

# GERMAN MINERS BATTLE.

Strikers Engage in Pitched Battle With Troops Guarding Shaft.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 30.—Striking miners in the Dusseldorf district have fought a pitched battle with the soldiers protecting the mine, according to advices received here.

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Gibson's Celebrated Rye, 55	1.75	7.75	—
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Gooderman & Woertz, 55	3.25	—	—
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Pontet Canet J. Cabot	1.95	—	—	—

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Niersteiner	75	2.50	—	—
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The Stage Children's Fund, of which Lee Shubert is Honorary President, held a Christmas celebration last night at the Comedy Theatre, which was filled with child actors and actresses and their relatives and friends.

A playlet, performed by the graduating class of the professional school connected with the fund, was the feature of the entertainment. There also were singing, dancing and impersonations by the children. A large Christmas tree was on the stage and presents were distributed.

At the Hudson Theatre there was a party held by the Stage Children's Fund. The playlet, another organization of which Bijou Fernandez is President and at which similar proceedings took place.

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