

Borah Sees War If U. S. Refuses Reparations Aid
America Must Choose Between Peaceful Intervention and Armed Force, Warns Critics of Parley
Farmers' Produce Project
Senator Foresees a Keen Fight, but Rests Hope on Democrats and Bloc Help

Pershing Stadium Goes Begging, Even as Gift
PARIS, Dec. 24.—Nobody wants the Pershing Stadium; the City of Paris cannot give it away. The Union of Federations of Sporting Societies, to whom the stadium recently, refused to accept it unless the city guaranteed the 100,000 francs necessary for its yearly upkeep. This the city is not prepared to do. The Municipal Council now has offered Pershing Stadium to the sporting federation of the labor unions.

France Takes First Step to Ruhr Seizure
Maritime Prefect Ordered to Name Engineers to Supervise Production in the Event of Occupation
Paris Ministry Confers
Takes Up the Delivery of Nitrates as Demanded of Germany and Its Refusal

Turks Reject British Stand On Mosul Issue
Refuse to Accept Contentation Oil Fields Are Part of Mesopotamia, Where England Holds Mandate
U. S. Deeply Interested
Latest View of Moslems Shows Willingness to Allow Allies to Work Area

America Sees Soviet as World Factor, Reds Told
Watchful Waiting Attitude Has Changed Suddenly, Kameneff Informs All-Russian Congress
MOSCOW, Dec. 24 (By The Associated Press).—After six months of watchful waiting, the United States suddenly has concluded Soviet Russia is a real factor in world economics and must be reckoned with, according to an assertion made by M. Kameneff, president of the Moscow Soviet, at the opening of the All-Russian Congress yesterday.

Plucky Phone Girl Saves Patients in Hospital Explosion
Warns All Wards When Huge Ammonia Tank Blows Up, Then Succumbs to Fumes; Reserves Hold Back Crowds
Marie de Savoia, telephone operator in the Italian Hospital at 617 East Eighty-third Street, was at her switchboard yesterday when a four-ton ammonia tank in the basement exploded and filled the corridors with suffocating fumes. At the time there were sixty-three patients in the hospital. The telephone operator's room is on the first floor of the building. Miss de Savoia, while the dead gas suffocated her, telephoned each of the wards and suggested to the nurses in charge that all doors opening into the corridor be closed, and all windows opened. This was done, and as a result of the timely action none of the patients suffered more than a few minutes' discomfort as a result of the blast. The explosion was heard throughout the district, and, aided by exaggerated rumors, brought thousands of persons to the hospital. Among the crowds were many individuals related to patients then in the hospital. Police reserves from the East 104th Street station kept order until the anxious crowd went in that the patients were not in danger. Miss de Savoia succumbed to the fumes just after she had finished warning the hospital and calling the police and fire departments. She was attended by a staff surgeon and revived shortly afterward. Firemen with gas masks plugged the leaking pipes and stopped the flow of gas after half an hour's work.

Bar Moron Autoists by Tests, Savant Proposes
Mentally Deficient Drivers Are Peril to All Traffic, Says Pittsburgh Psychologist
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—"Many automobile accidents are due to mental deficiencies in drivers," declares Dr. Clyde B. Moore, psychologist of the University of Pittsburgh, who gave army mental tests in the World War and who urges in a statement to-day that application for drivers' licenses be subjected to similar tests. Dr. Moore points to war records showing instances of men twenty-five to thirty-five years old, but with the mentality of seven-year-old children, discovered in the war zone trying to handle trucks. "Seven to twelve-year-olds ordinarily are unable to do the thinking required to handle a car safely in places where traffic problems are simple," said Dr. Moore, "and in congested city traffic it is not only a matter of safety, but of the number of such persons in charge of automobiles in city streets to-day would alarm us. Dr. Moore said, "Undoubtedly, he declared, the percentage is higher than it was in the past. "This demands action by the authorities," he asserted.

Church Outrages Feared
Catholic Edifices in Montreal Guarded at Midnight Mass
MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Catholic churches in Montreal were placed under strong police guard to-night after rumors were circulated throughout the city that outrages were contemplated during the celebration of midnight mass. Police were stationed in and around St. Patrick's Church and similar pretenses were being taken in French Catholic churches, which usually are crowded on Christmas Eve.

Fascist Movement Stirs Officials in Mexico
Rapid Gain in Ranks Throughout Nation Alarms Government
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21 (By The Associated Press).—The Fascist movement, which at its inception in Japan several months ago was ridiculed as a no importance, has made such rapid strides during the last few weeks that high government officials now are recognizing it as a political factor to be reckoned with. Reports from various cities of clashes in which the Fascists have taken part against the radicals indicate that the movement is gaining impetus. Senator de la Huerta, Minister of the Treasury, speaking to the newspaper men Saturday, admitted the presence of Fascist organization in Mexico, but he described Fascism as a "mere exotic plant." He expressed it as his belief that the proletariat would reject the idea of Fascism and not "commit suicide." Fascist headquarters here report that the movement is receiving hundreds of new adherents daily and that preparations are in progress for a national convention which is to be held in Mexico City during the second week of January.

Monday Firebug Sought In Fifteen Arson Cases
Third Blaze in One Night Menaces Monroe, Mich., Fire Headquarters
MONROE, Mich., Dec. 24.—Two fires that broke out almost simultaneously within a block of each other in the downtown section, to-night and were followed by a third blaze threatening the destruction of the Monroe fire department headquarters station, aroused police, county officers and deputies from the State Fire Marshal's office to a renewal of their efforts to apprehend Monroe's "Sunday night firebug," who is blamed by them for fifteen fires, resulting in property losses approximating \$100,000, since December 1.

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Bed Furnishings
All-wool Blankets
White; also colored plaids, per pair \$9.50, 11.50
White only (selected quality) per pair \$13.50, 16.50, 22.50
Comfortables
Figured silkoline, cotton-filled . . . each \$3.50
Figured mull, cotton-filled each 5.00
Figured sateen, with plain sateen border and back; wool-filled each \$8.50
White Bedspreads
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Sees War on Horizon
The problem is here. If it is not adjusted it will mean greater suffering in Europe and vast loss to our producers and to our country. If the worst should come we might be going to Europe on another mission than that of conferring. I repeat, the only question is how can we help—what is the best method. Upon that I have an open mind. Europe owes us \$11,000,000,000. Some people seem to be exercised over the cancellation of this debt. I am far more exercised over Europe's inability to pay. I haven't any fear about the easy cancellation of this debt. But no child now living will see its payment if the question of reparations is permitted to go from bad to worse until it reaches the bankruptcy point. We are interested in the payment of what Europe owes us. We are also interested in it because we want European markets opened to our farm products. Millions are hungering and dying in Europe for the products which are rotting upon our farms. Shall we say that these matters do not concern us? Nothing concerns us more. I don't above all I desire to arouse and direct public opinion, and after all nothing is more wholesome and essential in dealing with these problems than well informed public opinion. If the disarmament proposition had been taken up through correspondence or through diplomatic channels how far would you have got? Now we have reached a point where we are to lose all advantages gained at the conference unless a solution of the reparations problem is found. We are directly, immediately, vitally concerned. It involves millions of our people and it may involve another conflict. I am not overfond of conferences, but there are times when they are helpful. This seems to be one of those times.

Harding Sends Message To Pasture Centenary
Scientists and Statesmen to Honor Founder of Germ Theory Wednesday
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—President Harding to-day sent a message to the Philadelphia Pasture centenary celebration committee to be read at the exercises in the Academy of Music next Wednesday, which will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Louis Pasteur, French scientist, whose discovery and development of germ theory are considered by physicians and scientists as one of the world's greatest benefactions. The exercises will include a public meeting in the afternoon and a dinner at night. Eminent physicians, scientists and public officials from all parts of the country will give addresses. Dr. Etienne Burnet, special delegate to the Philadelphia celebration, who is director of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, and the French Ambassador, Jules Jusserand, will represent the French government. Both will deliver addresses. Messages from Woodrow Wilson and Chief Justice Taft also will be read at the celebration.

Obregon Asks Pardon For All Mexican Rebels
President Would Grant Amnesty to Prisoners, Including Those Already Sentenced
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24 (By The Associated Press).—A request that amnesty be granted all rebel prisoners, including those already sentenced and those awaiting trial, was contained in a bill sent to the Chamber of Deputies last night by President Obregon. The President urged immediate passage of the measure so that it might become effective January 1. Wholesale pardons for all revolutionists against the central government are provided for in the measure. Coinciding with the President's request for amnesty for the rebels was an order dispatched to-day by the War Department dissolving the numerous rural auxiliary military bodies which throughout the last two years have acted as home defense troops, supplementing the federal forces.

Kansas City, Kan., Economy Nets \$221,537 and Cuts Taxes
Special Dispatch to The Tribune
KANSAS CITY, Kan., Dec. 24.—The unusual experience of a government making money for its taxpayers through the efficiency of employees and elimination of unnecessary political jobs, as set forth in the report of the city \$221,537 in cash in 1922, and has resulted in the commissioners announcing a reduction in the city tax levy for 1923 to 1.068. The levy in 1922 was 1.125. The announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Mayor Harry B. Burton and the commissioners. Kansas City, Kan., is under a commission form of government.

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