

Cloudy to-day, probably local rain or snow, colder to-night; to-morrow fair. Highest temperature yesterday, 39; lowest, 29. Detailed weather reports on editorial page.

RATIFY TREATY WITH ANY RESERVATION, IS PLEA OF ALL EUROPE

Sir George Paish Arrives With Message to U. S. to Speed Action. AMERICA'S AID NEEDED Real Mission Here Is to Urge Prompt Help for Starving Austria. WARNS OF RED PERIL British Financier Says the World Looks to This Nation for Assistance.

The foremost financial expert of Europe, Sir George Paish, who arrived here yesterday on the Nieuw Amsterdam, gave his opinion to THE SUN straightaway that every European signatory of the treaty of peace is willing, even anxious, to accept whatever reservations the United States Senate may desire to make.

Sir George's survey of the economic conditions of every nation of Europe, his intimate knowledge of the actual needs and hopes of the statesmen and financiers of Great Britain, France and of the other important Allies, convinces him that there is neither resentment nor hostility in those countries toward the course taken by American public opinion in withholding assent to the treaty and the League of Nations until reservations necessary to the sovereignty of the United States are welded upon the treaty.

On the contrary he is satisfied that Europe comprehends the precise reasons for America's careful examination of the treaty and for America's desire to safeguard her own future without prejudice to any nation of Europe.

Whatever America wants will be acceptable to Europe," said Sir George shortly after landing. "If America feels that certain reservations to the treaty of Versailles are necessary that is America's business, and no ally nation has any wish to dictate. Nor have I discovered any hostility to reservations on the part of statesmen and financiers who count. No, Europe understands America quite well enough to perceive that there is nothing hurtful to Europe in the present treaty situation based on the demand for reservations.

It is, however, essential to the welfare of the whole world that America ratify the treaty as swiftly as may be. It is not if you please, offering my opinion. I am assuming to convey in few words what I have found European sentiment to be. That is, let America ratify in any manner she wishes to. We merely pray that her assent will soon be recorded.

AUSTRIA PLEADS TO U. S. WOMEN

Mothers Will Not Let Our Children Perish, Is Message From President's Wife. THANKFUL TO AMERICANS Heartbreaking to See Moral Level Sinking for Lack of Food, She Says.

VIENNA, Dec. 27 (delayed).—"Thank America for what she has done, say we Austrian women. Our hope and comfort is that the mothers of the world will not let our children perish."

This is the message of Mrs. Carl Seitz, wife of the President of the Austrian Republic. She had only a few minutes at her disposal, as she had to hurry to a public school, where she teaches natural sciences and mathematics to girls 12 and 15 years old. When her husband was elected to office she said she would continue in her profession. We talked in her husband's office in Ballhausplatz, in the residence of the former Foreign Minister. Here also, in the smallest and simplest suite, is her own residence, although she confessed that the luxurious surroundings were distasteful to her.

"In that room," said this social-democratic school teacher, pointing to a blue salon, "the Serbian ultimatum was written. Truly, our people are innocent. The war was forced upon them by an incapable, hate inspired Government which monopolized the press and directed public opinion."

"There is one thing we are thankful for," she said, "and that is the help extended to us by the American kitchens. All my girls are fed in these kitchens. It is heart-breaking to see many of them forced out to the streets for bread cases. The only benefit the children are deriving from this situation is that the terrible conditions under which they live make them more independent."

INTERBOROUGH GETS \$6,693,470 IN GRAVE CRISIS

Loan of \$1,000,000 at Last Moment by Parent Company Averts Receiver. APPROVED BY COURT Hedley Uses Last Liquid Assets in Raising Big Sum Due January 1. RESPITE OF SIX MONTHS Without Higher Fares Bankruptcy Is Only Delayed, He Says, Until July 1.

Threatened receivership of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company was averted at the eleventh hour yesterday when its parent, the Interborough Consolidated Company, though bankrupt, loaned it \$1,000,000, or enough to enable it, with other hastily procured funds, to meet obligations amounting to \$6,693,470 due at the dawn of the new year.

At about 4 o'clock, however, stockholders of the parent, or holding company, went to the rescue and presented to Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer a long and formal document offering to advance the required \$1,000,000 from a treasury reserve of about \$1,500,000, and thereby prevent the collapse of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, the parent company's most robust charge among weaklings. Receivership for the Rapid Transit meant that the holding company's main asset would be greatly impaired, if not destroyed.

Judge Mayer entered an order thereupon arranging for the transfer of the money, out of which the Interborough Rapid Transit paid or will pay back more than half as interest on securities held by the Interborough Consolidated. In this respect the \$1,000,000 was equivalent to taking money out of one pocket and putting it into the other. As collateral for the loan the Interborough Rapid Transit Company furnished certain "low assets," including real estate and various claims, which, although valid, have yet to be collected in full.

Temporarily, at least, or until more large obligations become due three months from now, the Interborough Rapid Transit will avoid a receivership. Hope, however, that any of the relief sought by the company, chiefly a higher fare, may be gained by that time appears to have been destroyed by Comptroller Charles L. Craig's action in the adoption by the Board of Estimate of a resolution calling for an exhaustive investigation.

1920 WELCOME TO WIN OCEANS BY JOYOUS FOLK

Hotels, Restaurants, Roof Gardens and Cafes All Scenes of Revelry. OLD YEAR DANCED OUT Merry-makers Everywhere Undisturbed by Uncle Sam's Dry Agents. MANY CONTRASTS SEEN Trinity Chimes, Watch Night Services and the Hallelujah Chorus Greet New Year.

Trinity's chimes rang as of old. In church and cathedral the benediction of the Most High was invoked at watch night meetings. A fiery cross blazed over the Passion Play on the heights of Hoboken. The Hallelujah chorus sang in Madison Square Garden. Crowded theatres turned thousands regretfully away. Hotels and restaurants dispensed food at Yukon prices and tickling fluids popped from frosted bottles without defiance of law, for on the solemn word of each victualer not a drop was served that the diner himself had not brought or sent or bought and had stored against the time of need before the game was turned in the lock of prohibition.

In other words, the prophecy that New York would welcome the advent of 1920 in about the same variety of ways and to the same degree in each of these ways as it has hailed the predecessors of this new year was fulfilled. Midnight observers in the places where gaiety is supposed to be the desideratum of the moment could detect no difference between what he saw and the scenes of previous anniversaries. The great eating places, their large parties in large dining rooms and small parties in private rooms, and there was no hindrance to merriment, keeping always in mind the assurance of the various professional hosts that as to drinkables the evening was "bring your own."

That this rule was taken literally by a considerable number of persons was indicated by the frequency with which one encountered in the early hours men in evening dress who were wending their way to the places of their choice, where tables had been reserved, carriage parcels of unmistakable shape or handbags for which there could be no use except a certain one.

Real Stuff Spilled in Subway. For instance, at 7 o'clock last night a citizen commuting to a New York restaurant dropped one of these bundles in the Grand Central subway station. Something broke, and there flowed upon the concrete an odoriferous stream of a liquid that was pronounced by sniffers to be prime old whiskey—none of this wozoo alconoi stuff.

WILSON NOT TO SEEK A THIRD TERM; SILENCE HANDCAP TO MAKE BOOM; WANTS TREATY OUT OF WAY FIRST

TUMULTUOUS ASKS TREATY STATUS Hitchcock Less Hopeful of Compromise After President's Secretary Calls. WILSON CONTINUES FIRM Still Refuses to Say What Concessions, if Any, He Will Accept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, slipped away from the White House this afternoon and in a few minutes turned up at the Capitol. There he passed an hour and a half with Senator Hitchcock (Neb.), acting Democratic leader, and went away with the intention of calling on some other Democrats if he could find them. Despite that Senator Hitchcock insisted that Mr. Tumulty did not come with any message from the President or even with the knowledge of his chief, the visit caused much speculation. The treaty situation was discussed in much detail, but neither of the participants was willing to suggest the significance of the exchanges.

Senator Hitchcock's air and manner when later he talked of his caller from the White House was distinctly less buoyant than it had been a day earlier. He has been seeking a basis of compromise on which ratification of the treaty might be possible. In seeking it he has been limited painfully by the fact that he did not know what the President would accept.

That view indeed has been steadily gaining adherents among the Democratic Senators ever since the end of the special session in November. The President had said in a public statement that he had a basis of compromise in mind. And following his long talk Mr. Hitchcock seemed distinctly less confident of a favorable outcome. That fact, however, was not shared by Mr. Tumulty, who brought word that at least warranted no hope that the President had changed his mind.

Mr. Tumulty said that lacking this knowledge the Democrats must take a chance; they must find if possible a basis of agreement and ratification, thus putting up to the President to decide whether he would deposit the ratification or not.

IRKUTSK SEIZED IN RED MUTINY

Revolt in All-Russian Army Imperils Americans in Siberia. JAPAN RUSHES TROOPS Semenoff Threatens to Attack Czechs if His Army's Way Is Barred.

IRKUTSK, Dec. 25.—Eight hundred Government troops at Irkutsk revolted on the night of December 23, took possession of the railroad station and established revolutionary headquarters. The movement, which is reported to be headed by Zemstvo and social revolutionary leaders, is spreading through the city, which is reported fully controlled by anti-Government forces.

Gen. Semenoff, commander in chief of the All-Russian forces, is despatching armored trains to Irkutsk to protect cars of gold and silver bullion being evacuated from Omsk. This treasure is the state funds originally taken from Petrograd and amounting to 300,000,000 rubles in gold.

Japanese reports indicate High Commissioner Kato, with the Omak Military Mission under Col. Fukuda, is marooned, but is being guarded by Japanese Consular military forces. As there is a company of revolutionary infantry with machine guns on the other side of the Angava River, they are not expected to be freed within a week at least.

Japanese troops are being despatched to Myzowata, the most important western station on the American guarded sector of the railway. These detachments are being sent to protect the Japanese missions at Irkutsk.

Wales Cables Happy New Year to Bill Nye

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The memories of Princes are proverbially, but not invariably, short. On his desk to-day among New Year's cards Bill Nye, veteran State Department escort for visiting royalty and who personally watched over the safety of the Prince of Wales during his recent visit to the United States, found this message:

Bill Nye: Department of State, Washington, D. C. Happy New Year to you. EDWARD P.

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There are other reasons back of the President's determination not to put forward his absolute dictum on the question of a third term at this time. In no circumstances would his depleted health permit of participation in the rigors of a defensive campaign. For that reason, if none other, his candidacy is out of the question.

It seems to the Chief Executive that until the peace treaty situation is clarified, until America's participation in the League of Nations is either assured or limited or refused, until his own private battle with the Senate ends in victory or defeat of a most definite and conclusive character, the question of his elimination as a Presidential potentiality must remain unanswered.

IT SHINES FOR ALL

President to Permit Jackson Day Dinner to Pass Without Word. COULDN'T MAKE RACE Health a Bar to Campaign, Even if He Were Willing Otherwise. PALMER GAINS STRENGTH Hitchcock a Possibility in Event of Deadlock—Many Favorite Sons Mentioned.

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Nevertheless the gathering of the hosts of Democracy a week from tomorrow will furnish the occasion for the first trial of individual strength by the probable contestants in the great convention engagement. Some of the potentialities will appear in person, some by proxy. All with the exception of William G. McAdoo will be represented one way or the other. Mr. McAdoo will have his well wishers scattered about the banquet hall and competent reporters to rectify in him the details of the first public tryout of the other probabilities.