

ADAMSON LAW APPLICATION IS STUDIED

Roads and Men Prepare for Operation in Event it is Upheld.

COURT'S DECISION NOT TO BE HALTED

Managers to Decline to Enter into Any Alliance With Unions.

New York, Dec. 28.—The National Conference Committee of railroad managers and representatives of the four brotherhoods of railroad employees resumed here today their conference relative to the application of the Adamson law to the event that it is held constitutional by the United States supreme court.

Through an agreement between Attorney Gregory and the railroad attorneys the effect of the Adamson law has been suspended pending the outcome of the test suit. Therefore, on January 1, the employees will continue their work without any immediate benefit from the law, which was to have gone into operation on that day.

The railroads, it is understood, will not withdraw the suit or permit anything to halt the decision of the court. It was stated also that the railroad managers would decline to enter into any alliance with the unions, in return for their support, in the effort to defeat President Wilson's proposed policy of compulsory investigation of labor disputes. The railroads also will decline, it was stated, to co-operate in any way to have the Adamson law repealed.

A possible outcome of today's conference was the appointment of a joint board to study the constitutionality of the law if its constitutionality is established.

PRIMER ON FERRIS HOMESTEAD MEASURE

House Committee Prepares Booklet to Inform Public of Details of New Land Act.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A brief primer to answer inquiries on the Ferris homestead bill, which is before President Wilson for approval, was today prepared by the house public lands committee for public distribution. The interior department will begin compiling rules governing entry of lands as soon as the president's signature is attached.

WILSON'S PEACE NOTE COMMENDED IN MESSAGES

Flood of Telegrams Sent by Socialists, Religious Organizations and Others Abroad.

The Hague, Dec. 27, Via London, Dec. 28.—A flood of cablegrams is being sent to President Wilson by trade unions, religious bodies and other organizations, wishing him success in what they regard as his effort to bring about peace. The French Socialist party sent the following message to the president today: "The Dutch Socialist party supports in full the peace note of President Wilson, and in the name of the party, initiative in favor of peace and appeals to the belligerent powers to accept your proposal."

Seven Railroads Given Big Fines for Working Their Employees Overtime

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Seven railroads were fined \$3,700 by Federal Judge Carpenter today for working employees over time. The roads were Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville; the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; the Grand Trunk, Chicago, and North Western; the Burlington and the Chicago and Northwestern.

ENGLAND DEMANDS MORE SPACE IN SHIP HOLDS

New York, Dec. 28.—Lieutenant Commander Guthrie, representing the British admiralty here, summoned eight managers of the British steamship companies to a conference today and told them that beginning January 1 the British government would require 85 per cent of the cargo space on their ships. Forty-five per cent of the space is to be reserved for war munitions and the remaining 37-1-10 per cent for meat.

5,000,000 Crowns of New Stock to be Issued by Bank

Stockholm, Dec. 28.—The Stockholm Bank of Commerce has decided on the issue of 10,000,000 crowns of new stock. The bank's capital is 30,150,000 to 40,200,000 crowns. This is the largest new issue of bank stock that has ever been made in Sweden. The issue is dictated by the government's conviction that all signs point to a tremendously increased demand for the war.

BERLIN UPHOLDS SINKING OF THE STEAMER DELTO

Was Transport, it is Said, and Destruction is Legitimate.

MARINA CASE IS HELD UP

Settlement Delayed Pending Receipt of Further Word from Washington.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—(Via London).—The replies of the German government to another of the American inquiries in regard to steamships sunk by submarines, in this instance relating to the destruction of the Norwegian steamer Delt, with Americans in the crew, declares that the steamer was chartered for transport purposes to a belligerent government and hence its destruction was legitimate.

This reply which has been delivered to the American embassy says that so far as possible the safety of the crew was provided for. The men were given half an hour in which to enter the boats. The weather was clear and the distance to the shore was not excessive.

The settlement of the Marina case, which hinges on the question whether the steamer was a government transport, is being delayed pending receipt of further advices from Washington. The American government has transmitted for information two statements from the British government claiming that the vessel was engaged in carrying horses as part of its cargo on eastbound voyages, but was under no engagement for westbound trips and, therefore, could not be regarded as a transport. Germany is waiting to learn what interpretation the American government gives to these statements.

There have been no further developments in the case of the Arabia.

WANT NEUTRALS KEPT OUT OF A PEACE MEETING

German Papers Also Say Lloyd George and Briand Must Apologize.

Berlin, Dec. 27, Via London, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's note and the promise with which it was made has caused general comment in the press. Only the anti-peace newspapers are attacking the proposals that delegates of the belligerents meet on neutral territory which is clearly interpreted as excluding the participation of neutrals at the conference.

Count von Reventlow, while avoiding a direct attack on the German answer, assumes that no German delegates will be found willing to take part in the same table with English and French delegates after the recent speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Briand, or until those speeches are apologized for.

The Taeglicher Rundschau says that the note emphatically rejects the participation of neutrals in a peace conference, which, it thinks, would unduly prolong negotiations by disturbing the natural determining forces. It believes that the German people will approve the proposal in the German note that the question of a league to enforce peace be postponed until after a settlement of the present war. It reasons that by pursuing such a course the problem of permanent world peace can be dealt with by an assembly in which all the nations of the world can take a share.

Comment on Promptness

Berlin, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 28.—The promptness with which Germany replied to President Wilson's note is emphasized in the comments of the Berlin newspapers. The Morgen Post says that Germany's speedy answer should show President Wilson that his note was appreciated "according to its merits."

The Boursen Zeitung, the Tagblatt and the Vorwaerts also called attention to the quickness of the German response as a favorable factor in contrast with the delay of the entente.

Old-time Pomp to Mark Hungarian Coronation

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Amsterdam says preparations for the Hungarian coronation are nearly completed and that the indications are the ceremony will be carried out with all the pomp of the days before the war.

Germany's Answer to Wilson Called a "Hypocritical Expedient" By Paris Press; No Peace on Teutonic Terms

Paris, Dec. 28.—The morning newspapers today are unanimous in pronouncing the German answer to President Wilson's note to the belligerents a polite refusal to comply with his suggestions. "Germany," the Matin says, "intentionally reverses the terms of President Wilson's note and requests representatives of the nations at war to seat themselves at a conference to talk at random without knowing what they intend to say. She knows the allies will never make peace on the terms which she at present is disposed to offer, but is using the period of temporary slackening in hostilities she will be able to obtain fresh supplies, while secretly planning new military operations just as she prepared for mobilization during the diplomatic conversation of July, 1914."

CROWLEY GOES ON THE STAND

Man Charged with Planting Bombs Testifies in Bopp Case.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The testimony of C. C. Crowley, charged by the government as the go-between through whom the German consulate here had under consideration today the matter of calling a general strike of industrial workers engaged in the lumber industry, as a protest against the trials of the 74 members of the organization who are in jail at Everett, Wash., charged with murder. The men in jail are alleged to have participated in a riot several weeks ago, which resulted in the death of seven persons.

MARYLAND BELIEVED LOST

No Word Received of Vessel—Crew May Have Been Picked Up by Passing Steamer.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamer Maryland was regarded as probably lost today. Search for the vessel and her crew has been abandoned. Hope for the safety of the steamer's 30 odd men lies in the possibility that they were picked up from the ship's boats by a passing steamer.

DRASTIC MEASURES TO RELIEVE CAR SHORTAGE MAY BE PROMULGATED

Washington, Dec. 28.—Representatives of railroads throughout the country today appeared before the interstate commerce commission to discuss the question why the commission should not take into its own hands the car shortage situation heretofore dealt with by the roads themselves, and issue drastic orders to relieve congestion.

The order which the commission apparently is prepared to issue unless the railroads show cause why it should not, would require the roads to return to connecting lines all foreign cars on their tracks after unloading. Heretofore the railroads have endeavored to cope with the situation by requiring roads in the east, where the situation is greater, to return to connecting lines monthly a larger number of foreign cars than received.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Plans for Organization to be Discussed at Meeting of League to Enforce Peace.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Plans for the formation of a league of nations which shall have the strength and power to enforce world peace will be discussed at a meeting of the League to Enforce Peace to be held here January 6. Walter E. Dorland, district superintendent of the league announced today. Mr. Dorland said that Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard university, will be the chief speaker.

LOOKING DOWN FROM FRENCH AIRPLANE ON SOYECOURT RUINS



This remarkable photo was taken from a French military airplane and shows the war-ravaged French village of Soyecourt which is in the possession of German troops. The explosion of a French bomb can be seen at the right. Trenches and shell-craters cover the whole plain. Shell-batteries spot the ground everywhere. The village of Soyecourt shows in the upper half of the photo is a mass of ruins.

GERMANY WILLING TO PERMIT EXCHANGE OF TENTATIVE TERMS THROUGH WILSON; CONSIDER HELP OF U. S. NECESSARY TO OBTAIN PEACE

Washington, Dec. 28.—The character of Carranza's reply has not been revealed, but it was generally believed that it was another suggestion for modification and contained the insistence that the American troops in Mexico be withdrawn unconditionally.

CARRANZA HAS ANSWERED THE U. S. PROTOCOL

Believed He Insists Upon Withdrawal of Pershing's Troops.

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Washington, Dec. 28.—Luis Carranza, chairman of the Mexican commission, arrived here from New York today bearing the answer of Carranza to the demand of the American representatives that he ratify or repudiate the protocol signed at Atlantic City.

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BROWN BREAD ORDERS

Scarcity of Wheat Flour in Holland May Cause Compulsory Brown Bread Once More.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Scarcity of wheat flour in Holland has made probable another period of compulsory brown bread and no white bread, as there was for two months last spring. Advice to also reports that universal bread cards will be employed. Bread prices continue to rise.

Says Jesse Pomeroy Case Recalls Witchcraft Days

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 28.—The famous case of Jesse Pomeroy, the Massachusetts convict, who is serving a life term in absolute solitary confinement, is commented on by A. L. Bowen, secretary of the state board of charities. Pomeroy was convicted about forty years ago of the murder of a little girl. It was charged he tortured her. He was then 15 years old.

The report says of Pomeroy: "He is almost an old man. But parent has communicated to child, one generation to another, the terror and fear which Pomeroy's crime seems to have spread over the state. It suggests a recalls the tales of Salem witchcraft, so intense, unreasoning and fanatical is the public sentiment against this broken old prisoner."

Paris, Dec. 28.—French troops last night repulsed small attacks near Le Chenay, 20 miles north of Euseux. The Russian forces, pushing forward in the direction of the Danube to the southeast, the Russian lines also were pierced and the Austro-German forces are advancing northward in the direction of the Danube. The French flying corps yesterday attacked several blast furnaces and steel mills. The airplanes were aided in the attacks by two dirigibles.

STOCK PRICES BROKE ON WALL STREET AGAIN

New York, Dec. 28.—Prices on the stock exchange broke again today because of the international situation with Mexico as an additional factor. The selling became most active after publication in Wall street of what purported to be a second note from the German government, but proved to be a belated forecast of Germany's note on Tuesday. In point of fact, this seemed to serve as an excuse for another bear raid rather than the actual reason for the decline.

Argentina's Wheat Crop Poorest Ever Known in Country

Washington, Dec. 28.—Argentina's great grain harvest this year will be one of the poorest the country ever has seen due to injury by drought and locusts. Cereals in the republic are the highest the country ever has known.

Famous Swedish Explorer and Inventor Dead

New York, Dec. 28.—Charles Richard Tjader, explorer, author and inventor, died here yesterday after a brief illness.

Mr. Tjader was born in April, 1869, in Karlskrona, Sweden. The greater part of his life was spent in this country.

Tourist Town is Threatened by Vast Avalanches

Bern, via Paris, Dec. 28.—The destruction of the village Champery, a tourist resort in the Canton of Valais, is threatened by the sudden onset of a number of avalanches coupled with a landslide. Several houses have been crushed and the whole population has evacuated the village.

GERMANS STILL HAMMER AWAY AT RUSSIANS

Teutons Score Great Success in Region of Rimmik-Sarat.

BRILA REACHED BY THE BIG GUNS

Very Little Fighting in the West—French Repulse Germans.

Field Marshal von Mackensen is continuing his sledge hammer blows upon the Russians in northwestern Wallachia and is rapidly pushing them back to the line of the river Heron in Moldavia. He won a victory yesterday and captured an additional 5,000 prisoners.

The most recent attack appears to have been scored its greatest success in the region of Rimmik-Sarat on the railway 20 miles north of Euseux. The Teutonic forces, pushing the Russians from the new line they have taken up after the failure of a Russian counter attack, have pushed forward beyond Rimmik-Sarat, toward the Danube to the southeast, the Russian lines also were pierced and the Austro-German forces are advancing northward in the direction of the Danube.

Across the river from Braila, the German-Bulgarian Turkish forces have made headway in their attack upon the Matchin bridgehead, where the last remaining Russian forces are hanging on to the eastern corner of the province. Fortified heights east of Matchin were taken. Military correspondents report that the Teutonic guns on the Dobruja side at this point are able to reach Braila, which thus is doubtless under heavy fire from the artillery.

On the other war fronts the fighting has been of a minor character.

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ENGLAND SEEKS TO MAKE WALL STREET EASIER, SO NEW LOAN CAN BE FLOATED

New York, Dec. 28.—Bankers here heard last night that cable instructions had been sent out by A. Bonar Law, British chancellor of the exchequer, in conjunction with Bank of England officials to all public banks and banking agencies in this city directing them to discourage further shipments of gold to the Argentine republic and a general all gold shipments from the United States to any country.

Budapest Papers Deny Report that Hungarian Premier Will Resign

Berlin, (via London), Dec. 28.—The administration papers in Budapest deny a report published in the opposition organs that Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian premier, is about to follow Baron Burian and Dr. Von Koserer into retirement. The possibility of the withdrawal of public life of Hungary's "strong man" has, however, been in the air since before the death of Emperor Francis Joseph, a well authentic story declared that Baron Burian was about to be replaced by Count Cserna, and that Premier Tisza was also scheduled to go. According to this story these changes were contemplated in line with the determination to weaken the predominance with Hungary, under Count Tisza, had acquired in the dual monarchy.

THE WEATHER

North Dakota: Fair tonight and Friday; colder in east portion tonight.

UNIVERSITY READING

Maximum—14; minimum—8; wind—15 miles; barometer—30.21.