

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather with snow tonight and Sunday

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METAL QUOTATIONS

Table with 2 columns: Metal Name (Silver, Copper, Lead, Quicksilver) and Price (75 3/4, 31 3/4, \$7.50-\$7.75, \$70-\$80)

BELLIGERENTS DEADLOCKED

An Uncensored Letter From British Pacifist Discloses the Truth

Wilson's Offer Repugnant To Self Respect of France

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 23.—The president's message does not meet with favor among newspapers. All criticize the act.

The principal reproach is by Stephen Pichon, in Petit Journal, as follows: "The note makes no distinction

between the state who provoked the war and those upon whom it was forced. The president does not remember the violation of Belgian neutrality, crimes of submarine warfare and the monstrous acts which revolted the conscience of civilized war. Americans can appreciate his singular conception as they please, and we should be lacking in our first

duty in not holding it up as an outrage of our honor and dignity." Georges Clemenceau, former premier, in his newspaper, "L'Homme en Chaine" (The Man in Fetters), says: "The moral side of the war has escaped the president. He puts all belligerents on the same footing without asking for what reason each is fighting."

BITTER CRITICS OF PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The American note overshadows all other war news. The papers print foreign comment, under the heads "Lansing's Verge of War Blunder," "The Snare of Peace," "Wilson's Mistake," considered by Lloyd George, Bonar Law and the king's speeches.

NEITHER SIDE CAN WIN SUCH GREAT VICTORY AS TO COMPEL PEACE

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Members of the American neutral conference committee went to Washington today to present the president with a letter from Bertrand Russell, the British pacifist and philosopher, to end the war. The letter was brought to this country by an unidentified girl messenger to evade the censor.

Russell states it is within the president's power to end the war by a just peace, which may not be too late to save European civilization from destruction. "It must now be obvious to all authorities," the letter stated, "that victory for either side is impossible. In Europe, the Germans have the advantage; outside and at sea, the allies. Neither is able to win such a crushing victory as to compel the other to sue for peace."

The writer says the allied governments had not the courage to acknowledge publicly what no one will deny privately; that hope of a sweeping victory is scarcely entertained. Friends at peace are met with the diabolical argument that brave men who died must not have shed their blood vainly. Every impulse of mercy toward the soldiers still living is withered by false, barren loyalty to those who are past help.

STRIPED KAISER IN A WINDOW

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The police today ordered a cartoon showing Emperor William wearing a felon's suit in a British prison taken from an art shop window. They said German sympathizers threatened to wreck the store.

WILSON'S FEAR OF WAR MAY AFFECT EUROPE

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 23.—"A dramatic stroke," is the way L'Intransigeant heads President Wilson's note to the belligerents. Commenting on the note, the newspaper says: "Everybody will understand the importance of America's act. Mr. Wilson's proposal is clear. The U. S. has had to suffer from the war. Germany is torpedoing its boats and the United States is sending us material and already has given us financial aid."

"It is natural that the president should desire to know the purposes of the belligerents. Certainly this act will disarrange the sly maneuver Germany is seeking to accomplish at this time. Since the enemy has provoked peace efforts, it is right that he should explain clearly just what he wants and that he lay down his cards. He will not be able to escape the request of the American government. "As to us, we know why we are fighting. Lloyd George explained it clearly in the British house of commons. We are fighting because we were attacked and because we do not want to be attacked again."

SLAYS 300 SOLDIERS

CARRANZA SOLDIERS EXECUTED AFTER SANTA ROSALIA FALLS

(By Associated Press.) EL PASO, Dec. 23.—A foreign property owner received first news of the capture of Santa Rosalia by Villistas on December 12. He was notified that 300 Carranza soldiers, who had entrained, en route to Chihuahua City, were captured and practically all executed. The Carranza colonel commanding was killed. No property was destroyed. It was also reported that Jose Ynes Salazar is attacking Chihuahua and Villa is approaching Jimenez, en route north to participate in the siege.

GERMANY CYNICAL

PAPERS SAY AMERICA IS ONLY RULED BY SELFISH MOTIVES

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The press has varying views of the president's note, ranging from enthusiasm to cynicism. Many say Wilson is actuated purely by American selfish motives. Vossische Zeitung vigorously rejects the proposal of the neutrals to participate in the peace conference. The paper says Lansing's statement that America is on the verge of being drawn into war is a "distinct tip to Germany," but is convinced that America desires to avoid war, primarily for selfish reasons.

"On the eve of the Christmas holidays," says La Liberte, "President Wilson would greet the dove of peace with greater pleasure, since he fears to see his country drawn into the melee. The submarine warfare which Germany threatens to wage to the utmost, regardless of promises made, if its peace overtures are ineffective, may draw the United States into the world conflict. Secretary Lansing expressed that fear and it is what American public opinion dreads. "We should be certainly desolated if its dignity and interests obliged the Washington government to break with perjured and barbarous Germany. More than any other country, France, which was attacked without the shadow of a pretense, knows what there is of tragedy in such an hour, but we cannot help it. Our American friends must take into account the fact that we are struggling for ends common to them and to us. For civilization and right we are making war, and to prevent forever the return of hecatombs such as the universe now contemplates with terror."

"To President Wilson's suggestion we Frenchmen can make no other reply than that of Lloyd George. Let the Germans restore territory, let them give reparation, and let them offer guarantees assuring a real, not a precarious peace, and we shall be happy to reply to the prayer of President Wilson."

SAILS FOR SOUTH POLE TO RESCUE HIS MEN

SHACKLETON DEPARTS ON A MISSION OF MERCY TO ANTARCTIC

(By Associated Press.) DUNDEE, Dec. 23.—Lieut. Shackleton sailed today from Port Chalmers aboard the auxiliary ship Aurora in an effort to rescue the members of his Antarctic expedition marooned near Ross Barrier. Ten are in the party, with scanty provisions, and have not been heard from in 21 months.

KILLED TAKING HOME PRESENTS

ONE LOS ANGELES HOUSEHOLD WILL HAVE A SAD CHRISTMAS

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Selma Burton, aged 19, died in a hospital today as the result of a collision of an electric interurban car with an auto wherein she, her sister, Emma Lee, and her parents, John W. Burton and wife, were taking home Christmas presents. The sister was killed and the parents were seriously hurt.

WAR INSURANCE HAS BEEN RAISED

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily News says owing to the increased submarine menace the government war risk insurance office has raised the insurance per voyage for British ships to 40 shilling per cent.

GIRL TRIES TO POISON RIVAL

SEEKS TO EXCITE SYMPATHY TO REGAIN YOUNG MAN'S AFFECTION

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Gertrude Cox, a grocery clerk who admitted that she mailed a box of poisoned candy addressed to herself to another girl in the hope of regaining the attentions of a young man, was arrested today under a federal warrant for misuse of the mails. The girl became frightened when the candy arrived, she said, and caused a warning to be telephoned to the other girl.

EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR SWITCHMEN

FEDERAL BOARD GRANTS DEMANDS OF YARDMEN AND PAY FOR OVERTIME

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The federal arbitration board, in a decision in the switchmen's controversy with the railroads, granted the switchmen's union an eight hour day with a straight pro rata for overtime. This will give five cents an hour increase to foremen and helpers.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

Table with 3 columns: Time (5 a. m., 8 a. m., 34 noon, 2 p. m., today), 1916, 1915

MOVE BIG BRIDGE ACROSS MISSOURI

FAMOUS STRUCTURE AT OMAHA DISPLACED WITHOUT LOSS OF TRAFFIC

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—The Union Pacific railroad removed the old steel bridge across the Missouri between Omaha and Council Bluffs, today, and a new steel bridge, weighing 1,200,000 pounds, twice as much as the old, was put in its place. The new bridge was built on false work south of the old and was shifted into position by 200 men, who moved the old bridge to a false structure built on the north side. The task was accomplished in two hours, without serious interruption of traffic.

NO COMPROMISE ON OIL LANDS

SECRETARY DANIELS REFUSES TO HEARKEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Efforts of the joint congressional committee to agree upon legislation for the relief of claimants to lands in the California naval oil reserves came to an abrupt end when the navy department, through Secretary Daniels, refused to yield to any compromise proposal.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR TWO WOMEN

TEUTONS REPORT WOMEN CONDEMNED BY COURT MARTIAL

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Overseas agency statement, says: French court martials have sentenced to death two more women, one named Dusays, born in Calais, with a German mother and Luxemburg father; the other, a widow named Tyobelli, a Swiss. Both were accused of giving information to Germany regarding the French army.

CHRIST CHILD NOT KNOWN IN CHICAGO

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Christmas carols, sung in practically all of Chicago's public schools yesterday, avoided mention of the "Christ child." The changes in the carols resulted from a recent order from the superintendent of schools, calling attention to a state law prohibiting anything of a religious nature in class exercises.

CONGRESS TAKES BRIEF VACATION

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Congress adjourned yesterday for the Christmas holidays, to reconvene January 2. In the three week of the session the house passed five government supply measures—the urgent deficiency, legislative, Indian, District of Columbia, and diplomatic and consular appropriation bills—more than ever passed before in the brief period pending a holiday recess. One of these bills, the urgent deficiency, has passed the senate. Railroad legislation failed to get much attention in either branch.

MOVIES MAY GO IN THE MAILS

REGULATIONS FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE AS PARCEL POST MATTER

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Movie films will be admitted to the mails, by order of the postoffice department. They go under regular parcel post rates and must be packed in metal cases and spark proof boxes, bearing labels warning to keep fire and lights away. The companies have sought admission for years.

FOURTEEN INJURED BY A COLLISION

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Fourteen were injured, two seriously, when a Burlington passenger train, north bound, collided with a freight train in the yards north of the city. Those seriously hurt were among a switching crew.

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 3a; lowest this morning, 21. Highest temperature a year ago, 51; lowest, 41.

Reaction in Stock Market Brings About Many Sales

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Buoyancy marked the stock market yesterday. The slump of the last fortnight, which culminated in Thursday's demoralization, gave way to recoveries of five to ten points in the better known stocks and considerably more in issues of an ultra speculative class. On yesterday's extreme recoveries numerous shares full regained former losses, while a few were at or above final quotations of Wednesday. The rebound was effected on a much smaller volume of operations—about 1,750,000 shares—against the tremendous outpouring of more than 3,000,000 shares the day before. The outstanding factor of the market was the better understanding of

the international situation. The recovery began at the very opening, when stocks of all descriptions showed gains of 3 to 5 and even 8 points. Setbacks occasioned by profit taking occurred during the morning, with dullness and some hesitation at midday, when the speech from the throne by King George became public. Best prices were recorded in the last hour. U. S. Steel gained more than six points on its final price of 107 1/4 and contributed almost 25 per cent to the total turnover. Other substantial gains include: American Beet Sugar, 6 points; American Woolen, 6; American Hide and Leather preferred, 8; Central Leather, 11 1/2; American Locomotive, 5 1/2; American Woolen, 6; Atlantic Gulf

and West Indies, 13 1/2, with 7 1/2 for Mercantile Marine preferred and 8 1/2 for United Fruit; Baldwin Locomotive, 6 1/2; Bethlehem Steel, 26; Chino Copper, 7 1/2, with 5 1/2 for Anaconda, 5 1/2 for Granby, and 3 to 5 for other metals; Lackawanna Steel, 7; Crucible Steel, 7; the motors, 3 to 7; petroleum from 3 to 10; New York Air-brake, 12 1/2; Republic Iron, 5 1/2, and Pittsburg Coal, 6. Money ruled at easy rates, with indications of another cash gain in today's bank statement. Additional increased dividends were announced, including the five per cent disbursement by the Corn Products company, and the general situation was fortified by the statements of mercantile agencies reporting the largest general retail trade ever known.

OVATION GIVEN PEACE PROFFER

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The announcement of President Wilson's peace endeavor was accorded a tremendous welcome in Berlin. The impression of official and newspaper circles appeared in the noon editions under large display head lines, reviving the interest in the German peace overtures which had sunk to a low point under the influence of the preliminary declarations of statements of the entente powers. The American embassy, to which the ambassador, James W. Gerard, returned late last night from New York; the Associated Press correspondent, and the American charge, Joseph C. Grew, were besieged by newspaper men who sought additional information concerning the president's peace note.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT VIOLA DANA Favorite of Children from Six to Sixty "THE LIGHT OF HAPPINESS" Tomorrow Blanche Sweet in "The Ten Thousand Dollar Husband" "Bobby Bumps Queers the Choir" Bray Cartoon Christmas Day E. H. Sothern, the world's famous actor, in "THE CHATTEL" "Scrooge"—Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" Matinee, 1:30; Night, 7 and 9:30 Admission 10-15c