

BRITISH CABINET MINISTER SAYS "WAR MUST BE FOUGHT OUT"

Henderson Thinks No Lasting Guarantee of Peace Possible Now.

ADDRESSES ARE CHEERED

Negotiations at Present Would Put France and England in Bondage.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—In addresses at the national congress of the French socialist party Arthur Henderson, the British cabinet minister, and E. H. Roberts, member of the British parliament, both affirmed enthusiastic cheering that the war must be fought out until full guarantees have been obtained for lasting peace.

"In my opinion," said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotiations under existing conditions we would be nations in bondage. Nothing less than that is the price our enemies would exact for peace today."

M. Vanderveelde, the Belgian socialist leader, said: "Our comrades who have remained in invaded Belgium support German dominion with admirable firmness. Nothing but encouragement reaches us from them. So that it would seem that the person most hostile to war are those farthest from it."

M. Vanderveelde also declared that the struggle must be carried on until Belgium and Serbia are delivered "and Caesarism is laid low."

Allie's Fleet is in American Waters

(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of allied warships was indicated definitely today. The vessels are known officially as commerce protectors. They are heavily armed and disguised.

GARRANZA MUST ANSWER TODAY

Negotiations Will Come to End Unless Reply is Favorable.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Unless General Carranza returns a favorable answer today to the last communication made to his commissioners by the American representative a week ago at Philadelphia the negotiations will come to an end.

The Mexican commissioners will at New York today. If Carranza has sent to them his answer it is expected Louis Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation, will forward it immediately to Secretary Lane, chairman of the American section.

CITIZENS BANK MAY PAY OUT

Depositors Select Committee to Help With Liquidation of Assets.

A committee to advise with the receiver of the Citizens Dollar Savings bank was appointed at a meeting of the depositors held in the court house Saturday afternoon. This committee will do as much as possible to expedite the liquidation of the assets of the bank.

The meeting of the depositors was attended by receiver Harvey Shain who stated that he was of the opinion that the depositors would be paid in full. The affairs of the bank were discussed thoroughly at the meeting and it was recommended by the depositors that the bank building be sold in order to help liquidate the accounts. The committee appointed to confer with the receiver and assist in the work of liquidation is as follows: John Price, Richard Fletcher, M. A. Sturm, Seth Martin, F. K. Holt, L. G. Giordano and R. J. Abbaticchio. McLough acted as chairman of the meeting and R. J. Abbaticchio secretary.

Fire Works Injure 75 in Atlanta, Ga.

(By Associated Press)
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 26.—Celebration of Christmas with fire works was responsible for most of the 75 injuries treated at the municipal hospital here yesterday. Similar reports were received today from other southern cities where shooting of firecrackers as Christmas is common.

BARRACKVILLE DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Barrackman, of Barrackville, gave a Christmas dinner to their relatives and friends Monday. The menu was as follows: Roast duck, with oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and celery, fruit salad, peaches with whipped cream and cake. All kinds of fruit and nuts. Among the relatives and guests were D. Burns, of Fairview; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Post, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeland and son, Mearl; W. T. Barrackman, Joe Carroll, John Emery, of Fairview, and Kenneth Barrackman.

FARM FOR SALE.

87 acres, house and barn, five miles from Grafton. Buyer names the price. See J. Guy Allender, Grafton, W. Va.

The Christmas Savings Club

The Peoples National Bank

is open for the enrollment of members. JOIN NOW.

HUMPTY DUMPTY--BEWARE!



MAIN STREET MAY BE DARK

Old Lights Taken Down Today—New Ones Are Not Here.

Persons who practice Safety First will bring their flash lights and lanterns with them if they come down town this evening, for unless arrangements are made between press time and dark, Main street will be bathed in nothing but mellow moonlight. The old arc lights came down this morning when the old poles were torn away, and since the globes for the new arcs have not arrived, there is nothing to produce light. There is a bare possibility that the globes will arrive this evening and by placing a large force of men at work the Traction company can get them in place before dark. It may be also, that the old arcs will be strung from the new poles.

The old wooden lighting and telephone poles on Main street were coming down today, a force of 30 men having almost completed the work this evening. Practically all the cables of the Bell Telephone company are now underground and as soon as they are subterraneously interred the Bell poles will be removed. This, it is believed, will be possible before the last of this week.

Workmen were sitting along cables high above the street and clambering from pole to pole, while in other places their comrades were chopping. The poles before being chopped off at the base were steadied with large ropes. When the base was cut through these ropes were used to let the poles gently to the street and thus avert the possibility of someone being injured by a falling timber.

A considerable difference is noticeable in the appearance of the street with the poles removed. The street looks cleaner and lighter and considerable more roomy.

THIEF RETURNS STOLEN DIAMONDS

Jewels Worth \$5,000 Given Back to Owners on Christmas Day.

(By Associated Press)
ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 26.—Conscious stricken on Christmas the thief who stole the \$5,000 worth of diamonds from the residence of Patrick Flynn November 10 has returned them to the family he had gone to Christmas services in a nearby church and when they returned they found the diamonds tied in a pretty holiday package hanging to the front door. Four carpet cleaners who were arrested after the robbery will probably be released today.

Recruits Quarantined For Measles

(By Associated Press)
EL PASO, Dec. 26.—Three hundred recruits for the regular army on the border and in Mexico were quarantined in tents on parade ground at Fort Bliss today because five of the recruits were found to have measles.

The recruits arrived here from Fort Slocum, N. Y., for assignments to the various army commands here and in Gen. Pershing's command.

TWO SHIPS RACE TO SAVE MARYLAND REPORTED SINKING OFF SANDY HOOK

GERMANY SNUBS HOLLAND IN NOTE

Reply to Dutch Parliament's Protest Reported to be Curt Insult.

(By Associated Press)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—The Telegraaf says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding deportation of Belgian workmen is framed in such terms that it was inadvisable to communicate it to Dutch parliament and the government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to the parliament.

The Dutch government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportation had caused a painful impression. A Rotterdam dispatch to the London Times on December 5, said Germany had responded in words which were tantamount to saying, "Mind your own business."

Three Drunks in Police Court Today

Nip Vance, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 by Mayor Bowlen in police court this morning. Vance pleaded not guilty. He paid and went his way rejoicing, elated over the fact that \$5 was easy out of a roll of \$123.76 which he had when arrested.

Steve Bechto, drunk, was fined \$5. He went to jail to stay a few days in default of payment.

Increased Activity In Markets Today

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The publication of latest German proposals was followed by a moderate increase in activity in the stock market today with a gradual rise in prices.

The market previously had been extremely dull and immediately preceding the publication of the German communication prices of important stocks were midway between the high and low of the forenoon.

The rise that followed appeared to be due to short coverings more than anything else. United States Steel advanced 2 1/2 points from low quotations of the morning.

Teutons Capture 5,500 More Men and a Town in Rumania

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Dec. 26.—In Rumania 5,500 more prisoners have been taken by the Teutonic allies the war office announced. The town of Filipcani on the railroad between Buzau and Iralia was captured at the point of the bayonet. Strongly entrenched Russian positions on both sides of the village were stormed the statement says.

Two allies patrol boats were sunk and four other allies warships damaged in the recent naval engagement in the Strait of Otranto, the Austrian admiralty announced. Two Austrian destroyers were hit.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Detailing the capture of the strong Turkish position at Maghadab, 20 miles southeast of El Arish and 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, a British war office announcement today says that virtually the entire Turkish force of about 2,000 was destroyed.

FREEMAN KELLEY DIES TODAY IN HOSPITAL NO. 3

Succumbs to Injuries Received at Cook Hospital Last Week

FUNERAL IS THURSDAY

Interment Will be in Halleck Cemetery by Undertaker Musgrave.

Freeman Kelley, well known contractor and carpenter, who was injured on Thursday of last week in falling at Cook hospital, died this morning at half after four o'clock at Fairmont Hospital No. 3 where he was taken after the accident. The accident occurred while Mr. Kelley was engaged in repair work on Cook hospital. He stepped on a charred board falling a distance of 18 feet to the floor beneath. He struck on his head, concussion of the brain following which caused his death.

Mr. Kelley was born on August 20, 1848, and was aged therefore 68 years, 4 months and 17 days. In the year 1869 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy C. Snider, at Halleck, where they resided until 1901, when they came to this city where they had since resided. Mrs. Kelley survives with eight children, four daughters, namely, Mrs. G. H. Hess of this city, Mrs. Frank App of Washington county, Pa., Mrs. O. C. Holmes of Altoona, Pa., Mrs. Floyd Bonnell of Charleroi, Pa., and four sons, E. W., H. V. and J. E. Kelley of St. Louis. A brother, Wm. Kelley, and a sister, Minera Kelley, both of Halleck, also survive besides several grandchildren.

Mr. Kelley was a member of the Galesville lodge No. 46, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, being a carpenter by trade. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant church at Halleck.

The deceased was a man of splendid character and was regarded with esteem by a wide circle of friends. His death has caused deep regret in his home as well as in the community where he resided.

Funeral services will be held at Halleck Thursday at 1 o'clock and interment will be made in the Halleck cemetery by Undertaker Musgrave and Son.

ROBBERS KILL FOUR PERSONS

Five Negro Suspects Arrested in Louisiana Murder Affair.

(By Associated Press)
MIMDEN, La., Dec. 26.—Five negro suspects were under arrest here today in connection with the killing of four members of the family of John Nelson Reeves at their home about nine miles from Minden, Sunday night, although the authorities appeared to have nothing definite on which to base a charge against any of them.

Minden is quiet and there is no fear of mob violence. There is no doubt police say that robbery inspired the crime and the men responsible for this got away with considerable booty. Mrs. Reeves is said to have received legacy of \$3,500 and to have kept it in a chest with about \$500 Reeves had saved. The chest was broken open and the contents removed.

Arrested After 21 Years in Jail

(By Associated Press)
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—When John M. Leonard, an attorney, completed his 21 years in prison since 1892 and was released from Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, he had visions of a Christmas in the open. There remained one more charge, however, still unsatisfied and Leonard in custody of federal officers, is today en route to New York to stand trial on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Fishkill of \$300.

The Weather

West Virginia—Snow in east, snow or rain in north tonight and Wednesday. Warmer tonight and colder Wednesday.

Local Readings
F. P. Hall, Ob.
Temperature at 3 a. m. today 27.
Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 42; minimum 26; precipitation none.

GERMANY REPLIES TO NOTE

Central Powers All Want Conference of Belligerents

GIVES WILSON PRAISE

Says the President Shows Friendly Spirit and Also Leaves Door Open.

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Germany and her allies, Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, today replied to the note of President Wilson in which he asked that the belligerent nations state the aims for which they are fighting.

The proposal is made by Central powers that a conference of delegates of all belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars the official statement says can be begun only after the end of the present struggle.

The text of Germany's answer to President Wilson's note was transmitted today to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador. The answer which also contains the reply of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey says:

"The high minded suggestion made by the President of the United States of America in order to create a basis for establishment of lasting peace has been received and considered by the Imperial government in the friendly spirit which was expressed in the President's communication.

"The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of roads.

"To the Imperial government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach desired results. It begs therefore in the facts of declaration made on December 12 which offers a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place.

"The Imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

"It will be when this moment shall have come be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The answer the Central powers concluded with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

Officials here are surprised that the German answer to President Wilson's peace note was given out in Berlin before it reached this country in official form. They pointed out that in sending his note to President Wilson allowed two days between the time of its dispatch and making it public that it might first reach the German government. In the absence of official reply formal comment was withheld at White House and the State department.

The direct proposal for a conference of delegates at a neutral place was regarded as a further step in Germany's proposals although officials considered it as having been definitely forecast in the first proffer.

Such a formal offer has repeatedly been mentioned in authorized statements at German embassy here, where opinion freely has been expressed that if delegates once could be gathered around a table for purpose of discussing peace the result surely would be an arrangement of terms.

The Berlin dispatches containing the German reply were read by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing with greatest interest. Some officials who compared the reply with President Wilson's note professed to see some conflict between the German statement that the work of securing the future peace of the world should be delayed until the end of the present struggle while others were of the opinion that it was not entirely out of harmony.

Women's Club to Have Open House

In accordance with an established custom, the Woman's Club will keep open house on New Year's day, the event to be held in the club apartments at the Watson hotel from three until five o'clock. Owing to the fact that the club celebrates its tenth anniversary as an organization this year, the reception will take on an added interest.

On this occasion the officers of the club at its organization will be honored guests as will all past presidents, the latter including Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming 1906-1910, Mrs. George Thomas Watson, 1910-12; Mrs. Howard N. Ogden, 1912-14; Mrs. George DeBolt, 1914-16. Mrs. Janice A. McVie, present president and present officers, will also assist in receiving the guests. A program will be rendered as a feature of the entertainment.