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German Chancellor  
Will Spring a Surprise.

Honors Commission Makes "Much Ado About Nothing"—U. S. Should Give Armenians Yellowstone Park.

A GERMAN SURPRISE.  
PARIS, Dec. 29. Reports that Wilhelm Cuno, German Chancellor, intends to start the so-called Premiers' Conference next week with definite proposals of a Four Power Pact which would guarantee the security of France and the present Franco-German frontier, reached negotiations circles to-day, and created considerable comment. This Pact, according to reports, would extend for a period of over thirty years and will be signed by Britain, France, Italy and Germany. The United States might also be asked to sign but without assuming any military obligations Germany is keeping her new proposals in the dark so far as the Reparations Commission is concerned. The commission has learned, however, that among Chancellor Cuno's proposals will be one to pay a lump sum somewhere between five billion and eight billion gold marks, one billion to be paid at once and the remainder at

far in the direction of reform, because the Prime Minister still practically controlled the conferment of honours. The Commission's duties were limited to recommendations in regard to future honours and it had no power to investigate titles already conferred. Its recommendations included first, that a committee of the Privy Council, to consist of not more than three members, be appointed, the persons selected not to be members of the government, but to serve for the duration of the government's tenure of office. The Committee's Secretary would be a member of the civil service. Second, that before submitting honour candidates to the King the Committee shall receive their names together with the following: a statement of the service for which the title is to be given, a statement by the patronage secretary or party manager that there is to be no payment or expectation of payment to any party or political fund directly or indirectly associated with the recommendation, the name and address of the original proposer. Third, that the Committee after such inquiry as they think fit should report to the Prime Minister whether, in their estimation, the candidate is a fit and proper person to be recommended. Fourth, that in the event of the Committee reporting against any name and the Prime Minister being determined to recommend the candidate, the King should be informed of the Committee's report. Fifth that an Act be passed imposing penalty on anyone promising to secure or to endeavor to secure honour in respect of any pecuniary payment or any other valuable consideration in

order to receive an honour. The government acted quickly on the report of the Commission and decided immediately to name the Committee of the Privy Council to supervise the Honours List as suggested by the Commission. Meanwhile the issuance of the usual list of New Year honours will be postponed until the Privy Council's Committee reports as to whether "fit and proper" candidates have been recommended.

A PLEA FOR ARMENIANS.  
LAUSANNE, Dec. 29.

The United States made another appeal to-day on behalf of Near East refugees, when the delegates at the Near East Peace Conference presented an earnest appeal that in the general amnesty arrangements to be negotiated with Turkey, suitable provision be made for Armenian and other refugees who fled from Turkey and who may wish to return to their homes. The Americans asked that Turkey engage to restore to these refugees their property. What action the Entente nations will take on the plea of Armenia for a national home in Turkey will be probably decided tomorrow morning. At this time the delegates of Great Britain, France and Italy will consider the petition which the Armenians presented to Conference a few days ago. Confronted by persistent Turkish objections, the sub-commission on minorities to-day voted to drop the British amendment stipulating appointment of a League of Nations representative to supervise Turkey's treatment of minorities. The Conference deadlock on big issues continues. Apparently Ankara must appear before the Ottoman delegates can make concessions of the nature to ease the present delicate position of the peace negotiations.

JAP STATESMEN STRONG FOR PEACE.  
TOKIO, Dec. 29.

Premier Kato and Foreign Minister Uchida, in New Year messages strongly support the policy of peace by compromise exemplified by the Washington agreements. In another message, Minister of War Yamamashi urged the people to pay attention to national defence. Premier Kato declares that "if the fundamental spirit of the Washington agreements is duly respected by the peoples of the future they will be freed from warfare."

Stafford's Ginger Wine reduced to 15c. per bottle, this week only.—dec28,tf

New Year's Bill at The Nickel.

Betty Compton in "For These We Love."  
An unusually fine cast has been chosen to support Betty Compton in her new starring vehicle, "For These We Love," a Goldwyn release, coming to the Nickel Theatre for New Year's Day.

Lon Chaney, who made his first outstanding success in "The Miraculous Man," the same pleasure in which Miss Compton herself won national recognition, has the role of a gambler, whose every good instinct was covered by the hard veneer of his trade. After an accidental meeting, in which he saves the heroine from drowning, he finds that all his thoughts centre upon her; and his acts afterward are never free from the possible judgment she may pass upon them. It is a difficult characterization superbly done by Mr. Chaney. Clinton and MacNamara are due to arrive in the city by the Silvis on Monday morning. These artists are in a class to themselves in the line of high class vaudeville, and they give a clean, refined act brimful of fun and song. Patrons of the Nickel are in for a most enjoyable season of entertainment par excellence.

A good dinner deserves a good cigarette, a bad dinner needs one. Let your choice be CUB.

STAR MOVIE  
Owing to tie-up of trains "FOOLISH WIVES" will not be shown on New Year's Day, but a most appropriate Holiday Programme will be substituted.  
3 SESSIONS  
Morning at 10.30 admission 50., Afternoon 2.30, 10 & 20c., Night 7.15, 20c.

Hockey Notes.  
The St. Bon's hockeyists had a good work-out at the rink last night. The players appear to be in excellent trim, and being under the management of Dr. C. E. Fox, they are bound to be heard from this season. J. G. Higgins took a prominent part in the practice. The Bruins team, which made such a splendid showing here last season have requested the Hockey League to put up a series of challenge games. Should matters materialize, it is possible these games will be played between the League series and the beginning of the Tie Cup series. Should weather conditions permit, the opening hockey games of the season will take place about the 10th of January. The Peeldians will practice at the rink at 6.30 this evening.

ST. JOHN'S GROCERY STORES.  
For The Xmas Feast  
you will need something a little out of the usual in groceries of the "fancy" sort. We have in stock: Peaches, Apricots, Pineapple, assorted Jams, Catsup, Salad Dressing, Peanut Butter, prepared Mustard, India Relish, Olives, Layer Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Citron and Lemon Peel, Spices, Currants, Prunes, Dates and everything to add zest and piquancy to the Xmas dinner.

Shipping.  
Schr. Nordtrafic has cleared from Burin for Oporto with 2410 qts. of codfish shipped by L. Cheeseman.  
S.S. Canadian Sapper leaves Halifax to-day for this port, bringing a large general cargo.  
S.S. Craigness sails for New York to-day, repairs to the ship having been completed yesterday.  
S.S. Hygendyke has proceeded to Halifax for fuel oil. This ship, bound from Rotterdam to Baltimore, en-

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ERASMIC Perfumes and Bath Salts, etc. Schrafft's, and Park and Tilford's delightfully boxed  
Chocolates and Confectionery  
Would make "A Hit" with Her Christmas Day. WE HAVE THEM.  
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LOT 3 8 COATS—Regular \$25.00 for \$15.30  
LOT 4 11 COATS—Regular \$29.00 for \$17.50  
LOT 5 5 COATS—Regular \$32.00 for \$20.70

FOX FURS  
Regular price \$22.00. Special Clearing Price \$6.98

MILLEY'S

BILLY'S UNCLE Then He'd Be Square With the World. By BEN BATSFORD

Danish Prince.  
GOING INTO BUSINESS.  
COPENHAGEN.—It is rumored here that Prince Axel, son of Prince Waldemar, who recently returned to Denmark after a voyage as captain on board one of the East Asiatic Company's ships, is now considering entering a business life. He has expressed a wish to learn the commercial side of the company's activities, and he works daily at the offices. It is expected that he will be given a leading position in the company.  
Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.—oct4,6mos

Children's Carnival.  
The directors of the Prince's Rink are making arrangements for a children's carnival, which will take place on Saturday, January 6th. Ten handsome prizes will be offered for competition, five for the girls and five for the boys. Mrs. W. Angus Reid and Mr. Leonard Outerbridge have kindly undertaken to act as judges. The prizes will be awarded for the most original costumes.

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MAY TULLY'S  
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THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET  
A picture song