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ALLIES WILL NOT LEAVE RHINE NOW

COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS IS TO NOTIFY GERMANY COLOGNE AREA NOT TO BE EVACUATED

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Allied Council of Ambassadors today agreed upon the terms of a letter to Germany, announcing that the Cologne area will not be evacuated on January 10. This was the date stipulated for the evacuation in the Treaty of Versailles, provided Germany has fulfilled her obligations under the treaty. The text of the letter will probably not be published until it has had time to reach Berlin.

The note will be presented by the five allied ambassadors in Berlin simultaneously, it is stated, the allies thus presenting a solid front to Germany.

To Hold Another Session.

Although the outlines of the note were drawn today, the document needs some finishing touches, so it was decided that the Ambassadors would not sign it until Wednesday next, when they will hold another session.

The fact that the phrasing is seen to require a week's time is taken to mean that Germany will be given the reasons why the evacuation is to be postponed, instead of merely the blunt announcement of the allied decision to remain in the Cologne bridgehead.

The only question now at stake is the reason to be given for continuation of the occupation beyond the stipulated date.

The French wish to tell Germany that evacuation is being postponed because of discovery of arms in violation of the Treaty of Versailles, while the British prefer to limit the note to saying that the evacuation will not take place.

Allies All Represented.

Marshall Foch was on hand early, ready to give any explanations desired. All the members arrived promptly, M. Cambon for France, Lord Crewe, for Great Britain, Viscount Ighite for Japan, Baron Avesano for Italy and Baron DeGaller for Belgium. Myron T. Herrick, ambassador, attended as unofficial observer.

Herr Von Hoersch, the German ambassador, called at the foreign office just before the ambassadors met, and left as they were arriving. He was received in the Premier's office, although he did not see M. Herrick or speak with any of the ambassadors.

As his visit was unexpected, it was believed he brought a communication from Berlin in connection with the Cologne question which would probably be presented to the ambassadors' council.

New Date Undecided.

The Ambassadors decided it was unnecessary to settle definitely now the question of the possible date of the evacuation of the Rhine, as the French and British viewpoints as to the advisability of withdrawing, the British being reported inclined to favor evacuation after the receipt of the military mission's complete report. The essential thing for the moment, it was agreed, was to notify Germany that the evacuation could not take place on January 10.

Arms Report Denied.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(United Press).—Reports that huge amounts of illegal arms have been found stored in Germany are viewed as "diabolically ridiculous" by the German Government.

That phrase appeared in "Die Zeit," the organ of Foreign Minister Stresemann, which declared allied claims of such discoveries were without foundation.

As to the decision not to evacuate Cologne, the newspaper added ominously: "From this new wrong to Germany serious consequences can come." Disappointment was expressed because of America's failure to intervene in the Cologne question although it is hoped that President Coolidge's wish for amity may influence England and France.

Province Profits By Inspector's Care

FREDERICTON, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Recently Jas. E. Doonan of Fredericton, provincial fur inspector, discovered a number of unstamped furs on which no royalties had been paid. Mr. Doonan found a number of pelts which had been incinerated after the duty had been passed. The discovery netted the province some dollars in royalties.

The dealer from Montreal pleaded ignorance of the New Brunswick regulations.

WIN FISH PRIZES

Ontario Men Get Field and Stream Awards For Landing Largest Trout.

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Dec. 27.—Roy Brown and Allan Russell were notified yesterday that they have been awarded second and third prizes respectively by Field and Stream for the second and third largest rainbow trout taken on the continent last season. Brown's fish weighed almost eight pounds and Russell's fish five pounds. Both fish were taken in the Sault Rapids.

WADE IS REFUSED CARD BY A. A. U. OF C.

Fredericton Player's Application Must Now Go to Registration Committee.

Special to The Times-Star.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 27.—The Maritime branch of the A. A. U. of C. French and British viewpoints as to the advisability of withdrawing, the British being reported inclined to favor evacuation after the receipt of the military mission's complete report. The essential thing for the moment, it was agreed, was to notify Germany that the evacuation could not take place on January 10.

DIES AS RESULT OF SCRATCHES ON FACE

FREDERICTON, Dec. 27.—Blood poisoning resulting from a scratch on his face sustained when he was struck by branches of a falling tree caused the death at Victoria Hospital this morning of Simon C. Curtis, aged 20, of Niasquam Village, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Curtis of this city. Besides his widow and young child, five brothers and two sisters survive.

Minnesota Street Car Man Wins Claim For Compensation For Loss Of Sightless Eye

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—N. C. Moegard has won his claim for compensation for the loss of a sightless eye. Moegard was blind in one eye. While employed by the Minneapolis Street Car Company, Moegard's useless optic was damaged so that it had to be removed. The Minnesota Labor Board awarded him compensation at the rate of \$18 a week for 102 weeks. An appeal by the Street Car Company was decided Friday by the Minnesota Supreme Court with a ruling that removal of a sightless eye entitled the injured man to be compensated.

Powder Cargo Blast In Japan Kills Hundreds

WOMAN'S FIVE YEAR VIGIL IS REWARDED

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 27.—For five years Mrs. Kathie F. Carter, a widow of Great Woods Road, North Saugus, set a lamp in the window each night and said a prayer for the return of her son, John Edward, unheard from since a short visit when he returned from the war.

On Christmas Eve the light was gone, and Mrs. Carter was weeping tears of joy over a telegram saying her son had just arrived in New York on a ship from China, and would be home for Christmas.

STILL SEARCH FOR 8 FLOOD VICTIMS

VIRGINIA DEATH LIST MAY TOTAL SCORE.

Many Injured Face Possibility of Blindness From Lime in Waters.

SALTVILLE, Va., Dec. 27.—With 14 bodies now recovered, search of the muck line deposit that overtops a score of acres in the Holston river valley near here, was continued today to account for eight persons still missing after the disastrous dam break of Christmas Eve.

Blindness Threatens Some.

Six bodies recovered in yesterday's search brought the total known dead to 14 and it was believed the final death toll would reach more than a score.

In addition to the body-burns from which more than 30 injured are suffering as a result of lime in the flood waters, a number have received injury to the eyes that threatens blindness in several cases.

MORE METHODISTS

Membership in Churches Increases 51,450 During The Last Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—There are 4,711,895 Methodists, according to figures from the Methodist year book for 1925, made public yesterday by the world service commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

This membership includes only preparatory and full members and does not include affiliated, non-communicant members of adherents of the church of which there are more than 10,000,000.

Increase is 51,450.

Last year the membership was 4,660,445. From the increase of 54,897 must be deducted a decrease of 94,997 caused by deaths, removals and transfers to other churches leaving a net increase of 51,450 of which 27,628 are in foreign areas and 23,822 in the United States.

JUMP FROM ROOFS

Two Women Despondent Over Lack of Christmas Cheer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Two women, unable to participate in the good cheer which has heralded the approach of Christmas, became so despondent that they ended their lives.

Mrs. Evelyn Cohen was so ill that the preparations for Christmas drove her to distraction. She visited with her sister at a neighbor's home. She watched the preparations which were under way for Christmas. Suddenly Mrs. Cohen's mind became so dark that she jumped from the roof of the building. Miss Cohen's body was found near a pile of Christmas trees in the courtyard.

Gives Up Struggle.

Mrs. Mary Krenek was so poor that when her husband died just after last Christmas, she was forced to send her daughter Frances, 12, to an institution. She struggled for a year to support herself and her other daughter, Irene, 11. Saturday a letter came from Frances and it complained that this Christmas would be so different because "we haven't a daddy now." Mrs. Krenek jumped to her death from the roof of the five story tenement in which she lived.

WAS STRANGE FIND

Bearded Australian Lizard is Picked up in England.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—An Australian bearded lizard has been found on its railway line at Platford.

As the locality is in the dock area, it is supposed that the mysterious stranger landed in this country as a stowaway and was engaged on a tour of exploration.

The Jew lizard—as it is known in Australia—has beneath the chin, a fold of skin which, unutilized when the reptile is in repose, can be expanded into a conspicuous bristly fringe, suggestive of a beard, for the purpose of frightening enemies.

If this falls, it has a very effective weapon in its spiny tail, with which it can inflict serious wounds.

DIES TO SAVE PAL

Man Escapes From Burning Hotel But Goes Back For Friend—Both Perish

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Three men were burned to death in a fire which swept the Washington Hotel, North Tonawanda, yesterday. The three-story structure housed 45 lodgers. All the others escaped.

Paul Kobby, 40, 73 old, who had made a safe exit, went back to rescue his pal, William Smith, 45 years old, whose room was on the third floor. Yesterday their charred bodies with signs clasped, were found in Smith's room.

The third victim was John Roach, 35 years old. John Bennas jumped an injury to his leg while he jumped from a window. The fire loss was \$40,000.

WAS NATIVE OF N. B.

Rev. Dr. Coperthwaite, Veteran Methodist Minister, Dies in Nfld.

SYDNEY, Dec. 27.—Rev. Dr. H. P. Coperthwaite, 86, one of the outstanding figures of the Canadian Methodist ministry, died yesterday at St. John's, Nfld., according to a message received by his son, Dr. W. M. Coperthwaite, here. The deceased was a native of New Brunswick and lived in St. John a good many years ago.

COULD APPROVES

Maple Creek, Sask., Dec. 27.—Following an inquest into the death of Herbert Malar, aged 12, who died on December 9, his father, Herbert T. Malar and Mrs. Malar, his step-mother, were charged with manslaughter.

The President wrote to Ritter: "Such acts of generosity cannot help but lead to better co-operation and understanding between the employer and employee and you are to be commended for the fine example you have shown."

GOES 1,500 MILES IN YEAR'S GOLF GAMES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Andrew O. McGarrett is after a champion or a first class contender at his own game. This year he has plodded 1,500 miles with a golf ball into a cup 5,400 times, using 27,640 strokes, an average of 925 to an eighteen hole round. He is 64 years old.

STEAMER FOUNDERS; ANOTHER IN TROUBLE

BIG GALE HITS EASTERN ATLANTIC.

One Seaman Missing From Norwegian Vessel, Twenty-One Saved.

LANDR END, Dec. 27.—The Royal Mail steamship Serbie, bound for Southampton for North America, wrecked this morning that she was disabled in a gale southwest of Svalbard and was in need of immediate assistance. Two vessels were dispatched to her aid.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 27.—A small steel freighter of 638 tons gross tonnage foundered off Tromsø. All the members of her crew, with the exception of one seaman who is missing, were rescued. Nine of the men were taken from one lifeboat and shortly afterwards a second lifeboat with 12 men in it, which it had been feared was lost, was picked.

BLINDNESS NO HANDICAP

A handicap is nothing to blind Julius Jones, star insurance agent of New York, member of the \$200,000 club of life insurance salesmen. Four years ago, Jones, a prosperous business man, lost his eyesight. With it went his prosperity. He became penniless. Undaunted, he undertook to sell life insurance. Today he is one of the highest-salaried men in a line of high-salaried men. He has taught himself the Braille system and out of his own funds, is educating 40 blind men in its benefits, so that they too, can have a chance at the success that has been his.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE LIVES AFTER BULLET IS EXTRACTED FROM HEART

Chicago Man Constructed Weapon With Which He Attempted to Take Life.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Max Peck was today after surgeons had extracted a bullet from his heart, that fact strangely being hardly less remarkable, his friends said, that the man of the act of suicide had survived.

Lately in a lodging house Christmas Eve, Peck decided to end his life. Having no weapon, he substituted a can of stock in his handwood lumber company among 124 employees and friends.

The President wrote to Ritter: "Such acts of generosity cannot help but lead to better co-operation and understanding between the employer and employee and you are to be commended for the fine example you have shown."

RADIO LANDS CROOKS

Two Men Are Arrested After Warning is Broadcast From Station WNYC.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(United Press) A warning broadcast from station WNYC resulted in the arrest of two men who will be arraigned in court here today, charged with the larceny of radio sets and accessories valued at more than \$15,000.

It is alleged that the two men, Martin Chate and James DeLuca, visited the homes of amateur radio operators and representing themselves as agents for a big New York store, got permission to take receiving sets away for "repairs." The owners never saw their sets again.

WHEEL OFF ENGINE; SHOCK KILLS DRIVER

BRUSSELS, Dec. 27.—The driver of a train from Brussels to Antwerp the other evening, noticed when passing through the Waterloo tunnel that the engine was leaning to one side. He pulled up, got down, and found that a wheel was missing.

The emotion provoked by the thoughts of the catastrophe that might have happened was too much for the man, and he fell to the ground and died.

TWO DAYS OUT; IS REPORTED HERE

The Royal Mail Steam Packet liner Chaudiere was in touch with the wireless station at Red Head at 4 o'clock this morning although she was at that time 500 miles south of this port. She is en route to St. John from Bermuda and the British West Indies and is due here on Monday.

SAYS DAWES PLAN WILL HELP DUTCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Holland would benefit more from operation of the Dawes Plan than any other European nation, except Germany, Richard M. Tobin, American minister to the Netherlands, said at a dinner given in his honor by the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce.

LIKELY WILL APPROVE FRANCO-BRITISH ACTION

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Allied Council of Ambassadors, at its meeting here today, is expected to confirm the decisions taken by the British and French governments not to evacuate the Cologne bridgehead Jan. 10.

EXPLOSION ON SHIP IN OTARU HARBOR FATAL

Business Part of Hokkaido Group Scene Of Accident

BLAZE FOLLOWS

Only Meagre Details of Catastrophe Are Received In Tokio

(By Canadian Press.)

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Several hundred casualties were reported when a powder cargo exploded aboard a ship in the harbor at Otaru, the business centre of the Hokkaido island group, which forms the northeastern part of Japan. A disastrous fire resulted from the explosion, according to reports received here.

Details received so far do not indicate the number killed or the amount of material damage done by the blast.

STEAMER, KNOWN HERE, IS WRECKED

Curlew Strikes Rock on Journey From Canso to Sydney.

SYDNEY, Dec. 27.—The Sydney steamer Curlew, formerly a fisheries protection cruiser, returning light from a trip to Canso, hit a submerged rock and sank in Mahanui Passage, just inside Scaevan Island, late last night. The crew of ten men escaped safely and were in their boat. The ship is valued at \$27,000, and the loss is largely covered by insurance.

The Curlew was for years attached to the fisheries protection service for the Canadian Government in this district, operating out of St. John. She was later sold and used for a time in the liquor carrying trade. She was in St. John on several occasions while in this trade. She was later sold again, and no further word has been received of her until the arrival of the dispatch today telling of her loss. While in the government service here she was commanded by Captain Pratt and Captain Milne.

THREE MORE VICTIMS EXPECTED TO DIE

HOBART, Oka., Dec. 27.—Babbs Switch today continued burying the 33 victims of the fire which wrecked the school house on Christmas Eve. Eight bodies were buried yesterday, plans for burying the other victims being held up because of inability to get the graves finished. At least three of the injured are not expected to recover.

DISARM TRIBESMEN

Ill Feeling Follows Order of Moroccan Chieftain—Food Refused.

TETUAN, MOROCCO, Dec. 27.—Native tribesmen arriving here from the camp of Abd-El-Krim report that he has ordered all the tribesmen who are not soldiers disbanded. This order is said to have created opposition to Abd-El-Krim and his followers. It is said they have declined to give bread to the chieftains and that this is causing great misery in the western zones.

CLOTHING GIFTS ARE STRONG AT DOOR

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Hohenzollern Santa Claus this year was apparently in the clothing business. From his son and heir William received a raincoat and a heavy winter overcoat. From Princess Hermine he received two suits of clothing. Prince Hermine, on the other hand, was presented two evening gowns by her husband, and the children and servants at Doorn Castle received nothing but clothing from the ex-Emperor.

LONDON WINS WAR ON DOPE COMBINE

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Scotland Yard has won a three year fight with dope, and most of the higher-ups, the expertly dressed "capitalists," who financed the movement of large quantities of opium from Hamburg to London are in prison.

A before-Christmas drive against the chieftains of the British branch of the world-wide drug combine has resulted in one flourishing business to a hide-and-seek proposition.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT U. S. CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—An earthquake of moderate intensity, 5,600 miles from Washington, was registered early today on the seismograph of Georgetown University. Father Tonduff placed the time of the vibrations as beginning at 6:58 a. m. and lasting until after 8 a. m. He said no distinct maximum was shown.

CAR THIEVES SHOOT AT POLICE, ESCAPE

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Several men in a stolen automobile defied Somerville and Boston police at whom they fired several shots, in a wild dash about the Sullivan Square and Winter Hill districts. Six shots were fired at them and the Somerville officers gave chase in a car but were unable to overtake the speeders.

FREE STATE OFFERED £20,000,000 LOAN IF IT WITHDRAWS FROM LEAGUE, SAYS SINN FEIN

DUBLIN, Dec. 28.—The British government, according to the Republican newspaper Sinn Fein, has offered the Free State a loan of £20,000,000 if the latter will withdraw its claim to separate representation in the League of Nations. The Republican organ intimates that the Free State Government is willing to accept the offer, adding that "a sham protest" will be made by the Dail Eireann after which the Free State will disappear from the League.

The Weather Report

Synopsis.—The depression which was over northern Ontario yesterday has moved eastward towards the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while the north western area of high pressure accompanied by very cold weather now covers the western provinces and northwest states.

Forecasts:

Gales; Rain or Snow.

Maritime—Strong winds or gales from southwest, cloudy, probably some rain or snow tonight and Sunday, followed by colder weather.

Northern New England—Cloudy and colder tonight. Sunday, fair with a cold wave, strong west and northwest winds.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Temperatures:—

Lowest	— 34
Highest during	— 34
Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday Night	
Victoria	— 34
Calgary	— 39
Edmonton	— 44
Prince Albert	— 38
Winnipeg	— 30
Toronto	— 22
Montreal	— 28
St. John	— 34
Halifax	— 22
New York	— 28

Below zero.