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**Peace Treaty
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Powers Will Not Wait on America -- Bloodshed and Butchery in Hungary -- University President Says Belfast is to Blame -- Dope Claims Eight Victims--Big Storm Forecasted for To-day.

UNITED STATES DELAY DOES NOT AFFECT TREATY.
BERLIN, Dec. 26. The allied reply to the latest German note regarding the peace treaty protocol was published here to-day. The first paragraph of the reply expresses satisfaction that the German Government shares the point of view of the allies that the dispositions on the treaty of peace are applicable from the moment of the treaty's entry into force, whether ratification by the United States has or has not occurred. The allies take note that Germany admits in principle that no contracting party can refer to the non-participation of the United States in the first deposit of ratification documents as ground for questioning any stipulation of the treaty.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.
PARIS, Dec. 26. Conference will begin here early next week between Allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect, it was announced to-day. The session will be held under the presidency of general Leonard, member of the French delegation.

BIG STORM PREDICTED.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. A storm that may reach gale proportions to-morrow is approaching the North Atlantic coast, moving eastward from Lake Huron.

CLEMENCEAU TO SUCCEED POINCARÉ.
PARIS, Dec. 26. President Poincaré's successor will be elected on January seventeenth, according to the conference generally drawn by the Russian press from the statement of Premier Clemenceau in the Chamber that his cabinet would definitely resign, and that he would be a candidate for the presidency, which means that he will be elected virtually without opposition.

WANTS HUNGARIAN MURDERS STOPPED.
BERLIN, Dec. 26. Appeals to world workers, especially socialists in Great Britain, United States, France and Italy, asking that these Governments take steps to stop alleged slaughter of communists and socialists in Hungary are being sent out by Central Government Board of Austrian Social Democracy. It is asserted that whereas five hundred victims were charged up to Bela Kun regime in Hungary, more than ten times that number have been executed on conviction and drumhead court-martial on "fimsy warrants" issued with alleged connivance of Admiral

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Horthy in command of the Hungarian Government troops at present.
DIVIDING GERMAN STEAMSHIPS.
NEW YORK, Dec. 26. The seven former German ships held here by the United States Shipping Board since September will be formally turned over to the local representatives of the British Ministry of Shipping at noon to-morrow. Allocation of the seven ships will be made by the British Ministry of Shipping among the various British lines. The Zeppelin is to go to the White Star line, the Princess Friedrich Wilhelm to the Orient Steam Navigation Company, the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria to the Cunard line, the Mobile to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, and the Protoria to the Ellerman Line.

THE COST OF RAILWAYS.
CHICAGO, Dec. 26. Five billion dollars will be needed by the railroads of the United States for expansion, rehabilitation and improvement in the five years' period following their return on March 1.

WILL REMAIN ON STRIKE.
CLEVELAND, Dec. 26. 1,500 steel men voted unanimously to-night to continue on strike and to remain away from their former employment until the strike is won or officially declared off by the national officers.

DEAD FROM BAD LIQUOR.
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 26. Eight men are dead here from drinking liquor which they thought to be whiskey, but which was compounded probably with wood alcohol. Four men under arrest have been charged with murder in connection with the deaths and a fifth with intent to transport the liquor illegally.

STEAMSHIP LINES TO BRAZIL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. A regular steamship service to Brazilian ports is to be inaugurated by two new steamship companies. They are the North and South Atlantic, of Bergen, Norway, and the Marine Navigation Company, of Canada. The Canadian line will run between St. John or Halifax and Brazilian ports direct, and is building in Holland five steamers of 5,000 tons register each.

BLAMES BELFAST.
TORONTO, Dec. 26. Sir Bertram Windler, retiring President of Cork University, and newly-appointed Professor in St. Michael's College, Toronto, in an interview here to-day said it was Belfast that was to blame for the non-settlement of the Irish trouble by the famous convention, and if settlement were again postponed it would be the fault of Belfast, which city, he said, feared to lose its prosperity. This, in his opinion, was a mistaken fear, he said.

MEXICO CLOSES ANOTHER OIL WELL.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. Another American oil well, one of the largest in the Tampico region, has been closed by order of the Mexican Government, the State Department was advised to-day. The well, it was reported, has been producing for more than a year, and was drilled in strict compliance with all the regulations in force at that time.

JAMAICAN STREET CAR CONDUCTORS' STRIKE.
KINGSTON, Ja., Dec. 26. The car conductors and motormen have struck for higher pay. A Canadian Company which operates the street railways is suffering heavy losses.

Standing On His Rights.

In his "Memories of a Marine" Major-General Sir George Aston recalls the old Army story of the little boy who would not move away from the Lifeguard's man on sentry at the Horseguards, on the plea, "I may look at yer, can't I? I pays for yer!" and caps it with a similar Navy one. It was visiting day on the flagship (says Sir George), and the tourist steamer alongside was waiting for one man. But he refused to leave. "I helped to pay for the fleet," he protested, "and I shall stay as long as I like." But the Quarter Master on the gangway rose to the occasion rather well; picking up a little bit of spunk, he presented it solemnly to the man, saying: "There's what you paid for; you can take it with you," and put him gently but firmly over the side.

No Fear of Britain.

(From the New York Evening Sun.) Americans are fully satisfied for things to remain as they are. Should Great Britain ever offer the islands (the West Indies) for sale, this country would feel it necessary to buy them, for it cannot afford to permit another power to entrench itself so close to the Panama Canal. But, so long as the British hold them, the United States feels that they are in safe hands. The guns and the battleships at Kingston are more a protection than a menace to the canal.

**William Hines
Couldn't Raise
Hand to Head**

His Rheumatism is Overcome and He's Back on His Feet—Feels Fine.

"Yes, Sir, Tanlac has completely overcome my six years of rheumatism and put me back on my feet feeling fine," said William Hines, a well-known and popular sailor who lives at 55 Bannerman St., St. John's, N.F. "For six years I have been troubled with a bad case of rheumatism," he continued, "and the pains were awful in my knees, hips and arms. My knees would hurt so bad and get so stiff that I could not bend them and I was so crippled up that it was all I could do to hobble about. The pains in my arms were so bad that I could not raise my arm or hand up to my head. I lost my appetite and it looked like everything I would eat disagreed with me. I was troubled a great deal with gas on my stomach and it pressed up into my chest until my heart would palpitate so terribly that I had to fight to get my breath. My kidneys were so badly disordered that I had pains across my back that would lay me up for days at a time. My sleep was irregular and I felt weak all day long that I could not half do my work and when night came I was completely exhausted."

"My wife read in the papers where Tanlac was helping so many people right here in St. John's that she advised me to try it. And I am certainly glad I took her advice, for already I am feeling like a different person although I have taken only two bottles. I have such a fine appetite that it just looks like I can't get enough to eat, and everything agrees with me without the least trouble. The rheumatism has all left me and I have as good use of my arms and legs as I ever did in my life. My kidneys are in splendid condition and I am no longer bothered with pains in my back. I sleep so sound every night that I have to have somebody to wake me in the morning, and when I get up I feel just simply fine."

I Am the Enemy of Mankind.

I have destroyed more lives than all the wars of the world.
I steal more than a billion dollars each year.
I tear home asunder; I snatch babes from mothers' breasts.
I am more powerful than the combined armies and navies of the world.
I have burdened mankind since the dawn of history.
I spread misery and desolation. Innocent children are my special prey.
I bring pain, sickness, yet few seek to escape me.
I destroy health and wreck homes.
I am relentless, the rich and the poor alike I seek. Both weak and strong, old and young are my victims.
I cause commerce to stand still; I depopulate cities and destroy nations.
I am preventable disease.

Why Not Leave Russia Alone?

(From the Brooklyn Standard Union.) A pretty good idea will be put into effect if the conference of Powers in London has determined not to deal with the Russian Bolsheviks and not to help Denkin and Kolchak any more. No matter what side they are on those people are all Russians. An attempt to impose a government upon Russia is about the last thing in the world for which the civilized nations should waste money and material and men. What good would it do us if we controlled Russia? Would not any reasonable persons dislike to get Russia as a present? One necessary thing is to prevent Russia controlling us. Some of the Russians who come over here are extraordinarily resistive to Americanism. They seem to hate it because it is so unlike Russia. Why not leave Russia alone for the exclusive enjoyment of those who like that sort of thing?

Late Discovering It.

A German brain specialist declares that in a few years the former kaiser may go mad; and the German Socialist paper, Vorwaerts, asserts that he has for years been a semi-lunatic. What a pity that they didn't find this out before William ran away!—Hamilton Herald.



**Battle With Fire
on Liner at Sea.**

Halifax, Dec. 19.—After a four day battle with a fire in number 1 hold, the Leyland Line steamer Lancastrian, Captain Wood, D.S.O., arrived in port late yesterday afternoon and anchored at quarantine. The hold was flooded yesterday morning, as it was feared that an explosion of some chemicals, which formed part of the cargo, would occur. In addition to fighting the fire, the crew had to run their ship through heavy weather, and too much credit cannot be given Captain Wood, his officers and crew for bringing the ship safely to harbor.

The Lancastrian, which is on the New York-Antwerp service, sailed from the latter port on December 2nd, for America. Like other ships she encountered heavy weather all the way. On Sunday morning, as she was approaching the coast of Newfoundland, fire was discovered in No. 1 hold. The ship had a general cargo, and in this hold were stored oils, rugs and chemicals.

Immediately on discovering the fire Captain Wood and crew commenced their fight. Steam pipes were put into the hold, and until yesterday morning they worked to save some of the cargo in the hold, especially the chemicals. During the entire fight there was danger of an explosion, but undaunted the crew went ahead. Yesterday morning, when off this coast, Captain Wood, decided to flood the hold, and this was done, only after every other device had been used to control the fire.

All the time the fire was raging in the hold the steamer was encountering heavy weather, including head gales, and in addition to keeping their ship to the wind the crew had to endeavor to check the fire. They worked day and night and their fight ended only when the ship anchored on quarantine yesterday afternoon. This morning she will be docked, and the water pumped out.

Captain Wood, who commands the Lancastrian is well known here. Early in the war he was here in command of the Etolian and during 1915 carried horses from this port. He was decorated with the D.S.O., and also highly complimented for being the highest horse carrier, his percentage of loss being lower than other ships. He was on the Philadelphia and the Cambrian, when these ships were torpedoed.

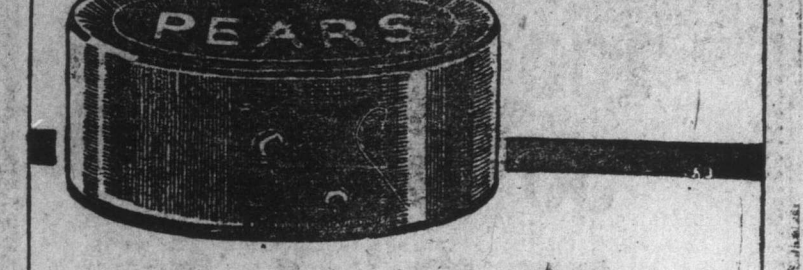
Make Your Heating Apparatus Safe.

Before stoves and furnaces are started up in the fall they should be carefully inspected, together with the smoke pipes, flues, etc. This may save your home and the lives of your family. Sixty-five per cent. of all the fires occur in dwellings, and defective flues and heating apparatus are responsible for most of these. The general rules for the safeguarding of domestic heating appliances are as follows:
Examine smoke pipes, to see that they have not rusted through, and that joints are tight.
Be certain that there are no cracks in the chimneys or flues, and that they are cleaned out regularly.
Place stoves, furnaces and pipes far enough from walls and woodwork to avoid overheating.
Cover the nearest wooden surfaces with sheet asbestos, sheet iron or tin; if iron or tin is used, leave an air space behind it.
Where stovepipes or heating pipes pass through walls, enclose the pipes in galvanized iron, double-walled, ventilated thimbles at least twelve inches wider than the diameter of the pipes.
Protect the floor beneath the stove with sheet metal, and have it extend forward at least twelve inches directly beneath the door to the ash-pit.
Surround the base of the furnace with brick, stone or concrete.
Fix a guard about the pipe in the attic, so nothing may be stored against it.
Never pour kerosene into a coal or wood stove, even when the fire is out.
Never put ashes into wooden boxes or barrels; use a strong metal can.
Study the drafts and dampers.
Do not let the stove or pipes become red hot.
Keep stoves, furnaces, flues and chimneys clean.
Inspect the chimneys and flues to be sure that they are sound.
Do not dry wood in an oven.
Do not hang wet clothing too near to a stove.
Keep curtains and other cloth away from stoves and pipes.—Ontario Safety League.

Unlike Him.

Said a very pretty but gushing girl to Mr. Sargent, the famous artist, at a dinner party:
"Oh, Mr. Sargent, I saw your latest painting, and kissed it because it was so much like you."
"And did it kiss you in return?" asked the artist gravely.
"Why, no, of course not!" was the blushing reply.
"Then," said Mr. Sargent smilingly, "it was not at all like me."

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