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**Peace Treaty
 to go Through.**

**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 Ger-
 man note regarding the peace treaty
 protocol was published here to-day.
 The first paragraph of the reply ex-
 presses 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 contract-
 ing party can refer to the non-partici-
 pation of the United States in the
 first deposit of ratification documents
 as ground for questioning any stipu-
 lation of the treaty.

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

BIG STORM PREDICTED.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.
 A storm that may reach gale pro-

portions to-morrow is approaching
 the North Atlantic coast, moving
 eastward from Lake Huron.

**CLEMENCEAU TO SUCCEED POIN-
 CARE.**
 PARIS, Dec. 26.
 President Poincare'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, especial-
 ly 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 as-
 serted that whereas five hundred vic-
 tims were charged up to Bela Kun
 regime in Hungary, more than ten
 times that number have been execut-
 ed on conviction and drumhead court-
 martial on "fimsy warrants" issued
 with alleged connivance of Admiral

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 Ship-
 ping Board since September will be
 formally turned over to the local re-
 presentatives of the British Ministry
 of Shipping at noon to-morrow. Allo-
 cation of the seven ships will be
 made by the British Ministry of Ship-
 ping among the various British lines.
 The Zeppelin is to go to the White
 Star line, the Princess Friedrich Wil-
 helm to the Orient Steam Navigation
 Company, the Kaiserin Augusta Vic-
 toria to the Cunard line, the Mobile
 to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam
 Navigation Company, and the Pro-
 toria 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 im-
 provement in the five years' period
 following their return on March 1.

WILL REMAIN ON STRIKE.
 CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.
 1,500 steel men voted unani-
 mously 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 na-
 tional 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 compound-
 ed probably with wood alcohol. Four
 men under arrest have been charged
 with murder in connection with the
 deaths and a fifth with intent to trans-
 port 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 Nav-
 igation 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 in-
 terview here to-day said it was Bel-
 fast 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 regula-
 tions in force at that time.

**JAMAICAN STREET CAR CONDUCT-
 ORS' STRIKE.**
 KINGSTON, Ja., Dec. 26.
 The car conductors and motormen
 have struck for higher pay. A Cana-
 dian 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 re-
 calls 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 help-
 ed 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 spun-
 yarn, 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 per-
 mit another power to entrench it-
 self 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 aw-
 ful 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 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 un-
 til my heart would palpitate so terri-
 bly 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 ir-
 regular and I felt weak all day long
 that I could not half do my work and
 when night came I was completely ex-
 hausted."
 "My wife read in the papers where
 Tanlac was helping so many people
 right here in St. John's that she ad-
 vised me to try it. And I am certain-
 ly glad I took her advice, for already
 I am feeling like a different person
 although I have taken only two bot-
 tles. 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."
 Tanlac is sold in St. John's by M.
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 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.
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 bined armies and navies of the world.
 I have burdened mankind since the
 dawn of history.
 I spread misery and desolation. In-
 nocent 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 these people are all Russians.
 An attempt to impose a government
 upon Russia is about the last thing in
 the world for which the civilized na-
 tions should waste money and mat-
 terial 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 extraordi-
 narily resistive to Americanism. They
 seem to hate it because it is so un-
 like 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 de-
 clares 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.

Unlike Him.

Said a very pretty but gushing
 girl to Mr. Sargent, the famous ar-
 tist, 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 smiling-
 ly, "it was not at all like me."



**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 Lancas-
 trian, 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 New-
 foundland, 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 com-
 menced their fight. Steam pipes were
 put into the hold, and until yester-
 day morning they worked to save
 some of the cargo in the hold, espe-
 cially 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 encount-
 ering 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 Phila-
 delphian 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 defect-
 ive 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 di-
 rectly 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 be-
 come 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 Safe-
 ty League.

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