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UKRAINIAN REPUBLIC PROJECTED

Ukrainians Formulate Demands to Present to the Peace Conference

By BEATRICE BASKERVILLE. Vienna, Dec. 23.—Basil Paneyko, editor of Idoloi the leading Ruthenian newspaper, and Gregor Sydenko, formerly Minister of Railways in the Ukraine, are here on their way to Paris to learn the attitude of the representatives of the allies toward the Ukraine Republic.

They had a preliminary conference at Jassy on Nov. 13 with representatives of America, Great Britain and France, which had no definite result, and in Paris they hope to clarify some of the problems that face their country.

Ukrainian Claims Conflict. In a talk with the correspondent Mr. Sydenko disclosed some of the extraordinary conditions prevailing in Eastern Europe, particularly in the Ukraine, Podolia and Bukowina.

Should the Ruthenians succeed in obtaining the territory they seek the Ukraine Republic would have a total population of 45,000,000, of whom 28,000,000 would be Ruthenians, 2,000,000 Jews and the remainder Poles and Great Russians.

This republic would enjoy the richest district of the former Russian Empire in Europe, with vast mineral wealth, some of the largest beet-sugar refineries in the world, and other choice industrial plants.

Would Emancipate the Jews. Naturally the Poles, Roumanians and Hungarians, proprietors of the territory thus claimed, are preparing to make desperate efforts to prevent the emancipation of the Jews.

Another element of confusion, he says, is the presence in the Ukraine of 15,000 German troops, well equipped and armed. The troops are hated by the people, irrespective of class or race.

Bolsheviks Halted at Border. The situation is further complicated by continual frontier fighting between the Ruthenian militia and Russian Bolsheviks who are striving to enter the country and overthrow the republic.

Before returning home M.M. Paneyko and Sydenko expect to visit Washington, where they hope for diplomatic help in disentangling the skein of racial and class conflicts, and to adjust the antagonisms of centuries which have involved the Poles and Ruthenians, the Hungarian Jews and the elements in Roumania that have long aspired to the possession of disputed territory in Bukowina.

A TIN EAR. Alas! the city hall clock is not to be repaired with glass but instead a piece of tin will replace the part of the clock's face. The officials decided to put a tin ear on that noble structure, when they discovered that the snow was entering its sacred interior and was likely to injure the movements to a great degree.

Three masked robbers bound the watchman of an office building in Montreal, blew open a safe, and took \$50,000 worth of diamonds.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Dec. 24.—A disturbance which was over the north-western portion of the Gulf of Mexico yesterday morning has moved quickly northward to Ohio with increasing intensity, indicating stormy weather in Ontario. It has been fair over the greater portion of the Dominion and in northern Ontario it has become quite cold.

Forecast. Easterly gales with snow and rain. Christmas—Clearing and somewhat colder again.

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“CHRISTMAS” KEOGH TRIES A BOGUS CHECK TOO MANY

Noted Holiday Swindler is in Toils at Pittsburg, And His Canadian Double Rejoices at the News

By Courier Leased Wire. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The most interesting news item which came to at least one man in New York was the news that “Christmas” Keogh, the notorious holiday swindler, had tried to pass one bogus check too many, and was in jail at Pittsburg.

That man was Alexander F. McCauley, the Canadian mining man, whose mistaken identification as Keogh cost him his liberty, his health, and a small fortune.

McCauley, who is in this city on business, called at the office of Terence J. McManus, the attorney through whom he sued three New York firms for sums aggregating more than \$1,000,000 because of their identification of him as the swindler.

“This is the one man in the world I want to meet,” said McCauley. “I am going to Cleveland for Christmas, but after that I am going to Pittsburg to look this fellow Keogh over. I want to see for myself just how strong the resemblance is. At the same time I extend a cordial invitation to those persons who positively identified me as Keogh to go with me and look us over together.”

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AMERICAN SENATE OPENS ITS CHRISTMAS RECESS

Revenue Bill Passed Last Night, Prior to Adjournment—Will Raise Ten Billion Dollars in Two Years

By Courier Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Having passed the war revenue bill, fixing for next year and for 1920, the senate today began its Christmas recess.

The revenue bill, reduced to raise about 6,000,000,000 dollars next year and \$4,000,000,000 in 1920, was passed last night by the senate without a record vote. The measure which had been before the senate since December 14, and which was revised materially by the senate finance committee, now goes to conference. Senate conferees were appointed last night. The conference committee, however, will not meet until January 2. Although the bill as passed by the senate is much changed from the form in which it was enacted by the house before the armistice was signed, it was predicted by leaders of both houses today that the differences will be compromise without great difficulty.

The bill as passed by the house would have raised \$8,200,000,000 by taxation next year. The reduction and the inclusion of rates for 1920 were recommended by Secretary McAdoo after the signing of the armistice.

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The employers recently held a meeting at which it was decided that a forty-seven hour week without any reduction in existing wages constituted a reasonable attempt to realize working conditions. An agreement was entered into between the employers and the men providing that the unions should make all effort to insure that in the unsettled state through which the country has passed the greatest possible output should be maintained. It was agreed also that economic conditions and systems and basis of pay should be the subject of early consideration and the parties concerned should deal with these conditions from a broad national standpoint. It was provided that agreements for avoiding disputes should be entered into immediately with all of the trade unions.

The compromise of a forty-seven hour week has been passed upon by the engineering and shipbuilding unions as a result of the ballot show it was accepted 285,545 to 146,526.

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HOOVER TO REMAIN IN AUTHORITY

Will Retain Complete Control of Relief Work in Europe

CONFERENCE HELD Hoover and Others Conferred With Wilson on Situation

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Monday, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—Herbert C. Hoover, American food administrator and Edward N. Hurley chairman of the American shipping board called on President Wilson by appointment late today. Mr. Hoover's was in connection with the problem of provisioning sections of Europe, where great food shortages exist or is threatened as the result of over-running of the country by German troops or by exhaustion or the inability of the inhabitants to find labor to till the soil.

Suggestions that relief work in these sections be placed in the hands of an international committee have come from some Entente countries, but it now seems assured that the original plans of the administration in this matter will be adhered to. It is probable that the work of supplying food will be retained, and that in the interest of rapidity of action and efficiency. This need it seems certain will be Mr. Hoover who has prepared tentative plans of the extension of the ministry he has already created for the relief of devastated portions of Belgium and France.

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