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## HOUSES ADJOURN OVER HOLIDAYS; **MEET JANUARY 4**

Senate Adopts Res lution Extending Emergency Revenue Law for Another Year and Wilson Signs 1t.

ROW OVER TARIFF MEASURE

Underwood Defends Act Bearing His Name, and Penrose Assails It.

SAYS WAR SAVES DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Congress adjourned tonight for the Christmas holidays after the senate had adopted the joint resolution tending the emergency revenue law one year, or until December 31, 1916, The senate adopted the resolution after a lively partisan debate by a vote of 45 to 29, democrats supporting it solidly and republicans unanimously opposing it. President Wilson signed the measure tonight.

Both houses will reconvene at noon uesday, January 4, when the administration legislative program, including the plans for national defense, will be undertaken in earnest During the two weeks of the session the only important legislation was the extension of the war tax. This was done to prevent a lapse of the law December 31 next, with the understanding that the order to increase the revenues as soon after the holidays as possible.

Exodus for Home. Upon the adjournment tonight there was a general exodus of members for their The day in the house had been evoted to speeches on national defence. Discussion of the war revenue revision in the senate resolved itself into a tariff argument, republicans assailing the Underwood law as inadequate and condemning the general fiscal policy of the administration. Senator Underwood of Alabama in his first senate speech vigorously upheld the law which bears his name and challenged republicans to compare it with the Payne-Aldrich tariff.

Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, in response to questions from the republicans said he understood it to be the administration's plan sion was there would be no issuance of bonds to defray increased expenses of the government, including the prepared-

Penrose Tells of Idle. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, who led in the minority attack on the resolution, interrupted Senator Underwood's margin of profit wherever possible, the speech to draw a picture of idle men in his state during his campaign for re- and other goods used by farmers, and presperity in the steel business was due all questions of general interest to the to the war and immense purchases by belligerent governments.

clear his belief than that the depression to the democratic administration, but that the present prosperity alone is lue

Revenues were greater in the first year f the present tariff law, he added, than in the last year of the Payne law. Senator Penrose insisted that the war had been a political blessing to the democratic patrty rather than a handicap to the successful working out of its free trade pol-

War Saves Demos. "The treasury deficit, which is blamed on the European war," he said, "would, in my opinion, be a thousand times worse were it not for the war in Europe. The war in Europe has been the only cause which has saved the fiscal policy of the party now in power from the most gigantic collapse ever witnessed in a civilized country. I believe if we had not had the war in Europe we would have the blackest times in the history of the American republic, compared to which the depression under Cleveland's second administration and under the Wilson-Gorman law would have been insignificant."

Republicans who joined in the debate included Senators Lodge, Smoot, Gronna, Gallinger and Works. Senators Thomas and Gore supported Senators Simmons and Underwood.

#### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicin ity: Fair, warmer Temperature at Omaha Yesterday



Flighest yesterday Lowest yesterday Mean temperature Precipitation

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Cheyenne, clear 26 34 00
Davenport, cloudy 18 28 06
Denver, clear 34 40 00
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### LOWER RATES ON FREIGHT PROPOSED

Nebraska Farmers, in Convention, Urge Reduction that Basis May Be Same as in Other States.

FAVOR SHIPMENT TO CONSUMER

That railroad freight rates in Nebraska should be reduced to the basis charged for the same service in states to the east and south, and that the Nebraska railroads ought to continue to allow farmers to ship their produce to the cities and sell it direct to the consumer from the cars, were important ideas incorporated in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative Elevator and Live Stock association at Hotel Rome.

These and other resolutions were adopted by a practically unanimous vote which passed the house yesterday ex- after vigorous speeches had been made in their favor and not a word had been said in opposition. It was made clear that the ideal condition of co-operative selling by the farm producers direct to the city consumers would depend largely upon reasonably low and justiffreight rates and the possibility of the producers being able to market their produce direct from freight cars.

Rutes Are Too High. That the most important work of the co-operating elevators and live stock shippers during the next year should be in securing lowered freight rates, was declared in the resolutions.

"We believe that the cost of building. maintaining and operating rallways in Nebraska is so nearly the same as in adjoining states to the east and south that there is no reason why Nebraska producers should pay a higher freight rate," law will be taken up for amendment in the resolutions declared. "We therefore urge all boards of directors and secretaries to take up the question of ralway tariffs with the railroads and the state rallway commission, and we pledge to them our fullest support in any necestary action to secure more equitable freight rates."

Strong sentiment exists among the farmers in favor of continuing the practice of delivering fruits, vegetables and other commodities from railway cars.direct to consumers, it was asserted, and many advantages accrue therefrom to both producers and consumers,

"Railroads are therefore urged to permit the continuance of this practice," the resolution said. "The association is opposed to any rule that does not permit the impartial use of cars by all shippers, or that restricts the free movement of any articles of commerce, whether shipto propose further revenus legislation ments be made by producers, consumers after the holidays, and that his impres- or merchants."

War on Middleman. Resolutions also endorsed the University of Nebraska for recently establish ing a course in economic distribution of farm products. Other resolutions also urged more co-operation among producers, the reduction of the middleman's margin of profit wherever possible, the election last year. He said the present the publication for referendum vote of

association that might arise in the future. Thanks and appreciation were expressed "The senator from Pennsylvania," said to the publicity bureau, the Commercial Senator Underwood, in replay, 'has made club, the South Omaha Live Stock association, the Union Stock aards company, which followed the terror of the first the Rome hotel and the Omaha newspapfew months of the war was due entirely ers for courtesles and co-operation in making the convention a success. It will meet in Omaha again next year

> That more farmers and fewer outsiders should talk and take part in the sessions of the organization was declared by Fred Lind of Clarks, Neb. Charles E. Eckerie of Chicago made

Farmers Should Talk.

an addres on "The Vital Things of Co-Operative Producing and Marketing. Conference meetings of directors of the association and of managers of the various branches were held during the

#### Peace Ship Allowed To Leave Kirkwall On Way to Christiana

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- Announcement was made by the foreign office tonight that the steamship Oscar II, having on board the Ford peace party, has been permitted to proceed on its voyage to Chris-

The foreign office understands the steamship has sailed from Kirkwall, into which port it was taken by the British authorities. Guarantees were required that certain parts of the steamship's cargo must be returned to England. The captain of the Oscar II has given of the cargo in question, which has been

Henry Ford made an urgent request that the steamship be allowed to proceed. He told the British authorities he believed he could arrange peace if permitted to visit neutral countries

declared contraband.

#### Three Chicago City Officials Convicted

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17 .- Three city officials today were found guilty by the inefficiency and wastefulness of city employes. They are:

Walter C. Leininger superintendent of nas L. Dooley, general foreman of sphalt repairs.
James H. Lavelle, general foreman of street restorations.

"After formal charges had been filed against them and they had been suspending a hearing Leininger Dooley and Lavelle tendered their resignations, which the municipal authorities refused to accept."

#### German Patrol Boat Wrecked in Baltic

LONDON, Dec. It.-The German patrol boat Buns has been wrecked on the taland of Langeland in the Haltic sea, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen. The bodies of several German officers were found on the shore, the dispatch adds.

CLEANING UP NEW YORK AFTER BLIZZARD-This picture was made within twelve hours after one of the worst traffic-crippling storms of many years in New York. It shows City Hall park, "barbered" down almost to summer traffic conditions and a mere handful of men, comparatively speaking, removed from the roadways and sidewalks shown in this picture, and the work with the size of the work woolworth building, which towers in the back with the size of the work work work with the back with the size of the work with the back with the work with th



## ALBANIA BECOMES PIVOT OF CONFLICT

Italy's Operations in New Theater of War Will Be on an Exten-

sive Scale.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- With affairs to the Italian plans regarding Al-

The general belief seems to be that the operations in this new theater of war will be on a grand scale. The Italians, in strength, are already certain new points of strategic im-

For years Avlona has been regarded by Italy and Austria alike as the key to the Adriatic and it is a maxim in south-central Europe that whoever commands Avlona commands the Adriatic. Avlona has been for several months occupied by a light force of Italians for police purposes.

The anxiety with which Italy watches the Albanian coast is due to the existence there of good harbors, in contrast with the total absence of such harbors along the Italian shore. Should any of these harbors fall into histile hands - the Italian fleet would be gravely handi-

Italy is expected to contribute greatly to the reorganization of the Serbian (Continued On Page Two, Column One.)

## Russians Destroy American Building,

BERLIN, Dec. 17 .- (By Wireless to Sayville.)-Te hcharge that Russian warships several months ago destroyed a building flying the American flag is made in an official publication of the a bond to return to England the part Turkish government, the Overseas News agency announced today. The statement which dealt with various allegations of international law by the enemies of Turkey, says:

"On July & Russian torpedo boats destroyed a United States building flying the United States fing at Port -

#### Five Reported Dead In Eastern Wreck Paulis of Kingston.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 .- Five persons are reported to have been killed special trial board investigating alleged and a score injured, some fatally, in a passenger train wreck on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad between Chester and Wilmington, tonight.

Fog is blamed for the accident. The wreck occurred two miles south of Chester. A train of empty cars ran into an accommodation train bound from Bultimore for Philadelphia.

#### **BURKE CALLED TO CHICAGO** BY THE DEATH OF BROTHER

W. L. Burke left for Chicago last night called there by a telegram announcing the death of his brother, John C. Burke, a member of the Chicago police force. The shooting of the Chicago office curred several days ago and at a time when he was arresting a highwayman There had been a robbery on the beat of Officer Burke and he was following the man who had committed the crime. See-

ing that he was about to be caught, the

robber turned and fired at Officer Burke,

wounding him.

# ABYSSINIA WILL

French Deputy Says Young Emperor Has Agreed to Furnish Two Hundred Thousand Seldiers.

in Greece assuming a quieter charscter there has been a partial deflection of interest in European capitals

typic allies that he not continue that seems through that country.

The Italians, it is understood, already have landed \$0,000 men. tion of interest in European capitals | tente allies that he not only resisted offorts of German agents to induce him to abrogate treaties with Great Britain, Italy and France last year, but offered 200,000 soldiers to be used by the allies as their military necessities demanded, according to safely ashore at Avlona, as well as at Pierre Alype, a member of the colonial committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

M, Alype made this assertion in connection with the resolution now before the foreign affairs and colonial committees of the chamber, offered by Gratien Candace, a colored deputy from Guadalupe, that the French government, in accord with the allies of France, seek immediately the means of securing the cooperation of Abyasinian troops, under a guarantee of the independence of that

With regard to this proposition, it is recalled that the late King Menelik concluded a treaty of alliance with France in 1907.

M. Alype pointed out that the French raliroad connecting the French port of Jubitil with Adis Abeba, in Abysainta, would make possible the rapid transportation of troops to the coast, where within four days they could reach Suez, or in five days, Bassera, in Mesopotamia. The Abyssinian troops, he also noted, are already well armed, having from 800,000 to 1,000,000 modern rifles, all manu factured since 1911, partly in Germany, Says Berlin Report but for the most part by Belgium. The co-operation of the Japanese fleet

is suggested for the transportation of Abyasinian troops to Egypt or Mesopo-

#### Two Men Die in the Electric Chair

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 17 .- Worthy Tooley of Athens, N. Y., and Ludwig Marquardt of Kingston, N. Y., murderers, were put to death by electricity at Sing Sing prison today. Tooley spurdered John Hallenbeck at Athens last year. Marqaurdt killed Mrs. Nellie

#### The Day's War News

by the Serbians have reached Marsellles on their way to a concentration camp, a dispatch from the French scaport states. FURTHER PARTICULARS regard-

ing the Italian force sent to Albanta state that the number of men already landed at Avlora is CETTINJE WAR OFFICE admits a further retreat by the Montene-

where they have been resisting the Austrian advance. WHILE NO FIGURES are yet available as to the total amount subscribed to the French war loan, Ribot that the number of sub-

grin troops in the Sanjak region

## KAISER PREPARES TO STRIKE BOTH IN THE EAST AND WEST

Allies Believe Germans Are Planning New Blows Against Russia and Allies in France and Flanders.

ACTIVITY IN DVINSK REGION

Continued Movement of Men and Guns to Western Front Reported.

AT STANDSTILL IN THE BALKANS

LONDON, ec. 17 .- While the diplomats in Greece and Roumania are engaged in new deals, which will decide the next step in the Balkan operations, there is increasing evidence that the Germans, ever restive. are preparing new strokes on both the eastern and western fronts when conditions are propitious.

Dispatches from Petrograd note German activities, particularly in the Dvinsk district, which would accord with the German ambition to reach the line of the Dvina river, while all accounts from neutral countries mention a continued movement of men and guns to the west. In the latter theater of operations it seems only a question at what point the offensive is to be taken.

May Try St. Mihiel Bone. Many persons believe that the Germans, having found the lines in Flanders and Artols nuts too hard to crack, contemplate moving in the Baint Mihel region, where their line penetrates to the River Meuse and where thr has bn considerable activity during the last few days. The only thing argued against the statements in question were not made this is that the river has been at flood against his client by name, but against and the French have been systematically destroying the bridges as they were rebuilt. Thus far, however, there has been little more doing than the usual ministr and bombing operations and serial fight-

emporarily at a standstill, except in dence in the administration." Montenegro and Albanta, where the Austrians and Bulgarians are carrying of mountain warfare against King Nicholas' ing the case, the court allowed the mat-troops ad the Serbians. A big battle is ter to stand over until Tuesday. In progress in the valley of tee Albanian Before the case was adjourned the or Black Druin river between the Serbs AID THE ENTENTE and Bulgarians. At last reports no decision had been reached in the fighting.

Driven Across Biver. It is said, however, that the Bulgarians, who crossed the river, found the Serbians had been reinforced and were driven back with heavy losses.

It is possible that the Serbian counter attacks were made possible by supplies. AVIONA IS KEY TO ADRIATIC THEY MAY BE SENT TO SUEZ having reached them from the Italians, PARIS, Dec. 17.—Lidji Jeassu, the who are trying to open communication

#### No Liquor Sales In Mexico City for Next Three Months

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 17 .- The sale of alcoholic liquors in Mexico City has been forbidden for ninety days by a decree issued yesterday by the governor of the Federal district, according to advices reaching the Mexican consulate here today. The decree was a measure taken to prevent the spread of typhus in the capital.

It is also reported that Governor Alvaredo of the state of Yucatan has issued a decree permanently forbidding the sale of liquors in that state.

The dispatch adds that foreign life insurance companies who failed to comply with the order which requires detailed reports to the government regarding their business have been notified that they must comply with the order at once or forefelt their concessions.

It also is reported that an investigation is to be made of all cases of damage to churches and church property as a result of military operations. It is declared that damages of this character United States.

## Recall of General French Shock to

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The employment of General Sir Douglas Haig as British mmander-in-chief in place of Field Marshal Sir John French, was entirely unexpected in France, where it has made a great impression. The press is unanimous in expressions of regret at the de-parture of Field Marshal French and lays particular emphasis on his services during the trying times of the opening period of the war. The newspapers express satisfaction

that Field Marshal French is succeeded by one of his most apt pupils, whose

"General Haig has been in close and constant relationship throughout the war with the French general headquarters, where his appointment is received with immense satisfaction," says the Matin.

## Speyer and Cassel Cannot Be Deprived

LONDON, Dec. 11 .- The attempt to derive Bir Edgar Spoyer and Sir Ernest assel of membership in the privy coun-Baron Reading, who has had the matter encluded a month ago, delivered his striking a mine. it is declared by Finance Minister judement today. He declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest, as naturalized British 4,844 tons gross and 276 feet long, was scribers was without precedent. subjects, had all the rights and privileges built in 1911 and is owned in West Hartle-The subscriptions from London of British-born subjects and therefore pool. It sailed from New York November slone, he stated, amounted to were entitled to be members of the privy 24, arrived at Falmouth on December 11 \$120,000,000.

## MRS. ASQUITH SUES THE LONDON GLOBE

Wife of British Premier Asks Order to Restrain Paper from Publishing Alleged Libels.

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the premier, appeared as a plaintiff in chancery restrain the Globe from the publica-

attorney sala:

"For a whole fortnight before the issue of this writ Mrs. Asquith has been deliberately pursued in the defendant's newspaper with accusations of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners at Donnington Hall. She has been described as a traiter and a disgrace to her sex, and attacked in most opprobrious terms. These attacks are systematically and maevolently maintained, and were only suspended after the writ had been issued." The attorney opposed the Globe's request for a postponement, urging the court not to deprive the plaintiff of this opportunity to clear herself publicly.

The persecution of Mrs. Asquith has been going on nearly a whole year," he "It began last spring in another newspaper, which the defendant doubtiess would say was of a lower class than the Globe. That paper had to apologize publicly and at Mrs. Asquith's request pay people who disseminated these libels through the Globe sent sheaves of anonymous letters to the plaintiff and imputations against her were made in social circles. The matter has now come to a head in a form where the defendants can be brought to account and made to give their reasons for the accusations."

Mrs. Asquith's counsel pointed out that

the wife of a cabinet minister." There was sufficient evidence, he contended to show that Mrs. Asquith was the person referred to. Moreover, he said. confession had been obtained from ne of the parties "to those gross libels In the Balkans military operations are which are caluculated to shake confi-

The defendant having undertaken to refrain from publishing anything affect-

plaintiff's attorney said Mrs. Asquith had made a denial under oath of the statements concerning her.

#### Refuses to Discuss Suit Against the Banana Combine

company for \$15,000,000 damages.

The steamship company, which is in government will have deliberately dethe hands of a receiver, is controlled by sired it." the fruit concern. The receiver for the Bluefields company charged that the fruit company conducted the affairs of the steamship company in such manner as to cause a loss of \$5,000,000 in its banana business and he asked triple damages under the Sherman anti-trust

The receiver alleged the fruit comitself a monopoly of the banana import-

ing business in the United States. The suit was entered several years ago and the trial has been in progress six

#### Power of Nation to Make Intrastate Rates to Be Tested

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 17.-Power of the interstate Commerce commission to make intrastate as well as interstate rates is tion of another communication lent expected to undergo a test in a hearing strength to the belief that some informal on the Shreveport rate case opened here have been greatly exaggerated in the today by Henry C. Hall of the commis-

> Representatives of all railroads operating in Texas, of traffic bureaus of a dozen cities east of the Brasos river and of the city of Shreveport, La., are pres-

If a supplemental order issued by the People of France Interstate Commerce commission and later suspended temporarily is upheld, the priority of the commission over the Texas railroad commission, even in questions involving only state rates, is expected to be established in certain instances

#### Crude Oil Rises Five Cents More

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 17 .- A further advance in the price of crude oil was announced here today, 5 cents per proverbial good luck is mentioned, with barrel being added to all grades except the hope that it may prove to be a Ragland, which commanded an increase of 2 cents. The new prices are: Pennsylvania, crude, \$2.15; Cabell, \$1.70; Mercer, Black, Newcastle and Corning, \$1.65; Bomerset, \$1.65; Ragland, 72 cents. Immense quantities of crude oil are held in storage in the West Virginia and western Pennsylvania fields, but very little of it is finding its way to the refiners, who openly declare they are short

#### Rights as Citizens Belgian Relief Ship Damaged by Mine

LONDON, Dec. 11 .- (3:25 p. m.) -- The cil on account of their German birth, has Belgian relief committee steamer Levenbeen defeated. The lord chief justice, pool, from New York to Rotterdam, has been beached on the English east coast under advisement since arguments were in a sinking condition as a result of

The Levenpool, a British steamer of

## AUSTRIAN REPLY BEFORE CABINET

BILL ALLEGES PERSECUTION Document, Which Makes About One Thousand Words, is Before Advisers of the President.

court today, demanding an order to SECOND NOTE TO GO AT ONCE

tion of alleged libels. Mrs. Asquith's Mr. Lansing Says Reply Does Not Accede to Any of American Demands.

SITUATION IS STILL TENSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- The official text of Austria's reply to the American note on the Ancona, proposing further communications on the subject and specific allegations upon which the American charges are based, is virtually identical with the unofficial version called from

London yesterday. Slight changes caused by differences in translation exist, but the meaning, in its

general sense, is the same, After President Wilson and the cabinet had considered the reply today it was learned authoritatively that no decision £100 to the Red Cross fund. The same had been reached as to the nature of the second note which the United States will send to Austria-Hungary. It is certain, however, that this note will so forward almost immediately.

To Be More Insistent. The next note, it is believed, will be more insistent in its demands than the first. It will not, however, preclude further diplomatic correspondence between the two governments should Austria-Hungary persist in the course it apparently has determined to pursue. The United States was represented as desiring to afford Austria-Hungary every opportunity to continue diplomatic relations with this

Secretary Lansing announced that the Austrian reply did not accede to any of the American demands. Captain's Comment. BERLIN, Dec. 17 .- (Via London.) -- Captain I. Persius, naval expert of the Tage-

blatt, makes the following comment today on the Austrian note: "Washington plainly forgot when it sent its note that its case rested on statements of excited passengers, as against sworn statements of Austrian naval officers. The American note shows little

diplomatic aptness." The Cologne Gasette says: "America may now choose. If it desires intercourse as a well-mannered state with another large and well-mannered state, it must bring itself to second to the large point of the Vienna note.

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 17. — Judge Thompson in the federal district court today overruled a motion to dismiss the auit of the Bluefields Steamship company, limited, against the United Fruit beginning of the Vising note. "As an alternative it will have to learn the district court be liandled as a Central American state, which one can bluff into timorous superdination with rude, big words. The Gazette adds: "Then the conflict will be on hand, and nobody but the Washington

> The Boersen Zeitung says: "The Vienna note is not really an answer, but a demand that the United States define its position in a manner customary among states. When this is done, Vienna will not hold back with an answer and

one cannot doubt what it will be." The meaning of the Austrian reply, Mr. Lansing said, which appeared to be somewhat vague in the unofficial version puny's object in ruining the business of was clear in the translation of the the Bluefields concern was to secure for original text. The vagueness, the secretary thought, had been due undoubtedly to the translation of the unofficial versions. This version, he thought it equally plain, had been written by some one who

had perused the note. It was perfectly clear in the note, the secretary added, that none of the Amer-ican demands were acceded to. Further than this Mr. Lansing would

not discuss the reply.
Some time after the cabinet meeting Prince Hohelohe, one of the embassy attaches, called on Secretary Lansing and presented a communication. Both the prince and the secrtary's office refused to indicate its nature, but the presentanegotiating was being done,

France Expects Rupture.

PARIS. Dec, 17 .- "We shall be very

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