

# CHRISTMAS PEALS FAIL TO SILENCE DIN OF STRUGGLE

### Hatreds Engendered By Months of Living Hell Deaden the Spirit of Good Will and Peace on Earth.

### NO GENERAL TRUCE TODAY

Business of Killing Goes on  
Unabated on Scores of Bat-  
tlefields—What Will New  
Year Bring Forth?

London, Dec. 27.—That spirit of good will, which one year ago today prompted the soldiers of the belligerent fields of Europe to declare a truce by mutual consent, this year is lacking, and, as a result, the thunder of guns today is carrying a message of death to the millions of men huddled in the cheerless dugouts of the belligerent forces.

In France, in Flanders, in the mountains of Albania, Serbia and Montenegro, along the Greek frontier, in the frozen stretches of Courland and the Baltic provinces of Russia, stretching down into the snowclad hills and plains of Galicia and Bessarabia, at the Golden Horn, in far away Mesopotamia and in southern Africa, the principal business of men on this day, which has lost its significance of "Peace on Earth," is to kill, and the lust of battle has not been stifled.

### Hate Won't Down.

Hates, engendered by the titanic struggle, cannot be quenched by the pealing chiming in the rear of the firing lines. Months of a living hell have left the fighting men with little of the spirit of good will and stifled generous sentiments toward the enemy.

What will another Christmas bring forth? That is the query on the lips of the men at the front, as well as of those gathered about the home fire-sides.

### Local Truces Likely.

The spirit of Christmas, of course, is not entirely lacking. Millions of packages, gifts from friends and loved ones at home, have arrived at the trenches for distribution, but the main business of the armies—killing—has not been forgotten. Here and there along the thousands of miles of battle front, a lull marks the fighting and it is probable that the men may reach some sort of understanding that will permit them to enjoy the holiday undisturbed, but 17 months of fighting have not engendered the soldiers with a brotherly love for their enemies.

### Germans Shell Fees.

The Athens correspondent of the Paris Journal telegraphs under Friday's date that the German artillery on the banks of Lake Doiran, in Macedonia, about 40 miles northwest of Saloniki, are bombarding the Anglo-French lines, which the allied troops are continuing to fight.

The fighting around Hartmanns-Werkopf, which has been the chief incident in the recent news from the western front, has not yet reached a decision, but reports indicate that four days' losses on the sides have been so severe that some kind of a lull is almost inevitable.

### Campaign in Persia.

Events recently have developed rapidly in Persia, with the Russians advancing on Teheran. The two chief centers of hostility in Persia already are in Russian hands, and the rapidly with which the Russians are moving indicates the lack of opposition with which they are meeting this week. Considerable distance still lies between the British position at Kut-el-Amara and the nearest Russian forces, but if the Russians are able to reach a junction between them and the British may be expected before long.

### GLOOMY SPIRIT OF WAR IS FELT THROUGHOUT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 25.—The celebration of England's second Christmas of the war is being devoted mainly to the soldiers. Several thousand of them have come from the front on leave. These men, with the large forces in the home camps and the thousands in hospitals, are being entertained at dinners, concerts and theaters. In every town of the United Kingdom there is some celebration for soldiers and sailors.

More than 1,500,000 packages have been employed for the last week to carry the army mails. The railway stations of London are crowded with soldiers, many of them just from the trenches and covered with mud. They carry Prussian helmets, rifles, knapsacks, shells and other souvenirs of battle. Committees of men and women meet these men, feed them and help them on their way into the provinces.

Even the German prisoners in England are enjoying elaborate Christmas celebrations. At Donnington hall, the place of confinement of a majority of the officers, so many packages are being received from Germany that the village postoffice has been compelled to enlarge its staff. The German officers have made large purchases of turkeys, geese, wine and beer. The German civilians interned in Alexandra palace in London are having concerts and theatrical performances.

Family gatherings as a rule are smaller and quieter than usually. Dark days, with heavy rain, add to the gloom of the war. Singers giving Christmas carols in the streets in evenings of Christmas week for pennies have almost disappeared.

### SPELL OF WAR RESTS LESS HEAVILY UPON PETIT PARIS

Paris, Dec. 25.—The second Christmas eve of the war was even less solemn than the first. Parisians are becoming accustomed to the unusual conditions imposed by the war and, although no restaurants were permitted to remain open all night, the boulevards were thronged until a late hour and the traditional booths enjoyed an unusually good trade in gifts and candy.

Hundreds of soldiers in French grey, Belgians in blue and British in khaki relieved the somber colors worn by civilians. A brilliant full moon made up for the restrained lighting of the streets. Theaters and moving picture places were crowded to capacity. Services in all churches were attended as rarely before, the congregations being impressively devotional.

### KAISER SPENDS HOLIDAY WITH FAMILY AT POTSDAM

Berlin, (via London), Dec. 25.—Emperor William this year, because of his indisposition, was able to spend Christ-

# FRICK TO MAKE GOOD LOSSES OF CHILDREN

### Millionaire to See That Pitts- burgh Tots Do Not Lose Through Bank Failure.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 27.—Joy prevailed in the hearts of Pittsburgh school children today as a result of the announcement by H. C. Frick, millionaire coal magnate, that he will pay in full as a Christmas gift all the accounts of the 41,000 children depositors in the Pittsburgh bank for savings which was closed here last Wednesday by order of the state department of banking. The deposits amount to \$167,136.68, and payment will be made in cash just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed which will probably be about January 3.

In order to induce children to save, a school savings fund was started many years ago. Through an agreement with the city board of education bank collectors visited the 132 schools in the city weekly. Penny by penny the deposits of the children increased until they amounted to nearly \$170,000. Then a few days before Christmas announcement was made that the bank had been closed and a gloom fell over the city.

When Mr. Frick, who is in New York was informed that thousands of children were depositors he at once communicated with H. C. McEldowney, president of another local bank and announced that he would take care of the fund in such a way that the school children would not lose a cent.

mas with his family at Potsdam. A slight "inflammation of the cellular tissues," about which no further bulletin has been issued, confines him to his apartment, but not to bed, and he was able to attend the celebration of the Hohenzollern family Christmas tree, or rather Christmas trees, which entertainment, as usual, was held this Christmas eve in the big hall in the new palace.

The emperor, empress, their daughter, daughters-in-law and grandchildren each had an individual Christmas tree, graduated in size, on which his or her gifts were arranged and also gifts for the sons unable to leave the front. Before the family Christmas tree celebration at the palace each princess attended Christmas exercises and later superintended the distribution of gifts at public celebrations held under her special patronage.

### GERMANY CELEBRATES HOLIDAY IN HER TRADITIONAL FASHION

Berlin, (via London), Dec. 25.—Germany is celebrating the second war Christmas under the worst conceivable climatic conditions. Snow had been steadily falling throughout the entire empire for a week, giving promise of a white Christmas, but a 24-hour rain has converted the Yuletide snow mantle to deep mud and slush.

In spirit, however, the nation is making of it a cheerful Christmas. Encouraged by the long record of Germany's previous satisfactory and successful conclusion of the Serbian campaign and having made up their minds to no immediate prospect of peace, the people generally seem determined to ignore the probability of an indefinite continuation of the war and minor annoyances, such as bread shortages and other food regulations, and will celebrate the great German festival in the traditional spirit.

### JOHN BULL TAKES NO NAVY CHANCES

Britain Has Laid Down and  
Finished More Naval Tonnage  
Since War Began Than  
Uncle Sam Owns.

London, Dec. 25.—While British newspapers are not permitted to comment on the operations of the navy, and the general public knows practically nothing about the movements of the fleet and its growth since the outbreak of the war, a few facts in connection with the fleet have become known to a small circle. These may be summarized as follows:

Admiral Jellicoe is virtually dictator of the navy and the entire organization has absolute faith in him. His activities are shrouded in mystery, but the navy is satisfied that when the time comes he will be prepared to obliterate the German fleet.

Every available yard in the British island is working right around the clock in turning out ships at an unprecedented rate. Great Britain has laid down or completed more vessels since the war began than the entire tonnage in the American navy. This means that within a year the British navy will be about 300 per cent stronger than America's, unless Germany destroys a section of the fleet.

The navy is satisfied that the submarine issue has been solved, as far as offensive operations are concerned. Hundreds of small craft have virtually driven the German submarines from the vicinity of England, while a net of steel, with aeroplanes operating overhead, has established a permanent lane across the channel, so that traffic between France and England is carried on without interruption.

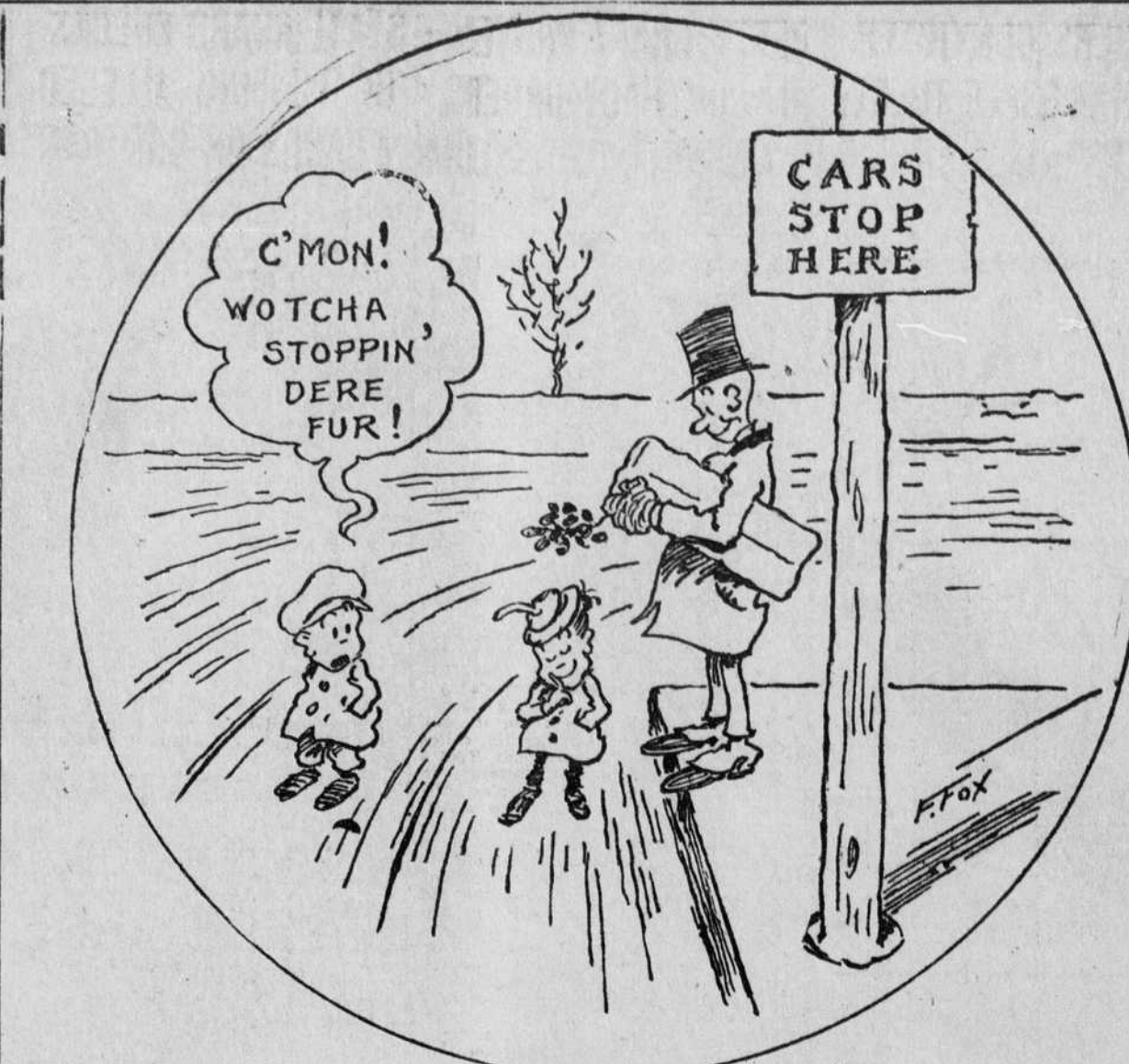
The admiralty has enough small vessels to handle the submarines and it now is bending all its efforts to the construction of dreadnaughts and battle cruisers.

The dreadnaughts are being constructed along lines that are virtually identical with the plans prepared for the latest American vessels of the first line. The battle cruisers, with slight deviations, are built on the lines of the Queen Elizabeth, which has been used in operations against the Dardanelles.

### GREEK STEAMER FIRED UPON BY SUBMARINE

New York, Dec. 25.—The Greek steamer Icannina arrived today from Piraeus and reported having been fired upon by a submarine, nationality unknown, when about 80 miles off Kamata, Greece. Captain Hajapis said the submarine pursued the steamer for some distance before firing a shell, which fell 50 yards off the starboard side of the steamer.

The Icannina then stopped and the submarine passed close to the steamer, but did not attack after seeing the Greek flag on the vessel.



It Was Pretty Tough That Arabella's Beau Couldn't Recognize Mistletoe When He Saw It.

# CAPITAL SOCIETY ON TENDER HOOKS

### Before Wedding White House Bride Was Taboo Because She Was "In Trade"—Must Accept Her Now.

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Washington has been well acquainted with many wives of presidents after they had come to make Washington their homes, but the union of Woodrow Wilson and Edith Bolling Galt presents an entirely new and unprecedented situation. The situation, besides being new, has elements of concern to the permanent dwellers in the national capital. It would be different if the president, even though he were marrying into a Washington family, was at the time wedding with one whose relations with the official life of Washington had been direct. Strange, un-American, incongruous as it may seem in this land of democracy and equality, the society of the federal city has not, in years gone by, recognized that anyone engaged "in trade" had any actual social standing in the activities of Le Grand Monde, as evidenced in the round of festivities and functions here.

### Was Outside the Pale.

Regardless of the fact that the Bollings of Virginia rank in their own home state as the equals of any family in the ancient commonwealth, the union of Edith Bolling with Norman Galt, almost a score of years ago, took the fair daughter of the old plantation, a descendant of John Rolfe and Pocahontas, out of her inherited status and placed her definitely and fixedly outside the charmed circles, so far as Washington society was concerned.

The Galts of Washington constitute a huge family and the present generation, as were the original arrivals in the then new District of Columbia away back in 1862, are actively engaged in the jewelry and other lines of trade. Trade is trade, in Washington, and trade is not society and never has been ridiculous and un-American as it may seem.

What makes the situation doubly interesting is the fact that Mrs. Galt herself has since the death of her first husband been actively engaged as the head of the jewelry firm on Pennsylvania avenue which bears the family name and which was established in 1892.

### Was Real Proprietor.

The jewelry store has been located at the same stand since the days of Andrew Jackson. Mrs. Galt's two brothers conduct the business, but she has been the actual proprietor.

Naturally, many folks in society, who previously have observed the un-American "in trade" rule, are wondering what the attitude of the new White House mistress will be toward them and Washington's social customs of long standing.

### TOWN NOW SO GOOD POLICE COURT IS IDLE

Nevada, Mo., Dec. 25.—On account of the decrease in crime in Nevada and a shortage in the funds providing for the city's upkeep, the city council has instructed the city counselor to draw up an ordinance providing for the abolition of the police court.

# WIFE 24, WOULD ADOPT GIRL, 20

### Chicago Woman Seeks Big Daughter to Drive Away Loneliness.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—M. W. Taggart, nephew of Tom Taggart, of Indiana, wants to adopt a "grownup" daughter for his 24-year-old wife. The principal reason advanced for desiring a "big daughter" is that Mrs. Taggart wants somebody to talk to.

### CARRANZA BEGINS REBUILDING WORK

Mexico Practically Bankrupt  
But Chief Will Try to Get  
Along For While With-  
out Loan.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Unofficial information has been received here that General Carranza will try to run the defacto government in Mexico without seeking a foreign loan until some month hence, because of the prevailing high price of money. An effort will be made next month to float a federal bank, but funds obtained for this purpose would not be available for government use, although the new banking system is expected to do much toward restoring the country's credit.

Although Mexico is practically bankrupt, the treasury empty and the national debt increased, Carranza is said to believe that with a policy of economy his provisional administration will be able to conduct itself for some time merely by using the ordinary resources of the country. The necessity for this course is urgent, for aside from the question of price, it is said Mexico would have difficulty providing security that would be acceptable to the American bankers, who would be depended upon to float any loan.

General Carranza apparently is confident in the belief that there will be an enormous increase in business, after the restoration of peace, and that the increased port receipts, especially at the northern ports of entry, and the taxes incident to resumption of business will be sufficient for the time being.

A Christmas message expressing the confidence of the de facto government in the early restoration of order in Mexico was sent throughout Mexico by Carranza officials.

# CLAIM CHAMP CLARK HAS PRESIDENCY BEE

### Speaker's Lieutenants Are Said to Be Feeling Out Sentiment For Him.

Washington, Dec. 27.—That lieutenants of Speaker Champ Clark are making a big underground campaign to force the nomination of Clark for president, if Wilson should decline to run, or be eliminated, is declared in prominent eastern papers today.

The reports are known here to have substantial basis. However, there is every reason to believe President Wilson seeks the nomination and that neither the Clark men nor the Bryan efforts to undermine him will be effective.

# REVOLT IN CHINA AGAINST MONARCH

### Tsai Ao Leads Revolution In Five Provinces to Fore- stall Abandonment of Republic.

Peking, Dec. 27.—The government troops in the province of Yunnan have joined the revolutionists under Tsai Ao, who has declared the province independent and guaranteed the safety of foreigners.

Peking, China, Dec. 27.—A revolt (nationalist movement) under the leadership of Tsai Ao, former military chief of Yunnan, has broken out. The Chinese government has sent 30,000 soldiers to quell the revolt.

The troops have been sent from Sze-Chuen province, in western China, bordering on Tibet. The uprising started at Yuan Nanfu in Yunnan province. Tsai Ao is a bitter opponent of the proposed monarchy.

The government troops of Yunnan province have not joined the revolt, the latest advices indicating that they are still loyal. The neighboring provinces are not affected.

Tsai Ao recently resigned a bureau chiefship at Peking, alleging his health had failed. He returned secretly to Yunnan, where he had been the most prominent leader under Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the once provisional president of China, who of late is reported to have been conducting revolutionary propaganda.

### MARRIAGE CEREMONY PERFORMED ON CREDIT

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 25.—Charles Solomon married Jennie Taylor, 70, Judge E. H. Kenney officiating. At the conclusion of the ceremony Solomon said, "I'll have to stand you off, for I'm broke." Kenney told him he was groom it was not his custom to perform marriage ceremonies on tick.

### MARRIAGE HABIT WITH THIS CHAP; 22 WIVES

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 25.—Malachi Jenkins is a Thomas county negro who confesses to having entered the matrimonial lair just 22 times. Malachi's latest mate lives in Lowndes county and, being anxious to see her again and weary of the separation, he broke jail here and made his way to her home. Suspecting him of having returned to his family, the police went on a still hunt for Jenkins. He is now in his old cell, where he probably will have to remain for some time longer.

### HUGE GRENADE CONTRACT IS PLACED IN AMERICA

New York, Dec. 25.—Contracts for 100,000,000 hand grenades for the French government, it was announced here, were placed today with a syndicate of eastern Pennsylvania iron founders. The price was not stated.

# NAVAL BOARD SEEKS TO DOUBLE PROGRAM

### Experts' Plans Call For Ex- penditure of \$300,000,000 Instead of \$100,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Publication yesterday of the original special report of the general board of the navy revealed that its recommendations for a building program at first far exceeds that agreed upon by the administration. The fact that the board had urged a policy which would make the American navy equal the strongest afloat by 1925 already has been disclosed.

The program for the first year as recommended by the board, calls for the construction of eight capital ships, with an equally large program for other craft at an estimated cost of about \$300,000,000 as compared with four capital ships and other necessary craft at a cost of approximately \$100,000,000 for the first year under the administration's plan.

The report was made public by Secretary Daniels, who ordered its preparation when the administration first began consideration of the national defense policy. It has been declared by critics of the administration that the report was suppressed in part by the navy department and, if published, would reveal the administration's building plans to be inadequate.

# SAYS PACIFIC COAST LEADS IN SUICIDES

### Insurance Company's Report Shows San Francisco Had 234 In Year.

New York, Dec. 27.—Suicide on the Pacific coast last year was more frequent than in other parts of the country, and San Francisco leads all American cities in this respect, according to figures given out here by the Prudential Life Insurance company.

In 100 cities throughout the United States, 4,982 persons exited by the suicide route during 1914. This is at the rate of 20.3 for each 100,000 of population.

In San Francisco 234 suicides were reported, a rate of 52.4. San Diego, Sacramento, Los Angeles and Oakland followed in the order named as regards rate.

The male suicides outnumbered the female 3 to 1.

# REBUILT STOMACH HAS ADVANTAGES

### Owner Must Eat Dozen Times Daily—New Tummy Size of Tennis Ball.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—Surgeons connected with the University hospital are much interested in an operation performed several days ago, when a large portion of the stomach of Harold E. Arnold was removed and a new digestive organ formed from the unaffected tissues, slightly smaller than the ordinary tennis ball, was put in its place. His condition is now greatly improved, and he receives predigest food through a glass tube.

### CHICAGO TO CLAMP LID ON NEW YEAR'S EVE FUN

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The lid is to be clamped down tight on New Year's eve's celebration, one of Chicago's greatest and most joyous festivals. So declares Mayor Thompson. He states that the law must be strictly observed and that cafes and restaurants will have to close their doors at 1 o'clock.

### BEGS TWO YEAR JAIL TERM TO LEARN TRADE

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 25.—An appeal to be permitted to enter the state penitentiary for two years to learn the painting trade has been received by Warden Zimmer from James Foley, a 23-year-old mute of Chicago. Foley's letter said he was raised in a New York orphan asylum and had been a "bum" ever since leaving, being unable to set any work except as a railroad section hand or a deck hand.

### CLAIMS SERUM CURE FOR WHOOPING COUGH

Berlin, (by wireless to Sayville), Dec. 25.—The Overseas News agency gave out the following statement today: "Great interest has been aroused in Berlin medical circles by the notice that Dr. Kraus, of Buenos Ayres, has discovered a serum for whooping cough. In spite of the fact that little is known of the inventor in bacteriological circles, it is said that tests of the serum assure its success."

R. Sayre, one of the largest individual farm owners in North Dakota, has adopted the slogan, "Song birds forever and a hatless woman in 1920," and is offering prizes to persons killing the most cats.

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The whistle of a locomotive can be heard at a distance of 3,000 yards when the air is still.