

AGREEMENT TENDS POTASH DISPUTE

Terms of Settlement of Old Controversy Between Germany and America Announced.

AMERICAN CONSUMERS PROFIT

Independent Mines Agree that They Will Re-enter the Syndicate.

MONOPOLY STILL IS MAINTAINED

United States' Interests Welcome Peace at Any Price.

ORIGINAL PRICES WILL RULE

New Contracts Covering Full American Requirements Made at Quotations Practically Same as Before Dispute Arose.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Terms of a final settlement of the "potash controversy" between German and American interests were announced tonight by the International Agricultural corporation, which is the owner of the Soliststed mine, over which the dispute has largely been waged. The announcement declares the only foundation for previous reports that the differences had been settled was that a basis of compromise had been tentatively agreed upon.

"Adjustments have now been made and confirmed by exchange of cables with Berlin," it is stated. "These adjustments provide for the withdrawal of all suits in our courts involving liability for payment of the potash tax levied by Germany; for the assignment to the syndicate of American contracts with the independent mines; for new contracts with the syndicate covering full American potash requirements on a price basis practically the same as that prevailing before the low price contracts were obtained from the independent mines, and for the re-entry of the independent mines into the syndicate."

The statement continues: "As the owner of the Soliststed mine the International Agricultural corporation has exhausted every possible means to protect its low price contracts with American consumers. The corporation and those who shared with it the difficulties of its position have agreed to the present settlement because, after the Americans who held contracts with the Soliststed and Jacobsen mines negotiated the German-Hamburg contracts with the syndicate, it became impossible for the United States government to obtain any relief for American consumers."

Former compromise refused. "It is to be regretted that Americans failed to accept a former compromise obtained for them by the International, the terms of which were far more favorable than those now agreed to. Too much blame, however, should not be imposed for these failures, for the reason that the Americans could not believe at that time that the attempts of their government would be ineffective to protect contracts against the operation of the German tax law."

The series of controversies between the German potash syndicate and the American buyers has been a matter of diplomatic intercourse for a long period. "It was said tonight that while many Americans interested in the potash world find that Germany has been able to maintain its monopoly, they feel that it is a good thing to have the controversy over with to let peace come in a business that has long known war."

Will Save Millions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson expressed the gratification of the State department tonight over the result of the negotiation between American buyers and the German potash syndicate, which, it is said, will save the American potash consumers about \$50,000,000 annually. The office of the department was employed to bring about an adjustment of differences between the buyers and the sellers without resort to a tariff war between this country and Germany, which for a time was threatened.

The independent potash mines, which have now re-entered the syndicate, formerly gave American buyers a price of \$29 a ton, while the syndicate price was \$27.50. Under the new arrangement it is understood the syndicate will enter on five-year contracts with American buyers at \$22.50 per ton.

Mrs. Cynthia H. Quackenbush. ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Cynthia Hendricks Quackenbush, widow of the late Rear Admiral Stephen P. Quackenbush, United States navy, and mother of the late Captain Stephen M. Quackenbush, United States navy, is dead at the residence here of her son-in-law, Rear Admiral Perry Garst, after a lingering illness.

Representative Underwood Better. WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Representative Underwood of Alabama, democratic leader of the house, was able to leave his room today for the first time since Friday. All danger of appendicitis has passed, it is understood.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. For Nebraska—Cloudy; warmer. For Iowa—Cloudy; warmer.

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	2
7 a. m.	2
8 a. m.	2
9 a. m.	2
10 a. m.	2
11 a. m.	2
12 m.	2
1 p. m.	2
2 p. m.	2
3 p. m.	2
4 p. m.	2
5 p. m.	2
6 p. m.	2
7 p. m.	2

Comparative Local Record.	
1912 1911 1910 1909	
Highest yesterday	11 22 26 24
Lowest yesterday	4 4 12 12
Mean temperature	4 14 24 25
Precipitation	.00 .07 .00 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:	
Normal temperature	22
Deficiency for the day	18
Total excess since March	24
Normal precipitation	.05 inch
Deficiency for the period	19.14 inches
Total precipitation since March 1, 1912	.00 inch
Deficiency since March 1, 1912	19.14 inches
Deficiency for the period, 1912, 1.99 inches	
Excess for period, 1912, 1.99 inches	
— indicates below zero.	

L. A. WEBB, Local Forecaster.

Ohio Progressives Refuse to Endorse Any Candidate

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 1.—No candidate will receive the endorsement of the Ohio progressive republican league if the recommendations of the resolutions committee are followed. After speeches today by Clifford Finchot and John D. Fackler, the committee, most of them avowed La Follette supporters, adopted the following resolution:

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Mobile Woman Shot Son-in-Law and Hauls His Body to Pond

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mary T. Godau today gave details of the murder of her son-in-law, Policeman Fred Wasserleben. She said she shot Wasserleben once while he was in bed and then shot him again as he rolled out of bed "to prevent his lingering suffering." She then dressed him in his uniform and carried him from the house in a wagon. "I hauled the body through the rain to a pond, backed the wagon into it and dumped the body out," she said.

That the murder of Wasserleben formed the fourth sudden death in Mrs. Godau's family, became known this afternoon. Charles Stein, the first husband of Mrs. Godau, was shot and killed supposedly by night marauders. He carried several thousand dollars' life insurance. The second husband, William Green, disappeared from home and was never heard from again. Mrs. Godau was arrested for the alleged murder of her last husband, William Godau, who was found dead in September, after a life insurance check was cashed. The woman was acquitted. Her husband was insured for \$3,000 and she got this money after a legal fight, detectives being sent here from Omaha, Neb., the headquarters of the "Woodmen of the World," to investigate.

Atwood's Aeroplane Sinks in Icy Waters

LYNN, Mass., Jan. 1.—When but a few hundred yards from the Point of Pines at the start of his flight to Portland, Me., today, Harry M. Atwood met with an accident and fell into the icy waters with his hydro-aeroplane. When all the arrangements for the flight had been completed the engine was started and the hydro-aeroplane rose. In turning into the wind a little water struck the magnet and the engine stopped. Then the aviator tried to head the machine into the wind again, when the rudder struck the water and the apparatus collapsed. Atwood climbed on top of the aeroplane and, looking towards his friends on shore, waved his hat toward them.

As the machine was seen to collapse those on shore rushed for boats and several small craft soon were headed in his direction. They came none too soon, for as the nearest one came up, the partly submerged aeroplane sank into ten feet of water. Atwood was pulled into a boat, uninjured.

LA FOLLETTE IS ADVISED TO DITCH PINCHOT

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The following is a copy of a telegram sent to Hon. Robert M. La Follette by the chairman of the republican primary organization of Lawrence county, South Dakota: Hon. Robert M. La Follette, Cincinnati, O.: Clifford Finchot, former chief of the forestry department, is discredited in the northwestern states and is regarded as a theoretical "Bugsigist" by all the progressive party leaders. If you hope to make progress as a presidential possibility, it is imperative that you cancel his name as one of your companions. It was Finchot who employed an army of young boys from the east to be shipped to this western country to study forestry at the expense of the United States government, but instead of occupying their time at such a task they were in the shade of the tree smoking cigarettes and reading dime novels and when the great forest fires occurred they became lost in the woods and many of them perished in the flames. L. A. WEBB, Chairman.

TWO MEN DETAINED ON LARCENY CHARGE AT LOGAN

LOGAN, Ia., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Jim and Ben Pounds are now being detained here as a result of James Daily missing \$50 when at the Pounds home at Missouri Valley Wednesday evening, December 27. Jim Pounds was given a preliminary hearing at Missouri Valley and held to answer to the grand jury and Ben Pounds will be given a preliminary hearing next Tuesday. As nearly as may be learned Daily went to the home of Pounds on the night of December 27, and when he awoke in the morning he says that he was short \$50 and the Pounds were gone. The Omaha police picked up Ben Pounds and Jim was apprehended at Council Bluffs by direction of Sheriff Rock. Both men assert their innocence.

EIGHT THOUSAND MEET PRESIDENT

Annual New Year Reception at the White House Breaks Record for Attendance.

DIPLOMATS HEAD THE LINE

They Are Followed by Judges and Other Federal Officials.

MANY NEW FACES IN LINE

Mrs. Taft Remains Beside Her Husband Nearly Two Hours.

ADMIRAL PATTON IS INJURED

Veteran Falls Down Steps of Navy Building as He Is Leaving to Attend Reception at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—President and Mrs. Taft presided today for the third time at the historic New Year's reception at the White house. The function was carried out in accordance with the program, a replica of the many that have gone before. President and Mrs. Taft stood in the blue room of the White house, surrounded by the members and ladies of the cabinet. It was 11 o'clock when they descended from the upper floors with the marine band playing "The Star Spangled Banner." Military and naval aides were plentiful. The diplomatic corps already had assembled in the state dining room. All the foreign representatives were in court costume and their presence added brilliance of colorings to the scene.

After greeting the diplomats the president received the supreme court and other federal judges, government officials of all ranks, senators and representatives, officers of the army and navy and members of patriotic societies. Last in the line came thousands of private citizens. It was a day of "open house" and any one who cared to do so might shake the president's hand.

WISCONSIN IS PROSPEROUS

Senator La Follette Discusses Conditions in His State.

PUBLIC SERVICE IS CONTROLLED

Investments, He Says, Are Safe for All, Instead of the Speculative Few—Business Failures Fewer.

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 1.—Speaking before a large audience, Senator Robert M. La Follette today took for his theme "How Wisconsin has prospered under its progressive administration," and declared that progressive legislation in Wisconsin has not been destructive as its enemies predicted. "Instead of driving capital out of the state," he said, "it has attracted capital more than other states. It has made investments safe for all, instead of speculative for a few. It has been conservative and constructive as well as progressive. Not one of these progressive laws has been overturned by the supreme court of the state, and not one has been carried into the federal courts." Continuing, Senator La Follette said: "The general business conditions in Wisconsin conclusively show that instead of being retarded by progressive legislation, Wisconsin has advanced financially and commercially more rapidly than the country taken as a whole. "Judged by commercial failures, Wisconsin has prospered better than the entire country. "During ten years of progressive legislation, the expenses of the state have increased, but the burden of taxes upon the people has decreased. "The property of the state is paying 21 per cent less taxes in proportion to its value than it did ten years ago. Going into detail of the results accomplished, the speaker said: "Having brought the steam railroads of Wisconsin under state control, we proceeded to extend the control of the railroad commission over all the other public utilities in the commonwealth. For the year 1910, compared with 1909, notwithstanding reductions in rates and improvement in service, the water utilities increased their net earnings 10.5 per cent; the telephone utilities, 6.5 per cent; the gas utilities, 7.7 per cent; and electric utilities, 2.5 per cent. These utilities have even exceeded the railroads in the rate at which they have made cash investments in new construction. "While the increase in railroad construction has averaged 2.5 per cent a year for six years, the water utilities in 1910 increased their new construction of property 2 per cent over 1909; the telephone utilities 4.9 per cent; the gas utilities 1.4 per cent; and electric utilities 5.5 per cent. Wisconsin certainly is not driving capital out of the state."

Laws for Children Will Be Discussed

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Eighth annual conference of national child labor committee will be held in Louisville, Ky., January 25-28. The national child labor committee which has helped to get better child labor laws in thirty states this year, will bring together representatives of its twenty-seven affiliated state committees and has also invited the governors of all states to send delegates to the conference. Owen R. Lovejoy, the general secretary of the committee, said today that "the employer is usually blamed for child labor. But there are other reasons, and one of the most perplexing elements in the problem is the fact that the children themselves are against us. They want to get out of school at the earliest possible moment and enter wage-earning industries. The live school men are helping change all this." The conditions in which children work in cotton mills, glass factories, coal mines, sweat shops, oyster and shrimp packing houses, street trades and other industries will be described in addresses and by an extensive exhibit of charts and photographs.

MARK TWAIN'S FIRST LITERARY ADVISER IS DEAD

HANNIBAL, Mo., Jan. 1.—James W. McDaniel, who was the first literary adviser of Samuel L. Clemens, (Mark Twain) was found dead in bed at his home here today. In a magazine article published a short time before the death of Mark Twain, the author said when he first began to write humorous stories he always tried them out on McDaniel before he had them published. If the stories got a laugh from Mr. McDaniel, the humorist wrote, he always felt assured they would do. Mr. McDaniel was 75 years old.

The Whirling Dervish



From the New York World.

Rules of Supreme Court Will Expedite Movement of Cases

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Lawyers practicing before the supreme court of the United States will be forced hereafter to give a helping hand to the court's movement to facilitate business. According to the new court rules, which went into effect today attorneys for the plaintiff before the supreme court must file their briefs three weeks before a case is to be called for oral argument. The defendants attorneys must file their brief one week before the arguments are made.

SALT LAKE CITY POLICE SHADOWED BY SLEUTHS EMPLOYED BY CHIEF

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 1.—As the duty men lined up for inspection at the police station today, some practical joker caused consternation when he stood behind the line and whispered "all is discovered." Chief of Police B. F. Grant, who assumed office today, has announced that he intends to clean out the department, incidentally removing many officers from coveted jobs. It is said on good authority that Chief Grant secured the services of a force of detectives from Denver and eastern cities to report on the members of the local force. Detectives, duty sergeants and patrolmen have been shadowed carefully both on post and in their hours of duty. The local officers deeply resent the fact that their private lives are reported to be under surveillance and citizens with whiskers and rubber heels are being "moved on" with celebrity. Chief Grant does not deny that he had had members of the force shadowed but declines to comment on the results of the investigation.

INDIANA MAN HELD FOR FOUR MURDERS IN STATE OF KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 1.—Henry T. Zimmerman, chief of police of Kansas City, Kan., and Sheriff L. L. Cave of Olathe, Kan., today continued investigation of the case of Charles Bowman, arrested near Nora, Ind., last Saturday, charged with connection with the murder of four persons on the Brubard farm near Olathe a year ago. Bowman was employed on the farm. He disappeared from the vicinity shortly after the bodies of George Barnhardt, Mrs. Emeline Barnhardt, his mother; Charles Graves and Thomas Morgan, employees, were found with skulls crushed. Chief Zimmerman said today no action toward arraignment would be taken until seven statements by Bowman had been thoroughly investigated. Bowman, in jail in Kansas City, Kan., maintained a calm demeanor today. "I'm here to tell all I know of the case," he said, "and to be of any assistance I can."

DAFFYDIL CONTEST IN FULL SWING

Hundreds of clever answers coming in daily. Get into the game. It affords amusement, training and ample compensation. Everyone eligible. Eighteen valuable prizes. Following are leading merchants, and the prizes they offer. The Famous—Silk Petticoat, value \$5.00. Creamery—First, \$3.00 milk ticket; second, \$2.00 milk ticket; third, \$1.00 milk ticket. Farrell Syrup Company—One case assorted syrup. Omaha Electric Light and Power Company—One electric heating pad. Hayden Brothers—A substantial and valuable prize, the nature of which is withheld as a surprise for the winner. Sunderland Bros. Company—\$2.00 to apply on purchase of one or more tons of coal. Wirth—A noon-day meal for one week. F. D. Farmer Company—\$2.00 worth of Farmer's hazing powder. In addition The Bee offers five \$1.00 prizes to the five best Daffydil writers.

JOHNSON'S POLITICAL HEIR SMAYOR OF CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 1.—Tom L. Johnson's body lies in the grave, but his spirit today lives and inhabits the city hall, where he spent eight years as mayor, from 1902 to 1910. Newton B. Daker, his political heir, today began his regime as mayor and his official family comprises the heads of departments, who had held office under Johnson.

FIERCE BATTLE RAGES AT HANKOW

Revolutionary Army of Four Thousand Men Attacks City Occupied by Imperialist Forces.

MANCHU LEADERS DELIGHTED

They Regard it as Opportunity to Evade Peace Agreement.

EMPEROR IS SPIRITED AWAY

Infant Said to Have Been Taken to Jehol by Father.

TREASURE STILL IN THE CITY

Removal of Vast Quantity of Gold and Silver Accumulated by the Throne Presents More Difficult Problem.

PEKING, Jan. 1.—An army of 4,000 revolutionary troops attacked the city of Hankow yesterday evening. An imperialist army estimated to number 20,000 men occupies the city. A fierce fight is now in progress. According to reports current in government circles the leaders of the imperialists are delighted at the outbreak of hostilities, as this will give them an opportunity of avoiding the result of the national convention, agreed to be the edict of the imperial court and by the representatives of the parties to the peace conference at Shanghai. By the terms of the agreement delegates from all the provinces of China are to meet to decide the future form of government for China, and the imperialists are of the opinion that the national convention is likely to culminate in the victory of the republican party. Hankow was the scene of severe fighting between the two armies on several occasions before the armistice was decided upon. ASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—State department officials are inclined to believe that China's infant emperor already has been spirited away, and is being conveyed to the summer residence of the court at Jehol, about 150 miles northeast of Peking, or is bound for the ancient Manchurian capital of Harbin. The place of residence chosen for the young emperor is important. If he should be reared at Jehol he would be under essentially Chinese influences and might be in position to aspire to the throne again when he attains maturity, should the republic fall into difficulties. In Harbin the young emperor would be dominated by Russian influences. It probably was easier to get the emperor out of Peking than it will be to remove the great treasure which the throne has accumulated in the Forbidden City. This is estimated to amount to as much as \$10,000,000 sterling, and most of it is in gold bullion and silver nuggets.

RYAN WINS IN Y.M.C.A. RACE

Sprinters in Scanty Attire Go Over the Chilly Course. Twenty Runners Start the Cold Run and All But Two Arrive Safely at the Finish of the Race.

Dennis Ryan of the Young Men's Christian association won the cross country run yesterday morning by an astounding sprint up Harney street, crossing the line but a few seconds before Alce Weidenfelf, who had been in the lead almost all the way around the course. The time was twenty-one minutes twenty seconds. A large crowd of spectators was on hand from start to finish, and the assistance of a large squad of police was necessary to keep the crowd and vehicles from interfering with the runners. Twenty-runners lined up in front of the Young Men's Christian association building at 11 o'clock and at the crack of the pistol started up Harney street in the face of the wintry blast, clad only in gymnasium suits and light running shoes. All but two finished the race. Carl Jenkins of the high school was the first to drop out of the race. He sank to the ground on the boulevard at Twenty-ninth street, chilled to the marrow by the biting air. He was picked up by an automobile and taken to the gymnasium. Richard Pracht quit shortly afterwards. At Twenty-seventh and Farnam streets Ryan was in the lead and Sharpe second with E. Erickson a close third. Sharpe was leading at Twenty-fifth and Cuming streets and was still in the lead at Sixteenth and Cumings, and Ryan was far behind. Coming up Harney street from Sixteenth Ryan made a remarkable sprint, passing over the line with Weidenfelf at his heels. The light attire of the runners, coupled with the chilling atmosphere, icy streets and biting winds, made the running bad. Many of the sprinters were badly chilled and suffered from frost bitten fingers and ears. Several entrants had to be carried into the gymnasium and given medical aid. All recovered. All the runners were given a medical examination before the race by Drs. Patton, Ellis and Manning. Dr. Manning accompanied the officials around the course in an automobile so as to be on hand in case any of the runners should need medical attention, but had only two patients along the road. A number of police officers went around the track in an automobile to keep the streets clear of people. Street cars and all other vehicles were held up to give the benumbed runners every opportunity possible to finish the race.

COLUMBUS SUFFERS SIX THOUSAND FIRE

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire at 6 o'clock this evening destroyed the Bee Hive Livery and Feed stable, the loss being over \$5,000. The fire was discovered by a passerby and at the time was bursting through the roof. Over twenty horses were in the stable at the time, but it is understood that all had gotten out. The fire originated in the southwest corner of the building where there was no fire and its origin is a mystery. The building and contents were owned by H. P. H. Oehlke, president of the Commercial National bank. For a time it looked as if the Klug Implement warehouse just east would also be burned, but this was saved although the stock of implements was removed from the building. The bitter cold weather made the work of coping with the fire very hard for the firemen. Before the firemen had the first blaze under control a second alarm was turned in, this fire being in the Barstler Toy and Notion store on Eleventh street, which was being closed out during the holidays. The fire at this place originated in the center of the store and for a time promised to be a bad blaze. The stock and building are badly damaged and the two adjoining stores, E. N. Waide's grocery and Frischholz Bros' clothing and shoe store were damaged by smoke, but the fire walls prevented any great loss. The new chemical engine, recently purchased by the city, did splendid work at the last fire.

GIRL KILLED BY BULLETS INTENDED FOR MOTHER

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Bertha Reinas, a 14-year-old girl, today stepped in front of a revolver held by her stepfather, George Benz, and received in the temple two bullets, which had been intended for her mother. The girl died half an hour later, the mother was uninjured. Benz was captured and held on the charge of murder.

BOXES OF O'BRIEN'S CANDY AND DALZELL'S ICE CREAM BRICKS

Given away each day in the want ads to those finding their names. Read the want ads each day, if you don't get a prize you will probably find something advertised that appeals to you. Each day these prizes are offered, no puzzles to solve—no subscriptions to get—nothing but finding your name. It will appear some time.

TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN NEW YORK MILK DEPOT

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Two lives were lost and \$100,000 damage was done by a fire which destroyed a big milk depot on East Twenty-second street today. The two men who lost their lives were companions known to their fellows as "Tony" and "Joe." After leaving the burning building "Tony" went back to get his money and "Joe" lost his life trying to rescue him.