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## KAISER PROPOSES A BALTIC UNION

Empèror is Said to Have Offered to Contribute Russia's Ger-

man Provinces. THREAT ACCOMPANIES OFFER

In Case Sweden Refuses it Was to Be Given to Bussia at End of the War in Exchange

for Poland.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.-(Via London.) -The recent conference at Malmo, Sweden, of the Brandinavian kings and visit which King Gustav is reported to have made to Berlin previously, constiin view of the suggestion of a Scandina-

It is recalled that Prof. Ostwald went to Sweden on a semi-official German mis-sion, at which time he proposed such a Scandinavian union, similar to the gen-eral situation in which Sweden would occupy a position analagoguous to Prussia in Germany, promising, it is said, that if such a union were realized. Germany would contribute Finland, Esthonia, Li-

ronia and part of Couriand. This proposed Baltic union of 25,000,000 opulation would, according to the ailesed German view, become an important European power, while the Scandinavian countries, separately, despite their high and industrial development, would be politically insignificant.

Attitude of Russia. Russian diplomat, discussing this plan, said today:

Excluding our provinces, which Germany never will be able to offer the Russia favors a Scandinavian union, although apparently Germany is inspired in accordance with its aim to create several buffer states between itself and Russia. A strong, united Scandinavia would weaken German Influence on the

We do not believe that Sweden wants our provinces, and that the Finlanders, Ethonians, or Letts, desire to join the Scandinavian union. Then the figures of 25,000,000 should be decreased to 12,500,000, which is the present population of Bweden, Norway and Denmark, adding perhaps Schleswig-Holstein, which Germany, if defeated, probably would be forced to return, to Denmark, An immediate aid of the union would be to forlify neutrality."

German Proposal and Threat. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany, proposed that Sweden should help it in the war, offering as compensation the Baitic Islands and a protectorate over Finland.

"As Sweden did not deign to reply." the correspondent adds, "Germany intimated that if Sweden refused the offer, Germany at the peace conference after the war, would let Russia take Sweden as tompensation for Poland.

This threat was similarly ignored and hen Germany began to irritate Sweden by stopping its wood export. These were incidents leading

#### Two American Oil Men Arrested at Matamoras, Mex.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 22.-W. H. Burnham, a wealthy British subject; George Davis of Los Angeles and R. B. Holland of Mexico City were arrested at Matamoras, Mex., today because of letters the Mexican authorities are said to have found in their possession. The authorities said the letters were from persons infriendly to General Car-

range and were to be delivered at Tam-The three men, who reached here Sunday enroute from Mexico City to Tampico, said they were carrying the letters for friends in Mexico City and had no idea of their contents. Burnham is from

London and Davis and Holland are American oil men. J. H. Johnson, United States consul at Matamaras, is investigating the detention of the men.

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### 76,000 Men Out of Work in Toledo and Cleveland, O.

CLEVELAND, O., Des. 22.-A survey of the unemployed situation, completed by the council committee on labor, indicates 61,000 wage earners are out of work in

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 22.-Fifteen thousand en, heads of families who are short on food as the result of the breadwinner being out of work, will be cared for by the city. Council last night appropriated \$50,000 to be used to employ the unem ployed, clearing snow from the streets.

## FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN COLUMN

War Office Report Tells of Advantages Gained at Several Points.

BAYONET FIGHTS IN ARGONNE The Lake Shore was incorporated en

Three Hand-to-Hand Fights Result | San. in Little Change in Position-Lost Ground is Retaken

PARIS, Dec. 22.-The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows:

at Bolants.

"Between the sea and the Lys, during other than artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Alsne we repulsed a German attacking column which was endeavoring to come out from Carency,

and we took several houses at Elangy. "An attack of the enemy of Mametz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make any material progress in this direction. In the region of Lipons three attacks of the attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracy-Le-Val, and our artillery delivered an effective fire on the plateau of Nouvren. "In the sections of the Alane and of

Rheims there were artillery engagements. Bayonet Fights in Champagne. 'In Champagne and in the Argonne in the vicinity of Sousin, there have been

violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this twenty-five-year t per cent gold bonds, region. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthes-les-Hurlus three German It is dated July 1, 1914. This is one of positions, representing a front of en- the first legal steps taken in conjunction trenchments 1,500 yards long. To the with the merger northeast of Beausejour we have consoldated the positions occupied by us Deember 20, and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mount Calvaire.

"nI the forest of La Grurie our progress continues. At St. Hubert we repulsed an attack in the forest of Bolants. Here certain ground has been lost, but we recaptured two-thirds of it.

Between the Argonne and the Meuse here has been slight progress. In the uburbs of Vauqueis, to the north of the forest of Malancourt, our troops were successful in making their way through a barbed wire entanglement and in taking possession of certain trenches of the enemy where they maintained them-

"On the right bank of the Meuse, in the Forest of Consenvoye, we first lost and then reconquered after a lively fight the territory gained by us December 20. Vosges there is nothing to report."

#### New School for Burwell.

BURWELL, Neb., Dec. 22 - (Special.) After the holidays the high school will move into a new \$20,000 building, which is now being fluished. The work on it was begun late in the fall and a large force of men is now at work pushing it to the completion required by contract for the first of the year. Local parties have charge of the work. This will nearly double the capacity of the school buildings when it is finished. A good-sized ment for the use of the basket ball teams.

Chicken Apleuty at Excter. part of the state. Secretary William the purpose of raising the hone from the him all night. He is believed to be well covery. The first dose helps; best remedy Schreiner reports that applications from brain of the boy has been performed and armed. Jarrell, who was serving a six a srent many outside breeders have al- at present hopes are entertained for his months' sentence for "pistol toting" was

## TWO BIG RAILWAY SYSTEMS MERGED

Lake Shore and New York Central Railroads Will Become Single Corporation.

DEAL INVOLVES MANY MILLIONS

Five Shares of New Corporation Are to He Exchanged for Each Share of Lake Shore Company Stock.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 22,-Consolidation of the Lake Shore Railroad company with the New York Central Railroad company was effected here today at a meeting of Lake Shore stockholders when they ratified the action taken by New York Central stockholders July 20, last. The merger involves \$300,000,000.

Under the plans for the merger every share of Lake Shore stock will be traded for five shares of stock in the new corporation.

of the Lake Eric, Alliance & Wheeling ing it. Railroad company, the Lake Erie, Althe day of December 21, there was nothing liance & Wheeling Coal company, the at the time of the wedding. Mr. Yetter owned by the Lake Shore road.

While the Big Four has been operated the marriage. on an independent basis since May 1, 1914, the Lake Shore is said to retain con- Mrs. Yetter's attorney asked. trol of a majority of the Big Four capital

In January, 1903, the Lake Shore and Baltimore & Ohio acquired a substantial interest in the capital stocks of the Reading company. Figures for the period asked to describe the effects of a cerending December 31, 1912, show that the tain medicine which, it was alleged, Mrs. Lake Shore owned Reading stock valued Yetter prescribed. Before Mr. Yetter anat \$30,332,500, divided thus: \$6,065,000, first swored Judge Schorn interrupted. preferred; \$14,265,000, second preferred. and \$10,002,500, common

The Lake Shore late yesterday filed a deed of record here to the Central Trust peat that part of the testimony." company and G. F. Littleton, trustee, of New York, secured an issue of \$100,000,000 covering all equipment, real estate, etc.

#### Girl Must Leave Stepmother to Get Grandsire's Wealth

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 22-Charlotte Barth, 19, will receive an income of \$5,000 a year from the estate of her grandfather, the late William Barth, provided she severs all relations with her stepmother, Mrs. F. E. Brookman. Furthermore, if she marries and has children they will inherit the bulk of the estate valued at \$3,000,000-with the same proviso as to Miss Barth breaking with Mrs. Brookman. The Barth will, containing these provisions, was filed for probate here today.

William Barth's last years were em-"From the heights of the Meuse to the Mrs. Brookman, the second wife of his bittered by a prolonged litigation with dead son, and her husband. Barth accused the Brookmans of trying to secure his

# Hartington Boy

HARTINGTON, Nob., Dec. 22 - (Spe. ial.)-Wayne Parsons, the là-year-old son of J. M. Parsons, a farmer, living in this vicinity, has a fractured skull as the result of a coasting accident. While the boy gymnasium will be fitted up in the base- was coasting down a hill in the vicinity of his home with some companions, the sied he was riding shot under a horse which was drinking from a watering killed Deputy Silas F. Nance and wounded trough and the animal, being scared, let Frank Ratcliffe and Josephines Wines EXETER, Neb., Dec. 22.-(Special.)- fly a vicious kick. The kick missed the last night at Eskdale, on Cabin Creek. Exeter's third annual poultry show, boy, but struck the sied and the impact while Nance was trying to arrest him, which will begin Monday, December 28, of the kick tore off a board and the this morning was surrounded in the and last for four days, promises to be board flew and struck the boy on the mountains near Cane Fork by Sheriff the largest and best ever held in this head, crushing his skull. An operation for Bonner Hill and a posse who had trailed

## OFFERS WIFE \$1,000 MAYOR ABANDONS TO STOP GOSSIPING

Omaha Man Takes Stand in His Effort to Secure Divorce from His Wife at Kansas City.

WIFE RUINED HIS BUSINESS

Testifies that He Made \$10,000 a Year Before She Broke His Health, When He Lost Sixty Thousand.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.-(Special elegram.)-William L. Tetter, in this norning's session of his trial for divorce from Mrs. Bena Yetter of Omaha, testified that he had offered Mrs. Yetter \$1,00) a year if she would desist from the habit f gossiping, but that she flatly refused

Yetter is president of the Yetter Wall Paper company of Kansas City and Omaha and was fermerly president of

the Omaha Commercial club. 'I have been entirely too good and coniderate," Mr. Yetter said. "I have done verything in the world for her. If I had been harsh with her things might have turned out differently."

Says Wife Beat Him.

On certain occasions, Mr. Yetter testifled, his wife would call him "dog" and brute" and would beat him with her

Mrs. Yetter's tendencies to gossip and source of great annoyance, Mr. Yetter said. She frequently complained Mr. Yetter was not supporting her, and told ner friends of the domestic difficulties existing between them, he testified.

'When, as a result of my wife's domes ic regulations, my health failed, I had reached the most prosperous point in my usiness."

Mr. Yetter said, "I was making \$10,000 year in addition to my salary. Then, when I went to the hospital business fell off, and I lost \$60,000."

Monday Afternoon's Testimony. When he took the stand Monday aftersoon Mr. Yetter declared that his wife's actions toward him in Omaha and elsewhere were largely responsible for financial difficulties into which his firm was

In substantiation of the allegations of his petition, Mr. Yetter testified his wife conspired to injure his business standing and succeeded to the extent of causing his firm to go into the hands of a re-

The gist of the testimony was that Mrs. Yetter did much to annoy her husband and cause him to lose standing among his associates and business acquaintances and also in society. Their trouble, he asserted, began soon after their marriage in 1889. He was forced to enter a sanitarlum for his health.

F. G. Moores, engaged in business with Mr. Yetter, testified that Mrs. Yetter frequently called up the Yetter business house over the telephone inquiring about her husband, bringing him into ridicule Many depositions have been filed recently in the case.

Mr. Yetter charges general indignities and abuse from the time of the marriage n 1889 until their separation last year.

Cross-Examination Begins On cross-examination, Mrs. Yetter's at-torneys tried to attack Mr. Yetter's alleged residence in Kansas City. It was that Yetter moved here July 25 Illinois, Pennsylvania and New 1913; that his name is in the directory York. It was a consolidation of the Buf- here, and that the list of officers of falo & Erie, Michigan Southern & North- the wall paper company in Omaha states ern Indiana, Cleveland, Painesville & Mr. Yetter's residence is Kansas City. Ashtabula and the Celevland & Toledo In answer to questions by attorneys for railroads. It comprises 1,872 miles of the defense Mr. Yetter reviewed the road, extending from Buffalo to Chicago, courtship of a year and a half before his with many branches. The entire capital marriage, and the honeymoon follow-

Mr. Yetter was II and Mrs. Yetter 18 Toledo & Ohio Central railroad and the repeated the story he told yesterday con-Chicago, Indiana & Southern is said to be cerning Mrs. Yetter's indifference toward him during the three weeks following

"What effect did that have on you?" "I was hurt and discouraged," Mr. Yet-

Judge Objects to Questions. The early years of their married life were reviewed and Mr. Yetter again was "I believe I remember the effects, Mr.

Yetter said the medicine had," the judge said. "It will not be necessary to re-When Mrs. Yetter's attorneys went back over the domestic unhappiness and "indignities" testified to by Mr. Yetter

on direct examination yesterday, Mrs. Yetter hid her face in her hands and Mr. Yetter turned away from his wife and the counsel table where she was sitting and spoke directly to the court stenographer. To avoid repeating several of the un-

pleasant incidents referred to in direct examination yesterday, Mr. Yetter expostulated with his wife's attorneys and the questions were withdrawn.

#### Old Stock of Rock Island is Sold at Auction in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.-Ownership of a ailroad represented by millions of dollars' worth of stock was auctioned off today on the steps of the New York county court house.

The old stock of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company was put up at foreclosure sale and was bid in for \$7,135,300 without competition by James N. Wallace, chairman of the procommittee for the 4 per cent col lateral trust bonds of the Chicago, Rock' Island & Pacific Railroad company, against which the stock was collateral. The foreclosure action was brought by Has Skull Crushed sgainst the railroad company for interest due on bonds valued at \$71,253,000.

## Murderer Surrounded by Posse in Mountain

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 22.-Matt. Jarrell, who is alleged to have shot and recently released on parole.

# HOPE OF FED JOB

Makes Announcement that He is Now a Candidate for Re-Election as City Commissioner.

SEES NO CHANCE FOR PEACE

Says that Bryan and Hitchcock Will Not Be Able to Come to Terms Over the Cutting of Ple for Nebraska.

Mayor James C. Dahlman, weary waiting for Senator Hitchcock and Sec retary Bryan to agree on the distribu tion of the federal patronage in Nebrasks, has announced himself a candidate for re-election in the spring.

"I thought the democratic party would sension me in my old age for the good work I've done," said the mayor, smiling, "but it looks like I'll have to take off my coat and get into the harness

"In my opinion Senator Hitchcock and Secretary Bryan will never agree. can't wait any longer. I'm going into the fight for re-election. I may lose, but I'll not lose because I waited too long for a federal job, neglecting my own campaign.

Bryan for Dahlman. The mayor has been urged for the office of collector of internal revenue by Secretary Bryan. Senator Hitchcock insists on a job for Chris Gruenther, and discuss their own personal affairs was a Mr. Bryan insists that Gruenther be left wholly to his own devices. The senator wants an agreement on the men for all three federal jobs-marshal, postmaster, internal revenue collector-and the sec retary says take 'em one at a time.

"I was not an applicant for an office," said the mayor. "But I would have taken it had an agreement been reached and my appointment made. I believe no agreement can be reached now, and I feel that the president will not make the appointments until an agreement is reached."

The mayor will not attempt to "pull" the other commissioners through the primaries. It has unofficially gone out that each commissioner will stand on his own

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