

Outlook for France Is Brighter

Good Crops and Progress in Reconstructing Devastated Districts Cause a Feeling of Optimism.

Big Problems to Meet

By The Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 29.—While the French people have their worries, yet they will begin the new year immensely more confident than they began 1920 because of extraordinarily good crops, progress in restoring the ruined departments of the north, a plentiful supply of coal and the prospect, a year hence, of having the period of military service reduced from three years to 18 months.

Two foreign questions are likely to give constant concern to the government throughout the coming year. They are the payment of reparations by Germany, and the war with Turkey.

The German attitude at the Brussels conference, which will be resumed January 10, gives rise to the expectation that an agreement on reparations is possible early in the spring, fixing the total sum and the manner of payment.

Discuss Turkish Mandates.
France's Turkish mandates will be discussed by the French, British and Italian prime ministers at a part of the whole Near East question at a meeting early in January. France now has about 7,000 troops in Turkey.

The advance France has made in reconstruction, the wheat crop which reduces buying abroad by 2,000,000,000 francs, and the continued confidence of French investors, as shown by the unprecedented success of the last loan, are considered as justifying a greater optimism concerning the financial and economic situation than is held at present.

The struggle over the high cost of living receives a large share of public attention. Resistance of merchants and manufacturers to consumers' demands for lower prices has resulted in something like a deadlock. The buyers abstain from making purchases because they feel that war prices should no longer be paid. The merchants, however, are large profits, refuse to reduce them. Consequently, prices remain high and buyers are scarce.

Unemployment Increasing.
The new year opens with unemployment increasing daily. It has been causing much concern since October and now has reached a volume which officials agree calls for immediate effective measures. Three hundred thousand workers now are idle in France, nearly 100,000 of whom are in Paris, according to figures announced by the minister of public works.

The metal industries, the leather trade, manufactures of textiles, clothing and automobiles were the first to suffer. Recently the silk industry became affected and there are 8,000 workers idle at Lyons alone, while the perfume distilleries around Paris are working three days a week.

Some of the large department stores in Paris have asked for extended credits.

Former Head of Bond Firm Held on Charge Of False Statements

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—Fred S. Morris, a former head of Morris Brothers, Inc., a bond house, was arrested on a federal warrant technically charging he aided John L. Etheridge, also a former president of Morris Brothers, Inc., in obtaining naturalization papers when Etheridge was not entitled to them.

The warrant, according to the United States attorney, was based on the allegation that Morris, while aiding in Etheridge's naturalization proceedings, concealed knowledge that Etheridge had served terms in New Jersey state prison. Etheridge came to this country from England in 1903. He is now under arrest at Minneapolis on a charge of larceny by bail.

Marshall Field III Takes Up Banking as Life Business

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Marshall Field III, announced today that he had decided to take up investment banking as his life business and had formed a partnership with a Chicago investment banking firm. Mr. Field, who was the principal heir to the estate of his grandfather, Marshall Field, which made him one of the wealthiest men in the world, also will continue his association with the various New York and Chicago interests left by his grandfather.

Marriage of Constance Talmadge Is Announced

New York, Dec. 29.—The marriage of Constance Talmadge, motion picture actress, to John B. Basinger, New York City tobacco merchant, was announced here tonight. The ceremony took place at Greenwich, Conn., last Sunday, in the presence of the bride's mother and two sisters, Norma and Natalie.

Basinger Leaves Capital.

Washington, Dec. 29. (Special Telegram.)—W. T. Basinger, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific, who has been in Washington for several days on a visit to his mother, left today for New York.

All Together! Let's Go!

The old year is ending. The New Year is almost here. What are YOU doing to make the New Year happy and prosperous, for yourself and your fellow men?

There is talk of a business depression, of "hard times." Prices of most of the things which people need in order to live are being lowered, day by day, week by week. But what of that? For eight years the country has been aghast at the spectre of the high cost of living. Now the cost of living is coming down. The coming down process hurts some of us. Some business men have sacrificed possible profits, some have suffered actual losses. Some workmen and workwomen have suffered a cut in wages or even the loss of their jobs.

But the fundamental evil of extravagant living and exorbitant cost of living is removing itself. Basically the country is sound. Its burdens are as nothing compared with those of the old world. It is returning to normal conditions more certainly and more quickly than any of its allies or enemies in the late war. It is getting back to the old days of peace and prosperity, prosperity not merely for the merchants and the farmers and the manufacturers, but prosperity, too, for the man who works with his hands.

Now is the time for you to do YOUR part.

If you are an employer of labor, don't trim your payroll clear into the quick. If you can keep a man on the job, keep him there. If you can employ another, employ him. It may mean a decent living for him; it means a market for your product. Men out of work cannot be good customers of yours.

If you are a buyer of merchandise, don't put off forever buying the things which you need and which you can buy now. There are real bargains in the stores today for the housewife; there are real bargains in the factories and the warehouses for the merchant. It will avail good to no one to wait a slightly greater drop in prices—which may never come—if in the meantime the whole business structure is forced to a crash. Idle factories and closed shops cannot provide work for anyone. Nor can stores be kept open or factories operated without patronage.

Nineteen-twenty-one is almost here. It CAN be a great year, a year not merely of promise but of fulfillment. Making it so depends on co-operation by all of us—by YOU and YOU and YOU.

All together! Let's go!

D'Annunzio Surrenders All Powers

Fiume Communal Council Is Dictatorship Coup d'Etat Before Hostilities Suspended

By The Associated Press.

Fiume, Dec. 29.—Gabriele d'Annunzio early today surrendered all his powers to the Fiume communal council.

General Cavaglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, will arrange the conditions of peace with a delegation of the council today.

Seizure of the port of Fiume in September, 1919, by Gabriele d'Annunzio, Italian poet-warrior, at the head of 8,000 volunteer grenadiers and arditi, was the dramatic climax to a controversy reaching back to the treaty of London, concluded in the spring of 1915 between Italy and the allied powers, under which Italy entered the war against the central powers.

Opposed to Treaty Terms.

The treaty assigned the part of Terol south of the Brenner Pass, as well as Trieste, Gorizia, Istria and a section of the Dalmatian littoral to Italy, but gave Fiume, the seaport of Hungary, to Croatia.

When the war ended, Italian nationalists, including d'Annunzio, demanded that Fiume, with its preponderant Italian population, should be given to Italy, an act that would have required the revision of the treaty of London. The Italians, however, invoked the principle of "self-determination" enunciated by President Wilson and pointed to the fact that the population of Fiume, upon the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian empire, had proclaimed through their national council, the union of Fiume with Italy.

Backed by Italian public opinion, the Italian delegation to the Paris peace conference, headed by Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino, refused to yield Italy's claims. In April, 1919, the crisis came to a head when President Wilson threatened to withdraw from the conference. He issued a public statement sustaining the pact of London insofar as it related to Fiume.

Caused Ill Feeling.

Receipts of the document in Italy precipitated numerous anti-Wilson outbreaks in which d'Annunzio took a leading part. Meanwhile, Orlando and Sonnino quit the Paris conference and returned to Rome, where they were received with wild acclaim by the people. The Italian Chamber of Deputies adopted a vote of confidence in the Orlando ministry. Later, however, the two statesmen returned to Paris at the invitation of their colleagues and participated in the negotiations and the signing of the Austrian peace treaty.

Faint to reach a satisfactory solution of the Fiume embroglio, however, was one of the principal causes of the downfall of the Orlando ministry on June 9, 1919, and it was succeeded by the moderate Nitti cabinet, whose selection exasperated the Italian nationalists and was the forerunner of the d'Annunzio coup d'etat following September.

Held by Italian Army.

Fiume, at the time of the entry of the d'Annunzio forces, was under the military control of General

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Third Man of Frisco Gang Is Convicted on Charges of Assault

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—James Carey, member of a San Francisco criminal gang, was convicted in the superior court here today on a charge of attacking Miss Jessie Montgomery of Reno, Nev., being the third member of the gang to be convicted in connection with this attack. The jury was out 12 minutes.

Carey drove the automobile in which, on the night of November 24, Miss Montgomery, her companion, Miss Jean Stanley, formerly of Portland, Ore., and a group of men were taken from a cafe to a house in the mission district, where the attack took place. Both girls testified that they were struck down by the gangsters and subjected to indignities.

The activities of the gang here led up to the killing in Santa Rosa, near here, of three peace officers who were rounding up the gangsters and the lynching of their accused murderers.

Candidate for Academy.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The War department has announced that Charles F. Culter, Iowa City, has been named as a candidate for the military academy entrance examination to be held in March.

Self-Styled King of Heaven Arrested as Confidence Worker

Denver, Dec. 29.—Joshua Sykes, self-styled king of heaven and earth and leader of the sect of the Hosts of David, was arrested here this afternoon on a charge of operating a confidence game.

The warrant on which Sykes was arrested charges that he defrauded Ernest Lamport, a former member of the sect of the Hosts of David, of the end of the world. Lamport was persuaded, the information alleges, that he would have no further use for his worldly goods and he gave his last dollar to Sykes.

The information also mentions the name of Anna S. Spjichiger, who, it is alleged, was fleeced out of \$1,000 in California a year ago by the same means.

Readjustment Agonies After the Big Spree



Negroes Charge Discrimination At Southern Polls

Exciting Scenes Enacted at Hearing Before House Census Committee—Witnesses And Members Clash.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Charges by representatives of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People that negroes are unlawfully prevented from voting in the south led to somewhat exciting scenes at the hearing by the house census committee on the congressional reapportionment bill.

Southern members of the committee took issue with the witnesses and one of them, Representative Bee, democrat, of Texas, declared he was "tired" of states being "insulted" on the strength of hearsay evidence. Chairman Siegel finally told one spectator who insisted on getting into the discussion that if he did not sit down he would have to leave the room.

Declaring there was nothing in the laws of the southern states discriminating against negro voters, representatives from those states suggested that the spokesmen of the association take their complaints of alleged discriminations against the negroes to the courts rather than to congress.

Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the association, presented what he said were affidavits from 941 negroes in Jacksonville, Fla., who alleged they were deprived of the right to vote in the November elections.

William Pickens, a negro, of New York, field secretary of the association, also testified.

"Do you know anything about the negro women crowding around the polls in Missouri on election day and keeping the white women from voting?" asked Representative Mulligan, democrat, Missouri.

The witness replied that he did not.

Representative Lazen, democrat, Louisiana, said 1,365 negroes were registered in his home town.

Cardinal Urges Fund For Starving Irish

Boston, Dec. 29.—A fund in aid of starving Irish men and women was authorized by Cardinal O'Connell in response to the appeal by Bishop MacRae of Down and Connor, who called that the coming winter threatens thousands of his people with starvation; that 10,000 Belfast workers are out of employment and that the government's customary allowance "has for some reason" been suspended.

The bishop added: "Fully 50,000 Catholics are now on the verge of starvation in my diocese."

Admiral Niblack Ordered To Command in Europe

Washington, Dec. 29.—Rear Admiral A. P. Niblack has been ordered to assume command of the American naval forces in European waters, succeeding Vice Admiral H. M. Henshaw, who was announced at the Navy department. Rear Admiral Niblack will take the rank of vice admiral and will fly his flag on the cruiser Pittsburgh. He has recently been naval attaché at London and during the war commanded American forces based on Gibraltar. He was later chief of naval intelligence at the Navy department.

Mark W. Woods of Lincoln Is Honored

Central Trust Co. of Chicago Names Him On Board of Directors.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Mark W. Woods, president of Woods-Bros. companies of Lincoln, Neb., has been elected a director of the Central Trust company of Chicago, one of the principal financial institutions of this city.

Charles G. Dawes, formerly of Nebraska, is president of the company.



Mark Woods

Mr. Woods' election is in line with the company's policy of drawing into its organization men of wide experience and knowledge of business affairs of western states.

For 20 years Mark Woods and his brothers, George and Frank, have been prominent factors in Nebraska business affairs. They have built a group of investment companies with millions of assets and in contact with thousands of people. Mark Woods has been known as a man of unusual energy, judgment and foresight.

Case of Judge Charged With Murder Given to Jury

Cleveland, O., Dec. 29.—The fate of William H. McGannon, chief justice of the municipal court, was placed in the hands of the jury at 6:11 o'clock tonight.

Judge McGannon went on trial December 14, charged with second degree murder of Harold C. Kagy, May 8.

Bitter charges of lying and perjured testimony against witnesses for both sides marked the closing arguments.

Wage Cut Announced

Willamette, Conn., Dec. 29.—Notices were posted in the local mills of the American Thread company, announcing a reduction in wages of 22 1/2 per cent, effective next Monday. The cut will affect 8,000 persons employed in the company's mills at Fall River and Holyoke, Mass.; Westerly, R. I.; and Willamette and Glasgow, Conn.

Senator Chamberlain Better.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The condition of Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who underwent an operation here last week, was reported to be improved tonight, following an unexpected rise in the senator's temperature, which necessitated postponement of a second operation yesterday.

Mark W. Woods of Labor Situation Is Discussed at New York Dinner

Plans Made to Urge Immediate Passage of Workingmen's Compensation Act By Congress.

New York, Dec. 29.—Industrial conditions in the United States and the need of labor laws for the protection of workers were discussed by speakers at the dinner of the American Association of Labor Legislation, which opened its 14th annual meeting today.

Rev. John A. Ryan, professor of industrial ethics of the Catholic University of America; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of the Free Synagogue New York City, and William Williams, formerly vice president of the Hydraulic Pressed Steel company, were among the speakers.

Plans to urge immediate passage by congress of a bill extending the workmen's compensation act to provide accident insurance to longshoremen and sailors, were discussed this afternoon. Officers of longshoremen's and seamen's unions spoke.

Speaking of "State Intervention Versus Industrial Relations," Rev. Mr. Ryan declared the "trade unions must fight as hard as they know how against the attempt to destroy them and all friends of justice must redouble their efforts to improve conditions of employment by legislation."

The "one means" which, he said, will suffice for this purpose is a "considerable measure of individual ownership by the workers of the tools of production through cooperative organizations."

Canadian Engineers Lose Membership in Trades Organization

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—The charter of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Engineers has been revoked, Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades Labor congress, announced. The union comprises more than 12,000 railroad workers, the majority of whom are employed on the Canadian National railways.

Mr. Moore said the charter had been revoked because the brotherhood's activities had conflicted with those of the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees, the only organization which will, in the future, be recognized by the Trades and Labor congress.

The Weather

Forecast.
Thursday partly cloudy, not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.	
5 a. m.	31
6 a. m.	31
7 a. m.	31
8 a. m.	31
9 a. m.	31
10 a. m.	31
11 a. m.	31
12 noon	31

Yesterday's Temperatures.	
Hill	High
Low	Low
Omaha	46
Chicago	44
St. Louis	44
San Francisco	44
Portland	44
Seattle	44
Denver	44
Phoenix	44
San Antonio	44
San Diego	44
Los Angeles	44
San Jose	44
San Francisco	44
Portland	44
Seattle	44
Denver	44
Phoenix	44
San Antonio	44
San Diego	44
Los Angeles	44
San Jose	44

Perfect alignment of the moon 21 to 24 hours from transit as follows: north, east and west 25 degrees, south 25 degrees.

Soviet Rule In Russia Is Waning

State Department Officials Say Process of Evolution by "Peaceful Penetration" Is Already Discernible.

Stable Government Near

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.
Washington, Dec. 29.—Disappointed in the hope that Lenin and Trotsky would be overthrown by force, the Wilson administration, it was learned today, is now pinning its faith to the destruction of the soviet government of Russia through the "peaceful penetration" of the conservative elements.

State department officials, in discussing the Russian situation, asserted that this process of evolution already is discernible. Their information is that the leaders of the soviet republic are beginning to discard bolshevik theories and that the tendency is in the direction of forming an autocratic government.

Bourgeoisie Gaining.

The bourgeoisie, it is said, are more numerous than ever in Russia now and are gradually regaining control, while state management of industry has tumbled out and communism generally is dying of starvation. It is not expected that there will be a coup d'etat in Moscow; rather, that elements other than the communist will coalesce with the existing changing government, further modifying it, until in the course of one or two years, but possibly earlier, and due largely to economic factors, a stable, representative government will emerge.

The bolshevik leaders themselves, it is shown by the department's intelligence, are becoming more and more conservative, by the granting of concessions to foreigners, a new policy being vigorously pursued by the Moscow government, being a flagrant violation of all the bolshevik principles. This is taken as proof of the conviction that has come to the autocrats of Moscow, that communist principles already have failed and of their determination, even by resorting to pure autocracy to maintain themselves in power in Russia.

Courty Self-Supporting.

Officials here declare that Russia would be self-supporting if so organized as to be able to use the commodities she produces; but the communications are in a desperate condition and the peasants refuse to yield up their products for worthless paper money.

An authority well-informed concerning the internal situation of Russia said today:

"How serious the internal industrial conditions of Russia are, and how real the need for Moscow to enlist foreign capital and foreign organization can be gathered, from the propaganda now being carried on throughout the world for the resumption of trade with Russia. 'The effort meets everywhere, however, the stumbling block of the Russian communistic propaganda calculated to bring about the resumption of trade with Russia by various governments.'

The bolshevik commissary at London, is finding his negotiations with the British authorities very difficult on this account. Downing street demands explicitly a discontinuance of bolshevik and communist propaganda in all parts of the British empire as an indispensable condition to the official resumption of trade with Moscow. The czarist government debt is, of course, another difficulty. From the internal point of view the question of propaganda is harder for Krasin to answer than that of what portion of the czarist debts would be assumed by the soviet government."

"Most dependable observers of the soviet negotiations at London are of the opinion that the entire Russia trade treaty project may fall through after all, and similarly informed people think that perhaps private oil contracts and private concessions may eventually prove to be the sum total of Krasin's indefatigable efforts."

Clothing Workers Are Charged With Attempt To Organize Combine

Boston, Dec. 29.—Charges that representatives of the clothing manufacturers in New York City had approached Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, a few months ago with a proposal for combinations in that industry similar to those disclosed in the building trades inquiry in New York, were made by Hillman in addressing 2,500 members of the organization.

Mr. Hillman said the proposal called for "friendly strikes and lock-outs," which would force a clothing shortage and make it possible for the manufacturers to "bleed the public to the limit."

"We rejected their plans," he said, "and later, when manufacturers in Chicago, Baltimore and Rochester refused to join them, the plans fell through."

Belgian Cabinet Announces Rights in German Property

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Belgian cabinet yesterday tentatively decided to renounce Belgium's right under the Versailles treaty, to confiscate German property in Belgium, according to a Temps dispatch from Brussels. The report stated that this decision was taken under paragraph 18, annex 2, part 8 of the treaty. It pointed out that final decision will be reached only at the next cabinet meeting and that no public announcement will be made until the announcement has been formally approved.