

### Reserve Banks Show Decrease in U. S. War Paper

#### Little Change in Gold Reserve At End of Year—Bills Purchased in Open Market Decline.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Holdings by federal reserve banks, of paper secured by government war obligations declined from nearly \$1,500,000,000 at the opening of the year to \$1,414,000,000 on December 31, said the annual review issued by the federal reserve board.

The gold reserve, according to the review, shows little change at the end of the year as compared with the condition 12 months earlier. Although considerable gold was exported to South America and the Orient early in the year, it explained, gold shipments from England, in anticipation of the maturity of the Anglo-French bonds October 15, were responsible in a measure, for a subsequent recovery, so that on December 31, the amount was only about \$3,000,000 below the total shown on January 2.

Increases in capitalization of existing member banks and accessions of new members were responsible, in part, for an increase in the paid-in capital of the federal reserve banks during the year from 87.4 to 99.8 millions. This corresponded to an increase of over \$411,000,000 in capital and surplus of member banks.

#### Reflect Change of Policy.

Changes in the condition of the federal reserve banks during 1920, according to the review, reflect to a large extent, the changes in the credit policy originated about the last of 1919.

Preferential rates on paper secured by Liberty bonds and Victory notes, the review continued, "were abrogated by some reserve banks and raised by others, to a level more nearly approximating the rate level for ordinary commercial paper. In the case of paper secured by treasury certificates, the rates were, in most cases identical with the higher coupon rates fixed by the government, this holding out no inducement to the member banks to carry these securities among their own investments and use them as collateral for loans at the federal reserve bank, but rather providing a stimulus to place them in the hands of ultimate investors."

"Early in the year the federal reserve banks raised their discount rates on commercial paper, but the influence of the higher rates is seen in retarding the progress of borrowings, rather than in restricting them. In fact, total federal reserve bank holdings of discounted bills on December 30 of 2,719.1 millions is 487.9 millions larger than at the beginning of the year.

#### Bills Show Decline.

"Holdings of bills purchased in open market show an almost uninterrupted decline. From a total of 574.6 millions at the beginning of the year, a decline to 255.7 millions on December 30 is shown, the decrease of 318.9 millions being due largely to the increased demand for this class of bills by savings banks, trust companies, also corporate and individual investors. No appreciable changes are shown in the amounts and classes of United States bonds held.

"Net deposits of the reserve banks show a general downward tendency for the year, the December 30 total of 1,604.2 millions being 246.9 millions below the corresponding total at the beginning of the year. Increases in deposits are shown in deposits of member banks, especially during the latter part of the year.

"Federal reserve note circulation, after the usual contraction at the beginning of the year when a return flow of notes issued during the holiday season occurs, shows an almost constant amount of 2,844 millions on January 23 to a maximum of 3,404.9 millions on December 23. The total of 3,344.7 millions on December 30, marks a reduction of 60 million for the week, but an expansion of 387.9 millions from the beginning of January, note expansion rather than growth of deposits accompanying the increase in the borrowings of member banks."

### National Conference Of Lumber Men Called In Chicago This Week

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A national conference of lumber men will be held here January 5 and 6, at the request of Edward Hines, head of a lumber company.

"Lumber manufacture is the second largest industry in the country," said Mr. Hines, in issuing his call, "but it is practically at a standstill. It is time to take an inventory of the situation."

Building must go on if lumber is to be sold. We are five years behind in building. Building must be stabilized. Lumber prices are below cost of production just now.

Mr. Hines said the lumber dealers would take stock of their business, including labor and living costs, and wages paid, together with consideration of steady work with a reasonable reduction from the present wage scales, rather than high wages and periods of idleness.

#### Medicine Discovered for "Gill Fever" in Baby Trout

Sacramento, Jan. 2.—Efforts to rid state hatcheries of "gill fever," commonly known as "flu," have at last met with success, according to pathologists of the state fish and game department who were engaged to stamp out the epidemic which caused the death of several thousand baby trout and salmon this summer.

Medicine in the form of chemicals which will kill the foreign bacteria is one form of treatment which has proved successful. Finny patients in the "sick bays" or "hospital ponds" are also given antiseptic baths when in the first stages of the disease.

### No Rest for the Weary

By Charles Dana Gibson  
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"Poor Wimpleton! He struggled all his life to get money enough to take things easy. And then lost it!"  
"Oh, no. But his wife got him into society."

### Cleanup Drive Of Omaha Dives Started by Army

#### Military Police Raid Houses Where Recruit Soldiers Are Said to Meet Temptation.

Acting under orders from Captain White, commandant at Fort Omaha, a detail of military police commanded by two lieutenants and assisted by Detectives Phillips and Heizer, raided several houses Saturday night where, according to reports received at Fort Omaha, soldiers and women of loose character were consorting. Several women and a group of soldiers were arrested. Civilians found in the places were not arrested.

Orders to raid the houses were given by Captain White, after many reports had reached him that soldiers, especially new recruits, were stealing government clothing, selling it down town and spending the money for liquor or with the women.

#### Women Seek Soldiers.

According to reports, many women openly solicited soldiers at the fort and furnished them with their downtown addresses, where they were invited to call. The women were watched and their addresses taken and after several days of gathering evidence the raids were made.

The detail rode in three cars and the houses were visited in quick succession. The raids were kept up all night.

#### Recruits Are Blamed.

According to the officers in charge of the raids it is not the old soldiers who are stealing government clothing or visiting the ill-governed houses. They say recruits, soldiers who are congregated at the fort until they are assigned to their permanent stations, are causing the most trouble.

"The young men get a wrong idea of the army by starting in their service by doing these things," one of the officers said. "They soon find themselves in trouble and they cast a shadow on the characters of the decent soldiers."

#### Rent Payer's Paradise.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2.—Is Worcester a rent payer's paradise? Forty-five flats and houses were advertised for rent in one newspaper in that city in one day, and now the long suffering in all parts of Massachusetts have hopeful eyes fixed on the "Heart of the Commonwealth."

New dwellings are on the market every day, it is claimed. It is not stated whether prices are any more reasonable than elsewhere in the state.

#### Grandmother of Howells Dies at Home of Daughter

Mrs. Emma Hajek, 87, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. K. Sidelar, at Howells, She settled in Colfax county over 60 years ago and for years has been known as the grandmother of the entire city. Six nephews will act as pallbearers at the funeral in Howells today. Frank C. and Charles F. Sidelar of Omaha will be pallbearers.

### South Side Cattle Purchased Here to Be Sent To San Francisco

#### Fat Stock Reported Scarce on Coast and Steady Shipments May Be Made From This Market.

The most noticeable feature of trading at the Union Stock Yards on New Year's day was the purchase of more than a dozen carloads of cattle by representatives of Swift & Co., for shipment to the Western Meat Co., a Swift & Co. branch in San Francisco.

According to O. W. Waller, local manager of Swift & Co., the purchase was an experimental move and no indication as to whether there will include hogs and sheep as well as cattle.

Two loads of good quality Angus cows were sold on the local live stock market Saturday by Robert Taylor of Abbott and a load and a half out of the consignment were taken over by a local packer at \$8 a hundred. The rest of the shipment brought \$7.35.

A load of choice shorthorn heifers brought into the local live stock market by Matt Rand of Bradish, averaging 915 pounds, brought a top price for that grade of \$7. The cattle were bought on the local market as feeders and have been on feed for the last three months.

#### Disabled Soldier Attempts To End Life With Poison

Despondent because of being unable to work, Edward Kennedy, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kennedy, 2518 G street, attempted to kill himself at 10:30 Thursday night at a home of his parents, by taking a dose of carbolic acid. Young Kennedy was a returned soldier. He had been gassed and wounded in battle during the war in France and since his return has been incapacitated and unable to work. Dr. J. A. Young, police surgeon, was called and gave Kennedy an antidote and after an hour pronounced the young man out of danger.

About two years ago, a daughter of the Kennedys committed suicide.

#### South Side Brevitates

Illinois Coal \$12. Howland Lumber & Coal Co., phone 8. 1614—Adv.

#### Italians Celebrate New Year's Day at Rome

Rome, Jan. 2.—New Year's day was celebrated with the usual official ceremonies today, and all the gayety possible considering the shadow of the incidents at Fiume, which still is hanging over the nation.

King Victor Emmanuel received all the dignitaries of the state for New Year's greetings.

#### 200 Ellis Farmers Unite In Circle Hunt For Wolves

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—About 200 farmers of Ellis held a circle hunt for wolves. The roundup took place on the "Dick" Carpenter place, but no wolves were sighted. Many jackrabbits were slaughtered.

### Alleged 'Joker' In Patent Bill Causes Concern

#### Amendment to Measure Passed in Closing Hours of Senate in Last Session Gives Power of Czar.

Washington, Jan. 2.—An alleged "joker" in the Nolan patent bill is causing members of the house much concern.

Starting out as a simple measure to increase salaries of officials and employees of the patent office, the bill took on an amendment in the senate in the closing hours of the last session which would give the commissioner of patents, it is claimed, the powers of a czar. Haste in action on this bill is now being urged on Congress.

#### Commissioner Is Czar.

Under the language of the amendment, it is charged, the commissioner is left practically free to determine who shall or shall not prosecute claims before the patent office and to censor without restriction the business methods of those engaged in this work.

#### Must Restrict Work.

Those opposing this change in the law say that the commissioner of patents, after a patent attorney or seeking to become one, should be restricted in his powers, and that on the principle that every man under charges should have his day in court instead of making the commissioner the final arbiter there should be a board of appeals or review over him.

#### Holdups Shoot When Victim Shows Fight

When accosted by two armed holdup men in front of his home shortly after midnight, Charles A. Lortz, 3848 Jaynes street, resisted their commands to put up his hands and was shot in the groin and in the jaw. After they shot Lortz, the thugs fled, leaving him lying on the pavement. He crawled to his home and called the police surgeon who attended him. His condition is not serious.

According to police, Lortz was on his way home when the two men had been following him, closed in on him and ordered him to halt and throw up his hands. Lortz said he immediately went into action, landing a blow on the jaw of one of the thugs. The other robber fired twice, assisted his partner to his feet and ran.

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### New York Thrives Despite Lack of Proper Housing

#### Mortality Rate for 1920 Lowest in History of City, Records of Health Department Show.

New York, Jan. 2.—New York City during 1920, intensified its discomforting practice of sheltering several people where only one had lived before, and over-crowding increased with each passing month. But the city thrived under these conditions, the mortality rate being the lowest in the history of health department records.

A survey of the housing situation showed that of 133,000 babies born in the metropolis last year, 100,000 were born in crowded tenements.

Health Commissioner Copeland estimated that the population would increase about 1,000,000 in 10 years, and that 800,000 of these people would be compelled to "shoehorn" themselves into tenements.

Between March and December, 1920, the two months of health department surveys, overcrowding increased from 19 to 26 per cent throughout the city. The percentage doubled in the Bronx and grew from 27 to 39 per cent in Manhattan, the other boroughs showing only slight changes.

In the survey, a total of 60,489 buildings were inspected. The number of lodgers renting rooms from those occupying apartments, tenement quarters and other dwellings, increased from 31,616 to 69,989 during the eight months between surveys.

There were few vacant apartments, the survey revealed. The number was 596 in Manhattan, 193 in the Bronx and 196 in Brooklyn. "Uninhabitable conditions" existed in many of these. In others the rentals ranged from \$720 to \$6,000 a year—beyond the reach of the ordinary citizen, Dr. Copeland said.

Many dwellings, he noted, were demolished to "make way for theaters, garages and warehouses."

### Dahlman Succeeds Sherman as Member Of the Water Board

C. R. Sherman has retired from the Metropolitan Water board, after a continuous service of 12 years. He served on the board during the years when the litigation over the purchase of the plant was carried to the supreme court at Washington.

His retirement is due to the election of J. C. Dahlman, who will take his seat next Wednesday afternoon at the next regular meeting of the board. Mr. Dahlman is United States marshal and he served 12 years as mayor.

#### MOVIES

Downtown Programs.  
Sun—"The Price of Redemption."  
Strand—"Silk Hosiery."  
Rialto—"The Truth About Husbands."  
Moon—"Prairie Trails."  
Empress—"The Face at Your Window."  
Muse—"Broadway and Home."  
Neighborhood Houses.  
Grand—Lionel Barrymore in "The Master Mind."  
Hamilton—Clara Kimball Young in "Eyes of Youth."

Enid Bennett's latest starring vehicle, "Silk Hosiery," playing at the Strand theater this week, is a story dealing with the existence of romance in modern life, which is novel from a most unusual and handled angle.

Miss Bennett, portraying a romantic little modern model, is afforded unusual opportunity for utility, as well as for displaying a number of beautiful Parisian gowns. The picture has been sumptuously produced and the supporting cast is far above the average, George Webb taking the leading male role.

Bert Lyttel scored a series of hits yesterday in "The Price of Redemption" at the Sun theater. Judging by a popular verdict, the picture is easily Lyttel's best starring vehicle.

Mr. Lyttel's portrayal of Leigh Dering, a young Englishman, led nothing to be desired. It was a superb study of a wrecked and regenerated life, and made the picture really interesting.

The story is of a young Englishman who first distinguishes himself as a military hero, and then sinks to the depth of degradation, only finally to redeem himself through the love of a little child.

Buster Keaton in "The Scarecrow," offers plenty of comedy as an added feature of the Sun's program.

At last—a drama that doesn't blame the woman! Such is the terse conclusion inferred from "Habit," playing at the Rialto theater this week.

The story really offers a problem that hardly a grown person can fail to meditate on.

No noted star is featured. The story speaks plainly, and because of that it may arouse a good deal of controversy concerning the moral inferred. It deals with the age-old problem of how a man before marriage cannot have his fling without the danger of his escapades confronting him after marriage. The denouement of the play is as thrilling a climax as ever screened in a society drama.

If Tom Mix had not already won popularity for his daring feats in western plays, Mix fits into the "Prairie Trails," playing at the Moon theater, would have made him a celebrity.

"Prairie Trails" easily surpasses Mix's former plays, even "A Broadway Cowboy" and "The Texan." "Prairie Trails" is a breezy, racy story of the great west. Mix fits into the story so well that it might have been written especially for him. The picture remains at the Moon theater until Wednesday.

The Teachers' Union of the Eastern States is considering affiliating with organized labor.

### Senate Committee to Take Up Disarmament Proposal

#### Exact Stand of President Wilson on Borah and Walsh Resolutions Not Clear—Both Senators Confident Their Plans Will Receive Favorable Consideration by Foreign Relations Body.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The proposal of an international agreement on the reduction of naval armament will be taken up by the foreign relations committee of the senate Monday, when it will consider the two following resolutions:

By Senator Borah, directing the president to negotiate with Great Britain and Japan, a 50 per cent reduction of naval appropriations by the three powers for five years.

By Senator Walsh, requesting the president to name delegates to act with the league of nations commission on disarmament.

What course President Wilson favors is not clear. Acting Secretary of State Davis denied that reduction of armament was the subject of the conference he held yesterday with the president and Admiral Coontz, chief of naval operations. Secretary Tumulty also scouted the truth of the surmise that the president contemplated calling an international conference on disarmament under the authority of the 1916 naval appropriation act.

#### Famous Walsh Proposal.

From one administration source came the opinion that the president sustains Secretary Daniels' contention that the only sure method of promoting disarmament is through the league of nations and that Mr. Wilson regards the Borah resolution as a scheme of the irreconcilable to rival and discredit the league process of action. It is believed that the president favors the Walsh resolution, for he notified the league he could not appoint members of the disarmament commission on account of lack of authority occasioned by the failure of the United States to accept the covenant.

The Walsh resolution, however, stands no show of receiving favorable action by the committee. Senator Borah is confident that his resolution will be reported favorably, although there is a disposition on the part of some influential republican senators to withhold action on the measure until the Harding administration comes in and the new president enunciates his foreign policy.

#### Attacks Wilson's Stand.

Commenting on President Wilson's declaration of the invitation to participate in the league of nations disarmament disposition on the ground that this country was not a member of the league, Mr. Walsh said tonight:

"That appears to me to be an utterly inadequate reason for not sending a representative from this country to engage in this great work. To me it appears to be a matter of entire indifference, in connection with the effort thus inaugurated, whether we are or are not members of the league of nations. The great powers, other than the United States, are engaged in what appears to be a bona fide effort to bring about a reduction of armaments. I can see no reason why we should not participate in that effort."

#### False Impression.

"I feel not only that the position taken is utterly inadequate to justify a determination not to participate, but that it will be regarded by the world as so inadequate and indefensible that the conclusion will naturally be indulged that we declined for some reason other than that which is stated. It is an easy step from that to the conclusion that we do not desire to participate in the movement, because we are opposed to any plan for a general reduction of armaments, and from that to the conclusion that we are opposed to any reduction of armaments because we have imperialistic designs, calculated to excite suspicion in the minds of the people of many nations of the earth."

That, to my mind, would be an utterly unjust and ungrounded suspicion. I know the people of the United States harbor no such purposes and I am entirely convinced that they never have receded from the position which they have long maintained, that there ought to be a general plan arrived at by all the great powers for a reduction of armaments."

#### Dublin Officials Deny Knowledge Of De Valera

Inquiry at Ports Fails to Reveal the Whereabouts of "President of Irish Republic."

Dublin, Jan. 2.—Leading Sinn Feiners and government officials alike, deny knowledge of arrival here of Eamonn De Valera. They assert that he did not arrive on board the steamer Pontia and telephonic inquiry at Irish ports failed to reveal that the "President of the Irish Republic" has made his entry into Ireland.

Some Sinn Feiners discredit the statement of Harry Boland, secretary to De Valera in the United States, that De Valera has landed on Irish soil.

It is stated there would be no need to arrest De Valera on the old charge against him, that of having escaped from jail, as he could be taken into custody under the restoration of order in Ireland act. The ground for the detention of Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein organization, and Prof. John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, is the desire of the government to ascertain the responsibility for the alleged employment of republican funds on ambushes and other operations involving the loss of the lives of troops, and it is said this desire might include De Valera as the alleged source of the funds.

#### Mrs. MacSwiney Sails.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, sailed from America today, carrying to Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish Republic," a message that "all is well" among the sympathizers with his cause in this country.

This message was sent by her secretary, Harry Boland, who announced that his "chief" had landed in Ireland to direct the Irish fight for independence, after spending 15 months in the United States.

Several hundred Irish sympathizers surrounded Mrs. MacSwiney as she entered the pier to go on board the steamship Panhandle State, bearing aloft the three-striped banners of Ireland's "republic." New York's "fighting sixtieth" regiment band serenaded her and the crowd sang Irish airs.

#### Saloons in Juarez Closed by New Mayor

El Paso, Jan. 2.—Saloons and gambling houses in Juarez, Mex., opposite here, were closed and many thirty Americans bent upon celebrating New Year's in ways forbidden by the Volstead act were disappointed.

#### Thayer County Schools To Enter Spelling Contest

Hebron, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—County Superintendent Barbe is planning to have Thayer county schools enter the interstate spelling contest to be held in April, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska being the states represented. Thayer county sent two contestants to the state spelling match last year.

### Young Man Shot When on His Way Home From Party

#### John Flynn Finds Son in Bed, Bleeding From Wound and Unable to Tell How He Was Injured.

Mystery surrounds the shooting Saturday morning at 3 of Ray Flynn, 3422 South Twenty-sixth street, yardman for the John Harvey Live Stock Commission company at the stockyards and son of John Flynn, scapeman of the Harvey company.

Saturday afternoon the elder Flynn, curious to know why his son, Ray, did not get up, visited his room and found the boy in bed with his clothes on and semi-conscious. Groans from the boy caused the father to make an examination and he found Ray suffering from a bullet wound in the left leg and the bed clothes covered with blood.

Dr. A. J. Young was called and the young man was sent to St. Joseph's hospital, where an examination showed a serious bullet wound in the left leg above the knee. The bullet is believed to have lodged in the abdomen and an X-ray examination will be made to locate it.

Questioned as to the cause of the wound young Flynn said that he had a faint recollection of having met two white men at Twenty-fifth and a street about 3 o'clock in the morning and of having been the victim of holdups. He said a valuable watch he had on his person and a sum of money, how much he could not say, was missing.

Flynn is said to have been returning home from a New Year's party downtown and to have been left on the corner of Twenty-fifth and A streets by a taxicab driver.

South Side detectives are working on the theory that young Flynn may have been a member of a party of joyriders whose car was wrecked Friday night, about 11, on South Thirteenth street, between Jackson and Howard streets.

### Co-Operative Store Of Treasury Employees At Washington Closed

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Re. Leased Wire  
Washington, Jan. 2.—The co-operative store for treasury department employees, opened in October, 1919, has closed for liquidation, leaving the 4,500 members who have stood by the enterprise facing a loss in the final settlement.

Of the original membership of 6,200, 1,700 have withdrawn, saving their \$5 membership fees, but accountants now at work on an inventory of stock and other assets doubt the possibility of liquidating the remaining memberships at their face value after outside obligations have been taken care of.

The store, it is explained, did not receive the necessary support and co-operation of the membership, nor was it possible for it to compete with local chain stores who offered many commodities, particularly canned goods, at lower cost.

#### Condition of Caruso Steadily Improving

New York, Jan. 2.—A continued improvement in the condition of Enrico Caruso was reported in a New Year's bulletin from physicians.

### Naval Seaplane Sets New Record For Nonstop Trip

#### NC-5 Flies 702 Miles at Average of 72 Miles Per Hour—No Word From Machines in Panama Flight.

San Diego, Jan. 2.—Establishing a new American non-stop record for pilot and five passengers for seaplanes, the United States naval seaplane NC-5 flew from San Diego, Cal., to Magdalena Bay, Lower California, in the remarkable time of nine hours and 15 minutes.

The big triple motored plane covered the 702 miles between Point Loma and Magdalena bay at an average speed of 72 miles an hour, the fastest time ever made on this coast by a seaplane of this type.

Exceptional interest centered in this remarkable dash down the Lower California coast, partly because of the intense eagerness of the crew to retrieve the misfortune that overtook them off Point Loma on the initial start Tuesday morning, and partly because it demonstrated the ability of Pacific air force seaplanes to travel over long stretches of sea coast practically without the aid of patrol craft.

The naval air station here reported that the flight of the NC-5 was the longest in the history of naval aviation and exceeded by about 65 miles, the longest jump made by a seaplane in the memorable trans-Atlantic flight.

According to the schedule of the flight, the 12 E-5-L machines were to start Tuesday morning, and by the morning for the next flight to Banderias bay, 445 miles away.

At 7:15 tonight the navy air station announced that it had had no report today from the 12 planes, which should have reached Banderias bay this afternoon. Navy officers said they were experiencing great difficulty in communicating with the planes and that it was highly probable that a report from them would not be received until early tomorrow.

#### President Millerand Renews Old Custom of New Year's Reception

Paris, Jan. 2.—President Millerand, at the Elysee palace, renewed the presidential New Year's reception for the first time in six years. There was a stream of official visitors all day and the diplomatic corps was received in a body by the president in the afternoon. Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, was absent, as he is spending the holidays in the south of France.

Count Bonin-Longare, the Italian ambassador, who is the dean of the diplomatic corps, expressed hope for universal peace as a result of the treaties concluded during the last year. President Millerand, in reply, said "loyal acceptance and thorough execution" of these instruments were essential conditions for a final and definite peace."

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