

### Heads of Foreign Delegates Issue Greetings to U. S. People

By The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 25.—Heads of the foreign delegations participating in the armament conference transmitted through The Associated Press Christmas greetings to the American people.

Admiral Baron Kato issued the statement on behalf of Japan, Albert Sarraut spoke for France, Senator Schanzler for Italy and Jonkheer Van Karnebeck for the Netherlands.

The three Chinese delegates, Wellington Koo, Alfred Sze and Chung Hui Wang, joined in one statement and Vice Foreign Minister Hanibara of the Japanese delegation issued a statement to newspaper men in which he extended greetings not only to them but to the people of the United States. The expression of the British delegation was embodied in a statement issued last night by its chief, Arthur J. Balfour.

Message of Baron Kato. Baron Kato's message of greetings said:

"It gives the whole Japanese delegation true pleasure to send a message of greetings to the American people at this unprecedented Christmas tide. It goes without saying that unless a most genuine spirit of peace moved the nations that are represented at Washington, no such happy or such quick achievements would have been possible.

"As to the value of the agreements that have already been reached, they speak adequately for themselves. Nothing that any delegate could say would be of any use if the facts were not sufficient evidence of the ample agreement of the greater powers. Those facts will say to the world in unchallengeable terms that it was in no vain pretense or amity that the several countries sent their representatives to Washington in reply to the invitation of President Harding.

"We came, we listened, we heeded in a spirit of mutual sympathy and mutual accommodation; all made concessions to the viewpoints of the others. And the result has been a promise such as the world has never known before—of peace among these greater nations for decades to come and let us hope, forever."

Sends Cordial Greetings. Senator Schanzler, sent the following message:

"I am glad to send today to the

### Military Chiefs Extend Holiday Greetings to Men

Christmas Messages to Various Branches Sent by Secretaries Weeks and Denby and General Lejeune.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Holiday greetings to members of the various branches of the American military establishment were extended by Secretaries Weeks and Denby and Major General Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps.

Secretary Weeks, in a message addressed to regular army, National guard and organized reserve personnel, said:

"This year has been critical and important. The transformation of the elements of our national defense from a war to a peace basis has been completed. The regular army has undergone a trying reduction. Stringent measures of economy have been successfully effected.

"The foundation of our national defense has been laid in accordance with a definite military policy—the first in the history of our government. The citizens' training camps of last summer were a success. Real progress has been made in rebuilding the National guard. The organization of the reserves is well under way.

New Year Promises Much.

"The new year promises much constructive work in the development of the army of the United States. All of its members are performing their duties enthusiastically. The spirit of co-operation between the regular army, National guard and organized reserves is growing with encouraging rapidity.

"Veterans of the world war are earnestly assisting in the reorganization of their old divisions. Young men who were ineligible because of their youth for service during the recent emergency, are recognizing their responsibilities under the national defense act."

The following message was sent by the secretary of the navy to all ships and stations:

"Merry Christmas and happy New Year to the officers and men of the navy and marine corps.

"To those who have served with us and are now, through operation of law, about to leave, I take this opportunity to say farewell and to express appreciation of your faithful service and work well done.

Confidence in Men.

"To all officers and men, I say again, I have complete confidence that you will ever keep the navy an organization in which we may take a just pride and which will command the respect of our fellow countrymen.

"Carry on."

General Lejeune's message said:

"Every one stationed at headquarters has my heartfelt good wishes for the holiday season.

"I desire also to express my appreciation of the faithful, loyal service you have given to corps and country during 1921 and the hope that the new year may bring you success and happiness."

State Capitol Elevator

Man Deluged With Gifts

Lincoln, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The popularity of John Harrahill, elevator conductor at the state capitol, was demonstrated Saturday. Harrahill was deluged with Christmas offerings. The gifts were intended to express appreciation of Harrahill's uniform courtesy and obliging conduct.

American people, my affectionate and cordial greetings. There is no day in the year in which men feel so much like brothers as on the day of holy Christmas.

"Indeed this festival, which is so dear to us, strongly recalls to our minds the principles and duties of the Christian religion. These principles and duties are now inspiring the work of those who are endeavoring to lay down a more solid basis for the maintenance of peace in the world and for the establishment of friendly relations between the peoples, founded on reciprocal tolerance and on a more serene discussion of their mutual interests.

"God granted to the American people riches, strength and political greatness. The American people show that they can nobly use these gifts for the welfare of the entire humanity. Italy follows this beneficial work with the greatest sympathy and with the most resolute decision of efficaciously collaborating in this purpose. To the strong, gentle and hospitable people of the United States, I address my warmest wishes for their future and for their best and ever prosperous fortune."

Chinese Combine Greetings.

The three Chinese delegates in their message said: "The coming of Yuletide serves to recall to the mind of the members of the Chinese delegation, the time-honored custom of observing the new year holiday in China, which is characterized by the spirit of peace and good will, as it obtains at the Christmas time in the western countries. Young and old gather together in the home of the oldest living branch of the family to celebrate the festival very much in the same way that Christmas is celebrated in the western homes.

"Three years ago at this time the world was still witnessing the closing scene of the European struggle that had disturbed the peace of the world, but today nine powers, most of whom were participants in the conflict, are gathering here in Washington to do away with the causes of war and to lay the foundation of a permanent peace. It is to be sincerely hoped that with the accomplishment of the conference the expression, 'Peace on earth and good will towards men' which is particularly appropriate at this festive time, will henceforth be the guiding spirit among the nations.

"The Chinese delegation takes the opportunity to extend its most cordial greetings to all the participating members of the conference, to the other nations of the world and particularly to the people of the United States, whose hospitality the Chinese delegation is now enjoying with much gratification."

Confidence Necessary.

Jonkheer Karnebeck's greetings were extended as follows: "Uplifted by the Christmas spirit above the level of its daily labors, struggling humanity pauses to turn its mind to thought. Scrutinizing its efforts of the ending period, it gazes upon another year-long effort to throw off the woes entailed by a destructive war and wonders what the future holds in store.

"As the coming era to be more responsive to the craving for relief, is it to re-endow mankind with former happiness and prosperity. The reply rests largely with the answer to this primary question:

"Is confidence to be restored, confidence that peaceful enjoyment of the fruit of labor is assured, that the best product of man's brain, his growing mastery of nature's power whose secrets he unveils, shall not serve to his own destruction, confidence in good will among nations and the fair intentions of one's neighbors?"

"Without such confidence at the basis of international order there is no concerted, no truly constructive action, no wholesome recovery of presentiments. It is the lofty task of the Washington conference to restore this trust among the peoples of the world by removing encumbrances from the avenues of their friendly intercourse. If the conference be successful—as I trust it will—the outlook for the new year will be greatly brightened and peace and prosperity loom ahead.

"May the American nation with whom the people of the Netherlands are united in age-long friendship, largely share in the blessings which all hope will light upon this earth again."

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### Sacco and Vanzetti Lose First Fight For New Trial

Judge Refuses Motion to Set Aside Verdict of Men Convicted of Double Murder.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 25.—Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted of the murder of a paymaster and his guard at South Braintree in September, 1920, lost the first skirmish in their fight to set aside the verdict, when Judge Webster Thayer, in the criminal court here

denied two of the pending motions for a new trial. Certain questions raised on points of law as to insufficiency of the evidence, the court ruled, did not warrant a retrial.

The case has attracted wide attention and has been the subject of radical demonstrations in Europe, South America and Mexico. Counsel for the convicted men were granted permission to file exceptions to the decision and signified that they were ready to take the case to the supreme court. The decision came at the close of arguments on a supplementary motion for a new trial based on alleged improprieties in the jury room. This motion was taken under advisement by the court and remains to be disposed of.

In his findings on the original motion for a new trial, Judge Thayer reviewed at length the evidence and the alleged circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of Frederick A. Parmenter, the paymaster, and Alessandro Berardelli, the guard. He said it would be necessary for him

to find that the jury either mistook or abused their trust before he would be justified in setting aside their verdict.

"This I cannot find for four reasons," he said. "First, because there were volumes of testimony introduced by both sides upon every important issue raised at the trial, which was vigorously contested and scrupulously argued by counsel on each side; and second, because there was no evidence produced at the hearing upon the motions for new trials that even tended in the least degree to prove that the jury abused their trust."

Germany to Open Diplomatic Offices in U. S. January 1

New York, Dec. 25.—Diplomatic offices of the German government will be opened at Washington, New York and New Orleans on January 1, it was announced here upon the arrival from Germany of a party of 17 officials on the steamship America.

### Gov. McKelvie Santa Claus at Volunteer Hall

Executive Passes Out Baskets To the City's Poor; Greets Them With "Merry Xmas."

Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie was Santa Claus Saturday night at the Volunteer of America hall.

There were ragged women with babes in arms, folks with frayed wraps and broken shoes, many with the pinch of poverty not to be mistaken. There were 1,000 in the crowd, a cosmopolitan assortment, and for each of them was a basket.

The governor passed out the baskets. In a short talk Governor McKelvie told of how glad he was to act as Santa Claus and wished everyone personally a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"Greatest Christmas eve we ever had," said "Smiling" Alice McCormick, daughter of the major, who assisted in the distribution. The severe cold weather during the last few days brought more children who desired clothing as well as food-stuffs.

Major McCormick received a \$50 gift from the Sunday school class of the Dundee Presbyterian church which went toward buying shoes for the unfortunate. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hughes, who gave 540 packages of oatmeal, were also present, as were Henry Monsky, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleharty and Ogden Lamont.

Major McCormick stated that he would have enough gifts today for those who were unable to be at the party last night.

### Founder of Danish Colony in Iowa Dies

Kimballton, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Jens P. Larsen, one of the founders of the Danish colony here, is dead at the family home here.

As a young man he became a seaman and crossed the Atlantic many times in slow traveling sailing vessels.

While in New York on one of these trips, the young sailor shipped as a seaman aboard a vessel bound for San Francisco. Reaching San Francisco, the young man joined a gold seeking expedition into the Rocky mountains.

His search for gold proving unsuccessful, young Larsen returned to his native land and joined the Danish army in its endeavors to prevent the Germans from wresting Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark. He came to America again 47 years ago, settling on a farm here.

# After Christmas Sale

## Women's Apparel

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It is not unusual for a store to offer a 50% reduction in Ready-to-Wear after Christmas, in fact it is the general custom throughout the country.

But it is unusual to offer a reduction on apparel from regular stocks without the addition of job lots from various manufacturers who willingly accept a great loss on their unsaleable goods in order to clear their stocks.

The after Christmas sale at Eldredge-Reynolds Company is going to be different

It is going to be a bona fide clearance of regular stock merchandise — not merchandise bought special for the sale. It will include garments of the very finest quality, in distinctive and individual styles. Although price is a great factor, quality has been given deep consideration and every garment carries with it a guarantee of service.

### Two Great Groups of Coats

\$29.75 and \$64.00

In view of the fact that the Coat season is in reality just starting, the values which prevail are very unusual. Plain tailored Coats; Coats with big storm collars; Coats with luxurious fur trimmings. They are all here in these two groups.

The Balance of Our Stock of Model Coats at One-Half the Original Price

### Two Great Groups of Dresses

\$13.50 and \$30.00

A Dress for any occasion may be found in these lots. During the coming season you will need any number of new frocks. Why not save by selecting them now instead of waiting until prices advance. There are gowns of exquisite materials in light and dark shades, in many instances much less than 1/2 price.

The Balance of Our Entire Stock of Dresses at One-Half the Original Price

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