

LaFollette Raps Farm Body Heads

Charges Conspiracy With Big Interests to Betray Consuming and Producing Millions of Nation.

"Secret" Meeting Held

Washington, Dec. 27.—Charges were made by Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, in a statement today, that representatives of the railroads and of the coal, steel and lumber interests, at a "secret" meeting here December 9, attempted to obtain from farm organization leaders and did obtain from some such leaders adherence to an agreement not to push legislation to repeal the company-named guaranty section of the transportation act and to restore state control of state rates.

Makes Public Report.

"The brief report" of the meeting, as made public by Senator LaFollette, said: "On December 9 a secret meeting was held in Washington, which high officials of the railroads and the coal, steel and lumber interests attempted to entice the farmers in an agreement whereby all agitation by the farm interests for the repeal of section 15-A, (relating to the 'aggregate value'), and for restoration of state control over intrastate rates should cease.

Had No Agreement.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—"We have never entered into an agreement with the railroads to cease agitating anything," the American Farm Bureau federation said today in reply to the statement issued by Senator Robert M. LaFollette at Washington. "We are committed to repeal section 15-A of the railroad act and will continue to work for it, and we likewise are committed to restoration of state control of the powers of state rate-making commissions."

Mystery Enshrouds Girl's Disappearance

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Mystery enshrouds the sudden disappearance from the south branch of the Young Women's Christian association, 1224 Light street, of Miss Ella Dale Russell, a southern girl of refinement and beauty, who came to this city several months ago from Albemarle, N. C. to study designing and costuming with the view of opening an establishment of her own.

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy Principal in Gun Fight

New York, Dec. 27.—James Cenci, 15, is held by the Brooklyn police as one of the principals in a revolver battle last night in which four men were wounded, one seriously. Thomas oneforty, M. on of the victims, is not expected to live. A dispute over who should drive a car standing near the scene of the affray was given as the cause of the shooting. The police attribute the affair to feudism. Salvatore Colletti, Louis Cenci, 19, brother of James, and Frank Espino are held without bail.

Officer at Fort Sill, Okl., Found Dead in Quarters

Lawton, Okl., Dec. 27.—Capt. E. C. Caldwell of the school of fire at Fort Sill, was found dead in his quarters Monday. Officers who rushed to his quarters after hearing shots, advanced the theory of suicide. No reasons were given for the tragedy, but an investigation has been started.

River Still Rising

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—Continuing to rise at approximately one-tenth of a foot every two hours, the Ohio river here registered 55 feet at 7 o'clock last night. Indications were, according to rivermen, that the rise would continue at diminishing rate until a crest of about 56 feet was reached last night.

War Against War to Occupy Debs' Activities in Future

Socialist Leader to Try to Get Vow From Everyone in Every Country He Visits to Refuse to Take Up Arms—Will Also Work for Freedom of Prisoners.

Harding Against War

Washington, Dec. 27.—War against war is to occupy a great part of the future activities of Eugene V. Debs, freed from Atlanta prison by executive clemency on Christmas Day according to his own announcement here today. The socialist leader said he could make no concrete plans for the future until he reached his home in Terre Haute, Ind. He will leave Washington tonight.

State Aid Asked

By Daugherty in Law Enforcement

Washington, Dec. 27.—Co-operation of state law enforcement officials with those of the federal government was asked by Attorney General Daugherty in a letter sent late today to the attorneys general of the states. Such co-operation, it was maintained, would result in better and more uniform enforcement of all statutes.

Conference of Federal State and County Prosecutors

Early in Year Is Advocated.

May Probe Retailers.

The letters were also accepted in some quarters as a step in connection with the movement to announce the investigation of retailers.

Will Avoid Duplication.

Referring to the co-operation which he asked, Mr. Daugherty said: "This will make for a better understanding among the people. It will also afford an opportunity for the several states, while duplication with the federal government to enforce laws which should be enforced by state authorities and leave for the federal government such duties as devolve upon it."

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Special Police Guard Men Held for Robbery

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 27.—With a special police detail guarding headquarters, four men were held yesterday and a fifth suspect was at liberty on bond in connection with the \$95,000 payroll robbery of the Peabody Coal and Mine company at Kineaid, Ill. last August.

Christian Science Trustees Are Denied Injunction

Boston, Dec. 27.—The supreme court today denied the motion of the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society for an injunction to restrain the directors of the First Church of Christ (Scientists) from removing the trustees. The court recently held that the directors had power to remove trustees, but the trustees in their petition for an injunction asked the court to prevent the directors from taking removal action pending determination of certain issues.

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Terre Haute Reception.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 27.—Socialists were gathering today, leaders of the organization from all parts of the country assembling here to welcome Eugene V. Debs on his arrival from Washington about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mass Meet Called.

A mass meeting has been called for tonight as a tribute to Debs and to afford an opportunity for the gathering of the people to discuss their feelings for their leader.

Unable to Dictate.

"I realize thoroughly that our people were not in a position to dictate terms to England, and I feel that in the negotiation of a treaty they realized it was necessary to make certain sacrifices in the interest of peace."

Finance Body Has Funds for Farmer

Security Must Be Adequate, But Money Is Available For Rural Needs.

Hearing Begins

A hearing on the application begins tomorrow at 10 in Lincoln in the event the Northwestern Bell Telephone company succeeds in getting the state railway commission to grant its application for increased rates equal to the 10 cent war-time surcharge are threatened in letters received today by the commission.

Habeas Corpus Sought For Alexander Howat

Topoka, Kan., Dec. 27.—Habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of Alexander Howat and August Drosch, denounced officers of District 14, United Mine Workers of America, now serving sentences in the Cherokee county jail at Columbus, Kan., for calling a strike in violation of the Kansas industrial law, were begun in the United States district court here today.

Ingersoll Watch Firm Goes Into Bankruptcy

New York, Dec. 27.—An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court today against Robinson Ingersoll & Brother, manufacturers of the Ingersoll watches, of this city. Liabilities were set forth as \$3,000,000 and assets, exclusive of good will, as \$2,000,000.

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Boland Returns Home

London, Dec. 27.—Sentiment throughout Ireland, as reflected in dispatches to London newspapers today, is overwhelmingly in favor of the Irish peace treaty.

Rumor of "Sensation"

The Morning Post's correspondent says a rumor is afoot of a "possible sensation" before the deal meets again, this being taken to mean that Eamon De Valera intends to announce withdrawal of his opposition in view of the weight of opinion for the treaty.

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Famous Belgian Horse "Farceur" Dies in Iowa

Boone, Ia., Dec. 27.—"Farceur," famous Belgian horse for which Grant Good paid \$47,500, is dead at the Good farm near Ogden, Ia. "Farceur" is believed to have been the highest priced Belgian horse in the world.

Ambassador to Belgium Is Selected by Harding

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Harding has made his selection of an ambassador to Belgium to succeed Brand Whitlock, and has presented the name to Brussels for approval. It was reported today.

Negro Strike Leader Is Arrested in Kansas City

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—George Reed, negro leader of striking packing plant workers, was arrested today after he was alleged to have boarded a street car and ordered the motorman to stop and then forced the passengers, who were packing plant employees, to get off.

Missouri Railway Shops To Reopen on January 3

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 27.—The local Missouri Pacific shops, which were indefinitely closed last week will reopen January 3, it was officially announced yesterday. Approximately 1,400 men will return to work.

Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us



Sub Tangle May Be Left to New Meet

Difference of Opinion Over Auxiliary Warships Causes Leaders to Study Plan for Second Conference.

Japanese Upset Plans

Washington, Dec. 27.—The submarine controversy has revealed so wide a difference of opinion among the powers that the arms delegates are seriously discussing a plan to leave the question of auxiliary warship tonnage to a later international conference.

Subs Still Problem.

Tonight the submarine tangle apparently was as bad as ever from a settlement, despite conferences between American delegates and those of Japan and France, the two powers who are holding out against the American compromise proposal.

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- Tribute to Acting Police Captain James McDonald, who continued shooting at yegmen at Fourth and Dodge streets early Monday morning after they had seriously wounded him, took the form of substantial reward yesterday.

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Bodies of 2 Slain Men Found in St. Louis

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Bodies of two unidentified men were found in weeds in University City, a suburb, today. Both were shot through the head and apparently had been dead several days. They appeared about 21 years old. A draft card in one of the men's pockets bore the name of Evelyn E. Summers, with a Toledo, O., address.

Detectives Allege Clubman Was Slain

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Finding of a body in the woods of Mitchell county, which has been identified as that of B. L. Harrell, wealthy New York clubman and sportsman, who has been missing since last April, after leaving Roanoke, Va., to walk to the northern Georgia line, was reported here by private detectives.

America May Resume Trade With Russia

Washington, Dec. 27.—Changes in soviet governmental policies, recently made or indicated as in prospect, may eventually bring about a resumption of trade relations between Russia and the United States, it was said today at the White House.

English Officer Arrested By Bolshevick Authorities

London, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—Lt. John Bigelow Dodge, stepson of Lionel George Guest, fourth son of Lord Wimborne, was arrested by bolshevick authorities as an alleged secret British agent as he was about to embark on an Italian steamship at Batum on December 9, according to a Times dispatch from Constantinople.

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Butter From Antipodes Forces Down Prices

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Two shipments of butter, which arrived today from Australia and New Zealand on the steamers Tahiti and Ventura, 19,914 cubes, or 1,086,000 pounds, hammered the already low price of extra choice butter down to 41 1/2 cents a pound on the San Francisco dairy produce exchange.

French Chamber Votes Confidence in Briand

Paris, Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—The chamber of deputies today gave the Briand government a new lease of life by the majority of 177, at the close of a two-day debate over the failure last summer of the industrial bank of China.

The Weather

Forecast.	
Nebraska—Fair Wednesday and probably Thursday; colder Thursday in north and west portions.	
Iowa—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; somewhat warmer Wednesday; colder Thursday in northwest portion.	

Hourly Temperatures

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5 a. m.	25
6 a. m.	24
7 a. m.	23
8 a. m.	22
9 a. m.	21
10 a. m.	20
11 a. m.	19
12 noon	18