

ANSWER AUSTRIA AS TO FRONTIERS

INTEGRITY OF BOUNDARY LINES RESOLVED UPON, RENNER IS TOLD BY ALLIES.

Supreme Council Leaves no Doubt as to its Decision to Maintain Without Charge All Clauses of Treaty Affecting Territory.

Paris.—Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor, received a letter from the supreme council Wednesday morning, signed by Premier Clemenceau, confirming the decision of the supreme council to maintain integrally the territory of the Austrian republic as defined in the treaty of St. Germain.

The letter refers to the movements tending toward the separation from the Austrian republic of Vorarlberg, Salzburg, Tyrol and Western Hungary, and declared the success of such movements in any of these territories would involve complete disintegration of and destroy the equilibrium of central Europe.

The supreme council, consequently, the letter says, wishes to leave no doubt regarding its will to maintain without change all clauses of the treaty affecting territories.

After further consideration of Austria's requirements for the relief of her distressing food conditions, the supreme council decided that it would be necessary to furnish relief to the amount of \$70,000,000 at least, to go forward at the rate of \$8,500,000 monthly.

Belief was expressed by the Austrian delegation that the total sum necessary would reach \$100,000,000, which is the amount Chancellor Renner asked the council to loan to Austria.

The council heard a report from the French minister of reconstruction with regard to Austria's needs. It was stated that measures had been agreed upon for the remedying of the situation. The execution of these measures, it was added, entailed the participation of the United States, whose adherence to the agreement was awaited.

PRESIDENT'S MIND IS OPEN.

Has Not Decided on Returning of Railroads to Private Ownership.

Washington.—President Wilson's mind is still open on the question of returning the railroads to private control. Secretary Tamm told a delegation representing union labor and some farmers' organizations which called at the White House on Wednesday to present a letter asking the executive to delay return of the roads for two years.

This was the first authoritative expression on the subject which had come from administration quarters since the president informed congress last May that he planned to relinquish federal control by January 1. The president, Mr. Tamm said, would be glad to get the views of the labor and farmer representatives, who insisted that a fair test of government operation in peacetime should be given.

SUPERSTITION RECEIVES JOLT.

Old World Wags on Despite Predictions of Its Destruction.

New York.—Astonishment was expressed by the superstitious when the earth did not come to an end on December 17.

The ominous position of the planets had been well presaged and some misguided persons versed in witchcraft had maintained that at the precise moment when the major leaguers of the solar system formed themselves in a straight line, with Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury on one side of the sun and Uranus on the other, the earth, which had moved four or five solar paces to the front of the line, would be wrecked.

Huge Thefts Are Uncovered.

New York.—Evidence sufficient to convict at least six policemen who have aided burglars in five recent thefts in Brooklyn and Manhattan of property valued at more than \$200,000 is in possession of District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn, he has announced.

Van Buslow Returning Home.

Rome.—It is announced by the Giornale d'Italia that Prince von Buslow, former German ambassador to Italy, will arrive in Rome next week, accompanied by Princess von Buslow, returning to the villa which they own here.

Alarmist Rumor Denied.

London.—Official denial of the report circulated by the Russian Bolsheviks that hostile Persians had massacred the British garrison of 1300 men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the war office on Wednesday.

Pays for Front Row Seat.

Cleveland.—Charles Johnson, 65 years old, a farmer living at West Salem, was in Cleveland on Wednesday with a reserved seat ticket so as to be in the front row when the world came to an end.

Paris is Overcrowded.

Paris.—It is useless to ask for an apartment at less than 6000 francs a year, home hunters are informed by one of the largest renting agencies in Paris, which warns people to stay away from Paris.

HIGH PRICE FIGHT ENTERS NEW PHASE

STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CURB RISING COST OF CLOTHING.

Conference of Interests Concerned in the Production and Sale of Wearing Apparel Called to Meet in January.

Washington.—Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference here early in January of persons interested in the production of wearing apparel, from the producer of raw materials to the consumer of the finished product.

The calling of the conference was announced on December 19 by Assistant Attorney General Figg, who said that, in addition to affecting economies in operation, it was planned to provide for the production of standard quality cloth and garments for sale at a reasonable price as an inducement to the public to check extravagance in purchasing.

Suggestions for the conference came from producers of wearing apparel, and a committee of seventeen is being chosen, the personnel of which will be announced after the Christmas holidays. The Amalgamated Clothing unions will be represented in the conference.

Mr. Figg said it was generally agreed among producers that one essential for reducing the cost of clothing was to have manufacturers devote their plants to necessities, meaning the type of clothing purchasable by the average man.

Some clothing manufacturers were said to believe that men's suits now selling for \$55 retail, could be sold at a profit for \$25 if an arrangement could be worked out between mills, manufacturers and retailers, whereby a certain percentage of business could be devoted to goods of standard quality to be turned out in quantity.

"There is no intention to design a 'uniform' for the public," Mr. Figg said, "and the standard goods under consideration would be standard in quality rather than in pattern."

STRANGLER BORICH EXECUTED.

Murderer of Woman Faces Firing Squad at Utah Prison.

Salt Lake City.—Cold-bloodedly as he planned the murder of Velma Atkin, alias Velma Green, John Borich went to his death Friday morning at the state prison in expiation of the crime. After listening to the reading of the death warrant, he arose, combed his hair and said, "All right, I am ready." He walked down the corridor eating an apple. After being bound in a chair and telling those present goodbye, the firing squad performed its duty, death of the murderer being almost instantaneous with the crack of the rifles.

According to his confession, he met the woman he killed in the summer months at one of the city parks. He wooed and won her affections and suggested to her that she allow him to have her life insured. This was done and the two posed as Mr. and Mrs. John Green. He admitted having thought of the murder before he paid the life insurance premium.

On September 16 he persuaded her to go with him to Tooele and near that town Borich choked the woman to death.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF FRENCH.

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland is Fired Upon From Ambush.

Dublin.—A determined but unsuccessful attempt was made Thursday to assassinate Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland.

The attack evidently had been most carefully organized at a spot in a narrow, winding road with high walls and hedges, affording the assassins good hiding places. One of the attacking party was killed and a detective sent with the chauffeur of the viceregal car was slightly wounded in the leg. Viscount French was not injured. Some distance away a policeman patrolling his beat was shot in the ankle.

Grand Opera Director Dead.

Chicago.—Cleofonte Campanini, director of the Chicago Opera company, died at a hospital on December 19, of heart disease, after a five weeks' illness of pneumonia. Cleofonte Campanini was born September 1, 1850, in Parma, Italy, and first studied music in the conservatoire there. Every singer of note in the last thirty years has sung under his baton. John McCormack and Mary Garden are among the famous stars who were brought out under his direction.

Berger Re-elected to Congress.

Milwaukee.—Victor Berger, Socialist, was re-elected to congress from the Fifth Wisconsin district on Thursday, having defeated Henry H. Bodenstein, Republican, running as a fusion candidate, by 1800 votes.

Celebrated Aviator Killed.

Rouen, France.—Captain Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a nonstop airplane flight across the Atlantic, died here Thursday afternoon as a result of injuries he received when his plane fell Wednesday.

Telling the Story of His Life



Is There a Santa Claus?

Classic Answer of a New York Journalist Affirming a Little Girl's Belief

ONE of the finest things ever written about Christmas was the editorial printed 20 years ago by the New York Sun in answer to the earnest appeal of a little New York girl to tell whether Santa Claus really exists. Its author, Frank P. Church, was an accomplished journalist and wrote much on many subjects, but his fame will rest chiefly on this beautiful setting forth of an eternal truth. With Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas," it is one of the great classics of the Christmas season.

The answer to the eternal question as printed in the Sun follows:

"We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently, the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?'" VIRGINIA O'HANLON. "115 West Ninety-first Street."

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and

you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Changed His Mind. Doris—I thought you and George were going skating? Marjorie—So we were, but when I saw I had my hat trimmed with mistletoe he asked me to go for a walk.

BRITISH MOSLEMS PROTEST

Held Day of Fasting Over Threatened Loss of Turk Sultan's Power.

Bombay, British India.—Mahomedan communities in numerous centers in India observed a day for prayer and fasting as a protest against the threatened dismemberment of Turkey and the removal of the holy places of Islam from the Ottoman caliph's control. In Bombay business was virtu-

ally at a standstill, all the principal markets being closed. At a great meeting of Moslems a resolution was adopted embodying their anxiety over the situation.

His Intentions All Right. Batesville, Ark.—Thirty-six years ago Charles Mosby, now a local jeweler, extended credit to a negro, then in his employ, for a ring which the negro wished to give to his bride. Soon afterward Mr. Mosby moved to one town and the negro to another, and

A Greeting Take a Christmas greeting Simple, sweet and true. May your joys be many And your griefs be few.

AGAIN THAT CHRISTMAS P. ESSENT. Are you sure that she is going to give you something? Quite sure. She called on me today and wished that she had one of those wallpaper serving trays.

PACKING INDUSTRY TO BE RESTRICTED

"BIG FIVE" HAVE AGREED TO AT ONCE DISPOSE OF ALL THEIR SIDE LINES.

All Interests Save Those Directly Allied With Meat Packing Are to be Disposed of.—Result of Compromise With Government.

Washington.—The government anti-trust suit against the great meat packers, begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree to which the packers have acceded, will be entered in the federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the big five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed to divorce their meat packing industry from other commercial activities and to sell their holdings in public stockyards and their interests in stockyard, railroads, terminals, market newspapers and similar "side lines."

Two years are given to comply with the decree, which affects eighty-seven corporations and forty-nine individuals.

"In general," said Attorney General Palmer's official announcement, "this decree prevents the defendants from exercising any further control over the marketing of livestock. It forever prevents them from any control over the retailing of meat products.

"It eliminates them from the field of meat substitutes, with the exception of eggs, butter, poultry and cheese, which are left for future consideration and action; and hence, the price of meat is within the control of the people themselves. It places the conduct of these aggregations of capital immediately under the eye of a federal court with reference to their business practices.

"But, greater than all, it establishes the principle that no group of men, no matter how powerful, can ever attempt to control the food table of the American people or any one of the necessities or component parts of it.

"The department of justice, having in mind the necessities and interests of the whole American people in this critical reconstruction period, feels that by insisting upon this surrender on the part of packing interests it has accomplished more for the American people than could have been hoped for as the result of a long drawn out legal battle."

Carlisle Back in Prison. Rawlins, Wyo.—William Carlisle, celebrated traitor bandit, on Thursday was returned to the Wyoming state penitentiary after a period of liberty extending over several weeks following his escape from that institution in November. During the time that Carlisle was at liberty he held up a Union Pacific train and was finally shot and captured two weeks ago by the sheriff who was pursuing him.

Radicals Get Stiff Sentences. Kansas City.—Federal Judge J. C. Pollock on Tuesday passed sentence on twenty-seven members of the Industrial Workers of the World found guilty by a jury in the federal district court of Kansas City, Kan., of conspiracy against the government. The sentences ranged from three to nine years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Economy Is the Watchword. Washington.—All general appropriations for 1921 will be pared down "in accordance with strictest economy," except the postoffice department and the pensions, the estimates of which are less than for the present year. Majority Leader Mondell, Wyoming, told the house on Thursday when the first urgent deficiency bill of this session was brought up.

Women Denied Place on Jury. Los Angeles.—Twelve men, all but two past the meridian of life, were sworn in Thursday to try Harry S. New on the charge that he murdered Freda Lesser, his sweetheart, last July. Neither state nor defense permitted women to pass the preemptory challenges, although several were passed for cause.

Four Killed in Rail Clash. Roanoke, Va.—Four persons were killed and eight others injured, one probably fatally, in the wreck of a Norfolk & Western passenger train, thirty-five miles west of here. The rear end of the train was telescoped by the Norfolk & Western Limited.

Robbed of \$20,000 in Gems. Wellington, Kan.—Two masked men entered the jewelry store of E. F. Rosser Thursday night, covered Mr. Rosser with revolvers and escaped with five diamonds, said to be valued at nearly \$20,000.

Montenegrins Fight the Serbs. Paris.—Fighting by the Montenegrin people against the Serbian occupation occurred around Cetinje between December 1 and 12. It is declared in an official communication from the foreign minister of Montenegro.