

MOST IMPORTANT NEWS OF WORLD

BIG HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK
CUT TO LAST ANALYSIS.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ITEMS

Kernels Culled From Events of Movement in All Parts of the World—Of Interest to All the People Everywhere.

Personal

The Alfred T. Ringling estate is valued at \$1,056,543, according to a statement filed in the county court of Sauk county at Baraboo, Wis.

President-elect and Mrs. Harding will spend the coldest weeks of the winter in Florida, leaving early in the new year and not returning until shortly before March 4, says a Washington dispatch.

Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state of the United States, arrived at Rio de Janeiro on board the battleship Florida.

Jane Addams of Chicago has been designated as chairman of the memorial service to pioneer suffragists with which the national convention of the Woman's party will open at Washington on February 15.

B. F. Harris, nationally known for his activities in behalf of a better agriculture and country life and for his public leadership, died at his home in Champaign, Ill., after an illness dating from last May.

Washington

Carrying \$14,000,000 less than was appropriated for this year, the annual pension bill was reported out by the house appropriations committee at Washington. The total in the bill is \$265,500,000.

By a vote of 106 to 86, the house at Washington passed the emergency high tariff bill protecting agricultural products. The measure now goes to the senate where it will be subjected to such prolonged discussion that it may fail of passage.

The senate coal investigating committee at Washington unexpectedly uncovered charges involving a ring of government officials in a raking of millions of dollars in coal transactions during the recent fuel shortage. George H. Cushing, general manager American Wholesale Coal Dealers' association, while testifying, disclosed that government officials, profiting by advance information of fuel stringencies, declared themselves in on coal price boosting. Cushing said government officials participated in a \$675,000 split-up in one case.

The President is without power under existing laws "to shut out wheat imports," but he "apparently has certain powers under the Lever act to stop future trading in wheat," the federal trade commission at Washington says in special report.

John F. Nugent of Boise, Idaho, was nominated by President Wilson at Washington to be a member of the federal trade commission. The nomination was immediately confirmed by the senate. Senator Nugent's term as senator expires March 3.

A Washington dispatch says exports for November were valued at \$675,000,000, a falling off of more than \$76,728,570. Imports, on the other hand, declined only a little more than \$13,000,000.

Attorney General Palmer at Washington ruled that maker has right to keep and consume cider, even after it becomes hard.

Foreign

According to a dispatch from Dublin there was a pitched battle in the city between the crown troops and the Irish republican army. In the course of the fight eight soldiers and ten republicans were taken prisoner by the troops. Another report says that in another battle at Mullinahone, near Clonmel, in County Tipperary, thirty republicans were killed and ten captured.

In a battle between civilians and a group of military, who were ambushed at Euston, in County Clare, Ireland, six soldiers were wounded. Three of the attacking party were killed, four were wounded and two others were taken prisoner.

A Udine dispatch says Flume, the stronghold of Capt. Gabriele d'Annunzio, the insurgent Italian leader, is being besieged by regular Italian forces.

Military forces occupied the Dublin city hall and municipal buildings in accordance with the demand of General Boyd.

Alberto J. Pani expects to leave Mexico City for Washington the first week in January to assume the duties of Mexican ambassador to the United States.

A Dublin dispatch says that crown forces burned the village of Ballinalee, County Longford, as a reprisal for the recent attack on the police barracks there, in which one constable was killed.

The London Central News' Perth (Australia) correspondent says that an armed Japanese, asserting racial equality, ran amuck at Brooke and a riot resulted. During the fighting two Japanese were killed.

A Shrewsbury (England) baby born three months ago weighed but one and a half pounds. At the end of the fourth week she weighed nearly three pounds. She now weighs five pounds, and is well.

All taxes on luxuries in Canada, with the exception of alcoholic liquors, confectionery and playing cards, have been abolished by the Dominion government through an order in council at Ottawa.

Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador at Paris, refused to meet Wilhelm Mayer von Kaufbeuren, the German ambassador, because the United States still is technically in a state of war with Germany.

Eight policemen were ambushed by 100 armed men at Kilcommon, in County Tipperary, according to reports received at London. Four of the police are said to have been shot dead.

Italian government forces commanded by General Caviglia and Admiral Millo have established a close blockade of Flume by land and sea, says a Rome dispatch.

A Helsingfors dispatch says that several hundred persons were killed or injured in a railway wreck near Petrograd. The wreck is said to have been due to over-crowding, but details are lacking.

An American airplane driven by Fernando Prosl, a Mexican aviator, flew from Mexico City to Vera Cruz, the distance of 225 miles being made in 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Extreme anxiety is felt by the British people over conditions of unemployment, and in some quarters the opinion is held that the crisis is more serious than any of its predecessors, says a London dispatch.

Two men who had been held in custody by the military at Cashel police barracks, Ireland, four days, were shot dead. No details of the killing of the prisoners have been received at London.

Domestic

The Indian population of the United States, according to Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs at Washington, is 336,337, as against 304,950 years ago, showing an increase of 31,387.

O. H. Peckham, seventy-five, chairman of the board of directors of the National Candy company, died at his home at St. Louis. He was president of a sugar refinery in Clinton, Ia.

More than 200 deer were killed in Elie county during the season which ended last week. Game Warden E. W. Turley announced. Twenty-two does and one male deer were killed illegally, says a Ridgway (Pa.) dispatch.

The wages of more than 200,000 workers in the textile industry of Philadelphia are to be reduced from 10 to 20 per cent in the near future, officers of associations in the trade said.

Walter R. Alexander, son of Secretary Alexander of the Department of Commerce, was killed instantly at Belling field, at Washington, when the propeller of an airplane struck him on the head.

The government has brought suit at New York against John D. Rockefeller for \$292,678, charging his income tax report was "incorrect, misleading and false."

Charles Summer Burch, bishop of the New York diocese of the Episcopal church, died suddenly at his home. Heart disease is thought to have caused his death.

A blanket indictment against 52 defendants, charging violation of the state antitrust law, was returned at New York in connection with investigation of the "building trust." Indictments now number 120.

The Christmas rush of immigrants and other passengers anxious to pass the holidays on American soil reached its height Sunday when eight transatlantic liners arrived at New York with more than 12,000 passengers.

Edward V. Gambier, vice president of the Atlantic National bank of the city of New York fell or jumped from his office on the tenth floor of the bank building on Broadway and was killed.

Authority was granted by the interstate commerce commission at Washington for permanent consolidation of the transportation business and properties of the Adams, American, Wells Fargo & Co. and Southern express companies into the American Railway Express company.

BRITISH CABLE ACT STIRS U. S.

Letter Sent to Senator Kellogg Held as Breach of Courtesy.

EMBASSY REBUKED FOR NOTE

State Department Intervenes When Word Is Sent Direct to Senate Committee Regarding the International Controversy Over Censorship.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The State department intervened in what threatened to be a controversy between the British embassy and the senate committee investigating cable communications over the question of whether there was a British censorship of cable messages to the United States originating in the British Isles.

The department's action was regarded as a rebuke to the embassy for sending direct to Senator Kellogg, chairman of the committee, a letter denying the testimony of Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, that cable messages coming to the United States from Great Britain were subject to delay and examination by the British naval intelligence authorities.

Seen as Breach of Courtesy. The embassy's action is understood to be regarded by the department as a breach of diplomatic courtesy. The department will take the subject matter of the correspondence up directly with the embassy, but whether it will ask for an explanation of the action of the embassy in writing directly to the senator has not yet been indicated.

Senator Kellogg said that in referring the matter to the State department he had acted on the advice of Fred K. Kneisler, solicitor of the department. With his letter to Acting Secretary Davis, the senator transmitted a copy of the letter received from the British embassy and also copies of the transcript of the testimony of Mr. Carlton and of John Goldhammer, secretary of the Commercial Cable company, charging that the British censors required submission of all American cable messages.

Inquires as to Censorship. Senator Kellogg stated that in view of these positive statements that a British censorship existed, he was asking the State department to inquire from the British embassy, despite its letter of denial, whether it was true that a censorship existed.

The question of making public the embassy's letter and the senator's letter to Acting Secretary Davis will be decided, Senator Kellogg said, after discussion of the incident between the department and the embassy.

Y. M. C. A. ASSAILED BY POPE

Catholics Are Warned Against Body as Corruption of Faith.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The holy office issued a decree asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents." The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian association by name, saying it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths.

New York, Dec. 23.—Officials of the overseas department of the Young Men's Christian association expressed astonishment when they learned that the holy office in Rome had issued a decree warning its bishops against the American organization as a "corrupter of the faith of youths."

"We are sorry, of course, that some people do not like us," declared C. V. Hibbard, associate general secretary, "but there doesn't seem to be anything to do about it." Mr. Hibbard said it had been "abundantly substantiated that the Y. M. C. A. is not a proselytizing organization" and said he could think of no reason for its being the subject of a papal attack.

WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?

Mexican Consul Asks Protection Against Bandits in New York City.

New York, Dec. 24.—Woodrow Wilson sent General Pershing into Mexico to chase bandits back in 1915, and now in 1920 President Obregon may return the compliment by sending an armed guard to the Mexican consulate here to protect it against New York bandits.

Hamon P. De Negri, Mexican consul here, wired to President Obregon asking authorization for the employment of special police as a guard for the consulate because of the crime wave.

The consulate often takes in from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a day in consular fees, it was said, and the presence of many valuable papers in the office also makes an extra guard advisable.

Crime Wave Rolls Back Into Sea.

New York, Dec. 24.—New York's crime wave seemed at noon to have started rolling back into the sea after having spent, temporarily at least, its strength on a rampage of extraordinary police patrol. Detectives continued to "round up" suspicious characters, but by midday no unusually desperate crime had been reported.

BRAZIL LAUDS YANKS

MONROE DOCTRINE AND PRESIDENT WILSON PRAISED.

Secretary of State Colby Has Cordial Reception in Senate of the Republic.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 24.—Senator Alfredo Ellis, in his address of welcome to Bainbridge Colby, the United States secretary of state, when the latter visited the senate, made special reference to the Monroe doctrine.

"To your great nation, as the older brother of the 17 republics of the new world, was reserved the hard task of watching over the liberty and safety of the whole family," Senator Ellis said. "That program was defined and known throughout the world as the Monroe doctrine.

"Even now, faithful to the old doctrine, the American people continue to maintain it instead of accepting the rules and statutes of the league of the European nations.

"Many think that the Monroe doctrine means the whole continent, is to be considered as 'a hunting ground for the Americans.' Luckily, the great President, speaking to the Mexican people, defined recently and clearly the spirit and true significance of the doctrine—it is a doctrine of defense."

Responding, Secretary Colby reiterated that the purpose of his visit was to repay that of President Pessoa to the United States, and said that President Wilson had charged him to express to the Brazilian people the feelings of esteem and abiding friendship of the North American people for them.

24 COMMUNISTS DEPORTED

Russians Sail From New York Bearing Presents for Friends at Home.

New York, Dec. 24.—Twenty-four confessed Russian communists, with the demeanor of pleasure tourists, were deported passengers on a liner sailing today for England, where they will be reshipped to Russia. The deportees, who were rounded up in raids last winter and released on bail allowed by Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, surrendered Wednesday. Extra suits of clothes, overcoats, heavy woolen underwear and other heavy garments helped swell their baggage. They were preparing, they said, for the rigors of a Russian winter. Many of them carried toys and other Christmas presents for relatives in Russia.

Town Ready for Bandits.

Greencastle, Dec. 24.—Alarmed by numerous reports of operations by bandits in many cities, dozens of shot-guns were placed at strategic points in Greencastle for possible use in preventing robberies in this city. The action was taken by the Greencastle Chamber of Commerce and local banks. One hundred business men know the location of the guns and, in case of a holdup signal being sounded, some of these men will be near enough to a shotgun to get it into action before the robbers will have time to get away with any plunder.

Autoists Plunge Into Creek.

Columbus, Dec. 24.—While Mr. and Mrs. William Kettner of Hope were driving to this city their automobile skidded on the icy road at an abutment of the Twenty-first street bridge over Haw Creek and plunged down a 20-foot embankment into the stream. In its descent the machine turned over and stopped in three feet of water. The occupants, however, were not pinned under the car, and with the help of nearby workmen escaped with no serious injuries. The automobile was left in the creek.

Logansport Youth Arrested.

Logansport, Dec. 24.—Arthur Spillman, age sixteen, was arrested by local police at his home in this city. He is alleged to be a member of the gang of which Chester and William Roland, Roscoe DeFord and Carl Elzbreck, four local youths, arrested Monday, are believed to be the principal members. All five young men have confessed their part in the robbery at the Tony Sandi store in this city Saturday night and the Farmers' elevator at Clymers Sunday night, officials say.

Fears Sister Is in Peril.

Fort Wayne, Dec. 24.—The State department at Washington, D. C., has been asked to ascertain the whereabouts of Miss Little Beaber, for 20 years a missionary in Persia. Her sister fears for her safety. A press dispatch reports that the Russian Bolsheviks are occupying Tabriz, northwestern Persia, where Miss Beaber is working. According to the report, consuls and relief workers are evacuating the city.

Held for Automobile Theft.

Gary, Dec. 24.—Four men, Edward Kupka, Ladd Kakuska, William Hoppe and Jim Alex, all of Chicago, were arrested here and are held for Chicago authorities, who charge they held up the Rosem Teaming company garage in Chicago and stole a touring car worth more than \$2,000.

Gates Divorce, Must Pay Alimony.

Goshen, Dec. 24.—Jacob S. Denlinger of Elkhart received a divorce from Bessie A. Denlinger in Circuit court here. Ill treatment was alleged. Although he received the decree, he was ordered to pay his wife \$2,700 alimony in monthly installments of \$150.

Rev. L. C. Brink Dies.

Winamac, Dec. 24.—Rev. L. C. Brink, age forty-three, pastor of the Christian church here, died of double pneumonia after a short illness. He came here as pastor of the church two years ago. He is survived by a widow and one son, age thirteen.

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Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.

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