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FRANCE OFFERS TO GIVE BACK COLONIES

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MAKES OFFER TO REICH FOR LASTING PEACE

Germany Not Yet Prepared For War, British Press View In Crisis.

BY JOHN LLOYD
Associated Press Foreign Staff
PARIS, Dec. 27—(AP)—France offered today to give back Germany's war lost colonies in exchange for peace.
French Foreign Office officials, fearful that Chancellor Hitler might send troops to Spain to back up his recognition of the Spanish Fascist Junta, outlined this course Saturday to avoid the danger of European war.
Hitler may have back the colonies, held now by France under League of Nations mandate, if he will—
Agree to "full and lasting settlement" of European political and economic problems.
Stop enlistment of German volunteers to Spain.
Participate in controlled disarmament of Europe.
Renounce territorial claims within Europe.
Cooperate with the rest of the world in a program of economic rehabilitation.

FAVOR COMPROMISE

France, Britain, Germany and Italy might unite to force peace in Spain, if Hitler agrees to withhold aid from the Spanish Insurgents, French Foreign Office officials predicted.
Such an effort to force compromise between General Francisco Franco and Socialist Premier Francisco Largo Caballero would be an inevitable result of any German agreement to withdraw help from the Insurgents, they said.
There are indications, they said, Hitler would demand some solution in Spain which would prevent Franco's complete defeat and loss of prestige for Germany, which has recognized his government.
"France and Great Britain want neither a Communist nor Fascist state in Spain," one official said. "We may have to force both sides to cease fighting and submit to compromise in order to save the prestige of European nations which have backed either one side or the other."
An indiscriminate blockade of the entire Spanish nation might be restored to, to force a quick end to warfare, officials said. They said the suggestion already had been conveyed to Berlin but that Chancellor Hitler had not yet made an answer.
While willing to return the colonies

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German Great War Figure Dies Suddenly

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
BERLIN, Dec. 27—General Hans Von Seeckt, 70, died unexpectedly at his home here today after a short illness.
Gen. Von Seeckt was prominent in the Great War, put down a post-war uprising in 1920, and completed organization of the newly founded republic's army.

COMING EVENTS

- *Kinkora Hall—Jingo and Dance Tuesday night, December 29th. L-1651-12-23-26-28.
- *Geo. Leightner Co., (next Queen Hotel) now buying all kinds of dressed poultry. Try us. L-954-12-2-11.
- *Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany. Hours 12-3. L-6972-10-M T W F.
- *J. S. Francis & Sons, Fortune Bridge, "Auto Back Cutters" the very best. Rides the pitches perfectly. Prices and terms reasonable. L-1720-12-24-31.
- *High class entertainment, Pie Social, Summerside Hall, Tuesday, December 29th, 7:30 P. M. Local and outside talent. Lecture Vimy Pilgrimage. Admission 25c. Ladies with 50c free. L-1649-12-23-26-28.

What To Do With Rebel Leader Has Nanking Puzzled

Dictator Chiang Makes Plea On Behalf Of Chang. Change In Government Rumored.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
NANKING, China, Dec. 28—(Monday)—Nanking kept silent today on the problem of what to do with the rebel Chang, who started a civil war, kidnapped the head of the Chinese Government then penitently released him and begged for forgiveness.
Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang reached here late yesterday to surrender to the Government and went immediately into seclusion at the home of T. V. Soong, brother-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek whom he had held captive.
Popular feeling was high against Chang, deemed a traitor for his revolt, but General Chiang's recommendation that leniency be shown created a difficult problem for the Government.
Chang was reported desiring to appear personally before Nanking officials to tell why he kidnapped the Generalissimo, held him for two weeks, and then released him after "realization of the wrong I have done."

Court Martial Unlikely

Authorities indicated a court martial was unlikely because of General Chiang's recommendation, announced yesterday.
"Fortunately, you early realized your mistake and expressed your remorse to me," General Chiang said.
"As you had the courage to acknowledge your faults, I will tell the Central authorities you regret what you have done and I believe they will deal leniently with you."
Belief was growing in some circles that the rebel marshal would be permitted to return to Sian-Fu, where he held Chiang, and resume command of his armies.
Returning to Nanking, General Chiang resumed automatically the numerous positions he holds in the government, including that of head of the army.

Change Rumored

Rumors circulated that the General desired to concentrate his energies on military organization and that his brother-in-law, Soong would be named to the presidency of the Executive Yuan, Chinese equivalent of the premiership of the nation.
It was understood Chiang discussed this yesterday with other Government leaders, but details were guarded closely.
Chiang also was believed to have discussed the fate of Marshal Chang, who reached here yesterday with the declaration he was "ready to suffer whatever the government desires, whether it be death or not."

Italian Steamer Blast Kills 26

ROME, Dec. 27—(AP)—Efforts were under way today to raise the 1,000-ton steamship Cesare Battisti which sank in the harbor of Massau, Italian Eritrea, after an explosion Saturday in which 26 were killed and 100 injured.

Russia Plans To Further Expand Armaments In '36

(By Charles P. Nutter Associated Press Foreign Staff)
MOSCOW, Dec. 27—More guns, men and warships will be Communist Russia's new year greeting to developing world unrest, authoritative sources said today.
With her army already built in to perhaps the world's strongest fighting force, the Central Executive Committee will convene in January to consider new expenditures.
By Jan. 15, it was predicted here, Assistant Commissar of War, Mikhail Tukachevsky, old Czarist officer who is one of Russia's five supreme military leaders will be ready to announce huge increases in armament forces.
A year ago he announced the army had been increased in 1935 from 950,000 to 1,300,000 and declared further increases were planned for 1936.
During the current year machinery for easy enlargement of the army was provided with reduction of the age for military conscription from 21 to 19, and establishment of a military defence coordinating commissariat.
Continued increases were promised by Vyacheslav Molotov, president of the council of commissars, at the All-Union Congress of Soviets last November. Russia soon would have 100,000 pilots and 7,000 airplanes, he said.

POPE WEAKER, SUFFERS FROM INTENSE PAIN

Paralysis Spreads From Legs Along Left Side And Arm. Hope For Recovery Slight.

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 27—(AP)—Pope Pius XI suffered intense and increased pain today, his fourth Sunday in bed since he was stricken with paralysis on the leg.
The paralysis, reliable reports said, had spread from the legs along the Pontiff's left side and arm. His left leg, most severely affected, was particularly painful today and was swollen to a marked degree.
For the first time since he fell ill, Vatican circles spoke freely of the 79-year-old Holy Father's constant suffering. His physicians and attendants hovered close by, lest another fainting spell or sudden complications bring his illness to quick climax.

SUFFERED FAINTING SPELL

The Pontiff suffering a fainting spell after his Christmas eve radio broadcast and was fatigued greatly by the effort.
Pius referred to his suffering in the radio message and since then there have been semi-official Vatican statements revealing that the Pope suffered "spasms of pain. Great pain. Stabs of pain."
Persons close to the Pontiff said tonight his condition was that of a prostrated person and that to his extreme weakness must be added that he is able to take only slight nourishment.
Two injections were given him today to stimulate him and physicians either were within the sickroom or in an anteroom ready to attend him at all times.

HEART ACTION IMPROVED

An encouraging factor was a statement by Dr. Amanti Milini the Pope's personal physician, that he noted a slightly improved condition of the heart. This has been irregular in action and the Pontiff's entire circulatory condition has been poor.
He was able to receive only Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Vatican Secretary of State, today. His sister, Camilla, came to the Vatican but was not admitted to the sick room.
A critical turn within the next few days would not be surprising, some prelates said. Some abandoned all hope for the Pope's recovery from his afflictions.
Highly important Church problems were left pending or were settled by the Pope's subordinates without consultation with the invalid.
Reliable sources disclosed the Holy Father recently lost a front tooth but is unable to stand the strain of having his dentist treat him. "This loss," it was reported, interfered with his pronunciation during his radio address Thursday.

Constable Slashed By "Liquor-Crazed" Man

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 27—(CP Cable)—A St. John's police constable was in hospital tonight recovering from razor slashes on his throat, hands and tongue and one man was under arrest charged with assaulting him as a result of a Christmas night disturbance in a south side house.
Constable Michael Walsh received the injuries, requiring 14 stitches, when he went to the house with two other officers in answer to a call saying a drunken man was terrorizing the neighborhood. Pearce, 25, father of five children and said by police to be "liquor-crazed" was charged with assaulting the constable.

Earthquake Causes Heavy Destruction

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
TOKYO, Dec. 27—Thirty hundred houses were destroyed, one person was killed and 10 injured by an earthquake which rocked the town of Niijima, in the Tokyo prefecture today, the Domei (Japanese) news agency reported. Two persons were listed as missing.
The shock, described as one of the strongest recorded in Japan, was at 9:14 a. m. (8:15 p. m. AST Saturday).
Lesser shocks were felt after the damaging one and residents were fearful of new destruction.

Royal Baby May Be Called Mary

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
LONDON, Dec. 27—Britain's newest royal baby may be called Mary, it was reported today, because that is the name of the Queen Mother and because she was born on Christmas.
The child, sixth in line of succession to the Throne, and her mother, the Duchess of Kent, were said to be "doing very well."

Sees Hopes Fade



Outside the swirl of international diplomacy, Frank B. Kellogg, above, former U. S. secretary of state and world court member, now retired, goes into his eightieth year with evidence that the peace measures to which he gave much of his career are crumbling under the stress of new European crises. Kellogg's greatest single achievement was the Kellogg-Briand pact of 1928. He was the 1929 Nobel peace prize winner. His birthday falls on Dec. 22.

URGES NEED OF RELIGION IN NATIONAL LIFE

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
LONDON, Dec. 27—A "solemn appeal to religion" was broadcast today by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
Just as there was no room for Christ in the inn at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day, so today there is no room for him in the noise and hustle of the hostelry of modern life, the Archbishop said.
He commented on a slackening of the old standards of morality, visible in the loosening of the ties of marriage as a restraint upon the impulse of sex, but declared he was convinced there was an instinct of religion and sound morality in the common heart.
"God was not so much denied as 'crowded out,'" he said. "God knows how needful pleasures are as a means of escape from the strain of life or the monotony of work. See that they are wholesome," he urged his audience.
"In our national history the past year can never be forgotten but its most recent visible memory had better now be kept in silence.
"Let us turn from the past to the future. Let us look upon all that has happened as a call to re-establish and re-entire the foundations of our national life."
"Within five months the King will be consecrated to his high office. The august ceremony will be the benefit of its full meaning unless the nation with and through its King consecrates itself to the service of God. Pray God it may mark not only the beginning of a new reign but a new return of the nation to God, new loyalty to the King."

OUTCOME UNKNOWN

"The action still is going on. We have no indication as to the outcome," a General Staff official said.
One faint indication of normalcy in Madrid was the reappearance of

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Jury Finds Death Was Accidental

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 27—A coroner's jury Saturday found Camille Comeau, 17-year-old Little Brook village, met death accidentally Christmas eve when he was struck by an automobile whose driver was blinded temporarily by the lights of another car.

Sends Message Of Appreciation

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
OTTAWA, Dec. 27—A message of appreciation for Christmas greetings was received from King George today by Lord Tweedsmuir. The message dated at Sandringham and addressed to the Governor General at Ottawa.
"The King and I appreciate greatly the kind Christmas and New Year wishes of the people of Canada which we heartily reciprocate. (Signed) George R.I."
This was in a reply to a message sent by Lord Tweedsmuir to the King on Christmas day which read:
"With my humble duty on behalf of the people of Canada I send to Your Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen my most respectful greetings for Christmas and the New Year."

INSURGENTS UNDER FIRE ON ALL FRONTS

Madrid Militia Gunners Pound Fascist Lines Presaging Offensive.

(By Jean Rollin Copyright 1936 by The Havas News Agency)
MADRID, Dec. 27—Twenty-four hours of the most intense fighting Madrid has known since it was first besieged ended tonight with the capital's defenders in their strongest positions to date.
Northwest, west and south of the city government troops locked in bloody combat with Moors, Legionnaires and insurgent army regulars, emerging decisive victors, it was reported, in Spain's civil war.
Last night the International Brigade defending the University City sector in the capital's northwest section captured an insurgent supply convoy, further encircled the clinical hospital for whose troops the supplies were intended, and drove back an insurgent counter-attack aimed to regain the lost ground.
This morning another brigade of militiamen inflicted defeat on foreign Legionnaires dominating La Coruna road.
Later today the insurgents launched an expedition, including six tanks, from the Casa de Campo into the Casa Del Moro, but government forces routed the attackers and drove them back beyond their original positions.
The entire city shook to the concussion of artillery. Insurgent shells crashed in the Latina quarter, from three a. m. until 10:30 a. m. No casualties were reported there.
At the same time, militiamen and international volunteers launched an offensive just south of Madrid which may permit a flank attack on insurgent lines at the Casa De Campo.

IN THEORETICAL STAGE

A pledge to cooperate in a European disarmament program was asked in return for the colonies, however, and Berlin officials indicated any talk of colonial concessions thus far was only in the theoretical stage.
One bright spot was a report in Paris Foreign Office circles that Italy was willing to cooperate in any effort to stop enlistment of foreign volunteers to Spain. This was not confirmed.
Eyeing Germany and Japan with distrust, Soviet Russia watched the week's developments with growing conviction that war was probable.
More guns, a larger army, increased naval armaments will be her New Year greetings to the dangers of conflict, authoritative sources predicted.
Economic conditions with Germany might force Hitler to a sudden move quickly, Moscow commentators believed, and they were confident Russia would be prepared.

ISSUE DEFT

PARIS, Dec. 27—(AP)—The Spanish Government decided today to retain the captured German steamship Palos at Bilbao because, it was charged, the ship carried war materials. De jure the Berlin threat on reprisals if the Palos were not released quickly, Basque Nationalist authorities said in a

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Deaths Mount In Kingston Christmas Day Disaster

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 27—(CP Cable)—Number of known deaths in Kingston's Christmas Day disaster was increased to 21 today with the recovery of 10 bodies found floating in harbor waters.
Five persons whose bodies were found today were not known to have been aboard the heavily overloaded launch Zepher when she capsized suddenly during a holiday cruise of Kingston harbor.
The other five were known to have been aboard and were included in the 15 estimated to have been killed in the disaster the day it occurred. One of the 21 rescued died in hospital Saturday. All the victims were negroes.

Reprisals May Be Invoked Today If Madrid Authorities Persist In Retaining Palos.

BERLIN, Dec. 27—(CP-Havas)—German warships were reported speeding tonight to Bilbao to effect the release of a German freighter allegedly captured and forced into the Loyalist Spanish port by Government men-of-war.
Admiralty officials refused to make any statement. Nazi circles asserted it was probable, however, that the Reich naval authorities had been sent to stage a "demonstration."
The German News Agency merely announced that "measures are being taken" to free the German freighter, the 997-ton Palos, confiscated and taken to Bilbao by Spanish Red naval forces.

Refuse Release Of Captured Ship Held At Bilbao

Socialist Spain refused Sunday night to give up the captured Nazi freighter Palos in a sharp defiance to Germany, that brought a new threat to troubled Europe.
Germany earlier had warned of reprisals if the freighter and its cargo were not released by its Bilbao captors.
Bilbao refused. "A clear case of war contraband," said a note issued through the Spanish Embassy at Paris. The ship carried 1,500 tons of armaments, Bilbao authorities charged.
What form of reprisals Chancellor Hitler might adopt were not known. Berlin foreign office spokesmen said nothing would be done until today.

SITUATION COMPLICATED

Further complicating the situation was the attitude of France. Concerned last week lest Hitler send a large force into Spain to aid Insurgent General Francisco Franco, France warned any such invasion might force her to adopt a similar step in behalf of the Madrid Socialist regime.
Aware of the danger, both Britain and France have sought to halt even volunteer enlistments to the Spanish war and notes against this were delivered yesterday to the Berlin foreign office.
French foreign office officials indicated France would be willing to return to Germany colonies lost in the Great War to supply the Nazi state with a source of raw materials in an effort to lessen German interest in Spain.

PLANE RUSHES FILM

AMHERST, N. S.—A series of "tough breaks" failed to prevent the scheduled showing of a film here, thanks to the aeroplane. A film ordered at Saint John just missed being placed aboard a train. It was sent to Moncton by plane. A car sent to meet the plane broke down, so another plane was chartered to bring the film to Amherst.

I'M GOING TO BLOW MYSELF A TIME TO NIGHT



TORONTO, Dec. 27—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	30b-6b
Victoria	38 40
Edmonton	2b 8
Winnipeg	0b 6b
Toronto	44 52
Ottawa	4 46
Montreal	0 44
Quebec	2 40
Saint John	6 42
Halifax	6 40
Charlottetown	4 38
Maritime Provinces—Strong southwest to west winds or moderate gales; cloudy and mild with occasional rain and probably some fog.	
High tide this morning at 11:00 and tonight at 10:25.	
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:25 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.	
Last quarter moon Monday, Jan. 4, 9:22 a.m.	
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.	

THE CAR FERRY
Leaves Borden 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m. 2:35 p. m. Daily except Sunday.