

The Bulletin's Circulation in Norwich is Doubled that of Any Other Paper, and Its Total Circulation is the Largest in Connecticut in Proportion to the City's Population.

TEUTONS HEARING VILLAGE OF RIMNIK

Rumania's Oil and Grain Center is But Thirty Miles Distant From Advancing Invaders

CAPTURED RAILROAD TOWN OF RIMNIK SARAT

Russians Were Defeated on a Front of Ten and a Half Miles Southwest of Rimnik, While the Invaders Captured Several Fortified Villages—Petrograd Reports That, Other Than at Megura, the Austro-Germans Were Defeated With Heavy Casualties—Demobilization of the Greek Army is Being Carried Out in Accordance With Entente Demands.

The net of the Teutonic allies apparently is fast closing in upon Braila, Rumania's oil and grain center on the Danube. Having taken Filipesti, 30 miles to the southwest, Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad town of Rimnik Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east, while the guns of the Dobruja army are still hammering, and with some success, the Russo-Rumanians at the bridgehead of Matchin, on the east bank of the Danube opposite Braila.

STANDARDIZATION OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Recommended at Meeting of American Historical Association. Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Pupils from secondary schools are deficient in their knowledge of history and history text books fall of their purpose, according to expressions of opinion today by a score of professors of history from American universities and colleges at a conference in connection with the American Historical Association in session here.

ERECTION OF GOVERNMENT PULP AND PAPER MILL

Approved by Joint Congressional Committee on Printing. Washington, Dec. 27.—Erection of a government pulp and paper mill to insure an adequate supply of reasonably priced paper was approved by the joint congressional committee on printing today by the committee which annually draws specifications for government paper.

POOR POTATO CROPS IN NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

International Institute of Agriculture So Reports. Rome, via Paris, Dec. 27, 9:05 p. m.—The international institute of agriculture reports poor potato crops in the northern hemisphere. Its provisional estimates are 291,000,000 quintals for the world, including the United States, Canada, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy and Japan and also England, Ireland and Scotland, where the crops are the lowest on record. The figures for Germany and Austria are not available.

TRAINS IN COLLISION ON CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Six Passengers Were Killed and Several Others Injured. Smith's Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—Six passengers were killed and several others were injured when the east-bound Toronto-Montreal Canadian Pacific Railway express crashed into the westbound Cornwall local at 6 o'clock tonight near St. Polycarpe Junction, according to reports at divisional headquarters here tonight.

Movements of Steamships

New York, Dec. 27.—Sailed: steamers Carpathia, London; Caserta, Gen-

Cabled Paragraphs

Imports and Exports in France. Paris, Dec. 27, 5:15 p. m.—Official statistics now available place the value of imports in November at 2,111,000,000 francs, and exports at 727,000,000 francs.

Mexican Minister to France Recalled. Paris, Dec. 27, 3:15 p. m.—Juan Sanchez Asoona, Mexican minister to France and Spain, will sail for the United States on board the steamer Alfonso XIII, having been called home by his government.

Going to Coronation at Budapest. London, Dec. 27, 7:25 p. m.—A Vienna dispatch forwarded by way of Amsterdam says that Emperor Charles and Empress Zita of Austria left the Austrian capital today, accompanied by a large suite for their coronation at Budapest.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN CANADA

In an Endeavor to Make Conscription Unnecessary. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—In a letter sent today to organized labor, Premier Borden said that "the proposal for national service is not a conscription, but rather the idea was to make an appeal for voluntary national service which would render unnecessary the resort to conscription. He declined to give assurance that under no circumstances would conscription be carried out in Canada, as asserted."

"If conscription should prove the only effective method to preserve the existence of the state, I should consider it necessary and should not hesitate to act accordingly."

NATIONAL FOOD MARKET IN NEW YORK CITY

Plans Announced by Joseph Hartigan, Commissioner of Weights and Measures.

New York, Dec. 27.—Plans for a great "national market" through which food products with few exceptions in this city and for shipment abroad, would be handled here under governmental supervision for the purpose of eliminating the profiteering which is an economic factor, were announced today by Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures of this city.

He said that in April a conference will be held which he had assurances would be attended by leading producers and shippers of food, as well as official representatives appointed by the various governors, to take up the practical details of the plan. The move, he said, has the endorsement of Mayor Mitchell, and the meeting is to be held under city auspices.

"The fact that New York city represents a market of 5,000,000 consumers in itself, as well as being the chief distributing center for Europe, has increased the force of the demand for this plan, which is a business proposition," the commissioner said. "It is no attempt to put the middleman out of business by legislative means, but a plan to be operated purely on business lines."

SPENT TWO NIGHTS IN A MEXICAN JAIL

H. D. Harwood Represented Himself as a Special Envoy From President Wilson.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 27.—After spending two nights in a Mexican jail, H. D. Harwood of Tucson, Ariz., who represented himself to General Jose Murguia, commander of Juarez, as a special envoy from President Wilson, was released tonight through the mediation of the American authorities.

Harwood told General Murguia he was bringing an ultimatum of war on Mexico within four days, and Carranza signed the Atlantic City protocol immediately. Harwood was fined \$20 by the Mexican authorities before his release.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN PRONOUNCED A SUCCESS

By Committee Which Has Investigated Its Conduct in England.

London, Dec. 28, 4 a. m.—The Times today prints a forecast of the report of the committee which has investigated the results of the past year's daylight saving. It says the evidence taken shows that opinion overwhelmingly favors making the plan general in 1917. There is almost a consensus among the interests which had the most difficulties because of the setting of the clock ahead that they vanished in practice and that those who remained were far outweighed by the advantages obtained. The Times says it is virtually certain the daylight saving plan will be re-enacted in 1917, but that it is likely to begin some time in April instead of May 21.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH WANTS NEW SANITARY CODE

Dr. Black Says State Has Outgrown Its Present Health System.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 27.—The state board of health, at special meeting tonight, voted to recommend to Governor Holcomb a new sanitary code. The report, which was prepared by Dr. J. T. Black, says that the state has outgrown its present health system. The proposed new code will provide for new standards for an epidemiologist and sanitary engineers. Local town officers would also be empowered to nominate local health officers, and if the recommendations are passed by the general assembly, the appropriations will have to be increased materially. It is estimated that while the per capita tax for health purposes now is two cents, it will be increased to four and one-half cents.

BAPTIST MINISTER WAS MISTAKEN FOR BURGLAR

Rev. Lot E. Doty Shot by a Patrolman in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The Rev. Lot E. Doty, a Baptist minister, is in a serious condition today from a gunshot wound inflicted by a patrolman who last night mistook the clergyman for a robber when he was making a purchase in a store.

The patrolman said Dr. Doty had been pointed out to him as a robber and that he shot when the minister refused to comply with his command to hold up his hands. Dr. Doty was putting some change into his pocket and the patrolman said he believed he was drawing a revolver.

Carranza's Reply Will be Public Today

SPECIAL MESSENGER IS BEARING COMMUNICATION

ON PRESENT PROTOCOL BUT GULF IS WIDE

Luis Cabrera, Mexican Delegate, is Accompanying Messenger to Washington to Personally Explain General Carranza's Position—Delay May be Overlooked.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Carranza's attitude toward the Atlantic City protocol, which will determine whether negotiations between the United States and the Mexican federal government are to be continued by the existing joint commission will be outlined to Secretary Lane tomorrow by Luis Cabrera, one of the Mexican commissioners. No definite information to indicate what that attitude is has reached officials tonight.

Special Messenger Bears Message. Secretary Lane, who is chairman of the commission, was notified early tonight that a special messenger bearing a communication from the Mexican commissioners, presumably General Carranza's reply to the American demand that he approve or reject the protocol, had left New York for Washington. When the secretary retired for the night, however, the messenger had not arrived and word had come meantime that Mr. Cabrera himself would reach the capital tomorrow morning to explain personally General Carranza's position.

Delay May be Overlooked. Although the United States had set last midnight as the time by which a reply from General Carranza would be expected, it was indicated tonight that if the protocol is approved the delay may be overlooked, since the chief purpose here has been to secure a satisfactory settlement.

If the protocol is rejected Secretary Lane will proceed with plans already under way to wind up the commission's business, but a plan to be operated purely on business lines.

Just what the next step would be officials would not discuss. A rejection of the protocol, which provides for the withdrawal of the German Pershing expedition would be interpreted here as a reinforcement of Gen. Carranza's demand of last summer that the American troops be withdrawn unconditionally.

No Change in Policy. It is reiterated that there has been no change in the administration's policy, which contemplates maintenance of the present force and interest in the country in this plan, which does not purpose withdrawal of the Pershing expedition until it is apparent that the step will not endanger American territory.

NANTUCKET FISHERMAN GET ABANDONED SCHOONER

Brought Ship Into Port in an Apparently Seaworthy Condition.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The fishery boat "St. Peter" and a small prize today when they brought into port here, apparently seaworthy, the tree-masted schooner Roger Bruyere, which was abandoned yesterday by her crew. The men of the Drury had reported that their vessel was in a sinking condition. The fishermen who went out to her in the small steamer Petrel, however, found her riding the seas easily. With the price of tonnage unusually high, their salvage reward is expected to be large.

The schooner Daniel McCloud and Ravola, the latter of British registry, which were driven on to rip at Great Point, in yesterday's gale, probably will go to pieces.

CENTRAL POWERS' REPLY IS SAID TO BE EVASIVE

By the Editorial Writers in Rome—May Lead to Some Negotiations.

Rome, via Paris, Dec. 27, 10:20 p. m.—The answer of the central powers to President Wilson's peace proposal is declared by the editorial writers to be evasive, and especially as regards the president's chief request that the belligerents state their terms of peace in practice and that those who remained were far outweighed by the advantages obtained. The Times says it is virtually certain the daylight saving plan will be re-enacted in 1917, but that it is likely to begin some time in April instead of May 21.

WISHED "GOOD LUCK" BY SUBMARINE COMMANDER

Captain Plater of the American Steamer Sacramento.

Havre, Dec. 27, 4:55 a. m.—Captain Plater of the American steamer Sacramento, who arrived here from Buenos Aires with a cargo of wheat, reports that he was stopped in the English channel by a German submarine. The commander of the submarine, who was carrying wheat, which he considered contraband of war, to nominate local health officers, and if the recommendations are passed by the general assembly, the appropriations will have to be increased materially. It is estimated that while the per capita tax for health purposes now is two cents, it will be increased to four and one-half cents.

TUBERCULAR PACKAGES CONTAINING CIGAR BOMBS

Postmasters Are Warned to be on the Lookout for Them.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 27.—A warning to watch for "tubular packages containing cigar bombs" was sent tonight to postmasters throughout the United States by postal authorities who say they have learned that 25 of the explosive cigars were mailed December 22 at Goffs, Calif.

The local postal authorities began their investigation of the sending of cigar bombs through the mails after John D. Bennett of Brawley, Calif., was seriously injured when one of his cigars exploded in his face December 24. He had received it through the mails.

Discussion May Hasten End of War

IS THE HOPE EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Germany is Ready to Make Known Her Terms on First Day of Conference, Should One Materialize—Rumors Persist That Some Confidential Word Will Follow Note.

Washington, Dec. 27.—In spite of the wide gulf between the insistence of the central powers for an immediate peace conference and the forecast of a unanimous refusal by the entente allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's terms in advance, the American government believes that the negotiations in progress are resulting in good. It was said with authority tonight that until the door to peace actually is closed by one side or the other, President Wilson will continue to hope that any discussion of the subject will tend to hasten the end of the war.

Secretary Genotzoff, the German ambassador, returning unexpectedly tonight from New York, authorized The Associated Press to make the following statement:

"I regard the note of my government as constituting acceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe."

It was made clear at the embassy that Germany stands ready to make known her terms on the first day of any conference that may be held, and that the central powers are being greatly surprised at the view prevailing in some quarters here that the Berlin government had failed to meet the president's suggestions by not setting forth in the reply the terms upon which it is willing to make peace. The German diplomats say President Wilson had no intention of drawing a final declaration concerning terms from the central powers. On the contrary, they think the president's suggestion "that an early occasion be sought to call on all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which they might be concluded" is a fully met by Germany by seeking an immediate conference with her enemies.

German Policy Outlined. The German policy, upon which the reply to President Wilson's communication is based, was outlined as follows:

"Germany feels that the conference suggested by it first should be composed of delegates from the belligerent countries, but it would be to settle territorial terms. Once these terms are agreed upon, representatives of the neutrals should be called in to consider in connection with the questions of guarantees for the future, in which neutrals are as vitally concerned as belligerents. These guarantees in the German view necessarily would have to do with the freedom of the seas, limited disarmament, formation of a world league of nations to enforce peace and the establishment of an international court of arbitration."

Germany is said to consider that neutral nations can have no interest in the question of such terms as those relating to territory.

Something Confidential Coming. While there were no official advices upon the subject, the view still persisted in German quarters tonight that the note of the central powers might be followed by a confidential oral or written communication to President Wilson, in which at least broad tentative terms might be stated.

LEVI HENRY ELWELL

Amherst, Mass., Dec. 27.—Levi Henry Elwell, professor of Greek at Amherst College and regarded as an authority in philology, died today. He had been a member of the Amherst faculty for 33 years. He was 62 years old.

RT. REV. MONSEIGNER PAUL HOELSCHER

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The Right Rev. Monsignor Paul Hoelscher died today. He was born in 1851 in Westphalia, Germany, was ordained in Innsbruck, and came to the Buffalo diocese in 1876. He became canceller of the diocese in 1888. He had been rector of St. Louis' church, the oldest Catholic church in the city. He was appointed a monsignor of the pope's household with episcopal rank about fifteen years ago.

WILLIAM W. WHEELER

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 27.—William W. Wheeler, who conducted a commercial photography plant in this city for many years, died this evening of pleuro pneumonia. He was 64 years old and leaves a widow. He was an author of many books dealing in photography and was one of the foremost free silver men in the state during the populist party's existence. He was a native of East Haddam.

FRANK DEMONT ROBERSON

New York, Dec. 27.—Frank Demont Roberson, lecturer and explorer, died last night at Denver, it became known here tonight. For the last ten months he had been lecturing in Canada on The Nations at War.

Mr. Roberson was born in New York in 1871. He had been around the globe four times, and had made 35 visits to Europe. In 1899 he made an extensive tour of Africa. His death was due to a relapse after an apparently successful operation for appendicitis.

TUG LOST WITH ALL ABOARD

Panama, Dec. 27.—The canal tug Panama, owned by the Scully of New York, sank off the Colon breakwater in a heavy sea today. The tug's master, Peter Evans of San Francisco, and three negroes were drowned.

Condensed Telegrams

The price of monkeys has gone up due to demand for pathological specimens.

The Russian language is to be taught in the schools of Scotland in preparation for world trade.

Thomas F. Kelly of Galena, Ill., paid for a shirt that he got on credit forty years ago from a merchant in Virginia.

Fear of a bread famine increased in Buenos Aires when there were additions to the ranks of the striking bakers.

Howard McCleary 16 years old, of Eastmoreland, Pa., was killed by a boarder, when the man attacked his mother.

Dr. Sarah Jenness, 80, until recently a practicing physician in Boston, was burned to death in her home at Wolfboro, N. H.

The Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York has planned a parade for next Saturday to commemorate the ending of a prosperous year.

More than 700,000 pounds of wool of the fall clip has been shipped from San Angelo, Texas to Boston. The average price was 26 cents per pound.

Dr. Haven Emerson, Health Commissioner, sent a notification to the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. that cars were not heated according to law.

Elsie Janis aided the North Tarrytown firemen to fight the fire which destroyed the six-family apartment house of John Kosello in Elm Street.

Secretary Daniels has made many promotions in the navy. He will lay the list before President Wilson and after the nominations will go to the Senate.

District Attorney Swann asked for dismissal of the indictment against Robert C. Wood, former public service commissioner indicted on a charge of bribery.

Mrs. Blanche Pritchard of Brooklyn, owes her life to Patrolman Koelber, who forced her to drink a bottle of milk after she had taken bichloride of mercury.

Representatives of the New York City Boy Scouts of America invited President Wilson to call on all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which they might be concluded."

Gen. Edward A. Merritt, consul-general in London under President Grant's administration, and former surveyor of the Port of New York, died at Potsdam, New York.

Gov. Whitman plans to force the election of George A. Glynn, of Onondaga, or August P. Allen of Chautauque, as president of the Republican State Committee.

The State Department received a Lytle report stating that the Swedish steamer Skiffet has been mined off the coast of Finland. All of the crew and 60 passengers were drowned.

The Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky announced a bonus of one-half a month's salary to all employees who have been in the company for more than thirty months and who receive less than \$3,000 a year.

New Haven chamber of commerce has adopted a resolution calling upon the National Chamber of Commerce to petition congress for a federal inquiry into the high cost of food and other commodities.

Alfred Kammerer who said he was the manager of the Blossom Inn, Rockaway, N. J., was fined \$100 and \$1,000 bail on charge of forging checks. Morris Shoenthal, a silk merchant of No. 640 Broadway, was complainant.

The Italian government is in the market for 3,000,000 75-millimeter shells. The shells are to be complete, except for loading. The order will involve between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Naval training camps similar in many respects to the Plattsburgh Camp, are to be established next summer at New York, Chicago, Norfolk, San Francisco and probably at Pensacola, so Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced.

Samuel T. Dutton, recently active in Armenian and Syrian relief work, issued a statement protesting against the proposal that the United States should enter a coalition of foreign powers and establish a league to enforce peace.

Calvin Derrick, supporter and aide of Thomas Osborne, resigned as Assistant Warden and Confidential Clerk at Sing Sing prison. It was intimated that Mr. Derrick was taking the work of re-organizing the Department of Correction of the City of New York.

Customs officials found nothing suspicious when they boarded the Portuguese steamer Faro at Newport News and accordingly issued her papers. Reports had been that the vessel, originally German but seized by Portugal, was acting strangely on her way in.

The American Locomotive Co. in addition to the 150 engines for France reported a few days ago, has closed contracts for three Pacifics, four Mikado and two switching engines for the Maine Central and for two Moguls for the St. Paul Bridge & Terminal Railway.

ANALYSIS OF CRIME CONDITIONS IN CHICAGO

Four Causes are Liquor, Lust, Gambling and Bad Company.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—An analysis of crime conditions in Chicago just completed by Thomas M. Kilbride, secretary of the state board of pardons, shows there is a holiday every six hours, a murder every second day, two suicides a day and an arrest every 7 1/2 minutes.

The four causes of crime, he said, are liquor, lust, gambling and bad company.

President Wilson 60 Years Old Today. Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson will celebrate his 60th birthday tomorrow. Congratulations began arriving today at the White House. He intends to work as usual.

Growth of Our National Banks

RESOURCES INCREASED \$4,000,000,000 IN PAST TWO YEARS

TOTAL \$15,520,000,000

Greatest Percentage of Increase is in the Western States, Where the Federal Reserve System Has Been in Operation—Federal Reserve Bank to be Located in Springfield.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Resources of the national banks of the United States, Comptroller Williams announced tonight, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the past two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Bank of Russia, The German Reichsbank, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of The Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, The Swiss National Bank and the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

Increase 18 Per Cent a Year. In a statement based upon returns from the last bank call, November 17, the comptroller calls attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately eighteen per cent a year.

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METHODS FOR CHEAPENING SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM

is Being Discussed by Geologists at Albany, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Methods of developing and cheapening for commercial purposes the supply of petroleum in this country and Canada will be among the principal subjects discussed at the annual meetings of the Geological society of America and the Paleontological Association of American States, geologists, the first of which were held today. Scientists from all parts of the country, including 36 state geologists, are here for the session.

During the meetings favorable action probably will be taken on the recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences, President Wilson that delegates be appointed to national research council. The object of the council, it was explained today by Dr. John M. Clarke, geologist of New York state, an executive member of the geological society, is "the mobilization of the scientific forces of the country for efficiency, so that the scientists in the United States can better play their parts in all the known activities of science and more fully develop the country's national resources."

At the same time the education building will be formally opened to the public on Friday night. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will deliver the principal address. The Gresham productive Scientific Scholarship.

YEAR'S IMPORTS OF GOLD AMOUNT TO \$639,300,000

Includes Largest \$12,600,000 Consigned to J. P. Morgan & Co. from Canada.

New York, Dec. 27.—With only three business days of the year remaining before today, gold to the amount of \$639,300,000 has been imported into the United States from all sources during 1918. This includes fresh consignments of \$12,600,000 from Canada deposited at the Philadelphia mint to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

TO SPEND A MILLION DOLLARS ON GOLF COURSE

Wealthy Canadians of New York and Philadelphia Have Elaborate Plans.

New York, Dec. 27.—One of the finest golf courses in the country, with initial expenditures amounting to more than a million dollars, is to be laid out on 1,400 acres of ground near Somerville, N. J., for the benefit of wealthy Canadians residing in New York and Philadelphia. The Canadians will organize a golf club, it was stated, and many of them plan to establish homes on the property.

GRESHAM STILL SEARCHING FOR STEAMER MARYLAND

Which Reported Christmas Night That She Was Sinking.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland which reported Christmas night that she was sinking, had not been found at a late hour tonight, according to a message received from the coast guard cutter Gresham. The message said that the Gresham is still engaged in a search for the vessel. It was believed that if any of the Maryland's boats had succeeded in getting away from the steamer, they would have drifted westward in the path of trans-Atlantic steamers.

PHILADELPHIA GIRL SHOT DEAD IN BUFFALO

Was to Have Been Married There on Saturday Night.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Celia Schmitz, 22 years old, was shot dead today by a man believed by the police to be Maurice Gold, 45 years old, of Philadelphia, who afterwards committed suicide by shooting himself. Miss Schmitz here four years ago from Philadelphia and was to have been married on Saturday night to a Buffalo man.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF LIEUT. VON BRICKEN

German Consulate Attache on Trial With Consul General Franz Bopp.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 27.—Cross examination of Lieutenant G. W. von Bricken, German consulate attache on trial with Consul General Franz Bopp, was continued today in the case of dynamite entente munitions shipments in 1916, brought out today that von Bricken received but \$150 a month from the consulate, although Louis J. Smith, whom the defense claims was von Bricken's subordinate, received from \$50 to \$300.