

AUSTRIA AND U.S. BREAK

Diplomatic Relations May Be Severed Soon.

Urgent Demands in Latest Note Must Be Honored.

MORE "STRIKE" EVIDENCE OUT

Implicate Consular Staffs and Germany and Austria.

Entanglements Appear in Franz von Rintelen Probe.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary are in danger of being broken off by the United States unless the urgent demands of the American note to Vienna for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and reparation are complied with.

Furthermore, the United States expects a prompt reply to its communication.

Austria's delay in furnishing answers to the questions submitted to Baron Burián, minister of foreign affairs, by American Ambassador Penfield, a few days after the Ancona went down, has not served to ease the situation.

The foreign office, however, did inform Ambassador Penfield if desired more time to answer the inquiry but American officials are unable to understand clearly it was impossible for the Austro-Hungarian government to secure the information desired.

America's note to Austria on the Ancona was practically an ultimatum. It was learned on high authority today.

U. Nuber Must Go.

It is understood President Wilson has also decided that Austrian Consul U. Nuber, at New York, must go.

The evidence against this official has been accumulating for some time but as in the case of Von Papen, action has been postponed. It is understood, for reasons best known to the administration.

Trouble Among Consuls.

New York, Dec. 10.—United States Attorney Marshall said today that the grand jury investigation of the alleged activities of Franz von Rintelen to instigate strikes in munition factories, would reconvene next week, probably Wednesday.

Evidence obtained by the district attorney's office and agents of the department of justice, it was learned today, implicates certain members of the consular staffs of Germany and Austria.

Mr. Marshall returned to his office today after a hurried trip to Washington yesterday, where he conferred with Attorney General Gregory. Should foreign consuls be brought into the case possible diplomatic entanglements might result and this phase of the situation, it was said, was one discussed at yesterday's conference in Washington.

RAISE FOR RIPLEY

President of Santa Fe Now Gets \$100,000 a Year.

Well Known Executive Highest Paid in World.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe, now is the highest paid railroad executive in the United States, according to general report in business circles today. Mr. Ripley's salary is said to have been increased from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year on the occasion of his seventeenth birthday, celebrated by a banquet of railroad officials at Chicago Oct. 26.

He became president of the Santa Fe Jan. 1, 1898.

An increase in salary, it was said, was made at the suggestion of Walker D. Hines, chairman of the executive committee of the road and its general counsel.

KAISER TO BELGIUM

Emperor William Will Visit His New Territory Under Heavy Guard.

Amsterdam, Dec. 10.—Emperor William will visit Brussels from December 19 to 22, according to the Belgian correspondents of Dutch newspapers. He will also visit the neighboring part of Belgium including the field of Waterloo, it was said.

Special police already have arrived at Brussels to act as a guard for the emperor.

11 Millions for Armor Plate Plant

Washington, Dec. 10.—Bills for an eleven million dollar government armor plate factory were introduced in both houses of congress today by Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee and Representative Tavenner of Illinois.

Minus An Arm General Goes Back At 'Em

Paris, Dec. 10.—General H. J. F. Gouraud, who lost an arm as the result of wounds suffered while commanding the French expeditionary force at the Dardanelles, and who sustained other severe wounds, has been assigned to command one of the armies at the front, although he has barely recovered.

The general himself applied for active employment again.

RUN OUT OF SERBIA

Troops of Allies in Full Retreat to Greece.

Berlin Receives Advice of Latest British Move.

BULGARS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Renew Attack on the Allied Troops in Macedonia.

English Lose 1,200 Men and Ten Guns, Is Report.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—According to information received in military quarters here, the Anglo-French expedition in the Balkans has continued its retreat and has now entirely evacuated Serbian territory.

London, Dec. 10.—What seems to be the intention that the troops of the entente allies contemplate evacuating Serbian territory, if they have not already done so, is contained in a statement declared in a Reuter dispatch from London today.

The Italians are declared in a dispatch from Berlin to have sustained serious reverses in Tripoli in engagement with tribesmen. They are reported to have lost six thousand men killed, the advice state.

London, Dec. 10.—The Bulgarians, heavily reinforced and well supported by artillery are renewing violently the attack on the French and British forces in Macedonia. Their assault has gone through the preliminary stages and is now approaching the climax of intensity. Although pursuit of the Serbians still continues, it is apparent from the proportions which

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SHIPS TO BOTTOM

This Has Been Bargain Day for Kaiser Submarines.

One Danish, One Italian and One Norwegian Victim.

London, Dec. 10.—The Italian steamer Dante Alighieri and the Norwegian steamer Nerhus have been sunk.

The crews of both vessels were saved.

Sink Dane Steamer.

London, Dec. 10.—The Danish steamer Minsk has been sunk. The crew was saved.

The Minsk was a steamer with a gross tonnage of 1,229. She was overtaken by a submarine on November 12 from Hlyth, England, on November 12 but shipping records do not give her destination.

A SYMPATHETIC KISS

Man Said He Felt Sorry for Pretty Woman Whose Husband Didn't Love Her.

New York, Dec. 10.—Here's the latest in the way of kisses. Exit the German propagandist and his been delivering lectures. He said he was waiting in the dining room of his secretary's home when Mrs. Rudert was captured by a German spy. How the recorder chose to believe the woman and held von Hergen in \$1,000 bail for the grand jurors.

"I did not assault this lady. I kissed her because I felt sorry for her when she told me that her husband did not love her as she wanted him to. When she turned to me and asked, 'Ain't I pretty?' I walked over to her, pushed back her hair from her forehead and kissed her."

Thus spoke Arthur von Hergen of Hoboken, when arraigned before Recorder Cutler in answer to a charge of assault preferred by Mrs. Dorothy Rudert, wife of von Hergen's secretary.

"What kind of a kiss would you call it?" asked Recorder Cutler.

"I would call it purely a sympathetic kiss," replied von Hergen, who is a German propagandist and has been delivering lectures.

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BOOZE SENT BY P. P.

Two Separate Quart Packages Are Being Held at the Topeka Post-office by Mr. Rigby.

Clerks in the postoffice discovered two separate quart packages in parcel post packages and as soon as Postmaster Rigby receives an order from Washington they will be destroyed. People are gradually learning that whisky and wine and other beverages cannot be sent by parcel post safely and are trying to get around it. However, there is certain to be a big increase in such shipments just before Christmas.

The postal regulations prohibit such shipments," said Postmaster Rigby, "and when we discover them we open them and destroy the matter of the department and upon the receipt of an order, destroy the wet goods. If there is anything else in the packages we send it on to the person to whom it is addressed, after notifying him what action has been taken with the liquor consigned to him."

THE NOON EDITION

The noon edition of the State Journal is becoming so popular that regular newsboys were stationed at Sixth and Kansas avenues, Ninth and Kansas avenues and at the Santa Fe general offices on Jackson street. Newsboys will also be stationed soon at other corners so the public can buy the noon and evening editions without delay. The noon edition is sold for 1 cent (pay no more), excepting on Saturdays, when the charge is 2 cents, account the larger number and comic pages in colors.

All other editions are 2 cents every day.

GENERAL STAFF FAVORS ARMY OF 1,500,000 MEN

Recommendation Calls for United States Reserve System.

Necessity of Trained Men Shown by European War.

OCEAN NO LONGER PROTECTS

Ease of Water Travel Removes Safety of Isolation.

Reserves to Receive Training in Regular Army Service.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Garrison made public today in connection with his annual report the special national defense report prepared at his request by the war college division of the general staff. It shows that the army itself considers that as a proper military policy to secure Continental United States from attack, it is necessary to have a mobile army of 1,500,000 fully or partially trained men. It makes the following specific recommendations for the organization it believes necessary.

Regular army: 121,000
Reserve at end of eight-year enlistment period: 375,000
Total: 496,000

Continental army: 500,000
On furlough: 500,000
In the months additional training before taking the field: 500,000
Organized militia: 500,000

No provision beyond annual appropriation of \$7,000,000 and repeal of all acts requiring state soldiers to receive into United States service in advance of any other force in time of war.

Grand total: 1,500,000

In estimating the cost of this establishment the report figures as follows for the first year: \$25,940,000
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Continental army: 375,000
Militia: 7,900,000

Total: \$53,840,000

In addition to the regular army Garrison points out in a digest of the special report, an annual expense of \$20,000,000 for each of four years would be necessary for harbor defenses and reserve material would cost for the first year alone \$119,768,786, making a total for the first year \$508,238,786.

It was the cost of the war college plan which led Secretary Garrison to

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FRED SIX SHOTS

French Cruiser Made U. S. Steamer Her Mark.

All German Subjects Will Be Made Prisoners.

San Juan, Dec. 10.—Four blank shots and two solid shots were fired by the French cruiser Descartes in holding up the American steamship Coamo yesterday.

A French lieutenant, who boarded the Coamo, informed him of the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again.

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GAS MAY GO UP

Decision in Long Fought Case Late This Afternoon.

Belief That Small Increase Will Be Allowed.

Decision in the gas rate case will be announced late this afternoon by the public utilities commission. Opinions of persons who have followed the case are to the effect that the commission probably will grant a small increase in rates and will endeavor to word it so that it will escape some of the glaring defects found by the supreme court in the recent opinion.

The decision in the gas rate case has been in course of preparation for several weeks. It has been written and rewritten, but is being held by the commission until late this afternoon. The document is bulky and sets forth in detail the commission's explanation of the gas rate controversy.

BAD WRECK ON PENNSY

One Freight Train Ran Into Another That Had Been Wrecked in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—A serious freight wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad at Andalusia, sixteen miles east of Philadelphia, early today tied up all traffic on the New York division and morning trains from Philadelphia to New York were cancelled. Through trains were run over other divisions to Trenton, N. J.

An eastbound freight train was wrecked at 1:35 a. m. and a westbound freight ran into it, scattering wreckage over all the tracks of the road. A brakeman and a fireman were injured.

Cow Breaks Record For Butter Yield

Buffalo, Dec. 10.—Today Pontac Johanna, a cow valued at \$20,000 has broken the world's record for butter production by yielding 658 pounds of milk in one week from which was made 41 81-100 pounds of butter. This eclipses the former butter record by 54 pounds.

The record cow was milked four times daily under supervision of a representative of the New York state agricultural department. Pontac Johanna is owned by Oliver Cabara, Jr., of Buffalo.

ROB BANK VAULT

Four Men Escape With \$1,500 at Everest, Kan.

Used Nine Blasts in Attempt to Open Safe.

MADE GETAWAY IN MOTOR

Took Guns From Hardware Store and Cut Phone Cable.

Men Thought To Be Bandits Seen in Atchison.

Horton, Kan., Dec. 10.—The Everest State bank at Everest, Kan., a town of about 500 population, seven miles from Horton, at 2:15 this morning was entered by four masked men, who blew open the vault and obtained between \$1,200 and \$1,500, all the available silver and currency on hand.

Two of the bandits worked on the vault while the remaining two stood on guard outside. It took nine explosions to blow open the safe, and they were plainly heard by residents of the town.

J. D. Butler, night watchman, who was in a building a short distance from the bank, saw the men at work

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WE MUST BE CALM

President Wilson Says U. S. Can Do Much for Peace.

Self Possession Will Have a Great Influence.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 10.—President Wilson, addressing the chamber of commerce here, declared that if the United States preserves its self possession in the present crisis it will have great influence in reconstructing the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again.

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SANTA CLAUS IS BUSY

Christmas Business Already Has Started in a Small Way at the Topeka Postoffice.

Christmas business has started at the postoffice here and it will be some time before the office is jammed with Christmas packages. The packages going through the mail now are for foreign countries. There is no local Christmas business noticeable.

"Christmas packages for Australia and other far distant countries begin to arrive in the latter part of November," said Postmaster Will Rigby. "Now the packages are starting for England and other countries where connections are better. But the big local business has not yet started. It will be on within a few days and I expect the office to be pretty well swamped."

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MORE ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY OUR WAR SUPPLIES

Grain for Allies Worth \$750,000 Burned This Morning.

Immense Elevators Holding 500,000 Bushels Consumed.

BIG STEEL PLANT ESCAPES

Watchman Extinguishes Fire Near Main Building.

Letters Threatening Factory Given to Postal Authorities.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 10.—An explosion this afternoon at the fuse plant of the Bethlehem Steel company at Redington, four miles here is reported to have killed one worker and injured fifteen others and destroyed a building.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Sensational investigation of bomb plots and other unneural acts by citizens of the United States and inquiries into the law and facts in the attacks upon the steamers Gulfport, Falaba, Lusitania, Arabic, Anacona, Hesperian and Petrolia were proposed in the senate today by Senator Lodge.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 10.—Fire, which early today destroyed three Anchor line grain elevators, bulging with 550,000 bushels of grain consigned to the allies, brought state and government investigators to the scene to run down reports that pro-German incendiaries started the blaze.

The loss is placed at \$750,000.

An investigation has begun immediately, despite statements by officials of the Erie & Western Transportation company, owning the Anchor line, that the blaze started high in elevator B, one of the burning trio. Indications, they said, were that spontaneous combustion caused the fire.

If spots started the blaze, it was said, they could not have selected more opportune time. Erie has discontinued fire tug service on the waterway where the elevators were situated, and when the flames were discovered, the streets surrounding the railway yards were blocked with freight trains.

Saved Steamers.

As a result of the blockade, fire apparatus was delayed in reaching the burning building and the flames gained headway.

The elevators were known to have been under extra guard ever since grain for the allies was placed in storage. Five grain elevators lying near the elevators were drawn away and saved.

Attempt at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 10.—Police today are investigating an alleged attempt made last night to set fire to the plant of the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery company, which recently announced it is making shell casings for the entente allies.

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WANTS OPEN SEAS

Hoke Smith Would Stop British Commerce Interference.

Georgia Senator Appeals to Congress to Take Action.

NEUTRAL RIGHTS VIOLATED

British Shippers Profit by Hardships U. S. Suffers.

Protests by State Department Have Done No Good.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Hoke Smith, in a speech in the senate, called upon congress today to insist that Great Britain cease interference with neutral commerce.

He declared that protests by the American state department had been met by increased lawlessness and tramping upon neutral rights.

"The United States, with other nations, should demand from Great Britain," said the senator, "that this disregard of their right cease. It may be necessary for the United States and other neutrals to let Great Britain understand that no word or act will be omitted to enforce their rights."

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The temperature last night at the lowest point was 15 degrees above the normal. The low reading was 38 degrees at 5 o'clock. The wind this morning was in the east but was expected to shift to the north or northwest by tonight. The mercury has been above the normal mark nearly all of this month. The cold weather tonight probably will be the breaking point.

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GREAT DEMAND FOR ARTIFICIAL LIMBS IN GERMANY AS THE WAR WEARS ON



In artificial limb shop.

The manufacture of artificial limbs in Germany has grown apace with the war. So many of the Kaiser's men have lost arms, legs or both, that it was long a serious matter to meet the demand for artificial limbs. The present product is an advance over those made in the past. They are lightly constructed and of such delicacy that those who wear them find little inconvenience.

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PEACE IN BELGIUM

Violent Demonstrations Favoring an End to War.

Police Were Obligated to Charge Crowds With Clubs.

POPE SENDS WORD TO KAISER

Recommendations for Peace Contained in Message.

Fear of Revolutionary Outbreak Throat Germany.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The Rome correspondent of the Journal sent the following:

"A Zurich (Switzerland) dispatch states that violent demonstrations in favor of peace have taken place in Berlin. The police were obliged to charge the crowds.

"The windows of stores and cafes were smashed during the rioting. 'Soldiers in the crowd took an active part in the disturbances.'"

In Other Cities, Too.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Peace manifestations have occurred not only at Berlin but at Dresden and Leipzig, according to the German correspondent of the Tagewacht.

The correspondent adds the conviction prevails among the masses in Germany that only a revolutionary outbreak would force the government to make peace.

Pope to Kaiser.

Rome, Dec. 10.—Cardinal Felice von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, left Rome tonight after again seeing Pope Benedict.

The cardinal said that he was the bearer of a papal message for Emperor William. He will see the emperor's ministers for peace.

It is understood Cardinal von Hartmann probably will see Prince and Buelow, German ambassador to Italy in Brussels.

PRESS ON SPEECH

London Newspapers Comment on Hollweg Remarks.

The Standard Says Chancellor Bares German Peace Policy.

London, Dec. 10.—The speech of the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, before the reichstag yesterday is commented on extensively by the London newspapers this afternoon. The chancellor's utterances are described editorially as "colorless and perfunctory" and as an attempt to present a picture of Germany waving purely and simply against enemies which would encircle and strangle her. All of the newspapers characterize as fallacious the chancellor's argument in regard to the analogy between British proceedings in Greece and the German invasion of Belgium.

The Evening Standard says von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech disposes of the idea that Germany intends to ask for peace. This newspaper considers the prospect of peace perhaps more remote at this moment than at any other period since the outbreak of the war.

The Pall Mall Gazette thinks the essence of the German chancellor's speech lies in its omissions. It continues:

"While Germany, according to the chancellor, has beaten everybody, and her calculations show no flaw and no uncertain factors, neither the burden nor the inconveniences of the conflict are mentioned. This is a clumsy attempt to charge the allies with 'violence against humanity' and to contrast their claims on behalf of Belgium with their current behavior towards Greece." The Pall Mall Gazette remarks:

"The chancellor omits from the comparison details which would somewhat compromise the argument—such as the fact that the Greek government invited the allied armies onto its soil and then made preparations for delivering treacherous attack if circumstances should seem to make that profitable. The parallel is an admirable measure of the intellectual contempt entertained by the German hierarchy for the pseudo-representative institutions before which it contends to air its omnipotence and infallibility."

The Westminster Gazette says: "If Germany had been invited to Belgium on the invitation of the Belgian government to bring assistance to a neighbor, as von Hollweg claims, which had been attacked by another power, say ourselves, and had found itself in difficulties through a sudden change of policy on the part of the Belgian king, the analogy might have been arguable. Whatever may happen in Greece, the history and nature of the two transactions have not the slightest resemblance."

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FIRE IN CHICAGO FURNITURE HOUSE

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