



Austria Is Defiant; Wilson Will Stand Firm

WOOD QUOTED AS SOLICITING \$5,000 GRAFT
Signal Agent Swears to Contract Commission Deal.

GRAND JURY GETS CASE TO-DAY
Committee Ready to Ask Commissioner's Removal—Witness Collapses.

THIEVES MISS \$10,000 GEMS
Too Practical to Recognize Bridgman Curios, They Take \$100 Worth.

DOUBLE KILLING STOPS A BABY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY
J. R. Seligman, Nephew of Banker, Shoots Wife and Himself.

CHILD IN NEXT ROOM; PLANS SPOILED, CRIES
'This Is Only Way,' Note Says—Dead Man Was Ex-Aviator and Rated Rich.

HUSBAND HER ONLY ENEMY
But Mrs. Merrill Doesn't Think He Set Fire to Her Home.

WIRELESS BRINGS DEATH TO GIRL
Aerial of Amateur Plant Blows Against Trolley Wire, Killing Curious Housemaid.

PRESIDENT GETS LICENSE TO WED MRS. EDITH GALT
Just Misses His Lucky Number 'Thirteen'; Mr. Luck Draws It.

ITALIAN FORCES MENACE TEUTON FLANK IN SERBIA
Germans, Threatened from Albania, Plan Drive Into Greece.

WOMAN, 74, KILLED BY FIRST AIR TRIP
Held Aviator Fast as Machine Plunged Into Water.

KAROLYI DEMANDS PEACE
Hungarian Leader Declares Country is Entitled to Compensation.

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KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF, SPARES BABY.



Jesse R. Seligman, nephew of Henry Seligman, banker, who shot his wife and himself in Gloversville, N. Y., yesterday, with little daughter in next room.

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U. S. PREPARED TO REJECT DEMAND FOR ANCONA FACTS; ULTIMATUM IS NEXT MOVE

AUSTRIA HOPES WILSON WILL ACCEPT COMPROMISE IN ANCONA PARLEYS

Vienna, Dec. 15 (via London, Dec. 16).—The Austro-Hungarian government's reply to the American note on the Ancona was transmitted at noon to-day to the American Ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield.

The American note, as published in the Vienna morning papers, resulted in a high state of public indignation, and while the text of the Austrian reply has not been made public, it is understood that common ground is indicated on which the United States and Austria might come to an understanding.

Those who are conversant with the contents of the reply express the conviction that the American government cannot fail to realize the justice and moderation of the Austrian government's attitude, and they view the reply as a fair and open-minded document, showing the imperial government's willingness to do whatever is right.

Kaiser's Guns Beat Time as Belgian Officers Tango

La Panne Hotel, Close to the Front, Is Gay as Paris and London—Broadway Ragtime Offsets the Monotony of the Trenches.

By FRED B. PITNEY.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The gayest place I have seen in this war is La Panne, almost the last remnant of a town the Belgian people can call their own. I drove into it in a mud-covered gray military automobile at the end of my first day in Belgium.

Every house was a fort, low-ceilinged rooms choked with sandbags piled against the outer walls and heavy wooden supporting beams bracing them into place.

In one house three tables stood between mitrailleuses against sandbag walls, and a bar ran along the opposite wall. The soldiers crawled under the beams to sit at the tables, and a girl served them coffee and wine from the bar.

The "Fortress" is the last remaining café in Furnes. It stands beside the Hotel de Ville and, like the Soldiers' Club at X—, its walls are fortified with sandbags.

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How to Skate

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