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## VIENNA DENIES ANCONA DEMAND, RUMOR ASSERTS

European Press Has Unofficial Statements of Diplomatic Break.

## NOTE MAY COME TODAY

Penfield Says It Probably Will Be Friendly, Firm, and Suggest Compromise.

## EMBASSIES AREN'T GLOOMY

Teutons Say Austria Cannot Acquiesce in Demand for Disavowal and Punishment of Commander.

The reply of Austria to the second American note demanding her adherence to international law and disavowal and punishment of the submarine commander who sank the Ancona, will arrive today or tomorrow at the State Department. This information is contained in dispatches from Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, who has already communicated to the department his opinion that Austria's reply will be friendly and will suggest a compromise. State Department officials declare that they have no report based on knowledge of the actual text of the note.

Unofficial statements from Paris newspapers and other European publications, intimating the certainty of a diplomatic break, did not elicit any comment.

One of the high officials of the department said the reported suggestion by Austria of an international commission had been considered. He did not know, however, whether Austria will propose to arbitrate questions of law or questions of fact. It was stated that should Austria first agree to the American construction of the laws of submarine warfare, it would make no difference how the question of reparation and indemnity were settled.

Officials repeated that no matter what reply Austria makes, the United States will stand firm on the demand that Austria subscribe to the American interpretation of international law, and that the act of sinking the vessel without warning be disavowed. They were, nevertheless, still inclined to the belief that Austria will offer guarantees for the future, coupled with an agreement to pay indemnities to the amount determined by a commission, as agreed to by the United States in the William P. Price case, and that it will then be for the administration to determine whether such an answer meets its demand.

## PREMIER WINS CABINET OVER

By Majority Vote Approves Conscription for the British Army.

## TWO DISSENTING MINISTERS TENDER THEIR RESIGNATIONS

Compulsory Measures to Be Recommended to Parliament When It Meets Next Week.

By G. ORTON TOWSON.  
London, Dec. 28.—According to The Times the cabinet decided today by a majority vote that it is bound by Premier Asquith's pledge and generally approved the principle of conscription as a consequence of the results of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign.

Thereupon Chancellor Mc Kenna and Mr. Runciman, president of the Board of Trade tendered their resignation. They did so partly as a protest against conscription and partly because of the effect which the cabinet's policy would have on the financial and commercial resources of the empire. The resignations have not been accepted. It is possible that other ministers may follow the example of Mr. Kenna and Runciman.

## Divisions Smoothed Over.

The divisions which appeared in the cabinet yesterday were in a large measure composed today. The cabinet was in session over two hours. There was a full attendance of ministers. It is understood that Lord Derby's report was subjected to a thorough analysis.

As a result of the discussion, the cabinet reached something like unanimity and came to a definite understanding on the subject of Mr. Asquith's pledge to married recruits, and this understanding will form the basis of future action. It is understood that the ministers agreed the pledge was binding, not only on Mr. Asquith, but on the government as a whole. The cabinet is believed to have decided also that the number of single men who have not been attested is not a negligible minority, but is, in fact, larger than most of the ministers expected.

## To Stand by Pledge.

The ministers recognized, therefore, that the problem is a serious one and decided that circumstances demanded the redemption of the premier's pledge.

The trend of the discussion virtually amounted to this: "That the cabinet was prepared, upon the reassembling of Parliament on Tuesday next, to recommend the adoption of compulsory measures."

Prof Muensterberg ill of Grippe.  
Boston, Dec. 28.—Prof. Hugo Muensterberg, of Harvard, is seriously ill at his home today with a severe attack of grippe.

## EIGHT INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO STIR STRIKES

Member of Congress and an Ex-Member Among the Accused.

## BRIBERY CHARGES MADE

Labor Peace Council Men Alleged Plotters With German Agents.

## OTHERS TO BE DRAWN IN NET

Only the Beginning of Sensational Revelations, Department of Justice Officials Hint.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Dec. 28.—The government today made its most decisive move against foreign propagandists and their American allies.

Eight men were indicted by the Federal grand jury on a charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law. Seven of them are Americans. All are prominent. Three have held high office under Federal or State governments.

All of the men named were members of Labor's National Peace Society. The indictments write a new chapter in the romantic life of Capt. Franz Von Brintelen, friend of the Kaiser and master marplot.

The eight men are charged with seeking to foment labor troubles in munitions manufacturing. They are accused of seeking to bribe labor leaders. The penalty for the crime charged is one year in prison, a fine of \$10,000 or both.

Sensational as were today's developments, the Federal authorities say that others that are to follow dwarf them in public interest. Hundreds of men may be drawn into the investigation which is to be continued by a special grand jury next week.

## The Men Indicted.

The eight men named in today's indictment are:  
Frank Buchanan, of Chicago, a member of the Congress of the United States, labor leader, and former president of Labor's National Peace Council.  
H. Robert Fowler, well-known lawyer, former representative from an Illinois district, and general counsel for Labor's National Peace Council.  
Frank R. Monnett, former attorney general of the State of Ohio, interna-

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FEEDING FAT TO THE FLAMES.

## PUNISH NATIONS THAT VIOLATE WORLD CODE OF LAWS, URGES ROOT

Speaker Tells Scientists International Law, Following War, Must Be Given Obligatory Force or Else Made Mere Etiquette.

## PUBLIC OPINION IS TO BE BASIS

Former Senator Says Germany's Violation of Belgium's Neutrality Destroyed Entire Framework of World Law. Declares It Must Be Rebuilt Along Rigid Lines.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.  
"Dating from the violation of Belgium's neutrality by Germany, international law has become virtually obsolete. Following the close of the European war, the world must decide whether to relegate it to the position of a code of etiquette or reconstruct it and lend it to the obligatory force given all domestic law.

"Wherever in the world the laws which should protect the independence of nations, the inviolability of their territory, the lives and property of their citizens, are violated, all other nations have a right to protest against the breaking down of the law. Such a protest would not be an interference in the quarrels of others."

## Sing Sing Warden To Face a Jury

Indicted for Omission of Duty, Unlawful Acts and Perjury.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Dec. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne warden of Sing Sing, was indicted today for "omission of duty as a public officer." The sixth count charges the warden personally with "unlawful acts with inmates." He was also indicted for perjury.

Supt. of Prisons John B. Riley, on hearing of this action, announced that Osborne would be "summarily removed" as warden of Sing Sing as soon as a high grade man can be found to take the place.

Gov. Whitman's comment was a brief typewritten statement, as follows: "From the first I have believed the charges against Mr. Osborne's personal character entirely unfounded and I am astonished at the action of the grand jury. But, of course, I know nothing whatever of the evidence that was presented to that body."

Warden Osborne, who has asserted for weeks that he courted indictment that he might prove his innocence made a long statement declaring his entire innocence.

No warrant was issued. It is usual to waive the warrant when public officials are named. George Gordon Battle, lawyer for Osborne agreed that Osborne should appear in court and give bail Thursday morning.

Need Democratic Basis.  
Mr. Root's address was impressively received. It was one of three addresses delivered at the evening session by authorities of international fame on the subject. John Bassett Moore, of New York, former Counselor for the State Department, and a writer of note on international law, and Dr. Norman Dwight Harris, professor of diplomacy and international law at Northwestern University, were the other speakers. At the afternoon session David Jayne Hill, former United States Ambassador to Berlin, delivered a paper.

## HINDU TROOPS LIKELY TO BE SENT TO EGYPT

Those Leaving France. It Is Believed, Are Going to Guard the Suez Canal.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Dec. 28.—Official announcement of the withdrawal of the Indian army from France took first place in the news of military operations today.

While the war office gave no intimation of the destination of the Indian troops, the belief was general that they were being sent into Egypt to guard the Suez Canal.

Turkish reports of fighting on the Sinai Peninsula are minimized by the British war office, but notwithstanding this fact dispatches from German sources indicate that operations against the British in Egypt have been under way for some time, being chiefly carried on by Arabs.

## FORTY VICTIMS OF U-BOAT.

Austrian Submarine Gave No Warning to the Ville De La Clotat.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Dec. 28.—A Paris dispatch tonight says that only forty are now missing from the French steamship Ville De La Clotat, which was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine. Many survivors have been landed at Malta and they declare the vessel was torpedoed without warning by a submarine flying the Austrian flag.

The steamer was off Crete, bound from Japan to Marseilles, when at 10 o'clock on the morning of December 26 she was shaken by an explosion. The submarine appeared a few minutes later.

## Coach Shelvin Near Death.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Thomas L. Shelvin, millionaire lumberman and Yale football coach, was near death tonight from pneumonia, following an illness caused by his coaching of the Yale football team last fall. Dr. W. W. Shippey, of Chicago, a specialist, made a sensational dash from Chicago to St. Paul in eight hours on a special train to reach the bedside of the sick man.

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The LOCAL news of this city had for years been neglected by the morning newspapers, and the fact that the net circulation of The Washington Herald today has grown so fast that it is ONE-THIRD LARGER than under the old management has proven that our idea was correct.

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The Herald has just secured the services of James R. Colburn as circulation manager. Mr. Colburn brings to The Herald a wide experience right here in the National Capital, having served as circulation manager of the Washington Times for six years, during which time that publication reached a circulation larger than had ever before been obtained by a Washington newspaper, compelling its evening competitor to change from its long-established price of 2 cents to 1 cent, as a matter of self-protection. Mr. Colburn comes to us now from the Washington Post after a service on that paper of nearly seven years.

Further particulars will be published as plans now being formulated develop. They will interest you from several standpoints, in addition to that enjoyment which comes with each day's reading of the National Capital's fastest-growing newspaper.

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## Milk May Be Sent To Teuton Babies

Lansing Cables Diplomats to Ask Allies if There Are Any Objections.

Secretary of State Lansing yesterday cabled instructions to United States Ambassadors Walter H. Page at London and William G. Sharp at Paris to learn whether the British and French governments, respectively, will consent to shipments of condensed milk from the United States to the babies of Austria and Germany.

The inquiry is the result of earnest efforts on the part of charitable organizations in this country to meet a situation wherein, according to reports received from the Teutonic nations, large numbers of infants are starving for want of proper nourishment.

Secretary Lansing's cablegram was as follows: "Ascertain and report promptly whether the British (French) government will permit the transportation of milk from this country to Germany and Austria to be distributed to the babies in these countries under the direction of the American Red Cross."

In view of assurances received yesterday that Great Britain is not going to interfere with the shipment of hospital supplies from the United States to the central powers, it is hoped that the British and French authorities will see fit to permit the milk shipments to be included under the restrictions proposed by this government.

## ALLIED FORCES AT SALONKI.

About 170,000 Men Now Available and More Coming, Is Report.  
Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—A local paper states that up to the present time, 210,000 allied troops have been landed at Salonki. Ninety thousand of these were English. Twenty-seven thousand sick and wounded have been sent home.

Total allied losses are estimated at 40,000, so 170,000 men remain at the disposal of the allies. Further reinforcements are expected. It is rumored that 40,000 are arriving from Marseilles.

Twelve hundred guns have been landed at Salonki.

## T. R. Gets Costs in Barnes Suit.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt today was allowed \$14,452 against William Barnes, of Albany, as costs and disbursements in the recent trial in this city when the \$20,000 libel suit brought by Barnes was decided in favor of Roosevelt.

## Gen. G. W. Dodge Critically Ill.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 28.—Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, wealthy railroad builder, civil war veteran and former member of Congress, critically ill. He has been unconscious for forty-eight hours. Gen. Dodge is 84 years old.

## Ida von Claussen Weds and Escapes

Paroled from Insane Hospital, She Marries and Flees Into Jersey.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ida Von Claussen, recently released from an insane asylum, and heroine of a long series of peculiarly fantastic exploits, burst into matrimony today. She is now the wife of Francis Albert Donna, of Philadelphia.

Outmaneuvering a trained nurse, a corps of lawyers, the district attorney's office, and the Supreme Court, Mrs. Von Claussen succeeded in securing a husband and escaping with him to the safe fastnesses of New Jersey.

Mrs. Von Claussen was permitted to leave the Middletown State Hospital for the Insane on December 24. She was paroled by Justice Tompkins in the custody of her brother, Matthew R. Claussen.

"My sister has been living with me since she came back to New York," said Mr. Claussen tonight. "She never mentioned marriage until this morning when she said: 'I suppose I ought to ask Justice Tompkins whether I can get married.' 'I thought she was joking. What was my astonishment a few hours later to hear over the phone that my sister had been married and was even then preparing to leave on her honeymoon.'"

Mrs. Von Claussen spent several months in Washington during the administration of President Roosevelt, trying to see the Executive regarding some alleged grievances she said she had against one of the American diplomatic representatives abroad.

## DROWNS HER TWO CHILDREN.

Mrs. Kraus Follows Them Into Millford Reservoir But Is Rescued.  
Milford, Conn., Dec. 28.—Making good her threats to kill her sons and try to take her own life, Mrs. Edward Kraus threw her two children, Edward, 5, and Stanley, 7, into the Millford Water Company's reservoir this afternoon and then jumped in herself.

The boys were drowned. The woman was rescued. She made the threats to her husband this morning but he did not take her seriously.

## Says Italy's King Is Wounded.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 28.—King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, has been wounded by an Austrian grenade and is now in the hospital. It is stated by the Overseas News Agency. The agency attributes its information to a traveler who has just arrived from Italy.

## Allies Loan Greece \$2,000,000.

Athens, Dec. 28.—The newspaper Hestia states that the entente powers have loaned 10,000,000 francs (about \$2,000,000) to Greece.

## Villa Kills Two To Save Own Life

Quick with Gun When Four of His Followers Try to Assassinate Him.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—News was received here today of an attempt to assassinate Gen. Francisco Villa near Bustillos, state of Chihuahua, yesterday.

Four of Villa's followers tried to shoot him, but missed. Villa thereupon drew his pistol and killed two of the would-be assassins.

News of the attempt on Villa's life was telegraphed here from Chihuahua City by Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commander of the Carranza garrison.

Villa is making a powerful effort to collect his old followers and reorganize his army.

## SEVEN FOSTER CHILDREN NOW IN PUTNAM FAMILY

New York Physician and His Wife Adopt Four of Them Within Five Days.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
New York, Dec. 28.—Once again Dr. Charles Russell Lowell Putnam has decided to become a foster-father. Papers filed today in the Supreme Court show that he has adopted Nora McCarthy, now Nora McCarthy Putnam, making seven children he and Mrs. Angelica T. Rathbone Putnam have taken into their spacious Twenty-eighth street home as their own. Only five days ago they obtained from the Surrogate's Court permission to adopt Emma and May Pendleton and Arnold Bartlett. Prior to that time they had three other children. As they have one child of their own, a boy of eleven, there are eight children now in their household.

Dr. Putnam is assistant surgeon in the babies' ward of the Post Graduate Hospital, attending physician at the Convalescent Home at St. Cliff, and well known as a specialist in children's diseases. He is wealthy.

## TWO SHIPS LOST IN STORM.

Others in Peril from Gale Lashing the British Coast.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.  
London, Dec. 28.—The British naval steamship Van Strum, 3,281 tons, and the Swedish steamer Nereus, 1,229 tons, have been sunk in the storm which is lashing the British coast. The crews of both vessels were saved.

The Nereus was sunk in the North Sea on Christmas Day. The crew, after drifting in boats until Monday, was picked up. The men suffered severely from the terrific weather.

Fears were expressed today that the trawler Empress of Aberdeen, of Aberdeen, had been lost in the prevailing storm.

Union Savings Bank, 1916 Christmas Savings Club, Classes 5c, 50c, \$1, and \$2. Adv.