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STILL AWAITING ALLIES' ANSWER

Lloyd George Not Expected to Tell Attitude on Peace for Some Days.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, Dec. 17.—David Lloyd George likely will be prevented from appearing in the house of commons Tuesday when it was expected he would define broadly the peace terms of the entente allies. Mr. Lloyd George was declared today to be unable to speak above a whisper. Despite the efforts of several physicians, it was stated that it would be several days before the new prime minister would be able to appear in public.

Neutrals Marking Time.

Anticipating that it will be several days before Lloyd George, England's new prime minister, will be able to appear before Parliament to announce the attitude of his country toward Germany's peace proposals, neutrals are holding in abeyance any steps they may contemplate to assist in ending the war. That the skeleton of a plan already has been informally discussed among representatives of neutral countries in the United States is made apparent by frequent conferences held in Washington in the last few days. It was indicated last night that all the neutral powers will confer with President Wilson or Secretary Lansing before taking any steps whatsoever. It was decided in Washington that the President will make no move until after the British premier has spoken, and even then he likely will wait until the reply of the allies has reached Germany.

Nothing to Gain.

It was argued that if the allies were going to give due consideration to the German proposals, nothing could be gained by urging them to do so, and, in fact, such action by the United States might put the administration where it would be more difficult to offer mediation or suggestions for a conference at a later date. It was stated positively that the President has definite plans which he hopes to put into effect, and that he is optimistic regarding the possibility of some good coming from the German offer. One of the reasons that actuated President Wilson not to make any suggestions in transmitting the proposals to the allies is stated to be the fact that the allies are not expected to be gained by the German offer would turn sympathy against them in the neutral countries. Guarded expressions of State Department officials indicated that if Lloyd George does not express his willingness to meet with them at this time it will be considered unfriendly, steps will immediately be taken to make the best possible use of the situation for the promotion of peace.

MORGAN PARTNERSHIP FOR THOMAS COCHRAN

Bank President Who Started Penniless, Gets Plum.

(By The International News Service.) New York, Dec. 17.—A partnership in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.—that blue ribbon for which young financiers strive—has been conferred upon Thomas Cochran, president of the Liberty National Bank. J. P. Morgan & Co. made the announcement today. Mr. Cochran will become a Morgan partner on January 1. He is 45 years of age and has no money or influence. Henry P. Davidson, of the Morgan firm, is said to have "had an eye on" Mr. Cochran for some time. Cochran's parents were New Yorkers who moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he was born. In Yale he "made" the football team and Skull and Bones. During his third year his father lost his fortune. Young Cochran worked his way through his fourth year, a seventeen years ago he came to New York with no money but any amount of energy. Henry P. Davidson was vice president of the First National Bank when he first met young Cochran. He picked two young men to help him organize the Astor Trust Company. One of these was Thomas Cochran. He was vice president from 1907 until 1914, and the company was very successful. Then he was offered the presidency of the Liberty National Bank. Under his direction it has since become the most profitable national bank in the United States.

BLAST IN AUSTRIA KILLS 14.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Fourteen persons were killed and seventy-seven others were injured by a violent explosion last night at a munitions factory at Felddorf, a village of Lower Austria, in the district of Wiener-Neustadt, says the Neue Presse. Several buildings in the town were destroyed.

JEM MACE'S MASTER DEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Few who watched the modest funeral procession accompanying the body of John Miller to the cemetery today knew that he was none other than a man who for forty years had been a "model saloon-keeper" of Chicago. For half a century ago, his name was known throughout the pugilistic world as the conqueror of the famous English prizefighter, Jim Mace.

RAIL STRIKE IN HAVANA.

Havana, Dec. 17.—At the expiration of the men's ultimatum at 8 o'clock yesterday morning a general strike on the Havana Central Railway was begun. Traffic has been paralyzed. The electric plant is out of operation, the current in many towns in Havana province was cut off. Police are guarding the railroad and ferry terminals.

Keep Your Overshoes and Umbrellas Handy for Snow; Also Skates Are in Vogue

Sharpen your skates. The ice is hard enough to hold you unless you wear a good pair of skates. Many lovers of the great winter pastime went out yesterday on lakes and ponds, cutting preliminary capers on the frozen waters. Keep your overshoes and umbrellas handy, the snow hasn't forgotten how to fall yet. It is very probable that a few flurries of the white and flakey will shower over the District this afternoon or tonight. Clouds of various shapes and hues are expected to sail overhead today and intercept the warm yellow rays of good old Sol. But despite the gray day predicted by the man who regulates the world's sprinkling apparatus, the four winds and the temperature, Washington folk can steal a little pocket edition of sunshine from the knowledge that the thermometer is not expected to register a fall.

Surgeon Is Good Samaritan, But He Braves Snow Vainly

New York, Dec. 17.—Dr. Anthony Avata, an ambulance surgeon in St. Mary's Hospital, Jamaica, received a telephone message last night that a man had been seriously burned at a fire at Rockaway Boulevard and a law, Tree Cross road, Woodhaven, L. I. He responded in a motor ambulance. When two miles from Woodhaven the physician and his driver ran into a snow storm which rendered the road almost impassible and trudged two miles over snowy fields to the scene of the fire. When they arrived there the person who telephoned to the hospital apologized. He said he had understood the injured man was alive. Instead, the surgeon found that Jacob Suttler, 66 years old, caretaker of the burned barn, had almost been completely incinerated.

Woman Stabs Negro Thug On Street with Hat Pin

The police are on watch at all Washington hospitals, and as soon as a negro appears at one of these institutions to ask for treatment for a hat-pin wound in his breast he will be given free lodging in the District jail. When Mrs. Beese Veigler, 3341 Warden street, left her home last night to visit a neighbor, a colored man tried to snatch her purse. Mrs. Veigler drew a long hat-pin, lunged at her assailant and stabbed him in the chest. She is confident she inflicted a serious wound. The wounded negro tried to wrench the hand bag from her, but Mrs. Veigler resisted. Finally the negro ran away.

Santa Smokes a Cigarette; Burns Off Part of Beard

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 17.—Robert "Quail" White, a young man who has been impersonating Santa Claus for the Salvation Army relief department, was severely burned yesterday when the gray beard of his false face took fire while he was lighting a cigarette. He was seated in a barber chair of the city hall shop. White's cries brought Desk Sergeant Thomas L. Hasson and Patrolman H. H. Hinder from police headquarters nearby to the rescue. Hinder dashed a pail of water on White and extinguished the blaze.

Don'ts for War Hospitals Now Used in Great Britain

London, Dec. 17.—Considerable annoyance is caused by well-meaning friends visiting wounded English heroes and asking foolish and obvious questions. In the East Leeds War Hospital there is the following list of questions which visitors are requested not to ask: Are you wounded? How did you know you were wounded? Did it hurt? Which hurts most—going in or coming out? Did the shell hit you? Did you see any Germans? How many did you kill? How do you want to go back?

This Undertaker Conveyed To Hospital in Own Hearse

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—E. P. Halsted, prominent and wealthy undertaker, was driven to San Francisco in his own hearse, and taken to St. Luke's Hospital in a dying condition. Halsted left here to attend a funeral in San Mateo. Near Daly City he left the hearse to transact some business and was struck by a street car. A Daly City physician pronounced him dead, and he was placed in the hearse. Signs of life were discovered later, however, and the hearse driver rushed his vehicle to the hospital.

Crippled Youngster Makes His Own Feet Out of Willow

Emporia, Kan., Dec. 17.—Making his own feet a part of the work done by William Ashman, a Wamego boy, in addition to his regular school work in the normal at Emporia this year. William was injured on a railroad when 7 years old, losing his left leg. Since that time he has worn an outgrown several artificial legs and feet. The last two of these have been replaced by articles of his own make. The wood which Ashman uses for his new feet is willow.

Has Triplets at Age of 18; And Her Husband Is Only 19

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—Probably one of the youngest mothers of triplets ever in this city is Mrs. Lena Stockman, who is only 18 years old. Three baby girls recently arrived at her home. Their father, Lawrence Stockman, is but 19 years old. Mrs. Mary Herr, mother of Mrs. Stockman, has indirectly achieved a record of her own. She is only 34 years old. Her husband was merely a mother; now she has three grandchildren.

Wedded Year Ago Today, President Will Entertain

President Wilson will receive few, if any, callers today, the first anniversary of his marriage to Mrs. Edith Bolling. No announcement has been made as to the plans the President and Mrs. Wilson have for the day, but it is understood that they will spend the day surrounded by a family circle. Their program may include some golf this morning.

CONGRESS RUSHES BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Leaders Will Force Through Supply Bills Before Christmas Adjournment.

Congress will start today to clean up for Christmas and the holiday recess. The House will continue consideration of appropriation measures. The legislative judicial and executive bill and the huge supply measure for the government of the District of Columbia will be passed. The Senate will dispose of the Sheppard prohibition bill and take up the Townsend volunteer officers bill afterward.

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Present plans of Congressional leaders call for a recess from Friday to Tuesday, January 2. Both Senators and Representatives will begin the holiday adjournment early in the week, and by Friday it is expected that a majority of both houses will be gone from Washington. Action on President Wilson's legislative program, including recommendations for railroad legislation will be postponed by both Houses until after the recess. Meantime the fight for prohibition will occupy the center of the Congressional stage. Dry advocates are determined to force the Sheppard bill to make Washington "dry" to a vote as soon as possible and before the week is out they feel certain that the measure will go through the Senate by a substantial majority. It will then go to the House. Senators will concentrate their fight on an amendment to submit the prohibition question to a referendum vote in the District which is complicated by a proposal to give the women a vote on the issue. Failure to reach an agreement yesterday on a time for a vote on the bill indicates that the final disposition of the measure will be delayed in the House, pushing the referendum idea and substituting the Smoot bill which is much more drastic than the Sheppard proposal.

Holidays Delay Senate.

The holidays will delay Senate action on the railroad program, proposals for universal military training, and the President's plan to legalize combinations of American manufacturers and merchants in the foreign trade. On all of these matters Senate committees will begin hearings soon after Congress reconvenes. In the House the leaders will press the routine program of supply bills, and may break all records by passing four appropriation bills before Christmas. The Indian bill has already been passed, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill is under consideration, and the District of Columbia and diplomatic and consular bills will be reported to the House from committees today. Majority Leader Kitchin said yesterday that he expected to dispose of all of these measures before taking the holiday recess. Prohibition and suffrage fights will be started in the House this week in preparation for the struggle for consideration of the universal suffrage and prohibition amendments to the Constitution which will be taken up after the recess. Pressure will be brought to bear on the Rules Committee to bring out rules of the consideration of both measures. There will be little difficulty in offering the prohibition amendment, but a vote on the suffrage proposal may be delayed.

SHIPWRECKED SAILORS LANDED IN NEW YORK

Only Eleven of Fifty-one on Freighter Pio IX Rescued.

(By The International News Service.) New York, Dec. 17.—Eleven members of the crew of the Spanish freighter Pio IX, rescued from rafts during a howling northwest on the night of December 4, reached port on the Spanish liner Buenos Aires. The Pio IX sailed from New Orleans November 16, bound for Valencia, with 8,800 bales of cotton and a shipment of slaves. She had sixty-two men aboard, and besides those brought to port today 47 others are believed to have been picked up by a French cruiser. The remaining forty were drowned. The last word from the Pio's wireless operator was received by the Buenos Aires at 1 a. m., December 5, reading: "We are sinking fast. Decks awash. Good-by." At great danger to the Buenos Aires, Capt. Soria maneuvered near enough to shoot a line to the Pio. The rope parted. Three times he tried, and each time the line broke. During the evening a light was seen flashing from the surface of the sea. A boat was lowered and two of the Pio's crew were rescued. They had leaped into the water with a companion lad who had support until another light was observed and nine more men were rescued from an improvised raft.

FLAMES DRIVE WOMAN TO DIVE INTO STREET

Other Occupants of Blazing House Flee Across Roofs.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, Dec. 17.—A woman's leap to the street, the rush of a score of persons across roofs and down fire escapes and rescues by firemen and policemen marked an exciting fire in a five-story tenement house at 132 Third avenue today. Three occupants of the house were injured. One of them, Mrs. Barbara Collins, 34 years old, is in the Reception Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the skull. Her condition is serious. Mrs. Collins was awakened by excessive heat and found her room on the second floor ablaze. She immediately ran to the window and, without hesitating longer than a moment, plunged to the street. Her head struck the sidewalk. Charles Chromer, 19, was taken unconscious from the fourth floor of the building by firemen. He is in Flower Hospital, suffering from the effects of inhaling smoke.

Union Savings Bank Christmas Savings Club for 1917 opens December 20.

Herald Fight for Pay Increases in Nutshell

Developments yesterday in movement for increased salaries for government and District employees. 1—Final arrangements completed for big mass meeting at Convention Hall tonight. 2—Representatives of organized labor met at the A. F. of L. Building and discussed ways and means for advancing wage legislation. 3—Custodians and Janitors' Union of school employes adopt resolution of thanks to The Washington Herald. 4—House leaders hope to have the legislative, executive and judicial bill carrying increases passed by tomorrow night. 5—Teachers' Union arranges for mass meeting at the new Central High School tomorrow night, and the Federal Employes' Union will have a separate mass meeting Wednesday night at National Rifles' Armory.

GIFT TO WORKERS Dying Woman Gives Estate for Phthisis Victims.

(By The International News Service.) New York, Dec. 17.—Miss Martha Hentschel, of Kingston, N. Y., has just given a fortune to the Garment Workers of New York City. The fortune is represented in a beautiful estate on the heights overlooking the Hudson River, near Kingston. It will be used to endow a sanatorium for tubercular patients in the garment trade. Three years ago Miss Hentschel, as a trained nurse, was caring for tubercular patients when she contracted the disease. Her fight for life has been a losing one and today her physicians declared she probably would not live through the holidays. Her estate, valued at \$500,000 and \$300,000 is to be spent on additional hospital buildings. Each member of the different local Garment Workers' Unions is to be taxed \$1 a year and thus Miss Hentschel's gift will be self-supporting. The sanatorium will be ready for occupancy by May.

Telegraph Tips

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Edward Andrews, of Naples, has killed a gray wolf which had been killing cattle and sheep in his neighborhood for several weeks. Honolulu, Dec. 17.—Advices received here by cable from Australia state that the government in control of outgoing cargoes has prohibited further coal shipments to the Hawaiian Islands. Asheville, N. C., Dec. 17.—Rear Admiral John J. Hunker, retired, who served with distinction under Admiral Sampson during the Spanish war, died at a sanitarium here of heart disease. Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—The Dagens Nyheder says that the decision of the entente allies to discontinue the supply of oil, paraffin, petrol and fishing tackle for Danish fisheries has paralyzed the industry. Duluth, Dec. 17.—After operating continuously in Duluth since the Minnesota ranges for a year the Industrial Workers of the World will leave this part of the country. It was said at I. W. W. headquarters. Montclair, N. J., Dec. 17.—In its review of the conditions that attached to the recent prevalence of infantile paralysis here the Montclair board of health reports that the extraordinarily strict regulations adopted proved valueless. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17.—Contracts for seventy all steel barges of 1,000 tons capacity and three towboats of 1,900-horsepower to be used in the coal trade on the Monongahela River have been let by the United States Steel Corporation. Livingston, Mont., Dec. 17.—Sportsmen estimated that 400 elk were killed just outside the northern boundary of Yellowstone National Park during the last two days of the season, which has just closed. Paris, Dec. 17.—There have been revolutionary outbreaks in various parts of Portugal, according to a Havas News Agency dispatch from Lisbon, but an official note declares that the uprising has been everywhere entirely quelled and that Lisbon is tranquil. Houghton, Mich., Dec. 17.—The Canadian steamship Arabia, which left Toronto for Cleveland on Monday, was delayed in Port Chester, N. Y., last Wednesday, it is said. Port Chester, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mystery surrounds the death of John Hays, 65 years old, whose body was washed ashore from the Byram River at East Port Chester, Conn. Hays had been in Port Chester, N. Y., last Wednesday, it is said. Nyack, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The Borden Milk Company has purchased several farms in the town of Blooming Grove, Orange County, and will stock the property with fine dairy cattle. It is reported also that the milk company is negotiating for Broad Acres, one of the largest dairies in Rockland County. Winsted, Conn., Dec. 17.—When rabbits were astounded by the actions of their dog, which kept circling a hemlock tree and looking upward, the sportsmen upon investigating discovered a jack rabbit sitting in a crotch of the tree about six feet from the ground. London, Dec. 17.—George H. Pownall, president of the Institute of Bankers, died suddenly in London at the age of 67 years. He was formerly manager of William Deacon's Bank, Ltd., and was a prominent writer on financial subjects since the beginning of the war.

U. S. EMPLOYEES READY FOR VOTE

Champions of Higher Salaries Prepare for Debate in House Today.

Government employes yesterday lined up their forces for the fight for increased salaries which will begin when the House meets at noon today. Representatives of the Federal Employes' Union and other organized bodies interested in the legislation met yesterday at the A. F. of L. Hall and put the finishing touches on the amendment they will seek to have added to the legislative, executive and judicial bill. Representative Keating, of Colorado, will introduce this. It will provide a much larger graded increase than that of 5 per cent for employes receiving \$1,200 or less and 10 per cent for employes between \$1,200 and \$1,800, which was the increase reported by the House Appropriations Committee. Employes receiving less than \$1,000 a year will get an increase of 20 per cent, and the rate is graduated downward to 5 per cent for those receiving \$200. Should the Keating amendment fall, other salary scales will be proposed. Representative Austin will offer the Penrose-Austin measure, with increases as high as 25 per cent for lower-paid employes. Introduction of a measure which is ready for all adult employes of the government. Fear for Nolan Bill. Parliamentary experts yesterday pointed out that unless the Nolan amendment fixing \$3 a day as the minimum for all adult government employes was skillfully introduced, it would be thrown out on a point of order. The amendment can only fix the rate of increase for the employes included in the bill under consideration and any general legislation will not be in order. The California Representative proposed that the Nolan amendment be worded so that only these employes be included. It is generally understood that the House will enact the legislation into an appropriation measure if it is accepted in the bill under consideration. Members of the House are leaving the city in large numbers and it was decided by some of the leaders yesterday to push action on the legislative program so that it can be completed by Tuesday night, even though it is necessary to have a night session. Departing members were anxious to get a second reading of the bill.

WILLYA THREATENS Chihuahua City in Panic When Bandit Warns of Visit.

(By The International News Service.) El Paso, Dec. 17.—Chihuahua City is in a state of panic. Villa has sent a threat to reoccupy the city Christmas Day. It is recalled that he fled September 16 as the date of his first occupation and kept his promise. The populace is making frantic efforts to evacuate, but only military trains are operating. Gen. Murguia, in command of the United States army, has four wood-burning locomotives, and the rest being oil burners and there is no oil available. Late tonight it was said that Villa is making his headquarters at Creel, on the Oregon Trail, 120 miles southwest of El Paso. Villa's detachments are holding Santa Rosalia and Jimenez, and are advancing on Torreón and Parral. Villa's overtures to the administration will be completely ignored. This statement was made at the War Department last night, unofficially, but as representing Gen. Pershing still in Mexico, with the instructions to "get Villa" still unchanged, it was pointed out it would be nothing short of ludicrous for the ranking officer of the United States military establishment to confer with the Mexican leader, who is regarded by the administration as nothing more than a bandit leader.

WEALTHY TO FOIL BURGLARS.

Poughkeepsie, Dec. 17.—Wealthy residents of this district, in fear of burglars, have organized the Upper Hudson Protective Society, which filed articles of incorporation yesterday. Among the men in the organization are: Vincent A. Roberts, P. Huntington, Frederick Vanderbilt, William B. Dinwiddie and John R. Roosevelt. The directors are: Warren Delano, of Tarrytown; Col. Archibald Rogers, of Hyde Park; Tracy Lows, of Rhinebeck; Herman Livingston, of Greendale, and Thomas Hunt, of Clermont. Sprawled in bed, with a suit of clothing belonging to Representative William Kent doing service as a lounge costume, Grover Staten, colored, was arrested early yesterday on charges of housebreaking, deprivation of private property and assault with a dangerous weapon. Stolen jewelry, clothing, oil paintings, silverware and other articles were found in the home at 136 U. street northwest. Staten, who is 31 years old, is believed to be the man who fired several shots at Policemen Edwards and Jeffries when surprised in a vacant home on R street several days ago and then jumped from a second-story window. He escaped on a bicycle. Ida Staten, a sister of the prisoner, and who lives in Georgetown, is under arrest on a charge of receiving stolen property. She had remodeled two towns stolen from the Kent home, to her own suit. After the arrest of Staten by Sgt. J. Willard Green and Detectives Scrivner, Davis and Scott, of the Seventh precinct, the California Representative identified the stolen property as his own, and also claimed a \$100 diamond ring, a \$65 watch and a \$100 painting found in Staten's home. Two patrol wagons full of unidentified loot were carted from the place. Representative Kent's home was robbed last week.

FIND NEGRO IN BED IN REP. KENT'S CLOTHES

Detectives Raid Home and Recover Quantity of Stolen Property.

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FALSE TEETH CAUSE ARREST.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 17.—Pat Murphy, a Cleveland man, lost his false teeth in the sewer. He was engaged in a fight with Joe Gallagher in a saloon when Gallagher was stabbed in the back with a knife. As Murphy fled from the saloon his false teeth fell out, and they were turned over to the police. A check of the teeth by Joe Gallagher showed that they were the teeth of a man who had been arrested for a robbery. Murphy was arrested and taken to the police station and made an appeal for them.

TAMES WILD DUCKS.

Junction City, Kan., Dec. 17.—Robert Rose, a Union Pacific engineer of this city, has solved the high cost of living, so far as eggs are concerned. Instead of purchasing a flock of hens that go on strike when their product reaches cents a dozen, Mr. Rose has a dozen "tame" wild ducks. The collection represents several years of hunting, all of the ducks having been slightly wounded. They were kept in ten eggs daily during the season when the hens are taking their vacation.

SNOW FATALLY BLINDS.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 17.—Walking through the cold snow on his way to a neighbor, to have funds to purchase a Christmas gift for his wife, who is in a hospital, Paul Headock was killed on the railroad at St. Clair today. With his head down, he did not see or hear an approaching train. Benjamin Long, of Auburn, who was injured in a snowstorm and whose arm was amputated at the Pottsville Hospital, died today.

SANTA IN AN AIRPLANE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Santa Claus must become modernized. Owing to the tremendous area he must cover he will make his appearance in an airplane at the first annual Christmas party of the Walnut Street Business Association, which will be held on the roof of the Bellevue-Stratford next Wednesday evening. The wonderful prosperity of the year makes it necessary for him to have several assistants who will likewise be modernized, to the extent of making their entire in automobiles. VAULT DOOR WEIGHS 40 TONS. New York, Dec. 17.—One of the largest and strongest bank vaults in the world will be put into operation today. It is in the new Fifth avenue office of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, on the southeast corner of Fifty-third street. The vault is the Morgan and Guaranty Trust buildings downtown are the only two that equal it in size. The main door of this vault weighs nearly forty tons. MARYLAND ROADS BLOCKED. Federalburg, Md., Dec. 17.—Travel in this section by automobile and team is suspended owing to the heavy fall of snow. A large number of automobiles and many teams are stalled tonight here at Williamsburg, owing to the heavy drifts. T. Coleman du Pont, of Wilmington, who on his way to attend a fashionable wedding at Cambridge, reached Williamsport, where his machine became stalled in a snow drift and he had to return here. ANIMALS SHARE \$250,000. New York, Dec. 17.—Dumb animals have shared in an estate of more than \$250,000, according to an accounting filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court by Eliza M. Owen, of Kingsbridge, and Homer I. Estrom, of Waquoit, Mass., executors under the will of Caroline G. Egan.

Rumanian Victories Give Germans Plentiful Supply Of Grain and Foodstuffs

(By The International News Service.) Berlin (via Sayville wireless), Dec. 17.—The Budapest newspaper Taa Jaag publishes an interview with the President of the German war food office, Tortolozits von Batoczi, who is quoted as saying: "The poor German potato crop will receive a heavy blow for the moment; nevertheless there was no misery, but only an unpleasant scarcity which, however, was remedied even before the Rumanian victory. "Now we are amply provided with potatoes and grain which in Rumania fell into our hands in such quantities that we can simply feast until the next crop. Germany was well supplied with grain, also Bulgaria and Turkey will receive a considerable share."

FRENCH UNDERGO CEASELESS FIRE

Germans Bombard Positions Taken in Recent Spectacular Advance at Verdun.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Dec. 17.—The French lines at Vacherau Ville, Besonvaux, and around Chamberette Farm, won by the French in their big onslaught Friday, were bombarded by the Germans today. The fire was kept up ceaselessly. The war office reports only minor damage done. Attacks also were directed at the French trenches in the St. Mihiel sector, near Chauvo Court, but the Teutons were driven back by the hot barrier fire of the defenders. An attempt to make a raid in the Champagne section was also frustrated. Reports from the western front tell of attempts by the British to drive the Germans back near Hannes Camps, north of the Ancre, a little more than five miles above the northern tip of the allied attacking front on the Somme and Ancre rivers. The result of the attacks was not stated in the British official reports tonight. It is believed, however, that the attack may presage a sudden offensive in force by the British, similar to that launched by the French at Verdun.

Along Hundred-Mile Front.

Along the whole 100-mile front in Northernmost Rumania, from Buzeu to the Black Sea, the armies of Gen. von Falkenhayn and Field Marshal von Mackensen, pushed on in the direction of Moldavia and Bessarabia during the last thirty-six hours, the German war office announced. A bulletin issued by Berlin tonight stated that the bulk of the Teuton forces have crossed the Buzeu River and the northern tip of the allied attacking front on the Somme and Ancre rivers. Eleven hundred and fifty additional prisoners were taken, and the booty of the last two days includes nineteen locomotives, 900 railroad cars, "mostly laden, as well as "innumerable vehicles." A Russian war office statement issued today reported a check of the Teuton advance along the Buzeu Rinnicu Sarat Railway and in the region of Batag. The mention of this latter place, however, is an indirect admission that the invading center is now only thirty-two miles southwest of the Rumanian Danube port Braila. In the Dobruza the loss of Tetmeale village, in the village of Calma, is conceded by Petrograd. The German high command does not expect the Russians to allow the invaders to carry the campaign into Bessarabia, with the same ease and swiftness that marked the Russian position of about 100 miles. This is indicated by the concluding passage of today's Berlin account which, after stating that the northern part of the Dobruza had been reached, says that "resistance" is expected.

Advently Coveted Prize.

Beserabinsk is one of Russia's most ardently coveted prizes in this war. Its conquest by the Teutons would mean the loss of Odessa and the turning of the whole Russian southern front, in the wooded Carpathians, Bukovina and Galicia, into a Russian position of about 100 miles. The attacks were directed against Deligi Porsk and Maly Porsk. Two fortified villages about half way between Deligi Porsk and Maly Porsk, officially admitted the loss of one trench, stating that all previous assaults were beaten off. A German "tank" bombarded Russian trenches near the village of Kharavay. Sixty prisoners were taken by the Muscovites in the capture of a height in the wooded Carpathians. Petrograd announced, Berlin reported a local advance in the Ural Valley.

BARON WITH \$500,000 HELD ABOARD STEAMER

Immigration Officials Bar Gates to Robert E. Oppenheim, of Paris. (By The International News Service.) New York, Dec. 17.—Baron Robert E. Oppenheim, of Paris, with securities worth more than \$500,000, was held aboard the Steamer Noordam today by the immigration officials on orders from Washington. The baron seemed surprised at his treatment and after he had been locked in his stateroom said that he felt sure it was a case of mistaken identity. He added that he was well known in financial circles in Paris and that his father had been connected with the Paris banking house of the Rothschilds. "I came here principally for a rest," he said, "as my health has not been good. I had one or two small business matters to attend to and I had planned to remain two months in Florida. This situation is most unfortunate, but I feel certain that all will be explained in the morning and I shall not be further delayed." Dr. John A. Shelton, member of American Steel Company, was also a passenger on the Noordam. He said he knew the baron very well and could not understand why he should have been held on the liner.

BEER FOR TOWN GUESTS ONLY.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—If the beer shortage gets any worse Berlin may decide to adopt the plan already in force in a number of Saxon and Thuringian cities, where only a small percentage of the people on the Noordam. He said he knew the baron very well and could not understand why he should have been held on the liner.

BRITAIN REGULATES SHOES.

London, Dec. 17.—Owing to the difficulties in the boot trade, it had been expected that the ministry of munitions would shortly take over all boot and shoe factories. It was stated tonight, however, that the manufacturers and the government had agreed to a scheme of control.