

ENGLAND PLANS A \$500,000,000 DAMAGE CLAIM

Expected to Sue for Munitions Lost Through Teuton Bomb Plots.

CALLS U. S. "NEGLIGENT"

Ambassador Spring-Rice Hands Lan- sing Note Containing Sensa- tional Charges.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Jan. 15.—A Washington dispatch to the Evening Mail today says: "Great Britain is laying the foundation for the presentation of enormous claims for damages against the United States after the war for alleged violation of neutrality."
This fact became apparent today when it was learned that over a fortnight ago the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, handed to the State Department a note in which the British government makes sensational charges against the United States for its alleged "willful negligence" in permitting German plots to be hatched and matured on American soil.
"Whether or not this is on the part of England is in anticipation of the enormous claims for damages against the British government on account of the illegal interference with American commerce which are being put in the State Department can only be surmised. The British Embassy refuses to disclose its purpose further than is contained in the present note. It can be said, however, that the surmise that such is the case is prevalent in administration circles.
Reach Nearly \$500,000,000.
"While the State Department has consistently refused to give out any information that will show in detail the claims of America against Great Britain arising out of the suppression of commerce to the central powers, the interference with commerce between the United States and neutral European countries, the maintenance of the blockade, the seizure of American ships, and the violation of the neutrality laws, the British note sets forth that as part of the movement to foment revolution in India, a shipment of arms and ammunition was sent by the German agents from the port of San Francisco, and that the intention was to smuggle them into India.
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MEXICO EVACUATION NOW UP TO WALSON

Dissolving Joint Commission Would Leave President Free to Act.

(By The International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 15.—Withdrawal of the United States troops from Mexico is left entirely at the discretion of President Wilson by the formal dissolution of the Mexican commission which was announced at the White House this evening.
"We have suggested to the President that he may now feel free to act independently and directly with regard to the withdrawal of the troops," said Secretary of the Interior Lane, announcing the dissolution.
There is a distinct impression on the part of the Mexican commissioners that this means the immediate withdrawal of the Pershing forces. The United States representatives rather incline to the belief that the troops will not be withdrawn until the President is satisfied that the border is no longer menaced by bandits.
HORSE SHED REAL TEARS.
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 15.—Members of Pipe Line Company, No. 3, who assert that Ned, a horse which has been with the fire company for fifteen years, understands everything they say to him, insist that the horse shed real tears the other day when they told him that another horse had died. The firemen say the news was broken to Ned as gently as possible, but he could not hold back the tears of grief that welled into his eyes.

COMB SAVES BRIDE'S LIFE.

Benton, Ill., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Harry Sutherland, of West Frankfort, a bride of a few weeks, was struck by a stray bullet, which came through the door of her father's home, and narrowly escaped death. Mrs. Sutherland fell against a stove. The bullet had struck the back of her head and flattened against a metal comb. The comb practically saved her life.

HICCUGHS PROVE FATAL.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 15.—In an effort to find the cause for hiccoughs which caused the death of Henry C. Rogers, a Boston and Maine Railroad conductor, an autopsy will be performed on him at the Homeopathic Hospital. Etherizing the stomach and applying currents of electricity were tried to stop them without result.

RECALLS THREE-CENT EGGS.

Macon, Mo., Jan. 15.—"People who complain of paying 6 cents apiece for eggs think they are in hard luck," remarked J. H. Wright, one of the county's pioneers, "but I can tell you we thought times were a good deal worse in the '60s, when eggs were selling at 3 cents a dozen," he said.

Chicago Excavator Has Infant Plague

Chicago, Jan. 15.—C. W. Morris, 57, an excavator, is Chicago's latest sufferer from infantile paralysis, physicians at the County Hospital said today. He is the father of two children.
A serum discovered by Dr. J. W. Nuzum, pathologist, at the County Hospital, will be used in an effort to combat the disease. Physicians will attempt to isolate germ specimens taken from Morris' spinal fluid.

2 DAYS FOR DEWEY

Physicians Say Admiral Has Few Hours to Live.

George Dewey, admiral of the navy, cannot live two days more. That was the opinion expressed last night by Drs. A. M. Fauntleroy and L. Sholden, Jr., who are in constant attendance.
The hero of Manila Bay, who is nearly 80 years old, is unconscious most of the time. When he regains consciousness for a moment he is too weak to speak, making known his wants only by signs.
The admiral, who is beyond 64 years of age, will remain an active officer of the navy as long as he is alive by a special act of Congress. No naval officer more than 64 years old is on active duty.
For the past five days Mrs. Dewey has been at his bedside. All of today George Dewey, jr., his son, was at his bedside, but was called back to New York tonight. He is expected here tomorrow.
The attending physicians ascribe his condition to a general breakdown consequent upon advanced age.
The house is literally deluged with flowers from personal and official friends.

MAN SEEKING PAPERS INVADES WOMAN'S ROOM

Mrs. Grace Piney Faints When Lights Reveal Marauder.

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JACOB SCHIFF GIVES \$100,000 FOR RABBIS

New York Banker Contributes Toward Support of Aged Leaders.

(By The International News Service.)
Baltimore, Jan. 15.—A gift of \$100,000 from Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker, for the establishment of a fund to provide for pensioning superannuated rabbis, will be announced tomorrow morning by Walter Fishburn, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, when that organization and the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods open their conventions at the Hotel Belvedere.
Mr. Schiff sent his check for \$100,000 to the office of the union in Cincinnati on January 10, when he celebrated his seventieth birthday.
To add to Mr. Schiff's gift there is between \$20,000 and \$40,000 which the Central Conference of American Rabbis has raised in the last twenty years with the intention of devoting it to that purpose.

SERETH'S SOUTH BANK CLEARED OF RUSSIANS

Galatz Under Terrific German Shell Fire, Says Berlin.

With the fall of Vadut, seven miles south of Galatz, announced by the Berlin war office late Sunday night, the south bank of the Sereth River has been completely cleared of Russians and Rumanians, it was asserted in yesterday's German official statement.
Galatz is now under terrific shell-fire from the south and east and Mackensen's Danube and Dobruja armies are expected to cross into the southeastern tip of Moldavia at any moment, the former across the Sereth, the latter across the Danube.
Mackensen's left wing, driving against the middle Sereth, made no new progress in the last thirty-six hours, but held all its new positions against strong Russo-Rumanian counter-attacks, Berlin says.

TWO-STORY FALL BREAKS SKULL

Walking up the steps of a new building at 1325 Eleventh street northwest, yesterday, a negro, believed to be George McDonald, of First and K streets southwest, suddenly became sick and fell. He dropped two flights to the basement. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital unconscious, suffering from a fracture of the skull.

WILSON HOPEFUL OF PEACE PARLEY

President Not Discouraged and Will Try to Get at Basis for Conferences.

President Wilson is awaiting only the dying out of the rage aroused in the central powers by the entente's reply to the Wilson note, before he begins his next move toward peace. This was reported last night to be the attitude of the President by those familiar with his course throughout the efforts to bring about a peace discussion.
The President is well aware, it was pointed out, that public sentiment in Germany and Austria at present is strongly against consideration of anything but war measures.
The next step the President will take may be an informal effort to ascertain the Teutonic terms, and try to effect a compromise between these and the terms set forth in the entente reply.
The move will be given the least publicity possible until real results are attained.
The view that anything can be accomplished, officials here frankly admit, is shared by few outside of the President and his official family. The general sentiment among officials and diplomats here is that the hope for present peace is dead.
Another neutral has added its indorsement to the President's note. The Persian Minister, Mehdi Khat, presented a note to the State Department stating it as the position of his government that it thoroughly indorses the move by the United States, reciting the devastation of Persia by the belligerents, and voicing its earnest hope of peace resulting soon.

PENSIONS URGED

U. S. Employes Indorse Retirement Program.

Government employes launched their campaign for retirement legislation last night at a meeting in the Casino Theater, which was featured by a unanimity of sentiment that some statute—straight or contributory—ought to be enacted at the present session of Congress.
All the speakers agreed that retirement legislation was necessary and the only point at issue was whether the pension plan for superannuated and veteran employes in the Federal service should have the employes pay a portion of their salary to the pension fund, or should profit by a straight annuity.
Senator Alton Pomeroy, of Ohio, made it plain that he was against any straight pension plan.
"We must first establish the principle of retirement," he said. "If the government employes believe that they cannot contribute the necessary amount to help this pension fund then that is the best argument for an increase in salary, for every employe ought to have enough to save a little for his old age."
Representative Keating, of Colorado, advised all government clerks to get out of the service and out of politics, providing they had ability.
Postmaster Jeremiah Holland, of West Roxbury, Mass., made a plea for the Penrose-Griffith retirement plan for post-office employes.
Representative Porter H. Dale urged that for practical and efficient reasons the government should institute retirement legislation.
Dr. Llewellyn Jones, secretary of the United States Retirement Board, John J. Devine, secretary of the National Association of Civil Service Employes, and R. H. Alcorn, chairman of the general retirement committee of the Federated unions, spoke for W. W. Connell, of the Machinists' Union, presided.

WILLCOX TO REMAIN AS G. O. P. CHAIRMAN

Movement to Oust Campaign Leader Collapses at Meeting.

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NEW WITNESS FAILS TO EXONERATE LEWIS

Cleveland Man's Testimony in Model Murder Shows Flaws.

(By The International News Service.)
Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—The story of B. C. Brown, Cleveland traveling man, which was banked on to clear the name of Bernard W. Lewis, wealthy Pittsburger, of the murder of Grace Roberts, artists' model, broke down today.
Captain of Detectives Tate, after putting Brown through a cross-examination, said his story had so many flaws in it he could not give it much credence.
From the window of Grace Roberts' apartment early on the morning of the day when the murder was supposedly committed.
He had stated that the pictures of Lewis were unlike the man he saw making a hurried departure from the girl's apartments.
Charles Kaiser, wealthy broker, was subjected to the examination of Brown, but he claimed Kaiser was not the man he had seen.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR "PURE WIFE" SLAYER

Man Who Killed 19-Year-Old Bride Escapes Death Penalty.

(By The International News Service.)
Chicago, Jan. 15.—J. Maurice Pettit, who confessed that he killed his 19-year-old bride, Katherine Kaiser Pettit, "to keep her pure," was sentenced to life imprisonment in Joliet by Judge Barrett this afternoon.
The State today waived the death penalty at the request of Mrs. Carrie Scheibner, mother of the dead girl, who declared she was opposed to capital punishment.
Counsel for Pettit asked Judge Barrett to send the slayer to Joliet Prison, declaring that he was insane at the time he cut his wife's throat.

AL HAYMAN ILL.

New York, Jan. 15.—Al Hayman, well-known theatrical man, is in a serious condition in his apartment in the Waldorf today, following a stroke of paralysis.
Hayman was formerly the partner of Charles Frohman, and was one of the leaders in theatrical circles for the last thirty or forty years.

TRAPPED BY FIRE; LOST.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Trapped in their garret room, Carl Boetscher, 66 years old and blind, and his roommate, Hans Thompson, 32 years old, perished in a fire that destroyed a two-story flat building here early today. Firemen's ladders were burned in vain attempts to rescue the men. A score of tenants in the building, most of them women, were driven into the zero weather.

Rival Unions Blamed For Church Explosion

(By International News Service.) Chicago, Jan. 15.—Investigation was begun today into the cause of a bomb explosion which wrecked St. Louis French Catholic Church, injuring six persons and destroying many costly sculptures. A feud between members of rival electrical unions over work done at the church, is believed by the police to explain the attack.

The blast tore out the cement wall of the church and shook the adjoining parish house. The pastor was cut by flying glass. Five members of the two families in a nearby dwelling were thrown from their beds by the force of the explosion.
Just a year ago Russia was developing Brusiloff's great drive against the Teuton line in Galicia and Bukovina. We see clearly that the Russian victories, won at a fearful cost, accomplish nothing that can compel their opponent to give up.
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LOSES \$300,000 IN MARKET; ENDS LIFE

"Richest Postman" Made Fortune on \$1,200-a-Year Job.

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, Jan. 15.—Martin L. Henry, 18, who does his work as a letter carrier, is the richest man in the city. He died practically penniless. Investments in Bronx real estate gained him \$300,000. Investments in Wall Street took it all away from him.
Henry's body was found yesterday afternoon by his 7-year-old grandson, Martin L. Henry 3d. The boy and his father had called for their usual Sunday visit. The child ran to his grandfather's room, pushed open the door, saw the body with a gas tube in its mouth, and fled screaming back to his father.
Henry had left a note on the table. "Goodbye to every one," it read. "I am tired of life."
For thirty-five years Henry was a mail carrier. Years ago Henry began investing his savings in Bronx lots. When Henry began to be called "Old Man" Henry, the lots increased in value. Eventually, Henry was said to be worth at least \$300,000.

STAY OUT OF SALOONS OR MIKE WON'T WED!

Turk Says the Girls are Nice, but They Drink.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Detroit, Jan. 15.—Any nice girl of 17 or 18 who does her time in a "chick" around saloons, may deem herself eligible for marriage with Michael Comer, 25 years old.
He came from Constantinople and may be presumed, therefore, to be a Turk.
"Many, yes, I could get 1,000. Any day I can find twenty girls, but they are not for me. They go to saloons. They drink whisky and beer and wine. Sometimes they come to me they will leave their husbands, close to the door, and say, 'I want to get married. I must have more for that. Am I right?'"
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(By The International News Service.)
Haskell, N. J., Jan. 15.—Fire broke out again today in the du Pont Powder plant here, the scene of the Friday night's disastrous explosion.
The blaze started in one of the recovery tanks, close to the powder magazines, and spread rapidly.
The company's fire department succeeded in getting the fire under control after a short, hard fight, and company officials announced that the loss would be small.
Outsiders and reporters were not allowed to enter the enclosure.
Assistant Supt. Sweetman stated that the fire was due to a "flare up."
Agents of the Department of Justice arrived from New York and Washington today to investigate Friday's explosion.

PAPER COSTS TOO HIGH.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 15.—Financial difficulties due, according to a statement by officers of the company, to the increased cost of news print paper and other items of production, have forced the Johnstown Leader, an afternoon daily, into receivership. The Leader was established five years ago.

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EXPERT CAN SEE NO END OF WAR

Declares Peace Will Be Economic or Political Factor.

By MAJ. EDWIN W. DAYTON.
(Maj. Edwin W. Dayton, whose articles on the war have attracted nation-wide attention, both because of their analytical as well as prophetic value, hereafter will contribute daily to the International News Service his views on the progress of the war. Following is Maj. Dayton's first article.)
New York, Jan. 15.—This is the third January of the war and so far as military considerations are concerned, there is little reason to believe that the month marks the beginning of a year which might see an end of the conflict.
If peace should come in 1917 it would be due to economic or political factors.
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ELITE AID CHARITY

Ball Attended by President and Mrs. Wilson.

The annual Charity Ball for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, long considered the smartest charitable function of each season, was held at the New Willard last evening and established a new record for brilliance. Particular credit was given to the event by the presence of the President and Mrs. Wilson, who occupied a box of honor in the center of the ballroom and held a court of distinguished members of Washington's diplomatic, official and residential society, which was represented in great numbers among the guests.
The Presidential party arrived at 11:15 o'clock, coming from the dinner given by the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. McAdoo earlier in the evening. The entrance of the distinguished guests was accorded all due formality. A herald announced "The President" and a bugler sounded three notes, whereupon the Marine Band struck up "Hail to the Chief," and the Chief Executive and Mrs. Wilson followed by their party passed down the receiving line and through the side formed by the guests to their flag-draped box. Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, Mrs. William H. Bolling, and Miss Bertha Bolling made up the party from the White House.
Ball Room Adorned.
The ballroom was in festive array and with palms and evergreens forming effective decorations. Small pine trees surrounded the marble pillars of the large ballroom and festoons of smilax were suspended from the cornice, and making a canopy for the boxes which were arranged along either wall. A huge bank of palms, extending to the ceiling, formed a background for the receiving party.
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MONA SIMON'S SLAYER HELD WITHOUT BOND

Struggled with Her in Hotel Room Before Tragedy, He Says.

(By The International News Service.)
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 15.—Weidon H. Wells, 23, of Kansas City, who last night confessed, the police say, that he slew Mona Simon in a room at the Desler Hotel Thursday night, pleaded not guilty this morning in Municipal Criminal Court and was held without bond.
Wells related to the police the details of one of the most brutal murders in the annals of crime in Ohio.
"Wednesday night I met this woman," he said. "I suggested that we go to the Desler."
"After we were in the room she began laughing. I asked her what she was laughing at and she told me she was afflicted with a terrible disease. I became angry and started to struggle with her. While I was kneeling, I reached up to a dressing table on which my revolver was lying, grabbed it and shot her."
Wells was taken to the police station and held without bond.

NERVY VILLAGE "COP" BATTLES 3 GUNMEN

Handcuffs Two and Knocks Third Senseless—Fought Unaided.

(By The International News Service.)
Chicago, Jan. 15.—Surrounded by a hail of bullets from their revolvers, a lone village policeman, Charles Smith, of Burnham, Ill., today arrested three gunmen, wanted on charges of murder, for whom the Chicago police have been searching for weeks.
When re-enforcements arrived at the inn in which the battle took place, Smith was standing, back to the wall and revolver in hand, with "Tommy" Enn at his feet. Enn, a 25-year-old man, was shot and a third man, identified as "Sam" Dunn, stretched on the floor insensible from a blow with Smith's weapon.
Smith's right wrist was broken in the fight. The trio are accused of shooting "Dandy Joe" Fogarty, a rival, to death.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 15.—Speeding home from the beach today, four persons were killed and another probably fatally injured when their automobile crashed into a street car.
The dead are Miss Lou Heather, 22; Della Reese, 25; M. A. Somers, and Mrs. Morel Branc.

McADOO AND LANSING NAMED IN SCANDAL BY HENRY, LAWSON SWEARS

Chairman of Rules Committee Makes Sweep- ing Denial of Charge at Resumption of Leak Probe.

The lid was pried off the so-called stock exchange leak of the President's circular peace note and the near-panic in the bear raid on industrial stocks before the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives yesterday. Thomas W. Lawson, proponent of the Congressional inquiry, took off the lid, seemingly with great reluctance, and electrified the large crowd in the committee room by naming Robert L. Henry, of Texas, chairman of the committee as the "Congressman" who mentioned to him the names of "a banker, a United States Senator and a member of the Cabinet" who were beneficiaries of the leak in the stock market.
The banker, who informed him, was Archibald S. White, of No. 11 Pine street, New York, and the banker interested was Pliny Fisk, of New York; the Senator was known as Senator O., and the Cabinet minister was William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury and son-in-law of the President of the United States.

PAUL M. WARBURG IS INVOLVED

New York Bankers, Brother of Secretary of Treasury and Joseph P. Tumulty Figure in Hearing of House Inquisitors.

This Lawson gave and other "information" which involves many names here in official and financial affairs. No sooner had he left the stand than Chairman Henry was sworn.
He denied categorically that he had mentioned any of the names to Lawson. He hurled the lie directly into the teeth of Lawson, who sat within three feet of him, the bulky form of Jerry Smith, Clerk of the House, being interposed strategically between the two. There was no fear of a personal encounter upon the part of either. After Henry had entered a sweeping denial, Lawson was heard again. He said:
"The testimony that I have given here is absolutely true to the word, so help me God, without variation. I did not desire to drag in these names. You forced me to it. I had this conversation with your chairman, and I left Washington understanding that there would be no investigation. He had impressed me with the seriousness of this matter and had talked to me so earnestly.
Mentioned Mr. Lansing.
"I went directly to New York and spent two hours with John O'Hara Cosgrave, managing editor of the New York Sunday World. I laid before him just what
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"OLIVER O." LEAPS AT ATTORNEY IN COURT

Chicago Witness Resents Being Called "Tango Jimmie."

(By The International News Service.)
New York, Jan. 15.—A physical encounter between James W. Osborne and Benjamin Slade, an attorney, enlivened the famous Oliver Osborne litigation Federal Court today. Slade is attorney for Franklin D. Safford, a hotel clerk, who testified at a former trial that James W. Osborne was the man who registered with Rees Tanner. Charles H. Wax has since confessed that he was the man. "Don't you know that you are known by repute as 'Tango Jimmie,'" asked Slade of Osborne.
Osborne leaped from his chair, his face livid and had almost reached Slade when court attaches interfered and forced a halt in the hostilities.
Judge Hand then ruled that the question was "grossly insulting," and Slade withdrew it.

PLANS TO SAVE THAW MADE BY ATTORNEY

Seek to Prevent Extradition on Charges of Whipped Youth.

(By The International News Service.)
Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—Strong efforts will be made to save Harry K. Thaw from facing charges of assault and kidnapping preferred against him in New York by Frederick Gump, Jr., of Kansas City.
Plans are under way, it is declared, to fight extradition, in order that an agreement may be reached with District Attorney Swann, of New York.
Even Thaw's close relatives and friends, it is said, are agreed he should be restrained and that they will seek to have him committed to the custody of the State.

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