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LATEST U.S. NOTE HANDED TO AUSTRIA

Delivery to Foreign Minister Announced by Neue Freie Presse.

ADVANTAGE TO MONARCHY SHOULD THERE BE BREAK

Diplomatic Authority Says America Would Have to Take an Affront or Go to War.

LONDON, December 22, 1:56 p.m.—A Vienna telegram, forwarded by Reuter's correspondent, says that delivery to the Austrian foreign ministry of the second Ancona note from the United States is announced by the Neue Freie Presse.

Effect of Break to Be Moral. Referring to the possible rupture of diplomatic intercourse between the United States and Austria-Hungary as a result of the Ancona affair, a high authority on international affairs today said that the severance of diplomatic relations, when not followed by acts of reprisal or hostilities, usually is more moral and sentimental than material in its effect and significance.

Actually the severance of diplomatic relations would mean that intercourse between the two governments, formerly conducted directly, would have to be either suspended entirely or circuitously managed through the good offices of a third party, much as in the case of belligerents. That situation, while not necessarily leading to war, would increase the possibility of actual hostilities. The greatest of the two incidents, which would be the reason for recalling the American ambassador and sending home the representative of Austria-Hungary, nothing would be left for the United States to do but to accept the further outrage unless this government is prepared to proceed to physical acts of belligerence in punishing it.

RECORD IN NOVEMBER FOR U. S. FOREIGN TRADE

Reaches Unprecedented Total of Half a Billion Dollars, Commerce Department Reports.

Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of half a billion dollars. A Department of Commerce statement issued today shows that imports as well as exports broke records for the month. A record of five billion dollars for the past two months' exports and imports was set.

FINED FOR VIOLATION OF THE SHERMAN LAW

Twenty-Six Commission Merchants of Washington Pay \$25 Each. Other Cases Deferred.

Twenty-six local commission merchants pleaded nolo contendere today before Chief Justice Covington in Criminal Division 1 to an indictment charging a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. United States Attorney Frank H. Lawrence and James M. Spicer, consented to an imposition of a fine. The indictment directed that each defendant pay \$25, making a total of \$650. The fines were paid. Two of the other merchants indicted are dead, and United States Attorney Laskey deferred the arraignment of Frank H. Lawrence and James M. Spicer was reported to the price of \$25,000 out of the city. Fines of \$25 each will be imposed on Messrs. Spicer and Hoge.

REPUBLICANS FORMING CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

State Delegations in Congress Designating Members to Look After 1916 Elections.

Reorganization of the republican congressional campaign committee for the 1916 campaign for Congress is progressing through the selection from time to time by the state delegations of their committeemen and will be effected early in January by the selection of officers at a joint meeting of House and Senate republicans. The state delegations have chosen their committeemen as follows: California, Representative Julius Kahn; Colorado, Representative Charles B. Timmerlake; Connecticut, Representative John Q. Tilson; Maryland, Representative Sydney E. Mudd; Massachusetts, Representative Samuel E. Winslow; Michigan, Representative Frank W. Mondell; Nebraska, Representative N. P. Kinkaid; Nevada, Representative E. E. Roberts; New Jersey, Representative Frank P. Browning; New York, Representative George W. Fairchild; North Carolina, Representative Albert J. Simons; Oklahoma, Representative S. B. Fess; Oklahoma, Representative Dick T. Morgan; Oregon, Representative N. J. Simmons; South Dakota, Representative Charles H. Dillon; Tennessee, Representative R. W. Austin; Virginia, Representative Howard Witherland; Wisconsin, Representative John J. Egan; Wyoming, Representative Frank W. Mondell; Hawaii, Delegate Kalaianoaie.

1,200 GERMANS TAKEN, IS CLAIMED BY PARIS

Berlin Reports Recapture of Part of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf Positions.

PARIS, December 22, 2:45 p.m.—Announcement was made by the war office today that 1,200 Germans had been captured in the operations at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, which have enlarged the French positions to an appreciable extent.

GERMANS CAPTURE PART

Berlin, December 22, via London, 3:23 p.m.—A part of the German position on the summit of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, in the Vosges, that was captured by the French yesterday, has been recaptured by German troops, it was officially announced by German army headquarters today.

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY

LONDON, December 22.—Along the western line, according to British official reports, the Germans suffered heavy losses while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy craters which their mines had opened along the front near Armentieres. French operations at most places are hampered greatly by bad weather, but a considerable portion of the German works on Hartmanns-Weilerkopf has been carried.

JAPANESE STEAMER SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

PARIS, December 22.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Sada Maru in the eastern Mediterranean yesterday by a German or Austrian submarine is reported in a dispatch from Malta to the Havas Agency. Wireless calls for help reached Alexandria, Egypt, and vessels were sent out. Details of the sinking are not known.

CLAIMS TO HAVE PROOF OF THE GUILT OF SERBIA

BERLIN, December 22, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—"According to the Sofia newspaper Dnevnik," says the Overseas News Agency today, "the former Bulgarian minister to Serbia, M. Tchirachikoff, the Bulgarian government holds proof in writing that the Serbian government was a direct accomplice in the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo. The Bulgarian government, it is stated, will shortly publish the documents."

Note to Austria Reiterates Demand That Reparation Be Made for Sinking of Ancona

The text of the latest note to Austria-Hungary, as given out by the State Department today, is as follows: The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield. (Telegram.) (Telegraph.) Department of State, Washington, December 19, 1915. You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, as follows: "The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration. "On November 15, 1915, Baron Zweidenek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty regarding the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engine had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is sufficient to establish the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded the humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured and in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act. "The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest upon the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them, and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them. "The government of the United States, therefore, finds no other course open to it but to hold the commander of the submarine responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the 15th of November, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them. "LANSING."

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A WARNING TO THE TARDY ONE.

CAPT. VON PAPER SAILS FOR HOME

Praises American Kindness and Leaves With No Feeling of Bitterness, He Says.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Capt. Franz von Paper, Germany's recalled military attaché, left New York for Rotterdam today on the steamship Noordam bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies. Departing he issued this final statement to the American people: "In leaving this country, where I have received so many proofs of kindness and hospitality from Americans and others, I deem it my duty to thank all those who did not permit their friendly personal feelings to be poisoned by the hatred created by the war among the nations. "My thoughts turn back today expressly to those unforgettable days when I had the honor and good fortune to spend some time with the ex-patriates here, because I know too well that the beginning of the European war was being used as a pretext for increasing the prices of foodstuffs. It is charged that the merchants agreed on prices which they would settle with the shippers for goods to be sold at a profit, and also agreed as to the price at which they would offer the foodstuffs. "They were indicted September 4, 1914, and entered pleas of not guilty. These pleas were later withdrawn and demurrers were overruled and the defendants called on to plead again to guilty, but offered to the government a proposition not to contend further against the charge. "List of the Defendants. The defendants were: Daniel P. Collins, Frank B. Guest, James W. Beasley, John E. Lynn, David W. Ballinger, Alonzo R. Lawrence, William Brayshaw, Andrew W. Kelley, Oliver O. Spicer, James M. Holloway, Brevard D. Strohecker, T. Hamlin Strohecker, William M. Johnson, J. Edward Jesse, Louis F. Krey, John F. Crovo, Harry E. Price, Theodore F. Simons, John H. Carter, Joseph W. Kalk, Thomas G. Hickman, Roy M. Hickman, Willis S. Hoge, James M. Hoge, Willis S. Hoge, C. Albert J. Simons, Frank J. Ehlers, William G. Carter and William Sacks. "Attorneys George P. Hoover, C. A. Douglas, Walter A. Johnson, Charles W. Darr, J. Barrett Carter and T. L. Jeffords were for the defendants. "In imposing fines the chief justice said he was satisfied that the offense was merely technical. "Desires to Return Home. "Personally speaking, no greater satisfaction could be given to me than the fulfillment of my ardent desire to be called home where soldiers are far more urgently needed than here. "I leave my post without any feeling of bitterness, because I know too well that when history is once written it will establish our clear records despite all the misrepresentation and calumnies spread abroad at present. "I go home with the unshakable conviction that, no efforts, however insistent they may be, will accomplish the fervent desire of our enemy to embroil our country with this great nation. Our relations will and must, on the contrary, inevitably and gradually improve as it becomes clear to every intelligent and clear-minded American that Germany is engaged in a fully justifiable and heroic fight for existence. "It is reported that Capt. Boy-Ed will leave here for Rotterdam December 23 on the steamer Rotterdam. "Deferred to Wishes of U. S. LONDON, December 22, 3:15 p.m.—The British and French governments consented to give safe conducts to Capt. Boy-Ed and von Paper, the German attaché recalled from the United States, "in deference to the expressed wish of the United States government," Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary undersecretary for foreign affairs, stated in the house of commons today. "The under secretary's statement was in reply to a question touching the denunciation of the granting of safe conduct, the questioner suggesting that by this the attaché would be enabled to direct their energies toward the injury of this country nearer home. "The suggestion that the 'release' of the German officers might be made the occasion of the release of Col. H. D. Napier and Capt. Arthur Stanley Wilson, taken off a Greek steamer in the Mediterranean, Lord Robert answered that it was not a question of release of the Germans, but of whether they could do more harm in the United States than in their own country. "VILLA WILL COME TO U. S. Agrees to Cross Border, But Will Keep Away from Juarez. EL PASO, Tex., December 22.—Francisco Villa has agreed to come to the United States, but will not pass through Juarez, according to Gen. Manuel Bando. This information was contained in a statement by Bando, made at the conclusion of a conference of former Villa defenders today in Juarez.

PRESIDENT AND BRIDE ON 45-MILE MOTOR TRIP

Go to White Sulphur Springs and Take Luncheon in Public Dining Room.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., December 22.—Today the President and Mrs. Wilson motored over to White Sulphur Springs, Va., for luncheon. The ride is about forty-five miles. The drive lay over mountains and along tortuous roads cut by many streams. Few of these were bridged and the White House automobile splashed through water that came up to the hubs of its wheels. As the President and his wife passed through Covington, Va., many persons ran after their car through the streets. At White Sulphur Springs they were unexpected and their arrival caused a stir. They appeared in the public dining room of the hotel for luncheon. "Quite large honeymoon colony has gathered here since the arrival of President Wilson and his bride Sunday, and they all are planning to stay over for the elaborate Christmas celebration in which the White House couple are expected to participate. "Mountain Walk in Program. A long walk in the cold Virginia mountain air and a fifty-mile automobile drive to neighboring springs occupied the President and Mrs. Wilson most of yesterday. They stopped during the drive at a famous old hotel to see the registers outlined by Col. House and other notable figures in American history. Late in the afternoon the President worked for more than an hour on correspondence, and last night Mrs. Wilson read to him from the store of books brought along from Washington. "President Wilson's Statement. HOT SPRINGS, Va., December 22.—President Wilson said today that the European trip of his friend Col. E. M. House was in no way connected with the peace movement, but was entirely for the purpose outlined by Col. House in his statement issued last night in New York. The colonel said his mission was to communicate to American ambassadors in person for the President certain information that the ambassadors might more intimately communicate the attitude of the United States toward certain phases of the international situation. Further than to say that Col. House had stated the object of his mission exactly the President refused to comment.

JUAREZ TRANQUIL AFTER FATAL RIOT

Soldiers Who Clamored for Their Money Are Still Unpaid.

EL PASO, Tex., December 22.—Complete tranquility prevailed in Juarez early today. It was reported 1,000 troops had arrived from the south, but these were said to be part of a force surrendered by their officers at the Carranza consulate here during the night. Villa soldiers in Juarez clamored for their wages broke into military control yesterday and enacted scenes of disorder, which resulted in the killing on the American side of an American trainman and several Mexicans. G. Garcia by Gen. J. J. Pershing, commanding the 8th Brigade, at Fort Bliss, regarding the death of the American, George A. Diepert. "Thinks Shooting Was Deliberate. According to his investigation, Gen. Pershing said, Diepert was deliberately fired upon by Mexican snipers as he moved along the border on a moving train. Shooting across the border would not be tolerated, he told the consul. A heavy guard of American troops is on duty on the border. "Gen. Villa, whose whereabouts during the last few days has been a mystery, last night was reported at Rancheria, seven miles south of Juarez, approaching the border. "Street car service between El Paso and Juarez, which was suspended late last night, was resumed today, but Americans are prohibited by the military authorities on the American side from crossing. "Representatives here of the Pearson syndicate have been advised that Roy Hoard, manager of their Madena, Chihuahua, properties, and twenty-nine American employees, held prisoners by Villa for two weeks, have been liberated and are en route to the United States. "TURKS DECLARE BRITISH LEFT SICK AND WOUNDED BERLIN, December 22, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—"The official report from Constantinople reiterates here that the British forces which quit the Dardanelles retired in great disorder. "According to Constantinople reports," says the Overseas News Agency, "the British left their sick and wounded behind. Their retreat, which they pretend was carried out systematically, in reality was a head-over-heels flight. "Enormous quantities of ammunition, cannon and tents were taken by the Turks on the withdrawal of the British. It was officially announced in the Turkish headquarters report, dated December 20. In the British attack on the Seddul-Bahr front, which preceded the withdrawal from the other sectors, the British suffered enormous losses, it is declared. "New Haven Men Ask Acquittal. NEW YORK, December 22.—Plea for a verdict of acquittal in behalf of each of the defendants individually were heard by Judge Hunt today at the trial of the eleven former directors of the New Haven railroad under the Sherman law.

MEXICAN BANDITS EXECUTED

Six Members of Gang Operating in Capital Put to Death. GALVESTON, Tex., December 22.—Six members of the bandit gang recently captured in Mexico City were publicly executed today, according to a message received by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here. Four others condemned to death were given respite at the last moment. Five women arrested with the bandits were sentenced to long prison terms, the dispatch added. "The robbers were enabled to avoid capture for some time by means of forged documents which led the police to believe they were army officers. "Submarine Reported Captured. PARIS, December 22.—According to a dispatch to the Messagero from Malta, forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Rome, an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

ASKS THE QUESTION, 'WHAT WILL YOU DO?'

Associated Charities Repeats Plea for Contributions in Aid of Worthy Poor.

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN AWAITING THE RESPONSE One Opportunity Closed by Generous Donor, But Thirteen Others Are Open.

What Would You Do? How would you feel if, in contrast to the splendid good fortune of those all about you, and especially at this generally happy Christmas time, you or your wife were weighed with misfortune? There are "Fourteen Opportunities" to help the families who have this very problem right now. They need your help to enable them to help themselves. Just a little from each of those in good fortune will lift these few out of their misfortune. No. 8 is Closed. One of the Fourteen Opportunities, No. 8, whose non de plume is Mrs. Wiggs, has been assured of a merry Christmas and a happy 1916. One man who became acquainted with this cheery body last year sent \$250 with the request that it be applied to Opportunity No. 8, and that any balance left be given to some other opportunity on the list. Three days left until Christmas and there are yet thirteen homes appealing to you to be kept together for another year, to enjoy the happiness around you and in helping others to be happy don't forget the touching appeal of love among the contributions this morning. Contributions may be sent to the fourteen opportunities, 933 H street northwest, "old soldier" suits in \$1 and is thoughtful enough to enclose a two-cent stamp to cover acknowledgment. A widow's sample of 11 sample of many other similar sacrifices being made to keep these fourteen homes together, among the contributions this morning. The Associated Charities has distributed through the 2,000 coin cards (thus giving a chance for many people to share in this Christmas offering in behalf of these fifty-three children and their mothers and fathers. OPPORTUNITY NO. 1—DISCOURAGED BENT TURNED TO JOY. Blind grandmother and mother, with three children under twelve years. Amount needed, \$520. Frantically trying to keep a roof over her head and her family, consisting of three children and a blind mother, this woman, on the verge of a nervous breakdown, had become discouraged because with all her work the children were running the streets. Ten dollars a week, or \$50 a year, will enable this family to continue to have a mother's love and supervision. Previously acknowledged, \$105.90; J. H. D., \$1; F. J. S., \$5; George D. Hornung, \$50; G. F. S., \$1; M. P. B., \$1; W. H. M., \$1; C. V., \$1; M. C. V., \$1; W. H. M., \$1; M. J., \$1; M. A. T., \$1; M. L. M., \$1. Total, \$173.40. Still needed, \$356.60. OPPORTUNITY NO. 2—THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME. Deserted wife and four children. Amount needed, \$260. This home is one of neatness and refinement. While the mother takes in a home and mother, she is able to share with her children. Five dollars a week, or \$260 a year, is needed for this family. Previously acknowledged, \$24.00; J. H. D., \$1; F. J. S., \$5; George D. Hornung, \$50; G. F. S., \$1; M. P. B., \$1; W. H. M., \$1; C. V., \$1; M. C. V., \$1; W. H. M., \$1; M. J., \$1; M. A. T., \$1; M. L. M., \$1. Total, \$115.20. Still needed, \$144.80. OPPORTUNITY NO. 3—MOTHER AND MOTHER. Mother and two children. Amount needed, \$312. Married when hardly more than a child to a worthless man, who, after brutal treatment, left her penniless, this little mother was forced to place her two little boys in an institution. The only Christmas present the boys want is a home and mother. \$10 a week, or \$312 a year, will be needed. Previously acknowledged, \$55.50; Mrs. C. J. T., \$5; J. H. D., \$1; M. P. B., \$1; C. V., \$1; W. H. M., \$1; M. J., \$1; M. A. T., \$1; M. L. M., \$1. Total, \$95. Still needed, \$217. OPPORTUNITY NO. 4—A QUESTION—WHAT SHALL BE THE ANSWER? A deserted wife and four small children. Amount needed, \$364. Alone, this wronged and deserted wife failed to earn enough money to provide a home for her four beautiful little children. Seven dollars a week, or \$364 a year, will be needed. Previously acknowledged, \$55.50; Mrs. C. J. T., \$5; J. H. D., \$1; M. P. B., \$1; C. V., \$1; W. H. M., \$1; M. J., \$1; M. A. T., \$1; M. L. M., \$1. Total, \$95. Still needed, \$311.50. OPPORTUNITY NO. 5—CHEERFULNESS CONTAGIOUS. Father incurably ill, wife and four children. Amount needed, \$200. With her husband incurably ill in a hospital, this mother is working early and late to keep her four children. Five dollars a week, or \$200 a year, will keep the home together for a year. Previously acknowledged, \$60.25; J. H. D., \$1; Dr. F. A. B., \$5; Mrs. C. J. T., \$5. (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

PANIC IN SALONKI; ALLIES IN A ROW, SO BERLIN HEARS

Greeks Declared to Hate English Because of Their Arrogant Behavior.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS SENT TO BALKAN BASE Reported to Have Been Transferred From Islands in Eastern Mediterranean.

NEWS FROM VARNA AWAITED Occupation by Russians of Bulgarian Port on the Black Sea Lacks Official Confirmation.

BERLIN, December 22, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The Overseas News Agency says: "Private reports from Saloniki indicate that a state of panic reigns there. The Greeks are hostile to the English, who behave arrogantly. The French and British are on bad terms. "Nearly fifty members of the Serbian parliament are living in a hotel there. They have formed a provisional parliament and play cards during the night while Serbian refugees are starving in the streets. The people of Saloniki are anxiously awaiting liberation by the central powers." Reinforcements for British. The Cologne Gazette publishes a dispatch from Athens stating that nearly all the British troops have left Imbros, Lemnos and Tenedos islands, in the eastern Mediterranean, to be sent to Saloniki. The troops on Imbros island were most discontented. Some of the troops mutinied, and five or six officers of the general staff are reported to have been killed. Finally, the troops were removed after they had been promised that numerous reinforcements would be sent. Capture of Varna Reported. LONDON, December 22.—The British public awaited anxiously today for confirmation of a report published by the Daily Chronicle of the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black sea port, by the Russians. It said the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins, the garrison suffering heavily. The Russians then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and in sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attack. Teutonic Playing Politics. The Teutonic powers are represented by the entente powers, it is not believed, the effect produced by the withdrawal of British forces from Gallipoli peninsula and to be attempting once more to swing Greece and Rumania to their side in the Balkan operations. If the news of the bombardment of Varna is correct, Russia is losing time in an attempt to forestall these efforts. While the Greek elections have given a large majority to former Premier Gounaris, a powerful member of the present cabinet, who is not over friendly to the entente powers, it is not believed here the change will have much of an effect on the attitude of Greece, which is now much more agitated by the possibility that Bulgarians will cross the frontier than by the formation of a new government. GEN. MURRAY TO TAKE DARDANELLES COMMAND LONDON, December 22.—Lieut. Gen. Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon. Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the 1st British Army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig. Lieut. Gen. Robertson, chief of the general staff, has been recalled from France to become chief of the imperial staff in London in place of Lieut. Gen. Murray. These changes are accepted here as indicating a change in the conduct of military operations on the western front. Sailors' Christmas Turkey Delayed. PHILADELPHIA, December 22.—The transport Prairie, which was to have sailed from here yesterday with 10,000 pounds of turkey for the 3,000 sailors and marines stationed in Haiti, will not get away until Thursday or later, because of a broken topmast, and consequently will not reach Haiti until after Christmas. Presents for the navy force from friends and relatives in this country, as well as 500 buckets of cranberries and 5,000 pounds of candy, also are aboard the Prairie. Will Not Buy German Liners. LONDON, December 22.—Rumors which have been current for several days to the effect that the Swedish-American line was to buy two Hamburg-American liners appears to have been disposed of by a dispatch from Stockholm to Reuter's Telegram Company. This message says that the newspaper Aftonbladet has published a statement from the Swedish American company that the report is without foundation, and that no purchase of German liners could be considered before the end of the war.