

U.S. HASTENS ALLIED NOTE TO GERMANS

Will Forward British Reply Without Waiting for Text of Answer From Paris—Note to U. S. Delayed in London.

Awaits Approval From Russia and Italy and Probably Will Not Be Forwarded to Washington Until End of Week.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Lansing said today that the English text of the entente reply to Germany's peace proposals probably would be forwarded to the central powers today without waiting for the official French text. That will be sent direct to the central powers by the American embassy in Paris.

Reply to U. S. Delayed Paris, Jan. 2.—The allies' reply to President Wilson's note will not, it is understood, be published until the end of the week. The text has been completed and is now being considered by the different cabinets.

Await Two Powers on Reply to U. S.

London, Jan. 2.—The final draft of the reply of the entente to President Wilson's peace note, which already has been approved by France and Great Britain, has been forwarded to Italy and Russia and no changes have been suggested thus far from those quarters it is not improbable the note will be delivered to the American ambassador in Paris, William G. Sharp, within a short time. It is understood here that the note may possibly be handed to Mr. Sharp tomorrow.

However, Belgium made her request at the last moment that the statement of the case be added to the reply to the central powers and similar additions or delays may occur in the case of the note to President Wilson.

In the present form, the reply is about the same length as the note to the central powers and has the same characteristics of general and guarded language. One of the most important points is a differentiation between peace among the present belligerents and such future arrangements as may be made for permanent peace, the purpose being to show neutral upholders of a future permanent peace that this is attainable. This is attainable not only by first concluding the present war but also by concluding the kind of peace which will pave the way for a permanent peace.

While the original draft, like the reply to the central powers, was written largely in French, Foreign Secretary Balfour also has had a considerable part in it, particularly in regard to phrases tending to elucidate the situation for the benefit of public opinion in neutral countries.

Turkey Repudiates Guardianship Pact

Washington, Jan. 2.—American Ambassador Biltz has forwarded from Constantinople an apparently authentic article from a semi-official newspaper in the Turkish capital giving the text of Turkey's repudiation of the guardianship of the great powers which was created by the treaty of Paris of 1856 and the treaty of Berlin of 1878.

No official notification of Turkey's action has reached the state department.

One of the motives of the repudiation, it was stated, was to permit Turkey to enter a peace conference as an entirely independent power.

Turkey has made the war and her alliance with Germany and Austria the occasion to do away with many treaties and disabilities imposed upon her by other nations for the protection of their nationals.

Peace Hopes Gone, Says Berlin Paper

Berlin, Jan. 2.—"The peace dream is over for the present," says the Tagliche Rundschau, "whoever abandoned himself thereto will be sobered by the entente reply and will adopt himself to the hard reality. If the German offer is today rejected the thought of peace is not by this refusal sufficed. The British, French and Russian people have expressed their belief that our terms of peace was a confession of weakness and an attempt to save ourselves before the collapse."

"When the coming months of the war show that this lie, too, is shattered on the German arms revision must come and then was to those rulers who will have to answer for the useless bloodshed."

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight. Rising temperature Wednesday; moderate west winds.

CONFERENCE HERE FAILS TO SETTLE SENATORS' FIGHT

Judge Bartlett, Shorn of King's Support, Won't Give Up the Battle.

RORABACK LIKELY TO AID BARTLETT

Local Clubmen Celebrate Holiday While Senators Wrestle With Problem.

While the jolly clubmen were gathering around the punch bowl last night a group of Republican leaders held a quiet meeting at the Algonquin club at which they tried to count Judge Frederic A. Bartlett out of the race for president of the State Senate. Judge Bartlett refused to roll over and play dead. This afternoon he said he was still in the race and left for Hartford to attend the caucus which will be held there tonight.

Boss John T. King does not include Judge Bartlett among his faithful henchmen so the local leader put his trust in William H. Hall of Willington. Hall is a manufacturer with plenty of spare change but he likes to dabble in politics. He is known as a man who will stand without hitching. He and King have been friendly, and lately Roraback and Hall have not hitched.

With the opening of the General Assembly almost at hand the state leaders wanted the question of senate leadership decided. So they met in this city last night. Senator Chas. Frederick M. Salmon of Westport was among those who took part in the conference. Judge Bartlett was also among those present but he didn't stay very long.

Boss King had passed the word around that Hall was the man for the senate presidency. The king had given Judge Bartlett's cue to bow himself out but he stated this afternoon that he intended to stay in the race until the matter was decided. He refused to say what took place at the conference or who were there.

The fact that King is behind Hall has ruffled the feathers of J. Henry Roraback, the premier lobbyist who used to rule the roost until the advent of King. Since they had a falling out over the political spoils, Roraback and King give each other the hateful stare as they pass by.

So Roraback had no intention of standing on the sidewalk while King kicked the parade down the street. It is said Roraback has been lining up votes in different parts of the state and will do his utmost to down Hall.

Local politicians said today that Hall and Bartlett were the only candidates who had been mentioned for the place. Hall has been in the General Assembly for many years and knows the state political situation like a book. He was a member of the House in 1898, 1899, 1900, 1911 and 1912. He completed his term in 1909 and was elected to that body again in the recent election.

Judge Bartlett's record in the Senate has been so good that his friends think he is entitled to the presidency.

PICKS OUT WRONG MAN IN SETTLING YEAR-OLD GRUDGE

Prize Fighters' Second Attacks Car Inspector Then Finds He's In Error.

A case of mistaken identity has landed Francis Curley, known widely in Bridgeport as a pugilistic "second," in a police cell, while John G. Keiso of 241 Carroll avenue is at his home today nursing a swollen jaw and a badly discolored eye.

UNIONS OPPOSE WILSON BILL FOR ARBITRATION AS HEARING IS OPENED

Washington, Jan. 2.—Public hearings were begun today before the Senate interstate commerce commission on President Wilson's recommendations on railroad legislation to supplement the Adamson law, including provision for arbitration to prevent strikes or lockouts while a dispute was under investigation.

For the railroads, former Senator Faulker, of West Virginia, said they did not oppose the principles involved but might desire to make suggestions as to details. P. J. McNamara, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, said none of the brotherhood heads were here today. He did not at present know whether they would be here.

Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, said that the organization would oppose "any measure that carries any compulsion of any character."

LAWSON "SENSATIONAL FAKER", SENATOR STONE DECLARES IN DENOUNCING DEPARTMENT LEAK

Washington, Jan. 2.—Charges of a "leak" of advance information on President Wilson's note involving other charges that somebody made profits on it in the stock market gained further official attention today when Senator Stone, Democrat, spoke on the subject in the Senate, and Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, confederate with Chairman Henry, of the House rules committee, about a proposed Congressional investigation.

Senator Stone rose to a question of personal privilege. He said that confidential communications concerning the honor of the nation had fallen into improper hands but said he had no information as to whether a "leak" had occurred as recently reported. If so, he believed it would be traceable to departmental employees.

"If it be true that any public officials did use any secret or confidential information, as alleged," said Senator Stone, "he is an unspeakable scoundrel. If any man in legislative life—if any Senator did it, which I believe to be absolutely impossible—he ought to be dismissed from his office in this body."

"I do not know," Senator Stone continued, "that things have occurred in the departments which ought not to be possible. I know that confidential communications with foreign governments to the state department have by some means found their way into hands of men not authorized to receive them. These did not concern stock market speculation but did concern the honor of the nation. How this has happened I do not know, but it could have happened only through the instrumentality of employees. I fear that this betrayal of public confidence is in some way traceable to our civil service."

SEARCHLIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL OF CAR THAT KILLED GRUBER DEFECTIVE

Motorman Admits It Was Not Working, But He Failed to Report It.

The fact that the searchlight on the trolley car was not in working order may have an important bearing on the outcome of the investigation. Coroner John J. Phelan is making in the case of George Gruber, who was struck and killed in Stratford last Saturday night.

Motorman Paul Carr admitted at the coroner's hearing this morning that the searchlight was not working. For that reason he was unable to see Gruber on the track until the car was within a few feet of the man. Carr said the light went out on the trip to this city. He made no report of the breakdown while in this city, although his car passed several inspectors. Carr testified that Gruber was walking on the track with his back to the car. The motorman reversed the power as soon as he saw Gruber but could not avoid hitting the man.

Conductor James H. Stiles did not see the accident. He did not know anything had happened until the car stopped so suddenly that he was thrown across the aisle.

Coroner Phelan will hold the hearing open for a few days to see if he can learn anything more about Gruber. The latter was employed at the U. M. C. Co.

South End Grocery Store Burglarized

Burglars broke into the grocery store of Edward Weldon, corner of Atlantic and Lafayette streets, last night, according to report made by the proprietor at police headquarters today. The loss is \$110, supposedly taken from the cash register.

Though detectives have investigated the premises with the greatest care no means of ingress have been located. The doors and windows were locked as carefully as they were when the place was closed yesterday. It is believed that sneak thieves operating with a key and with sufficient nerve to lock the store carefully upon their exit, may be responsible for the burglary.

CUNNINGHAM HOME

Deputy Sheriff Thomas J. Cunningham, who has been in Savannah, Ga., for about two weeks, returned home yesterday. Sheriff Cunningham took the trip for the benefit of his health and he says he feels much better. He expects to be in his office in the county courthouse again tomorrow.

TO CULTIVATE PARK.

Rome, Jan. 2.—Instructions were issued by the minister of agriculture today to increase the food supply of the country by cultivating public ground including the city parks, using forestry employes for the purpose.

NEVER SO MANY MISSING GIRLS, ASSERT POLICE

Bridgeport in Common With Rest of Connecticut Suffers From Cadets.

MOST LOST GIRLS UNDEB 20 YEARS

Detective Bureau Plans to Break Up Infamous System Flourishing Here.

Efforts of the police of the larger cities of Connecticut to stamp out underground lines of white slavery that would have their headquarters in New York city has today disclosed the fact that during the past three months the toll of girl victims here has been extremely heavy and that throughout the state about 75 girls under the age of 20 have been reported as mysteriously missing from their homes.

Though the names of three supposed victims from Bridgeport have been made public by the police today it is freely admitted that they had previously been suppressed from publication by the Connecticut police.

The missing girls are: Frances Higgins, aged 16, recently released from St. Francis Orphan asylum, New Haven. Formerly lived on Clarence street, Bridgeport.

Margaret Cummings, aged 18, of 234 Brooks street.

Mary Roche, aged 15, clerk in local five and ten cent store, living on Brooks street.

That besides the usual system of cadets, procuresses had been working in Bridgeport and that a woman's hand was conclusively shown in the disappearance of the three Bridgeport girls was the statement made by Lt. Edward O. Cronan, chief of the detective department, this morning.

"Never in the history of the police are so many young girls reported missing throughout the East as at the present time," said Lt. Cronan. "I have been near 500 cases, about 75 of which are from Connecticut alone."

"There is little question that agents for the vice trust in New York have been operating boldly in Bridgeport. Not only have they placed their victims on the streets of Bridgeport as they have shown in the case of being prepared against Alfred Fucci recently shot by pretty Lena Reck, who had been forced into a life of shame, but in cases where the victims are too young and innocent to be allowed their liberty here, they have been shipped to New York and probably to other cities."

The Teutonic forces in northern Wallachia have compelled the Russians to make a further retreat and are approaching the bridgehead position near Fokshani. More than 1,300 prisoners were taken yesterday in this area.

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FIVE CHARGES IN WRIT FOR ARREST OF K. W. McNEIL

Norwalk, Jan. 2.—At the office of Prosecuting Attorney Louis Goldschmidt this noon, it was announced that a warrant would be issued this afternoon for the arrest of Kenneth W. McNeil, a coal merchant of Bridgeport, whose car was in collision with two automobiles here Saturday evening.

Five counts will be incorporated in the warrant, according to the prosecutor's office. Charges of reckless driving, driving at an unreasonable and excessive rate of speed, driving at a speed likely to cause injury, failure to stop after having been involved in an accident, and driving an automobile with the rear lights unlighted, will be brought. It was said.

Policeman Thomas J. Dorney will be given the warrant to serve, it was said. It was intimated in Norwalk today that a heavy bond would be required. A hearing was set for two o'clock Friday afternoon, before Judge E. M. Lockwood.

McNeil's car, it is alleged, ran into one driven by Joseph Tracey of the firm of Miller & Tracy, Norwalk, and another, owned by Mrs. Nathan Hett of Bridgeport, driven by W. T. Adams.

CORONER NOT CALLED IN STRANGE DEATH OF MRS. CATHERINE DEVITT

Attending Physician Says Death Was Due to Cerebral Hemorrhage, But He is Not Sure of Circumstances That Led Up to This Cause.

ARREDONDO QUILTS WASHINGTON FOR NATIVE COUNTRY

Ambassador Designate's Reason for Leaving Post Isn't Made Clear.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Elisio Arredondo, General Carranza's ambassador-designate here, said goodbye to Secretary Lansing today and will depart tonight for Mexico City. Ramon P. Demeril, Carranza's consul-general at San Francisco, will be in charge of the embassy. The reason for Mr. Arredondo's departure has not been made clear. He recently denied he was being withdrawn.

When General Carranza sent his recent appeal for modifications of the protocol drawn by the Mexican American commission it was reported he would withdraw Mr. Arredondo as a mark of his displeasure at the action of the American commissioners in demanding a final decision on the agreement by Dec. 28.

Mr. Arredondo denied then that he was to be withdrawn and declared that if he left Washington it would be to confer with his chief as he did recently. He refused today at the embassy, where it was said a statement would be issued later.

There were various undercurrents apparent in official circles today which gave a semblance of color to reports that the relations with Mexico were again becoming strained.

BAYONET CHARGE ROUNDS RUMANIAN FORCES IN EAST

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Continuing their vigorous offensive along the Rumanian front, Teutonic troops yesterday pushed back the Russians and Rumanians along the valleys leading to the interior of Moldavia, the war of the air announced. A successful bayonet attack was made on both sides of the Otuz valley.

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NORWALK PROSECUTOR SETS FRIDAY AFTERNOON FOR LOCAL MAN'S HEARING.

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WATERBURY REPORTS SIX NEW SMALL POX CASES.

Hartford, Jan. 2.—Six new cases of smallpox in Waterbury have been reported to the state board of health.