

VIRGINIA BOOM TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE

FOUR DIFFERENT MEASURES FOR REORGANIZATION

Bills Will Be Presented to Both Houses on Reorganization of Army.

WAR COLLEGE PLAN NOT MADE PUBLIC

Chamberlain Plan Entirely Different from Plan of Wilson Administration.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Congressional military committees will be confronted with four radically different plans for building up national defenses. Assured by President Wilson they will settle down next week, to the work of framing army measures to be presented to both houses. Aside from the administration plans outlined in the president's message the senate and house committee will have before them tentative schemes offered by Senator Chamberlain and endorsed by Hay, their respective chairmen and also the plans prepared by Secretary Garrison, directed by the war division of the army general staff.

From these four proposals will develop the solution of the problem and there is no indication that serious consideration will be given the universal military service measure introduced by several individual members of each house.

Bills All Vary.
Copies of the Chamberlain and Hay bills, which are designed for committee, is considered rationally and will not be introduced in either house, became available today. They show wide divergence, both from each other and from the plan advanced by President Wilson, which itself was based upon considerable modification, it is understood, of the war college plan. All four bills proposed a sweeping reorganization of the regular army and creation of adequate support for the regular line and the officers reserve call.

The Chamberlain plan has little in common with the administration proposal. It contains no mention of the continental army scheme which is the feature of the war department program, and proposes instead to practically double the standing army. Favor Continental Army.
The Hay scheme includes the continental army proposal as presented by President Wilson, though it does not contemplate all the increase in the regular establishment as suggested, would reorganize the National Guard and pay the men from the government funds, on a scale of 1 to 4 of the pay of the regular army. The war college plans have not been made public. It is generally understood, however, it proposed a far larger increase in the regular army than the administration recommendations contemplated.

DULUTH POLICE HAVE MYSTERY

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 9.—Mystery surrounds the death of a well dressed man of about 35 years, believed to be W. D. Jones of Raymer, Minn., or Lamont, Ia., a logging contractor, whose body was found on the railroad tracks here today. He had plunged, fallen or had been pushed to his death over a 6-foot fence and down a 20-foot bank flanking the track. On his person was found a bank book on the First State bank of Reber, Minn., and it showed \$1200 had been deposited recently. An identification tag on a keyring bore the address of Lamont.

"BANK WAS BROKEN FROM THE OUTSIDE"

Washington, Dec. 9.—Comptroller Williams issued a statement today declaring the First National Bank at Casselton, N. D., "was broken from the outside." The defalcation of its president and cashier, said the comptroller's statement, "exceeded its total capital and surplus." The case, he said, was an argument in favor of his proposal to require national bank officers to give surety bonds. The bank has a capital of \$50,000. The former president and cashier are under arrest.

KAISER'S DAUGHTER WITH HER WAR BABY



Duchess Victoria Luise of Brunswick and her son Ernest August George.

This is the newest photo of Duchess Victoria Luise of Brunswick, the only daughter of the kaiser, and her infant son Ernest August George, born at Brunswick, March 18, 1914. The youngster was but four months old when his father, Ernest August, the Duke of Brunswick, joined the German forces and since then has seen his father so little that he can be truly called a "war baby."

AUSTRIAN NOTE ASKS REPARATION

State Department, However, Refuses to Make Public Text of Note.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The note the United States sent to Austria-Hungary on the sinking of the Italian liner, Ancona, was based, it was learned tonight, primarily upon the virtual admission of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty in its official statement that the ship was torpedoed before all the passengers had been removed to a place of safety.

It was stated also that the position of the United States, as outlined in its communication asking reparation for American lives lost and assurance that such acts will not be repeated is that no matter whether a merchantman stops upon the first fire of a warning shot of a warship or after a pursuit. All the passengers must be removed before the vessel is sunk.

Won't Discuss Note.
The text of the note was not made public tonight. Officials of the state department refused to discuss the communication in any way, declining even to admit that it had been sent. It was said that the failure to give the note for publication was due to the fact that the state department had not been advised of its arrival at Vienna. Baron Erich Zweidenek, German charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, called upon Consul Polk of the state department late today remaining with him for nearly an hour, but neither would reveal the details of their discussion.

CHASED THIEVES FOR MANY MILES NEAR MOTT

Mott, N. D., Dec. 9.—Farmers west of this point joined a chase of many miles when two young men were found loading grain from an open bin on the farm of J. H. Jasper. The two had a fast team and escaped but were caught later after abandoning their rig and striking out on foot. Taken to Dickinson for safe keeping they escaped from jail but were captured again, taken to New England and sentenced after pleading guilty. They are believed to have been responsible for thefts of hundreds of bushels of grain in this district this fall.

THE WEATHER.
For North Dakota: Snow and colder Friday; much colder in western portion; Saturday generally fair and continued cold.

Harvard to Have Military Training

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—Harvard university was today officially enlisted in the movement for preparedness when President Lowell announced that a course in military science would be added to the curriculum at the next semester. It is planned to have under-graduates who join the course, to meet twice a week, the instruction being in the hands of army officers. All members of the class will be requested to enroll for the government's correspondent course on military tactics. The training in the science of military training will be supplemented by military drills.

NEW STATE BANK TO OPEN IN CASSELTON WITH 50,000 CAPITAL

Fargo, Dec. 9.—An aftermath to the sensational closing of the First National bank of Casselton Monday morning with shortages reported extending from \$125,000 to \$235,000 came yesterday when articles of incorporation were filed at the office of the register of deeds, Cass county courthouse, of the Farmers and Merchants State bank of Casselton, capitalized at \$50,000. The new bank will be in no way connected with the defunct Casselton institution. The incorporators of the new bank are J. J. Karley, Walter Coop, Louis Nolte, Robert Anderson and K. A. Benhus, all of Valley City. Each has taken 10 shares of \$10,000 each. The bank will open as soon as possible. J. J. Earley of Valley City, spent Tuesday in Fargo and was a guest at the Gardner hotel. The organization of the new bank was perfected yesterday morning.

WRIGHT IMPLEMENT SHEDS BURNED AT TAYLOR, N. D.

Taylor, N. D., Dec. 9.—Fire, believed to have been started by hoboes sleeping in machinery sheds, completely destroyed the buildings of the George Wright Implement company. A small amount of the stock and office fixtures were saved. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, covered by \$3,000 insurance. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

LEGAL LIGHT FROM STANTON.
H. L. Berry, attorney at law, Stanton, is a Bismarck visitor today, and is looking after legal matters at the capitol.

GERMANY WON'T SUE FOR PEACE SAYS HOLLWEG

Scuffs at Idea that Germany Is on the Verge of a General Collapse.

GERMAN FOOD SUPPLY FAR FROM EXHAUSTED

War Can Be Ended at Once But German Enemies Must Make Advances.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—So long as uncontrolled hatred of Germany and the feeling that Germany is approaching a collapse continues to be the dominant idea in the enemy country, it would be folly for Germany to take the initiative in proposing peace terms. Germany, however, is ready at any time to consider a peace suggestion from the countries with which she is at war; she does not wish a continuation of the war, and disassociate herself under these circumstances from any responsibility for its promulgation.

This is the substance of the German imperial chancellor's reply in Reichstag today to the socialist interpretation on peace, in which he painted a picture of Germany triumphant on all sides and supplied with everything, even in abundance, necessary to the continuation of the war.

Chancellor's statement.
The interpellation was introduced by Dr. Scheidemann in the following terms:

"Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with German dignity and safety," said Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, "then we shall always be ready to discuss them. So long as in the country of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of safety are entangled with the confession of public opinion, it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten, but lengthen, the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces."

Socialist's Speak.
Only two socialists spoke on the interpellation of the non-socialists united in a short declaration opposing discussing peace at this moment. The tone of the debate was dignified and patriotic and the imperial chancellor was followed attentively and was respectfully except for an occasional interruption and outburst of laughter from the socialists.

Dr. Lieb Necht, who has not been in accord with his party since the beginning of the war today received no sympathy.

The imperial chancellor in his first speech, lasting half an hour, outlined the military situation of all the powers and declared emphatically that Germany could not be starved out. The country has enough food, if properly distributed. German enemies, he said, were suffering more than the Germans and paying higher prices for food.

Country Is Strong.
Rumors that Germany is on the verge of collapse, said the chancellor, and the attribution of a peace mission to every German who goes abroad, Prince von Buelow, Prince Maximilian of Baden, Dr. Solf, secretary for the colonies, and Cardinal von Hartmann, report in which there is not a word of truth but is all part of a deliberate campaign to keep up the spirit of the enemy people in the face of repeated defeats. There is not a weak point in the German lines, and if our enemies do not choose to accept the situation and the war now, they must do so later. Germany can wait."

M'CALL REMOVED BY GOV. WHITMAN

Albany, Dec. 9.—E. E. McCall of New York, former justice of the supreme court, and once unsuccessful candidate for mayor of New York, was tonight removed from office as chairman of the New York public service commission by Governor Whitman, who sustained in part the charges against the commissioner by the factious investigation by the legislature. The government decision was that McCall in violation of the public service commission laws owned stock in a corporation under supervision of the commission. Other charges alleged neglect of duty.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES LEAVING THE BALKANS

Likely That Forces Sent to Aid Serbia Will Be Sent to Another Front.

ALL PEACE PLANS KNOCKED IN HEAD

British Army in Asia Minor Said to Be in a Precarious Position.

London, Dec. 9.—The speech today in the reichstag of the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, declining to initiate peace negotiations, following closely Premier Asquith's similar report in the house of commons, has completely dashed away any hope of the peace advocates they have held of an early termination of the war, but it is likely peace will have to wait, for the campaign is entering a new stage.

Look For Offensive.
As far as the Entente allies' countries are concerned, seemingly the only change desired is one which would insure a more vigorous prosecution of the war, but it is likely peace will have to wait, for the campaign is entering a new stage.

Having arrived too late to prevent the invasion of Serbia, the British and French forces in the southern position of Serbia are retiring before the onslaught of the Bulgarians, who, supported by German artillery and infantry, have been attacking both the British and French and compelling them to give up advance positions.

According to reports from Saloniki, the retirement is being carried out in an orderly manner, but how far this will continue cannot be ascertained.

Retreat in Mesopotamia.
Besides the battles in the Balkans, the British are watching with deep interest Mesopotamia, where a fight is now taking place for Kut-el-Amara, and Arabia. The Turks in the latter region have commenced another advance on Adana. They made a similar attempt to advance there last July but were driven back.

British Retire.
Two successive retirements by the British in the Balkans were officially announced tonight. On December 7 the troops were withdrawn to a new line and on December 8 they retired to another line.

Communipaw Sails.
The American oil steamer, Communipaw, reported to have been sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, sailed from Alexandria in August, for New York, according to an announcement by Lloyd's.

The first report that the Communipaw had been sunk was received Tuesday. It would appear that the tanker had been confused with some other vessel which was sunk.

NON UNION PAINTER VICTIM OF GANG

Five Unidentified Men Attack Non-Union Painters While at Work.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 9.—One man was shot and killed and two others badly wounded in an attack by five unidentified men here today upon a squad of non-union painters who were at work on a trestle on the new annex to a local hospital.

In a statement to the police a nurse at the hospital said that she saw five men approach several of the painters and heard one of them say, "No scabs can work here."

A few minutes later, she said, she heard several shots and saw one man fall. The five men escaped. The dead man was a non-union painter.

Severe Defeat Is Given Villa

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 9.—Three hundred Villa soldiers were killed and 100 taken prisoners and the remainder of the force of General Jose Rodriguez dispersed five miles north of Fronteras late today when General P. Elias Calles rushed in from the south to the scene of the beleaguered Carranza detachment under General Angel Flores, according to reports received here tonight.

TOWN BUILT BY DU PONT POWDER COMPANY LITERALLY IS WIPED OFF THE MAP

Daylight Robbery in St. Paul

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 9.—Policemen of both St. Paul and Minneapolis were searching for three robbers who, unmasked and well wrapped, walked into the Western State bank at Daie and University avenues here this afternoon, ordered three banks employees into the vault, gathered about \$5,000 in currency and escaped in an automobile which two other men had in readiness. A policeman commanded a passing automobile, but was outdistanced by the robbers. The bank cashier said none of the robbers appeared to be more than 25 years old. Two men, who the Minneapolis police believe took part in the bank robbery in St. Paul this afternoon, were arrested here tonight. They gave their names as James Lowe, alias Frank Dixon and Frank Lohr.

DEDICATE SITE FOR ELEVATOR

Impressive Ceremony Marks the Dedication of Equity Elevator Site.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 9.—This is the beginning of a day when justice will prevail in the grain market of the country, declared J. C. Anderson, president of the Equity Co-operative exchange, here today, "at the turning of soil where the first terminal elevator to be erected by farmers in the United States" will be built.

Fully 2,000 farmers and citizens were eager witnesses of the ceremony. In order that George S. Loftus, former sales manager of the Equity exchange, might witness the proceedings, he came in an enclosed automobile from a hospital in Minneapolis.

Loftus's 7-year-old son, Robert L. Follette Loftus, turned the first shovelful of earth. As he did so the crowd broke into wild cheering. John Burke, treasurer of the United States, was the only other speaker at the elevator site. He congratulated the farmers that their long fight for the terminal elevator was about to be realized.

WILSON TO COLUMBUS.
Washington, Dec. 9.—President Wilson left tonight for Columbus, Ohio, where he will deliver two addresses and attend a reception at the state capitol building. He is taking the trip on a special train.

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR BATTLESHIPS

Washington, Dec. 9.—Secretary Daniels announced today that the contract for the construction of battleships Nos. 45 and 44, authorized by the last congress, had been awarded to the New York and Mare Island navy yards, respectively. The bids were: New York, \$7,690,000; Mare Island, \$7,413,156. The decision to build the ships in the government yards was reached at a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Daniels in the latter's office.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DISABLED MINNESOTA

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 9.—A wireless message received from the yacht, Venetia, owned by John D. Spreckels, which reached the steamer, Minnesota, today, at a point about 500 miles south of San Francisco, said that the mystery surrounding the disabling of the liner was still unsolved by those aboard. The tug, Jaqua, is towing her, as well as those aboard the yacht. Efforts to communicate with Capt. Garlick of the Minnesota, as well as with the crew, were unanswered.

Powder Plant Is Saved But Several Times Is in Serious Danger.

NEGRO LYNCHED FOR LOOTING IN DISTRICT

Thousands Are Homeless; Saaloons Ordered Closed and Martial Law Declared.

Hope, Va., Dec. 9.—This boom town of 2,500 people, grown since last summer, when the great new explosive plant of the DuPont Powder company was erected, was almost wiped off the map late today by a fire, which started in a restaurant and did property damage estimated at considerably over a million dollars. The DuPont works outside of the settlement completely escaped damage, although, for a time it was seriously threatened. Scenes of wild disorder accompanied the fire, and citizens are said to have lynched a negro for looting. There was no loss of life otherwise, however, and only a few minor injuries were reported.

Tonight martial law was being enforced by seven militia companies, brought to the scene in a special train, under orders of Gov. Stewart.

Ten Buildings Saved.
While many of the buildings in the eastern section of the town were saved by a strong wind blowing in the opposite direction, some 300 houses were destroyed and 7,000 persons left homeless.

Special trains were run to Petersburg and Richmond, carrying women and children to find shelter.

The fire raged from 1:45 this afternoon until 9 o'clock tonight. Available fire fighting apparatus was utterly inadequate, the flames eating their way through the flimsy frame structures thrown up during the early days of the town, last summer, as so much tinder.

Several times sparks set fire to mule sheds of the explosive factory, but the flames which followed were quickly extinguished. When it was seen that the town was doomed and the plant in danger, orders were issued suspending operation and the factory shut down.

Save Powder Factory.
The shift then at work was set to work protecting the building from flying sparks. The greater danger, however, was from woods near by, which caught fire and were still burning late tonight.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon half of the town water supply was cut off, when the poles which support the high tension cables of the DuPont company collapsed, dropping the wires which fed the current to the Appomattox River Electric company station. It was feared the remainder of the wires would go, but prompt efforts by the workmen prevented it.

Hope, Va. police, assisted by special forces of the company, held the situation well in hand until the troops arrived. There was the greatest confusion but few attempts at looting were made.

Sleep in Open.
"Surrounding the community early tonight could be seen men, women and children sleeping upon such belongings as they had been able to take. It was unusual to see men standing nearby with revolvers, while some carried repeating rifles. While the excitement subsided tonight, the population literally evacuated the place. Long before evening most of the residents had left, carrying with them provisions which they had saved. Some found refuge at DuPont City, another settlement nearby, which was at no time threatened.

Some went to City Point, but most of them made their way to Petersburg. On account of the great influx of people, Mayor A. Cabbins of Petersburg ordered all saloons in that city closed early tonight.

WILL MEET BUTTERMAKERS.
Dairy Commissioner Peter Miller and Inspector E. H. Pierce have been asked to be present at the meeting of the Western North Dakota Butter-makers' association, which is to be held at Mandan, December 16. Each of the men from this city is scheduled to make an address; also, Better Farming Agent A. J. Gaumnitz will give an address on the dairy industry.