

CHILLY WELCOME WAITS FORDSHIP'S PARTY IN NORWAY

No Official Reception by Anybody
and Only Students Plan
Welcome.

MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT DISPLEASES CRUSADERS

They Resolve to Study It and
Frame Up a Warm
Retort.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 13.—No arrangements for the official reception of Henry Ford's expedition are being made here. American Minister Schmedeman has received no communication from the expedition, nor has any other person of prominence except the president of the Students' association, who had a telegram from Ford explaining his program and announcing that he proposes to remain in Christiania two days and afterward to visit Stockholm, Copenhagen and The Hague.

The Students' association replied that the party would be afforded an opportunity of meeting the association officially. The expedition is regarded here as being without any importance or authority and merely a piece of farcical bluff.

STAY QUIETLY AT HOME, BERLIN ADVICE TO FORD

London, Dec. 13.—The Berlin Vossische Zeitung, referring to Henry Ford, in the number just received here, says:

"The best thing Americans can do would be to stay quietly at home and concentrate their energies on the far nobler task of stopping the provisioning of the entente powers with war material.

"This would be a most effective means of furthering the cause of peace. Transatlantic pleasure trips can be productive of nothing but the ridicule that kills."

SHOW US THE PAPERS, AKED'S DEMAND ON SCHWIMMER

Aboard Peace Ship Oscar II, Dec. 13 (by wireless to Cape Race).—All is not peaceful aboard Henry Ford's ship of peace.

The Rev. Charles F. Aked of San Francisco and several others who entertain doubts as to the success of the peace plan insist on being permitted to examine the documents. Mme. Roziska Schwimmer asserted she had in her possession proving that certain belligerents on both sides are not opposed to peace negotiations and that all neutrals favor the peace conference.

Mme. Schwimmer has refused to produce the documents on the ground that they are confidential.

OSCAR II'S SKIPPER TO GET A FORD AUTO

On Board S. S. Oscar II, Dec. 13. (By wireless via Cape Race, N. F.)—Henry Ford has notified his Copenhagen agent to prepare a car for presentation to Capt. Wilhelm Hempel of the Oscar II, the same man, incidentally, who brought Dr. Cook to America.

The entire body of peace delegates, after posing for the movie films, were taken below to inspect the engines of the liner, Mr. Ford leading the way. "I love these. I could make them myself," he commented.

The concert planned for Thursday evening was cancelled in favor of a serious discussion.

A press club has been formed, Joseph Jefferson O'Neill being selected president, Mr. Ford being honorary head; John D. Barry, vice president, and Davis, secretary.

The sea being smooth and fair once more and the weather mild, everybody is comfortable, although earlier in the day one-fourth of the passengers were pretty sick.

President Wilson's message to congress was read to the members of the Ford peace party by S. S. McClure, editor of the New York Evening Mail, and was received with mild applause.

Being asked for his opinion of the president's message and of the recommendations it contained, Henry Ford delegated me to tell the assemblage that the groups of pacifists, students should study the message and reply to the president and congress. After my remarks a resolution to this effect was adopted.

Mrs. Roziska Schwimmer of Hungary, secretary of the International Council of Equal Suffrage, and Mr. McClure addressed a meeting of students and journalists.

JOSEPH PEPPERSON O'NEILL,
Correspondent of the New York World.

The Hague, via London, Dec. 13.—Neither encouragement, recognition, nor support in any shape or form will be offered to the Ford peace party by the Netherlands government, according to information from official sources given to a correspondent of the Associated Press.

Government officials, it was indicated, naturally noted the party's departure and also received a notice.

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House Leader Against Preparedness, But Will Not Fight President's Plan



Representative Claude Kitchin, Claude Kitchin, representing the North Carolina district in congress, is the new majority leader in the lower house. Representative Kitchin is opposed to preparedness, but has announced that he will not actively fight the administration's preparedness program.

England to Purchase Canadian and American Securities at Once

London, Dec. 13.—An explanation by the chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, and a short debate, the house of commons passed at the second reading the bill empowering the government to mobilize American and Canadian securities by purchase or by borrowing them to be used primarily for collateral for loan or in case of necessity to be used to meet Great Britain's liabilities in the United States.

The scheme is an entirely voluntary one and the chancellor made it clear that the government had no intention of swamping the American market with securities which would be unfair to holders here as they were to be paid for at the market price.

Mr. McKenna explained that the

THREE INDICTED ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE

German Attache and Frisco Detectives Held by Grand Jury on Two Counts.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Baron George Wilhelm, von Brincken, an attaché of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Margaret Cornell, said to be a secret agent in Crowley's employ, were indicted here today by the grand jury on two counts each.

The first count charges conspiracy to interfere and destroy commerce between several states of the Union and the United States and foreign countries; the second count charges use of the mails to incite assassination and murder.

Bail was fixed at \$5,000 on each count of the three indictments. Counsel for the defendants, all of whom had been arrested previously, promised to appear tomorrow in court.

Brincken and Crowley were previously charged by Commissioner Warren with conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce and they have been at liberty on \$10,000 bail while Mrs. Cornell, arrested and detained as a witness, gave \$1,000 bail. The overt acts stated in the indictment were not made known tonight.

Crowley's operations, the government charges, extended throughout the United States.

The investigation resulting in today's indictment, has just begun, according to John W. Preston, district attorney.

Federal agents said today they had already connected the alleged Pacific coast conspiracy with 40 explosions.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 13.—Ernest Ashby, living near here, shot and killed his wife, Ethel P. Ashby; his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Tague, and then committed suicide. He was thought to be insane.

SITES TAXABLE AS REAL ESTATE DECLARES COURT

All Property Along Right-of-way Privately Used Assessable Separately.

JUDGE GOSS WRITES IMPORTANT DECISION

Takes Stand that Section 179 of Constitution Covers Issue Raised.

Under an opinion of the supreme court, rendered yesterday, all industrial sites along the railroads not used in the operation of the railroad are assessable as other real estate. Judge Nuesse is reversed as regards elevator sites and affirmed on his ruling that sites used by oil companies are subject to taxation.

Judge N. C. Young of Fargo, who appeared for the railroads, could not state last evening whether the matter will be appealed to the United States supreme court.

The railroads took the position that the attempt to assess the industrial sites constituted double taxation, as all this property is assessed by the state board of equalization.

Justice Goss, who writes the opinion, takes the stand that all property other than that used in the operation of the railroad is assessable as other real estate under section 179 of the state constitution.

The syllabus of the case follows: FROM MORTON COUNTY.

Northern Pacific Railway Company, Plaintiff and Appellant, Plaintiff and Respondent,

vs.
Morton County, a Municipal Corporation, Defendant and Respondent, Defendant and Appellant.

Syllabus: Under constitutional and statutory provisions governing taxation of sites of elevators, jumbos, yards and oil tank stations upon railroad right of way occupied under license or lease from the railroad company, it is held:

(1) Such sites are industrial sites while so held and used and as such are devoted to private and not railroad use and are therefore taxable as local real estate.

(2) While the tract occupied by such sites are subject to the railroad right of user and are taxable as a part of and in the manner of taxing of strictly railroad property, yet the tax therefor assessed by the state board of equalization on such basis cannot constitute a tax upon the taxable private right of user enjoyed by the industrial sites, and which sites for such purposes can be assessed and taxed only after local assessment as real estate.

It is held, therefore, said industrial sites have escaped taxation during the years in question and were taxable locally during said time.

(3) The 1901 constitutional amendment to Sec. 179 of the constitution for taxation purposes recognizes a dual taxable right of user of right of way, viz: (1) a right to tax same upon the assessment of the state board of equalization as for railroad use; and (2) the right to locally tax the site appropriated temporarily to private use.

(4) Section 2118 C. L. 1913, taken with said constitutional amendment authorizes the assessment made upon the private right of user of these industrial sites.

(5) This taxation of both rights of user does not constitute double taxation.

(6) The taxes assessed and levied upon all these industrial sites are valid and constitute liens upon the tracts in question.

Cross appeals from the District Court of Morton County. Nuesse Special Judge.

Modified and affirmed. Opinion of the Court by Goss, J. Watson & Young of Fargo, Attorneys for Plaintiff and the Elevator Company. Miller, Zuger & Tillotson of Bismarck, Attorneys for the Lumber Yard and Oil Sites.

Wm. Langer, States Attorney, Mandan, and the State Tax Commission by George E. Wallace, Attorneys for Defendant.

SOCIALISTS AT WATFORD START MOVE FOR TICKET

Watford, N. D., Dec. 13.—As a preparatory step to putting a Socialist ticket in the field the delegate committee of the Socialists of McKenzey county met at Watford city. A good many sections of the county were represented. Committee members present were J. H. Claderhead, J. S. Meyer and Dan Davis, Charbonneau; A. M. Stammer, Nels Brekke and John Dahlgren, Banks; W. H. Franklin and Harry Butterfield, Cartwright; Julius Peters, Nameless; T. J. Kenedy, Alexander.

W. R. Snow of Denver, the well known Socialist orator, was present and will spend the next fifteen days working in the county. March 7 was set as the date for the nominating convention.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS OLD OFFICERS

C. L. Young Re-elected President and Old Board of Directors Also.

YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF REAL ACHIEVEMENT

Rufus R. Wilson Delivers Interesting and Instructive Address to Members.

Reports covering a year of real progress were presented at the tenth annual meeting of the Bismarck Commercial club, held in the club rooms last evening. President C. L. Young's annual address told of a long series of actual accomplishments for the past year, and promised greater activity, along broader lines, for the new year.

The secretary's report showed that the club is in a better position financially than it has been for a number of years; that it has the largest membership in its history, and that it is growing consistently and substantially.

Outstanding indebtedness was reduced to an extent of \$1,000.00 during the year; the revenues were increased to a point where they provided for all fixed expenses and leave a good margin for development work, and the club has placed under way several campaigns which will result in general benefit to Bismarck and the whole country.

The treasurer's report indicated a sound financial situation which is especially encouraging to those who have been at the helm during the past year.

The election of directors, resulting in the retention of the retiring board: Messrs. C. L. Young, F. L. Shuman, A. W. Eppinger, G. C. Wachter, J. A. Arraham, Theo. A. Koeffel, F. L. Conklyn, W. A. MacDonald, D. T. Owens and C. H. Ghitzka, with the addition of George H. Will, who fills a vacancy which had existed for several months.

All are men who are deeply interested in Bismarck's welfare, and it is believed that the affairs of the Commercial club will continue to prosper under their able and experienced direction.

Wilson's Address. Rufus R. Wilson, formerly secretary of the Seattle Commercial club, and one of America's best known community builders, delivered the principal address of the evening, a sane, well-thought-out argument for co-operation and common sense in community development.

Mr. Wilson told of his experiences as secretary of the Seattle organization and as manager of the Humboldt county development bureau in California. He dwelt on the necessity of reaching out to the farmer; of interesting the boy, both in the city and in the country. He predicted a brilliant future for Bismarck, providing the city prepares itself to grasp the opportunities as they present themselves.

He urged the club to be not so anxious to locate new industries as to overlook quality in seeking quantity. He told of what other communities, smaller than Bismarck, have gained by co-operation, and commended friendly rivalry and mutual help as opposed to the sectional jealousy which so often exists.

The meeting was a success, although the attendance was not as large as might have been desired. The lack of numbers was accounted for by counter attractions, and by the fact that the announcements had indicated that the meeting was to be confined solely to business. Entertainment features were considered, but it was thought that with so many functions crowding into the holiday season, such activity on the part of the club would be inadvisable.

CORPORATION BUYS A PACIFIC FLEET

New York, Dec. 13.—The American International Corporation, controlled by interests connected with the National City bank and other prominent financiers, today announced the purchase of the entire Pacific Mail Steamship company, consisting of seven steamers.

In this venture the corporation has secured the co-operation of William R. Grace & Co., importers and exporters between the United States and South America, who are represented on the board of the new international corporation.

Incidentally by this step, the last fleet of vessels under the United States flag on the Pacific ocean will not suffer complete obliteration.

URGES SWISS SYSTEM.

New York, Dec. 13.—The adoption of the Swiss system of military training by the states and the establishment of an adequate aerial coast patrol as means of preparation for national defense was urged by Admiral Robert E. Peary, United States navy, retired, at a dinner of the Economic club of New York here tonight.

To Select Date for Convention

Washington, Dec. 13.—Preliminary skirmishes before the republican committee decides tomorrow the time and place for the 1916 republican national convention to nominate the party's candidate for president were held here today. On the surface the only contest of importance was that of the cities seeking the convention.

After a day spent in strenuous effort on the part of the cities contending for the convention, St. Louis and Chicago were looked upon tonight as the most prominent in the race. If surface indications were to be trusted the convention would go to St. Louis, but the Chicago boosters claim not to be discouraged.

Many political leaders seem to lean toward the suggestion that the convention be held before that of the democrats in St. Louis, June 14, but there has been no canvass of members.

EXPECT ANSWER TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Reports From Vienna Say Commander of Submarine that Sank Ancona Is Missing.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Austria-Hungary's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona is looked for by the state department officials by the end of the week. This expectation was expressed today, when Baron Erich Zileidnik, in charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, conferred with Secretary Lansing regarding the note in an attempt, it was understood, to gain informally for his government an understanding of what would satisfy the United States.

The charge, it was said, did not indicate what the action of Austria-Hungary might be, explaining that he had not heard from the foreign office upon the subject.

But attention has been attracted in official and diplomatic circles by that portion of the note which referred to the "acquiescence of Germany" in the attitude of the United States towards the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce.

Officials here were interested in press dispatches from Vienna which reported that the Austro-Hungarian government had been unable to communicate with the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona and suggested that the uncerseas vessel might be destroyed. Should the commander actually be missing, the fact would play an important part in the consideration by Austria-Hungary of the reply to the American note.

Note Causes Anger. Reports from Vienna say that the American note concerning the sinking of the Italian liner, Ancona, has caused intense anger in the Austrian government and a diplomatic rupture is considered probable.

The question before Baron Buruan, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is whether a rupture with the United States would not force Berlin to a like step.

Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, has been summoned to Vienna to discuss the situation with the government.

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TAX

Washington, Dec. 13.—House Democrats in a caucus tonight agreed to pass a resolution designed to extend the length of the present emergency tax without change until Dec. 30, 1916, for one year.

The resolution will be introduced tomorrow. It probably will be voted on Thursday. Democratic leaders tonight predicted its adoption in both houses not later than Saturday, when the Christmas recess will be taken, if the measure is out of the way.

Majority leader, Kitchin, who presented the proposal and who will introduce the resolution, warns the members that they must do their utmost to have all the democratic members on the floor Thursday, otherwise, he said, danger will be ahead of the resolution.

CALLS TEDDY "GIANT OF MOTHER GOOSE"

Washington, Dec. 13.—Declaring W. J. Bryan is "simply upset," and Theodore Roosevelt is the "giant of Mother Goose," Chairman Gillman of the naval committee addressed the senate today on national defense and assailed what he characterized as the greed trials.

Senator Gillman upheld Secretary Daniels' administration of the navy department and characterized as "simply outrageous" the criticism of the department made by former Secretary Meyers.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES SAFE AT SALONIKI

Sustain Heavy Losses in Making Retreat Across Southern Serbia.

GERMANS MAY FOLLOW INTO GREEK TERRITORY

Remains of Serbian Army Is Still Resisting Austrians and Bulgarians.

London, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia across the Greek frontier and by arrangement with the Greek government, a clear road has been left to them to fall back on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base.

The German official report of today claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated during the retreat, but this is considered here as exaggerated. Accounts from Athens and Saloniki say the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner and without heavy losses. But the destruction of railway bridges and roads and stubborn rear guard actions, in one of which two companies of the Inniskillin regiment sacrificed themselves to save their comrades, the Bulgarians were kept at fairly safe distance.

May Fight in Greece. The question now arises whether the Bulgarian and Austro-Germans intend to follow the British and French troops into Greece and what action the Greek government will take if they do so.

However, with the railways destroyed, it will be some time before Greece is called upon to take action, and in that time the Anglo-French troops could be safe in the defenses of Saloniki under fire of their ships.

The remains of the Serbian army are still resisting the Austrian and Bulgarian and Albanians, while the Austrians are making slow progress to overwhelm Montenegro.

The Turkish attack against the British forces in Mesopotamia at Kut-el-Amara has been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement tonight. British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

Turks Lose Gunboats. Details have been received of the destruction of two Turkish gunboats off Keften in the Black Sea, about 60 miles east to the entrance to the Bosphorus, by three Russian torpedo boats, as announced in the Russian official comment of last Saturday.

The torpedo boats were watching the coal shipping region along the Turkish coast when they cited the two Turkish gunboats.

Towns and villages within a radius of 50 miles of Hovev were shaken by the explosion and those in the immediate vicinity sustained serious damage.

During the fight that followed a Turkish submarine arrived off the island, but was put to flight by the Russian fire.

The appalling effect of Saturday's explosion in the Belgian munition factory are more clearly shown as the investigation of the disasters proceeds. All the sheds of the plant, which covered 15,000 square feet of ground, were completely destroyed. The pit where the first explosion occurred is marked by a chasm 130 feet deep.

King George, who suffered severe injuries by being thrown by horse at the British front in France, was recovered sufficiently to take up affairs of state, according to a statement issued tonight.

EPISCOPAL CLERGY FILE A PROTEST

St. Paul, Dec. 13.—An open letter to the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, protesting against the action of the board of missions in deciding to send a delegation to the forthcoming Panama congress to be participated in by large Protestant bodies, was made public tonight by local Episcopal clergymen. The letter is signed by 13 rectors of the largest independent Episcopal parishes of St. Paul and Minneapolis, including all the parishes of this city.

The letter is for consideration by the house of bishops at their next session in Philadelphia Jan. 12, and asserts the board of missions usurp the authority of the general convention.

ROBBERS GET \$4,000. Depew, Okla., Dec. 13.—The First State Bank of Depew was robbed this afternoon by masked bandits. More than \$4,000 was taken. Posses started in pursuit of the robbers who escaped on horseback.

THE WEATHER.

For North Dakota: Fair, with slowly rising temperature Tuesday and Wednesday, and settled.