

SAYS AUSTRIA IS READY TO TALK PEACE

Country Now Feels She Can Do So With Dignity.

LITTLE HOPE OF ANY SUCCESS

Diplomatic Opinion is That England Will Prevent War Shortening.

(By Cyril Brown.) Vienna, Nov. 30.—In view of the splendid military situation the Austrians are making no pretense of disguising their normal human yearnings for peace which today are taking the form of a lively patriotic interest in early peace prospects.

Peace Never Feared. A considerable volume of peace news is being featured in the Vienna press, foremost being the report that the New York Times has come out editorially for peace, which has aroused intense interest not only among the public, but in political, diplomatic and particularly financial circles.

HIGH COST OF LOVING; SEE WHAT IT LEADS TO

South Bend Man "Hold Up" for \$1,000 Reveals a Nice Little Flat the Money Bought.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 30.—It isn't so much the high cost of living as the high cost of loving. Archie Frost, or instance, is the night telegraph operator and ticket agent at the station here of the New York Central railroad. Frost had been drunk for a long time and he slugged him and took \$1,000 away from him early Sunday morning.

U-BOAT ATTACKS FISHING FLEET

Two Trawlers Sunk Without Warning, Says Lloyds.

London, Nov. 30.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamship Respyell. A large German submarine on Tuesday made an attack without warning, according to Lloyds, on the British fishing fleet. Two trawlers were sunk by a bomb and another was disabled.

COSTLIEST DINNER EVER SERVED WAS PITTSBURGH FEED

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 30.—To fifty of his closest friends Louis Follet, president of the Standard Tinplate company, of this city last night gave the most elaborate dinner that has ever been served in this city of steel and millionaires.

SEVERE QUAKE IS RECORDED

Earth Shock, Which May Have Been in West Indies, Last Over on Hour.

Washington, Nov. 30.—An earthquake of some severity and lasting over an hour occurred during the night and was recorded on records of the Georgetown university seismograph observatory. The tremors began at 10:23 p. m., the maximum shocks coming between 10:43 and 10:54, and the disturbance died away at 11:40.

100,000 THEATER FOR HELENA, MONT.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 30.—T. A. Marlow and associates of Helena last night announced a \$100,000 theater for Helena, which ground is to be broken as soon as weather will permit.

Here's a Nice Pickle For the Judges Elect

If Monday, December 4, is the One and Only Legal Day Take Their Seats They Cannot be Judges of the Supreme Court for They Cannot Legally be Declared Elected Until Tuesday, December 5.

Bismarck, Nov. 30.—While Luther E. Birdzell of the law faculty of the University of North Dakota agrees with his prospective associates on the supreme bench that the three justices-elect have a right to get onto the job next Monday, he will not be in Bismarck then to join them in their efforts to oust Chief Justice Plisk and Associate Justices Burke and Goss.

Justice-elect Birdzell, who spent a day this week at the supreme court, said there is no question in his mind as to the justice and propriety of the stand taken by Justices-elect Robinson and Grace. The only reason he will not be here Monday to assist them in their rather weighty effort to move Judges Plisk, Burke and Goss is because he is under contract until January 1 with the law college of the state university.

Inasmuch as none of the present incumbents have gone into training for physical combat, it is safe to say that a legal question only will be raised Monday.

"No certificates of election will issue from my office Monday," says Secretary of State Hall. "I can't certify to any election until the state canvassing board directs me to do so, and the board cannot so direct until it has held its statutory meeting, set for Tuesday."

"We were elected for six years, and we intend to serve six years," is the ultimatum of the retiring supreme court members.

"We were elected and the constitution says we must qualify before the first Monday in December," say the justices-elect.

"I don't see how it can be done," is the opinion of Attorney General Lind. "Of course, if the justices-elect claim they are required by the constitution to qualify Monday, and if the legal machinery is so defective that they cannot qualify Monday, why then they cannot legally qualify as justices of the supreme court for no other day but the first Monday in December, according to their views, will do; and they can't qualify the first Monday because the law says they will qualify on the day following that day."

GREEK AFFAIRS ARE UNCHANGED

Government Stands Pat—King Confers With Regimental Officers.

Athens, via London, Nov. 30.—King Constantine, acting in the capacity of commander-in-chief of the army, yesterday morning called a council of the headquarters of the Greek national army. The king attended the conference, and after a long discussion the situation is unchanged.

HINDENBURG A DICTATOR

Paper Expresses Belief That He Forced Resignation of Von Jagow—Exercises Power.

London, Nov. 30.—A special dispatch to the Times from Amsterdam says the reports of the resignation of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg are due probably to the general belief that Von Hindenburg's first letter regarding the need of the agricultural population to make sacrifices for the munition workers was published without the chancellor's authority.

The Vorwarts pointed out that "it was sent to the press by Herr Bachmeier, who is not exactly a friend of the chancellor."

There seems little doubt, the dispatch says, that Von Hindenburg intends to exercise dictatorial powers in virtue of his position. It is now believed the resignation of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg was forced by Von Hindenburg, and Count Wedel, instead of succeeding Herr Zimmermann, the under secretary, was shunted to Vienna. It appears that the chancellor was strongly supported by Herr von Jagow, who at least had a diplomatic manner, whereas Herr Zimmermann cultivates a brusque manner in imitation of the Bismarckian tradition.

ASK \$3,500,000 FOR VALUATION OF RAILROADS

Four Years More of Work to Include the Great Northern.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Congress will be asked for another \$3,500,000 appropriation for physical valuation of interstate railroads, with a view to completion of all field operations in three years from next January and wind up of all the work a year later.

Actress Schrott Not Allowed to See Joseph's Body

London, Nov. 29.—A Zurich dispatch to the Wireless Press says the actress, Katharina Schrott, who for years was an intimate friend of Emperor Francis Joseph, was refused admittance to the emperor's death chamber, on the day after he died and was requested to leave the castle immediately.

CRAIOVA, WITH WHITE FLAGS FLYING, IN CITY OF WILD INCIDENTS

Berlin, Nov. 30.—(Via London).—Craiova, in Rumania, is flying hundreds of white flags in token of surrender and indicative of peaceful intent.

In peace times Craiova is a prosperous city of fifty thousand inhabitants, including 300 millionaires. Today it is utterly downcast and partly deserted.

Absolutely amazed at the speed with which the Germans advanced, a majority of the Rumanian population. The Jews who remained in thousands are professedly friendly to the Germans, but they closed their stores, despite prices that hourly leap upwards.

Free Turkey of the Wing; Wild Scramble For Flying Birds

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 30.—Merchants of LeRoy, to attract out-of-town trade, gave away thirty-five turkeys and a large quantity of other poultry today. The birds were allowed to fly from the roof of a tall building. The event attracted several thousand persons from the neighboring country.

MONTANA STATE LAND SALE RECORD BROKEN

Helena, Nov. 30.—All records for yearly state land sales revenue in Montana were broken the past year when \$1,657,439.31 was contracted for in state land sales. This will be shown in the report of State Register of Lands Sidney Miller, which is now being compiled. November, 1916, set a record in being the heaviest financial month in the history of state land office.

NOTED AMERICANS JOIN IN "STOP THE WAR" MOVEMENT

Addams of Hull House, Chicago; John Hays Hammond and Dr. John Harvey Kellogg.

The New York branch, which was established last week, will carry into effect many of the plans of the American Neutral Conference committee for arousing the American public to a sense of what it may contribute toward stopping the war.

Mass meetings will be held throughout the country with this end in view and the Neutral Conference committee will employ well known speakers to travel from city to city to preach the gospel of peace.

to a petition to be sent to the president, asking him to take the initial step toward mediation.

At the beginning of the third fearful winter, when practically every home in the belligerent countries has felt the scourge of war," said Chairman Holt of the commission, "it is only reasonable and human to believe that an honest effort on the part of neutrals to bring about a just peace would be welcomed."

The good offices of the United States have been formally offered and rejected. But Europe is in the throes of a crisis. It is not the time when conventions or precedent can be considered. A joint conference of all the neutral nations would command respect, and would undoubtedly receive a hearing. To call such a conference would be an act of humanity, and in so acting no government could err.

This plan has the advantage of never having been tried before.

RUSSIAN DRIVE IN RUMANIA IS MOVING SLOWLY

Gain Small Advantage at Heavy Loss—Checked Near Bucharest.

Berlin, (wireless to Sayville), Nov. 30.—On the northern Rumanian frontier, the Russians continue their new offensive movement. The war office announced that they obtained no important results yesterday, although gaining small advantages at heavy cost. In western Rumania the troops defending the line before Bucharest were driven farther back.

New Attack Near Ypres. Berlin, (wireless via Sayville), Nov. 30.—An attack was made by Entente in Belgium near Ypres on a front of two miles, but was repulsed by the Germans, it is officially announced.

GREAT U. S. GOLD SUPPLY SEEN AS PEACE FACTOR

Diplomatic Gossip Holds War With Japan is Now Out of the Question.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The mirage of peace in Europe has contributed many surprising and paradoxical predictions during the last few days in diplomatic circles here. One of the most interesting of these is the settled conclusion that now no war with Japan is at all possible.

GERMANY FEARS TO LEAVE ABLE BODIED IN BELGIUM

Amsterdam, Nov. 30.—"I am not in Belgium to martyrize the population nor mete out punishment, but only to further the interests of Germany in the most comprehensive way," says General Baron von Blasing, military governor of Belgium, in an interview published in the Dusseldorf Tageblatt.

He adds: "We are doing this according to our best judgment and conscience, and I think it a great achievement that this country, '22 behind the lines, has been kept free from revolt. I am an old soldier, and should not like to use arms against this unarmed population."

"I consider that I am serving the emperor and the Fatherland to the best advantage when I cause the least possible German blood to flow here and the fewest possible Germans to be withdrawn from our front lines to watch over Belgium."

Michigan Hunters Kill Ten Men Instead of Deer

Calumet, Mich., Nov. 30.—Ten lives have been lost in the Northern Peninsula during the hunting season, which closes tonight. The loss is thirty less than that of former years. The one-deer law and industrial prosperity kept numbers of hunters away from the woods this season.

WELSH MINERS OPPOSE PLAN OF GOVERNMENT

To Fight Control, Says Secretary of the Big Federation.

Scheme Must Cover the Entire Country

Do not Propose to be Only Controlled Section—Cardiff is Aroused.

London, Nov. 30.—The government's decision to assume control of all coal mines in South Wales, December 1, under the defense of the realm act, was announced too late last night to enable commentators as yet to gauge its probable effect. The announcement was a surprise to both sides in the miners' controversy.

WILSON TO CONSIDER NEW YORK CAR STRIKE

President Will Confer With Mayor Mitchell Saturday—Labor Leaders See Executive.

New York, Nov. 30.—It was announced that when President Wilson comes to New York Saturday in connection with the illumination of the Statue of Liberty, he will confer with Mayor Mitchell relative to the street car strike. The report was accompanied by a call upon the mayor yesterday by a delegation of labor leaders, who said the president, whom they had a talk with in Washington, would be glad to discuss the situation with Mayor Mitchell in the hope of finding some way to settle the strike.

FARMERS' COMPANY HAS \$700,000 YEAR

Grain Growers' Grain Company of Western Canada Reports Unusually Big Profit.

Winnipeg, Nov. 30.—Net profits of \$7,452 were made by the Grain Growers' Grain company the last year according to reports submitted at the annual meeting of the company which opened here yesterday.

In distributing the profits the company has paid out a 15 per cent dividend on the capital stock, amounting to \$100,500 and has placed the remainder to the reserve account, which now totals \$690,000. The company handled 48,000,000 bushels of grain during the year.

200 AMERICANS HAD THANKSGIVING DINNER IN PARIS

Paris, Nov. 30.—A special Thanksgiving eve dinner here was attended by thirty of the 200 Americans who are in training as airmen at Buc and Juvisy. Other guests were Henri Robert, president of the Paris Bar association and Leon Theodor, president of the Brussels Bar association.

CALIFORNIA "DRYS" ALREADY PLANNING FOR 1918 CONTEST

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—The "dry" movement in California will not be allowed to languish despite the defeat of the prohibition amendment at the state election in 1916.

DAY QUIET IN CAPITAL

Pan-American Mass Featured of Thanksgiving Observance—President Eats Turkey in White House

Washington, Nov. 30.—Thanksgiving was observed quietly in Washington, with annual Pan-American mass at St. Patrick's church, attended by many diplomats and government officials, as the principal feature of the day.

President and Mrs. Wilson planned to go to another church service and to have family dinner in the White House, with a large turkey, sent by an admirer of the president, gracing the board.

WILL DISCUSS IMMIGRATION

President McVey to Preside at National Conference in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Immigration and colonization as affecting the United States are to be discussed by leading authorities at the National Conference on Marketing and Farm Credits to be held here December 4-9, presided over by President Franklin L. McVey of the University of North Dakota.

GREEK MINISTER QUILTS

General Bracos, Holder of War Post-Health, Resigns Because of Ill

London, Nov. 30.—The resignation of General Bracos, the Greek minister of war, is reported by Reuters' Athens correspondent. His health is assigned as the reason.

LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE, NOT A MOVE TO "STOP THE WAR"

New York, Nov. 30.—To clear up a misunderstanding arising out of its first steps toward the abolition of the vice district here. After an extended investigation it made public a report recommending that the vice district be abolished. The report was accompanied by 114 indictments of women residents of the district.

BRITISH DAILY LOSSES SMALLER

2,488 Casualties a Day in November—Total of 74,650.

London, Nov. 30.—British casualties in the month of November as reported from all fronts were 74,650. Of the total, 2,351 of the casualties were among officers and 72,299 men.

TURKEY SPECULATORS AND RIOTS; POLICE ARE CALLED

Pittsburg, Nov. 30.—Competition between tuckers and speculators handling turkeys on the Water street wharf, which resulted in the price of live birds being reduced to five cents a pound, caused police reserves to be called out yesterday to prevent customers, in their eagerness to buy from sweeping the dealers into Monongahela river. The price cutting was caused by a dispute among the poultry handlers regarding what price should be paid for turkeys.

During the excitement one dealer sold turkeys without weighing them, demanding a certain sum for each bird. Many speculators who brought large shipments of turkeys to Pittsburg believing they would be able to secure record-breaking prices for them left the city last night fearing heavy financial losses because of the refusal of the public to pay the prices they demanded. In other parts of the city last night turkeys sold from 25 to 35 cents a pound.



Left to right, top: Gov. Arthur Capper, Hamilton Holt and Amos Pinchot. Bottom: Dr. George W. Kirschway, Irving Fisher and Jacob Schiff.

New York, Nov. 30.—Many men and women of national prominence are identified with the newly established American Neutral Conference commission, the purpose of which is to crystallize sentiment so that any peace move which may be made by President Wilson will receive the united support of the nation.

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