

WILSON SEEKS OPPORTUNITY TO MEDIATE

ENGLAND EXPECTED TO GIVE LITTLE ATTENTION TO PROPOSALS

LLOYD GEORGE MAY STATE GREAT BRITAIN'S POSITION IN COMMONS; HASTY REJECTION IS NOT WANTED

BELIEVE SOMETHING WILL OBTAIN IF ENTENTE TERMS ARE MADE KNOWN TO TEUTONS; FIGHTING MORE SEVERE

Important Developments Take Place in Rumania—Rumanian Resistance Overcome Along Jalomitz River.

London—Although little confidence is shown here that Germany's peace proposal will have any result, there is an under current of feeling that something would be gained by making the world acquainted with the objects of the belligerents.

PEACE PROPOSALS OVERSHADOWS INTEREST IN WAR. Fighting is continuing on the battlefields of Europe, but interest in the operations is overshadowed by the pending peace proposals of Germany and her allies.

The proposals voluminously are commented upon by the press of both the entente allies, but with the handicap of lack of definite knowledge of the terms upon which the central powers are willing to discuss peace.

IMPORTANT OPERATIONS DEVELOP IN RUMANIA. Military operations within the past 24 hours have developed important happenings only in the Rumanian war area.

Russians Capture Trenches. Petrograd, via London, Dec. 13.—Russian troops yesterday captured a line of Teutonic trenches on heights to the south of Agusalia in the region of the Trotus valley of Rumania.

STOCK MARKET RECOVERS

Bethlehem Steel Adds 14 Points to Loss of 27, But This is Only Exception to Improvement.

New York, Dec. 13.—Numerous substantial recoveries from yesterday's extreme depression were registered at today's stock market opening.

Christmas Stories Dealing With Birth of Christ Barred

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Christmas stories dealing with the birth of Jesus Christ will not be heard in public schools this year.

H. L. C. INQUIRY BEGINS

Federal Grand Jury Today Begins Investigation of Coal Situation in New York.

New York, Dec. 13.—A federal grand jury began here today its investigation into the increased cost of living.

Holland Prepares to Handle Only Foreign Grain Shipments

London, Dec. 13.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Times quotes the Masbode as saying that after it was known that David Lloyd George had become British premier a special meeting of the Dutch cabinet was held.

ENTENTE JOINT REPLY MAY NOT COME FOR WEEKS

Attitude on Peace Proposal May not be Known Till First of the Year.

London, Dec. 13.—The indications are that the various governments of the entente allies do not intend to act hastily in making joint response to the peace proposals of the central powers.

HANNA REMOVES THREE OFFICIALS

Hettinger County Commissioners Put Out of Office by Governor.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 13.—The long fight which has split Hettinger county wide open culminated today in the removal of three members of the county board.

GENERAL NIVELLE REPLACES JOFFRE. Appointment Received with Great Enthusiasm by the Press and Public.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The new cabinet arouses but moderate enthusiasm in the press. The morning papers point out that seven ministers and two under secretaries belong to the preceding administration so that the change is not so radical as might be expected.

Pittsburgh Factories May Shut Down to Let Railroads Clear Tracks

Pittsburgh, Dec. 13.—Manufacturing interests in this district were today considering the advisability of shutting down their plants on December 23, one object being to enable the railroads to clear tracks east and west of the vast quantities of freight daily being offered.

BOYS' PLATTSBURG CAMP

Establishment of Juvenile Military Training Camp Proposed by Educators.

Kaiser Does Not Wish to Strike In Cold Blood

Emperor's Note to Neutrals a "Document" of Love of Peace," Says Germania—Not Indication of Weakness.

Berlin, Dec. 13, Via London, Dec. 13.—Commenting on the peace proposals, Germania, the Catholic organ, expresses especial pleasure that the central powers appeal to the Pope as well as to other neutrals.

TORPEDO BOAT LOST AT SEA; CREW DROWNED

Grise, Canadian Boat, Lost with all Aboard, Officials Believe.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Canadian torpedo boat, Grise, commanded by Lieutenant W. Wingate, has been lost at sea with all hands, it is feared.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 13.—The Grise, which last night sent out wireless calls for help was in a sinking condition off Little Hope today, according to reports from nearby radio stations.

"SHOOT TO KILL" SAYS MINNEAPOLIS CHIEF OF POLICE

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—In an effort to curb a wave of crime, Chief of Police Martinson today ordered all policemen to "shoot to kill."

GREEK REGULAR TROOPS ARE FIGHTING FRENCH

Berlin, via wireless) Dec. 13.—Fighting is in progress between Greek regular troops and the French, the Overseas News Agency reports.

London Press Bitterly Scores Germany and Says Proposal Should Be Rejected; Berlin Welcomes Peace Move; Now up to Entente

Peace with "Murderers" Impossible, One Paper Says; "Impudent Trick," Declares The Post—Cannot Enter into Negotiations on Basis of Chancellor's Note.

London, Dec. 13.—The morning papers in the editorial views on Germany's peace proposals take two main grounds—that the offer should be rejected or that it should be met with a statement of the terms on which a peace leaving it to the central powers to accept or reject it.

PRESIDENT AWAITS DEFINITE WORD FROM BERLIN BEFORE DECIDING ON ACTION; MAY NOT SEND PROPOSAL

PEACE TERMS OF GERMANY ARE NOT KNOWN IN BERLIN

Bethmann-Hollweg does not Announce Them to Reichstag.

Berlin, Dec. 13, (via London, Dec. 13)—Although Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg did not disclose the definite proposals on which Germany and her allies are prepared to make peace in his speech before the Reichstag, such proposals are ready and will be communicated to the entente powers if the Chancellor's offer should fall upon responsive ears.

MANY MEN LET OUT BY FLOUR MILL COMPANY

Washburn-Crosby Company Unable to Get Cars to Load Flour—Mills at Half Capacity.

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—The Minneapolis Milling industry was operating at about one-half capacity today with no assurance of improvement in the car shortage situation.

W. D. Schermerhorn is Offered Presidency of Dakota Wesleyan

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 13.—Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn, member of the faculty of Northwestern university's divinity school, has been offered the presidency of Dakota Wesleyan university, it was announced by the latter's trustees today.

Tageblatt Pleased over Action, but with Other Germans, is Ready to Bear the Continued Sacrifices Bravely; Other Papers Pessimistic.

Berlin, Dec. 12, (via London, Dec. 12)—Commenting on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag, Dr. Theodor Wolff, editor of the Tageblatt says:

"We greet the step of the Teutonic Allied governments and shall believe it correct and desirable, even though it should develop that the governments of enemy states are not ready to dam the stream of blood which has flowed through Europe for two and a half years.

GERMAN DIPLOMATS HOPEFUL OF SUCCESS; MANY BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD AWAIT TERMS BEFORE STEPPING IN

White House Anxious, However, For Basis on Which Mediation Can be Undertaken—Expect Word From Charge Grew Today.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's course of action in connection with Germany's peace proposals remains undecided today, while he awaited the official proffer which the central powers have asked the United States to transmit to their enemies.

BERNSTORFF RECEIVES NO FURTHER WORD

The German embassy had no further advice on the terms of the Central governments, but it was admitted freely that terms purposely have been omitted from the chancellor's speech and the note because the sole purpose was to propose a conference on terms and carefully avoid advancing any which might be made the basis of a refusal.

WILSON CONFERS WITH COLONEL HOUSE. The president cancelled all his outside engagements today, including one to preside over the annual meeting of the American Red Cross and remain in the White House, where he conferred with Colonel E. M. House, his friend and adviser, who made one trip to Europe to sound out peace sentiment several months ago.

German Losses In Men Nearly Four Million. London, Dec. 13.—The total German casualties, excluding those in the naval and colonial services, reported in the German official list for November, says a British official statement issued today, are 1,661,178 officers and men, making the total German losses in killed, wounded and missing since the war broke out 3,921,869.

VILLA PLANNED TO RAID U. S. BORDER TOWNS

Distribute Men Along Border to Loot and Burn Property, Report Says.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 13.—Francisco Villa announced in Chihuahua City that he intended to divide his men into groups of 25 each and distribute them along the American border and in the border towns of the United States to loot and burn property under his instruction.

Greater Sacrifices and Stronger Union to Succeed, Says Carson

London, Dec. 13.—Sir Edward Carson the new first lord of the admiralty in a letter resigning the chairmanship of the Unionist party war committee because of his acceptance of a ministerial post, writes:

JUSTIFIED IN SINKING LANSO, GERMANY SAYS

Was Not American Vessel, But Belonged to Norway, Reply Says—Had Contraband Aboard.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Germany's reply to the American inquiry on the sinking of the American steamer Lanso by a German submarine off Cape Vincent, October 28, received at the state department, contends the sinking was justified because the vessel carried contraband and was not in fact an American ship, but had been transferred to Norwegian owners.