

SPAIN SURPRISES BERLIN WITH A VIGOROUS NOTE

Makes a Strong Protest Against Submarine Warfare of Germany.

INTERNATIONAL LAW VIOLATED BY PILOTS

Message More Severe Than Those of any Other Neutral, it is Said.

Madrid (Via Paris), Dec. 29.—The note addressed to Germany on the submarine question by the Spanish government declares that the Spanish government has always maintained that it was illegal to destroy prizes, as is the constant practice of submarines, and that the cabinet also demanded the observation of the declaration of London, notably Article 50, which it is maintained, submarines violate by abandoning the crews of sunken ships to the mercy of the waves far from land.

The note further recalls the vigor of the representations of the Spanish government, which, it says, sometimes caused the Berlin government to be surprised at the radical attitude of Spain, whose protests, it is held, have been more energetic than those of any other neutral state, even the United States of America.

Washington Surprised. Washington, Dec. 29.—Spain's action towards the German submarine campaign caused surprise here because no such vigorous statement from Spain had been expected. It nevertheless is thought to have come at an opportune time to add another source of pressure on Germany in what the state department considers a most serious condition.

CALLS LAWSON; MUST "PUT UP OR SHUT UP"

Substantiate Claims of Leak in Wilson's Note, Wires Henry.

Told to Quit Libeling Public Men—To Reintroduce Stock Exchange Bill.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The controversy which has followed Congressman Wood's resolution for investigation of whether any member of President Wilson's official staff profited in the stock market because of "inside information" on the president's peace note, got into semi-official form when the attorney general, Thomas W. Lawson of Boston to come to Washington and substantiate his publisher's charge that he knew of the so-called leak and his predictions that there would be another "put up or shut up," said Chairman Henry's statement, "Cease slandering and libeling congressmen and officials or make good your charges."

Mr. Henry announced that he would reintroduce his bill next Tuesday to regulate the New York stock exchange.

"If Mr. Lawson states the truth about Wall Street and an alleged leak," he said, "it shows conclusively that the bill introduced by me in the 63rd congress to regulate the New York stock exchange was not only passed and should be made even more drastic.

NEW RAILWAY MILEAGE BUILT IN 1916 LOW

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Although the year 1916 was one of record-breaking traffic and earnings, new mileage built was the smallest, with the exception of 1915, since the Civil War, according to a review of the railroad situation, which is printed in today's edition of the Railway Age Gazette. In 1916, 1,098 miles were completed, compared with 832 the preceding year. The second-track mileage of the year was 856 miles, or 4 miles less than 1915. In Canada only 290 miles of new track were laid, compared with 718 in 1915 and 978 in 1914.

New mileage projected in the United States is 1,211; that being surveyed, 2,126 and that actually built 1,060.

Important Linking Bridge on Turkish Line is Destroyed

London, Dec. 29.—The claim by the British war office that a squadron of seaplanes on Wednesday destroyed the Chidar bridge over the Taurus river is commented on this morning as being an important one. The bridge constituted a vital link in the Turkish railroad communications and its destruction would cut off not only the Bagdad main line but the Syrian lines from railroad communication with the western Asia Minor and the supply centers for the Turkish armies in the Caucasus, Mesopotamia, Palestine and Arabia.

Democratize Germany, Says London Paper; Demands Full Reparation for Ruins

The Spectator Tells President Wilson What Entente Wants—Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France and Schleswig-Holstein to Denmark—Distribute Teutonic Navy to Entente—New Polish and Slavic Kingdoms.

London, Dec. 29.—The German navy would be distributed among the entente nations and "as a guarantee against future wars, the allies are to insist on the democratization of the German government, according to the London Spectator's answer to President Wilson's question as to the entente peace terms.

WILL ANSWER CARRANZA IN A FEW DAYS

His Insistence on Withdrawal of American Troops not so Strong.

MILITARY CHANGE MAKES HIM MILD

Chairman Lane Summons American Commissioners to Formulate Reply.

Washington, Dec. 29.—General Carranza's latest communication asking modification of the protocol, covering withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, was examined closely today by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American members of the joint commission. He has summoned his colleagues to confer with him as soon as possible. They will decide what answer to give the Mexican representatives when another session of the commission is held next week.

U. S. MAKES PROTEST AGAINST EXECUTION OF ELTON IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Charles B. Parlier, chief of consular affairs, under instruction from the state department at Washington, today presented to the foreign office a protest against the refusal of the Mexican government to postpone the execution of Howard Elton, an American mining engineer, who was put to death ten days ago, at Oaxaca. Elton was convicted by court martial of fomenting a revolution against the government. The state department has requested a delay in his execution, chiefly because of the new military situation in northern Mexico.

Elton was arrested last August and tried on charges of treasonable activity in aiding the rebels in Oaxaca. He was sentenced to death but on representations by the American government a stay of execution was granted. According to a dispatch from Washington December 20, a reopening of the case enabled Elton to produce no evidence that altered the findings of the courts. Elton's widow resides in Waterbury, Conn.

BROTHERS PREFER PRISON TO HOME OF IRATE FATHER

Prairie Du Chien, Wis., Dec. 29.—Given their choice to go to state's prison or to return to the farm home of their father, Arnold and Reinhold Aulthaus each took a year at Waupun, in circuit court here. In a family quarrel their father was accidentally shot and slightly injured. The court was disposed to show leniency, but the boys said it was impossible to get along with their father.

NEXT STEP UP TO EMPLOYES

Railroad Employees Fear Investigations Will be Delayed.

New York, Dec. 29.—The 400,000 railroad employees affiliated with the four trainmen's brotherhoods will decide the next step to be taken by their authorized committee that has been handling their side of the controversy over the operation of the Adamson act, it was announced here today by the brotherhood chiefs.

GERMANS STRIKE BACK AT FRENCH ON VERDUN LINE

Tried to Penetrate Lines Between Hill 304 and Dead Man Hill.

MACKENSEN PUSHES AHEAD IN EAST

Braila, Important Provisioning Point, Now Under Fire.

Striking back at the French in the Verdun, on the bank of the Meuse opposite the scene of the recent French successes, the Germans made a strong effort last night to penetrate the French line between Hill 304 and Dead Man Hill, the two dominating eminences northwest of the fortress.

According to Paris, the attack was broken up, the Germans succeeding in gaining a footing in only one trench, south of Dead Man Hill. The activities around Verdun virtually have been the only breaks in the monotony of winter trench warfare along the western front.

The battle of the Somme, admittedly in a state of suspense, because of the bad state of the ground and unfavorable atmospheric conditions, according to British authorities.

From Rumania where the real action of the war now centers, Field Marshal von Mackensen is keeping up his thrust for the line of the Sereth in Moldavia, driving the Russians before him in none too good order, the German reports intimate.

Latest accounts placed the left of von Mackensen's line beyond Rinnik-Sarat near the Bezu-Fokshani railway line, while his right apparently is drawing close to Braila, at the Danube end of the trunk line from Buzau.

Braila Under Fire. Braila, important as a granary and provisioning depot, itself is meanwhile reported under fire from across the Danube, where the Bulgarians, with German and Turkish assistance, are vigorously assaulting the Matchit bridgehead. The apparent hope is to cut off a part of their supplies, clear Dobruja completely of Russian and effect a permanent junction with the Teutonic forces in Wallachia at a point where the lower Danube will be closed completely to Russian uses and the way open north of the river for a complete advance into Bessarabia, just beyond which lies Odessa.

The latest peace move has been made by Norway, Sweden and Denmark, the three Scandinavian governments having signed a joint note to the belligerents supporting the peace note of President Wilson.

Russians Win Violent Fight. Petrograd, London, Dec. 29.—(British) admiral, per Wireless Press.—Violent fighting took place between Russian troops and forces of the central powers yesterday in the region of the Rumanian front. The Russian official statement issued today, a Teuton force of 35,000 men lost an attack on the Rumanian front. The battle continued until evening, when the engagement slackened. In the sector of Rinnik-Sarat and Boldu all the attacks of the invaders were repulsed by the Russians.

German Advance. Berlin, Dec. 29.—(By wireless).—The Germans advanced to the second trench on the line of the Sereth seven machine guns. The Germans brought back 220 prisoners.

On the Verdun front yesterday German troops transferred from the Somme front entered French positions on Hill 304 and on the southern slope of Dead Man's Hill, the war office announces.

Other publishers thought Commissioner Davies referred to the department of justice when he spoke of "other agencies" that might be called in. Already the department is investigating charges that manufacturers have combined to raise prices and restrict production. Questions asked of publishers indicated that the commission was in close touch with the department of justice.

Representative Cranston of Michigan proposed that if it were not unconstitutional, the commission take into its own hands the matter of price and distribution.

Other publishers testified that prices were widely different. J. H. Zerby of Pottsville, Pa., declared it all depended on who the publisher was whether he could buy in the open market.

C. S. Andrews, also of Pennsylvania, declared his competitor in the same town was able to buy paper cheaper than he.

H. E. Trout of Pennsylvania said some weeklies were paying ten cents a pound for paper and that if present prices continued all would have to go out of business.

I. W. W. Leaders Taken by Portland Police

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—Sixty men, some of whom contended they were leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World, were arrested here today on a charge of vagrancy after the police had received information that the entire western force of the Industrial Workers had been called to Portland to create a demonstration against police power. The prisoners said several hundred men were on their way here from Seattle.

Sailor Kirke Wins Over Jack Read by the Knockout Route

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—Sailor Kirke of San Francisco knocked out Jack Read, an Australian boxer in the second round of a scheduled fifteen round bout here last night. The boxers weighed in at 135 pounds.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ENTER JOINT PROPOSAL FOR PEACE CONFERENCE, SUPPORTING U.S. REQUEST; ENTENTE REPLY TO GERMANY READY TO BE SENT

LONG REPLY TO THE BERLIN PROPOSAL TO BE DELAYED FEW DAYS

Series of Conferences at England Have Come to an End.

SOME OBJECTED TO LENGTH OF NOTE

Unusual Optimism Shown in London Over Final Form of Rejoinder.

London, Dec. 29.—As a result of the conferences which have been in progress for several days, the entente reply to the German note now is complete. It could go forward today or tomorrow except for the necessary formality of transmitting it to all the allies before final delivery. This means that the delivery will be made, perhaps on Wednesday.

The delivery will be made at Paris, after which the communication will be forwarded to Germany through American channels. The reply is a very long document, much more lengthy than the German note. This point has been one of the matters of discussion among the conferences, the object having been raised that it is too long and should be short and sharp. But there were so many points of elucidation and such a complete difference of conception of the objects and purposes for which the two sides went into the war that it was found desirable to extend the note to considerable length. The presence here of Alexander Ribot, the French finance minister, permitted the French ministry to be represented during the conferences.

Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply has taken, which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington. The reply to the American note will follow within a few days after the delivery of the reply to Germany.

There are a number of chances to be affected before the entente reply is sent to Germany. Germany met us in the autumn with 27 new divisions and thereby secured a strategic reserve which enabled her to conduct the campaign in Rumania without disaster in the west. We must not only counter dispositions of this character in time but must be beforehand in the future. The reserves of manhood in the British Isles and dominions are ample for 30 divisions, to expand into 40, equipped and trained to meet all legitimate demands of the navy, the home defense and air services. Nearly four million men of military age are still in civil life. The limit for new liability is still four years below the standard and no answer has yet been made to the German auxiliary service act.

What is needed is vigor in the movement and a single minded determination to win the war. We have larger reserves of manhood than Germany and the annual contingents of youths in France and England together are greater than the annual contingents in Germany. It is no longer possible to win the war by half measures. The premier should state to the country the measures necessary for victory which are retroactive and affect the courage we know him to possess.

KING CHARLES TO BE CROWNED ON SATURDAY

Budapest Gay with Throngs Who Watch Entry of New Ruler.

Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 28. Via London, Dec. 29.—The coronation festivities are in full swing here under the brightest of winter skies and Budapest, for the time being, seems to have forgotten the war. A holiday crowd surges through the streets with flags and bunting, many of the people in the splendid national garb. Notwithstanding the rain yesterday, an unprecedented crowd witnessed the formal entry of King Charles. Visitors came from all parts of the crown lands along the route were rented for as much as 5,000 crowns in some instances, while in one case 21,000 crowns was paid. The coronation ceremony will begin at 7 o'clock Saturday morning.

AGREE ON BOND ISSUE

President Wilson and Administration Leaders Tentatively Agree on Plans to Meet Deficit.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson tentatively has agreed with administration leaders in congress on a bond issue to meet part of the treasury deficit, which confronts the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, estimated at about \$200,000,000. With Secretary McAdoo, the president is working on other plans for raising additional revenue.

The president has pointed out that he believes a bond issue should be made only to meet temporary and emergency expenditures. Many of these have been caused by the Mexican situation.

The treasury already has authority by previous acts of congress to issue Panama bonds and about \$240,000,000 of them are available. They would bear three per cent.

Plans for raising the other revenue are understood to concern the income tax and inheritance tax and special taxes on internal revenue and imports.

Net Artists Would Set Clock Back to Play More Tennis

New York, Dec. 29.—Among the matters to come up for discussion at the meeting on February 9 of the U. S. National Lawn Tennis association are proposed changes in holding the doubles championships, a broader program for juniors and boys tournaments, changes in the amateur rule, amendments to the constitution creating new sectional lines suggested qualifications for entry in the national championships and changes in the award of championships' titles.

Letters have been received by the executive committee asking co-operation in the "savings daylight" movement. The letters urged that by setting the clock one hour there would be more daylight in the afternoon in which to play tennis.

Alleged Fagin Put on Probation; Three Boys Are Bound Over

Chicago, Dec. 29.—William J. Doody, director of a west side municipal playground, accused by a sextette of confessed boy automobile thieves as the instructor in crime, was found guilty of receiving stolen property today and placed on probation for a year. Three of the boys who accused him were held to the grand jury on charges of larceny and three were turned over to the juvenile court.

DANISH DEMOCRATS SUPPORT U.S. NOTE

Social Faction Cables President Wilson Expressing Sympathy With His Action.

London, Dec. 29.—A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen says that the Danish Social Democrats have cabled President Wilson expressing their sympathy with his action in addressing the belligerent powers. The message also expresses the sincere wish that the president's "efforts to end the war and establish a lasting peace may succeed."

BRITAIN MUST PLAY GREATER PART IN WAR

French Reserves Are not as Strong, Says the London Times Military Expert.

Russia Will Have New Armies, But Their Usefulness Depends on Guns

London, Dec. 29.—The Times military correspondent today calls for greater British effort in the war. He contends that although the French are still strong, their reserves are less numerous than could be wished for Russia, he adds, will bring new armies into the field in 1917, but their usefulness depends on their being provided with heavy guns, armor and mechanical transports, while Russia's poor railway systems and other causes point to the necessity of not exaggerating what Russia can do. Italy, says the correspondent, cannot easily increase her forces appreciably. After admitting that Great Britain has done a big share in the work at sea and financed and equipped the entente allies, the correspondent continues:

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MEXICAN DECREE BARS FOREIGNERS' RIGHTS

Those Holding Title to Real Estate Given Until April 15 to Relinquish Treaties.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—A decree has been issued giving foreigners holding title to real estate, mining and oil property and timber lands until April 15 to resign their treaty rights in favor of the Mexican government. If they do not do so, their rights will be forfeited. The decree also provides that such foreigners must, in effect, become Mexican citizens insofar as their property was concerned. There is some uncertainty as to whether the decree is retroactive and affects present enterprises or only future rights.

Automatic Marriage Bill to Eliminate Illegitimacy Urged

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Passage of laws which would eliminate all illegitimacy were urged before the Illinois women's congress in session here today. Remedial measures suggested by speakers were the "automatic marriage bill," which provides that the birth of a child shall automatically marry the parents, and the passage of a law which would give a child born out of wedlock its father's name and provision for its support, which would not enforce marriage between the parents.

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THREE NATIONS SEEK DURABLE PEACE; JOIN WITH PRES. WILSON

Norway, Sweden and Denmark Forward Joint Note to Warring Countries.

HOPE AMERICAN STEP WILL SUCCEED

Legations of Countries Instructed to Forward Messages at Once.

London, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian governments have sent a joint note to the belligerents supporting the peace note of President Wilson. A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen says the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian governments have instructed their legations to address to the governments of the belligerent countries notes in which the Scandinavian governments adhering to the note of President Wilson concerning measures to be adopted for facilitating a durable peace, declare they would consider themselves as failing in their duties towards their respective peoples and toward humanity as a whole if they did not express their profound sympathy with every effort which may contribute to putting an end to the sufferings and losses, moral and material, which are ever growing in consequence of the war.

The three governments in conclusion cherish the hope that the initiatives which President Wilson will lead to a result worthy of his generous spirit which prompted this action.

Turkish Note Delivered. Washington, Dec. 29.—Turkey's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received today at the state department. The note is in the same language as the replies of Germany and Austria.

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\$33,000,000 IN GOLD IMPORTED IN ONE DAY

Largest Single Day's Importation in History of Country—Deposited by J. P. Morgan & Co.

New York, Dec. 29.—The largest single day's importation of gold into this country was recorded yesterday with the deposit of \$33,000,000 by J. P. Morgan and company in the New York and Philadelphia assay offices. Of this amount \$25,000,000 deposited here was in the form of American eagles, being the identical gold shipped to Paris by this government in April, 1914, during the Roosevelt administration as part payment of \$40,000,000 made to the old French Panama canal company for its equities in the canal.

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THE WEATHER

North Dakota: Fair tonight and Saturday; slowly rising temperature.

UNIVERSITY READING

7 a. m.—10 maximum.—4 minimum.—20; southeast wind; four and one-half miles; barometer 30.55.