

THE WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness. Probably rain tonight or Friday.

TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

METAL QUOTATIONS

Table with 2 columns: Metal Name and Price. Includes Silver, Copper, Lead, and Quicksilver.

KEEPING NATION OUT OF WAR

Sensational Explanation of Wilson's Appeal to Warring Europe

WIPED OUT IN FIGHT

COMPLETE GARRISON OF SMALL POST PUT TO THE SWORD

(By Associated Press.) LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Fifty constitutionalist soldiers of the garrison of Boca, near San Luis Potosi, were attacked by Villistas and completely annihilated. It is reliably reported.

CHINA IN NEED OF READY CASH

WANTS TEN MILLIONS AND WANTS IT WITHOUT DELAY

(By Associated Press.) PEKIN, Dec. 21.—The Russian, Japanese, British and French legations have indicated to the foreign office and the American legation their desire for American co-operation in a reorganization loan of \$10,000,000. The Chinese government is becoming impatient over the delay by representatives of England, France, Russia and Japan in concluding arrangements for the loan.

CAT WITH RABIES SLAIN AT MILLERS

OFFICER AT MILLERS REMOVES PET WHICH HAD BECOME INFECTED

Both town and county officers are taking rigid action to preserve the district from trouble owing to the appearance of rabies in this quarter. Last night residents in the eastern end of the town reported that a small band of coyotes were heard in their vicinity. At Millers yesterday afternoon Deputy Sheriff Hickernell was called on in the case of a tame cat that showed unmistakable signs of rabies. The animal was dispatched and several dogs that were prowling around the town were also killed.

MILLION MORE MEN FOR BRITISH ARMIES

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 21.—The house of commons has passed a resolution presented by the government "that an additional number of land forces not exceeding 1,000,000 shall be maintained at home and abroad." It was explained that no question of policy was involved, but that the colonial troops and forces of the crown exceed the 4,000,000 already authorized and a vote was necessary in order to regularize the position.

AVIATOR MAKES ALMOST HUNDRED MILES AN HOUR

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Sergeant William Ocker, an army aviator, who flew from Washington to the Philadelphia navy yard, said he made the trip of 137 miles, railroad distance, in one hour and 25 minutes.

Japan Believes Note Not Sincere

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Dec. 21.—Viscount Motono, foreign minister, told members of parliament that he believes the German peace proposal lacked sincerity and that Germany does not really desire peace. He added that Japan's reply to the proposal would be made after consultation with her allies.

VILLA ATTACKS CITY OF TORREON

REFUGEES BRING NEWS OF FRESH ACTIVITIES BY BRIGAND

(By Associated Press.) EL PASO, Dec. 21.—Five Americans and one other foreigner who arrived today from Parral, via Torreon, report that Torreon was about to be attacked by Villistas. The refugees said that Villa is at Jiminez. They confirmed the death of Howard Gray, or Weeks, the only American killed at Parral. Carranzistas are preparing to evacuate Parral and it is believed the Villistas are about to re-enter.

with helpless astonishment. "Of course, the whole sex is economical. You have to admit that, because every woman says she is economical, and no gentleman would undertake to dispute a lady's statement—at least, no gentleman of my acquaintance would undertake to dispute it in his own house. What—to use a vulgarism—gets my goat is the method they employ. "Take my wife, for example. Whenever she tells me she is going to economize I emit a single agonized shriek, and then leap for the tall timber. Her plan is to think up a whole lot of things she cannot possibly do without, and then do without them. By this device she saves at a single stroke the cost of the entire list. Having thus accumulated a surplus, she naturally proceeds to spend it, and she is always prepared to prove she has saved much money in the process. "There is no answer, or no answer worth making. On occasions of this kind it is my custom to pass, for, without looking at my hand, I know I can neither trump nor follow suit."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Table with 3 columns: Time, 1916, 1915. Includes 5 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m. and Relative humidity.

COMMENT ON THE PREMIER'S REMARKS

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—The Cologne Gazette says: "The language of the British premier must not be taken too seriously. We are taught this by some reflections on English peace conclusions in the past, such as that in which she lost the United States and the peace of Amiens in 1802. There is a limit where the blindest obstinacy finds itself confronted with the impossible, and this limit is being brought nearer and nearer by our submarines. Another possible contingency compelling England to make peace would be the secession of one of her allies."

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Papers express little surprise at Lloyd George's attitude, although wondering why he believes entering a conference would involve the entente by placing his head in a noose. References to restitution and reparation are interpreted as a demand that Germany surrender

DRY VOTE ARRANGED

PROHIBITION BILL WILL BE ACTED ON IN SENATE NEXT MONTH

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It was agreed to take a final vote on Shepard's District of Columbia prohibition bill in the senate January 9. A tactical error by a friend of the measure upset the plans for a vote yesterday. Some fear postponement endangers the prospects. The senate judiciary committee voted 13 to 3 for favorably reporting the national prohibition amendment, materially altered from the form in which it was reported to the house. Culberson, Reed and Brandegee are against it. Some of the senators declare the amendments are strengthened by changes in the phraseology and some doubt whether they can get the necessary two-thirds vote this session.

BONUS BY THE UNION PACIFIC

ONE MONTH'S SALARY AND EXTRA DIVIDEND ON COMMON

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Directors of the Union Pacific voted a bonus today of one month's salary to all employes whose salaries do not exceed \$1800 a year, without discrimination as to membership in the railroad brotherhoods. The Union Pacific also adopted a plan of insurance for employes with salaries under \$4000 and declared an extra dividend of two per cent on common stock.

BULLION SHIPMENT FROM TONOPAH EX.

The Tonopah Extension sent out its regular semi-monthly shipment of bullion this morning, representing the extraction for the first half of December. The shipment made 38 bars, aggregating \$8,565 ounces, valued at \$79,726.50.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES ATTACKS ARE FUTILE

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The British penetrated advanced German positions north of Arras and subsequently were ejected by German counter attacks. Russians attacked four times in a determined effort to advance on the Golden Bystritsa river. Their efforts broke under Austro-Hungarian fire. In Rumania the Teutons gained further.

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 35; lowest this morning, 22. Highest temperature a year ago, 37; lowest, 31.

all occupied territory and probably pay indemnity. The Tageblatt says: "Lloyd George is unwilling to negotiate or willing only in case Germany submits to England's demands for restitution, reparation and a guarantee of disarmament. This makes the chasm so broad that even the most cheerful optimist can find no way to bridge."

UNITED STATES TREMBLING AT THOUGHT OF BECOMING MIXED IN THE HOSTILITIES

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace.

Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the president has sent formal notes to the governments of all warring nations, suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to terms upon which

the war might be concluded, and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the rekindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what administration officials have described as his course, the president last night dispatched the notes to all the belligerents and

to all the neutrals for their information.

Summarized in the president's own words, as contained in the notes, his attitude is as follows:

Not Offering Mediation

"The president is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations, with the belligerent, how near the haven

of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned, and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

This latest development in the rapidly moving world events toward a discussion of peace was not permitted to become known until midnight, when the notes were well on their way to the American ambassadors in the belligerent capitals, and probably already in the hands of some of them.

Surprise to Washington

It was a most distinct surprise to all official Washington, which had been led to believe that with the formal transmission of the proposals of the central powers the office of the United States would await further moves between the belligerents themselves, and that certainly, in view of the speech of Premier Lloyd George and the announcements in Russia, France and Italy, further action by neutrals would depend upon the next careful and delicate moves of the belligerents.

The whole tenor of official opinion, throughout Washington, when the president's attitude became known, was that it immeasurably improved the prospects for some sort of exchanges looking toward an approach to peace discussions between the belligerents, without impairing the position of the United States should they finally be unable to find a ground on which to approach one another.

Surrounded by Secrecy At the White House no statement whatever could be obtained as to whether any of the powers even had intimated how they would receive the note, and there was every indication that the same careful secrecy which prevented anything whatever becoming known about the president's action, until it had been taken, would surround any of the succeeding moves.

Nowhere on the surface appears any indications of the history making events which diplomats generally are convinced must have transpired, since the German allies brought forth their proposals to dispel the generally prevalent belief that such an action on the part of President Wilson would be unacceptable to the entente powers.

British Unable to Explain British embassy officials declared they were utterly taken by surprise, were wholly unable to explain it, and were emphatic in their statement that no exchanges whatever had passed through the embassy here as a preliminary.

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Lansing Explains Reason For Wilson Writing Letter

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Following a conference with the president, Secretary Lansing issued a second statement amplifying and qualifying the first, because, he said, he feared incorrect inferences were being drawn from the first. He said he wanted to make clear beyond question that there was no change in the

policy of neutrality of the United States and no threat was intended in the note to belligerents.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing in a statement explaining the sending of the president's notes to the belligerents declared it was done because the situation was becoming increasingly critical for the

neutrals and the United States itself was being drawn near the verge of war.

Ambassador von Bernstorff conferred with Lansing today, when he discussed the president's action.

The German allies long have hoped for such action by the president. Von Bernstorff declared: "Now I am perfectly convinced there will be a conference."

The notes are regarded of such a nature as to compel the belligerents to make more of a reply than a mere acknowledgement.

Late this afternoon Secretary Lansing authorized a statement regarding the president's reasons for the note. "It isn't our material interest we had in mind," he said, "but our own rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides, so the situation is increasingly critical. We mean by that, we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves. Therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks, in order to regulate our conduct. No nation was sounded before the note was sent. The president in his notes specifically denies this is a movement in aid of the German overtures, as might be construed. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it for a few days."

Lansing said further: "The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining, sobering force in safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an early conclusion of the war that neither the president nor myself regard as a peace note. The note is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define the end for which the are fighting."

"I want to correct a wrong impression. I did not intend to intimate that the government is considering a change of policy with regard to neutrality, which has been consistently pursued in the face of constantly increasing difficulties."

Markets Demoralized and War Shares Drop Over 12 Points in Ten Minutes

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Extreme weakness, bordering on demoralization, marked the opening dealings on the stock exchange. The so-called war shares dropped two to twelve points, these being extended in the course of the first ten minutes.

The most sensational feature was the offering of 50,000 shares of United States Steel at \$104 1/2 to \$106 1/2, against yesterday's closing price of \$108. Never before in the history of

the exchange has a single block of such volume been recorded.

The tremendous liquidation of stock movement is far exceeding any session of the last ten days. Another downward sweeping movement followed Lansing's statement.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A maximum decline of seven cents was registered in the wheat market at the opening today.

COBWEB SALOON HELD UP EARLY THIS MORNING BY MASKED MEN

The Cobweb saloon, in the State Bank building, at the corner of Brougher avenue and St. Patrick street, was held up this morning about 3 o'clock by two masked men who got away with about \$650, the contents of the cash register and what money was on the table.

Some minutes elapsed before the alarm was given and when the call reached the police station both officers, Bob Dalsell and Tom Griswold, were inside. They responded immediately, but could not find any trace. They are inclined to believe the men came from Goldfield, where a saloon was held up three nights ago, as the descriptions tally.

The saloon patrons were not molested. Dickson was ordered from behind the bar to join his customers standing against the wall and then the register was emptied and the money of the games was quietly packed off in the sack.

The Cobweb has been unfortunate, as only a year and a half ago a previous hold-up occurred. At that time the robbers secured \$778, of which \$170 was taken from customers, which the house made good. A prominent citizen who was sitting in a game at that time had a \$300 diamond ring on one finger which he succeeded in twisting around so that when he raised his hands against the wall the gemstone did not show. Since that date it has been the rule of the house to lock the side and corner doors at midnight, leaving only one door open.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT "JAFFERY"

The most popular of Wm. J. Locke's Novels. Read by Miss a Million People.

Featuring C. Aubrey Smith and Eleanor Woodruff. Pathe Weekly. Tomorrow

Beautiful Virginia Pearson, in "The War Bride's Secret"—and—A Christie comedy

Matinee, 1:30; Night, 7 and 8:30. Admission 10-15c