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WARNING THAT WAR MAY BE NEAR SWAYS SENATE

PLAN TO DIVIDE FLEMISH PEOPLE FROM BELGIANS

BY SETTING UP DUAL GOVERNMENT GERMANY HOPES TO RENDER BELGIUM IMPOTENT AS MILITARY FACTOR IN FUTURE.

CAMPAIGN OF CUNNING

Invaders Industriously Working on Ambitions of the Flems But It is Doubtful That They Can be Enticed From Loyalty to King Albert.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 5.—One of the most [illegible] which Germany [illegible] in its plans [illegible] is a scheme of dual government for Belgium, [illegible] by Dr Friedrich von Dalwigk [illegible] of the Belgian Chamber and one of the [illegible] leaders of the Flemish people of Belgium. He has just returned from a visit in the east of the Belgian government at Havre, and has [illegible] The Associated Press correspondent [illegible] an hour's interview he had with King Albert.

King Albert, he says, believes the Flemish question with the keenest interest. He feels sincere sympathy with Flemish rights, and has no hard and fast desire that there shall be no [illegible] Albert, and he has no prejudice against any solution of the problem. Personally, Dr Fleming says, he expressed his conviction the slightest chance of any autonomy which is held by some of the Flemish extremists and is defined over necessary with the other nations. King Albert is very considerate and sympathetic with the Flemish cause, but believes that the Flemish people should be the ultimate arbiters of their own destiny.

He added that he found Albert looking good health and in excellent spirits.

Discussing the German attitude toward the Flemish movement he said: "Administrative separation is one of the real schemes of the German authorities of Belgium at the moment. It is indeed, one of the real guarantees which, according to the Imperial Chancellor, Germany will demand from the Belgian in the peace terms. I gathered from the Germans at first they intended to give to Belgium the [illegible] would have been strongly in favor of [illegible] independence but I've found [illegible] Dr Fleming said, [illegible] the question, however, they would like to bind Belgium weak for this scheme of dual government by creating an internal antibiotic two separate and conflicting parts counteracting one the other's strength. They think the [illegible] that if the French-speaking half were induced to look towards Germany that very fact would tend to make the Flemish half look towards Germany.

"The Germans in Belgium are endeavoring to introduce such administrative separation as far as lies in their power. The education department has been split into two sections, as dual responsibility with Walloon and Flemish Belgium, with a separate set of officials. Such a measure was by no means a necessary accompaniment to the extension of the use of Flemish in the schools, but it fits in with the German plan. The Ministry for the Interior has not yet undertaken a similar process, but orders have been issued that Flemish shall be the administrative language in the regions concerned, and all official correspondence there conducted in Flemish.

"A small Flemish group, mostly drilled the 'Flamenkommando,' is cooperating with the Germans in these reforms, for the slight success of the Flemish university recently established in Ghent shows how feeble it is. Every art of calcium, enlargement and compulsion were for months brought to bear on Belgium. Holland and Germany to get together the required staff of professors. The net result is a body of 16 professors, more than half of whom have no qualifications entitling them to serious claim such a title and the rest are very mediocre men. The faculty of law, for instance, is pitiful. The institution does not merit the name of university. Whereas it should normally have had 400 to 500 students, I learn from a good source that far less than a hundred are studying there, and every such student has been presented with a bursary enabling and enticing him to do so. The Germans have placed the 120 libraries of all the Belgian universities at the disposal of Ghent, so that scientific study still to be had for the asking. And whereas before the war over 3000 university men signed our petition in favor of a Flemish university, at Ghent only 156 signed the recent manifesto issued in Belgium believing up the German schemes.

Dr. van Cauwelaert tried to explain just what it is the Flemish people really want. He said:

"We want the complete development of all the possibilities of our people economically, intellectually and in every respect, and that is not attainable

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Entire Second Infantry Confined to Quarters as Result of "Outbreak"

YELLING "WE ARE GOING HOME" SEVERAL HUNDRED MILITIAMEN DEFY ORDERS AND OFFICERS AND LEAVE CAMP.

PROVOST GUARDS ROUND-UP MALCONTENTS

Details from the Third Regiment With Loaded Rifles and Fixed Bayonets Comb Every Section of Town and Two Hours After Outbreak of Trouble Every Soldier of Both Regiments Had Been Returned to Camp.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 5.—Department headquarters tonight ordered an investigation of the Second Infantry demonstration at Corpus Christi. While first reports indicated that the parade was merely a "prank" a more serious aspect was put on the incident by departmental officers, who fear a violation of discipline, if nothing more.

Coincidence an order for the closing of recruiting stations over the state as an indication that the Texas National Guard will shortly be mustered out of service, several hundred members of the Second Texas Infantry early Friday evening started a demonstration that for an hour or more created considerable disturbance, and caused some of the overly timid to imagine that a mutiny was in progress.

While many rumors as to the cause of the demonstration were given, the report given the most credence is that it was arranged as a prank, and that it was never the intention of those participating to do other than show their desire to be mustered out of service as early as possible.

After retreat had been sounded enlisted men from the Second to the number of two hundred or more started from the camp parading along the same lines as they have given short call parades during the past few weeks celebrating football victories and other popular occasions.

Down Third street and South Broadway and into the city the boys paraded shouting "We Want to Go Home" with considerable hilarity.

The report quickly spread that the soldiers had gotten out of the hands of their officers and were parading to board the northbound train, and a big crowd of the city citizens quickly joined the fleeing of the enlisted men, and a multitude swept the streets, and the same was true from that until the time that the men departed.

The parade disbanded at Artesian from the men gathering in the park. Captain Jameson of Company K, Second Texas quickly called the men to attention, and told them that they had started a demonstration that would probably result in reflection on the Texas National Guard, and he ordered the entire company to at once proceed to Camp Scurry and personally march all them to the camp facing the sentinels, and of several other officers.

This followed in quick time and all of the enlisted men at once to Camp Scurry, to their quarters, and guard details were sent about the city to round up the men. Business was halting as the men then every cut to camp, being hailed to the guard with enthusiasm, anxious to get back to the camp lest as soon as possible, so that chances of the incident reaching the Texas Guard might be minimized.

By 8:30 practically every man of the entire force to his quarters at the camp, the entire Second regiment being confined to quarters under technical arrest.

Rumors as to the cause of the demonstration were many of course, for it has been said often that it is a poor fly that does not bring forth a new rumor in the military camps, and doubtless there are many of the men who really believe the stories that are peddled about. One report given considerable credence on the streets during the night was that the demonstration had started when the rumor that a number of the soldiers were to be detailed to clean city streets. Such a report of course it would seem would be too silly for intelligent men to give it any consideration, yet it was said that such a report was going the rounds of the camp during the afternoon.

The demonstration was deplored by both officers and the vast majority of the enlisted men, and the hope is that no bad results will follow, that will reflect on the Texas Guard.

There is no denying the fact that many of the men are of the opinion that the Texas Guard should be mustered out of service. They base such an opinion on the fact that the Texas Guard was the first to be called into service, and that the guard from several other states, called into service later, have been ordered home.

TRUCK AND FRUIT GROWERS BENEFIT BY NEWS SERVICE

FEDERAL AID IN PLANNING SELLING CAMPAIGN PROVING HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

WORK TO BE EXTENDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The development during the last fiscal year of a more attractive and more lucrative domestic market for perishable fruits and vegetables and the performance of work performed by increasing a quality service for less work and profit are described in the annual report of the Office of Markets and Rural Organization of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, just has just been published. The news service for perishable fruits and vegetables, established for four products in 1915, was extended to include a number of prominent others in which last summer. The service has provided a much larger number of reports than during the preceding year and has contributed to market news valuable to assisting growers' organizations to plan selling campaigns intelligently, to enabling better understanding among growers, shippers, commission merchants and consumers, and to facilitating efficient marketing operations in other ways.

The office has continued its studies of market grades and standards for various farm products.

Investigations into the causes for the excessive loss of loaded fruit in transit are being continued, and promising periods of improvement are being studied. Cooperation between shippers and carriers with a view to reducing loss has been stimulated in various localities. Experimental shipments of various products, representing an outlay aggregating nearly 20,000 pounds, were made by rented poor during the year. Results from these and earlier shipments according to the report indicate that it is practically possible to ship almost any commodity to point and when it is properly packed and handled. The experiments have shown also, however, that comparative returns from other marketing methods must be considered and that it is essential for success in perishable marketing for shippers to grade and standardize their products and to use suitable containers.

300 PERSONS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN CENTRAL FORMOSA

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 5.—Three hundred persons were killed and many injured in an earthquake which rocked central Formosa yesterday. It is estimated that one thousand houses were destroyed.

ONE JUROR SECURED TO SIT ON CASE OF "JAP" SHEFFIELD

LAREDO, Jan. 5.—After exhausting a panel of thirty-six special veniremen only one juror, I. Goodman, was secured today for the jury to try A. J. Sheffield, charged with the murder of Helen Shipp.

Fifty more special veniremen were entered summoned for tomorrow morning.

BRAILA AND ALL OF DOBRUDJA IN TEUTONIC HANDS

VON MACKENSEN COMPLETES CONQUEST OF IMPORTANT RUMANIAN PROVINCE WITH CAPTURE OF IMPORTANT CITY.

BLOCKS RUSSIAN HOPES

Road by Which Czar Hoped to Reach Constantinople Closed and Large Number of Seasoned Troops Are Released for Operations Elsewhere

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The province of Dobrudja, Rumania, is now entirely in the hands of Teutonic soldiers, the important commercial city of Braila in Great Wallachia, with several intervening villages and hundred prisoners, having been captured today. Practically the entire Dobrudja from its source to its mouth, is in possession of the Germans.

The crossing of Dobrudja by the combined Bulgarian, Turkish and German forces, it is semi-officially stated in Berlin, leaves a large part of these forces ready for other employment and closes the Russian outlet to Constantinople.

In western Wallachia Teutonic forces to advance, capturing several hundred officers.

Charles de Vere Ghelli, an island in the Danube river, north of Turtucaia, from the Rumanians. Small units and isolated attacks predominate on other fronts.

VILLISTAS DEFEATED WITH HEAVY LOSSES IN JIMINEZ BATTLE

REBELS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN UNDER PERSONAL COMMAND OF VILLA.

CASUALTIES NUMBER 1500

EL PASO, Jan. 5.—Carranzistas under Gen. Murguia defeated a force of revolutionists under the personal command of Villa near Jimenez yesterday, according to a message from Chihuahua to the Mexican consul here. Villistas are said to have been killed, wounded and captured.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Jan. 5.—Villistas lost fifteen hundred men killed, wounded and captured in yesterday's battle south of Jimenez. The Villa forces are reported to be fleeing.

GULF COAST LINES TO SPEND BIG SUM FOR IMPROVEMENTS

MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS APPROPRIATED FOR NEW EQUIPMENT.

BUSINESS IS PROSPERING

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 5.—A million and a half dollars will be spent by the Gulf Coast lines in improving their physical property, according to announcement made Thursday by President J. S. Pyeatt. Excellent business conditions, general prosperity, big land sales in the Rio Grande Valley and anticipation of still better business for the year to come have prompted the authorization of these expenditures, according to Mr. Pyeatt.

The expenditures itemized follow: Purchase of 500 freight cars, $750,000; purchase of new steel, $200,000; ballasting, $150,000; addition to Kingsville shops, $125,000; improving engines, $75,000; minor improvements, $500; other improvements contemplated but not yet materialized, $400,000.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Fair and cold; light northerly winds.

At the Theatres.

Amuse—Keystone comedians in "The Rounders's Tell" a farce comedy; also two other comedies.

Mag—"The Morale of Hilda" a Red Feather five part drama.

Today's Local Calendar.

Informal dance Nueces Hotel tonight at 8:00 o'clock.

'LEAK' INQUIRY INVOLVES NAMES OF HIGHER UPS

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY AND BROTHER-IN-LAW MENTIONED AS BEING INVOLVED IN PEACE NOTE SCANDAL.

BOTH REGISTER DENIALS

Secretary Tumulty Demands That Congressman Who Mentioned His Name Before Rules Committee Publicly Apologize for Having Done So.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The sensational rumors of a "leak" in the president's peace note was related to the house committee on rules today by Representative Woods in support of his resolution for an inquiry. He prefaced his testimony with the statement that he had nothing to offer but hearsay and candidly protested against an open session.

Names and details of the alleged "leak" came not when Woods began his story. President Wilson's secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty and the president's brother-in-law, E. W. Hulling, cotton broker, were mentioned.

Most of Woods' information came from "A. Carlin" of New York in a letter written on plain paper. Officers searching for this man have been unable to find him.

Later in the day Secretary Tumulty and Mr. Hulling issued statements flatly denying reports connecting them and Mr. Tumulty demanded that Woods publicly apologize for using his name. Representative Woods also issued a statement admitting not that he had told to testify in private but declared those mentioned should insist the fullest investigation of the rumors.

The committee will resume its probe tomorrow. Thomas W. Lawson will appear Monday. Speaking all over the country mentioned in the "Carlin" letter are writing Chairman Henry to advise that they had no advance information on the note.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The New York Stock Exchange today instructed all members to preserve all papers relating to stock transactions from December first to the 23rd inclusive, for possible use in the house rules committee investigating the alleged "leak."

TOURIST DIFFERENTIAL TO PACIFIC COAST VIA SPOKANE IS ABOLISHED

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ORDER ENDS LONG CONTROVERSY.

ALL ROUTES ON PARITY

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—Ending a long contest between the Pacific northwest and California, the interstate commerce commission has issued an order which permits travelers from the east to visit California by way of Spokane, Seattle and Portland without additional charge.

Heretofore it has cost $17.50 more for a trip to California via Spokane than by the routes via Denver, El Paso or New Orleans. The state public service commission of Washington filed a complaint against this charge with the interstate commerce commission, which has directed that the railroads cease demanding or participating in all-year excursion fares or summer tourist fares from Chicago to San Francisco, applicable in either direction by way of the northwest, in excess of the corresponding fares by way of New Orleans or El Paso.

Northwestern business men hailed the ruling with delight, as they declare the "territory" charge has proved a serious handicap to the full development of the north Pacific states. Plans already are being made for the cities of this section to combine in an energetic campaign to induce tourists to visit here during their "See America First" trips. They have organized the Pacific Northwest Tourist association and are seeking appropriations from the states of Washington and Oregon and the province of British Columbia with which to advertise this section as the summer playground for tourists.

AMERICAN MINISTER TO RUMANIA PERSONA NON GRATA TO GERMANS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—American Minister Copeka will be taken away from Bucharest on the request of Germany, although he will still be accredited as minister to Rumania, Serbia and Bulgaria. Germany claims that he is unfriendly towards the Teutons and favoring Rumania.

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT'S PEACE NOTE VOTED AFTER MOST DRAMATIC DEBATE

J. HAM LEWIS TURNS SCALE WITH SENSATIONAL ASSERTION THAT SHOULD WAR CONTINUE THIS COUNTRY WAS CERTAIN TO BECOME INVOLVED.

GOVERNMENT'S PATIENCE ABOUT EXHAUSTED

Democratic Leader Declares That Excuses for Outrages Against Lives and Property of American Citizens That Have Been Accepted in the Past Would Not Be Considered in the Future.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Approval of President Wilson's peace note was voted by the senate tonight, forty-eight to seventeen. This action came with dramatic suddenness, when the Democrats accepted a form of the resolution that would not commit the senate to an endorsement of the whole of the president's note and ten Republicans joined with the Democrats in passing it. Discussion of the subject reached a climax during the day with a sensational declaration by Senator J. Ham Lewis, chief Democratic spokesman, without referring directly to the submarine controversy, that the United States could not keep out of the war if it continued and that America would not again accept the excuse of "misconception" if orders or teal of any officer resulted in injury to a citizen of this country or the destruction of his property.

The chief Republican objection to the original resolution was that it endorsed President Wilson's offer to join in a movement to guarantee world peace and the declaration of the United States' interest in small nations.

This, it was argued, would bind the United States to protect the integrity and security of the smaller European nations and if this meant anything at all it meant that the army and navy of the United States must be at the disposal of any world combinations the war's end might see. The resolution adopted reads:

"The senate approves and strongly endorses the request by the president in the diplomatic notes of December 18th to the nations now engaged in war that those nations state the terms upon which peace might be discussed."

This compromise ended the debate in which many startling assertions were made on both sides, but Senator Lewis' statement today attracted the most attention. He said the American people were in such temper that excuses heretofore made would never be accepted again.

PARIS, January 5.—The Central powers are preparing a second note to the entente, enumerating their peace terms, according to a dispatch from Geneva.

LONDON, January 5.—Peace terms of the Teutons, which Count Andrassy is reported to have said were in President Wilson's hands, are believed here to consist of generalizations which Germany communicated to Pope Benedict and President Wilson, in reply to the pope's hope that their terms would be "moderate and acceptable." Germany responded that the Teutons proposed to formulate "moderate terms."

LONDON, January 5.—It is officially announced that Premier Lloyd-George and Viscount Milner with their advisers, have arrived at Rome to participate with the French and Italian governments in an exchange of views upon the general war situation.

BERLIN, January 5.—The Overseas News Agency says Lloyd-George's visit to Rome is probably to obtain the necessary Italian cooperations in the Balkans, where the entente troops soon will be irretrievably lost. This, the agency says, shows the critical situation of the entente in the Balkans.

AMSTERDAM, January 5.—Berlin dispatches say the Austrian, German and Montenegrin representatives are negotiating at Lucerne with a view to creating a new south Slavonic state, under Austro-Hungarian protection. It adds that Prince Mirko, second son of King Nicholas of Montenegro, who remained in Montenegro when the kingdom was captured by Teutons, will be made ruler of the new state.

SPOKANE BOY SCOUTS HIT ON NEW WAY OF DOING A GOOD TURN

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—Henceforth the blind men of Spokane, several of whom are earning their livelihood as newsboys or street vendors, will not be compelled to take chances with being struck by an automobile or street car. To end the perils which beset these sightless men at dangerous street crossings, several boy scouts volunteered their services as pilots for the blind. These scouts have assumed a sort of guardianship over the blind and will guide them each morning to their places of employment, and see that they reach home safely each night. "Do a good turn daily" is the scout slogan, and by helping the blind the scouts feel that they have found another commendable way of doing something worth while.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—For East Texas: Saturday fair; warmer north. Sunday fair and warmer in east.

West Texas: Saturday fair. Sunday fair, colder Panhandle.

FULLER TAKES LEAD OVER OPPONENTS IN SPEAKERSHIP RACE

FAVORITE IS PROHIBITIONIST, SUBMISSIONIST AND WOMAN SUFFRAGIST.

MENDELL HAS STRENGTH

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 5.—F. O. Fuller, of Cold Springs, begins to look more like the next speaker of the House than any of the other contestants.

Fuller is a prohibitionist, a submissionist, woman suffragist and is against any caucus or elimination contest. He is openly out on these issues. As a next choice George Mendell of Travis County and W. O. Fly of Gonzales took the the lead. Barring an unexpected occurrence the race will be between these three, although Fuller's friends say he will be elected on the first ballot. Legislators are arriving daily though the houses are not called to order until next Tuesday.