

U. S. ASKS FOR PROOF

WILSON TELLS GERMANY HE WILL TRY TO STOP SALE OF DUMDUM BULLETS.

FORMAL REPLY TO PROTEST

President in Message to Ambassador Von Bernstorff at Washington Says He Will Take Step Whether It Is Duty of Government to Act or Not.

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Wilson informed the German government on Thursday that he will use his influence to prevent, so far as possible, the sale of dum dum bullets and other objectionable ammunition to belligerent European powers in cases where an American company is shown to be engaged in such traffic.

Mr. Wilson said that if Germany could furnish the state department with evidence any company is manufacturing and selling for the use of the contending armies in Europe, cartridges, whose use contravenes the Hague convention, the government would be glad to be furnished with the evidence, and the president said that in case any American company is shown to be engaged in this traffic, he will use his influence to prevent so far as possible the sale of such ammunition to the powers engaged in the European war, without regard to whether it is the duty of this government upon legal or conventional grounds to take such action.

OFFERS PAY FOR SHOOTING

Bryan Says Britain Will Give Damages to Family of Deceased and Man Shot by Canadians.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The British government, without deciding the question of liability, will consider payment of damages for the injured and to the family of the deceased. This statement was given out on Thursday by Secretary Bryan as a message from the British embassy, stating Great Britain's position on the disposal of the case of Walter Smith, who was killed, and Charles Dorosh, seriously wounded by Canadian troops recently at Fort Erie in Canadian waters.

WOMAN DEMOCRATS CONVENE

Third Annual Meeting of League at Washington Is Welcomed by Speaker Clark.

Washington, Jan. 9.—With delegates present from practically every state in the Union, the third annual convention of the Woman's National Democratic League was opened here on Thursday.

TWO SHIPS SUNK BY MINES

Forty Lives Are Lost When Danish and British Vessels Are Sent to Bottom.

London, Jan. 9.—Forty lives were lost in the sinking of two steamers by mines in the North sea on Thursday. The Danish steamer Shingolf was lost off the east coast, and 17 members of her crew drowned. The British steamer Alfreda was sunk off Scarborough. The crew took to the boats and nine of them arrived here. The captain and 12 others are missing, and are believed to have perished.

VOTE OUT NEGRO EXCLUSION

House Strikes Out Senate Amendment to Immigration Bill.

Washington, Jan. 9.—By a vote of 252 to 75, the house on Thursday struck out the senate amendment to the immigration bill providing that all members of the African or black race shall be excluded from the United States.

Mine Destroys Trawler

Grimsby, England, Jan. 9.—The trawler Cygnus has been blown up by a mine in the North sea with a loss of 13 lives. This is the thirty-second Grimsby trawler captured or sunk since the war began.

Says Cardinal Not Arrested

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Formal denial was made in official circles in Berlin on Thursday of reports that Cardinal Mercier of Belgium had been arrested by German troops because of anti-German advice.

Refuses Suffragists' Plea

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Wilson on Wednesday reiterated his position on woman suffrage when 100 women called, the chief executive repeating his belief that state action, and not national, should be had.

Poison Caused Wife's Death

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Alice Ronalds, wife of the eccentric Mattoon, Ill., physician, came to her death from Beechwood cressets concealed in a quantity of wintergreen. Coroner's Chemist McNally reported.

Three Men Killed in Wreck

Olathe, Kan., Jan. 6.—Three men were killed, two of them trainmen, the other man in charge of an emigrant car, when a Frisco freight train jumped the track and plunged down a 35-foot embankment.

U. S. Intervenes in Haiti

Washington, Jan. 6.—American Minister Bally-Blanchard, at Port au Prince, has been instructed to protect C. Williams, an American clerk in the bank of Haiti, threatened with arrest by the government.

200 HURT IN SUBWAY

PASSENGERS FIGHT TO ESCAPE SMOKE IN NEW YORK BORE.

Police and Firemen Rescue Many Unconscious on Floor of Tube—Woman Dies of Injuries.

New York, Jan. 8.—The worst accident in the ten years' history of New York's subway occurred during the morning rush hours on Wednesday, when 700 passengers in two stalled trains were stricken with panic in the darkened tubes by the dense smoke and acid fumes from a short-circuited cable.

In the ensuing struggle to escape some two hundred persons were injured, one—a woman—fatally. Others were overcome and were rescued, unconscious, by police and firemen, while scores of others struggled to the street, unharmed or hysterical, their clothing torn and faces blackened by smoke.

As the result of the accident the city at night was in the throes of a transportation blockade without parallel in its history. It was not until late in the afternoon that a wheel again turned in the subway, and at that time only a limited local service was in operation.

The accident occurred between the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-seventh street stations and called out virtually the entire fire and ambulance service on Manhattan island.

The hundreds of thousands of passengers were diverted to the elevated and surface systems. Neither system had adequate facilities to accommodate the tremendous crowds which sought transportation.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 7.—Six lives are reported to have been lost when the tug Rambler, which went ashore Monday, was battered to pieces by a northeast gale.

Laporte, Ind., Jan. 7.—Calvin Selers, aged five, was burned to death and his sister, aged three, seriously burned at Gosport when playing with matches.

Akron, O., Jan. 7.—Charles W. Hyslop, a trainman, shot and killed his wife and then shot Joseph Schrader, a boarder in the same house, through the heart, after which he turned the weapon upon himself, dying instantly. Schrader is not expected to live.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 7.—Mrs. H. S. Kroul of Jasper county, mother of nine children, was accidentally shot and killed by her son-in-law, Clarence Miller, while loading gun.

Rockford, Ill., Jan. 8.—Horatio Taft, cousin of William Howard Taft, who bore a remarkable resemblance to the former president, died suddenly in a taxicab here.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Increases of from one to six cents per hundred pounds on class and commodity rates between Quincy, Ill., and Hannibal and Louisiana, Mo., and points east of the Mississippi river over all railroads operating in that territory were declared not justified by the interstate commerce commission.

ILLINOIS MOOSE AID G. O. P.

Three Progressives of Legislature Announce Their Affiliation With Republicans.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—The three Progressive members of the Illinois legislature announced on Tuesday their intention of affiliating with the Republican party.

Medill McCormick of Chicago and H. S. Hicks of Rockford, the two Progressive members of the house, accepted a formal invitation to participate in the caucus of Republican representatives. They pledged themselves to abide by the action of the caucus in the selection of a candidate for speaker on subjects of the Democratic party.

NEW SHIPS FOR CANAL TRADE

Big Steamers Ordered for New York Pacific Service by Way of Panama.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—Three new 10,000-ton steamships are to be built soon on the Atlantic coast for W. R. Grace & Co. for service between New York and Pacific coast ports by way of the Panama canal. Announcement of this was made here today. The new vessels will cost \$3,000,000.

Fire Perils Winamac, Ind.

Winamac, Ind., Jan. 9.—The entire town was threatened with destruction when a grain elevator caught fire. The elevator, with its bins full of wheat and other grain, estimated value about \$25,000, was destroyed.

Cape Haitien's Fall Near

Washington, Jan. 9.—Another government, headed by leaders of the revolution, recently overthrown by President Theodore, has broken out in Haiti. Cape Haitien is being attacked and it may fall.

Feudist Dies Peacefully

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 8.—Fulton Frisby, a famous feud leader of Kentucky, noted through the French-Everole feud, in which scores were slain, died peacefully at his home in Winchester, Ky., of asthma.

Cruiser Goeben Hits Mine

Copenhagen, Jan. 8.—The battleship Goeben collided with two Russian mines near the Bosphorus and suffered two big holes at the water line. Repairs cannot be effected in less than two and a half months.

Two Negroes Are Lynched

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 6.—Two negroes, Ed and Will Smith, were taken from the Aetumpke jail and lynched by a mob. They had been accused of implication in the murder of R. A. Stillwell, an Ellmore county farmer.

German Submarine Is Sunk

Berlin via Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—It is reported here, though not officially confirmed, that a German submarine sank the British battleship Formidable with two torpedoes and was herself sunk three hours later by a mine.

RUSS ROUT TURKS

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS IS JUBILANT OVER VICTORY—40,000 ARE CAPTURED.

ARDAHAN SCENE OF BATTLE

Fighting Also Occurs at Sarykamysh—Ninth Corps Capitulates—Terth Is Being Pursued by Czar's Troops, Says Report Sent to Gen. Joffre.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The following telegram which General Joffre has received from Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, was made public on Tuesday by the war office:

"I hasten to inform you of glad tidings. The army of the Caucasus, in spite of the fact that its forces were reduced to the minimum in order not to weaken our armies in the principal theater of war, won two decisive victories on the 21st and 22d of December over Turkish forces superior in number—at Ardahan against the First Turkish corps and at Sarykamysh against the Ninth and Tenth corps. The entire Ninth corps (40,000 men) has capitulated. The Tenth is making every effort to escape, but is being pursued by our troops.

Ardahan is an important fortified town in Russian Armenia, about sixty miles from the Turkish frontier. It formerly belonged to Turkey, but was stormed and captured by the Russians in 1878 and remained in Russian possession after the close of the war. Sarykamysh is a small town near the Russian frontier. In Biblical times known as Ararat, from the mountain of that name, upon which according to tradition, Noah's ark landed after the flood.

DISCUSS U. S. DEFENSE PLANS

Cabinet Members and Lawmakers Take Up Program for Increasing Military and Naval Forces.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Military preparedness of the United States was the subject of an administration conference on Thursday night at the home of Secretary of War D. E. Locke. Every phase of the army and navy situation, with particular reference to appropriations for the coming year and a general policy to be followed, was discussed until midnight. Cabinet officers and leaders in congress who participated declared that no definite conclusions had been reached. On leaving the conference one of the participants said that while no definite plan of procedure had been agreed upon, every one present had conceded that every possible effort should be exerted in congress to bring the army and navy up to the highest standard of efficiency that could be produced with the resources available.

SHIPS TAKE AFRICAN PORT

All Teuton Vessels in Harbor Disabled and Many Prisoners Taken by British.

Capetown, Jan. 6.—Two British warships, the Fox and the Goliath, have bombarded the troops occupying Dares Salaam, a German East Africa port. All the German vessels in the harbor were entirely disabled and many prisoners were taken. The British losses were one killed and 12 wounded.

BANK CHIEFS DENY CHARGES

Chicagoans Say Appointments to Federal Reserve Institution Were Made on Merit Alone.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Both James B. Forgan, president of the First National bank, and George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National bank, and directors of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago made emphatic denial of the complaints made in the public press on Monday that they had secured the Federal Reserve bank in this city "as a tool to further their own ends" and pointed to advices from Washington that no formal complaint had been lodged with the treasury department.

EXPORT EXCESS MOVES UP

Figures by Chamber of Commerce for December to Show More Than \$110,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 7.—With some of the returns yet to be made, the department of commerce estimates that the excess of exports over imports for the month of December was \$110,000,000.

Prince Takes Command

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The Bavarian war ministry announces nomination of Prince Franz of Bavaria to be major general in command of the Third Infantry brigade. Prince Franz is a grandson of the king of Bavaria.

Italy Demands Reparation

Turin, Italy, Jan. 9.—Italy has demanded immediate reparation from Austria for the arrest of four Italians in Belgrade. When the Austrians occupied Belgrade they seized the Italians among other hostages.

U. S. Flyer Up 11,890 Feet

San Diego, Jan. 8.—A new American altitude record for passenger-carrying biplanes was established by Lieutenant Carberry, carrying Lieutenant Christie to a height of 11,890 feet. The old record is 9,600 feet.

One Killed, Twelve Hurt

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—One person was killed and 12 were injured when an elevator, descending from the fourth floor of the California Pacific building, dropped to the basement. Several may die.

Great Highway Is Assured

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 7.—The "Hoosierland-to-Dixie" highway is now practically assured. The road as planned will extend from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., and will go through Chattanooga and Atlanta.

French Steamer Founders

LaRochele, France, Jan. 7.—The French steamer Kabyle has foundered at sea with a loss of 36 lives. Only the mate was saved. The Kabyle was sailing from Morocco to France when she was lost.

ALLIES CAPTURE CITY

STEINBACH, IN UPPER ALSACE, IS TAKEN BY FRENCH.

Muelhausen Is Threatened on Two Sides as Heavy Guns Batter Down Defenses.

London, Jan. 6.—The allies have entered Steinbach, the town in Alsace for which they have been battling a week. The fall of Steinbach was admitted in an official statement at Berlin.

The next move by the French will be the tightening of their lines at Cernay (also called Seunheim), which they are attacking violently. With the two towns in their possession the way will be clear to the environs of Muelhausen—the objective of the Upper Alsace campaign. Cernay is three miles from Steinbach and eight miles from Muelhausen.

French guns massed before Altkirch continue their bombardment of that important railway center, which also is but eight miles from Muelhausen, but slightly west of south Steinbach. Cernay, Thann and Aspach are grouped just north of west of Muelhausen. Muelhausen is threatened from two quarters—its front on the west and its left flank on the south.

SOLONS ARE DEADLOCKED

House Republicans Fail to Agree and Democrats Give Up Efforts to Get Together.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—When the Forty-ninth general assembly convened, it was evident that the house would be unable to organize, and a deadlock of uncertain length is impending. The 63 Republicans who participated in the party caucus were unable to reach an agreement on a name and the Democrats have given up all effort to get together for a conference.

CARRANZA WINS BIG BATTLE

Seven Hundred Soldiers Killed and Six Hundred Prisoners Taken at Puebla—General Executed.

Vera Cruz, Jan. 8.—Gen. Alvaro Obregon notified General Carranza that he had taken full possession of the city of Puebla and that the Villista forces which he defeated there were in full flight. General Obregon reported that he took more than six hundred prisoners. Unofficial reports say that full seven hundred soldiers were killed in the battle.

Vera Cruz, Jan. 8.—A firing squad finished the career of ex-Huertista General Andreu Almazan, who commanded the Villista garrison at Puebla.

BIG OLEO TAX FRAUD ALLEGED

Government Charges Ohio Concern Failed to Pay \$9,000,000 Tax on Colored Output.

Columbus, O., Jan. 8.—The government filed suit on Wednesday against the Capital Dairy company, asking judgment of over \$9,000,000 tax, the appointment of receivers for the concern. Federal representatives allege that this amount is due the government, representing the difference between one-fourth of a cent a pound for uncolored oleo stumps and ten cents a pound for colored oleo, which the company did not pay. The receivership is asked to take charge of affairs of the Capital Dairy company of New Jersey.

AFFIRM BOYCOTT JUDGMENT

Supreme Court of the United States Upholds Fine Against the Hatters' Union.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Supreme court of the United States on Tuesday affirmed a judgment of \$52,130.93 obtained by D. E. Lowe & Co. of Danbury, Conn., against 185 members of the Hatters' union for damages under the Sherman antitrust law alleged to have been caused by the hatters' boycott against Lowe & Co.'s hats.

TRY TO FORCE DARDANELLES

Allied Fleet Makes Dash for Constantinople—Fortress Blocks Movement.

Berlin, Jan. 7. (wireless via London).—An Athens dispatch on Tuesday announces the Franco-British fleet is attempting to force the Dardanelles. It is being blocked by the heavy bombardment of the fortress.

Capture City of Puebla

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Jan. 7.—General Obregon reported to Carranza headquarters that he had captured the City general in Puebla, capital of the state of that name. All Vera Cruz is celebrating the news.

Calls Old League a Trust

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The Federal league has asked Federal Judge Landis to grant an injunction declaring National Baseball commission a trust and voiding all its acts and contracts with players.

International Army Proposed

Washington, Jan. 7.—An international army and navy to preserve the peace of the world and a universal peace conference, to be called at the end of the war, were proposed in a joint resolution by Senator Owen.

Germans Arrest a Cardinal

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Germans are reported to have arrested Cardinal Mercier because he issued a pastoral letter telling the Belgians that they were not morally bound by orders issued by German officials.

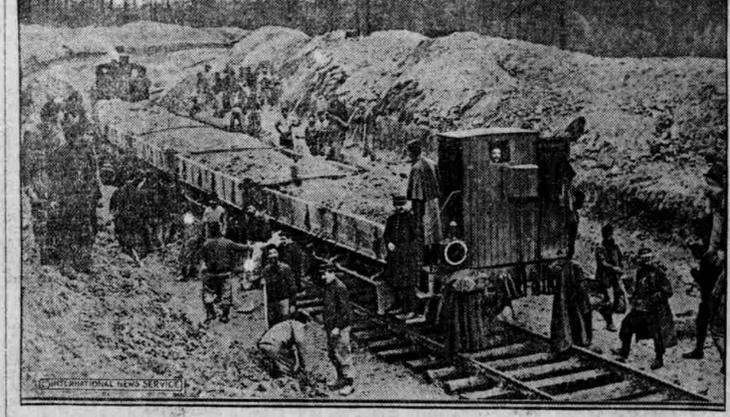
Air Raids on Zeppelin Base

Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—Many German soldiers were killed by bombs thrown by French aviators in a raid upon the aviation station at Etterbeek. French flyers succeeded in partially destroying the station.

Fast Train Is Wrecked

Albert Lea, Minn., Jan. 6.—The fast Des Moines southbound passenger train on the Minneapolis & St. Louis road was wrecked at Tumnus, Minn. A relief train arrived here with 12 of the injured.

FRENCH SAPPERS BUILDING NEW RAILWAY



In three weeks the French engineering corps completed a one-track railway line running from Versailles to Compiègne so that troops can be transported to the front without passing through Paris. The road runs through the woods of Empress Josephine's Malmaison estate.

FRENCH TROOPS EXECUTING A PILLAGER



FEEDING A BIG BRITISH GUN



Feeding the shells into a British gun in a well-concealed position. The man at the left is adjusting the time fuse on a shell.

INNOCENT VICTIM OF WAR



Little Denise Cartier at a bazaar in Paris selling goods for the benefit of the wounded. Her left leg was blown off by a bomb from a German Fauba and she has been provided with an artificial leg.

GERMANY'S FLAG AT ANTWERP



Hoisting the German flag on Fort Stabrouck at Antwerp.

AIDS RELATIVES OF WOUNDED

British Red Cross Pays Transportation to Battle Front of One Member of Family.

London.—The British Red Cross has extended its activity to the financing of trips to the front for relatives of men lying seriously wounded in field or advance base hospitals. For the present, the privilege is restricted to one relative for each patient and the seriousness of the patient's case must be properly certified by the army medical corps.

Antiscorbutic Food for Allies

A movement has been started in England for supplying the allied forces with antiscorbutic food. A vegetable products committee has been formed, with Lord Charles Bessborough as president, for the purpose of collecting and delivering fresh fruit and vegetables, jams, preserves, etc., and supplying them to army camps and stations, to warships and hospitals. Two thousand cases have already been dispatched to the North sea.

Suspicious

Madge—What makes you think he has been in love before?
Marjorie—In sure of it, my dear. He can put his arm about a girl's waist and hug her around the neck without getting a pin stuck in him.—Judge.

The Mexican Salute at Last

Perhaps this spring by Mexicans across our border is only that long-delayed salute to the flag of the United States, finally given in consideration of our voluntary withdrawal from Vera Cruz.—Hartford Courant.

This Is Marsh

Secretary Bryan is said to be planning to resign his job in order to begin a campaign to "convert Republicans to the Democratic party." There's just one way in which he can do it—by joining the Republican party himself.—Boston Transcript.

Their Idea of Economy

The house declined to accept a cut in mileage allowance from twenty-five cents. That is to say, these good Democrats of ours believe in economy when it is not personal.

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Mr. Bryan has betrayed the confidence that placed him at the head of the state department. He has been a secretary of state in name only at a time when the greatest efficiency was demanded in that office. He should be retired, rather in the interests of the country than in the interests of the president.

leaving for Layer Spice Cakes

One and one-half cupful of granulated sugar, one-half cupful of milk, boil until it forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water, take from fire and add one cupful of chopped raisins and beat until it becomes creamy.

SEES VICTORY IN 1916

Chairman Hillis Predicts Republican Return to Power.

Logical Deduction From the Recent Election—Evil Effects of the New Tariff Will Bring Reaction Against Democracy.

Charles D. Hillis, chairman of the Republican national committee, predicts a sweeping Republican victory in the national election in 1916 for president, vice-president, senate and house. He says it is a logical deduction from this year's elections. The issue in 1916, he says, is to be the tariff.

Mr. Hillis in a prepared statement said: "An analysis of the results of the last election shows conclusively that the Republican party will return to power in 1916. Not only will a Republican president be elected, unless there is a revolution of feeling in the meantime, but the party will gain control of both senate and house. It requires no gift of prophecy to assert this; it is a logical deduction from the recent election.

"The issue in 1916 was the tariff and every state where the effect of the Underwood tariff had time to be felt went Republican. The disastrous effects of the new tariff has not yet been fully felt in the great agricultural states of the West, but even there the reaction against Democracy was unmistakable.

"The issue in 1916 will be squarely on the tariff and on the legislation of the Democratic party. The revolt against Democracy is not confined to business men. Labor indicated very clearly in the last election that it understood that its own prosperity is inextricably wound up with the prosperity of business, and that unemployment and reduced wages inevitably follow Democratic tariff tinkering."

The War Tax

Secretary McAdoo's recommendation that the limitations under which the war tax measure is to expire December 31, 1916, be removed and the act amended so as to provide that it shall remain in force until the end of the conflict in Europe, is particularly significant when considered in connection with estimates of appropriations for the coming year of \$1,090,775,134. These estimates were transmitted to congress by the president, and it is understood that by his order they have been subjected to a pruning process, but they are still so large as to show that not much economy is to be expected at Washington. Apparently there is little, if any, disposition to save money, and yet it is becoming more and more evident that with reasonable care in handling the government's resources it would be safe to repeal the emergency tax measure before the time set for it to expire. The country properly resent the imposition of this burden in time of peace at home, and its resentment will be increased by Mr. McAdoo's most inopportune recommendation.—Rochester Post-Express.

Just a Suggestion

Captious citizens may be inclined to criticize the treasury commentary on the new war taxes. Of these the secretary says: "If the emergency revenue act had not been passed the surplus in the treasury might have disappeared altogether. As long as the expenditures of the government exceed its income there is always danger. To maintain such a condition is both unsound and imprudent."

As an alternative to the excess of expenditures there is always the possibility of retrenchment. The practice of private economy has been painfully enforced on a large portion of the people, and some persons are likely to suggest that increased taxes are not the only method of averting the danger which Mr. McAdoo discusses.

Responsibility Is Wilson's

President Wilson's administration and the Democratic house before him have been culpably negligent in not caring for the national defense. He has had no part in the public awakening but with the public aroused and action demanded he refuses co-operation of non-Democratic congressmen and senators and insists the party in power handle the matter alone. In making the president exclusively a party leader Mr. Wilson has undertaken a departure that will be watched with interest not unmitred with un-satisfaction.

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