

FORD PLANS TO QUIT PEACE SHIP?

CHRISTIANIA DISPATCH SAYS HE WILL SAIL FOR U. S.

NOW ON WAY TO NORWAY

Manufacturer Too Ill to Accompany Expedition to Stockholm—McClure and Gov. Hanna Will Visit Beligient Nations.

London, Dec. 24.—A Central News dispatch from Christiania says that Henry Ford has gone to Bergen, Norway, and will sail for New York as soon as possible.

Ford Remains Behind. Christiania, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford was compelled to remain in Christiania while his peace expedition set sail for Stockholm.

Frederick Dahlger, a personal friend, remained with Mr. Ford. S. S. McClure, New York editor, who headed the insurgents aboard the Oscar II, will leave the peace ship.

Gov. Hanna of North Dakota will go to the belligerent countries. A. W. Husbach and Ellis O. Jones also remained in Christiania after the ship sailed.

Premier Persons as Delegates. The Norwegian peace delegates did not accompany the party to Stockholm.

Judge Ben Lindsey is remaining with the peace party, it was learned, under an agreement by which Ford compensates him for sacrificing his lecture engagements.

It has been practically settled that one of the peace delegates representing Norway shall be Rev. Mr. Hansen, well-known clergyman and Social Democratic leader.

Senator Helen Ring Robinson declared that some prominent persons were volunteering to go as delegates, but that only prominent men and women whose names and personalities carry weight, would be accepted.

She added that it practically has been determined that one of the alternates shall be Anna Rogstad, the only woman who ever sat in the storting.

TEUTONS RECAPTURE HEIGHT. Berlin Announces Capture of Hartmannsweller Kopf and 1,553 Men and Officers.

London, Dec. 24.—Berlin reports of the capture of the French of the summit of Hartmannsweller Kopf in the Vosges with 1,553 men is confirmed in part by an official statement from Paris.

The French admit a retreat on the northern slopes, but to the position from which they had started at the center and right.

"We have held intact the captured territory on a front of two kilometers. A heavy snowstorm has interrupted operations."

"During hot fighting a brave regiment of the Eighty-second landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmannsweller Kopf. The enemy suffered extraordinarily severe losses and left 23 officers and 1,550 men in our hands."

ASKS FOR NEW LEGISLATION. Comptroller of the Currency Williams Asks Additional Laws in His Annual Report.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Strong recommendations for legislation providing for the criminal prosecution of officers and directors of national banks through whose negligence or wrongful actions stockholders and depositors lose money, will be contained in the forthcoming annual report to congress of John Skelton Williams comptroller of the currency.

Comptroller Williams is determined to break up the practices by which, he says, banks "are broken from the inside." He declares that depositors and bank stockholders have a right to insist upon legislation safeguarding their interests against criminal bank officers and directors.

Forbids Baking of Fancy Breads. Vienna, Dec. 24.—A ministerial decree has been issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads and permitting only the making of loaves of ordinary bread. The order does not apply to home-baked bread.

Sinking of Ship Causes Excitement. Tokio, Dec. 24.—News of the sinking of the Yanaqa Maru reached Tokyo yesterday and caused great excitement. The advice received here says the steamer was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

Kilbane to Defend Title. Cleveland, O., Dec. 24.—Johnny Kilbane, of this city, featherweight champion, and George Chancy, of Baltimore, will battle fifteen rounds for the title in Baltimore March 17. Arrangements for the match were settled yesterday.

Two Million for Fear. Rome, Dec. 24.—The Stefani News agency says that Mrs. Josephine Del Drago, of New York, has offered \$2,000,000 to the queen of Italy for distribution among the families of combatants.

French Chief at Saloniki. London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to Reuters from Saloniki says: "General Edouard de Castelnau, chief of staff of the French armies, arrived unannounced in Saloniki and conferred at length yesterday with General Sarraill, the French commander."

Jap Vessel Richly Laden. Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese steamer Yama Maru, which was sunk Tuesday in the Mediterranean by a submarine is said to have carried 25,000,000 yen in Japanese gold.

PEACE PACT SIGNED

AGENTS OF BASEBALL LEAGUES AGREE TO ELIMINATE FEDERAL BODY.

WEEGHMAN GETS THE CUBS

Owners Rush to Sign Up "Outlaw" Players—Only Two Magnates of Old Organization Are Taken Care Of—Phil Ball Given the Browns.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—Representatives of the Federal, American and National leagues signed an agreement which eliminated the third circuit from the baseball map of the country.

As soon as the signatures had been appended, it was announced on Wednesday that Charles H. Weeghman, president of the Whites, had acquired the Cubs and the West side team will be moved to the North side. Joe Tinker will be manager and the best players on both teams will be retained.

Second in importance to the transfer of the Cubs was the purchase of the Browns by Phil Ball, a deal which was also made official.

Outside of these two every Federal league owner is out of the game, and as a playing organization the third league is now only a memory.

The players of the independent clubs will be controlled by the club themselves, which will probably mean that all outside of the Whites and the Terriers will be pooled to be sold to the highest bidder. Hardly had the official announcement been made before a scramble started for the stars of the defunct organization.

President Hemsted of the Giants started negotiations for the services of Benny Kauff, while Captain Hunton of the Yankees began angling for Leo Magee. Mordecai Brown will be retained as a star member of the Cubs.

ASQUITH ASKS MILLION MEN. Premier Says Government Aims to Get Every Man of Military Age Into Service.

London, Dec. 23.—Premier Asquith in the house of commons on Tuesday asked for 1,000,000 more men for the British army. This would bring the total number of Britons in the field up to 2,500,000.

The demand was in the form of a motion for the peace party of the government's bill calling 1,000,000 more men to the colors immediately.

In making the motion the premier declared that the government aims to get every man of military age who is physically qualified to serve in the field.

"The wastage of men is enormous," declared Premier Asquith. At present there are approximately 2,500,000 men in training and on the volunteer lists waiting to be called into service.

FORD MAY GIVE UP SHIP. Official Entertainer of Party Dies—Ford and Mrs. Schwimmer Are Ill.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 24.—Gloom was cast over the Ford peace party by the death in a hospital here on Tuesday of Lloyd M. Bingham, husband of Amelia Bingham, the actress, and official entertainer of the party.

Mr. Bingham was stricken with pneumonia while aboard the Oscar II. Henry Ford and Mrs. Rosalia Schwimmer are both ill and this, together with Mr. Bingham's death, has led to a report that the expedition will be practically abandoned.

EMPEROR WILLIAM IS ILL. Kaiser Has Inflammation of Cellular System—Physicians Order Ruler to Remain Indoors.

London, Dec. 24.—Emperor William has been compelled to postpone his trip to the western front because of a slight inflammation of the cellular system. His indisposition is slight.

The Kaiser's illness is described in an official message from Berlin as "Zellgewebentendenz," more frequently called "bindegewebentendenz." His physicians have ordered him to remain indoors.

BRITISH GENERALS SHOOK UP. Lieutenant General Murray Succeeds Sir Charles Monro and Letter Relieves Haig in France.

London, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon.

Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the First British army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig.

Swiss Open Wilson Home. Berne, Dec. 24.—The dedication of the Woodrow Wilson Soldiers' home here was marked by the presence of Americans. Colonel Wildbolz expressed the thanks of the Swiss army for the gift of the home.

Jap Ship Sunk. Paris, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Malta announces that the Japanese steamer Sako Maru was sunk Tuesday by a German submarine in the Mediterranean. The fate of the captain and crew is unknown.

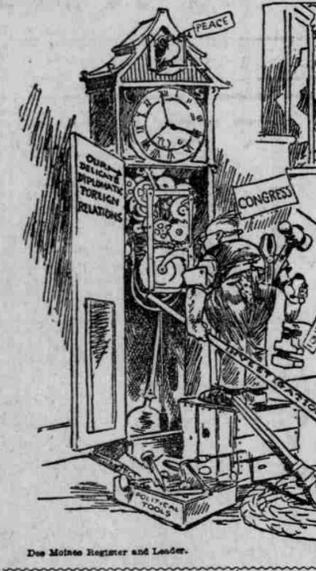
To Fence Off Holland. Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The newspaper Manabode says that owing to the increasing number of war prisoners escaping over the German-Dutch frontier, the Germans intend to close the whole frontier with barbed wire.

Boer Chief, De Wet, Freed. Cape Town, South Africa, Dec. 23.—General De Wet and 115 others who took part in the Boer uprising last year were released, after they had signed a pledge not to take part in any anti-government agitation.

New Air Attack Near Metz. London, Dec. 21.—December 17-18 French aeroplanes dropped fifty bombs on the railway station and adjacent buildings at Sablon, just south of the German fortress of Metz. Considerable damage was done.

Texas Girl Found Slain. Paris, Dec. 21.—Pauline Walton, seventeen years old, was found sitting bolt upright on the edge of her bed, her head almost severed. Police and relatives were unable to assign any motive for the murder.

JUST TINKERING



See Mexico Register and Leader.

FLEE GALLIOLI FIGHT

BRITISH WITHDRAWN FROM THE DARDANELLES. Forces at Suvla and Anzac Districts Have Been Transferred, Says an Official Statement.

London, Dec. 21.—All British troops in the Suvla and Anzac districts of Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn.

The following official statement regarding this step was issued here on Monday:

"All the troops at Suvla and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operations."

Operations in sectors of the front at Gallipoli other than those from which troops have been withdrawn are to be continued, it is intimated in another official statement.

The withdrawal was effected without knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks. It is declared in the statement.

"Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Suvla zones have been received," says the official statement. "Without the Turks being aware of the movement, a great army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied in the closest of contact with the enemy."

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KILL TWO AMERICANS

VILLISTAS IN JUAREZ, MEX. AT TACK STREET CAR FROM EL PASO.

MOB AND ROB PASSENGERS

Coach Escapes Back Across Border—Troops Finally Restore Order—Villiston Increases Guard on Line—Villa Falls to Appear in the United States.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—Two Americans and eight Mexicans were killed as a result of severe rioting at Juarez on Tuesday. One American was killed in El Paso by bullets of Mexican snipers, which came from the Juarez side of the river.

He was George A. Dipert, a brakeman, and was shot while on a freight train. The rioting at Juarez began about noon. A street car which entered the town at the international bridge was stoned by a mob and the passengers, including a number of Americans were robbed.

The crew and passengers fought off the Mexicans and the car escaped back to El Paso. A crowd of Mexicans gathered on the bridge, seeking passage to American soil. Several Juarez stores were closed. Some were robbed. Quiet was restored when General Banda, one of those who signed the agreement with the de facto government to turn over the Villa organization to the Carranza government, was sent over 190,000 pesos to pay the soldiers.

Shortly after General Banda had restored order shooting was heard again at Juarez and reports reached here that intoxicated soldiers and horseback were rioting in the streets. General Ochoa cleared the streets of drunken soldiers and placed trusty officers in charge of rifles and ammunition.

Ochoa promised to sign the agreement to turn over the garrison to Carranza. According to last advice Villa left Chihuahua City with 400 followers. Officials here expressed the belief that he was en route to the border to cross into the United States.

LYDSTON WINS A. M. A. SUIT. Supreme Court Upholds Chicago Physician in Long Fight to Oust Association Directors.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Dr. G. Frank Lydston won his five-year legal battle against the American Medical Association. The supreme court upheld the decision of the appellate court and ordered the removal of the present board of directors.

A complete reorganization of the association, a national body composed of more than 40,000 members, probably will be effected, it is believed. The ruling of the supreme court will strip the members of the present board of directors were elected illegally, inasmuch as the association was incorporated under a charter from Illinois, and therefore must hold its annual meetings in that state.

The warfare between Dr. Lydston and the association began when the physician attempted to prevent Dr. George H. Simmons, then secretary, from holding three offices at once. He claimed the affairs of the association were controlled by an oligarchy.

"I do not want to sacrifice you. I will go to the border, cross to the United States, if I am permitted, and there live with my family. If I am not permitted to do so, I will go to Europe."

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—The city of Juarez, Villa's only source of revenue, has been placed in Carranza's possession on Monday. The Villa garrison evacuated upon instructions from the Villa council of war at Chihuahua. Gov. Fidel Avila has been appointed Villa's successor as supreme commander of the conventional forces.

Peace agreement papers were signed here whereby the Villa faction in northern Mexico concludes peace terms with the de facto government of Mexico.

A chief for the territory surrendered to the Carranza government is to be selected by Carranza. The war office officials have decided to grant General Villa the asylum which he has been seeking. This decision has been sent to General Funston by the war department for transmission to Villa through his representatives.

U. S. OFFICIAL KILLS TWO MEN. R. L. Knox, Surveyor of Customs for Port of New Orleans, Shoots Attorneys to Death.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 24.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of customs for the port of New Orleans, Madison county, was possibly ten years to the task, was reached by the State Prison Commission at a meeting with Governor Willis. Work will be started on the first buildings within a few months. The work will be done almost entirely by convict labor. Stone will be used from the state quarries near Columbus and brick from the state plant at Junction City.

Gets Christmas Pardon. Upon the recommendation of the State Board of Administration, which expressed its regret that it could not, under the law, admit him to parole, Governor Willis granted the annual Christmas pardon to George Buchanan, an indeterminate term in the Ohio Penitentiary for forgery. The pardon has the condition attached to it that he must report as if on parole for two years.

Question of Policy. It is a question of policy that is to be threshed out between the State Liquor Licensing Board and the National Tiedens prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupp works outside Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by the British airmen.

Three Steamers Sunk. London, Dec. 23.—The destruction of three more British ships, apparently by German submarines, was announced on Tuesday. The victims were the steamers Belfort, Huntley and Ophelia.

Big Building Burns. Burlington, Ia., Dec. 23.—The Tama building, the largest office building in the city, was destroyed by fire on Monday. The loss is heavy. Several persons were rescued from the building by firemen.

Mrs. Farwell a Prisoner. Saloniki, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Walter Farwell, Chicago, who was in Monastir doing newspaper work and Doctor Forbes of the Red Cross, have been taken into custody by Bulgarian officers.

Steamer Blows Up; Ten Lost. Washington, Dec. 21.—The gasoline schooner Manomet blew up and sank twelve miles off Cape Ann, Mass. Four of the crew were landed at Rockport, Mass., and ten are missing, according to a wireless received here.

Panama Canal Again Open. Panama, Dec. 21.—The Panama canal, which has been closed since September 18 last by the worst slide in its history, will be opened again for the passage of vessels drawing less than twenty feet this week.

ADDITIONAL TIME HAS BEEN GIVEN

PUBLIC UTILITY CONCERNS ARE GRANTED BIG CONCESSION IN APPRAISAL RETURNS.

FORMER ORDER TO BE AMENDED

Complete Figures Will Probably Not Be Required Only When Additional Securities Are to Be Issued.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus, O.—Public utilities will probably be given additional time in which to prepare complete appraisals of their property to be filed with the Utilities Commission, and the order requiring appraisal may be so amended that the complete figures will be required only in cases where additional securities are to be issued or where rates are to be fixed or approved by the commission.

This was substantially agreed to when officials of the Electric Light Association of the state held a conference with the Utilities Commission. There has been a great deal of objection made to the order requiring appraisal, coming from the smaller concerns operating light and water companies. Experience has shown, it was stated, that the order was far more sweeping than was required.

Modern System. To meet the demands of the larger cities for a modernization of the accounting system prescribed by the state, State Auditor A. V. Donahy promulgated an optional revision of the accounting system established in 1904. As is explained by the state auditor, the new plan is optional, as the cities are given the alternative of continuing the present plan.

The general difference in the revision offered from the present system in vogue is that the new plan develops accounts along the lines of accrued revenue and incurred obligations instead of operating the accounts upon a purely cash basis. It was prepared by State Examiners Foster and Thomas, who have been aided by civic and public bodies in various parts of the state.

School Laws of Ohio. "Ohio has progressed far ahead of other states in its normal and centralizing school laws," said C. P. Cary, superintendent of public instruction in Wisconsin, on his arrival here after a school inspection trip in the state. Mr. Cary said centralized schools in Ohio were attracting much attention over the country. "Ohio school laws are used as a guide in many states," he said.

The centralized schools have caught the attention of government officials. L. McBrien of the United States department of education, has notified Frank W. Miller, superintendent of instruction, that he is coming to Ohio in January to visit centralized schools.

School Laws May Be Hit. City school men are not entirely satisfied with the operation of present school laws, and formal protest against certain features may be registered here when the Ohio State Teachers' Association meets here. The city superintendents, principals and supervisors will consider whether or not the present code is "unfair" to the city schools in the operation of county budget commissions, distribution of school funds from the state, payment of supervision, and whether the urban teachers ought not to begin an agitation for the purpose of "securing for the schools proper revenue."

Extra Allowances. Attorney General Edward C. Turner gave Prosecuting Attorney A. C. McDougall, Monroe county, a ruling concerning the provision of law which enables county commissioners to apply to the Common Pleas Court for an extra allowance when the sum appropriated by the county commissioners for the year is insufficient. The court is held to be "vested with the discretion to determine the amount of the extra allowance and the circumstances of each particular case, whether such additional amount, applied for, or any part of the amount, shall be allowed."

To the State Highway Commissioner was held that the case highway law does not confer authority upon the county highway superintendent to enter into any contracts, employ any labor or purchase any tools or material for road repairs except as he may be authorized by the county commissioners.

Pass Examination. James R. McKay, of Youngstown, led a class of 92 who passed the State bar examinations with a grade of 92.1. Twenty-seven failed. The new lawyers will be sworn in by Chief Justice Nichols on January 4. Two Toledo girls, Miss Esther Antin and Miss Margaret M. Cummings, were the only women who passed a successful Southern Ohio applicants are Allen W. Baehr, John B. Hollister, Abe Rappoport and Albert L. Weinstein, of Cincinnati; John W. Edwards, John Q. A. Johnson, Jr., Roland H. McKee and William H. McLaughlin, of Dayton; Carl F. Antenen and Cyrus J. Pitton, of Hamilton; Fred G. Carpenter, of Washington C. H.; James E. Kinnison, Jr., and Louis E. Pickrel, of Jackson; David A. Gaskill, of Greenville; Robert A. Newell, of Gallipolis.

Manufacture Brooms. The manufacture of brooms, brushes and sweepers by the prisoners at the penitentiary is expected to be taken up soon after the first of the new year, and at least 20 men will be given employment in the new industry. The state during the past year has paid out close to \$6,000 for brooms and brushes of various sorts, and it is claimed that these may be supplied for all state institutions at about one-half of what they cost in a wholesale way. The plan of growing its own broom corn is also being considered by the board of administration, and if the scheme is adopted 100 acres or more of the big farm at Orient will be planted in broom corn next spring.

Winter Rates On Ice. Ten cents a ton is the rate to be charged this winter for ice cut from the state canals at various sorts, and it was determined by Frank R. Fauser, state superintendent of public works. Last year the rate was 12 1/2 cents for amounts under 100 tons, 10 cents for amounts between 100 and 500 tons, and 7 1/2 cents for amounts over 500 tons. The new rate makes the return to the state 1/2 cent a 100 pounds. The total income to the state from this source is estimated at between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

Santa Visits Prison. Christmas day found 1,869 convicts, 33 of them women, in the state prison. Santa Claus had not forgotten them. Uncle Sam's parcel post auto made many trips to the prison each day, laden with good cheer from friends and relatives. Warden Thomas made provision for those who have neither. On the other hand, the pay-prisoner plan enables the convicts to send presents back home. Warden Thomas ordered a good Christmas dinner. On the morning of Christmas, the convicts were served with turkey, apple sauce and two vegetables.

Pleasing Gown. A pleasing tea gown was carried out in soft black brocade, the slightly full, short, trained skirt slit up in front to show a petticoat of chamoise and black shadow lace. Over this fell a three-quarter-length coat of black mouseline de soie, finished with a lounce of the same slimy lace headed by tiny silver roses, placed at fairly close intervals, but not touching. Again, about the region of the hips the mouseline de soie, finished with a lounce of the same slimy lace headed by tiny silver roses, placed at fairly close intervals, but not touching.

Declares Canopus Central Sun. Canopus, the largest star known, with a luminosity 47,000 times that of the sun, is invisible from the northern hemisphere. O. R. Walkley, an English astronomer, adduces testimony at great length to prove the central sun of the universe, about which all other orbs revolve.

Did It, Even Then? No doubt the weather forecast of Noah's day sputtered something about the weather, but the prediction was the wrong down for the third time.

Amsterdam is increasing its water supply.

HOLY SUBMARINE CHIEF RESPONSIBLE

U. S. Contents Commander Violated Law of Nations When He Torpedoed Ancona.

SENDS NOTE TO AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL

Says Report Admits That Vessel Was Fired On After Engines Had Been Stopped and When Passengers Were Still Aboard.

Washington, Dec. 22.—"The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield," Department of State, Washington, December 19, 1915.

"You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: "The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On November 16, 1915, Baron Zwiadenek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board.

"This admission alone, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which even the belligerent should observe in the conduct of war. Under the circumstances, the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony furnished by the admiralty report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that innocent lives in the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

Principles of Humanity Violated. "The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine, have been so long and so universally recognized, and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

"The government of the United States therefore finds no proper cause open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander, and to renew the definite but respectful demand that the government of the United States should take such steps as will insure that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of these demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.

"LANSING."

CHINESE START REVOLT

FIVE PROVINCES SECEDE AND FUNDS FOR REVOLUTION ARE PLEDGED.

San Francisco, Cal.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association, has just received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, which said five Chinese provinces had declared their independence of the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

The provinces concerned in the revolution were, according to the cablegram, Kwangtung, Kiangsi, Yunnan, Szechuen and Kwelchaw.

Mr. Tong said he believed the action of the five provinces would be followed by similar declarations from all parts of China.