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OFFICERS DENY THAT GERMANY WAS ASKING FOR PEACE

The German Industries and Finances Make Fine Showing in War Time.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—A dispatch under a Paris date to the Journal de Geneve of Geneva, Switzerland, to the effect that Germany was willing in September to conclude separate peace with France, elicited today a categorical denial from the Nord-Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. The report is to the effect that a basis for peace was to be the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine to France and the acquisition of Belgium by Germany. The Zeitung declares that Germany never thought of restoring Alsace-Lorraine to France.

Turks Stopped.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—The following statement is from the general staff of the army of the Caucasus, issued tonight:

"Fierce encounters have taken place around Sarakamyah (in Trans-Caucasia, 35 miles southwest of Kars.) We have stopped the Turkish offensive toward Olti, 55 miles west of Kars.

"In the region of Ardaban (a fortified town 45 miles northwest of Kars) the situation remained unchanged. The situation is not modified on other fronts."

Bombarding Belgrade

London, Jan. 2.—A Belgrade dispatch to Reuters says: "Four Austrian monitors bombarded Belgrade Thursday but their fire did only slight damage. Reports from Sofia and Bulgaria, of a serious clash between Serbian and Bulgarian frontier guards was officially denied here."

Steamer Strikes Reef.

Harwich, England, Jan. 2.—A torpedo boat brings the news that the Norwegian steamer Odeneneence struck a reef soon after leaving Rotterdam Friday. Probably a total wreck. The crew of 42 were saved.

French Lose

The official press bureau said today that reports have been received from Madrid stating that Tangier is again threatened by Moorish rebels, and that French lost over 1,400 men and many officers in the fighting in Morocco. Another news item given out by the official press bureau today says:

Keeping Up Well.

"At a meeting of the Hamburg

Chamber of Commerce, the chairman dwelt upon a remarkable adaptability of German economic life to war. This he said, has created great confidence. He said that the Reichs bank had done excellent work during the war and that railways had shown an increasing strength and that most of the German ships were safe in neutral ports."

The Times Record is maintaining a column that is "everybody's" under the head "News, Politics, Fun, Facts and Suggestions, by Associate Editors." This column offers a good chance to express opinions editorially without divulging the writer's name. The right is reserved, however, to reject anything that might reflect on the city or individuals. Make use of this column.

Yes, it is the war tax, due to the war on the tariff.

Fido dear, say did you hear, the news that's going 'round— All little dogs without a tag, will soon be under ground.

Because there have been scores of men and women who have expressed a desire to attend an American school local citizens of Hebron have instituted a night school with a course of reading, writing and arithmetic. The population at that place is largely German, German-Russian or Russian immigrants.

Your choice of hats given away with every coat or suit sold at half price. Miss C. M. Lagerstrom.

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Austrians Capture Hills.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—It was officially communicated here tonight: "In severe battles in the district south of Gorlice, fought under the worst weather conditions our troops got possession of an important line of hills which will be a favorable base for further operations. During the battles in the northern theatre, at Christmas time, we captured 37 officers, 1,250 men.

The proposed bill to provide a county assessor seems to have some merit with the objection that the office would be an appointive one. Why not as well elect the county assessor the same as is done with other offices.

The new Powers Hotel, the latest addition to the hotel world of Fargo, located on Upper Broadway opened its doors Thursday to the traveling public and is one of the best modernly furnished hotels in this section of the country.



REV. A. E. PRIOR, B. D.

Since the inception of the Chautauqua movement in Valley City, four years ago, nothing promising larger results has occurred, that the action

of the board of directors at its last meeting in transferring the entire charge of its reading course work to a company composed of A. E. Prior, E. P. Getchell, Prof. Wemett and Alex Karr.

These gentlemen will incorporate and assume entire responsibility for and management of this work.

Messrs. Getchell, Wemett and Karr are well known to all our readers. Mr. Prior, who is a Congregational minister—a graduate of Oberlin College—is a most successful preacher and lecturer, a cultured gentleman in every sense of the term. He will act as general superintendent of the work and spend all his time in the field lectur-

ing, establishing reading courses and generally boosting Valley City and its Chautauqua.

It does not require a very vivid imagination to realize the tremendous advantages that will accrue to our city from this kind of an undertaking and it is safe to say that every one of our citizens will help to promote the enterprise.

In addition to promoting and managing the book work a monthly magazine to be known as The Chautauquan will be published. This publication while primarily issued in the interest of the Reading Course will, at the same time be a large factor in advertising the Chautauqua.

Rev. Prior will begin his work with the new year and will shortly bring his family to the city. It goes, without saying, that he will receive a hearty welcome.

COCHRAN-PHELAN NUPTIALS

The following item from the social columns of the Minneapolis Journal, will be of interest to the many friends in this city, and throughout the state, of Mrs. Cochrane and Mr. Phelan. Mrs. Cochrane was for many years a resident of this city, and Mr. Phelan also is very well known here.

Mrs. J. M. Cochrane of the Hampshire Arms became the bride last evening of James E. Phelan of Bowman, N. D., at a ceremony conducted in the presence of 50 relatives and most intimate friends. Mr. Phelan, who arrived in Minneapolis on Friday morning, was accompanied by Rev. George Keniston of North Dakota, a family friend, who officiated at the ceremony at 8:15 o'clock, using the ring service.

The bride is the widow of the late Justice Cochrane of the North Dakota supreme court, who was prominently known as a northwestern jurist. Mr. Phelan is a prominent North Dakota banker. He was head of the executive council in the state banking association and is active in politics and great-up interested in North Dakota land development. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Phelan will be in Bowman, but they will spend the remainder of the winter in Honolulu, and left last evening for Chicago on their way to San Francisco, from which port they will sail on Saturday, January 9.

The bride was gowned in heavy white satin made entraine, with garnitures of imported silk Tambour lace that was draped on the skirt and formed part of the bodice. She wore a necklace of diamonds, finished with three pendants set in platinum, and her flowers were a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Miss Carolyn McDowell and Miss Marian McDowell, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. McDowell and nieces of the bride, were the only attendants. They stretched the ribbons from a small reception room into the large assembly room, where the ceremony took place. Both wore gowns of ping chiffon over pink silk.

Frederick Southwick sang and Mrs. Mary Rochester played the nuptial music. The decorations were suggestive of spring and quantities of daisies were arranged in handsome baskets and vases. The fireplace, before which the vows were spoken, was banked with palms and ferns, and the mantel shelf was topped by a low bank of ferns, among which bloomed yellow flowers. At either side of the approach to the floral altar stood tall vases with ferns and flowers.

In the dining room adjoining the assembly room a collation was served after the ceremony, and there the decorations were in pink and green. [K]larney roses, pink-shaped tapers and maiden-hair ferns being used.

The out-of-town guests included the

son-in-law and daughter of Mr. Phelan. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stewart and little daughter, Jane, and Mr. Phelan's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Phelan, also of Bowman, N. D., and Mr. and Mrs. White W. Scott of Marmarth, N. D. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will make their future home in Fargo, and while in Minneapolis are guests of Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. A. B. Robbins.

Mrs. Phelan's traveling gown is of gray suiting, with a hat to match with moleskin furs.

New Year's day a family dinner was given by the bride at the Hampshire Arms. Covers were placed for 14 and the decorations were red carnations and California pepper berries that had been sent to the bride. The guests included the out-of-town guests who attended the wedding last evening. — Grand Forks Herald.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. KEEPS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH COAL STRIKE

By Gilson Gardner.

Washington, Jan. 2.—To what extent John D. Rockefeller is personally responsible for federalizing the coal mining industry in Colorado is a question to be finally investigated by the United States Commission on Industrial Relations at its hearings in New York.

The Congressional Committee which investigated strike conditions in Colorado was informed under oath that Rockefeller, Jr., knew the Colorado situation only from the general standpoint of dividends and broad policy; that all matters of detail were left to Welborn, the President of the company and the local manager. Some testimony already brought out by the Industrial Relations Commission has in part contradicted this statement, and the commission is anxious for the full truth.

On The Job.

That John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has given most painstaking attention to some details of the Colorado problem is indicated by correspondence brought to light in Denver, as for example, the letters relating to the payment of \$200 to Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora, for one thousand copies of his magazine, the Philistine, containing an article favorable to the operator's side of the strike controversy. This small payment of \$200 was the subject of personal correspondence between John D. Jr., and Hubbard before the matter was referred with Rockefeller's authorization to Welborn.

Another case of purchased publicity

FORMIDABLE'S LOSS SUBJECT OF SORROW

Estimated 600 Men Went Down With British Warship in the Channel—Heavy Fighting Going On in Bct's the Eastern and Western Battle Fronts.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Chronicle states that survivors of the battleship Formidable report that the vessel was torpedoed both fore and aft early Friday morning and sank almost immediately.

London, Jan. 2.—The destruction of the British battleship Formidable in the English channel today by a mine or submarine boat, although one of those events the Englishmen now realize must be expected, so long as the British navy is compelled to keep the seas, has caused widespread grief. This is not due so much to the loss of the ship, which was 15 years old and cost about \$5,000,000, as for the men, about 600 in number, who went down with her. So far as is known, only 141 of the Formidable's crew of 750 were rescued.

Believe It's Submarine.

The British Admiralty has not given the locality in which the disaster occurred, but declares that it is unable to say whether the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed but as the British fleet again has been active shelling the German positions on the Belgian coast, and as German submarines have been more and more using zeebrugge as base, the inclination here is to believe that a submarine again been successful in its attack.

News from the front was dwarfed by this loss, although battles of considerable proportions are occurring along the lengthy fronts. The fighting in Flanders and northern France has been confined largely to artillery

engagements, except near Bethune, where the Germans claim they have taken a British trench. They admit, however, the loss of St. George's near the Belgian coast, which the official report from Berlin says they have decided not to attempt to retake owing to the high level of the water there.

In the Argonne region it has been the Germans' turn to make little progress, as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued to advance in upper Alsace.

Nothing significant was reported concerning the situation in northern Poland.

French Report.

Paris, Jan. 1.—An official communication which was issued tonight says that "there is nothing new as yet to report of the operations today."

Austrian Report.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—(via London) —Following is the official communication from Vienna, received here today: "The fighting in the Carpathians and in Bukovina continues, but the situation is unchanged.

"The enemy attacks, both day and night, at Biala and south of Tarnow, (both in Galicia), have been repulsed and our troops are inflicting heavy losses, taking 2,000 prisoners and six machine guns.

"North of Vistula, the fog hinders the operations, but slight progress has been made there.

"In the southern war theatre nothing of importance has happened."

which interests the Commission is that which pertains to the preparations of the pamphlet called "Facts in Colorado's Struggle for Industrial Freedom," which was widely circulated by the Rockefeller interests. This pamphlet was prepared by Mr. Ivy Lee of Philadelphia, Executive assistant to railroad, with the understanding that his connection with its preparation should be kept secret. Lee was personally employed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. He is a member of the American Economic association, and a Fellow of the Royal Economic Society, which indicates how cheap and easily purchased are a certain variety of learning and brains. As a reward for his misrepresentation of the Colorado situation, in this pamphlet, Lee has been made one of the three personal advisers to John D. Rockefeller, in the work of the Rockefeller Foundation and other philanthropic work.

Poisoning Publicity.

Telegrams between Welborn and illustrating John D. Jr., attention to deterring the Rockefeller Foundation and the poisoning of publicity. Again illustrating John D. Jr., attention to detail, one telegram was read which showed Rockefeller to be much concerned about the "Socialistic leanings" of a certain clergyman in a Wyoming coal camp. In another he feared lest the Republican congressional candidate in the recent election should be defeated.

The Commission wants to find out further whether Mr. Rockefeller is personally responsible for the fact that during the last twenty-three days no damage suits for injuries to a Rockefeller employee in southern Colorado has even been decided against the coal company. That such a situation indicates corruption and political control of courts is obvious. Who is responsible? is the question interesting the Commission, and the New York hearings may go into this phase of the matter. Can John D. Jr. teach a Sunday school and establish an alibi by residing in New York?

Anarchy

Commenting on what has already been unearthed by the Commission's inquiry in Colorado, Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of the Commission, says: "The mining industry in Colorado has been anarchy. There is no government there. Never have I seen such an intense sense of injustice as prevails among the miners in Colorado. Never have I known so many irritating facts to cause the sense of injustice. When John R. Lawson of the International Board of Mine Workers of the World tells the commission that the laws and the justice of Colorado are controlled by seven directors of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company sitting at 26 Broadway and never having seen the mines or the mine work-

ers, the statement is interesting. When the statement is proved, as it was proved by overwhelming testimony, hardly contradicted, then the statement becomes startling and disturbing. If our Commission on Industrial Relations can clear the way by even indicating what the way is and can secure this nation from a wrong start to the solution, leaving the work all to be done over again, we will have accomplished far the biggest part of what we hope to accomplish."

That government ownership and a leasing system, should be substituted for unregulated private exploitation is believed to be the solution in the minds of a majority of the commission.

A clearing sale at the biggest reductions ever known. Miss C. M. Lagerstrom. 1-4-d-w-tf

Minot, N. D., Jan. 5.—Superintendent of the public schools, S. Henry Wolfe gave notice today that he would retire at the end of this school year and that he did not desire to be considered as a candidate to succeed himself.

The announcement came as a distinct shock to his many friends in the city. Superintendent Wolfe has been at the head of the schools for the last fifteen years. He is a man that has always given strict attention to his school duties and has never allowed anything to interfere with his work. He has always kept out of political, social and religious squabbles and has been the true friend of every boy or girl that has ever attended the public schools. His retirement will be regretted by parents and pupils alike.

The South End Farmer's Shipping Association of Steele county has been organized since March and during that time has shipped out \$12,000 worth of produce, including livestock.

Fred Hanson, who has been employed as a farm hand on the Saby farm near Portal was found in the railroad yards in a badly frozen condition. It is believed that he will lose part of one foot.

The Fargo Courier News says that skirts are to be short and full. Now we thought they had been all of that before.

The Nelson livery barn at Dazey was totally destroyed by fire. A quantity of hay and other feed, also several sets of harness and a large amount of clothing were burned.

Charles Preston, a miner in the Nichols mine at Medora was quite badly injured by the explosion of a blast which the man thought had been fired.

The ministers of Fargo are peeved because they failed to be consulted at proper length regarding the Auditorium opening.

THE "PRUDENT MAN" BANKED HIS MONEY WHEN HE WAS YOUNG



It is all right for a man, when he is along in years and can AFFORD it, to spend money for luxuries, but the young man and the middle aged should remember that "Life's December" comes to everyone, and that to be old and POOR is life's greatest tragedy.

To prevent this, begin NOW--put your money in our BANK; let it STAY there and ADD TO IT every time you can.

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