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PEACE SHIP SAILS FOR EUROPE

Steamer Oscar II Leaves the Dock at New York With Henry Ford and His Party Aboard Bound for War Zone

New York, Dec. 4.—With bands playing and hundreds crowded on the docks cheering, the Ford peace ship, bent on establishing peace in Europe, departed at 3:15 this afternoon.

Henry Ford, promoter of the peace ship and peace congress plan, intends to visit belligerent countries.

Before sailing this afternoon with his cohorts aboard the Oscar II, he announced that while his passport is good only to take him to neutral countries:

"I will assert my rights as an American and will visit belligerent countries. My last word to America is, 'Every one try for peace; down with preparedness.'"

While he said he would tour all the warring countries, he specifically mentioned England and France, and told of his intention of opening a new Ford factory at Southampton, England. No other member of his party, however, is scheduled to follow Ford's lead into the warring countries. One hundred and fifty-two passports had been accounted for when the Oscar II weighed anchor this afternoon, though the Ford reservations called for only 140 persons.

Before going to the dock, Ford issued this statement:

"I am sailing in the firm belief that great good will result from the trip. It can do little harm, and it will keep alive the thought that peace is possible as well as desirable.

"There is a certain gang of death peddlers who would like to see this thing go to smash, but I believe they will be disappointed."

There was confusion on the docks as the peace ship passengers arrived. Their baggage was dumped on the docks, piling them high, and there was no one to look after these belongings.

Bryan boarded the Oscar half an hour before the ship sailed and was warmly greeted by the crowds at the pier and on the boat. He shook hands with the delegates, but returned to the pier before the vessel put out to sea at 3:15 p. m.

During the excitement at the dock some one shouted, "Gott strafe (God punish) them all."

Ford announced that the king of Norway had cabled his best wishes for the expedition and extended to the party a hearty welcome of his country.

Before the vessel put out notable members of the party were called to the rail and introduced amid wild cheers from the docks.

With the bands blaring forth a variety of music for their "wedding march," including "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "America," and the crowds joining in song, Berton Braley, poet, and Miss Marian Ruben-camp were married aboard ship by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones.

Bryan and Ford were the witnesses and they extended their blessing to the couple.

Some wag put a squirrel aboard the ship, and it was immediately adopted as the ship mascot, though the party discarded a sign around its neck reading, "Feed it nuts."

Aboard the ship were 73 peace delegates, including 21 representatives of American colleges. In addition there were 54 newspaper men, 50 stenographers and secretaries, and three movie operators.

LONDON THROWS A BOUQUET AND BRICKBAT

London, Dec. 4.—Commenting on America's request for withdrawal of German At-taches von Papen and Boy-Ed, the London Globe said today: "It is refreshing to find the American government acting with vigor and independence. Notes, followed by more notes, then followed by nothing, had gravely lowered America's dignity in the eyes of friendly nations and of Americans themselves. It was time that Washington did something more than display an admirable literary style."

SERBIANS TAKE REFUGE UPON THE SOIL OF GREECE

Athens, Dec. 4.—Part of the Serbs under command of General Vassich have fled Monastir and taken refuge in Greece.

Semi-official advices today declare they will not be disarmed or interned, as it had been expected the Greek government would do. They will be allowed to move eastward through Greece, it is said, to rejoin the allies near Guegrevil.

The remainder of the Monastir Serbs are moving westward to make a junction with the Serbs on the Albanian frontier.

With the fall of Monastir the Serbs have relinquished practically all of Serbia—old and new. Both north and south they have eluded the invaders and escaped intact through snow-filled passes to places of safety.

The defense of a small band of picked Serbian comitadjis, famed for their bravery before Monastir, will go down in history alongside of the daring exploit of the Light Brigade. Harassing the enemy day and night, they held off 20 times their own number. In the final battle before Monastir the comitadjis held their ground and were slaughtered almost to a man.

RUSSIANS TAKE GERMAN TRENCHES WEST OF RIGA

Geneva, Dec. 4.—Russian dispatches today reported capture of 12 miles of German trenches, a number of prisoners and much munitions on the road west of Riga.

NO WELCOME IN ENGLAND FOR THE FORD PEACE PLAN

London, Dec. 4.—Henry Ford and his peace ship sail with no note of welcome from the British press.

The newspapers today reaffirmed the British doctrine that there can be no peace except upon the conditions Premier Asquith named in his famous 1914 Guildhall speech—until German militarism is banished forever from the earth.

Some of the papers ridiculed the voyage.

Moreover, there are no signs that either officials, the press or the public are wavering in their determination to fight the war to the end. A few newspapers did occasionally suggest peace, but they are in a minority and without influence on public sentiment.

"We must not only conquer the Germans, but we must conquer them so thoroughly that it will be impossible for them to relight the flames of war in Europe," said the Spectator in an article printed today, and which represented the general trend of opinion. "Peace must be real, not merely a breathing spell in which we would have to prepare for fresh wars."

COUNTY TAX LEVY IS 14 MILLS WILSON-GALT NUPTIALS DEC. 18TH

Court Cuts One Mill From Estimates, Reducing the Tax on Property by That Sum Over Last Year's Levy

The county court has lopped a mill from the proposed levy for the expenses of the coming year, making a total levy for county and state purposes of 14 instead of 15 mills, as had been anticipated. This will make a total levy against property within the city of Grants Pass of 37 1/2 mills. Last year the total levy was 35 1/2 mills. The total levy within the city includes the 16 mills levied by the city council, 14 by the county court, and 7 1/2 by the school district. Upon property outside the city the levy will be the 14 mills of the county and state levy, a road tax of five mills, and whatever levy is made in the school district in which the property is located.

Included in the 14 mill levy made by the county court is that of one and 7-10 mills for the creation of a sinking fund for building a new court house. This levy, which was instituted last year, raises between \$17,000 and \$18,000 per year. A 2 and 4-5 mill levy for state purposes included will raise \$29,138.25.

GERMAN FIELD MARSHAL WOUNDED BY SERB BULLET

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 4.—A Serbian bullet slightly wounded Field Marshal von Mackensen recently, according to Petrograd dispatches today, quoting a Copenhagen message to the Novoe Vremya.

MAKE PRISONER OF GERMAN COMMANDER

Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 4.—The war office admitted today that the Russians captured the German commander of a division southwest of Pinsk.

BARON VON BRINCKEN LATEST VICTIM OF THE FEDERAL BOMB PLOT PROBE

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—After reading in the afternoon papers that a warrant was out for his arrest on a charge of bomb conspiracy, Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, former German army man, notified the United States district attorney's office this afternoon that he would surrender himself at five o'clock and bring with him bondsmen to furnish required bail.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Arrest of Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, nominal or actual attache of the German consulate here, was imminent today, according to reliable information in federal circles. A warrant charging him with being a conspirator with C. C. Crowley, already under arrest, is known to exist.

Only orders from Washington, it is understood, are awaited before serving this warrant. Federal officials kept the wires hot this forenoon to get permission for service, knowing that the story was to be generally known soon.

Other developments in the case today were:

Knowledge that Robert Capelle, wanted as a witness in connection with German activities, is aboard the interned German bark Ottawa off

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will wed December 18.

Announcement of the date was made this forenoon by the White House.

The White House statement said: "It was announced by the White House today that the marriage of Mrs. Norman Galt and the president will be on Saturday, December 18. As previously stated, the wedding will be at the Galt home, 1308 Twentieth street, Northwest.

The only guests will be Mrs. Galt's mother, her brothers and sisters, the president's brother and sister, his daughters and members of his immediate household. No invitations will be issued."

The hour of the wedding and the name of the officiating clergyman were not announced. The president, however, made it known that no wedding gifts are desired. Despite this, however, diplomats, royalty and high officials are likely to make splendid presents.

What the plans for the presidential honeymoon are is still a secret. It is believed, however, that the couple will take a trip either to the south or to New Jersey. This must necessarily be short, for congress convenes after the holiday recess early in January.

Moreover, the president and his bride will formally open the social season January 7 with a reception for delegates and wives attending the Pan-American congress.

The brilliant New Year's reception which has marked other administrations will be missing because of the fact that all diplomats are supposed to attend this, and under war conditions their meeting together would be embarrassing.

Sausalito: confirmation of reports that German Consul Bopp has been subpoenaed as a witness before the grand jury Monday; intimation that von Brincken was not actually an attache of the consulate here, but instead a direct agent of the German embassy in Washington, acting as disbursing agent on anti-ally activities.

The warrant against von Brincken is the same as that against C. C. Crowley, admitted employe of the German consulate—conspiracy in connection with anti-ally activities.

The federal contention in the von Brincken case is that he and Crowley acted directly together in a bomb conspiracy and that Brincken did disburse funds as intimated.

He came here three months after the war started, and passed as a consulate attache.

Information in the authorities' hands indicates, too, that Brincken was associated with Robert Capelle, San Francisco agent for the North German-Lloyd, in the matter of disbursing funds for pro-German activities.

Capelle is known to have left his home in Mill Valley two weeks ago, afterwards boarding the yacht Cy-

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GREECE AGREES TO GIVE ALLIES WAR BASE

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—Greece has agreed to give the allies free use of all Macedonian and Aegean harbors, including Kavall, according to the Berlin Tageblatt today.

"This means that practically the whole of Grecian Macedonia has been delivered to the allies as a war base," the paper said. "Greece, however, has refused to disarm the central allies if they drive the entente allies into Greece."

CHAIRMANSHIPS ARE HANDED OUT TO THE FAITHFUL

Washington, Dec. 4.—Chairmanships of important committees charged with framing and guiding the affairs of the house this coming session were presented to the denocratic caucus and unanimously adopted today.

The chiefs of these are: Adamson of Georgia, interstate and foreign commerce; Alexander of Missouri, merchant marine and fisheries; Burnett of Alabama, immigration; Ferris of Oklahoma, public lands; Fitzgerald of New York, appropriations; Flood of Virginia, foreign affairs; Henry of Texas, rules; Lewis of Maryland, labor; Smith of Texas, irrigation; Webb of North Carolina, judiciary; Leever of South Carolina, agriculture; Hay of Virginia, military affairs; Glass of Virginia, banking and currency; Hardy of Texas, navy expenditures.

The administration's friends are in the majority on the naval and military committees, thus placing the administration firmly in control of the preparedness program. Congressman London, socialist member, was assigned to the labor committee.

TIMBER MAGNATES WIN IN CIRCUIT COURT

Portland, Dec. 4.—Judge Kavanaugh, in circuit court here today held in favor of the defendants, Frederick A. Kribs and W. N. Jones, timber magnates, in the \$640,000 suit brought by Parker Stennick, trustee of the bankrupt estate of E. J. Dodge. Stennick alleged that Kribs and Jones had defrauded Dodge in some timber land transactions in Washington. Judge Kavanaugh's decision was dismissal of the case without prejudice, holding, however, that fraud had not been proved.

J. J. Hibbard, of Prince George, B. C., is in the city on business for a few days.

VILLA'S SCATTERED SOLDIERS CARRY ON BOLD BANDITRY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 4.—"If Americans call us bandits, we will be bandits."

This, according to American refugees arriving here today, is the slogan adopted by portions of General Villa's scattered armies. Following out this policy, the Mexicans have within the past few days robbed McEnnis Ring, James Easton, Gabriel Friend, John W. Cunningham, G. Hendrickson, R. G. Southerd, R. F. Wigle and Tom Lester, Americans.

Wire communication between Agua Prieta and El Tigre, the American mining settlement, is cut, and the fate of the Americans remaining there is unknown. About 25 refugees from El Tigre have arrived here safely. They declare they were not molested on the journey.

CONSPIRACY SENDS FOUR TO PRISON

Convicted Officials of Hamburg-American Must Serve 18 Months Unless Successful If New Trial Is Granted

New York, Dec. 4.—Dr. Karl Bueenz, head of the Hamburg-American line, was sentenced today to 18 months in the Atlanta federal prison, following his conviction on charges of customs violations in supplying German commerce raiders at sea.

Similar sentences were imposed on his fellow conspirators, George Koetter and Adolph Hochmeister, while Joseph Poppinghause was sentenced to a year and a day in Atlanta.

The Hamburg-American line was fined the nominal sum of \$1.

Defense Attorney Rand immediately made application for a writ of error, on which the case will go on appeal to the court of appeals. This acted automatically to stay execution of sentence.

The defendants were released on \$10,000 bail each, double the bail required while they were on trial.

Judge Howe previously overruled motions to set aside the verdict and to arrest judgment. Then District Attorney Marshall moved sentence.

"It is desirable," he said, "that punishment shall be substantial, not so much for its effect on these defendants, but as a warning to others."

Attorney Rand interposed that the defendants had been actuated by no wrongful purpose and that they regretted if they had done any wrong. Moreover, he asserted, others had executed the orders of Bueenz.

Although convicted on two counts, sentences were imposed on only one. In the Bueenz case, Judge Howe said he would recommend that the warden accord the prisoner leniency on account of the fact that he is 73 years old.

COMMANDEER ALL FOREIGN SHIPS IN ROUMANIAN PORTS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

London, Dec. 4.—Military authorities will commandeer all foreign shipping in Roumanian ports Monday, official Bucharest notice said today.

The chief significance of this order may be that Roumania intends to seize vessels on the Danube rather than in the Black sea ports. If she does take such a step, Bulgarian and Austrian steamboats and barges carrying munitions to Bulgaria and food to Hungary would be seized. It is also conceivable that Roumania desires to use these vessels to transport Russians up the Danube to Bulgaria.

TEUTON OCCUPATION OF MONASTIR CONFIRMED

Paris, Dec. 4.—Official confirmation of the reported Austro-German occupation of Monastir in southern Serbia was given here today.

The Serbs evacuated the city at 7 o'clock Thursday morning and the Austro-Germans entered at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Bulgarians occupy Kanall, near the Greece border, and will enter Monastir tomorrow.

F. S. Bramwell, of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, has returned from a business trip to Portland,