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AMERICA MAY MOVE FOR PEACE IN EARLY WINTER

Ambassador Von Bernstorff Comes To Capital Next Monday

HE MAY DISCUSS PEACE OR BRING ARABIC NOTE

American Officials Believe General Peace Discussion Started

MAY DISCUSS PEACE

Washington, Sept. 4.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff is expected in Washington Monday, it was stated at the German embassy today.

It is believed the ambassador is possibly coming here to present Germany's note regarding the Arabic or to discuss the peace rumors now prevalent. No explanation of his visit was made at the embassy.

By C. P. Stewart.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Late fall or early winter may see an American move toward peace. This intimation came from a high official today.

The peace appeal of Pope Benedict to President Wilson is not expected to bear fruit immediately, but with the fall in fighting which is anticipated with the approach of winter, it is understood the president thinks the time may then be ripe for definite action.

President Wilson will make no reply to the pope's peace note presented by Cardinal Gibbons, it was authoritatively stated today. No answer is required.

Acknowledgment of the pope's message will be delivered to the cardinal and unless the vatican or his eminence make the papal communication public, it will not be published here.

Despite the pessimistic reports from London based on the statement of a high official to the United Press, officials here believe that a general peace discussion has been started. The further beliefs of the agitation will continue until tangible is developed upon which President Wilson can make new overtures to the belligerent powers.

Some believe there is a chance that the negotiations with Great Britain as to interference with American commerce may lead to a new offer of mediation by the United States.

ENGLAND'S REPLY IS NOT REJECTION

What British Officials Really Want Is More Details of Terms

(By J. W. T. Mason.)

(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Sept. 4.—England's reply to Germany's tentative peace suggestion is in effect a request for more details. It is in no sense a refusal to hear the German proposals.

The British point out that the demand for freedom of the seas is vague and that nothing is said regarding France and Belgium.

When Germany is willing to make a definite statement regarding the disposition of this territory now in her hands, then it is possible Great Britain will speak more effectively.

The overthrow of militarism is attainable, indirectly. It is probable England would consider militarism defeated if France and Belgium were evacuated without Germany demanding indemnities, particularly if Germany would give Belgium money for reconstruction. England's effort to put negotiations on a detailed basis is a step in the right direction.

At present public opinion is the dominant influence and publicity is necessary to the fundamental details.

All bargaining will proceed cautiously because the negotiators are reluctant to reveal the concessions they are prepared to make. But the war's cost of \$500,000,000 weekly is a vast factor toward urging the elimination of slow diplomacy.

MARTIAL LAW ORDERED.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Admiral Caperton has placed Port Au Prince under martial law because of continued sporadic outbreaks against the American naval patrol. The admiral made this report to the navy department today.

SCHOONER LOUISE SAFE.

Hogansia, Wash., Sept. 4.—With the three-masted schooner Louise, Captain Olson, being towed here today all fears that yesterday's report that she was breaking up on the rocks off the north jetty to Grays Harbor were dispelled. The Louise was at no time in danger.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT OPPOSED TO PEACE AT PRESENT TIME

London, Sept. 4.—Strong indorsement of the government's attitude that England will not make peace until the menace of "Prussian militarism" is removed, was given by the British press today while the terms under which Germany made known the kaiser would enter a peace agreement were roundly ridiculed.

London papers commented at length on the exclusive statement to the United Press from the German embassy in Washington Thursday. The Express said:

"This statement from the embassy is comic in its disingenuous fertility. Before the war the seas were free, and this new German demand merely means of a predominant navy and rob itself of the principal weapon of offense and defense."

"The impudent claim that Germany

is fighting for freedom of the Jews is evidently intended to please American Jewish financiers. It is more ridiculous when it is remembered that until the war there was not a Jewish officer in the German army."

The Chronicle said:

"Bernstorff's statement is a clumsy attempt to exhibit Germany in the light of a universal emancipator. Nothing is said, of course, of emancipating Europe from the menace of Germany's own blood-thirsty aggression or the evacuation of Belgium."

"Evidently the object is to provide a text for the pro-Germans to represent the allies as wicked warmongers who are wantonly prolonging a conflict which pacific Germany is magnanimously willing to end. The world is not unaware of Germany's interest in peace which victories are fresh and before the allies' superior endurance has worn her down."

MRS. MOHR BADLY TREATED SO HER FRIENDS DECLARE

Do Not Think Her Guilty of Husband's Murder Although Provocation Great

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4.—Friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr, charged with having incited the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, and wounding of Miss Emily Burger, his office assistant, came to her aid today.

Although three negroes charge Mrs. Mohr agreed to pay them \$5000 to shoot Dr. Mohr and his companion, friends of the accused woman today stoutly asserted her innocence. They declared she had been treated frightfully by Dr. Mohr. Those who discussed the case said they had repeatedly heard of alleged relations between the physician and some of his wealthy women patients. For the sake of her two children, and to avoid disgrace, however, Mrs. Mohr took no steps toward obtaining a divorce until recently, when a suit for separation was filed.

Inspired by jealousy and anger and believing that Miss Burger had completely won the affections of her husband, Mrs. Mohr took the young woman's brother-in-law the letter which the police have made public and to which so much importance is attached. This was only a veiled threat, which Mrs. Mohr hoped would result in frightening Miss Burger into giving up her husband, her friends declare. The police, however, regard this letter as one of the most important pieces of circumstantial evidence supporting the story told by the negroes now charged with murder.

Miss Burger denied at the hospital where she is being cared for today that she was responsible for the estrangement of Dr. Mohr and his wife. The young woman said she tried to bring about a reconciliation. In a statement to Constable James Wallace, Mrs. Mohr bitterly denounced the dead physician.

"I know nothing of Dr. Mohr's murder," the accused widow declared, "but what I suffered at his hands would have caused some women to kill him long ago."

"The doctor became wealthy by performing criminal operations. His income was \$50,000 a year. There were wealthy women among his patients. For years I was torn between the fear that he was conducting himself improperly with them and the fear that he would be imprisoned. I shuddered to see the door of his private office close upon an attractive woman."

Mrs. Mohr said she sent her daughter to see the physician following their separation. The child entered while Dr. Mohr was entertaining a woman. Believing she was spying on him, Mrs. Mohr said the physician struck the child down.

Confession Is Repudiated.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 4.—After having been imprisoned for three days on a murder charge, the three negroes who accused Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr of having agreed to pay them \$5000 to slay her husband, today repudiated their alleged confessions.

The police declare the negroes' written statements asserting that they killed Dr. C. K. Franklin Mohr and wounded his companion, Miss Emily Burger, under orders from the wealthy physician's wife, George Healis, the physician's chauffeur, said he stalled the automobile at an appointed spot while Henry Spellman and Victor Brown crept up behind on motorcycles.

With the repudiation of this alleged confession, the police are making strenuous efforts to corroborate the first story told by the negroes.

Gardner Is Champion In National Golf Tourney

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 4.—Robert A. Gardner of the Hinsdale Golf Club, Chicago, this afternoon won the amateur golf championship, for the second time in his career, by defeating John G. Anderson of Mount Vernon, N. Y., 5 up and four to play.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday; northwest winds.

OLCOTT SAYS ONLY POLITICS CAUSE OF ELDER'S REMOVAL

Petition of Business Men of Roseburg Favoring Elder Is Ignored

"Politics, purely politics," said Secretary of State Olcott today relative to the removal of W. W. Elder as commandant of the Oregon Soldiers' Home at Roseburg by the board of control yesterday. Mr. Olcott went on to say that he had never heard a complaint about the management of the Soldiers' Home since he had been on the board of control for the last five years and that complaints were frequent before Mr. Elder took charge twelve years ago.

Mr. Olcott charges the removal of the commandant to the work of disgruntled politicians in Douglas county who were after Mr. Elder's successor, Governor Withycombe who made the motion for the removal of Mr. Elder yesterday at the board meeting stated that the affidavits charging irregularities in the employment of Miss Grace Elder about the Home had nothing to do with the removal of Mr. Elder. There was also on file an affidavit from Minnie Bell, the milliner who employed Miss Elder to the effect that there could be no duplication in time except possibly 90 days in 1912 which was not accounted for but it was not charged that this time was double time.

There is also a petition on file which was circulated voluntarily by the business men of Roseburg and signed by practically every one of them, it is said, asking that Mr. Elder be retained in his present position. This petition was filed with the governor some time ago when Orr Porter first came to Salem to look up a few facts as shown by the records of the secretary of state.

Spirit of Napoleon and Bismarck Guide

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—The spirit of Napoleon is guiding the hand of Joffre in this war. That of Bismarck is aiding Von Hindenburg and the kaiser. Washington, Franklin and Lincoln on the other hand, are hovering over President Wilson and the White House, keeping the United States out of the conflict.

This is what John W. Ring, of San Diego, told delegates to the convention of the California States Spiritualists' association here.

"The spirits of these great men of the past are taking an active part in shaping events of the future," he said.

Fighting for Plateau.

Paris, Sept. 4.—Desperate fighting for possession of the Vosges plateau in the Argonne has been resumed, with the French taking the offensive, the official communique this afternoon announced. French sappers succeeded in exploding mines under the German positions, forcing the enemy to retire to the ruins of Yauquois, but German rifle fire across the plateau prevented the French from following up their advantage.

The communique drew attention to the fact that terrific artillery fighting has continued for 11 days without cessation in northern France. Some interpret this as meaning the allies are about to strike a hard blow in the west while the bulk of the kaiser's forces are engaged in the east.

SAM ROBERTSON MUST HANG.

Colusa, Cal., Sept. 4.—Sam Robertson, negro, who killed Richard Lindsey previously, making an attack on Mrs. Michael Blevis, on the Blevis ranch, August 1, was today sentenced to be hanged. Robertson pleaded guilty a few days ago. Today the court heard the testimony of Mrs. Blevis and passed the death sentence.

New York, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Jeanette Schwartz, age 106, the smallest woman in Brooklyn Hebrew home, is dead.

FATE OF RIGA HANGS ON BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS

Germans Attempting To Force Crossing of Dvina River

BOTH ARMIES HAVE BEEN HEAVILY REINFORCED

Russians Driven From Bedge- head After Ten Days' Struggle

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The fate of Riga now hangs in the balance. A decisive battle which will decide the outcome of the German drive against the important Baltic port is in progress.

An official statement from the war office today admitted that the Russians have been driven across the Dvina river, 30 miles southeast of Riga. The Germans are now endeavoring to force a crossing of the river in pursuit of the Slavs. The Teutonic operations are being covered by a heavy artillery attack.

Both the Slavs and the Germans engaged in the big battle are being heavily reinforced. The retirement of the Russians across the Dvina followed the capture of the bridgehead at Lennawada by the Germans, but with the new men and guns which are being brought up, it is hoped a stand can be made.

Should the Germans succeed in crossing the Dvina, it is admitted the evacuation of Riga and a retreat of the Russians upon Petrograd would be necessary.

Bombardment of the fortified bridgehead at Friederichstadt under the direction of General von Beseler, has been in constant progress for three days. The Russian artillery has replied effectively. There are evidences that, having been checked about Friederichstadt, the Germans are preparing to hurl enormous forces against the Slav line 12 miles to the northwest where the Russians retired yesterday.

The war office today admitted the capture of the city of Grodno by the Germans, following the evacuation of the fortress of that name on the opposite bank of the Niemen river. It was also stated that the Teutonic forces had reached the Vilna railway, but it was added that they have not been able to make any important progress toward Vilna.

On the front between Grodno and north of Brest-Litovsk retirement of the Russians is still in progress. The retreat continues, however, without the loss of guns or men.

Take Position By Storm.

Berlin, via wireless to London, Sept. 4.—General Von Beseler's forces stormed the fortified Russian bridgehead at Friederichstadt after a 10 days' battle, it was announced today.

The German forces took 3362 prisoners in the Friederichstadt engagement, the official statement said.

West of Vilna, the Russians made several vain attacks during the last 24 hours. Fighting continues around Grodno, but the Russians are in retreat toward the east with the Germans in hot pursuit.

All of the Grodno forts are now held by the Germans, it was stated, while 2700 Russians were captured when the fortifications were occupied. The enemy has also evacuated all positions south of Grodno.

On the southeastern front Field Marshal von Mackensen was declared to be continuing his advance. Moving eastward from Brest-Litovsk, the Austro-German forces in this region toward Pinsk are approaching the Drogitschin forest, west of the latter point.

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BASEBALL TODAY

National League.			
	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	6	1
New York	2	7	1
Denmore and Killifer; Schauer and Doon.			
Meyers replaced Schauer.			
B. H. E.			
Brooklyn	0	1	0
Boston	6	10	0
Coombs and Miller; Neil, Dell and Whaling.			
R. H. E.			
First game—			
Chicago	5	10	1
Pittsburg	2	7	2
Yaugan and Brennan; Kautleher, Hill, Kelly and Gibson.			
R. H. E.			
Chicago	1	6	1
Pittsburg	2	9	2
Lavender and Hargrave; Adams and Murphy.			
Gibson replaced Murphy.			
R. H. E.			
St. Louis	3	12	3
Cincinnati	4	9	4
Ames and Snyder; Dale and Wingo.			
American League.			
R. H. E.			
New York	3	11	3
Washington	4	8	2
Brown and Nunamaker; Boehling and Henry.			
Gallia replaced Boehling.			
Morrigrige replaced Brown.			
R. H. E.			
Boston	2	6	3
Philadelphia	2	6	1
Leonard and Carrigan; Bush and Lapp.			
R. H. E.			
Cleveland	5	7	0
Chicago	0	5	2
Colomore and O'Neill; Faber and Schalk.			
Russel replaced Faber.			
R. H. E.			
Detroit	2	5	3
St. Louis	7	14	0
Dubue, Boehler and Baker, McKee; Weisman and Agnew.			
Federal League.			
R. H. E.			
Newark	5	12	0

WANT UNITED STATES TO DEMAND WARNING OF FREIGHTERS ALSO

Washington, Sept. 4.—Great Britain's contention that the United States should insist that merchantmen as well as passenger-carrying liners be warned before being torpedoed by submarines will be rejected by this government. It seemed likely today that America will accept the concessions made in the memorandum submitted by Ambassador Von Bernstorff as fully satisfying demands for modification of the submarine warfare.

This was stated authoritatively as the administration's latest tentative decision as to its future position regarding submarine attacks. It involved a sudden change of opinion, as the supposition was the United States would insist that the same treatment be accorded liners and freighters.

The administration's reconsideration is understood to have been based, however, on representations from experts that submarine commanders have difficulty in identifying merchantmen as

compared with liners and that insistence on putting them in the same class would probably cause future disputes between Germany and this country.

Officials heard today that Germany will dispatch a note on the Arabic to Washington early next week. Ambassador Gerard cabled the state department that so far as he is aware, no report has been received from the commander of the submarine which is supposed to have sunk the liner. Foreign Minister Von Jagow takes the position, however, that no report is necessary. If the Arabic was torpedoed without warning, the submarine commander probably disobeyed orders and Germany's responsibility is automatic, according to his view.

Advices from Berlin declare Ambassador Von Bernstorff is clothed with wide discretion to settle the submarine discussion, but the impression in official circles here is that several notes will be exchanged before the final adjustment is reached.

THRILLING STORY OF ZEPPELIN TERROR

Heavy Toll In Life and Property From German Air- ship Raids

New York, Sept. 4.—A thrilling story of the Zeppelin terror in England and the heavy toll resulting from the raids of the German airships was told here today by Joe McDermott, a former Minneapolis newspaper man. McDermott arrived in New York on the liner Saxonia last night. He said the British east coast had been terror stricken by the Zeppelin raids, and that reports which had reached him indicated the full casualties resulting from the attacks had not been announced by the admiralty.

"On the last raid on August 17," said McDermott, "Zeppelins hovered over the Liverpool street railway station in London, the greatest station in England, and showered down bombs."

"The admiralty statement said east counties were raided and that ten lives were lost. A steamship official living in the raided district told me he saw thirty victims in one morgue."

"The Zeppelins followed a train arriving at Liverpool street at 9:30. All lights on the train were extinguished in the hope that the dirigibles would lose their way, but when it rushed in the station in complete darkness and the passengers were discharged, they saw two Zeppelins overhead."

"The bombs came crashing down. Antiaircraft guns and aeroplanes attacked the Zeppelins and they dropped bombs as they went. All streets in the district were deserted."

McDermott said an American aviator in France told him 250 persons were killed by one Zeppelin raid upon Hull.

"The English invite raids," said McDermott, "by sweeping the skies with searchlights. Paris is in utter darkness every night."

FIVE CHILDREN LOST THEIR LIVES IN FIRE TODAY

St. Francis Directory In San Francisco Is Completely Destroyed

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—The bodies of five children, four burned beyond recognition, were recovered early today from the ruins of the St. Francis girls' directory, which was destroyed by fire a few hours earlier.

When the fire was brought under control at 3 a. m., after having burned an hour, it was announced that only one child, Katie O'Brien, aged 5, had perished. Daylight, however, revealed the full extent of the tragedy, and Fire Chief Murphy then announced that four more corpses had been recovered. One of these is believed to be that of Elizabeth O'Brien, aged 14, sister of Katie.

There is a possibility, said the fire chief, that more children may be missing. The work of accounting for all the little ones who were in the directory when it caught fire is progressing very slowly, because of the fact that persons in automobiles, attracted to the scene by the glare of the flames, took many of the children away when they were marched to safety by the sisters in charge.

Sparks from the chimney or a short circuit in the electric wiring caused the fire, Rev. Mother Margaret, the mother superior, believes.

"The fire was undoubtedly burning an hour before we discovered it," she said. "It started in the roof and burned down through the building. Trouble with water pressure when the fire department arrived delayed the firemen. Had we discovered the fire a little sooner we could have saved all the children."

Ten children are missing, she said. The five bodies would account for half of these. Rev. Mother Margaret believes the other five are in the hands of neighbors and that the bodies of all the dead have been recovered.

Seventeen of the rescued children, unharmed, are at St. Joseph's hospital. The rest are being cared for in private homes and at other institutions.

Stableman David McCarty owes his life to Sister Mary Agnes. McCarty was asleep when the fire was at its height. The sister fought her way through the smoke to arouse him.

Man Defending Woman Was Killed By Husband

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 4.—Morris Cole, aged 29, is dead, and James Crocker, his slayer, is a suicide today, following a double tragedy at the latter's home, at Newport, across Lake Washington from Seattle.

Crocker returned home late last night in a state of intoxication, it is said, and began abusing his wife, Mrs. Crocker rushed from the house calling for help.

Cole, who was passing, went to her aid and was shot down by Crocker, who had armed himself with a shotgun. Mrs. Crocker fled toward the village, hearing, as she ran, the shot which ended her husband's life.

Deputy sheriffs later found Crocker's body, the head almost blown off, the hands still clutching the gun.

Interscholastic Champion of National Tennis Courts

Forrest Hills, L. I., Sept. 4.—H. A. Throckmorton, of Princeton, today won the interscholastic national tennis championship here, defeating C. S. Garland of Yale, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

T. R. Pell eliminated N. C. Wright, winning his match in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

R. Norris Williams was again returned victorious, but was driven to two dence sets by William Rand III. Williams won 8-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Maurice McLoughlin, of California, won his match in fifth round of the national tennis championship here today, defeating F. T. Hunter, 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.

R. Norris Williams, the national champion and E. R. Pell, also qualified for the semi-finals by defeating William Rand III and N. C. Wright.

R. H. E.			
Baltimore	1	10	5
Brooklyn	5	11	0
Quinn and Owens; F. Smith and Land.			
R. H. E.			
St. Louis	2	9	0
Pittsburg	6	13	0
Plank and Chapman; Rogge and Barger replaced Rogge.			

"DEAD OR ALIVE" ORDER HANGING OVER MEXICANS

Bandits Surrounded In Brush Were Entire Band of Raiders

CITIZENS PREPARED FOR ALL FURTHER TROUBLE

Four Mexicans Reported Killed In Past Twenty- Four Hours

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 4.—Orders that they be taken "dead or alive" hang over the Mexican bandits who kidnaped and murdered two Americans near here Wednesday. The Mexicans surrounded in the brush near Fresno yesterday, and thought to be the entire band of murderers, proved to be only a small detachment. Search for the main body was resumed today by civilians and United States troops.

The first excitement caused by the murder of the Americans, Donaldson and Smith, has died out, but citizens along the border are systematically preparing to resist further invasion of American territory. Guards are on duty about towns, and ranches have been prepared to resist a siege, if necessary.

Four Mexicans are reported to have been killed within the last 24 hours in skirmishes with deputies and troops. No casualties resulted yesterday from an attack on an American aeroplane by bandits on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, but there was a sharp exchange of shots when soldiers returned the fire directed against the Americans. More than 100 shots were fired at Lieutenant Morrow and Jones, who were in the aeroplane, but they landed safely on American soil, uninjured.

Soldiers May Clash.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 4.—Fighting along the Mexican border is rapidly changing from the hunting of unorganized bandits to an armed clash between uniformed soldiers of the United States and Mexico.

Twelve Mexicans, all wearing the uniforms of General Venustiano Carranza's army, crossed the international line at daylight today and encountered a detachment of American troops near Azusa. A short battle followed in which seven of the invaders were killed before the surviving five fled.

Almost at the same hour Mexican soldiers fired across the border at a company of Texas rangers near Cavazos. The rangers fired back, and it is believed some of the Mexicans were hit.

Captain McCoy hurried from Mission with reinforcements of United States cavalry, fearing Mexican soldiers, in superior numbers, would attempt to invade again.

There have been no American casualties thus far. The Rio Grande is low, making it easier to ford it, and this has served to increase the number of clashes.

There seems little doubt that at least some of the Mexican bands are from the Carranzista garrison at Matamoros. United States troops have found dynamite bombs of a military pattern in a wagon stolen from an American ranch near here and later recovered.

Exposition Mortgages Were Burned By Taft

San Francisco, Sept. 4.—Following the burning by former President Taft last night of the cancelled mortgage of \$110,150.02, clearing up an indebtedness of \$1,200,000 of the Panama-Pacific exposition, officials of the exposition today predicted that between now and the closing date, December 4, the fair would net a profit of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The exposition has yet three months to run, and with the average weekly attendance running close to the half-million mark, today's predictions seem certain of fulfillment. The twelve million attendance mark will be passed today.