

ALLIES' ANSWER TO GERMAN NOTE NOW READY

Peace Terms the Allies Want

London Spectator Predicts What Entente Powers Will Demand of Germany in Proposed Conference.

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Spectator devoted the greater part of tomorrow's issue to answering President Wilson's question as to which are the peace terms of the allies. Briefly summarized the demand as outlined by the paper follows: "The peace terms are to start from the status quo before the war not including the evacuation of the whole of Northern France, Belgium and Luxembourg and of all that taken from Serbia, Rumania, Russia and Montenegro. Alsace Lorraine is to be restored to France. The Danish portion of Schleswig-Holstein is to go to Denmark. Polish pressure on Austrian Poland are to be added to a new subkingdom of Poland which the Czar has pledged to create. "The Slavs of Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia and so forth are to be created into a new kingdom. "Bohemia is to be an independent state. "The Rumanian section of Transylvania to be added to Rumania. "The whole Austrian Tyrol plus Trieste, Istria and the other portions of Austria which are Italian in blood or feeling to be added to Italy. "Turkey to yield Constantinople and the straits to Russia. "The Armenians to be put under Russian tutelage. "The Arabs to be free while Syria, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia are to be under external protection guaranteeing tranquility. "A German colony to remain in the hands of the Hapaburgs. Moreover a money indemnity for the ruin Germany has done to Belgium, France and so forth. "As regarding shipping Germany to make reparation in making reparation for paying for all shipping destroyed. "Neutrals to be satisfied after reparation has been made to allied nations. "The German navy to be handed over and to be distributed to Allied nations. "As a guarantee against future war the Allies are to insist upon the demoralization of the German government. "A Kiel canal to be neutralized under an international non-German commission including the U. S. and other neutrals.

Brief Telegrams

LONDON.—The British steamship Copeswood, 509 tons gross, has been sunk. The Norwegian steamship Ida, 1300 tons is reported to have been sunk. SHERMAN, Texas.—Five robbers blew open the safe of Hagerman State bank at Hagerman early today and escaped in a automobile with \$5000.

GERMANS ATTACK ON FRONT NEAR DEAD MANS HILL

Berlin, Dec. 29.—German troops last night delivered an attack in strong force on a three kilometer front between Hill 201 and Dead Man's Hill, north west of Verdun the War office said today. The French infantry and machine gun fire broke the attack but one of the French trenches south of Dead Man's Hill being penetrated and this only by a few hostile troops. The attack was delivered after long and violent artillery preparation. North of Verdun on right bank of Meuse a strong German reconnaissance was dispersed east of Harstunmont.

J. HERNDON ABBOTT IS BURIED TODAY

Servics From Maple Avenue Residence—Interment in Woodlawn.

This afternoon at the home of Mrs. Columbia Abbott on Maple avenue, funeral services were held over the remains of J. Herndon Abbott whose death occurred on Wednesday. Rev. W. J. Eddy, of the First Baptist church conducted the service and was assisted by Dr. H. G. Stotzer, of the First Presbyterian church. There was a profusion of handsome floral tributes completely surrounding the casket in which the remains rested. There was no music. At the conclusion of the services which were largely attended, the body was conveyed to Woodlawn cemetery where interment was made. The pall bearers were Messrs. Harry B. Clark, William S. Black, Howard Woodward, Edward Slack, Harry F. Smith and John Rock, Jr. A number of relatives from other cities were present at the obsequies.

BOND ISSUE TO MEET DEFICIT

Wilson and Congress Leaders Want Measure to Help Treasury.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has tentatively agreed with administration leaders in Congress on a bond issue to meet part of the treasury deficit which confronts the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, estimated at about \$180,000,000. With Secretary McAdoo the President is working on other plans for raising additional revenue.

PAW PAW DISTRICT TO AGAIN VOTE ON BOND ISSUE FOR ROADS

Petition Asking Special Election to Authorize \$330,000 Will Be Presented to the County Court Tuesday And Will Be Acted Upon at Once.

FEBRUARY 5 PROBABLE DATE OF ELECTION

Improvement Program to be Voted on Will Improve 22 Miles of Road and Differs in Many Particulars From Plan Voted Down Last Spring.

A bond issue of \$330,000, providing for the permanent improvement of 22 miles of road in Paw Paw district, will be voted on by the voters of that district on February 5. A petition asking the county court for permission to hold a special election is in the prosecuting attorney's office and will be presented to the court Tuesday. In the petition, signed by fifty of the district's voters, there are a number of changes from the petition which was granted and voted upon in the district last spring. The former petition called for a bond issue of \$300,000 and the improving of 26 miles of road. The petition to be presented to the county court Tuesday is substantially the same as the first one only that it cuts off four miles of road with a saving of \$30,000. The roads which were left out in the present petition are: One mile on a road above Fairview, one mile on Robinson's run, and two miles on upper Little Paw Paw. These roads are but little traveled and the leaving them out of the improvement program will work little hardship to the road facilities of the district in the event the roads are improved. In the election last spring the majority of the voters voted for the improvements, but the measure failed by 17 votes of having the necessary two-thirds majority. With the minor

WILL CARRY MAIL ON SUBMARINES

High Rates of Postage Recall Days of Forty Niners.

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The merchant submarine Deutschland and her sister ships will carry on future voyages special mail at rates recalling those of the trans-continental post in days of the forty-niners. A special charge of two marks for post card or letter not exceeding twenty grams in weight will be levied in addition to regular international postage. A similar charge will be made for each further twenty grams up to a maximum weight of sixty grams. As letters sent by the ordinary route take many months in transit six months being not unusual it is expected that the submarine post will be in a heavy demand.

BROTHERHOODS TO DECIDE NEXT STEP

Leaders Fear That Litigation Will Delay Special Investigation.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Four hundred thousand railroad employees affiliated with the Trainmen's Brotherhood will decide the next step which will be taken by their committee which has been handling their side of the trouble over the operation of the Adamson law. The Brotherhood leaders after an unannounced conference here this afternoon gave out a statement indicating their fears that the pending litigation together with possible future legal steps on the part of the railroads, would delay the investigation by President Wilson's special committee headed by George Goethals, an indefinite time.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair and colder to-night; Saturday fair. Local Readings. F. P. Hall, Ob. Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 22; Yesterday's weather, cloudy; temperature, maximum 40; minimum, 22; precipitation, .08.

DEATH CAUSE IS DECIDED IN ONE MINUTE

Coroner's Jury Breaks Record in Fred Shaver Shooting Inquiry.

FOUR WITNESSES HEARD

Say Shaver Pretended to Draw Gun Advancing Toward Christner.

It took but one minute for the jury impaneled by County Coroner Frank Lloyd to decide that "We, the jury, find from the evidence that Fred Shaver or came to his death December 11, 1916, from gun shot wounds, the gun in the hands of Hoy Christner." There were but four witnesses before the jury. These were Roy Adlis, Allen Watson, Clyde Satterfield and Lee King. King the man who had the fight with Christner and the underlying cause of the demise of Shaver, was the first man called to the stand. He stated that he saw Christner shoot Shaver and that Shaver had gone toward Christner for the purpose of fighting King's battle. Allen Watson the second witness was rather impartial in his statements and enlightened the jury to the extent that when Shaver approached Christner he did so with a significant movement toward the right hand hip pocket, "as if he was going to draw a gun." "Shaver was walking sideways, his left shoulder forward and when told by Christner to stop he said, 'No, I'll not stop,' and he came forward some more. Then Christner shot him." Watson said that Christner remarked as Shaver approached, "If you come any nearer 'Buckeye' you are a dead man." Shaver replied, "Aw, you won't shoot." The witness added that Christner, however, did shoot and Shaver fell to the ground dead. Watson was standing behind Christner at the time of the shooting. Clyde Satterfield, the next one on the stand, said that he was standing in the Monongahela Valley Traction office the afternoon of December 11, waiting on the 3:22 car to town. While there he says Shaver rushed in and said to a man named Hardman who was behind the counter at the stand in the waiting room, "Lend me a gun, Hoy Christner is after me with a gun, he wants to kill me." Hardman told Shaver he had no gun and never did have to which Shaver, according to Satterfield, replied, "I'm asking you like a man for a gun, give me one." Hardman again insisted that he had no gun whereupon "Shaver went out and I followed him. I saw him go up the steps and I saw Christner standing up there with a gun, a shot gun." He then told how Christner 3 times asked Shaver not to come closer, to "stay there 'Buckeye'" but to which Shaver apparently paid no heed. "When Buckeye got within about 10 feet of him, Christner shot and killed him." "Did you notice whether Shaver after being turned down for a gun by Hardman got a gun from anyone else after he left the station?" asked prosecuting Attorney Walter Hagger. "Buckeye went straight from the store to the top of the steps and out the road where he was killed without meeting or talking to anyone in the meantime," answered Satterfield. Roy Adlis, who was with King when the shooting took place, was the last man called to the stand. He was with Shaver and King when they noticed Christner at the top of the steps. "Shaver told me that King and Hoy had a fight and that Hoy was waiting at the top of the steps for King with a gun." Adlis then told how Shaver, fearless, said, "The hell with his gun," and walked around the station, up the steps and toward Christner at the same time reaching toward his hip pocket as though for a gun. Christner pulling the trigger when Shaver was ten feet away. The jury in the case was composed of Charles Bartholow, G. H. Hess, R. Q. Musgrove, J. S. Price, J. T. Price heard all the evidence and rendered the above verdict.

JURY RENDERS JONES VERDICT

Says Mine rescue Chief Died From Suffocation in No. 7.

A coroner's jury composed of Ernest Sherwood, F. E. Bartholow, T. L. Bartholow, W. E. Arnett, William Michael and W. D. Straight, heard evidence of a few witnesses in the investigation into the death of L. M. Jones, chief of the mine rescue car of the department of mines, employed by the United States government, this morning and rendered the following verdict: "We, the jury, find from the evidence that the said L. M. Jones, came to his death on the twentieth of October, 1916, from effects of suffocation while entering Jambon mine No. 7 while in the employ of the United States government." Evidence was brought out that Jones when found showed all the marks of one having perished from the effects of breathing violently of poisonous gases. This was told by Dr. A. W. Smith, who rendered all possible assistance when Jones was first noticed in trouble in the mine. The doctor was in the mine with Jones. Other witnesses stated that it was likely that Jones came to his death through an effort he made to get more oxygen when he ventured into the denser workings. When picked up and brought to the surface he still had 20 minutes of oxygen in his tank according to the gauge. In getting more oxygen he probably turned on his tank in full, thus blowing his mouthpiece off and before he could again get his apparatus placed had inhaled too much of the gas. According to the testimony, the terrific pressure from one of these tanks is capable of disarranging the mouthpiece. He was first noticed in trouble when he was taken in paroxysms of coughing, quite likely, say the witnesses, due to the gases.

Two Ships Strike Mines in Atlantic

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The British tan steamer Paul Paix, which left New York November 25, for Palau, struck a mine off English coast and was towed into Swansea December 24 according to report received today at the State department from Vice Consul Velyerton at Swansea. The report also said the French schooner St. Louis, had struck a mine on December 26 and sunk with loss of three men.

City Hall Notes

A problem has been placed before the city council members which may lead to the passing of an ordinance regarding taxis in the city. So many complaints have come to them that taxi drivers do not do that which they contract to do that the commissioners are seriously considering a law forcing taxi drivers to take out a special license and pay extra for that license. Men have called taxis and were told that there would be cars brought to them, but the cars did not show up thereby causing several to miss trains and to lose money. The public has asked that these taxi drivers be handled as common carriers and liable for not fulfilling their contracts with their customers.

Villa Occupies Coahuila Capital

(By Associated Press) EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 29.—Forces operating under the banner of Villa have occupied Saltillo, the capital of the state of Coahuila. It was announced here today by Villa partisans. The report was denied by other officials.

CRUDE OIL PRICE REACHES \$2.85 BARRELL TODAY

Other Grades Were Advanced Also by the Purchasing Agents.

(By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 29.—The highest price ever quoted for Pennsylvania crude oil was announced by the principal purchasing agencies today when through an advance of ten cents a barrel the quotations reached \$2.85. Other grades advanced as follows: Mercer black, \$2.30; Corning, \$2.25; Cabell, \$2.22; Somerset, \$2.05. There was no change in Ragland which continued to sell at 95 cents. The advance was brought about by continued demand of refiners who declare that there is an abundance of oil above ground but producers are chief of mind for still higher prices, some of them being quoted as declaring that not until the goal of \$3 oil has been reached will they release their stock.

1916 HAS BEEN A PROFITABLE YEAR WITH 'Y'

Much Good Has Been Accomplished by Association Workers.

HAVE BIG MEMBERSHIP

Many Movements and Campaigns Carried to a Successful Finish.

(By EDGAR WORTHINGTON) As the year 1916 is slowly fading away and the new year 1917 is but a spot on the horizon the taking of inventories and the general checking up and reviewing seems universal. The work of the local Young Men's Christian Association seems well known to the people of the city and yet the citizens are not fully acquainted with the organization, having met it, perhaps, in only one of its many sides. The year 1916 opened with much promise in association affairs and continued to live up to promise and finishes the year with an even and healthy stride. The year closes with the largest membership in its history and the largest membership in the state which has helped to place Fairmont on the map in Y. M. C. A. corners. Under the head of membership it is found that about 300 worthy boys and young men have been taken care of by men and women of the city interested in Boy Life and in association. The present executive force consists of James W. Kiehl, general secretary; George W. Dickey, physical work secretary, and Edgar R. Worthington, boys' work secretary, were in charge for the entire year and so the activities have been planned to develop as the year progressed. In the Physical department the gymnasium has been used to a great extent by the men and boys with about 800 using the floor at different times. Leagues were conducted in basketball, indoor baseball and volley ball, and the spirit of competition was developed to a high degree. In the gymnasium classes it has been found that an interest has been shown in apparatus work that has never been shown before. Under the charge of the Physical department comes the bowling alleys and never before in the history of the association has such interest been manifested in the sport of duck pins and ten pins and during the year leagues were formed for the Commercial men, Professional men, High school boys and a Church league. Over two hundred different men have bowled in the leagues. During the fall season the alleys have been put in fine shape and rank with the finest in the state. In the surger's baseball league was run at South Side park, and tennis tournament was also conducted at the same place on the association's four courts, which were also used a great deal by the members. Swimming classes were held for ladies and 161 took advantage of the opportunity offered them a great many boys and men also were taught in the pool. Under the head of Boy's Work it is found that an excellent piece of work is being done this year in connection with the All-Round contest for boys, which emphasizes the all-round development of the boy, and seeks to also cooperate with the churches, schools, and homes. A Boys' Work institute was also held and Mr. Charles R. Drum brought to the people of Fairmont a new conception of the needs in Boy Life. A Sunday Afternoon club, Bible classes, Father and Son banquets, social evenings, hikes and trips have done much to bring to the boys of Fairmont a realization of the bigness of the association program. A summer camp was also conducted for the boys on the Cheat river. During the year over 115 men were taken care of in the Dormitory and nearly every one of these were strangers in the city. They were provided for and soon made to feel at home in Fairmont. The 42 rooms have been in great demand all year and a great many times has found every room full. Another work of the association this year has been to place men who are unemployed, and because of the scarcity of laborers in this section every man really wanting work has been located. A Night school was conducted the first half of the year but with the city Night schools organized it was thought needless to duplicate. However, the Night school for foreign boys will be located at the Y. M. C. A. the first of the year. The Men's meeting on Sunday afternoons have been (Continued on Page Eight.)

AMERICAN REPLY WILL FOLLOW IT

Scandinavia Sends Peace Plea to Belligerents

TURK ANSWER COMES

"Inside Information" Squabble Again Talked Of in Washington.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian government has sent joint note to belligerents supporting the peace note of President Wilson. As a result of the conferences which have been in progress for several days the Entente reply to the German note is now completed. It could go forward today or tomorrow except for necessary formalities of transmitting it to all the allies before final delivery. This means the delivery will be made early in the middle of next week perhaps on Wednesday. The delivery will be made at Paris after which the communication will be forwarded to Germany through American channels. The reply is a very long document much more lengthy than the German note. Unusual optimism is shown here as a result of the final form which the reply had taken which is believed to be such that it will meet with satisfaction at Washington. The reply to the American note will follow within a few days after the delivery of reply to Germany. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Turkey's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received today at the State department. It is substantially the same as Germany's and Austria's. The controversy which has followed Congressman Woods' resolution for investigation of whether any member of President Wilson's official family profited in the stock market because of "inside information" on the President's peace note got into semi-official form today when Chairman Henry, of the House Rules committee, telegraphed Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, to come to Washington and substantiate his published statement that he knew of the so-called leak and his predictions there would be another. "Put up or shut up," said Chairman Henry's telegram. "Cease slandering and libeling Congress and public officials or make good your charges." Mr. Henry announced he would reintroduce his bill next Tuesday to regulate the New York stock exchange.

Paper Investigation is Again Taken Up

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The Federal trade commission reopened hearing today in its news print paper investigation taking up inquiry where it was left off two weeks ago for study of distribution plan proposed by paper manufacturers. The plan still is under consideration.

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