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THE U.S. WANTS A SHOW DOWN

By the Belligerents—That is Purpose of Wilson's Note.

SECRETARY LANSING TELLS

WHY THE PRESIDENT HAS SENT THE MESSAGE.

Entitled to Know What Each Belligerent Seeks in Order to Regulate Future Conduct—Wilson May Have Brought to Bear on Germany.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 21.—A show down by the belligerent countries because United States' rights have been invaded and United States drawn nearer to war, and because this nation feels this cannot go on long, is the real purpose behind President Wilson's note despatched to the warring powers, Secretary Lansing said today. Mr. Lansing authorized the following statement as being the real purpose behind the Wilson message: "Our rights have been invaded and the situation is becoming so intolerable that it cannot go on long. More and more our rights are invaded by the belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical. I mean by that, that we are drawing nearer to the verge of war, and therefore are entitled to know what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in future."

May Have Pinched Germany. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Dec. 21.—The Toronto Star, referring to President Wilson's peace proposals, says: "While we naturally resent any interference by outsiders with the course of the war and feel incensed that the American President is playing the game of Germany, it is just as well that we recognize that under cover Mr. Wilson may have been bringing great pressure to bear on the German Government."

May Be Threat to Germany. (Special to the Whig.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—A quiet but firm intimation to Germany that the entry of the United States into the war as the result of the submarine issue could no longer be delayed, in the opinion of officials here, reading between the lines of President Wilson's note and Secretary Lansing's explanatory statement this morning, preceded Germany's famous peace proposals, and assisted the British Allies in their decision to decline those proposals.

Underneath all this diplomatic exchange, it is thought here in authoritative circles, is the United States' determination not only to suggest peace, but to compel it by entering the war on the side of the British Allies, definitely balancing the scales, and quickly bringing peace. It is not thought, however, that Germany will permit things to go that far. It is hoped and anticipated that President Wilson's note will draw from Germany such peace terms as will be accepted by the Allies as a base, at least, of early and quick negotiations.

Writes have been issued for the North Toronto and West Simcoe bye-election nominations on January 15th.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM.

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

The tax on excess profits yielded the British Government £73,699,000. Turkey is holding several Americans so as to preserve military secrets.

Clem Martiniz has formed a new Austrian Cabinet, despatches from Vienna say. Policeman Edward T. Mulvihill, Chicago, was shot and killed in the Italian west side.

At Washington the National Prohibition Bill was reported favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday.

Brantford Council decided for mechanical filtration of the water supply, and created the position of city auditor.

Colonel William F. Cody, known to millions as Buffalo Bill, is critically ill at the home of his sister, in Denver, Col.

The new United States battleships will cost \$24,000,000 each and mount twelve sixteen-inch guns, the most powerful afloat.

Sir Robert Borden and possibly other members of the Federal Government will go to London for the Imperial conference.

S. A. Armstrong, Assistant Provincial Secretary of Ontario, has been appointed director of the Military Hospitals Commission.

There are scores of officers from the Canadian division in London from the front for Christmas. All are cheery and optimistic.

The Portuguese Government is entirely master of the situation resulting from the revolutionary outbreaks in various parts of Portugal.

Ald. Geo. D. Keeby, Sarnia, sixty-nine years of age, died suddenly while decorating his home for Christmas. He is the fifth member of Sarnia Council to pass away suddenly during the year.

Fire caused by an oil lamp in a canvas-covered sleigh in which fifteen persons were driving in 40-below-zero weather near Emerson, Minn., caused the death of a child and probably fatal injuries to three others.

The death of Senator Robert MacKay leaves no less than fourteen vacancies in the Red Chamber. When these are all filled the Conservatives will have a majority in the Upper House of Canada.

Western Senators are filled there will be a Government majority of twelve.

THE STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Prices at Which American and Canadian Stocks Range.

(Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Dec. 21.—Erickson, Perkins & Co., of New York and Chicago, through their Toronto agent, J. C. Beaty, report the following quotations:

Table with columns for New York Stocks, Canadian Stocks, and various stock prices like Airbrake, Atchafalca, etc.

TO SEND REPLY WITHOUT DELAY

Great Britain's Note in Answer to German Proposals About Ready.

TERMS ALREADY AGREED ON

PRELIMINARY DRAFTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY CABINET.

After the Speech in the House—Daily Meeting of War Ministry is Held to Discuss the Note.

London, Dec. 21.—There is a strong probability that Great Britain's note in reply to the German peace proposal will be made before Christmas. This was the opinion in well-informed Government circles today, where it is also believed the reply will be brief, and will likely follow the lines of Lloyd George's maiden speech as Prime Minister insofar as it will leave the door open for Germany to make concrete peace proposals.

Great Britain's official reply to Germany, as prominent officials preferred to term it, will be despatched simultaneously with that of her allies. Ever since the German note was handed to the Foreign Office by the American Ambassador it has been the subject of discussions between Premier Lloyd George and his Cabinet Council, which meets daily.

The terms and the nature of the reply also have been discussed with the German note, and it is stated that these conversations have progressed rapidly that preliminary drafts have already been made.

Ready by End of Week. It would therefore not be surprising if the Allies' replies were ready by the end of the week. Especially, it is said, would this be true in the case of Great Britain's note, which the Prime Minister is declared to be anxious to despatch without delay.

When the terms of the note are definitely agreed upon and the document is signed by Lord Robert Cecil, who is acting Foreign Secretary in the absence of Mr. Balfour, it may be handed to Ambassador Page with the request that he forward it to the State Department at Washington for transmission to Germany. This is said to be the most likely method, inasmuch as the United States represents the Allies' interests in Germany. It is just possible, however, that Great Britain may decide to despatch the reply direct to the British Ambassador at Washington, with instructions to turn it over to the State Department.

WHEAT AND STOCKS DROP

As the Result of President Wilson's Peace Note.

(Special to the Whig.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—Wheat dropped six cents when the Exchange opened today, on President Wilson's peace note.

Break in Stock Prices. (Special to the Whig.) New York, Dec. 21.—The first sales on the Stock Exchange today showed a break in prices of two to six points, as the result of President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers.

Canadian Casualties. Dangerously ill—P. Kennedy, Stirling. Seriously ill—C. E. Woods, Tamworth; J. B. Copp, Havelock. Missing—F. B. Foster, Merrickville.

Prisoner of war—W. Miller, Napawan. Wounded and missing—T. A. Green, Kingston.

Wounded—T. W. Norris, Cornwall; J. C. Drury, Belleville; M. J. Mchmore, Gananoque.

Fined \$10 For Beating Boy. Peterboro, Dec. 21.—M. Valois was fined \$10 in the police court for "beating up" a boy whom he alleged had struck his son and chased him home from the canal, where the youngsters were skating on Sunday. Magistrate Dumble told the father to remember that he had been a boy once himself and that boys are bound to disagree.

STOCK MARKETS ARE QUITE WILD

(Special to the Whig.) New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market, which broke two to thirteen points during the first hour today, was thrown into wild excitement and uncertainty by the announcement of Secretary Lansing, that President Wilson sent his "peace message" to the belligerents because this country's position as a neutral is becoming intolerable. At 1 o'clock the sales for the three hours were estimated at two millions. United States Steel may go below par before the market closes.

THE SITUATION ON THE RUMANIAN FRONT.



The Russians are beyond the frontier along most of the front north of Buzeo, and between the frontier mountains and the Danube they still hold Rimmnik and west and southwest of that place they have made minor advances.

RUSSIA'S REFUGEE PROBLEM.

Thousands of Rumanians Have Crossed Frontier and Need Help.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Rumanians who have abandoned their homes and property in the face of the invading Germans and Bulgarians has cast the shadow of a new refugee problem on the Russian Empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other southern Russian cities in a destitute and helpless condition.

The magnitude of Russia's economic burden is appreciable when it is considered that the country has received already since the beginning of the war a refugee population far exceeding the combined citizenship of the Scandinavian countries, while the resources of the country have been taxed to the utmost to provide for the wandering people whose homes have fallen within enemy lines.

Refugee committees, looking beyond the immediate necessities, are succeeding in distributing the migratory population throughout the interior, encouraging their colonization in fertile agricultural districts and giving them work in making boots all sorts of clothing and other immediate marketable articles.

The refugee ranks have been inevitably thinned by disease and many have fallen victims to cold, lack of proper food and clothing and unsanitary conditions.

FOOD CONTROL FAILS.

Cafe Patrons Can Go From One to Another.

London, Dec. 21.—According to some of the newspapers, two days' experience of the first food control measure which regulates the number and nature of courses served in hotels and restaurants, has been sufficient to prove it futile.

They say that not only has it failed to check consumption, but that in many instances it has increased it. It is claimed there is no supervision, and that many customers, finding that they can indulge in several servings of the same dish without having more than one course counted against them, have availed themselves freely of this loophole.

Moreover, there is nothing to prevent anyone from taking a succession of meals in different places. The papers urge food tickets or a tax on hotels and restaurant bills, as in Paris.

AEROPLANE BROUGHT DOWN

Four of Them Fell After the French Attacks.

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Dec. 21.—Four German aeroplanes were shot down on the Somme front, to-day's official statement asserted. Otherwise there was a lull in the fighting. On the Salonika front the statement reported snow and rain.

WAR TIDINGS.

The Teuton invasion of Rumania has now stopped and Russian troops are on the offensive at many points.

The Berlin War Office says that the Rumanians in Dobruja are "offering fighting resistance."

The British have entered the German lines, inflicting much damage and taking some prisoners.

Eleven Belgians, accused of spying were shot by Germans on Wednesday night.

Greece has protested against the recognition of Venizelos by the Allied powers.

CANNOT FORM CABINET.

One Austrian Has Tried and Failed—Another Will Try.

(Special to the Whig.) Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The failure of Dr. Von Spitzmueller to form a new Austrian Cabinet was reported today in Vienna despatches. According to these, Emperor Charles has asked Clem Martiniz to attempt the formation of a new ministry to succeed that of Von Koerber.

CHANGES IN ONTARIO CABINET.

This picture shows (top) W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.P.P. for Toronto North-West, who has been appointed Provincial Secretary by Premier Hearst in the stead of Hon. W. J. Hanna (bottom picture), who held that post for eleven years, who has resigned, but remains in the cabinet as Minister without Portfolio. The centre picture is Prof. George C. Crossman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, who becomes Commissioner of Agriculture under Premier Hearst, who will act as Minister.

output of shells and foodstuffs in various ways if applied rigorously to the entire country.

BARS WILL STAY UNTIL MAY, 1918

Fifty to Be Abolished Next May and One Hundred the Following Year.

Quebec, Dec. 21.—The long-awaited license bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. It proved to have all the features foretold and some more. Wholesale reductions in the number of hotels are made all over the province, and there is to be no compensation whatever.

Those who remain, furthermore, are to pay increased fees to make up to the government what will be lost because of the cutting of the less fortunate brethren.

In Montreal fifty places are to be cut off next May, and in May of 1918 by 100 more, bringing the number down to 200.

The hours of sale are to be from 9 in the morning to 9 p.m. No renewals of licenses are to be given to hotels with less than 25 bed-rooms.

There is to be no treating, and this restriction is to come in immediately following the sanction of the act. Presumably, therefore, by Saturday the law will be in force, if the law is followed. The desire is to be a "good fellow" for Christmas time is forbidden as far as liquor goes.

The licensed grocers in Montreal are to be cut down to 350 in May next, and by May of 1919 there are only to be 200 left in Montreal. Those remaining will pay more.

The clubs are included in the changes. The hotel men get one concession. They have until May of 1918 to replace the bar with the cafe. These are the main provisions of the bill regarding hotels. Groceries also get to 1918 to separate their business from liquors.

29 P. C. DISCHARGED FROM SOME UNITS

Careless Medical Inspection Has Meant Considerable Wastage in Past.

London, Ont., Dec. 21.—Yesterday's Headquarters orders are very interesting, as they emphasize the carelessness which has marked the organization of previous battalions in the matter of passing as medically fit men who have to be turned back from England, thus necessitating a enormous wastage in money as well as in making Canada's contribution of men shrink noticeably.

Yesterday's orders instruct Medical Boards to be careful to avoid the mistakes of the past, and in order to visualize what careless medical inspection has already meant the figures are given as to the strength of several battalions as they arrived in England and as they were after the British inspectors finished their work.

The 11th of Galt had 190 men, or a percentage of twenty-nine out of an total of 635 men, discharged on arrival in England. The 142nd ("London's Own") arrived in England with 561 men and lost 164, medically unfit, over age, etc., a percentage of twenty-nine. The 160th Battalion of Walkerton had only thirteen per cent of discharges. Out of a total of 997 only 140 were discharged. The 161st of Clinton made the best showing of the quintette. Only nine per cent of the 749 men with which they arrived in England were turned down, or sixty-seven. The 148th of Woodstock, like the 160th had a percentage of thirteen. This battalion lost eighty-seven men out of a total of 614.

GENERAL IN AEROPLANE.

Files Above Battle and Directs Canadian Assaults.

London, Dec. 21.—Brig-Gen. Odum, who had command of one end of the Canadians' front in the last attack on the Somme about a month ago, did his observation work and during the battle flew over the enemy's lines, directing observations from the air.

Several mornings before the attack on Desire Trench, he went up with an observation squadron, conveyed by fighting British planes, and was in more than one air battle. Once his machine was riddled by a German plane which swooped down.

He had a pilot ready when the first waves went over to take Desire Trench, and despite heavy strafing from the Hun anti-aircraft guns, he saw his men take the first and second lines. He then landed and directed an assault from his brigade headquarters.

BARONESS AS A BRIDE.

Western Ontario Oil Driller's Romantic Experience in Java.

London, Ont., Dec. 21.—Three years ago Wallace Saunders, of the township of Brooke, between Watford and Petrolia, started for the island of Java, in Malaysia, thirteen thousand miles from home, and became chief drill master of the Batavia Oil Company. To-day he has reached New York, bringing with him as his prospective bride, Baroness Constance Pappenheim, of the Royal House of Java. A New York despatch says that he is suffering from a nervous breakdown and that he has been detained for a time at Ellis Island, where the baroness insisted on remaining with him. He is bringing her to his aged mother near Petrolia, that she may become acquainted with her prospective relatives before the wedding.

That alien enemies come and go across the river at Sarnia as they please was stated in court by Mike Morichuk and Michael Rezow, two Austrians.

WILSON WANTS PEACE PARLEYS

He Suggests That the Warring Powers Hold Them Very Soon.

HIS MOVE IS CONDEMNED

BY THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE AS 'PRO-GERMAN.'

The Toronto World Says Wilson Wants to Safeguard United States Interests as He Feels Allies' Trade Deal After War.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson has addressed a note to the warring powers, suggesting peace parleys as early as possible. He intimates that the present position of neutrals is intolerable.

Wilson's Pro-German Move. (Special to the Whig.) New York, Dec. 21.—The Tribune to-day condemns the President's peace move as pro-German and a great mistake.

Says Wilson is Afraid. (Special to the Whig.) Toronto, Dec. 21.—Under the heading, "President Wilson Starts His Knitting," the Toronto World interprets the President's peace move as merely to safeguard the interests of the United States, which feels that the Allies, in ending the war, will make a far-reaching trade deal among themselves, "barring out neutral nations who did not play a part in maintaining the liberties of the world."

In Ontario Provincial Government circles, President Wilson's peace move is soundly condemned. Hon. G. Howard Ferguson says Wilson's note is gratuitous and goes at an inopportune time. Hon. F. G. MacDermid declares it is most untimely and will be strongly resented. Lesser officials say it is impertinence and unwarranted interference.

DANGEROUSLY ILL. Gen. Von Bissing is Suffering From Pneumonia. (Special to the Whig.) Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Gen. Von Bissing, German governor-general of Belgium, was reported dangerously ill of pneumonia in despatches received to-day from the frontier. He has been temporarily replaced at Brussels as governor-general, pending his recovery.

Fifty thousand dollars was forwarded to the British Red Cross Society on Tuesday by Hon. T. W. McGarry, treasurer of the Central Ontario Provincial Committee, making a total of \$300,000 contributed from Ontario.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at the Palace Hotel tonight. Band at the Covered Walk tonight. See top of page 8 right hand corner for probabilities.

Special sale of Crane's Christmas stationery, Friday and Saturday. The Jackson Press, 173 Wellington St.

MARRIED

SIRETT-LACEY—At St. Paul's Church, Sarnia, on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1916, Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lacey, to A. W. Sirett, B.Sc., a District Representative of Agriculture for the County of Frontenac.

DIED

ATKINSON—In Gananoque, on Dec. 21st, 1916, Jas. Atkinson, Funeral from his late residence, Pine street, on Saturday at 1 o'clock to Gananoque cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

STEARNS—At his home, 162 Johnson St., Kingston, on December 20th, 1916, Joseph J. Stearns, aged 64 years. Funeral will take place Friday, Dec. 23rd, at 2 o'clock, at the residence where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of James Lambert, who departed this life Dec. 16th, 1915. Off we think of you, dear father, And our hearts are sore with pain; But oh! this world would be a heaven Could we but hear your voice again. Just one year ago you left us; And we miss your loving face; Naught you left us to remember None on earth can fill your place. —W. L. Kelly

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Familiar Quotations

I for one cannot see why we in Canada, in proportion to our numbers, should not give just as many men as the Mother Country. Are not free government and human liberty as precious to us as to the men of England, or Ireland or Scotland? Does not the defeat of the pagan doctrine that might is right mean as much in the life of this new and growing nation as it does to the life of the older nation? —N. W. ROWELL, K.C., M.P.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The bulletin issued by the War Office Wednesday night reads: "South of the Somme the enemy violently bombarded our lines during the day, especially in the sectors of Belloy-en-Santerre, Berry, Pressoire and Ablaincourt. Our artillery replied energetically. There were intermittent artillery actions on the rest of the front."

The afternoon report read: "There was nothing to report last night other than heavy artillery exchanges in the region of Louvemont and Chambray."

Russian.

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—Wednesday's War Office statement follows: "Western (Russian) front: In the region southwest of Brody (Galicia) the enemy, after bombarding our trenches with heavy artillery for half an hour, conducted an attack in open formation upon our position. He was driven into his trenches by our fire. Repeated enemy attempts to attack our detachments also were unsuccessful."

"On the River Bystritsa in the region of Iseupole, Seletz and Bohorodczany Stars, our scouts having broken through barbed wire entanglements, attacked the enemy's advanced posts and penetrated into Bohorodczany Stars. The enemy, after several men had been killed, fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners in our hands."

"In the wooded Carpathians reconnoissances are being made by our strong scouting parties to the west and south of Mount Botochu."

Italian.

Rome, Dec. 20.—Wednesday's War Office report reads: "In the Arsa Valley our artillery fire dispersed an enemy detachment and silenced enemy batteries. In the Upper Asiatic Valley and on the Agio Plateau the activity of the artillery on both sides was marked."

"On the Carso the enemy's artillery was rather more active against our advanced positions. Our batteries dispersed enemy troops on the march at several points, while our infantry drove off without difficulty an enemy force which was attempting to advance."

WISCONSIN

- 1—To Send Peace Reply, U. S. Wants Show Down; Changes Come Swiftly; Wilson Wants Peace.
2—School Closings; Sad Case of Aged Woman.
3—Deaths of Old School Days; Col. Low's Command.
4—Editorial Notes; Random Recs.
5—Wants 10,000 Recruits; National Service Cards.
6—Detroit News; City Orange Lodges.
7—Announcements; Announcements; The Forum.
8—Military Matters; Theatrical.
9—Merchant and Recruiting; Soldiers May Be Deported.
10—Roxane's Confession; Menu; Recipes; Woman Workers.
11—Late Fashions; Would Fight to the End.
12—News from Country; Townships Councils.
13—School Closings; Abuse of British Prisoners.
14—In the World of Sport; Bringing Up Father.