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KAISER SUES FOR PEACE

H. S. Brownton Elected City Commissioner By Plurality of 41 Votes

KAISER, THROUGH HIS CHANCELLOR, HANDS NOTES TO NEUTRAL REPRESENTATIVES SETTING FORTH A DESIRE TO CONSIDER PEACE FORTHWITH. LATER IN THE DAY HOLLWEG EXPLAINS TO REICHSTAG WHAT PEACE TERMS INCLUDE — NAMELY: EVACUATION OF NORTHERN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, CREATING OF INDEPENDENT KINGDOM FOR POLAND, REARRANGEMENT OF BALKAN BOUNDARIES, AND OTHER MINOR POINTS IF ALLIES WILL RESTORE LOST COLONIES. ENGLISH EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON CONVINCED LLOYD GEORGE WANTS A FINISH FIGHT.

ABRUPT PROPOSAL STARTLES WORLD; GERMANY HAS ESSENTIALS FOR LONG TIME

Washington, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—A German embassy official declared today that Germany has made peace terms to the allies through neutral nations and that the terms included restoration of territorial status before the war with independent kingdoms for Poland and Lithuania and some readjustment of the Balkan international boundaries. Bulgaria wants restoration of territory lost in the second Balkan war. Germany offers to evacuate Northern France and Belgium, and partially restore Serbia and Roumania provided the allies will return lost colonies.

British embassy officials believe Lloyd George will discuss Hollweg's proposals when he addresses the Commons. He may outline Britain's peace ideas. One official said Lloyd George is determined to fight to a knockout.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Kaiser Wilhelm sent the following message to his troops today: "Soldiers: With consciousness of victory, I have made a peace offer to the enemy. I am uncertain whether it will be accepted or not. Until the moment arrives, fight on."

PEACE PLANS GIVEN WORLD

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(United Press via Sayville)—A press bureau has announced that Chancellor von Hollweg told the Reichstag today Germany and her allies, conscious of responsibility before God and before their own nation and humanity, proposed this morning hostile powers enter peace negotiations.

A crowded house thronged the galleries and listened as Hollweg outlined the extraordinary political situation. He reviewed German victories and said Somme, Roumanian and Italian offensives were frustrated; that Hindenburg had captured sufficient grain, stores, victuals and oil in Roumania to relieve the German needs. He said submarines had accomplished heroic deeds.

Hollweg failed to mention specific peace terms and the Reichstag adjourned immediately, pending the president's call. Meanwhile party leaders conferred on peace conditions. Hollweg said: "If, despite our offer of peace reconciliation, the struggle continues, Germany will be resolved to continue to a victorious end. It solemnly declines every responsibility before humanity and history." He declared Germany wanted guarantees for existence of honor and liberty of its central powers and appropriate basis for establishment of lasting peace. "Germany's adversaries evaded our former declarations. During long years of the war the Kaiser was moved by a single thought—How can peace be restored, and safeguard Germany after a victorious struggle. We are always ready to stretch out a hand for peace."

OFFICIAL BRITAIN IS SILENT

One Paper Believes Proposals Will Make No Difference to War.

London, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—The Evening Star declared the peace proposals will unlikely effect the war. It said "unless the central powers' new-found sense of responsibility to God causes surrender of Constantinople, restoration of Alsace, Lorraine, evacuation of occupied territories and making due reparation, the war will continue."

Liberal member of parliament, Pringle, attempted a flippant speech. He was howled down.

The British foreign office makes no statement until the German peace terms are officially known and until the allies are consulted.

Lloyd George delivers his first address as premier Tuesday.

The house of commons was in session today for 15 minutes.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(United Press via Sayville)—Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg called the diplomatic representatives from the United States, Spain and Switzerland to his offices this morning and handed them notes proposing peace negotiations be entered into forthwith. The full text, it was announced then, would be read to the Reichstag during the day some time. The chancellor asked the neutrals which represent Germany and her allies to bring these proposals to the attention of Germany's enemies.

Germany believed, it was said at the time, that the propositions are appropriate for establishment of lasting peace.

The various representatives of neutral governments were received one after the other. These notes said four German powers proposed to enter into peace negotiations forthwith.

Other Nations Do Likewise.

Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia governments transmitted identical notes. The text was also sent to the vatican at Rome, and to all other neutrals.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. Gutridge, of La Grande, was a Pendleton visitor Sunday.

Fred S. Ashley, of Enterprise, was a Pendleton visitor yesterday.

Mrs. John Mars and daughter left last night for Berkeley, Cal.

Toy L. Young left last night for Billings, Mont., on business.

Dan Kirkland has gone to Douglas, Georgia.

Mrs. Leora Oliphant left last night for Chicago, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Newton returned to Portland today, after having spent a few days in La Grande.

Mr. Stacy A. Kohr, of Shippensburg, Pa., is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. S. Stokes.

Miss Grace Roddy from Walla Walla, arrived here last night, where she will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stevens.

H. B. Haisten went to Walla Walla this morning, after transacting business in the city a few days. He yesterday received a letter from his brother Fred B. Haisten, who has gone to San Diego for his health, which says that the La Grande man arrived weak and tired, but somewhat improved as to his asthma.

Guy Morelock, Maurice Ehen and Guy Davis, of Joseph, delegates to the Y. M. C. A. convention at Baker, arrived in La Grande yesterday morning and were entertained at the Y. M. C. A. during the day and evening. The young men left for their homes this morning.

Grant Wilson Family Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wilson were surprised last night by a number of the Baptist people. Sunday was their twenty-first wedding anniversary. An informal social time was spent and lunch served and at a late hour the guests went home.

FARM COUNCIL PLANS WORK

The constitution and by-laws of the Union County Agricultural council calls for but one regular meeting during the year, this meeting to be held some time during the month of December, to be known as the annual meeting, at which time the work of the county agriculturalist is outlined for the coming year. So on Monday, Dec. 11, the Union County Agricultural council met in the office of the county agriculturalist shortly before noon. Before settling down to work the members of the organization took advantage of the invitation of Superintendent McCullough to take dinner at the high school.

There they sat down to a meal prepared by the domestic science girls of the La Grande high school, and to say that the meal was appreciated is putting it rather mildly considering the rate at which the various platters were relieved of their contents. After eating all they could with propriety, they desisted and indulged in a series of speeches. Prof. McCullough explained the plan he had in mind of teaching agriculture in the schools, his idea being to put it on a practical basis, much as the manual training and domestic science work is being carried on at the present time. And it is needless to say that the plan was received with much favor by the council members. Other short talks were given by Senator Pierce, C. D. Hoffman, Paul V. Maris, state leader of county agents, and Clark Leiter of The Observer. This was followed by an inspection of the various laboratories and work shops of the high school and all indicated the practical

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MANY UNION COUNTY CASES DECIDED BY HIGHER COURT

Salem, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Cases decided by the supreme court today included the following from Union county: Turner Oliver, appellant, vs. Susan Crain, action to recover legal services. Judge Knowles' judgment for defendant modified.

Western Farquhar Machinery Co., appellant, vs. B. P. Burnett, action to recover promissory note. Judge Biggs' judgment for defendant affirmed.

Mount Emily Timber company, appellant, vs. Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, a damage action. Judge Knowles' judgment for defendant affirmed.

German Consul on Trial For Conspiracy in "Bomb Plots"



German Consul General Franz Bopp, at left, now being tried in San Francisco by the United States Government on charges of conspiracy to violate neutrality. The federal accusations against Consul Bopp, his associates and agents feature alleged plots to blow up munition ships leaving western ports and to destroy Canadian trains, railways and tunnels. The various incidents related in the indictments are popularly referred to as the "Bomb Plots."

Lieutenant Wilhelm Von Brincken, at right, attache of the German consulate, through whom German Consul General Bopp and others, charged with having conspired to blow up munition shipments and Canadian railroads operated, was twice

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Charles Crowley, the alleged go-between, through whom German Consul General Bopp and others, charged with having conspired to blow up munition shipments and Canadian railroads operated, was twice

PRICES FALL OFF QUICKLY

New York, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Market crashes commenced to rumble early this morning and kept descending as the news of probable peace broke. The first crash was severe, but as other news came forward to substantiate the early reports and to give real credence to them, the crashing continued with greater impetus during the morning hours.

United States steel went off two points at the start. Crucible went down too.

Minneapolis Pit Alarmed.

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Wheat dropped four cents a few minutes after the peace proposal flashed this morning.

First Drop Is Five Points.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—An hour after the market opened May wheat has dropped five points.

identified yesterday in connection with the Seattle dynamite barge explosion in May, 1915.

H. Harris and Louis Boyde, employees of a Seattle fire tugboat, said Crowley came aboard the tug after the explosion and declared he was a government officer who wanted to make an investigation.

President Wilson signed a pardon for Louis Smith, the government's star witness, who is expected to take the stand later in the week.

HARD JOB TO GET A JURY

Day and a Half Spent in Examination of Venire in Elgin Liquor Case.

Elgin, Dec. 12.—(Special)—So pronounced is publicity concerning the O. R. Barnes case here, in which the young man is charged with bringing an autoloid of liquor from Utah, that during the beginning of the second trial yesterday, but three jurors were secured. The case came up again this morning for further examination of jurors.

By noon today the jury had been picked and the trial began this afternoon.

1ST, SECOND CHOICE USED

ON FIRST CHOICE ALONE MR. BROWNTON LEAD BY FOUR OVER MR. ROESCH

Official Canvass Will Be Made Probably Tomorrow—Mr. Haworth in Third Place—Mr. Brownton's Plurality Over Mr. Roesch Is 41 Votes, Including Two Choices.

HOW THE CANDIDATES RAN	Brown-ton	Roesch	Haworth
First Ward	54	37	42
Second Ward	128	160	139
Third Ward	208	171	125
Fourth Ward	62	43	84
Totals	452	411	390
Brownton's plurality, 41.			

H. S. Brownton, dentist, was elected city commissioner to succeed S. R. Haworth in yesterday's triangular race for that office. None of the candidates received a majority of all votes cast, although Mr. Brownton had four votes more than Mr. Roesch, his nearest competitor, on the first choice. No majority prevailing, it is necessary to count second choices and on that basis Mr. Brownton is elected.

Vote Unusually Light. In spite of the keen interest displayed prior to the election, the vote was about one-third of what it should have been. The frightful slush kept many women voters at home, and many men too, for the wards are too large for convenience. The need of splitting them up was very emphatically impressed.

The vote will be canvassed soon, probably tomorrow, but the unofficial tables, in detail, showing the following distribution of the small vote cast are herewith given:

Candidate	First Choice	Second Choice	Total Votes
S. R. Haworth—			
First Ward	22	20	42
Second Ward	53	86	139
Third Ward	26	99	125
Fourth Ward	53	31	84
Total	154	236	390
H. S. Brownton—			
First Ward	44	10	54
Second Ward	101	27	128
Third Ward	171	37	208
Fourth Ward	47	15	62
Total	363	89	452
Julius Roesch—			
First Ward	28	9	37
Second Ward	139	21	160
Third Ward	154	17	171
Fourth Ward	38	5	43
Total	359	52	411

Necessary to elect on first choice, 439.

Total vote cast, 876.

Brownton's plurality, 41.

Haines Council Is Reduced to Two.

Haines, Ore., Dec. 12.—(Special)—In place of five councilmen normally in office here, Haines has only two, for although city elections were scheduled for one day last week, there were no candidates to succeed J. F. O'Bryant, W. J. Polley and John Lang, and not one of the three was up for re-election. No disposition was evinced to write in names for the three undesired offices, and the polls were not opened. A few women came out to see if the election was to be held and returned home disappointed. It is probable that the present council will be induced to sit until a special election can be called, but no action has been taken in this respect.

Deportation Riots Break Out.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—A newspaper has reported 16 Belgians were killed in rioting over deportations from Turcoing, Belgium.