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ALLIES SPURN PEACE OFFERS THAT DO NOT FULLY BREAK PRUSSIAN MILITARISM

PREMIER'S SPEECH, HOWEVER, CARRIES THAT WHICH LEADS NEUTRALS TO THINK PEACE WEDGE HAS BEEN INSERTED--FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLE

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London, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George's much-awaited speech to the Commons in answer to German Chancellor Hollweg's peace proposal has come. Mr. George told the House of Commons that the allies have refused to enter peace negotiations without knowledge of Germany's real proposals. He announced a formal note responding to Hollweg's overtures will be completed in a few days and be given to the American embassy for transmission to Berlin.

SMALL HOPE IN THE NOTE

The Premier declared Hollweg's speech in Germany, and the note, afforded but small hope for honorable and lasting settlements.

Lloyd George was bitterly ironical. He said: "Hollweg has failed to use a single phrase indicating he is prepared to accept such terms as will make peace possible."

In his speech Mr. Lloyd George quoted Abraham Lincoln of America, saying: "The war will end when its object is attained—under God. It will never end until we achieve our object." Great cheering broke out.

"We do not propose to put our heads in the noose with the rope's end in Germany's hands. Britain endorses every word of Russian and French refusals. Without reparation peace is impossible. A few pious phrases about humanity cannot liquidate all the German outrages on land and sea."

Allies' Terms Summarized

"The allies' terms are: Complete restoration and full reparation, as well as effectual guarantee for the future."

"The allies only insist the war-end be a guarantee against Prussian militarism which has been disturbing Europe's peace. Cruel folly swash-buckling through Europe's streets has not been punished as an offense against the law of nations. Hollweg's self-defense plea deludes the German nation—not us."

Commons in Tense State

The Commons was a scene of such tenseness as has not been seen since war was declared. Dignitaries packed the floor and galleries. They wildly cheered Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith.

Greek Rebels Recognized

The Premier announced Britain intends to recognize Venizelos's provisional Greek government and will refuse to recognize King Constantine. He said a firm Greek stand was necessary to prevent a repetition of the Roumanian disaster.

Disaster Follows Indecision

The speaker described the construction of the British cabinet. He declared the old ministry was too big. "Allies have suffered for two and a half years from tardiness and indecision."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—

(United Press)—Well informed German circles have said Hollweg may answer Lloyd George's request for peace terms, provided the British government keeps the conditions secret.

President Wilson and his cabinet this afternoon considered the press reports of Lloyd George's speech. Officials feel Lloyd George "passed the buck" to Germany. The speech left an opening peace wedge, hammer, and it is believed further discussion is probable. Officials manifested the keenest interest in the forthcoming allied note to Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(United Press via Sayville)—It is announced French were repulsed north of Rheims. Artillerying is increasing on both sides of the Somme. The French maintained their positions before the German trenches in the Chambray section of Verdun. Attacks elsewhere were defeated. Hand-to-hand combats rage at the Verdun front.

GERMAN REASON FOR SINKING SHIP GIVEN

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The German reply to the United States' note regarding the sinking of the American steamer Columbian, declared the vessel was declared her warnings of submarines and their operations, thus violating neutrality.

COMPULSORY TRAINING DEEMED TO BE DUTY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—(United States)—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the senate military affairs committee, has declared universal military training is a necessity. General Scott told the committee a militia would destroy itself attempting a forced march like Pershing's when he entered Mexico. Captain Simms told the house naval committee America is defenseless without battle cruisers.

Russia Turns Down Peace

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—The empire's council has voted unanimously in favor of a categorical refusal to enter peace negotiations.

WEATHER

Fair east; showers in the west, with south winds.

Send the Christmas Observer to Your Friends

A limited number of the Christmas Edition of The Observer will be sold at 10 cents, including mailing and postage.

Those who desire to send them away need only phone The Observer, Main 37, the addresses and The Observer will do the rest.

was painfully hurt yesterday when he was caught beneath a falling log. He was given attention by Dr. C. S. Browne of Sumpter, who brought the injured man to the hospital here. While his hurts are painful, no serious result is anticipated.

Night Train Behind Next Morning Train

It's only once in a while that No. 17, the morning train from the west, beats No. 5, of the night before, into Oregon—but it did today. No. 5, the fast mail, was tied up at Chicago for eastern mail connections and No. 17 got out ahead of it. The train that should have come last evening arrived shortly before noon today, but will probably overtake No. 17 before it reaches Portland.

Mexican Drug Is New Soldier Menace

Marihuana, inducing Peculiar Mental Status, Attracts Attention of Government Agents at the Border.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Following discovery today that Mexican laborers have introduced marihuana into militia camps along the border, customs officials are on the alert to check smuggling in of the dangerous drug.

Only a few cases of its use have been found among the soldiers, mostly among soldiers addicted to other drugs.

Secret service men have members of a band believed to be engaged in smuggling and traffic in marihuana and opium under surveillance and arrests are expected.

The drug is peculiar to Mexico and is taken in the form of a cigarette. It is composed of the crushed leaves of a weed. Hallucinations of great physical strength and valor are induced. At the same time the user imagines he is a giant while other persons and objects are dwarfed.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McCullough, of Lexington, Ill., are here to spend the holidays at the home of their son, Superintendent of Schools Linden McCullough. The Illinois man reports the corn crop of his section the lightest it has been in several years.

J. M. Coy, recently made traveling passenger agent for the Northern Pacific, with headquarters in Spokane, was in La Grande yesterday on company business. This is his first trip to this vicinity in that capacity.

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Boys Ask To Be Electrocuted Ahead of Time; Wish Granted

Ossining, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Stanley Millstein, aged 19, and Charles Kumrow, aged 20, were electrocuted today. Originally they were scheduled to die Friday, but asked to be killed today and give their families time to recover from the shock before Christmas.

Supreme Judges Guests of President

Supreme Court Members Guests of Honor—Next Big White House Affair Is Diplomatic Dinner.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—(United Press)—At the White house tonight President and Mrs. Wilson are holding their first reception of the winter season. Chief Justice White and his associates on the Supreme court bench are to be the guests of honor.

An enormous crowd will be on hand for the event. The number invited is exceeded only by those who sought to get invitations and were disappointed—an annual tragedy.

Two new faces will be seen in the reception line of jurists. Associate Justice Brandeis will take the place of Associate Justice Lamar, who died last spring, and Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes held before he resigned from the bench to lead the Republican party through the last presidential campaign.

The White house culinary artists today are working the executive ovens overtime, preparing choice dainties for the evening's refreshments. The marine band will contribute the latest musical offerings.

After tonight the president and Mrs. Wilson get a three weeks' rest from their social duties, resuming their entertainment Tuesday evening, Jan. 9, with the first of the two diplomatic dinners.

Fourth-Class Postmaster Exam.

The United States Civil Service commission announces that on the 13th of January, 1917, an examination will be held at La Grande, Ore., as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Telocaset and other vacancies as they occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$267 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit 21 years and over on the date of examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements. Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Telocaset, or from the United States Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C.

Dinner and Basket Demands Much Food

Salvation Army Has Need of Liberal Support From Those Who Have Enough and More to Spare.

The Salvation Army is preparing to send out about 50 boxes to as many families Saturday to carry Christmas cheer to homes where Santa Claus may not visit otherwise. In addition to that, the army will serve its annual dinner to strangers in the city and the homeless, and such families as cannot afford Christmas dinners at home. Ensign Childers announces that the following edibles are needed for the two affairs, and that the Salvation Army hall will be open at all times to receive donations of this sort:

Coffee, 50 pounds; sugar, 100 pounds; butter, 50 pounds; beans, 100 pounds; rice, 100 pounds; rolled oats; canned vegetables, 3 cases; canned milk, 2 cases; flour, 50 10-pound sacks; 100 jars of fruit or jelly; 75 pies; 50 cakes; 100 loaves of bread; meat for 50 families; potatoes, apples and other vegetables; candy for 500 children.

BIG GAME TOMORROW EVENING AT THE "Y"

Basketball gets under full steam tomorrow evening when the Y. M. C. A. and the M. I. A. play their first big game of the year. Neither team has had a hard workout thus far, but have been practicing regularly, and it is very likely that a fine game will develop.

Basketball fans should make an effort to attend this game, because of it being the first time that the organizations have ever met, both teams being in excellent shape and the game will be a hummer from the start, and both teams are in to win.

The M. I. A. will play Larson. This fact alone should draw a large crowd. The Y. M. C. A. team will have a number of new faces to the basketball sports and many comparisons will no doubt be drawn. The Y. M. C. A. will present the following lineup: Forwards, Horstman, Miles, King, Lee Bradway and Ray Winters; centers, Hal Bohnekamp and Brownell; guards, Lottes, Ralph Winters, W. A. Bradway, and Barton. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

New Joseph Correspondent.

Arthur S. Rudd, a bright, hustling youth of Joseph, has been appointed correspondent and business representative of The Observer at Joseph. He is the type of boy The Observer is glad to have as its representative. He is 14 years old, goes to high school, and besides representing The Observer, is agent for the Saturday Evening Post, The Ladies' Home Journal, The Country Gentleman. The Observer will be glad to appoint active young men and women who can furnish good references as agents and correspondents in this section, where it has no representatives.

NEW TURKISH ENVOY CHOSEN

Considered Unlikely That He Will Be Allowed to Pass Blockade.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Faud Bey has been chosen by the Turkish porte as ambassador to America. Rusten Bey, the recent ambassador, was practically recalled for refusing to retract derogatory statements in a public letter comparing negro lynching in America to the persecution in Armenia.

The department of state has allowed Faud Bey's appointment to go unanswered several weeks, ostensibly because to make sure he would be acceptable. It is extremely doubtful, regardless of the American attitude, whether the new Turkish ambassador will be allowed to pass the entente blockade. Faud Bey was minister at Belgrade at the outbreak of the war. He speaks French and German fluently, but not English.

DR. PHY WILL RESUME POST AT HOT LAKE

NEW MANAGEMENT WILL TAKE OVER FAMOUS HEALTH RESORT OPENING OF THE NEW YEAR

HOSPITAL FACILITIES WILL AGAIN BE THROWN OPEN

Actual Price Paid by Former Manager, Now at Spokane, Not Announced—Mr. Phy to Send Assistant Until March, When He Personally Goes on the Field as Manager.

Sale of the Hot Lake sanatorium properties, by F. L. Meyers, trustee for the bondholders, to a new corporation has been announced and was substantiated today by Frank Phy, of the Security Land & Savings company, when the order of sale had been signed by Circuit Judge Knowles. This magnificent property with more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of improvements will pass into the hands of the new management on January 1, and will be thoroughly renovated and repaired. The true consideration and details of the transaction have not been announced, although many rumors of the price have been circulated.

Dr. W. T. Phy, formerly connected with the sanatorium as its manager and physician and surgeon, but who of late years has been practicing in Spokane, will assume general charge on January 1, but will send an assistant surgeon and physician from his Spokane office to take active control until March 1, at which time the doctor will personally take up the reins of the institution.

Dr. Phy is a native of Union and a brother of County Judge Frank Phy of La Grande.

Institution Faces New Future.

Hot Lake, Dec. 19.—(Special)—Hot Lake faces a new future. This is one of the leading institutions of Eastern Oregon. It was at one time under the supervision of Dr. Phy and it was crowded with patients from every section of the Northwest—there to benefit by the curative properties of what is deemed by experts to be the most wonderful hot springs in the world. The up-to-date and efficient service, together with his skill and experience brought heavy patronage and with the patrons came many dollars and cents to the valley and Eastern Oregon generally—not a town escaped this benefit.

Hospital to Re-open.

During the past few years there has been no hospital facilities connected with the institution and practically no hospital, but with the reopening of the hospital in the building and the presence of Dr. Phy at the helm, there seems little doubt but that Hot Lake will again take its place as one of the leading health resorts in the Northwest. With the wide acquaintance of Dr. Phy and his reputation as a surgeon, the consummation of this deal means much to the county and to all Eastern Oregon.

HOUSE PREPARING FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

Washington, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the house appropriations, declared the entire nation will ultimately see prohibition. He asked the government to immediately consider replacing \$327,000,000 in revenue that will be lost through liquor taxes.

DR. TAPE WILL TAKE RESPONSIBLE POSITION

Hot Lake, Ore., Dec. 19.—(Special)—There are many in and around La Grande who will be pleased to know that Dr. George W. Tape, for several years manager of the Hot Lake Sanatorium, has been appointed managing superintendent of the big Hot Springs sanatorium at Paso Robles, Cal. He takes over his new position January 1, 1917.

Dr. Tape will be well remembered by many in this district for his sterling qualities as a physician and as a genial host. He is sure of success in his new undertaking.

Christmas Observers. A limited number of Christmas Observers are on sale at The Observer office. Ten cents a copy including mailing.

Mutilated Immigrants Unwelcome. Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 19.—(United Press)—Chief of Police Leal declared himself today in favor of Deputy Burroso's bill restricting the admission to Brazil of mutilated European war veterans. In his opinion, the chief says, such invalid persons, besides being useless, are noxious and unsuited to new countries as an element of work and production.

