

RUSSIAN-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE DEAD-LOCK

GERMANY INSISTS UPON KEEP-
ING GRIP ON OCCUPIED
TERRITORY

WILL NOT SURRENDER IT
UNTIL RUSSIA DEMOBILIZES

Trotsky Demands Attendance of Rep-
resentatives of People—Meeting
Adjourns When Germans Refuse
to Surrender Provinces.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—Brest-Li-
tovsk dispatches via Berlin say nego-
tiations are deadlocked.

Germany is still insisting the Teu-
tons retain their grip on occupied
Russian territory until Russian demobilization.

Russian Foreign Minister Trotsky
demanded to know why no represen-
tatives of the Teutonic peoples were
attending the conference and suggested
they be invited.

The Teutons proposed to discuss
this later.

Trotsky refused to admit the clause,
"Resolved we hereafter live in peace
and friendship," as part of the peace
agreement.

The entire meeting adjourned after
the Central delegates refused to evacu-
ate Courland, Lithuania and Riga
for technical administrative reasons.
The date for a possible resumption
of the conference was not fixed.

RUSSIAN TROOPS LEAVE

Roumanian Front Is Abandoned So
Fast That Railroads Are
Overwhelmed

PETROGRAD, Jan. 15.—Russian
troops are leaving the Roumanian
front so fast the railroad is over-
whelmed. Sixty thousand passed one
station last week, discarding their
equipment. The Bolsheviks brought
six cruisers up near Petrograd, pre-
sumably to have guns handy during
the constituent assembly. All mem-
bers of the Roumanian legion were
arrested. This caused a sensation.

Supreme Court Decides Two Cases

SALEM, Jan. 15. (Special.)—The
Supreme Court considered the action
of Fee, Stillwell, et al vs. A. T. Hill
on a rehearing and adhered to its for-
mer opinion modifying and reducing
the verdict for the plaintiff. Judge
Knowles was affirmed in the case of
Clarke-Woodard Co. vs. the Hot Lake
Sanitarium. This decision was in fa-
vor of the latter, the plaintiff having
sued to establish creditors' claims as
prior to the bondholders in the fore-
closure suit.

INSURANCE IS MANDATORY
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Insur-
ance for officers and crews of Ameri-
can merchantmen traversing subma-
rine areas was made mandatory by
order of Secretary McAdoo. This will
be effective February 1 on all vessels
leaving America.

Business Men's Luncheon Tomorrow

The business men's luncheon
will meet tomorrow noon at the
Foley hotel. Colon R. Eberhard
will be the chairman of the day.
The business men's luncheons
have been suspended for some
time and this is an effort to
revive them.

YARMOUTH IS BOMBARDED FROM SEA, THREE ARE KILLED

Twenty Shells Fired, Ten Injured--
Attacker Either German Cruiser or
Largest Type of New Submarine

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The hardware going into
a simple war type aeroplane is sufficient to:
Nail 2163 shingles on a roof.
Screw down the coffin lid on a thousand Germans.
Veneer 57 square feet of dining room table.
Hang the kitchen with 65 pounds of aluminum.
Wire a third of a mile of three-strand fence.
Spruce the porch at least 244 square feet—and in addi-
tion, put 58 feet of pine on the chicken coop, 31 feet of
ash on the dog house, and still have a few things left over,
such as 798 forgings and 921 steel stampings and turn
buckles for the junk man.

SIX NATIONS WATCH HUN SEEK COVER



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In this mixed group are officers of six allied nations watching shells from the allied guns falling on the city of Lens where the Canadians are again making "Heinie" get under. Left to right the officers are: British, Portuguese, French, Siamese, Canadian and American. The officer in the light coat is Major Prince Amershot of Sim.

Bill Would Register All of Age 21

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN INTRO-
DUCES MEASURE WITH AP-
PROVAL OF WAR DE-
PARTMENT

(United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator
Chamberlain introduced a resolution
proposing immediate registration of
all men who have reached the age of
21 since June 5.

Secretary of War Baker endorsed
the bill in a letter to Senator Cham-
berlain.

It is estimated this will add half a
million more men to the army.
Another bill was presented by
Senator Chamberlain which elimi-
nates draft quotas on the basis of the
number of citizens registered.

Several measures were introduced
to strengthen war measures with the
War Department's approval.

Move to Limit Size of Newspapers Fails

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—After
adopting an amendment to the Jones
printing bill, limiting newspapers to
sixteen pages daily and Sunday, the
Senate reconsidered and defeated it.
The printing bill vote is expected
late this afternoon.

Sorry Days For Dogs.
ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 15.—There
are sure sorry days for Roseburg's
dogs. No more can they ramble at
will, nosing the tops off garbage
cans, worrying cats and fighting
strange canines.

Under a dog ordinance becoming
effective today, no dog is allowed to
run at liberty—be he licensed or un-
licensed. Furthermore, in case the
dog is gathered in for roaming un-
restricted, his owner will be held
into police court and fined.

WAR CREDITS GRANTED BY U. S. TO THE ALLIES TOTAL OVER 4 BILLIONS

The Treasury Department au-
thorizes the following statement
of the totals of credits extended
to foreign governments by the
treasury since the United States
entered the war:
Great Britain \$2,045,000,000
France 1,285,000,000
Italy 500,000,000
Russia 325,000,000
Belgium 77,400,000
Serbia 4,000,000
Totals \$4,236,400,000

News at Home and Abroad

GOSSIP PROPAGANDA FLOODING COUNTRY

By Robt. J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Gossip propaganda is the
latest thing in German wares to be distributed by pro-
Germans in America.

Insidious rumors, apparently rising out of nowhere but
carefully disseminated until they have followed a course
from coast to coast, have in recent months flooded the
country. Here are a few of them:

Secretary Tumulty, the President's confidential right-
hand man in the White House, has been reported arrested,
jailed at Fort Leavenworth and shot for treason in every
state in the union.

Transports carrying American soldiers to France have
been sunk in fleet and countless war vessels have been
destroyed by the rumor-mongers.

Shortages in salt and numerous other necessities, fore-
cast by rumor, have caused housewives to start buying
stampedes in many cities.

The wildest kind of reports have emanated from train-
ing camps.

All of these have been designed to create unrest and
dissatisfaction in war conditions.

As a matter of fact, Tumulty is alive and well, pursuing
his daily work at the White House and admittedly growing
somewhat stout on the job.

Not an American transport has been attacked or sunk
that the people have not been duly informed about through
the press, and any threatened food shortages are an-
nounced in advance by the food administration.

The government counts on the American sense of
humor and intelligence to deal lightly with the nation-
wide "whispering propaganda" of German agents not
yet brought to justice. An appeal to refuse to pass on
this talk is made.

GREEK EMBASSY IN WAR TIMES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Georges Roussos, the
Greek minister, and his staff, represent the new democ-
racy in the land of the Hellenes. They are in constant
touch with Venezuelas and are deeply concerned in the
progress of the Greek mobilization, a question that also
concerns 300,000 Greeks working here in America.

In the very heart of the embassy district, at 1715 Mas-
achusetts Avenue near Du Pont Circle, the Greek legation
may be found. It is a three-story stone building, simply
furnished, and breathing a democracy that is symbolic of
the happier era in Greece, now that the pro-German ruler,
King Constantine, has been removed.

What Greece will do in the war depends largely on the
allies' ability to supply arms, it is believed here. Approxi-
mately 300,000 Greeks are in training, and according to
some military experts here the spring campaign in the
Balkans will crumble the near-east part of Germany's
longed-for Middle-Europa.

Bulgaria, a little nervous, is waiting for forthcoming
developments. Turkey—about out of the war—is even
more shaky about that Greek army that is busy getting
ready.

YARMOUTH IS BOMBARDED

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Lord French, home defensive di-
rector, reported Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea
last night for five minutes. Twenty shells were fired

Bill In Senate Would Compel Food Conservation

Observer Adv.
Recovers Bills

Mrs. L. W. Metcalf, mother
of Mrs. Fisher, of the Hotel
Foley Grill and Coffee house
was the finder of the \$150 roll
of bills reported lost by a trav-
eling man. Mrs. Metcalf was
walking along the street near
the Foley Hotel last Thurs-
day, accompanied by a friend
when she slipped and fell.
On arising, to her utter aston-
ishment, she found that she
was grasping a roll of bills.
She made inquiries for the
owner. The next day she saw
the advertisement in the Ob-
server and got in touch with
the owner who was delighted
at his good fortune in getting
his bank roll back as he had
given it up as utterly lost.

SENATOR POMERENE WOULD
AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO
LIMIT USE OF FOOD

AIMED AT HOTELS REST- AURANTS AND HOUSEHOLD

President Would Be Given Full Pow-
er to Regulate Use, Manufacture
and Distribution of all Foodstuffs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Senator
Pomerene has introduced a bill
sweepingly empowering President
Wilson to compel food conservation
in every American home.

The bill is aimed primarily at ho-
tels, and restaurants but the provi-
sions cover households and empowers
the president to limit and discon-
tinue entirely the use, manufacture
and distribution of foodstuffs to the
extent he deems necessary.

Restaurants, carriers, consum-
ers, and others disobeying will be
fined up to five thousand dollars and
imprisoned up to six years.
The measure is for the war period.

WAR INSURANCE TOTAL EXCEEDS \$3,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (Special.)
—Secretary McAdoo announces that
the total of insurance policies held by
American soldiers and sailors under
the war insurance law has passed the
\$3,000,000,000 mark. At the close of
yesterday 362,941 policies had been
taken out, aggregating \$3,105,776,500,
an average of \$8,557 a policy.

Only a little more than a month re-
mains in which applications for insur-
ance with the government may be
filed, since the final date on which
such applications may be received un-
der the law is February 12.

Use Bamboo for Everything

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14. (Speci-
al.)—Our little brown brothers in the
tropics cannot understand how citizens
of the United States get along with-
out bamboo, according to United
States Marines, returning here from
the Philippines.

The Filipinos use bamboo for every-
thing. They build their shacks from
this material exclusively, using stout
poles for the supports, flattened-out
bamboo for the sides and floors, and
bind the whole together with tough
bamboo fibre. It is also used for the
construction of barrels to carry wa-
ter, and green bamboo, hollowed out,
is used as a receptacle in which the
natives cook their rice. The friction
caused by rubbing together two sticks
cut from this useful tree will start a
fire in less than three minutes.

The United States Marines have
convinced the Filipinos that America
is a wonderful place, but when told
that we do not cultivate bamboo, the
islanders are inclined to be a bit
skeptical.

Help Win the War.

BEND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Bend's
school children are out to help Uncle
Sam clean the Kaiser. A "Win the
War" committee has been formed by
students, with six faculty members
as directing heads, and a program of
effective work is being arranged for
the entire school year. The work
is at present being centered on the
sale of thrift stamps.

General Haig Is Not to Be Recalled

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Bonar
Law in the House of Commons
denied General Haig may be re-
called as the result of German
successes at Cambrai in Novem-
ber.

PAPAL DELEGATES SEE NO IMMEDIATE HOPES FOR PEACE

Papal Nuncios to Austria and Germany
Make Reports to Pope—Latter Is to
Suspend Judgement on the Peace
Situation.

By John H. Hearley, United Press Correspondent.
ROME, Jan. 15.—According to reliable Vatican infor-
mation the Papal nuncios to Austria and Germany re-
ported to the Pope there is no encouragement for peace
hopes now. It is asserted the Pope is to suspend judg-
ment on the peace situation until government pronounce-
ments have been received.