

## GERMANY WILL NOT ACT FIRST IN PEACE

### Nation, However, Willing to End War.

## CHANCELLOR TELLS ATTITUDE

### Triumph on All Sides Is Pictured to Reichstag.

## NEAR-COLLAPSE IS DENIED

### If Enemies, Says Bethmann-Hollweg, Make Proposals Compatible With Dignity and Safety, They Will Be Discussed.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—So long as uncontrolled hatred of Germany and the belief that Germany is approaching a collapse continues to be the dominant idea of her foes, it would be folly for Germany to take the initiative in proposing terms of peace. Germany, however, is ready at any time to consider a peace which she is at war, does not wish a continuation of the war and disassociates herself under these circumstances from any responsibility for its prolongation.

This is the substance of the German Imperial Chancellor's reply in the Reichstag today to the socialist interpellation on peace, in which he painted a picture of Germany triumphant on all sides and supplied with everything, even if not in abundance, necessary to the continuation of the war.

Proposals Would Be Entertained.

The interpellation was introduced by Dr. Scheidemann, in the following terms:

"As the Imperial Chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he will be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

"If our enemies make proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety," said Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, "then we shall always be ready to discuss them. So long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals, which would not shorten, but would lengthen the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces."

Socialists Are Orderly.

Only two Socialists spoke on the interpellation, all the anti-socialist parties uniting in a short declaration opposing discussion at this moment. The tone of the debate was dignified and patriotic and the Imperial Chancellor was followed attentively and respectfully except for occasional interruptions and outbursts of laughter from the Socialists. Dr. Liebknecht, who has not been in accord with his party since the beginning of the war and who today revealed no sympathy.

The Imperial Chancellor in his first speech, lasting half an hour, explained the military situation on all the fronts and declared emphatically that Germany could not be starved out. The country had enough food, if properly distributed. Germany's enemies, he said, were suffering more than the Germans, and paying higher prices for food.

No Weak Point in Reckoning.

"Rumors that Germany is on the verge of collapse," said the Chancellor, "and the attribution of a peace mission to every prominent German who goes abroad. Prince von Buelow, Prince Maximilian of Baden, Dr. Hoff, secretary for the colonies, and Cardinal von Hartmann—reports in which there is not a word of truth—are all part of a deliberate campaign to keep up the spirits of the enemy peoples in the face of repeated defeats. There is not a weak point in the German reckoning. If our enemies do not choose to accept the situation and end the war now they must do so later. Germany can wait."

At the conclusion of the Imperial Chancellor's first speech, Dr. Krasnow, president of the Chamber, read the interpellation and put the formal question as to whether the government was prepared to reply.

Government Ready to Reply.

"We are ready to reply immediately," responded Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

The tall figure of the Imperial Chancellor, in a gray field uniform, was immediately seen rising. His reply to Dr. Scheidemann was listened to with the deepest attention, in the hope that it might perhaps define the terms of Germany's desired peace, although this hope was slight. He began:

Gentlemen, this interpellation has attracted great attention in hostile countries, mostly of a Jewish nature. The question regarding the German terms of peace is interpreted as a sign of the diminution of German strength or the beginning of the end of the unanimous will of the German people.

The interpellation certainly desires a speedy opening of peace negotiations. From the statements of Dr. Scheidemann we might deduce the possibility of an honorable peace and regret reasonable proposals of peace made to us only because we wished to retain all the conquered territories, or even add new territory thereto. I must admit that the previous history of war naturally leads to his suggestion to make an end to the war and proclaim openly under what form the German government consents peace.

"After the alliance of Bulgaria had

## MEN CLING ALL NIGHT TO LAUNCH

### FISHERMAN AT DAWN HEAR CRIES AND EFFECT RESCUE.

### Waves Sweep Gasoline Tank Cargo Away and Swamp Boat Near Destination at Bay Center.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Word reached here today of the heroic struggle made by Captain C. O. Reed and Mate Cutts, of the fishing launch *Airdale*, of Bay Center, during a storm Tuesday night in which both nearly lost their lives and were rescued early Wednesday morning.

They had left South Bend Tuesday night with a load of 15 metal tanks of gasoline for a fish-packing plant at Bay Center. They were a short distance from the fish company's wharf at Bay Center when the oil tanks were lost and the launch tilted.

The two men during the rest of the night to the side of the launch, and were rescued at daylight by crab fishermen who heard their calls for help. Last Spring a young man named Stevens was washed overboard on the *Airdale* while out crab fishing near the bar with Cutts. The cargo loss amounted to about \$150.

## FRANCE WILL LIMIT HELP IN BALKANS

### No More Than 60,000 Men to Be Sent.

## BRITISH MUST SUPPLY REST

### Allies Not in Accord About Campaign in Southeast.

## TWO OF NATIONS IGNORED

### Russia and Italy Not Represented at Calais—French Writer Thinks English Commit Error in Treatment of Serbia.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—(Delayed in transmission; special cable.)—According to Senator Clemenceau, Ministers Viviani and Millerand have informed the committee of foreign affairs that in no case will France send more than 60,000 men to the Balkans and that if more are needed they must be supplied by Britain.

M. Clemenceau expressed great surprise that only France and Britain were represented at the recent war council in Calais, where supposedly Earl Kitchener gave his impressions of the Balkan situation. General Porro, representing Italy, and General Gelinski, representing Russia, remained in Paris and took part only in the subsequent council at General Joffre's headquarters.

Allies in Disagreement.

Despite the definite statements to the contrary made by Premier Briand on the formation of the new government, the various allies have by no means reached a definite agreement regarding the Balkans. Gustave Hervé writes on this theme:

"Neither the French nor the British government nor the Generals representing the armies of the four great allies seem to be agreed on the question of Saloniki. In any case, nothing has been revealed of what happened at these two war councils. Our English friends still commit the error of not sufficiently heeding our special sensitiveness, which is so different from theirs."

Sentiment Moves Latin.

"We, whose sentiment of honor is more developed than the sentiment of interest, are incapable of accepting for a single minute the idea of deserting the Serbs so long as we can perfectly well aid them. We are, perhaps, idiots, but we are made that way in France and Italy. We must be taken as we are."

"It would be like cutting off our arms and legs and it would diminish by 50 per cent our confidence in the justice of our cause. If we were compelled to treat the Serbs as the Greeks have treated them. To tell our English friends the whole truth, they should leave somewhat to us the direction of the army on the Continent. Each people has its special aptitudes. In a

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WOMAN WEDS DEAD MAN  
Widow's Pension to Be Received by Proxy Bride.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The custom of marriage by proxy which has come into vogue during the war has placed a young Parisian woman in a curious situation. She was married by proxy on November 11 to Sergeant Joseph Conduche. On December 1 she was informed officially that Sergeant Conduche had been killed at Souchez on September 23, several weeks before the marriage.

Although the marriage is invalid in law, the authorities, taking account of Sergeant Conduche's intentions, will give a widow's pension to the woman.

Arkansas Indorses Wilson.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.—The Democratic state central committee at a meeting here today adopted a resolution indorsing consideration of President Wilson and expressing belief that he should be renominated.

## FOUR ARMY PLANS DIFFER RADICALLY

### Framing of Bills Is to Begin Next Week.

## UNIVERSAL SERVICE UNLIKELY

### All Proposals Are for Sweeping Reorganization.

## STAFF DRAFT IS SECRET

### President's Recommendation Is Modification of War College Plan—Chamberlain Provides for No Continental Force.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Congressional military committees will be confronted with four radically differing plans for building up National defense as urged by President Wilson when they settle down next week to the work of framing Army measures to be presented to both houses.

Aside from the Administration plan outlined in the President's message, the Senate and House committees will have before them tentative schemes offered by Senator Chamberlain and Representative Hay, their respective chairmen, and also the plan prepared at Secretary Garrison's direction by the War College division of the Army General Staff.

Hay and Chamberlain Differ.

From these four proposals will be developed the solution of the problem, as there is no indication that serious consideration will be given the universal military service measures introduced by several individual members of each house.

Copies of the Chamberlain and Hay bills, which are designed for committee consideration only and will not be introduced in either house, became available today. They show wide divergence both from each other and from the plan advocated by President Wilson, which itself was based on a considerable modification, it is understood, of the War College plan. All four plans propose a sweeping reorganization of the regular Army from top to bottom and creation of an adequate reserve for the regular lines and the officers' reserve corps.

Staff Plan Not Public.

The Chamberlain plan has little in common with the Administration's proposals. It contains no mention of the continental army scheme, which is the feature of the War Department programme, and proposes instead practically doubling the standing Army. The Hay scheme includes the continental army proposal virtually as presented by President Wilson, though it does not contemplate all of the increases in the regular establishment also suggested and would provide that the organized militia receive pay from the Government on a scale of one-fourth of the pay of the regular Army.

The War College plan has not been

## FILM, SEIZED, IS RELEASED AGAIN

### CENSORS OBJECT TO SERPENTS AND POLICE ACT.

### Columbia Theater Photo-Play Confiscated—Manager Secures Return by Promising Corrections.

"Stolen Magic," a widely advertised comedy on exhibition at the Columbia Theater, at Sixth and Washington streets, was confiscated during the show last night by order of the local board of censors. The seizure was due to the management's alleged failure to eliminate scenes showing snakes. The film was taken to the police station but later returned to the theater.

Manager Myrick explained that the film was seized while he was away at dinner, and while the operators were eliminating the parts objected to. "It was a difficult film to cut and took a lot of time," he explained. "I found no one but the censors who wanted any of it eliminated, but I had ordered it cut anyway."

The censors object on the ground that the scenes in which the serpents appeared would frighten children and were not pleasant for delicate women.

Mrs. Harry Vorse and Mrs. H. Coleman reviewed the show as representatives of the board yesterday morning. They told the theater management that the scenes must be cut out.

The censors allege that the show opened at 10:30 A. M. with the objectionable scenes still in evidence. Motorcycle Patrolmen and Goldbugs and Crane were assigned to make the confiscation.

## BURNS RAISES BID FOR STRAHORN ROAD

### \$125,000 Promised for Main Rail Line.

## CHANGE DEPENDS ON COST

### Engineers Ordered to Make Survey and Estimates.

## LINK TO MEET O.-W. R. & N.

### Railroad Builder Believes Harriman Company Is Not to Extend as Far as Originally Planned, Which Fact Helps Burns.

Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway, returned yesterday from a tour of Eastern and Central Oregon, which included a visit to Burns, where he discussed with leading citizens tentative plans for including Burns on the main line of the network of railways that Mr. Strahorn proposes to build in the state's interior.

To demonstrate their interest and their good faith in the project the people of Burns and surrounding territory, who already had promised to subscribe \$100,000 to the enterprise, agreed to raise this sum to \$125,000 or \$150,000 providing the road can be built through their town.

If, as now seems probable, the O.-W. R. & N. Company ends its line now being built westward from Vale, at Crane Creek Gap instead of pushing it on to Arden, as first proposed, it is possible that the route of Mr. Strahorn's new line can be changed to include Burns on the main line.

O.-W. R. & N. Not Likely to Extend.

Mr. Strahorn also covered much territory in the eastern part of the state and in Southern Idaho. He traveled most of the time by automobile and reports the roads at some places in bad condition.

He reached Burns on Tuesday and on the evening of the same day met a big group of citizens there. They discussed the possibilities of meeting the desire of the Burns people to become a part of the Interior railroad system.

"It seems to be settled now that the Oregon Short Line—or the O.-W. R. & N. Company—will not extend its new road west of Crane Creek Gap," said Mr. Strahorn upon his return yesterday.

He seems clear to me that if we are to have any eastern connection for our road we will have to extend the Oregon, California & Eastern farther than we originally intended.

## PRESIDENT GOES TO OHIO

### Two Addresses to Be Made at Columbus Today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Wilson left tonight for Columbus, O., where tomorrow he will deliver two addresses and attend a reception at the State Capitol building. He is making the trip on a special train.

The President's first speech, to be delivered at a noon luncheon before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, will be devoted to business. The other, which he will make at night before the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, is expected to deal largely with problems facing farmers.

## FRUIT SCARCITY PREDICTED

### Nurserymen Say Plum and Cherry Seedlings in Europe Cut Off.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 5.—Plums and cherries may become scarce in the United States as a result of the European war, according to reports given here tonight by speakers at the 26th annual convention of the Western Association of Nurserymen. Imports of plum and cherry seedlings, grown chiefly in Europe, have been cut off by the war.

The association, it is said, represents more than one-half of the nursery business of the Nation.

## CIVIL SERVICE LINE DRAWN

### Reinstatement After Two Years' Absence Forbidden Hereafter.

Reinstatements to the Municipal civil service eligible lists are not to be considered by the Civil Service Board hereafter, if the applicant has been out of the service more than two years.

Under the present rules there is no limit. The members of the board have decided that if a man has been out longer than two years he has got out of touch with conditions and should be required to take another examination before getting an appointment.

## PRISON SYSTEM REBUKED

### Provision for Jail Inmates Said to Be at Expense of Deserving Poor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Skaigt County Commissioners are taken to task, in a special report issued by the state bureau of inspection, for adoption of the honor camp system in working county prisoners.

"Many men need work," the bureau asserts, "and the additional money spent on food, clothes and pay for working prisoners might well be spent on those who are not only needy, but also deserving."

## MOTOR VEHICLES SAVING

### Month's Gasoline Bill 45 Cents, Horses' Keep \$150.

The economy of motor-driven fire apparatus as compared with horse-drawn machines is shown in a report made yesterday by Fire Chief Dowell to the effect that the cost of gasoline for the machines at engine company No. 13 for last month amounted to 45 cents.

The machines took the places of six horses which would have cost \$15 a month each, or \$150 for the six during the month.

## WILSON GOES TO DANIELS

### Violation of Precedent Causes Ten-Minute Sensation in Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Instead of waiting for Secretary Daniels to visit him at the White House for a conference concerning the building of two new battleships authorized by Congress, President Wilson today strolled over to the State, War and Navy building through a flurry of snow and entered the Secretary's office unannounced.

There was a 16-minute sensation throughout the building.

## RIOTS IN BERLIN REPORTED

### Outbreaks Said to Have Occurred in Other Cities, Too.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The Rome correspondent of the Journal sends the following:

"A Zurich (Switzerland) dispatch states that violent demonstrations in favor of peace have taken place in Berlin. The police were obliged to charge the crowds. The windows of stores and cafes were smashed during the rioting. Soldiers in the crowd took an active part in the disturbances."

Peace manifestos have occurred also at Dresden and Leipzig, according to the German correspondent of the *Berne Tagblatt*. The correspondent adds that the conviction prevails among the masses in Germany that only a revolutionary outbreak would force the government to make peace.

## PATROLMAN KILLS ROBBER

### Other Is Captured After Pistol Fight at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 9.—Two men who tried to rob a private patrolman in an alley down town early today were resisted by the patrolman, who engaged in a pistol fight with the men.

One was so badly wounded that he died some hours later. He gave his name as James Moran, civil engineer, aged 24, of Irvington, N. Y., where he has a wife and parents, and asks that J. B. Bird, 1219 Twelfth avenue, Columbia, Ga., be notified in case of his death. The second robber, who gave his name as Charles Sale, was captured unharmed.

## WOMAN TO REGAIN VOTE

### British Husband Will Take Out Naturalization Papers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Ethel Coope McKennis, born in California, whose right of suffrage was taken from her by the Supreme Court of the United States on the ground that as the wife of a British citizen, Gordon McKennis, she was disenfranchised, is to have the vote after all.

Gordon McKennis, it was announced today, will for his wife's sake, renounce his British citizenship and take out papers leading to his becoming a citizen of the United States.

## POSTMASTER DROPS DEAD

### M. C. Brown, of Tangent, Stricken on 69th Birthday.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Stricken with heart trouble while sorting mail Wednesday, M. C. Brown, postmaster of Tangent, died 15 minutes later. It was his 69th birthday. Mr. Brown apparently had been in good health.

Mr. Brown was appointed postmaster of Tangent a year ago. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and Fraternal Brotherhood. He leaves a widow and an adopted daughter, Velma Brown, of Tangent.

## WINTER SWIM IS PLANNED

### Pendleton Arranges Races to Be in Natatorium Christmas.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Pendleton, not to be outdone by Portland and other cities, is planning a Christmas swim this year. Local aquatic enthusiasts have taken the matter in hand and are arranging a programme of races which are to be held in the natatorium.

Although the water will be colder here than the Willamette River is at Portland, this fact is not deterring the swimmers in their plans.

## EXPORTS ARE \$180,000,000

### All Records Are Broken During November in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—November exports through this port broke all records by exceeding \$180,000,000 in value.

Foodstuffs, led by wheat, and explosives, mostly smokeless powder, trinitro-toluol, cordite and gun cotton, formed a large proportion of the exports.

The purchases were about equally divided between England and France.

EACH PUTS FORTH THE DOVE AT THE BAYONET'S POINT.



SAFETY FIRST