



AUSTRIA BELIEVED TO WANT NO BREAK

Vienna to Yield Partly, Washington Learns.

RESPONSE TO BE COURTEOUS

Nervousness at Capital Intensified by Day's Events.

ZWEIDENIK LIKELY TO GO

Explanations of Charge d'Affaires Fail to Satisfy Mr. Lansing.

VIENNA REPORT INDICATES DESIRE FOR RUPTURE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says: "Reports from Vienna say that the American note concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona has caused the Austrian government and a diplomatic rupture is considered probable. The question before Baron Buriak, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, is only whether a rupture with the United States would not force Berlin to a like step. Count Tusa, the Hungarian Premier, as been summoned to Vienna to discuss the situation with the government."

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LEIGHEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—If information obtained today by an usually authoritative source should be verified, the government of Austria-Hungary will endeavor to avoid a breach of diplomatic relations with the United States.

The Vienna government will yield to some extent to the demands ordered by President Wilson growing out of the destruction of the Ancona.

Reply to Be Courteous.

It will send a courteous response, probably in the course of the next day or two, in which it will explain that the reason for not answering the inquiries of the United States in reference to the conditions surrounding the sinking of the Italian liner lay in the inability to get into communication with the commander of the submarine which was responsible for the incident; that, if the facts are as set forth by the United States in its note, undoubtedly an illegal act was committed and that Austria is prepared to pay an indemnity for the Americans who lost their lives.

It is exceedingly doubtful if Austria-Hungary will be willing to lay at this juncture that the act was "indefensible" or to punish the officer concerned, as demanded by the United States.

New Enemy Not Wanted.

It is understood that the American note deeply shocked the central committee of the Austro-Hungarian government, but the conclusion was reached that it would be inadvisable and unwise for the central powers to add to the list of enemies that they are now fighting. There is, however, a party in Austria-Hungary which is entirely willing to speak in no uncertain terms to this country, even at the price of ruptured relations and eventual war.

There is no question as to the nervousness which exists here as to the situation of the relations between the United States and the central powers. The nervousness is intensified especially in the Teutonic circles by the action of the State Department in calling Baron Zwiendenik, the Austro-Hungarian Charge d'Affaires, to account for a letter he is alleged to have written in connection with the passport frauds.

Explanation Doesn't Satisfy.

Baron Zwiendenik had a two hours' conference with Secretary Lansing this afternoon, during which he explained that the letter was written by direction of Ambassador Dumha and that in any event it happened four days after the war began.

The President and Secretary Lansing are not disposed to accept the explanation of the Charge d'Affaires and his dismissal is regarded as probable.

Secretary Lansing denied after the departure of Baron Zwiendenik that the Austrian agent had asked for his passport. Irritating as the forced retirement of Baron Zwiendenik would be to Austria-Hungary, the same source which revealed Austria-Hungary's feeling in connection with the Ancona case, expressed the conviction that the Vienna government would still exercise "patience."

Break to Be Avoided.

In short, all the information that can be regarded as worthy of publication indicates that Austria-Hungary will avoid precipitating a break with the United States.

How important this is will be realized when the terms of the Ancona note are recalled. That note, it is now known, was addressed as much to Germany as to Austria-Hungary. It challenged directly the authenticity of the assurances given by Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, in a personal note to the Secretary of State, that "hereafter liners would not be sunk without warning unless they resisted or attempted to escape."

PIONEER RANCHER MISSING IN WILDS

JOSEPH HAAS LOST IN MOUNTAINS; WEATHER COLD.

Score of Neighbors Search Long and Far for Quinalt Valley Man, Who Had Neither Food Nor Blanket.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Joseph Haas, a pioneer rancher of Quinalt Valley, has been lost in the mountains and dense forest north of the lake towards the Queen's country since Thursday. A posse of 25 ranchers of the valley has been searching for him since Sunday morning, but up to this afternoon no trace had been found of the missing man.

Haas started out Thursday morning to look for cattle in the mountains north of the lake. He expected to return in the afternoon. When he had not returned home by the next morning two ranchers who are neighbors began a search for him, which they kept up for two days before giving a general alarm on Sunday morning, when 23 of the ranchers, most of whom are familiar with the section of the mountains in which Haas is lost, started out. Haas has been living at Quinalt for a number of years. His ranch is located on the south shore of the lake at the lower end. The district in which he is lost is one of the wildest of the entire Olympic Peninsula. Haas carried no food nor blanket. The weather has been cold and ranchers, woodsmen and mountaineers doubt that he could survive the exposure.

EDEN MUSEE FIGURES SOLD

Famous Museum in New York Is to Be Closed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The wax figures of the world-famous persons in the Eden Musee in Twenty-third street, which for 24 years has been one of the points of interest in New York, were sold at auction today. The uptown museum of retail business men took much pleasure from the Eden Musee and when it became necessary to tear the present structure down to make way for an office building, the management decided to close the museum. The Eden Musee contained perhaps the largest collection of wax figures of historical groups in the United States.

EARLY SMELT COME HIGH

Vancouver Is Offered First Run at 20 Cents a Pound.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The first smelt of the season were shipped here today from Kelso and they were offered on the market for 20 cents a pound.

Later in the season the smelt will be offered for 1 or 2 cents a pound, last season the smelt ran up the north fork of the Lewis River past Woodland. In the six previous years the smelt ran up the Cowlitz River at Kelso and whole carloads have been shipped each year.

TURKS WOULD TALK PEACE

Minister Echoes Speech of German Chancellor.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 13.—A Constantinople dispatch to the "Zeltung am Mittag," says that Halli Bey, the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, echoing the German Imperial Chancellor's Reichstag speech, declared in an interview on Monday that peace overtures from Turkey "are absolutely out of the question."

The minister added: "If others approach us with peace proposals we will consider them."

SOBER NEW YEAR ASKED

New York Mayor Is Requested to Force Early Closing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—No all-night permits for the sale of liquor for New Year's eve will be granted in the metropolis this year, if Mayor Mitchell complies with a request made today by the board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League.

The league says the practice ought to be discontinued "when the distresses incident to the war hang like a pall over so large a proportion of the civilized world."

MINNESOTA NEARING PORT

Crippled Hill Liner Lined 12 Miles Off Golden Gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The crippled Hill liner Minnesota, in tow of the wrecking steamer Inga and the tug jauntless and Sea Rover, was sighted at 9 o'clock tonight off the lightship.

The steamer was about 12 miles out from the entrance to the Golden Gate, reports the coast guard of the marine department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

WOMAN SMOKES AT 103

Ride no Train Never Experienced, Corset Never Worn.

CARML, Ill., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Betsey Storey was 103 years old today and celebrated the event with a quiet smoke. Mrs. Storey has never ridden on a railroad train nor has she ever worn a corset.

Smoking, she said today, certainly has not shortened her life, and in her opinion her common sense and a simple, moderate diet have nourished her vitality.

BLIZZARD TIES UP ATLANTIC SHIPPING

Eastern States Are Covered by Snow.

RAILWAY LINES AT STANDSTILL

Thousands of Persons Stranded and Trolley Cars Stalled.

MANY ACCIDENTS IN CITIES

First Zero Temperature of Year Is Recorded in North Dakota.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—New York today experienced its first severe snow storm of the season. Heavy, wet snow, driven by a high wind, fell throughout the afternoon and greater part of the night, interfering with traffic in the city and tying up shipping in the harbor.

Outbound vessels, especially coastwise craft, did not sail, and many incoming vessels were unable to make their plans on account of the blinding snow.

Owing to the slushy condition of the streets accidents were frequent.

Fourteen thousand men were called out to attack the snow, estimated at three inches, and the indications were tonight that as many more men will be needed tomorrow.

New England Covered.

The temperature remained at about the freezing point.

The storm increased in intensity late tonight and the snowfall before morning, it was predicted, would amount to six inches.

In some sections of the greater city street traffic came to a standstill.

In the outlying sections, where they are not buried, the telephone and telegraph wires came down.

When the storm was at its height the fire alarm system in the Bronx was rendered useless and firemen worked in conjunction with the police in patrolling the streets in that borough on the lookout for fires.

Long Island, Jersey Suffer.

All points adjacent to New York, especially on Long Island and in New Jersey, suffered.

White Plains was thrown into darkness when the electric light wires running from the plant at New Rochelle fell.

Between six and seven inches of snow fell in Yonkers.

Trolley service to Mount Vernon and Tarrytown was abandoned at midnight.

New England cities reported heavy falls of snow which greatly handicapped steam and electric traffic, but points along the coast were drenched under a fall of rain in a gale of from 30 to 40 miles an hour. In many places prostrated.

Railroad and trolley traffic in Connecticut.

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1 OREGONIAN HAS \$300,000 INCOME

SEVERAL RECEIVE MORE THAN \$40,000 ANNUALLY.

Washington Has One Citizen Who Is Paying Tax on More Than Half Million Dollars.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 13.—The richest person in Oregon has an annual income of from \$200,000 to \$400,000, one other individual has an income of from \$150,000 to \$200,000, five have incomes between \$75,000 and \$100,000, 10 with incomes from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and 10 between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Washington has one citizen of a bigger income than that of Oregon's richest, for the largest income tax paid in Washington is on an income that exceeds \$500,000 per year. Washington also has two citizens with incomes from \$250,000 to \$300,000, one from \$150,000 to \$200,000 and 10 drawing \$75,000 to \$100,000.

These figures are found in the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

WOMAN PASSES AT 103

Seven Great-Grandchildren Are Among Survivors.

PORTERVILLE, Cal., Dec. 13.—Mrs. John Hector, who is dead today at 103, is survived by seven children, 31 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She made her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. W. H. Lee, 64 years old, and her oldest son, John Hector, 64 years old. Mrs. Hector was born near Cincinnati and came to California in 1854.

ALLIES IN SERBIA OUSTED

Two British Divisions Nearly Wiped Out, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The French and British have been entirely expelled from Macedonia territory. It is officially announced today by German army headquarters, the advancing army under General Todt is occupying Doiran and Givogly.

It is declared that two British divisions were nearly wiped out during the advance.

BLACKS HAVE FILM BARRED

Denver City Officials Take Favorable Action on Petition.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—City officials tonight ordered the exhibition of a motion picture play stopped at a local theater on petition of negro organizations of the city.

The negroes said that the photoplay tended to incite race prejudice.

TURKS STOPPED BY BRITISH

Reinforcements Are Rushed to Invaders of Mesopotamia.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Turkish attacks on the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amara have been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement tonight.

British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

GERMAN CONSULATE ATTACHE INDICTED

Baron von Brincken Is Held on 2 Counts.

BAIL IS PLACED AT \$10,000

C. C. Crowley and Mrs. Cornell Also Indicted Jointly.

INQUIRY SCOPE EXTENDS

Engineer Tells of German Bomb Plots Which Deal With Conspiracies Involving 46 Explosions on Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attaché of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate, and Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, a secret agent in Crowley's employ, were indicted late today by the United States grand jury on two counts each. The first count charged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the Union and foreign countries; the second alleged use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

Bail was fixed at \$5000 for each count in the three indictments. Counsel for the defendants, all of whom had been arrested previously on commissioner's warrants, promised their appearance tomorrow morning.

Men Released on Bail.

Baron von Brincken and Crowley were previously charged in the commissioner's warrants with the first count and Mrs. Cornell with the second count, while Mrs. Cornell, arrested at the same time, gave \$1000 bail.

The overt acts set out in the indictments purporting to substantiate the charges against the indicted persons were not made known tonight, but it was said that the Government is in possession of all the necessary documentary evidence to support the charges.

It was charged at the time of Crowley's arrest on November 26 that he was a directing agent in German plots to destroy by fire and dynamite ships bearing munitions to Great Britain, France and Russia. An explosion of a large of dynamite in Puget Sound last May was charged to him by Government agents. When Von Brincken was arrested December 4 on a charge of conspiring to interfere and destroy commerce, Crowley was arrested on a similar charge. United States District Attorney John W. Preston said at the time that Crowley and Von Brincken had co-operated. The Government charged Crowley's operations extended throughout the United States.

Investigation Only Started.

Louis J. Smith, who was brought here from Detroit, was said to have been implicated with Crowley, but a warrant against him was not served.

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DOCTORS TIP KING OFF WATER WAGON

TOTAL ABSTINENCE TO BE RESUMED ON RECOVERY.

British Ruler Able to Take Up Affairs of State, but Fatigue Makes Stimulant Necessary.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—King George, who suffered severe injuries by being thrown from his horse at the British front in France October 28, has recovered sufficiently to take up affairs of state under certain restrictions. Respecting the King's condition, Sir Frederick Treves, sergeant-surgeon to the King, and Sir Bertrand Dawson, physician extraordinary to His Majesty, have made the following statements: "We are happy to report that the King has so far recovered from the grave accident of October 28 as to be able to resume work with certain limitations."

"The King has lost seriously in weight and until a normal state of health is attained it is essential that His Majesty should avoid any cause of fatigue. It has been necessary on medical grounds that the King should take a little stimulant daily during convalescence. As soon as the King's health is quite restored he will resume total abstinence, which he imposed upon himself for public reasons."

VERDICT FOR COLD UPHELD

Supreme Court Holds Train Crew Responsible for Resultant Death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court today affirmed a \$15,000 judgment for the heirs of J. T. Bigger, who was caught in a cloudburst while changing cars at Longview, Tex., took cold and died.

A Texas jury held the train crew failed to notify Bigger to step into another car. With three justices dissenting, the highest court today approved the view.

TREASURE HUNT DELAYED

Owner Charters Boat as Oil Carrier and Will Seek Doubloons Later.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The "piece of eight," silver plate and other storied buried treasure of Cocos Island will remain hidden, at least for a few months, so far as Captain Brown, who recently purchased the whaler Jeanette for a treasure hunt in the South Pacific, is concerned.

Today Captain Brown chartered the Jeanette to a San Francisco shipper to carry oil to Australia.

GREEK FRONTIER MENACED

Armies of Bulgars and Austro-Germans Ready to Strike.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A force of 10,000 Bulgarians and an equal number of Austro-Germans is being concentrated between Monastir and the Greek frontier, according to a dispatch to the Times from its Saloniki correspondent.

This force is said to include a considerable number of cavalry troops. Heavy fighting, the dispatch said, was still in progress on Sunday in the neighborhood of Lake Doiran.

U-BOAT CHASERS SHIPPED

Britain Gets Motorboats Worth 48 Millions in One Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Fast motorboats valued at \$48,000,000, intended for use by the British navy in chasing submarines, were shipped from this port during the week ending December 4, according to statistics made public today.

Exports from this port during the first week of this month totaled \$63,713,174, in contrast to \$30,063,744 for the same period in 1914.

CHILD KILLED BY ROOSTER

Los Angeles Tot Attacked While Visiting Grandparents.

ONTARIO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Injuries inflicted by a rooster several days ago upon John M. Selmon, 2-year-old son of Harry Selmon, of Los Angeles, resulted in the child's death here tonight.

While at the home of his grandparents the little fellow toddled into the barn yard where the rooster attacked him, driving his spurs deep into his scalp.

3 DIE IN TENEMENT BLAZE

New York Firemen Hampered by Blinding Snow and Freezing Water.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A woman and two children lost their lives in a tenement-house fire on the upper East Side late today.

Firemen, hampered by freezing water and a blinding snow storm, rescued more than 30 women and children from fire escapes, while the police dragged a score of frightened persons from burning hallways.

SERBIAN JEWELS FOUND

Foe Uncovers Crown and Hidden Gems in Houses in Nish.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—A special dispatch received here from Nish, says the Overseas News Agency, reports that the hidden Serbian crown jewels have been found in the houses of ex-Serbian ministers.

SUSPECT IN TRUNK MURDER IS JAILED

Cheyenne Prisoner May Be Bartholomew.

PRESENCE IN OREGON ADMITTED

Man Says He Was at the Dalles on Day of Murder.

DESCRIPTION FITS WELL

Denial of Knowledge of Crime Causes Story to Be Doubtful—Occupation Cook, Same as That of Lind's Alleged Slayer.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—William Franklin Smith, a cook, was arrested here late today on suspicion of being George Bartholomew, wanted at Portland, Or., in connection with the trunk murder mystery of November 19, in which a man supposed to be John Lind was the victim. Patrolman Peterson arrested the man on the street because his appearance fitted the description of Bartholomew in the hands of the local authorities.

The prisoner denies that he is Bartholomew, or that he has any knowledge of the Oregon crime. He insists he was at The Dalles on the day of the murder. His story had appeared straightforward, but his denial when asked if he had heard of the widely-heralded crime cast some doubt upon his statements.

Smith did not appear alarmed about his detention when informed that the Portland authorities were being communicated with. "You say this murder was committed November 19 at Portland?" he asked. "I was at The Dalles that day and I can prove it. I've been working my way East. I stopped at Boise and Pocatello, and never heard of this murder, and don't know any Bartholomew." The man has been here a week and had secured employment at a local hotel.

In all essentials he fits the description of Bartholomew, being about 33 years old, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs about 190 pounds and is of dark complexion.

LANDLADY CAN IDENTIFY MAN

Suspect's Photograph Will Be Taken to Mrs. DeCorsey.

Police detectives are divided in their opinions as to the identity of William Franklin Smith, the cook arrested in Cheyenne, Wyo., on suspicion that he is Bartholomew.

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