

### FRIEND OF WILSON ON SECRET MISSION

Colonel House to Carry Confidential Information to American Diplomats.

### PEACE ERRAND IS DENIED

Government, Says Special Envoy, Has Found It Impossible to Convey or Obtain Correct Atmosphere by Cable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Colonel E. M. House, confidential adviser of President Wilson, said today that he would shortly sail for Europe at the request of the President.

Colonel House declared that the sole purpose of his trip would be to deliver to certain American Ambassadors information regarding this Government's attitude on various international matters now pending. He denied emphatically that his trip will in any way be a peace mission.

Colonel House announced that he expected to sail from here within the next two weeks, and probably would be in Europe six or eight weeks.

"I am going to Europe at the request of the President and the Secretary of State, for the purpose of taking information to some of our Ambassadors," he said. "In order that they may have more intimate knowledge of this Government's attitude regarding certain phases of international questions and in order to obtain from them their point of view on these matters."

"It is not advisable to bring home at this time any of our Ambassadors from the belligerent countries. It has been found impossible to convey or obtain by cable or correspondence quite the correct atmosphere."

### MISSION IS DELICATE ONE

Secretary Lansing Declines to Discuss Mr. House's Errand.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing tonight declined to add anything to the announcement by Colonel House that he was going to Europe at the request of the President and Secretary of State.

From other official sources, however, came the intimation that the international questions which Colonel House is to take up with the Ambassadors at the capitals of belligerent powers were of such an extremely delicate nature that they could not be discussed. It was suggested that Colonel House's statement should be taken at its face value, and questions as to whether he would make informal inquiries concerning the prospects of peace elicited no response.

Colonel House, who is the President's close personal friend and adviser, made an extended tour of European capitals last Spring and talked with high government officials of Germany, France and England. There was much speculation at the time as to the object of the trip, and the circulation of varied reports caused the Colonel to deny that he acted as the personal representative of the President. He said he traveled as a private citizen, but indicated that, as a loyal citizen should do, he would communicate such information as he thought as had come to him to the President.

Later he had a long conference with the President and was understood to have given him a comprehensive statement of the opinion abroad as he observed it. What he reported was never revealed, but it is known that his picture of the situation did not alter the President's belief that the time then was not ripe for any steps from Washington toward initiating a peace movement.

In the course of his tour, Colonel House talked with Premier Asquith, David Lloyd George and Lord Kitchener in London; President Poincare and Minister of Foreign Affairs Delcasse in Paris, and Foreign Minister von Jagow, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Under Secretary of State Zimmerman in Berlin.

### FRENCH CALL CRUISER OFF

American Ships Not to Be Searched, Pending Decisions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—French Embassy officials, upon receiving the official word of the activity of the cruiser Descaartes in West Indian waters, believed today that she had been ordered to cease searching American ships on the high seas, and that no further search or seizure would be made until diplomatic correspondence over the Casco, Carolina and San Juan incidents is closed.

They point out that the American note of protest was cabled to Paris December 19 and probably was not delivered until the next day. It is said in time to reach the Descaartes before Purser William Garde was taken from the Borinquen, the last vessel stopped, which was searched December 18.

### ALLIES JOIN FOR RELIEF

Commission Formed to Help Stricken Peoples of Balkans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The entente allies have formed a joint relief commission with headquarters in Rome to co-operate with the American relief clearing-house in Paris for the relief of suffering in Serbia, Montenegro and Albania and other refugees in Northern Greece, according to cable advices from Paris today.

The plight of the people of these countries has made the formation of such a commission imperative, it is said, and every effort will be made to forward relief through the base at Rome. Arrangements are being made to charter an American vessel to carry supplies from Marseille or an Italian port to Anzavri, Montenegro, for transportation to Nostari, where they will be distributed.

### Vancouver Templars Plan Services.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Vancouver Commandery No. 10, Knights Templar, will observe Christmas by holding services at 9:30 o'clock, in the morning, December 25, in the Reg. Theatre. The musical comedy was written by Charles Hassen, son of Captain P. Hassen, and E. W. Albright is directing the production. A big cast is building regular rehearsals.

### Vancouver Elks to Act.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special).—The annual show to be given by the Vancouver Lodge of Elks will be put on here January 21 and 22 in the Reg. Theatre. The musical comedy was written by Charles Hassen, son of Captain P. Hassen, and E. W. Albright is directing the production. A big cast is building regular rehearsals.

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MRS. WOODROW WILSON.

### LONG WALK TAKEN

Honeymoon Couple Enjoy Cold Virginia Mountain Air.

### MOVIE MEN PERSISTENT

Mrs. Wilson Reads to Her Husband From Stores of Books Taken From Capital—Colony of Sightseers Is Growing.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 21.—Quite a large honeymoon colony has gathered here since the arrival of President Wilson and his bride Sunday, and they are all planning to stay over for the elaborate Christmas celebration in which the White House couple are expected to participate.

A long walk in the cold Virginia

mountain air and a 50-mile automobile drive to neighboring springs occupied the President and Mrs. Wilson most of the day. They stopped in the course of the drive at a famous old hotel to see registers signed by Thomas Jefferson and other noteworthy figures in American history. Late in the afternoon the President worked more than an hour in correspondence, and tonight Mrs. Wilson read to him from the stores of books brought along from Washington.

Secret service men were busy again today warding off photographers and moving picture men, who continue on the alert in spite of the President's order against them.

### Snow Falls at Arlington.

ARLINGTON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Five weeks of unusual rainfall for this county at this season have just ended with about a six-inch fall of snow. Thousands of Canadian geese that have been feeding near here have left for other parts.

### Body Held at Cottage Grove.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Andy Skelm, the Western Union and Southern Pacific fireman who was struck by the southbound Roseburg local Friday, died Saturday without regaining consciousness and the body is being held here for the arrival of a brother from Montana.

### RIGHT OF CHILD TO LIVE IS ASSERTED

Illinois Attorney-General Asks That Doctor Be Taken Before Grand Jury.

### CRIMINAL LAW INVOKED

Official Says Power That Deceit Birth of Infant Might Have Had Purpose That Finite Mind Could Not Foresee.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—Attorney-General Lucey in a letter today to Maclay Hoyle, state's attorney of Cook County, asked that Dr. Harry J. Halseiden, who came into public notice because of the death of the Bollinger infant in Chicago, November 17, be brought before the grand jury for investigation and indicted if he is amenable to the criminal laws of the state.

"I am old-fashioned enough to think the power which decreed life to the infant," Mr. Lucey's letter says, "might have some destiny in view of which Dr. Halseiden's finite mind could not foresee, and this child was entitled, as a matter of absolute right, to his opportunity to live."

Further, the Attorney-General says: "The intention of Dr. Halseiden, as expressed in the public press and not denied by him, was to cause the death of said infant by failing to cause nourishment to be given to it and failing and refusing to perform the operation necessary to save or prolong said infant's life."

In concluding, the letter says: "I believe in making Illinois an unprofitable field for that character of experimentation, where human life is at stake and the ideas of Dr. Halseiden and his school may be exploited with impunity."

### PHYSICIAN WELCOMES INQUIRY

Prosecutor Thinks There Is No Law to Justify Indictment.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—When notified of the action of Attorney-General Lucey, Dr. Harry Halseiden said he was glad that the request had been made, and that he hoped the grand jury would investigate the circumstances.

State's Attorney Case expressed the opinion that there was no law under which Dr. Halseiden could be indicted.

### Y. M. C. A. Finds Jobs for 400.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Dec. 21.—(Special).—Again the college Y. M. C. A. has proved its efficiency by procuring more than 400 positions for students at the university this term. The character of the applications ranged from ditch-digging to 25 to 50 cents an hour for various kinds of labor.

Lists of students who fail to make good for any reason, as well as of employers who pay unsatisfactory wages, are kept on file.

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