

AMERICAN PROTEST TELLS OF VEXATION

Britain to Be Told Seizure of Mails Is Unwarranted and "Inquisitorial."

STRONG FEELING RECITED

Loss of Valuable Letters Declared to Have Aroused Sentiment. Parcel Post Held Entitled to Neutral Exemptions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The text of the American protest to Great Britain against interference with neutral mails, made public tonight, reveals that diplomatic and consular pouches have been treated in a manner which the United States considers "vexatiously inquisitorial." The note describes the practices of British officials as "unwarranted interferences" and urgently requests a prompt reply, points out that "a strong feeling is being aroused" in this country by the loss of valuable letters, while foreign banks are refusing to cash American drafts because they have no assurance that drafts are secure in the mails.

The United States declares that parcel post articles are entitled to the exemptions of neutral trade, and denies the right of Great Britain to take neutral ships into British jurisdiction for the purposes of search and then submit them to local censorship regulations. It also denies that the British government has any authority over neutralized mails on ships which merely touch at British ports.

Britain to Consult Allies. With the text of the American note was made public Great Britain's interim reply, saying that questions of principle raised by the United States have made it necessary for Great Britain to consult her allies before answering finally and indicating that there will be no unnecessary delay in the negotiations.

The note is in the form of a memorandum to Ambassador Fago at London, instructing him to file a "formal and vigorous protest." It begins by reciting numerous seizures of mails containing American property on neutral vessels. After declaring that parcel post articles are entitled to the usual exemptions of neutral trade, it continues:

"The department is further informed that on December 23 the entire mails, including sealed mails and, presumably, the American diplomatic and consular pouches from the United States to the Netherlands, were removed by British authorities from the Dutch steamer New Amsterdam; that on December 20 the Dutch vessel Noorderdyk was deprived at the Downs of American mail from the United States to Rotterdam, and that these mails were still held by British authorities. Other similar instances could be mentioned.

"The department cannot admit the right of British authorities to seize neutral vessels plying directly between American and neutral and European ports without touching at British ports, to bring them into port and while there to remove or censor mails carried by them.

"As a result of British action, strong feeling is being aroused in this country on account of the loss of valuable letters, money orders and drafts, and foreign banks are refusing to cash American drafts owing to the absence of any security that the drafts will travel safely in the mails. Moreover, the detention of diplomatic and consular mail is an aggravating circumstance in a practice which is generally regarded in the United States as inquisitorial, and without compensating military advantage to Great Britain."

EMBARGO PLANS DEBATED

Senate Refers Petitions With Many Names to Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—After a spirited debate in the Senate today, 1000 bundles of petitions urging an American embargo on war munitions, European belligerents and signed by 1,000,000 men and women from every state, were referred to the foreign relations committee, as Senator Stone had asked, without a vote.

The petitions, resulting from a campaign of the organization of American women for strict neutrality, were brought from Baltimore, headquarters of the organization. They expressed "earnest protest for humanitarian reasons against the exportation from this country of the things which lend for the use of the nations engaged in the present conflict."

MORE SNOW IS PREDICTED

Temperature Changes in Next Few Days to Be Slight.

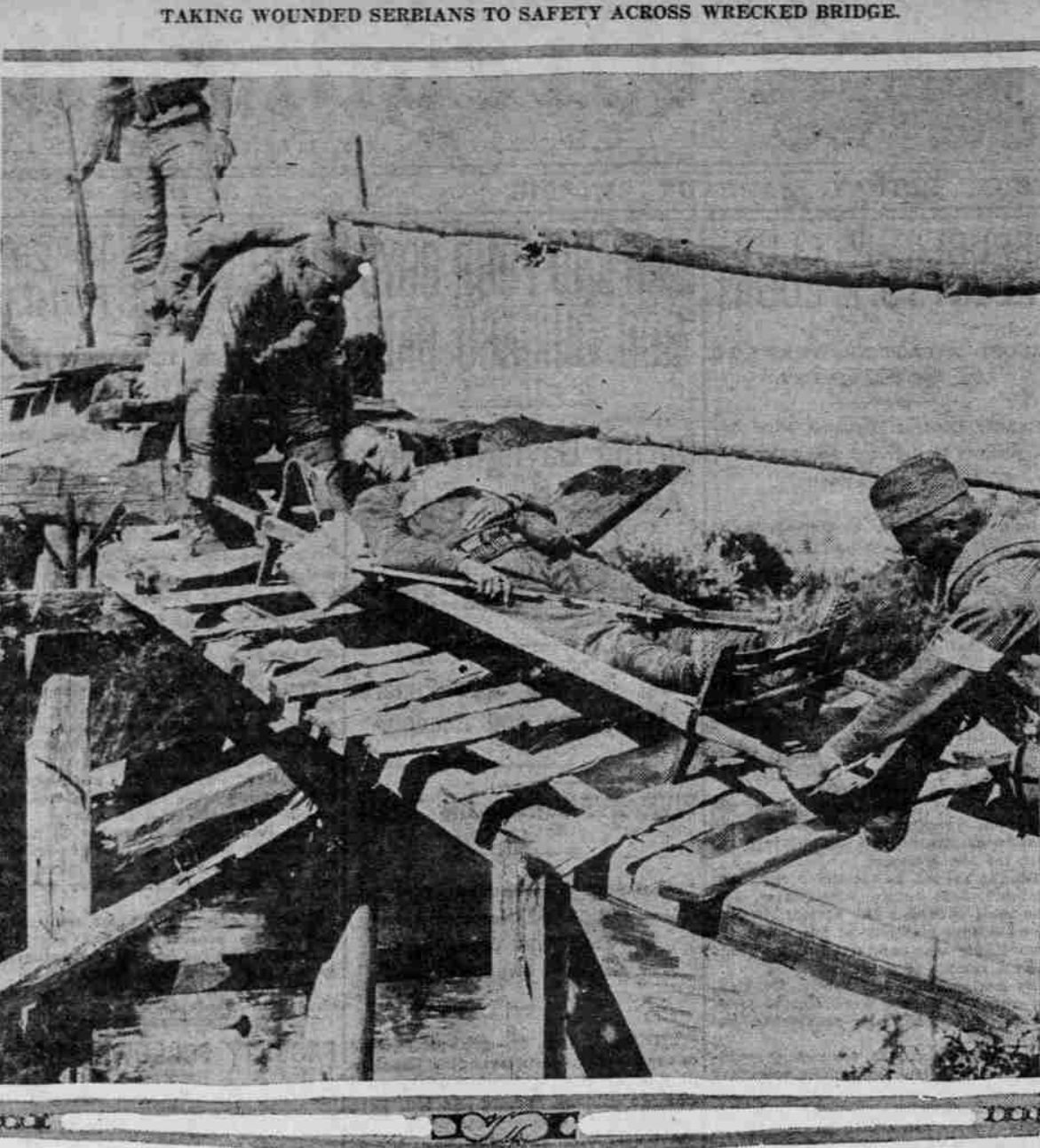
Slight temperature changes only and a continuation of the weather of the past few days are forecast by the Portland Weather Bureau officials for today. Occasional snow will be northeast-erly winds in the prediction.

TRANSFER IS CONFIRMED

H. G. Wilson, Roseburg Indian Agent, to Take Oklahoma Station. ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—H. G. Wilson, for the past five years in charge of the offices of the Roseburg Indian Agency today received the report that he will be transferred to a station in Oklahoma.

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SCENE ON THE MORAVA IN SERBIA. Wounded Serbians are being taken across this bridge on the Morava. The bridge was wrecked by the Serbians in anticipation of an Austrian flank attack. The bridge was temporarily repaired to enable the transportation of the wounded to a field hospital.

PRESSURE IS FELT

Constantinople on Verge of Famine, Says Correspondent.

SITUATION IS ALARMING

Hallil Bey Says German Business Initiative Is Needed to Save His People—Enver Pasha Predicts Suez Raid.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Under the heading "in Starving Constantinople" the Daily Mail's correspondent, who has just returned from a trip through the Balkans on the new Balkan Express, describes the condition in the Turkish capital.

"In Constantinople," says the correspondent, "one realizes the war pressure more than in any greater capital in the war zone. I had been there a few months ago, but today things are much worse. The dearth of necessities of life is now of an alarming nature. The price of sugar is five shillings a pound and coffee is six shillings a pound.

NECESSITIES ARE SCARCE

"Cigarettes are at present dearer, which is a great hardship to the Turks, who smoke almost constantly. There is no chocolate, kerosene, cheese, rice or beef in the city. Mutton is 40 per cent dearer and scarce. Fish is plentiful. The electric and streetcar services have virtually ceased."

The correspondent interviewed Hallil Bey, president of the council, and Enver Pasha, Minister of War. Hallil paid an enthusiastic tribute to the work the Germans are doing in the Near East.

"We Turks," Hallil is quoted as saying, "need the German business initiative. Look at what Germany is doing for Roumania, which is now rich and prosperous and full of business enterprises as a result of Germany's teaching. So the Germans will help us to become a healthy nation. See what they are doing in Anatolia, where they have 200 officers teaching our farmers modern methods."

British Delay Costs Dardanelles. Enver Pasha is reported to have said concerning the Gallipoli campaign, which is a great hardship to the Turks, who smoke almost constantly. There is no chocolate, kerosene, cheese, rice or beef in the city. Mutton is 40 per cent dearer and scarce. Fish is plentiful. The electric and streetcar services have virtually ceased."

"If the English had only had the courage to rush more ships through the Dardanelles they could have got to Constantinople, but their delay enabled us to fortify the peninsula thoroughly. We had our plans all laid for our line of action if the allies occupied Constantinople. We intended to retire to the surrounding hills and Asia Minor and pursue the war from there. We knew they would not destroy the city, so the result simply would have been an impasse. Now with German help, we are ready to strike at Great Britain through the Suez Canal. Our motto is 'On to Egypt!'"

CHICAGO BANK IS ROBBED

(Continued From First Page.) rounded himself with the four desperado boys to hold off resistance and provide and operate the car.

There is a bank robber of international fame in Chicago. He reported to the Burns Agency the day before the holdup. He has done this periodically, always coming voluntarily and always protesting that he is living "on the square." Records show that within 48 hours after each such visit a daring bank "job" has been perpetrated in Chicago.

His description, moreover, is not dissimilar from that of the mustached murderer who held up the Cook Tourist Agency and killed Policeman Johnson a few days ago in daylight in the loop.

The four boys were of the shabby and shiftless cigarette type, too familiar for decades in Chicago's history of stealing.

THURSDAY'S WAR MOVES

CONSIDERABLE fighting has been taking place along the entire French front. Berlin asserts that between 500 and 600 yards of French trenches were stormed by the Germans in the vicinity of Neuville, and that French counter-attacks were without result.

In this region, the French assert, the Germans were driven from mine craters they had occupied and were repulsed in trying to recapture them; while the British report the progressive occupation by their men of mine craters and German listening posts in the Neuville region.

Paris announces that German trenches in Belgium and north of the Aisne have been badly hammered by the French guns and that the Germans suffered serious losses in the Argonne.

While considerable fighting has been going on along the Russian front at various places from Riga to East Galicia, no important results have been attained by either side. On the Austro-Italian front, the Caucasus region and the Balkans quiet prevails.

The British report that the Turks have evacuated their trenches on the land side of the Kut-el-Amara defenses to about a mile from the entrenchments occupied by the besieged British force. The report says there is no change in the situation of the British force marching up the Tigris River to the relief of Kut-el-Amara.

The British labor congress, while opposing by a large majority the provisions of the military service bill, has defeated a proposal that the working-men should agitate for its repeal.

Walter Runciman, president of the British Board of Trade, has informed Parliament that in order to relieve the pressure on shipping and make room in vessels for additional imports of prod-

visions, restrictions against importations of certain goods will be put into effect by the government.

In an address read at the prorogation of Parliament until February 15, King George expressed determination of the entente allies to continue the war until victory is achieved.

GOTHAM PLEDGES \$250,000

Committee Counts Day as Another "Emancipation Day."

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Many thousands of dollars for the relief of Jews in the war zones of Europe were collected in this city today and tonight. Pledges amounted to \$250,000.

Tonight the committee sent President Wilson a telegram thanking him for proclaiming a Jewish relief day, and concluding:

"Your Excellency has the assurance that we are convinced that today will be reckoned as the dawn of another emancipation day."

To Prevent the Grip. Colds cause grip—Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE" E. W. Groves's signature on box. 25c

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Extraordinary Reductions in Undermuslins. Envelope Chemise—Combination Suits—Gowns—Skirts and Drawers—All in Desirable Styles and Fine Materials and Trimmings. Values to \$1.25. Clearance Sale Price Do not misconstrue the purpose of this unusual price-reduction, which is solely to live up business and to dispose of a great overstock of undermuslins before inventory.

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EXTRA!! A Sale of Sample Blankets Cotton Wool White, Grey and Plaid Styles, 1-3 Off Regular Selling Prices. All Qualities, From 75c up to \$12.00 a Pair. In order to bring this saving opportunity to our patrons we purchased a manufacturer's entire sample line of Wool and Cotton Blankets—the quantity is limited, that is our only regret.

EXTRA!! A Clearance at About Half-Price Printed Silk Poplins. Neat, Small Figures and Designs, 29c yard. Also Hair Line Striped Messalines in Many Colors. Silks Regularly Sold at 50c and 65c a Yard A fine lot of 24-inch Printed Silk Poplins in pretty colorings in small patterns; also pin and hair-line striped Messalines in many popular and desirable colors; silks of perfect weave in qualities regularly sold at 60c and 65c a yard, FRIDAY ONLY AT...29c

EXTRA!! Final Half-Price Wash Goods. Both Plain Colors and Neat Patterns, at 1/2 Off. All Kinds of 2 to 10-yard Lengths. One-Half the Regularly Low Selling Figures. At this sale we place an enormous assortment of Remnants of Wash Goods on the bargain counter to be closed out at one-half remnant prices.

EXTRA!! Another Great Sale of Wool Batts. In One-Piece, 72x84 inches, at \$1.69 each—a Quality Sold Everywhere at \$2.25. Come Early—The Last Lot Was Sold Out by 2 o'clock. Through special arrangements with the manufacturers we are permitted to sell a limited number—100—fine Oregon Wool Batts at a bargain price as an advertising feature.

FLOUR CHEAPER at the D. C. Burns Company than you can buy wheat in the open market. Why? Because we contracted for our present stock before the advance. Come reap the benefit. FLOUR Superior Fancy Patent Flour—Barrel, \$5.60; sack, \$1.45 White Rose Good Family Flour—Bbl., \$5.40; sack, \$1.40 Whole Wheat Flour—Per 10-pound sack...35c Germ Meal, per 10-pound sack...45c SHOP OF HONEST COFFEE JUNO COFFEE Is the King of the Breakfast Table—A fine, heavy Coffee, combining strength, character, body and flavor. Regular price 35c per pound. Special 3 1/2 pounds for \$1.00 29c or special, per pound...29c Fancy New Orleans Table Molasses All goods bought or ordered on Friday or Saturday will be charged on February 1st account. D. C. Burns Company 208-210 Third Street, Bet. Taylor and Salmon Wholesalers to Private Families, Hotels and Restaurants Watch Our Week-end Specials Advertised Every Fri. in The Oregonian.

The Last Final Price Reduction On Women's Tailored and Fur Trimmed Suits. Fashionable Models in Plain Colors and Mixtures. Only One \$5.00 or Two of a Style or Size. Values to \$25.00 to Close Friday at \$5.00. Let your wardrobe include another new Tailored or Fur-Trimmed Suit to round out the season—and not all these Suits are of Winter weights—many are desirable for early Spring wear—but all are in this sale at far less than manufacturer's cost! It is a final clearance before inventory of all broken lines. One or two suits of a style or size—both plain colors and mixtures, in greys, browns, blues, greens etc. Miss this sale and you'll miss an extraordinary saving opportunity, for you have choice from Suits formerly sold up to \$25.00. While the lot lasts, Friday, at...\$5.00 Broken Lines Women's Waists, in Values to \$1.98, Your Choice 50c Friday at...50c A great variety of styles to select from in Flannel, Madras and Voile—an assortment too extensive to describe. Come select those you like best. You have choice from values to \$1.95. Friday, while they last, at...50c