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VON HERTLING IS HOPEFUL

Russian Proposal to Transfer Peace Negotiations to Stockholm Is Rejected—Under Secretary Tells of Difficulties.

BERLIN, Jan. 4, via Amsterdam.—Count Von Hertling, the Imperial Chancellor, spoke again today before the main committee of the Reichstag. In referring to his remarks of yesterday, in which he had said that Germany had to deal with incidents which might change the Russo-German position from day to day, the Chancellor proceeded to allude to the Russian proposal to transfer the peace negotiations to Stockholm as such an incident. In this connection, he declared:

"Apart from the fact that we are not in a position to permit the Russians to prescribe the venue at which the negotiations, the transferance to Stockholm would lead to great difficulties."

Position Declared Strong.—Addressing the Reichstag main committee yesterday, Chancellor von Hertling said in regard to the Russian rejection of the peace proposals dealing with disposition of the occupied Russian territory:

"We can cheerfully await the further course of this incident. We rely upon our strong position, our loyal intentions and our just rights."

The Chancellor announced that Dr. von Kuehlmann has been instructed to reject the Russian proposal to transfer the peace negotiations to Stockholm. Chancellor von Hertling said he greeted with satisfaction the opportunity of the government and the people's representatives in conferring on the weighty and fateful decisions which at the present time were being discussed. The government would take advantage of this opportunity, the Chancellor said, to make known to the country the course the peace negotiations so far had taken, and he said he desired to receive suggestions from the representatives of the people.

Kuehlmann at Brest-Litovsk.—Count von Hertling said the Foreign Secretary, von Kuehlmann, yesterday, after a stay of only two days in Berlin, had returned to Brest-Litovsk. He, therefore, to his regret, was unable himself to report on the course of the negotiations with Russia. The under secretary for foreign affairs, Baron von dem Busche-Haddenhausen, would undertake the task instead.

Baron von dem Busche-Haddenhausen gave to the main committee the history of events leading to the peace negotiations. He said the negotiations had taken a rapid and smooth course and had reached a general satisfactory conclusion on December 15.

Parallel to the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the foreign under secretary said, ran the negotiations at Peking for an armistice on the southeastern front, at which conference Roumania was represented.

Peace Negotiations Difficult.—The peace negotiations which followed, the Baron said, naturally were very difficult, as they had to be conducted between the coalition, on one hand, and a single power on the other. As to the course of the negotiations, the public had been informed to a greater extent than usually was the case. This had made the negotiations more difficult, as the entente powers were enabled to inspect the negotiations by circulating false news.

Baron von dem Busche-Haddenhausen then reviewed the Russian proposals, the German counter-proposals and the tasks of the German commission sent to Petrograd to deal with the questions of subjects of the central powers, interned wounded soldiers and prisoners.

During the debate, a member of the Central party expressed approval, on the whole, of the attitude of the German representatives at Brest-Litovsk and said:

Lasting Peace Desired.—"Our aim must be not only to arrive at an understanding with the Bolshevik government, but to reach a lasting peace with the Russian people and prevent war in the future."

The speaker asserted that the constitutional bodies in Poland, Lithuania and Courland established on valid law express the will of the peoples of those territories. A Socialist member declared it would be in the interest of the empire to recognize the principle of the right of peoples to self-determination.

"Political life in the occupied territories is obstructed by military pressure, which must be removed," he said. "The negotiations must be conducted to a satisfactory end. This is the will of the German people and of the German nation itself."

TWO BILLIONS FOR SHIPS

(Continued From First Page.) If ships the Sloan corporation is now building. Mr. Ferris denied that he had anything to do with the contracts, but said he introduced officers of the Clinchfield Company to Major-General George W. Goethals, formerly general manager of the Fleet Corporation.

Conditions affecting the construction of wooden ships were outlined by F. A. Brown, general purchasing officer for the Fleet Corporation, and F. L. Sanford, a member of the Southern Pine Emergency Bureau. Mr. Brown explained the Fleet Corporation's granting of an increase in lumber prices and

said he thought it was fully justified in view of the fact that timber sizes were made larger. He said the ships were made so large that pine producers could not make deliveries, but that the corporation expected to have delivered from Oregon within 30 days a smooth fit to furnish the heavier timbers for 100 wooden ships.

BONUS TO MEN IS EXPLAINED

Captain J. F. Blain Says Six Consecutive Days' Labor Necessary.—SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—Because so many requests have reached United States Shipping Board officials regarding a 10 per cent wage bonus being paid shipyard employees, Captain J. F. Blain, of Seattle, district officer of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, tonight issued a statement declaring the bonus is paid only to shipyard employees working six consecutive days on vessels being built for the United States Government.

Captain Blain said the bonus was ordered paid by the government beginning December 15, 1917, to provide a stimulus to increase the output of ships being built for the Emergency Fleet Corporation and to encourage men living at great distance to leave their homes and enter service in the yards. "The payment does not apply to men working on private vessels or on ships for other governments," the statement said. "Neither does it apply to other industries. The payments are made to men working six consecutive days in a week, a total of not less than 48 hours. The payments are being computed on straight time at the rate provided in many adjustment board's award of last August."

FRENCH WING 8 PLANES

CAPTIVE BALLOON SHOT DOWN; ARTILLERY DUEL INTENSE.

British Advance Line Slightly in Vicinity of Lens—Huns Assert Prisoners Were Taken.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Violent artillery fighting on the Champagne and Verdun front is reported in today's official communication. A German attack in Upper Alsace was repulsed. Eight German airplanes and a captive balloon were brought to earth yesterday.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Local fighting took place yesterday on the Cambrai front, in the neighborhood of the Canal du Nord, without producing any material change in the situation, the War Office reports.

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BERLIN, via London, Jan. 4.—Attacks by the British in the region east of Ypres and north of La Bassée Canal were repulsed by German troops, who captured prisoners and machine guns in the fighting, army headquarters announced today.

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ABERDEEN MAY GET PLANT Paper Company Asks Quotation on 3,000,000 Gallons Water Daily.—ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The possible location in Aberdeen of a big paper mill is forecast in a request filed with the City Council Wednesday night asking for rates on 3,000,000 gallons of water daily to such a concern. The use of the present pumping station, which will not be needed after this week, when the new Washkah water project goes into operation, is suggested.

The situation which the data asked is one of the large paper concerns of the Pacific Coast and has several plants in operation. A plentiful supply of cheap water is declared a necessity.

NORTH BEND CENSUS IS ON

J. A. Smith, Federal Representative Puts Ford Machinery in Order.—NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The food census promoted by the United States census bureau, which Coos County was selected as the representative county in Oregon opened here today. J. A. Smith having been appointed Federal representative to supervise the census in this section.

It is expected that the returns will be available shortly after January 15, at which date the census clerks, all stores, camps and commissariats with stocks to the value of \$250 or more are ordered to submit detailed lists under penalty of heavy penalties in event of non-compliance.

AVIATORS TO GO TO FRONT

U. S. Boys to Finish Training Under Battle Conditions.—WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first group of young pilots and observers to take a course of instruction in the American flying school, near Paris, on the highway near Woivre completed its work today.

After a rest of a week, the squadron will be sent to the front, where the finishing touches will be added under actual battle conditions. The work at the front will be carried out under the guidance of veteran French aviators. The members of the squadron today showed the ability to overcome difficult conditions of ground.

Now in Preparation The GREATEST JANUARY SALE OF COATS FOR WOMEN ever announced in a JANUARY SALE. Details will be found in Sunday papers.

ECONOMY JANUARY The Big Drive Against Rising Prices Will Be Reinforced by These Great Sales Today!

—And the fact that the public appreciates what we are doing to keep prices at a low level is shown by the enthusiastic response to every sale announced so far for Economy January. In many instances prices quoted are considerably under the present wholesale cost! Better figure out what you need and buy now wherever possible!

Attention!—Mothers of Girls! Little Girls—Big Girls—and Flappers—Every GIRL'S COAT Reduced

—Coats for girls from 2 to 14, and juniors 15 and 17; practically every kind of coat that girls want. Fancy coats of velour, velvet, plush, corduroy, fine serges and fancy mixtures. All the very newest styles and colors; some are trimmed with plush or velvet and others are in strictly tailored styles. Reduced to \$2.98, \$3.95, \$5.95, \$7.95, \$8.95 to \$19.95 No Approvals or Exchanges in This Sale

Children's HATS Reduced

—All children's Winter hats at good reductions, both tailored and fancy styles. PLUSH TAMS, 49c —Cunning little hats of black plush, with grosgrain band. Finished at top with button, cord and tassel. CHILDREN'S HATS, 95c —Smart little hats of corduroy, in small, close-fitting shapes; also some with drooping or roll brims; finished with ribbon bands and touches of color. Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

GIRLS' PARTY DRESSES AT HALF PRICE

—A collection of dainty party dresses; sweet little styles, in net and lingerie and challies; made in youthful, pretty styles. White and all dainty colors are shown. Also some simpler wash dresses included. Sizes 6 to 14 years. Now \$2.98 to \$14.38—JUST HALF PRICE Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

FRENCH IVORY TOILET ARTICLES —AT SPECIAL PRICES

—There's hardly a girl or a woman who isn't the proud possessor of some piece of dainty French ivory (composition) for her dresser. Here is a chance to add to her collection at special sale prices! Jewel Boxes . . . \$1.29 Manicure Pieces, 29c. Children's Manicure Pieces, 15c Cream Jars . . . 29c Manicure Scissors . . . 89c Candle Sticks . . . 98c Hat Pin Holders . . . 29c Picture Frames . . . 59c, 89c Talcum Holders . . . 39c Bud Vases . . . 59c Napkin Rings . . . 15c Perfume Bottles . . . 59c Main Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

TAPLEX Pocket STOVE With One Tube of Fuel Just the Thing for Soldiers, Sailors and Out-of-Door Men . . . 25c

—A remarkably convenient article that can be slipped into the pocket to keep the hands warm. It is non-combustible and gives 8 hours' heat. Smokeless Fuel for Stove—Five Tubes for 25c Main Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Girls' Hats Reduced to 75c

—Clever little hats for girls from 8 to 12 years of age! They're made of velvet, corduroy and soft felt, simply trimmed; some in plain tailored style. Greatly reduced for quick disposal—75c! Girls' Ready-to-Wear Hats, Special 49c —These, too, are for little girls 8 to 12. Velvet with soft brims and crowns, trimmed with ribbon and cord around crown. In black and colors. Reduced for this sale to 49c! Third Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

About 20 of Our Choicest \$5 Women's Hats Reduced to \$5

—Included in this group are many of our most exclusive models. The quantity is limited, but practically every style is included. Third Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

LABOR RALLIES IN FORCE INTERNATIONAL TRADES UNIONS TO JOIN RESERVE.

Artisans of Pacific Northwest Receive Call to Support Shipbuilding Programme of Nation.—WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—It was learned today at the Department of Labor that the International Trades Unions have decided to give complete co-operation with the movement to enroll the industrial forces of the Nation in the United States public service reserve. "The situation requires co-operation," continued Mr. Hall. "Neither organized labor nor unorganized labor, nor anything short of harmonious action by the Nation as a whole, can meet the need. Patriotism is confined to no class. The Nation must have the complete working support of both the union and the nonunion man to be able to successfully fill the tremendous demands of this war. "The supreme immediate need is for men who can fit into shipwork, where the opportunity for patriotic service at good pay is immeasurable. "Local enrollment agents have been appointed in most of the districts of the Northwestern states and others are being selected as fast as the organizing machinery of the public service reserve and the Department of Labor can handle the matter. An intensive

campaign for enrollments will be conducted during the current month. CLUB OFFICERS NOMINATED Annual Meeting of South Bend Commercial Organization January 11.—SOUTH BEND, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Captain L. L. Darling will be the new president of the South Bend Commercial Club, succeeding W. P. Cressy, who has served during 1917. S. W. Sturdevant has been nominated as vice-president. F. A. Haseltine has been renominated treasurer. Seven trustees were named as follows: W. P. Cressy, E. A. Seaborg, Dr. R. E. Schenk, Dr. G. A. Tripp, L. W. Homan, H. L. Gerwig and H. W. B. Howen. The annual meeting will be held January 11. Captain Darling is chairman of the County Council of Defense and has led the workers in all the patriotic drives.

SPEEDY MOTORIST ENLISTS Oregon City Man Starts on Trip to San Diego in His Automobile.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 4.—A man from Oregon City will enter the aviation corps at San Diego, Cal., as soon as he

JANUARY VICTOR RECORDS NOW IN! —Come in and hear the new Victor Records. "The Rainbow of Love," by John McCormack; "Wait Till the Cows Come Home" and "A Sweetheart of My Own"; "Long Boy" and "I Don't Want to Get Well"; "I Love to Be a Sailor"; "She Wandered Down the Mountain Side"; "Hungarian Dance No. 5"; "Hungarian Dance No. 6"; "Proch's Air and Variations." Sixth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

MEN! This Sale of SHIRTS at 95c Is a Real "Hum-dinger" —Because if we didn't happen to own these shirts at a price that hasn't been in effect for about a year we couldn't afford to sell them at anywhere near 95c! They are good, smart shirts, in attractive patterns and colorings; made with soft and stiff cuffs. Shown in all sizes from 14 to 18. —CORDED MADRAS, PERCALE AND BEDFORD CORDS, WITH ALL COLORS GUARANTEED FAST. Shirts That Are Built to Fit; Very Special . . . 95c Main Floor, Just Inside Washington-Street Entrance.

A Splendid—Guaranteed Walrus Bag \$6.50 —An extra special! Extra large walrus bag, with strongly reinforced corners, lift catch and inside lock. Made with washable lining and double inside pockets. Full 18-inch size—\$6.50. Mezzanine Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

100 BOYS' OVERCOATS \$8.95, \$11.85 SIZES 11 TO 18 YEARS —Clever coats, every one of them; taken from our regular stocks of coats for larger boys. They're here in all the newest models and patterns—the TRENCH, the BELTER and the BALMACAN. In beautiful mixtures, overplaids and plain blues and grays. Coats for all kinds of weather; quarter and half and full lined. 75 WARM COATS FOR LITTLE FELLOWS At \$5.65 and \$6.95 —New styles that closely follow those for the older boys; in beautiful mixtures and solid blue cloth. Double or single breasted styles. Sizes 3 to 9 yrs. 200 TWO-PANTS SUITS AT \$6.50 —Sizes for boys from 6 to 18 years of age! All new models represented in good materials. The enormous advance in the price of materials makes these remarkable suits at \$6.50! JUST 150 MORE ARMORCLAD SUITS AT \$5—THEN THE PRICE WILL HAVE TO GO UP! BOYS' MACKINAW AT \$5.00 and \$6.50 —Warm, light mackinaws that the boys can wear all through this winter and next year, too! And you'll be mighty glad to have one when next winter comes, because the price will have advanced so much! Oregon City Woolen Mills coats, famous for warmth and smartness! BOYS' WOOL MIXED SWEATERS, \$2.49 —Warm sweater coats made in ruff-neck style, with large roll collar and deep pockets. In navy, Oxford, cardinal and maroon. Fourth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Picture Frames Special 69c —Black, brown and antique gold frames in all regulation sizes from cabinet to 14x17 inches. Fitted with glass; many with mats. Sixth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Sipman Wolfe & Co "Merchandise of Merit Only"

reaches his destination. This man is Charles Nelson, who has been connected with the Independent Garage for about a year. Mr. Nelson left Oregon City on Wednesday morning of this week at 8 o'clock by automobile and had expected to reach Ashland by evening, but word was received from him this morning that he had reached Cottage Grove in excellent time, making 145 miles in six hours. Owing to the condition of the roadway between Cottage Grove and Drain, Mr. Nelson states that it is necessary for him to ship his car to Drain by the Southern Pacific, but did not believe he would have any further trouble in getting through. Mr. Nelson made a trip from Idaho to Oregon City in record time about a year ago and was among the winners in the automobile races at the Clackamas County fair at Canby in September.

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