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RELATIONS ARE VERY STRAINED

United States Described as Being Almost at the Breaking Point With Austria

REPLY TO THE NOTE

Unofficial Report of Answer About Ancona is Neither Acceptable Nor Satisfactory

REGARDED AS TOO VAGUE

Austria Asks for Bill of Particulars, A Discussion of Facts and Other Things Which Will Be Refused by the State Department

THINKS MATTERS ARE LESS TENSE

VIENNA, Dec. 16.—The situation as regards Austria-Hungary and the United States is considered here as having become less tense since the reply to the American note was dispatched.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the Ancona is regarded on the basis of unofficial reports received today from London and Amsterdam as wholly unsatisfactory, unacceptable and disappointing to the United States.

Other lodges and organizations are also doing Christmas work and an endeavor will be made to see that there are no duplications and no one overlooked.

The Episcopal Guild has already raised a considerable fund for the work.

In addition to the general plans for spreading Christmas cheer, the municipal Christmas tree, in charge of a committee of which E. Lohard McClure is chairman, will cover another sphere of the work.

So, all in all, the field promises to be pretty well covered in a systematic way.

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President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are reserving comment until they have the official translation at hand, but it is stated authoritatively that the United States will enter into no exchange of opinions as Vienna is represented as suggesting, and absolutely will decline to discuss the facts of torpedoing and shelling of the Ancona.

No official news reached the state department that the Austrian note had been delivered to Ambassador Penfield, but news dispatches containing excerpts are taken as evidence that the note is on its way to Washington.

FLAT TOP OF DAM WILL BE GOLF COURSE

Y. M. C. A. at Panama Forms Club and Will Have Good Place to Play

PANAMA, Dec. 16.—The broad flat top of Gatun Dam is to serve for a golf course and a club is now being organized by officials of the Panama Canal and others.

The club will be organized under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association which already has a suitable club building at Gatun.

RESIGNS HIS COMMAND

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Sir James Willcocks has resigned the command of the Indian Corps on the western front for "personal reasons."

A lieutenant-general since 1908 he was senior to Sir Douglas Haig until the latter was made a full general last November.

For similar reasons, so far as the public knows, General Smith-Dorrien left the front several months ago.

CHRISTMAS TO POOR

ELKS AND FELLOWSHIP CLUBS TO PROVIDE CHEER

Plan to See That Every Family and Individual Has Fine Dinner and Give Toys to Little Folks

As has been their custom for years past, the Marshfield Lodge of Elks will again this year see that Christmas cheer is provided for all the needy homes.

Tom Harvey and W. H. Kennedy, to whom charge of the Christmas work was given, are now arranging to provide for all.

In addition to provision being made for Marshfield and vicinity, members of the lodge in North Bend and Bandon will provide for the needy there, members of the Elks in Bandon, in Coquille and in Myrtle Point will do similar work at those places.

Every poor family will receive a well-filled basket of Christmas eats and the kiddies will not be forgotten.

No questions are ever asked by the Elks and no names are ever given out.

Fellowship Club Aids The Fellowship Club is also making provision the same as last year to some extra Christmas work.

It will try to not conflict with other organizations, but will make special provision for the "down and out" chap on Christmas day, by giving him a ticket for a feast at one of the restaurants.

Masons Also Help The Masons and some of the other lodges are also planning to see that Christmas is not a bleak day.

In addition to providing for the Christmas feast, provision is also made by the Elks and Masons for the little folks in the homes of the needy by providing for Santa Claus so that the children get their toys, etc.

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FIRST BANK OPENS

POWERS WELCOMES E. J. LONEY AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

New Bank Building Stands Almost Completed—Fixtures Are Ready—Is Experienced Banker

Powers' first bank opened for business this morning when E. J. Loney, of Port Orford, announced that everything was ready for business.

Most of the fixtures of the bank were moved over from Port Orford, according to W. S. Chandler, who went to Powers on the morning train to see what progress is being made on the building.

The structure was started but six weeks ago and now stands virtually completed. It is a frame building and over the bank is a second story containing five rooms in which Mr. Loney and his family will reside.

The coming of the bank to Powers means much to the little town that in less than a year has had a marvelous growth.

Mr. Loney was not there in time to handle the December payroll of the Smith-Powers camps, it is said, but is in ample time for January.

He is an experienced banker and business man, having for a long time been in charge of his bank at Port Orford, where he has other business interests.

MRS. C. R. ENDICOTT, of Los Angeles, with her sister, Miss Silvia Davis, who lives above Myrtle Point, left on the Speedwell this afternoon for California.

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DESIRE TO FLY ENDS IN DEATH

Mrs. Lulu Comstock of San Diego, is Killed When Airship Falls

WAS 74 YEARS OLD

Seized With Fit and Grabs Aviator, Causing Machine to Turn Over

WOMAN'S NECK IS BROKEN

Meyerhoffer Was Operating the Machine and Was Not Hurt Being Thrown Into the Water Clear of Wreckage of Machine

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Expressing a desire to "fly" once before retiring to quiet life, Mrs. Lulu Comstock, aged 74 years, arranged for a flight with Aviator Meyerhoffer that ended today with the falling of the flying boat into San Diego bay and the death of the woman.

Seized With Fit A few minutes after the flight started, according to the story told by Meyerhoffer, Mrs. Comstock was seized with a fit and reaching out, grabbed the aviator.

Before he could release himself, the flying boat, which was about 50 feet in air, turned over and fell into the bay.

Hurled Into Water Both were hurled clear of the wreckage and were picked up within five minutes. Mrs. Comstock was dead, her neck being broken. Meyerhoffer was not hurt.

BLAMED ON TARIFF

REPUBLICANS MAKE MINORITY REPORT IN HOUSE

Say Emergency Revenue Law is Not Due to Present War Conditions in World.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Republicans on the House ways and means committee, in a minority report today, deny that the emergency revenue law is necessary because of war conditions, and assert instead, that the treasury deficit is due mainly to tariff reductions under the Underwood law.

EUGENE BUYS PLANT

CITY PURCHASES OREGON POWER CO. ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Deal Involves \$150,000, of Which \$50,000 in Money is to be Paid in at Once

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 16.—Competition between the municipal electric lighting system and the Oregon Power company ceased last night when the City Council ratified the purchase of the latter's franchise and holdings within the city limits and suburbs of Eugene.

The deal involves \$150,000, of which sum \$50,000 is to be paid at once, with deferred payments of \$125,000 a month with interest at 5 per cent.

The purchase was made by the Eugene water board, which controls the municipal electric lighting system, and which has been in operation a little over four years. The property includes the franchise, electrical business, machinery and appliances held by the Oregon Power company for the Northern Idaho & Montana Power Company, a Delaware corporation. No bond issue will be required and none of the city's property is involved as security in the deal, the deferred payments to be made out of the earnings of the electrical department.

The Council ratified the purchase, only one member opposing an action and one not voting.

E. P. Burgess, Charles Thompson and Ray Campbell will give a dance next Saturday night at the Eagles Hall. Platt's orchestra will furnish the music and an enjoyable evening is assured those who attend.

Dr. Leslie, Osteopath, Marshfield

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GETS HIS LICENSE STOP PURSUIT OF THE ALLIES

PRESIDENT ARRANGES FOR MARRYING MRS. GALT

His Age is Given As Fifty-nine and that of the Lady Forty-Three

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—A marriage license for President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt was issued today at the local bureau.

The wedding will take place Saturday night at Mrs. Galt's home here. Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of the Episcopal church, which Mrs. Galt attends, will officiate.

The president is a Presbyterian. The license, which was obtained by Chief Usher Hoover of the White House, gives the president's age as 59 and Mrs. Galt's as 43.

TRAIN IS HELD UP

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE IN THE EXPRESS CAR

Only a Few Registered Packages of Small Value are Taken, It is Stated

MENA, Ark., Dec. 16.—A south-bound passenger train on the Kansas City Southern was held up near here early today by three robbers. They blew the safe of the express car. The loot, according to railroad officials, consisted of four registered packages of small value.

CHINA GETS A NOTE

ALLIES SEND A MESSAGE OF A SOOTHING NATURE

Urge the Necessity of Maintaining Internal Peace After the Change of Government

TOKIO, Dec. 16.—Italy's ratification having arrived, Japan forwarded to China a note from the entente powers relative to the re-establishment of the Chinese monarchy. The note is of a soothing nature, but emphasizes the necessity of maintaining peace in China and the determination of the entente nations to protect their rights in case of outbreaks.

TO MOVE EXHIBITS

TO BE TAKEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO SAN DIEGO

Senators Adopt Resolution Today Authorizing the Transfer of all Government Property

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The senate adopted today a resolution authorizing the transfer of all government exhibits from the Panama Pacific exposition at San Francisco to the Panama California exposition at San Diego.

FOREIGN TRADE BIG

PUGET SOUND HAS DONE GOOD BUSINESS

Japan Has Been the Best Customer of Port Both in Buying and Selling

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—The foreign trade of Puget Sound for November amounted to nearly \$19,612,000, according to the collector of customs. The imports exceeded the exports by more than \$200,000.

Japan was the best customer, sending goods worth \$6,125,000 and taking goods worth \$1,860,000. The principal imports of the district were raw silk, tea and rice. The chief export was salmon.

SELECT A LEADER

ZAPATA FOLLOWERS NAME A PRESIDENT OF THEIR OWN

Second Government is Now Established in Mexico in Opposition to Carranza

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16.—The Zapata adherents met in convention at Tlaxiaco yesterday and named Antonio Soto Y Gama president of the republic of Mexico, according to a dispatch to the newspaper El Democrita. The election was approved by Zapata, who spread a decree over the territory controlled by him.

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STOP PURSUIT OF THE ALLIES

Bulgarians State That They Have Temporarily Dropped Chasing Anglo-French

PRISONERS TAKEN

Over Twelve Hundred Men and Officers Besides Cannon and Munition Are Taken

IS QUIET AT MACEDONIA

Will Probably Remain So Until After the Election Next Saturday—No Activity Reported in the East or West Theaters

LONDON, Dec. 16.—According to word received at Berlin today, the Bulgarian headquarters staff announced that the Bulgarian troops have temporarily stopped the pursuit of the Anglo-French forces at the Greek frontier.

The Bulgarians took 1234 prisoners, among them 18 officers. They also captured 14 cannon, 62 ammunition cars and much war material.

Quiet in Macedonia A lull now prevails on the Macedonian front and Athens observers believe it will extend over the Greek elections of Sunday.

The Austro-Hungarian troops, pushing an advance in Montenegro, reached the vicinity of Bjelopolje on the Lm River, 20 miles west of the Serbian border.

Inactivity continues at the East and West.

WANTS LARGE ARMY

SENATOR WORKS SAYS MILLION MEN NEEDED TO DEFEND

Declares Pacific Coast to Be Entirely at the Mercy of an Asiatic Attack

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Senator Works of California told the senate today that a standing army of one million men was necessary to defend the United States against a possible invasion, and declared that the Pacific coast was completely at the mercy of an Asiatic attack.

He spoke on the subject of national defense and proposed the creation of a mobile land force and military reserve of 200,000 men at a cost of \$50,000,000 for ten years.

The term of enlistment would be for five years. The men would be settled with their families on five acre tracts provided by the government.

ATTACKED BY TURKS

POSITION ON THE TIGRIS IS TAKEN BY STORM

Artillery Engagements and Aerial Torpedo Fights Occur at the Dardanelles

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—An official statement says: "Mesopotamia, made up of the farthest houses of Kut-el-Amara, situated on the right bank of the Tigris, was taken by storm on December 13. One of the hostile monitors was sunk. At the Dardanelles there have been artillery engagements and conflicts with bombs and aerial torpedoes."

SERBIANS BRING 18,000 PRISONERS

PARIS, Dec. 16.—A division of the Serbian army, escorting 18,000 Austrian prisoners, arrived at Tirana and Elbassan, Albania, according to a Havas News Agency dispatch from Janina.

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BUILDING ROAD TOWARD EGYPT

Turco-German Threat Becoming More Grave as New Rail Line Progresses

TROOPS GATHERING

Miles of Tubes Being Laid to Carry Drinking Water Across the Desert

TO BRIDGE SUEZ CANAL

Invaders Providing Material for the Purpose—Three Hundred Thousand Ottoman Soldiers Trained By Germans Concentrating

ROME, Dec. 16.—The Turco-German threat against Egypt is becoming more grave daily is the belief of military men here. The construction of a railroad line between Damascus and the Egyptian frontier has been pushed with extraordinary speed and will be finished by February 1.

Concentrate Army This railway, which has a double track, will permit the concentration of half a million men in one month, together with the necessary supplies and ammunition, at the Egyptian frontier.

About 300,000 Ottoman troops, commanded and drilled by German officers, already are concentrated between Alessandretta Alepho and Homs, it is stated.

Pipe Water Over Desert Army engineers are laying miles of tubes for carrying drinking water across the desert and also are providing material for the construction of bridges to cross the Suez canal.

TWO VESSELS LOST

SWEDISH BARK SPRINGS LEAK AND IS ABANDONED

American Steamer Lucy Nef Damaged in Storm off Delaware Coast and Founders

SWEDISH VESSEL IS ABANDONED BY CREW

GALVESTON, Dec. 16.—The Swedish bark Carolina, from Freeport to Gothenburg, sprang leaks off the Brazos River bar last night and was abandoned. The crew was rescued.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Captain Loughrane and a crew of 19 men of the American steamer Lucy Nef, which foundered yesterday off the Delaware coast, arrived here today on the British steamer Chase Hill.

The Lucy Nef sprung several leaks during a gale.

NEWSPAPER SEIZED

LONDON POLICE TAKE TYPE AND ISSUE OF BRITANNIA

Was Official Organ of Women's Social and Political Union—Objectionable Comment

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The police last night seized the type and current issue of Britannia, the official organ of the women's social and political union.

"The authorities took exception to our comment on Sir Edward Grey and a certain British general in the Balkans," said Miss Annie Kenny.

LEARN HOW TO LIVE ON FIFTEEN CENTS A DAY

Young Girls in France Are Being Given Course in Domestic Economy Work

NANCY, France, Dec. 16.—Eighty young girls from Pont-a-Mousson, from Gerbevillers, from Nomeny, from Alsaac and different parts of Lorraine, are passing their exile here in Nancy, learning domestic economy in a building in which the Germans made cheap soup before the war.

"How to live on 15 cents a day and have a little something over," is the essence of the problem the girls have to solve. In doing it they begin at the market, learning how to buy then the value and uses of what they have bought and how to get the most out of it.

The work also includes designing, cutting and sewing.

"We owe it to the soldiers who are fighting that when they return to their destroyed fireplaces they will find that their children have been neither abandoned nor neglected, but that during their absence they have received the training and education that will enable them to face the future with courage and confidence," said Prefect Mirman to the correspondent, after showing him the work rooms.