

DEFINITE ANSWER ON SINKING OF ANCONA DEMANDED BY U. S.

Baron Zweidenek of Austria Refused Oral Discussion of Case by Secretary of State

MUST GIVE ACCOUNTING

United States Through Temporarily in Submarine Issue and Will Hold to Demands.

Washington, Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—Efforts of Baron Zweidenek, Austrian charge, to act as intermediary between his government and the United States in the critical Ancona situation, such as Ambassador von Bernstorff acting for Germany during the Lusitania negotiations, have failed. It became known today that during their conference yesterday Secretary of State Lansing told Baron Zweidenek that oral discussion of the Ancona case would not be acceptable to this government. He said further that a prompt reply from Austria to the last note is required.

Wants Definite Answer. Secretary Lansing took the ground that discussion of the case from the charge on his own responsibility would avail nothing and that the United States could be satisfied only with a definite answer.

Baron Zweidenek, it was learned through diplomatic channels, made overtures to Secretary Lansing looking to oral discussion of the Ancona case on the basis of giving guarantees of his government as to future conduct. His idea in this, diplomats in touch with the negotiations believe, was to open a way for continued discussion of the Ancona case.

Reasons Are Given.

This would be similar to the Lusitania case, in which negotiations were prolonged by assurances given by Germany last September that she would adopt the principles set forth by the United States to govern future submarine operations. Two views were expressed as to Secretary Lansing's reasons for rejecting offers of the Austrian charge to enter into oral discussion of the case.

One view held by those who insist that the United States will stand irrevocably on its demands upon Austria for desavowal of the act and punishment of the submarine commander, is that the United States has through temporizing on the submarine issue and is prepared to hold Austria to full accountability.

Optimistic Regarding Break.

The other view, which finds support in diplomatic circles, is that Secretary Lansing rejected Baron Zweidenek's overtures because the latter has not been given plenipotentiary powers to negotiate with the United States for a settlement of the Ancona case, as was Count von Bernstorff by the German government during the Lusitania crisis. Those holding this view take the hopeful attitude that the United States will not force a break in relations with Austria-Hungary if that government backs down sufficiently to pave the way for further discussion.

Arbitration Suggested.

Berlin, Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—The preliminary draft of Austria's reply to the second American note contains the suggestion that important points in dispute regarding the Ancona be submitted to an arbitration tribunal, according to reports received here today. Austria, it is understood, agrees to accept the findings of this arbitration board as to whether she shall desist from the sinking of the Italian liner and punish the submarine commander. This feature is said to have been suggested by the foreign office but has not yet won the approval of the marine officers.

Makes Gift to Belle Of Dance; Is Shot

Los Angeles, Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—Angry because Jose Racada, a young Mexican, presented the belle of a Christmas eve dance with a silk handkerchief, five other Mexicans took Racada out into the street, where they shot him, according to the police. Racada is dying. His alleged assailants, all armed with revolvers, are in jail.

PUBLISHER COMES TO JOIN HIS WIFE



Alexander P. Moore, of the Pittsburg Leader, and Mrs. Moore (Lillian Russell).

'PREPARE FOR PEACE' AND BEGIN BUYING, URGES EASTERN MAN

Alexander P. Moore, Publisher, Says Prosperity Is Drifting Westward.

***** What Alexander P. Moore Says. ***** Prosperity will be out here in six weeks. Get busy and buy the things you want and need now. Prepare for peace, don't worry about war. Roosevelt will not run for president. A Republican will be the next occupant of the White House. We need a protective tariff. *****

Alexander P. Moore, publisher of the Pittsburg Leader, who was in Portland yesterday to spend Christmas with his wife, Lillian Russell, the famous singer, sees prosperity headed Pacific coastwards with the speed of a transcontinental express.

"Good times have spread all over the east and they are headed this way," declared Mr. Moore. "Why, factories back there are turning out so much stuff that the railroads can't handle it. The eastern people are buying everything they want and now it will come to the coast."

"Begin buying the things you want. The amount of money in the world is always the same; get it into circulation. Time to Overcome Fear. "During the past year or so people have been wearing their shoes longer than they have ever attempted to wear them before. They have been wearing their collars and suits and everything else as long as possible. They have economized in every possible way in fear that their money would be needed for something else."

"Why, people have hesitated about buying a pound of butter for four the money would be needed to pay the doctor. "But the time will soon be here

when everyone will buy the things he wants.

"The eastern manufacturer is going to send his wares out here and it's up to you people of the coast to buy while the buying is good.

"Get the things you want, open up. Why, if everybody would think this way you could have a business revival here in 48 hours. You have to think and act good times to have them.

Prepare For Peace, He Says. "Forget about war preparation," advised Mr. Moore, "prepare for peace instead. Peace is coming sooner than anyone expects. In a year or so perhaps, but what's a year when it comes to preparation."

"The United States must be prepared to develop and acquire the business and trade that will open up on the coming of peace. Why worry about war? Why should we have a war during the next 100 years? Peace preparation is the thing. "In this connection I believe in an adequate protective tariff to keep out foreign wares and give rise to American industry. With ships at a premium and with Europe at war the present tariff does us little good, but with peace and the competition of the world we need a strong tariff to build up business in this country to the highest point."

Mr. Moore was aligned with the Progressive party at the last election, but he expects to be a delegate to the next Republican convention.

Roosevelt Not a Candidate. Roosevelt will not be a candidate, he says, and has no desire to be a candidate. Mr. Moore asserted that the colonel will stick to the Bull Moose organization.

"Mrs. Moore and I lunched with Roosevelt not long ago," said Mr. Moore, "and I asked him about switching back to the Republican ranks. "I must follow the law of the sea," replied the ex-president. "How's that, I asked?" "The captain must be the last to leave," said he. Mr. Moore being a Republican thinks a Republican will be the next president.

On his trip to the coast he is accompanied by Dr. A. I. Wise, of Pittsburg. Mr. Moore has been in journalism in Pittsburg since 1878. At the present time he is president of the Leader Publishing company.

Von Buelow Quits Switzerland.

London, Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—Prince von Buelow left Switzerland Friday, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The name of Prince von Buelow has been connected with many rumors of peace negotiations.

LILLIAN RUSSELL IS HOSTESS AT PARTY; GIFTS ARE EXCHANGED

Famous Singer Prepares Old-Fashioned Feast for Her Friends.

***** Menu for Lillian Russell's Party. ***** Crab salad, Mayonnaise. Breast of chicken, Lockridge. Fresh mushrooms. Tomato a la Taft. Cafe parfait. Petit Fours. Ichniol. *****

There was a little Christmas party at the Multnomah hotel Friday night after the Orpheum show that was probably as greatly appreciated as any Christmas party ever held in Portland.

Lillian Russell, the week's headliner, was the hostess and the guests were her fellow performers on the bill.

It was a real old-fashioned Christmas party with exchange of gifts and a Christmas tree, stories and speeches, and then a little something to eat. Colonel H. C. Bowers, manager of the Multnomah, had a small room especially decorated for the occasion and arranged a surprise of a supper.

Menus Bear Autograph. The menus were in shape folders containing an autographed photograph of the hostess. The cover bore the signature inscription "Compliments of Lillian Russell," and said "Lillian Russell Christmas Party at Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon, 1915."

To the professional people away from home the affair came as a great blessing, as it made Christmas all the cheerier and merrier. They gave a make-up table cover embroidered with the names of the donors.

The hostess in turn gave the women of the party engraved powder, puff boxes and the men useful souvenirs. There was a number of inexpensive presents on the tree, too, and everyone had a great time getting them off.

the tree and making speeches of thanks and acceptance.

Those Present at Party. Present were Miss Russell, or Mrs. Moore as she is in private life; her husband, Alexander P. Moore, publisher of Pittsburg Leader; his traveling companion, Dr. A. I. Wise of Pittsburg; Miss Russell's sister, Mrs. Ross; Miss Russell's maid; and the following members of last week's Orpheum program, Le Hoen & Dupree, Jean Chailon, Whipple & Huston and John Hancock, George Austin Moore and Cornelia Haeger, Corst and King, Reynolds and Donegan, and Frank Walter, Miss Russell's accompanist.

Jean Chailon was the only married theatrical man in the party and so he was forced to sit with Dr. Wise.

Regularly enough there were four Moores present, all of whom come from printing families. Mr. Moore's gift to Miss Russell was a handsome chinchilla coat and a diamond veil pin. One of her gifts to him was a gold match box.

The flowers, decorations and Christmas tree were given to a family in unfortunate circumstances, yesterday morning.

ORPHEUM THEATRE HANGS OUT S. R. O. SIGN LAST NIGHT

The S. R. O. sign was hung at the Orpheum last night for the first time since its opening this season 14 weeks ago. A Christmas holiday and the attraction of Miss Lillian Russell, the singer, brought out a crowd that filled the house from stalls to roof and compelled over 100 persons to stand. The seating capacity of the Orpheum is 1846.

Employees Celebrate At Christmas Tree

All Workers for Troy Laundry Receive Presents and Enjoy a Huge Success by Everyone.

Employees of the Troy Laundry Co., 120 of them, had their company Christmas tree during the lunch hour Friday and it was voted a huge success.

The tree, a shapely one, was set at the rear of the employees' dining room. Presents of all kinds and description were heaped about its base, one at least for every employe.

"It is the spirit that we try to make," declared John Tate, president of the Troy Laundry company. "The employes do everything themselves and they have the run of the place for the time being."

Bosses of big, red apples were provided by the company while at each employe left the plan a huge box of candy was presented.

Portland Girl Weds.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—Charles E. Davis, associate city attorney of St. Louis, and Miss Elizabeth Jackson of Portland, Or., made this the half way meeting place today for a Christmas wedding.

STRONG LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO SAVE THE ALLIES, SAYS GARVIN

Editor of Pall Mall Gazette Calls the Past Year One of Magnificent Effort.

MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS

Duration of War Depends on All Nations' Strongest Men Getting Together, Forgetting Old Feuds.

Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette. London, Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—We are in the closing days of 1915, and before entering upon the months which gradually carry us into the third year of the war, we look backward and forward.

We look backward upon a year of magnificent effort checkered by thwartings and disappointments and marred by dilatory and irresolute management as well as by a policy indisputably deficient in foresight and resources. We look forward in a spirit of in-

domitable confidence, stripped of delusions, to a year of still mightier struggle, with which nothing whatever can cope but increased efforts and masterful direction. These will be our business. We have proved ourselves a nation second to none in military greatness; the capacity of our glorious dominions has surprised all observers and in the fighting the brotherhood of the empire has been consecrated by imperishable valor.

Why, then, not only in the past since the Russian revolution, which we hope, will be made good, but everywhere, except at sea, are we further from our ends than we thought to be twelve months ago? Let us be certain that nothing but stronger leadership will bring us more steadily to the goal of our desires. What we will still be at war next Christmas, and without being in a better position for purposes, depends upon a grasp of the imperative necessity for a greater leadership and upon the prompt determination to secure it at any cost.

We must have more vigorous and inspiration, and all the capabilities of breathing this spirit and of these energies into our countries must take a new sacrament of patriotism and faith. Let it be that we have and ours; that the mightiest efforts make the shortest struggle.

Serbs Took 22,000 Prisoners. Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—(U. S. S.)—Twenty-two thousand German and Austro-Hungarian soldiers were captured by the Serbians in the Balkan campaign, according to a dispatch from Belgrade.

The dispatch attributes the information to the "Frankfurter Zeitung."

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Regular \$21.50 solid oak dressers—clearance price \$12.90

Regular \$27.50 birdseye dresser, like cut above. Sale price \$14.95

Regular \$24.50 birdseye chiffonier to match dresser. Sale price \$13.85

Regular \$32.50 Circassian walnut dresser—clearance sale price \$19.95

Regular \$35.00 mahogany colonial chiffonier, eastern make—clearance price \$19.60

Regular \$35.00 mahogany colonial chiffonier, highly finished—clearance price \$17.65

Regular \$40.00 mahogany Napoleon bed, full size, on sale at \$28.35

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\$32.50 colonial birdseye \$19.60

\$35.00 mahogany colonial \$17.65

\$40.00 mahogany Napoleon bed, full size, on sale at \$28.35

\$25.00 dull finish mahogany bed, full size, for clearance \$14.50

\$32.50 solid quarter sawed oak buffet—sample only—for clearance \$19.65

\$38.50 quarter sawed oak buffet—large size—mission oak design—on sale at \$24.75

\$35.00 golden oak polished china cabinet, clearance at \$21.50

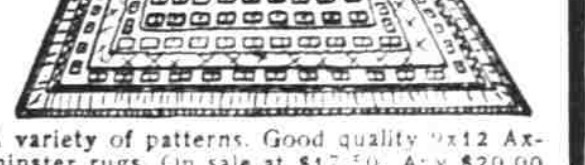
Clearance Sale Prices on Bedding

Sample Blankets Reduced 25% BLANKETS

A number of white sample blankets. Slightly soiled—either cotton or wool at one-fourth less than regular.

Reg. \$3.50 Comforters on sale for clearance \$2.35

Regular \$25 Axminster Rugs to Go at Reg. \$20.00 Velvets \$13.95



A variety of patterns. Good quality \$12 Axminster rug on sale at \$8.75. Axminster seamless velvet rug in sample \$13.95 for clearance at \$10.00

Regular \$6.50 Library Tables at \$3.95

All Others Reduced. This table finished in golden is made with large drawer and wide shelf below—just like cut. Size 27x42.

DINING TABLES REDUCED

Reg. \$21 Waxed Golden Tables, Clearance \$13.95

Reg. \$30.00 10-ft. Golden Oak Table, sale price \$22.50

SCRAMBLING NEWSIES BLOCK TRAFFIC

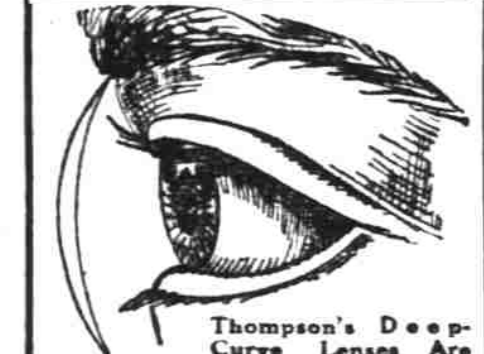


Boys at Broadway and Washington street struggling for nickels and pennies yesterday morning.

Scrambling for pennies and nickels, a time-honored Christmas diversion, furnished monetary rewards for the participants and much amusement for the spectators yesterday morning on Broadway between Washington and Stark streets. Nearly half a hundred newsies were on the street for an hour before noon, wrestling and struggling all over the street for the small coins tossed on the pavement by holiday-makers at the curb.

"Toss a nickel," they would cry. A nickel would fall on the car track and a score of 10-year old kids would immediately fall in a twisting and swarming mass.

Streetcars and jitneys had to crawl through the mob, the street being like a football field for nearly an hour. The newsies on the bottom would rise breathless from the bottom, rather mauled and disheveled, but—with the coin. Hundreds of persons lined the streets to watch the sport.



THEATRE HEADACHES

It's a strain on the eyes to sit in a dark theater and look upon a brightly lighted stage—a strain which weakens good eyes and makes weak eyes weaker.

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