

ENTENTE READY TO SEND REPLY TO PEACE OFFER

Russia's Statement Now En Route to Paris Where It Will Be Handed to American Ambassador.

AIMS WILL BE MADE CLEAR, IT IS PREDICTED

President Wilson's Note May Be Answered at the Same Time.

By Ed L. Keen. London, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Dispatch of the allies' reply to Germany's peace proposals is imminent.

Information today indicated that the phraseology of the identical notes, to be sent by all the entente nations, had practically been settled upon.

Russia's reply—couched in the terms agreed upon by the allies—is already en route to Paris, where it will be handed to the American ambassador with France's note, for transmission to Berlin some time within the next few days.

Some authoritative sources the United Press learns the allied note will contain:

A rejection of a peace based on German-made plans.

A vigorous demand for the principles for which the allies contend they are fighting—to remove the menace of militarism, of might over right, of the rule of force over international law.

Probably the allies will make still clearer their aims and purposes by a reply to the terms for which they propose to hold Germany responsible.

The note, however, will not state specifically the terms on which the

GERMANY WILLING TO GRANT MORE LIBERAL TERMS TO GET PEACE

Ambassador Gerard Reports to President Wilson Result of Conference With Kaiser.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Following a conference in Berlin Tuesday with the Kaiser and Ambassador Gerard, the American ambassador has advised President Wilson that Germany is ready to grant greatly modified peace terms.

This was the information obtained from official circles here last night. It is known that several cablegrams were received at the White House yesterday from Ambassador Gerard, but neither the Kaiser nor the Secretary of State Lansing would discuss them.

The proposal to establish Poles and Lithuania as independent kingdoms and the proposal to pay a Belgium indemnity, offered by the entente, have been abandoned in the modified terms, it was learned.

Following are some other terms in the modified proposals:

The evacuation and restoration of Belgium, Germany paying an indemnity for damages to persons and property on the ground that the invasion of Belgium was entirely necessary.

The evacuation of French territory.

The evacuation of Russian territory upon condition that Russia shall pay Germany an indemnity for damages to persons and property in the invasion of East Prussia.

Disposition of Roumania, Serbia and Montenegro on terms satisfactory to Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Restoration to Germany of all colonies in Africa, Kiau chau and the Pacific islands and payment of an indemnity by the allies for damages to persons and property therein.

Would-Be Thief Is Met With Revolver

When Frank Smith, 24 years old, undertook to rob the cigar store in front of the old Progress restaurant, First and Stark streets, early this morning, he failed to take into account the fact that the proprietor was sleeping just inside the restaurant doorway.

Smith climbed over the iron grating guardrail of the stand and landed within, to find himself staring into the barrel of a revolver, while J. Murtinger, the proprietor of the stand, shouted for the police.

Motorcycle Patrolman Ervin and Patrolman Converse, at police headquarters, heard the call of "police," "thief" coming from the cigar stand, and hurried to the scene. Smith sheepishly confessed his intention to commit robbery.

Smith was arrested several weeks ago in the north end as a vagrant because he insisted on sitting in the pool rooms and composing poetry by the hour.

British Relieve French on Front

London, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—British forces, during the last 10 days have taken over a good slice of the line here-taken over by the French front.

Major General Maurice, director of military operations, announced late today:

Japan Sent Ozuma Here for Sailors

Detective for German Consulate Declares Officers Recruited Men on Pacific Coast.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(P. N. S.)—C. C. Crowley, detective for the German consulate, today testified in the bomb plot trial that he secured proof that Japanese naval officers landed at Puget sound ports from a Japanese warship and in disguise went to various Pacific coast ports to recruit and assemble former Japanese sailors.

These, he declared, were shipped from America to be taken aboard Japanese war craft in the Pacific.

Crowley also declared that he traced explosive shipments to Japan as well as to other countries.

United States District Attorney John W. Preston objected to the details as irrelevant but Circuit Judge William H. Hunt allowed the story to go into the record as showing the defense's version of the reasons for Crowley's employment by the German consulate.

The detective occupied the stand most of the morning, following the examination of Lieutenant Wilhelm von Brincken, one of the main defendants.

Downtown Stores To Shift Locations

Fourth Street Department Store Goes to Shanahan's Quarters and Latter Goes to Dekum Building Corner.

By the terms of a lease just consummated at Seattle, proprietor of the Fourth Street Department store, has obtained for a year with an option for two additional years in case a new building is erected by the Fleischner estate, the store now occupied by the L. Shanahan store at 144-6 Third street, and an additional store having entrance on Morrison street.

The lease provides for occupancy of the premises from February 1, when the Lewis-Stenger Barber Supply company takes the premises on Fourth street, and the Shanahan store on Morrison street.

The deal was negotiated by J. D. O'Donnell, a local real estate dealer.

Bomb Suspect Was Friend of Hooker

United States postal authorities have arrested Milton A. Morgan, alias Williams, a former convict at the Oregon State penitentiary, on a charge of complicity in the mailing of a bomb to James R. Misner, of Albany, December 20.

Morgan was an intimate friend of Otto Hooker, escaped convict, who was killed while hiding under Misner's home at Albany, a year ago, last October.

The bomb, according to Assistant United States Attorney Robert Rankin, was mailed by the city treasurer, Wash. It was received by Misner two days later. Morgan has a complete alibi, according to Rankin. He has been released on \$500 bonds.

Big Assessments Paid by Ladd Estate

The Ladd estate paid City Treasurer Adams \$38,000 in installments and interest on bonded street and sewer assessments this morning, making one of the largest single payments received in years by the city treasurer.

The amount covers assessments against properties owned by the estate in various parts of the city. City Treasurer Adams says that an unusual number of people are paying the installments and interest on bonded street and sewer assessments. He says he believes the month will be a record breaker.

8 Hour Conference Is Ended Abruptly

New York, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Railroad brotherhood heads and the conference committee of the railroads held a secret session here today, which broke up within a short time with evidence of having been closed abruptly by a disagreement.

The conference was an attempt to reach some agreement regarding the Adamson eight-hour law.

Both sides refused to discuss what transpired. Before entering the meeting, W. G. Lee issued a statement attacking the obligatory investigation of strikes feature of the Adamson bill.

Villa Decides to Protect Foreigners

El Paso, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Pancho Villa executed his own secretary, Colonel Garcia at Hermosillo last week for looting foreign property, mining men here were informed today.

Villa made a speech to his soldiers at Hermosillo, declaring he would execute all soldiers' wives who were carrying off or destroying property of foreigners. This action is said to have followed his receipt of a message sent by El Paso sympathizers.

Norwegian Vessel Was Under Charter

Berlin, Via Sayville Wireless, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Germany's answer to American inquiries as to sinking of the Norwegian steamship Delta, as transmitted to Ambassador Gerard today, justified sinking of that vessel on the ground that she was violating neutrality, and dismissed the contention that her passengers were jeopardized as unjustified.

SIX PER CENT, OLGOTT FUNDS, IS SUFFICIENT

No Need to Fuss and Worry, Declares the Secretary of State, About Effect of Tax Limitation Law.

RETURNS WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR NEEDS

Shavings From Some Items in Budget Can Go for New Building Purposes.

Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—Why all this worry and fuss about the 6 per cent tax limitation, so far as state affairs are concerned? It is needless and useless.

In effect that is the question and the answer presented by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott in a statement issued by him today.

Since Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay have been bemoaning and predicting dire calamities as a result of the approval by the voters of the state of the 6 per cent tax limitation, members-elect of the legislature and others have made inquiry of Secretary Olcott as to what can be done to drag the state out of the terrible predicament into which this has brought it.

Do nothing but abide by the expressed will of the voters, is the advice in substance Olcott has given them. He says no state institution or department need be hurt.

He takes the view that when the

CARRANZA'S REPLY TO U. S. DEMAND HANDED TO SECRETARY LANE

Objects to Pursuit Right, Failure to Use Mexican Plan, Withdrawal Arrangement.

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Carranza's reply to the demand of the United States that he sign the joint protocol providing for border protection was handed to Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the American section of the joint commission, by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican section.

Mr. Lane said that he would have to study the reply carefully before he could comment on it. When asked whether there would be another session of the joint commission, he said he could not say at that moment.

It was learned from official sources that in his reply to Secretary Lane's insistence that the original Atlantic City protocol stand, General Carranza raises these objections:

"First—The implied right of American troops to cross the international boundary at any time in pursuit of bandits, while denying this right to the de facto authorities.

"Second—The alleged failure, in

DRUGGISTS WANT TO SAFEGUARD SALE OF ETHYL TYPE ALCOHOL

Committee of Physicians and Drug Dealers Recommend Plan to City Council.

Prohibit the sale of ethyl alcohol, unless sold on prescription of a duly graduated and licensed physician, or on a permit from the chief of police, health officer or other official.

Such are the recommendations to the city council, by a joint committee of physicians and druggists which has been investigating means to prohibit the sale of alcohol for drinking purposes. The committee was appointed by Mayor Albee. The committee suggests that the permits, if a permit plan is decided upon, be good for at least three to six months. It also recommends the re-establishment of the rookery, where habitual drunkards may be sent.

I. W. W. Troubles Break Out Again

I. W. W. troubles broke out again this morning at Second and Broadway streets, as a result of the reopening of the Northwestern Bakery and Coffee house with a corps of waiters and dishwashers who are members of the American Federation of Labor instead of the Industrial Workers, and 51 of the agitators were in the city jail by 2 this afternoon.

Police Sergeant Wade and Patrolmen Mallon and Henson were kept busy during the early part of the morning, when the crowd of agitators lined up across the sidewalk and picketed the coffee house, stopping every prospective patron of the place and demanding that he stay out because the union rights of the employees had not been granted.

Girl Unable to Say Why She Was There

Found cramped in a linen closet of the Olds, Wortman & King department store shortly before noon today, Edith Saylor, aged 17, of Oregon City, was unable to give any reason for her presence there.

Miss Saylor came to Portland from Oregon City last night, and this morning started out to find a position. She first went to Metier & Frank Co.'s, and from there tried to find the Y. W. C. A. Falling to do that, she went to Olds, Wortman & King's, where she entered a lavatory and climbed over the bathroom's mother in Milwaukee, Wis. Miss McCoy is the daughter of Mrs. Clara E. McCoy, of 204 Russett street, Portland. She left for the east Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Salzman will be at home to their friends at 246 Patomia street, East Cleveland, Ohio, after January 1.

Portland Couple Is Wedded in Cleveland

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One of Team Perishes in Albina Ferry Slip

One of a fine team of horses belonging to the Crown mills was drowned at the end of the upper Albina ferry slip yesterday before it could be pulled out. The heavily laden wagon forced the partition into a linen closet. This wheel dropped off and weighted the two horses into the water. One was hauled up onto the ferry slip but hindered by the ferry cable and the pole and wheels made it impossible to drag the off horse in that manner. It was cut loose and was being towed around to the other side of the slip when it expired from exhaustion and cold.

U-Boat Scare Kept French Liner in Port

New York, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The French liner Rochambeau from Bordeaux reported on her arrival here today that her sailing had been held up two days on the other side because of the reported presence of a German submarine lying in wait for her off that port.

Wily Chinese Not Satisfied With One Son

Hoo Tom Que Made Miscue When He Tried to Get Second Boy Admitted.

Had Hoo Tom Que, Lakeview, Or., Chinese been satisfied with one son he would have been better off.

Five years ago, Hoo tried to bring a young son in from China when Hoo returned from a visit to relatives. The son was denied admission and sent back home.

Recently Hoo wrote Immigration Inspector Bonham asking that his status be investigated as he intended returning to China and wanted to bring in another, an even younger son, to be educated.

Inspector Watkins went to Lakeview for that purpose but took the older son's photo and record. When he reached here he found the son who had been denied admission comfortably ensconced in his father's store as a clerk.

When confronted with his record the boy admitted coming to America and being smuggled over the border. He will be deported at once.

Now it is a question whether the younger son will be admitted, either.

God and O-W. R. & N. First Honest Woman Takes No Credit

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Washington Wants Outlet to Highway

Chamber of Commerce Is Invited to Meeting at Pasco for Washington-Oregon Link.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce has been invited to send a representative to the meeting of the Interstate Highway association to be held at Pasco, Wash., February 2.

The chief object of the meeting is the promotion of a highway from Pasco or Prosser to point on the New Calhoun shore of the Columbia, where there are ferry facilities, which will give access to the Columbia river highway on the Oregon shore. Among those attending are Messrs. M. B. The Dalles and White Salmon.

With the completion of the north bank highway through Skamania county, a route would be provided from Portland to Missoula, Mont.

"The residents of southern Washington and central and northern Idaho are looking for the moral support of Portland in this proposed undertaking," said C. F. Stinson, commissioner of Franklin county, Wash., who is in Portland arousing interest in the Pasco meeting. "The highway, if established, would be an all year highway from Portland to Missoula, Mont., and would serve sections now closely allied in trade but at a disadvantage so far as an all year route is concerned."

Postmaster Will Name Extra Clerk

Postmaster Myers has received authority from the department at Washington to appoint an extra clerk on account of the increased amount of mail in transit from San Francisco, Oregon and Seattle terminals, which is thrown on Portland officials for distribution to Oregon and Washington.

When the Portland terminal railway postoffice, which employed 13 clerks, was taken over by the Portland postoffice during the last of last July, six clerks were assigned to do the work, but increase of mail has made necessary an additional clerk. Accordingly senior substitute Wilbur C. Beatty has been appointed and assigned to the mailing position.

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Five Beds Afire Are Puzzle to Marshal

How a fire should start in five beds within a few moments of one another is a mystery Fire Marshal Stevens and his assistants are trying to solve. Fire was discovered in the residence at 502 East Pine street Monday night, and when firemen arrived on the scene, according to Marshal Stevens, five beds in different rooms were blazing. The building is owned by Joe Alameda.

Five Killed When Gas Tank Blows Up

Mount Holly, N. J., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Five persons are dead and 15 seriously injured as a result of the explosion of an acetylene gas tank in the Madison hotel here this afternoon. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

Astoria Man Must Leave This Country

Frederick Cliff Lever, Astoria newspaperman, sentenced to 90 days imprisonment when it was found he had falsified his affidavits in entering this country from Canada, was deported today from Portland to his native land, where he expired. Lever eloped with a woman who had served as maid in his family, leaving a wife and child in Vancouver.

Eureka Concern's Bid Lost.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—(P. N. S.)—Mercer Frazier company of Eureka, who bid \$18,000 today, was low bidder among other offers to salvage the submarine H-3, ashore near Humboldt bay.

The Eureka concern was so much lower than other bids, one of which was \$23,240, that it is believed certain to receive the contract.

It will be necessary to tow the vessel, which has a dead weight of 350 tons, half a mile across the sandspit between Eureka and Humboldt bays.

Austrian Agents at Geneva.

London, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Austria-Hungary is anxious to deal direct as to peace with her enemies of the entente, according to a Geneva dispatch printed today by the Daily News.

Agents of the Austrian government, it is stated, have arrived at the Swiss city to arrange for a possible peace conference there.

Mexicans Would Bring In Cash.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Two prominent Mexican families, said to be those of Governor Mireles of Coahuila and the late Jesus Carranza, today applied here for permits to bring into the United States boxes containing \$125,000 in money. This was taken to mean that they contemplated a long stay on this side of the border.

More Gold from Canada.

New York, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty-five million dollars in gold came to the J. P. Morgan company today from Canada.

German's Defeat Is Expected.

London, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The allies believe they can shortly inflict crushing military defeat on Germany," says the Standard today in discussing the peace situation. It continues: "Germany will then be offered peace on the lines of the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine, relinquishment of her spoils, the loss of her colonies and the payment of suitable indemnities while her allies will have to meet the minimum demands of Russia and Italy."

Mine Burns, Incendiary Suspected.

Osgo, Kas., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—The Samuel Carlson coal shaft was destroyed by fire early this morning. Two miners' bodies were brought to the surface, having been suffocated.

The fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin and the city has offered a reward of \$250 for information leading to the arrest of the guilty parties. The mine employed about 60 men.

Town's Capture Is Denied.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—San Luis Potosi has not been captured by Villa, as reported from the border, according to a telegram to the state department from that place dated yesterday.

Forgot to Turn Off Gas, Die.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—John W. Davis, sheriff of Ocean county, S. C., and W. C. Foster, superintendent of prisons there, were found dead in a hotel here today. They came here last night from Walhalla, S. C., to take charge of a prisoner. The police believe they forgot to turn off the gas and were asphyxiated.

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Babies' Right To Use Front Door Upheld

Court Decides Case in Which Apartment House Lessees Ordered Back Entrance Used.

New York, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Babies are people. They may come in the front entrance with other people and with dogs and other pets.

Marjorie Reese, 4 months old, whose father sought an injunction to prevent the lessees of the Roger Morris apartment house from classing her with the "other people," the result of forcing her to use the back entrance, won out this afternoon.

Supreme Court Justice Blair, who heard arguments yesterday, granted the injunction requested. Marjorie will use the front door.

SUNSHINE AND COLD ARE PREDICTED FOR PORTLAND WEATHER

But the Snowstorm Is Over, Says Climate Wizard; Rule Is Freezing Weather.

Gazing into his crystal weather-ball, the Portland Climate Wizard shook his head sadly this morning.

"We are sure of having warmer weather some time next July," he remarked.

"But in the meantime?" the half-question seemed to startle him.

"We can only see 36 hours ahead—sometimes 48," he replied. "There will be threatening, there will be winds—easterly winds—but there will be no more snow so far as we can now observe."

Yesterday's cold continued without abatement all last night. The mercury hovered around 25 and 26 above zero all day yesterday. After the sun came up this morning, the thermometer registered 28 and it stayed there until after 10 o'clock, when it began rising a little. At noon it had reached 29, but with small prospect of getting much above freezing before the late afternoon. No storm warnings are displayed along the coast as yet.

Residents of the east side heights felt the wind still creeping in through minute cracks this morning as they did yesterday. But the wind was not so strong along the coast as it was when the shipping, the strongest puffs being recorded along the Straits of Fuca, the entrance to Puget sound, where a pressure of 48 miles was recorded. No storm warnings are displayed anywhere along the coast.

Starting with snow only along the coast and some hundred miles inland yesterday, the precipitation spread yesterday and last night over practically all of Washington and Oregon and into parts of Idaho. Northern California was drenched with rain.

Portlanders are advised to watch the sky again today, taking advantage of every chance there might be to enjoy the snow, knowing it could not last so very long.

Raises Will Stand On Westbound Rate

J. H. Lathrop, secretary of the Portland Traffic & Transportation association, this afternoon received telegraphic advice from the Interstate Commerce Commission stating that the commission had declined to suspend the increased westbound transcontinental freight rates.

These rates, advanced to the coast after Spokane, when her fight for removal of alleged discriminations against the interior because of the suspension of water competition, will, therefore, become effective December 31 in accordance with the commission's order. The corresponding eastbound rates are now under suspension.

Mrs. H. C. Bowers Is Called by Death

Made Home in Portland for 30 Years; Came West From Washington, D. C., With Husband, Popular Hotel Man.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Mrs. H. C. Bowers, wife of Manager Bowers of the New Calhoun hotel, formerly of Washington, D. C., died here last night at her apartments after a month's illness. Mrs. Bowers had lived in Seattle for some months, coming with her husband, who took the management of the New Calhoun after the closing of the Multnomah hotel in the Rose City.

Mrs. Bowers was 60 years old. She was native of Maryland. She was married to Mr. Bowers at Washington, D. C. Mr. Bowers then being manager of the Arlington hotel there.

They came west over 25 years ago. Mr. Bowers is being identified with leading hotels in Spokane, Tacoma, and for 20 years in Portland, and Mrs. Bowers entering into the social life of the communities in which she lived.