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OUT OF THE TRENCHES BY XMAS

Ford Says Officials of Belligerent Nations State They Are Ready for Peace and He Expects Plan to Succeed

Washington, Nov. 26.—Signed statements from officials high up in the governments of both the allies and the central powers, declaring that they are ready for peace, are in his hands, Henry Ford announced today upon arriving here for a conference with President Wilson.

"Folks who say my plan is foolish have the greatest surprise of their lives coming. There are both material and other evidence that we will succeed," he said, apropos of his plan to start a peace ship to Europe to attend a peace conference.

"Out of the trenches by Christmas" has become our slogan. "I can say most seriously that it is not an empty boast," he continued.

Ford announced that he is prepared to spend one, two, three or as many millions as are needed to conduct an anti-preparedness program in America, and that he will open an office in Washington for that purpose. He plans to telegraph every university in the United States to ask them to name the faculty member or student who has done the greatest peace work within the university so that this person may be added to the peace ship complement.

Apropos of the preparedness subject, Ford continued:

"America is pressing to build up such a system as the other nations avow they are trying to destroy by this war."

He planned to visit Supreme Justice Hughes late this afternoon and Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore this evening. He returns to New York tomorrow to take personal charge of peace endeavors.

New York, Nov. 26.—Henry Ford will go to Baltimore tomorrow to confer with Cardinal Gibbons and to invite him to embark on Ford's "peace ship," bound for Europe in an effort to end the war. If the cardinal can not do so, Ford will ask him for approval of the Ford peace conference, so that Catholics from neutral nations can support the movement heartily.

Ford today went to Washington to accompany Madame Schwimmer, foreign peace advocate, to see President

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U. S. IS INVADDED BY A THREATENING BAND OF VILLISTAS

Washington, Nov. 26.—Thirty Villistas, cursing United States Vice Consul Simplich and Customs Collector Hardy, brandishing pistols and making a feint at attack, invaded the United States at Nogales under lead of Colonel Terrazas, General Funston reported to the war department today.

"Why they were not shot, I do not know," said Funston, "unless it was because of the suddenness of the attack and the fact no responsible officer was on the spot."

Later, said Funston, the Villista governor, Randall, apologized.

Five hundred Villistas also fired on the American troops at Nogales, but without casualties. The known Mexican casualties were five.

Large reinforcements have been sent to Nogales.

GERMANS GIVE UP HOPE OF TAKING RIGA IN WINTER

London, Nov. 26.—Convinced that the general German retirement from the Dvina line marks abandonment of Teutonic hopes of capturing Riga before spring, military experts are interested today concerning the choice the Germans will make for their winter line. That they have already prepared trenches and entanglements to the rear is likely, but how far back is not known. The breakdown of the German offensive is attributed to an increase of Russian munitions, to German shortage and to the weakening of the German line for reinforcing the Balkan campaign.

Press reports today said that evacuation of Mitau is under way, and that great lines of trenches, hidden by miles of barbed wire, are building in the rear, while further back field railway lines are being thrown up to connect with the center of Germany.

FORMER HEAD OF S. P. SECRET SERVICE IS UNDER ARREST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
San Francisco, Nov. 26.—Charged with implication in anti-allies bomb plots, headed by German Lieutenant Robert Fay, at New York, C. O. Crowley, investigator for District Attorney Fickett and formerly head of the Southern Pacific secret service, was arrested here today by federal officials. They claim he travelled about the country arranging the placing of bombs on ships and in munitions factories.

In addition to the claims that he was arranging these matters, Crowley is charged with fomenting strife in plants where munitions are made. He was enabled to perform his alleged work more readily, it is said, because of his role of detective.

He was arrested two days ago, but the fact was kept secret while the government authorities obtained further information.

Startling disclosures of activities in San Francisco are expected soon. Investigators are said to have information of plots to wreck ships leaving here with munitions or supplies.

Officials intend to grill Crowley thoroughly in the hope of learning who are the "higher ups" in the Fay plot. It is thought here that wealthy Germans may have had a hand in the alleged conspiracy and officials also want to know if Naval Attache Boy-Ed of the German embassy had any connection with Crowley's alleged activities.

The case is under the direct observation of the Washington government, which recently dispatched a special investigator to unearth all possible evidence. Crowley has been especially watched in what officials say are a number of mystifying trips.

Authorities suspect that Crowley may have had a hand in the destruction of a barge loaded with munitions at Seattle recently, while they think he was directly concerned, too, in explosions aboard ships leaving New York and in eastern munitions plants.

OREGON AGGIES MEET SYRACUSE TEAM WEDNESDAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Corvallis, Nov. 26.—The O. A. C. began vigorous training today for the game with the Syracuse university team at Portland December 1. The Aggies are very hopeful of winning, as the University of Montana held Syracuse to a six to six tie yesterday. Several members of the team are still suffering from injuries and their places will have to be taken by substitutes.

25 DROWN IN WRECK ON COAST

The Chilean Ship Carel Mapu Battered to Pieces on the Rocks of Vancouver Island Thanksgiving Day

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26.—Twenty-five men went to their death in the raging sea and were hurled on the rocks of Schooner Cove, on the west coast of Vancouver Island when the Carel Mapu, Chilean full-rigged four-masted ship, was battered to splinters in the storm which swept the northern Pacific coast yesterday afternoon. She went on the rocks at 2 p. m., and within three hours had been pounded into junk by mountainous breakers, which swept her from stem to stern.

The crew never had a chance. It was impossible to launch the boats, so they clung to the rigging and watched death racing toward them.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Maquina, Captain Gilliam, attempted to rescue the doomed men, but the violence of the storm made it impossible for the liner to venture near enough to be of any assistance. She dropped anchor, but with 60 fathoms of chain out, the heavy breakers snapped it and smashed the windlass. After a battle with the seas for two hours, the Princess Maquina gave up and stood by as the waves finished the big iron wind jammer.

The Carel Mapu was captured by Captain Desolmes. She was formerly the British ship Kinross. Built at Liverpool in 1877, she was one of a fast disappearing type of windjammer. Her capacity was 1,262 tons net. Her owner is Oelckers Hermanos, and her place of registry Valparaiso.

Schooner Cove and the adjoining coast of Vancouver Island is known as "the graveyard of the Pacific" because of the numerous shipwrecks which have occurred there.

A Canadian lifesaving crew is stationed at Ucluelet, near the scene of the wreck, and a lifesaving power boat hurried to the Mapu's rescue yesterday. But it was unable to get much closer than did the Princess Maquina.

STARVATION AIDS TEUTON ARMY IN DEFEAT OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLE

By Wm. G. Shepherd.
Monastir, Nov. 23 (Delayed).—Serbia is starving. Even her animals, fleeing before the invaders, are dying of hunger along the roadsteads and up the steep mountain paths.

In large areas there has been no food for days. Great packs of dogs are prowling, like wild animals, in search of food. The world has developed no scenes of greater horror. The Nish-Monastir road is a highway of agony, more dreadful than the corpse-strewn trails of the old Klondike. It is lined with dead horses, interspersed with human bodies—dead from exhaustion and starvation.

Refugees are streaming in here, semi-delirious from privations or hysterically joyful at reaching safety.

After a twenty-day trip from Nish, Madame Slavko Grotych said to me today:

"Even the horses we rode were starving. Some of them fell exhausted and died before our eyes. We were members of a government party, but most we could not eat daily was a scanty half loaf of bread. Other women and children, as well as men,

VILLA'S MEN FIRE AT U. S. SOLDIERS

Company L of the 12th Infantry Returns the Fire, and One Mexican Is Killed With Three Others Wounded

Nogales, Nov. 26.—Drunken Villista soldiers, returning after evacuating Nogales, started firing across the border into American territory at 11:30 o'clock this morning. The 12th U. S. Infantry returned the fire.

One Villista was killed and three were wounded by the fire of the United States troops.

Company L of the 12th U. S. Infantry occupied a position on the extreme right of the town, to prevent scattering Villistas from renewing the attack. A strict watch will be kept on the border tonight, and any further violence will be met in kind, Colonel Sage said late today.

Colonel Sage himself ordered the American soldiers to fire on the Villistas. He was in command during the entire scrimmage. Desultory firing across the line continues.

Colonel Cardenas, commanding the Carranistas, swooped down on Nogales this afternoon and took possession, driving the scattered Villistas to the south. He held a conference with Colonel Sage and assured him that order would be immediately restored. He at once set about policing the city. General Bell is due here tonight. He will take command of the American troops here.

The 7th and 20th U. S. Infantry will arrive later in the day.

VILLA'S FOLLOWERS ARE BITTER AT AMERICANS

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 26.—Feeling against Americans among the followers of General Villa was growing today and the United States army officers in-command were taking every precaution to prevent an open outbreak. Carlos Randall, acting Villa governor of Sonora, spent the night at a hotel here. He declined a proffered guard of United States troops. It was reported that General Costa, Villa's commander, also would take refuge on this side of the border.

LORD KITCHENER ARRIVES IN ROME TO SEE THE KING

Rome, Nov. 26.—Lord Kitchener arrived here today after his Grecian and Gallipoli visits. Following a conference with Premier Salandra and also the war minister, he will probably meet the king and General Cadorna at the Austrian-Italian front.

In view of the allies' anxiety to secure Italian aid in the Balkans, great importance is attached to Kitchener's presence here. It had not even been known that he intended to visit Italy.

WARDEN REFUSES TO EXECUTE MURDERER AT ARIZONA PRISON

Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 26.—Warden Sims, of Florence penitentiary, at noon today refused to carry out the order for the execution of William Fallon, slayer of Carl Peterson. He told the pardons board that the man was insane. This leaves the case wide open and Fallon's status in doubt. Some attorneys believe that Fallon can not again be placed in jeopardy.

The battle against capital punishment will be renewed December 10, when Ramon Lobello is sentenced to hang for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Phil Brown.

FORMER ASSOCIATE OF McNAMARA TELLS OF DYNAMITINGS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Los Angeles, Nov. 26.—Frank Ethof, alleged dynamiter and former detective for John and James McNamara, on the witness stand in the M. A. Schmidt murder trial, today described how he and J. B. McNamara, after planting an infernal machine on a bridge over the Ohio river at Cincinnati, stood watching five miles away at midnight for the blast. The explosion wrecked a non-union bridge, it is alleged.

Ethof testified that he was paid a big sum by the McNamara brothers for his assistance in blowing up non-union bridges. He described plotting with the McNamaras to place a nitro-glycerine bomb on a train at Beaver, Pa., set to explode the instant the train was crossing a non-union bridge over the Ohio river.

The witness stated that this train crossed the bridge daily and carried hundreds of passengers. He said that if the job had been carried out the train as well as the bridge would have been destroyed and many lives sacrificed. Ethof said J. J. McNamara suspected Miss Kate Dye, his stenographer, of giving out office secrets and had her shadowed.

Ethof declared he went with the McNamara brothers to the hotel where Miss Dye was stopping. J. J. McNamara broke into the young woman's room and forcibly took her from the room.

When the defense took up the cross examination Ethof was very nervous.

BIG INTEREST RATE ON RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK LOAN

Tokio, Nov. 26.—The Russo-Asiatic bank today advertised a big loan, with terms equivalent to 14 per cent, redeemable at the end of ten years.

and the fall of the city is expected any hour. In such an event thousands of fugitives on route here will be caught on the Nish trail without food. Only a miracle can save them.

DEAD IN TRAIL OF TORNADO LAST NIGHT

Arkansas Swept by a Storm Leaving Death and Property Loss in Path Four Miles Long and Quarter Wide

Hot Springs, Ark., Nov. 26.—Thirteen persons are known to have been killed and 40 injured—six probably fatally—as the result of a tornado which ripped through the territory immediately east of here late yesterday, according to advices received today. The twister cut a path a quarter of a mile wide and four miles long through the district nearby, but skipped Hot Springs proper without damage.

The property damage is estimated at \$300,000.

The funnel-shaped storm moved ominously through a fertile farming district and fears were entertained for a time that the toll would be even vaster than already is known. Doctors from here have gone to the aid of sufferers.

The rescue parties from here worked all night in a terrific rainfall. Injured persons were brought here this forenoon for treatment and temporary shelter was arranged for the homeless.

The Crowder and Tenner families were either killed or wounded when their homes collapsed. Grave apprehension is felt for several towns, as wire communication with them is cut off. Auto parties set out this forenoon, however, to make their way over debris-strewn roads to learn the fate of these places.

ADMINISTRATION WILL DODGE BOND ISSUE IF POSSIBLE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Nov. 26.—The administration will dodge a bond issue if possible in getting funds for its increased military program and for its other millions of needed dollars. In issuing to the public a "suggestion" that increased internal revenue taxation provide additional moneys, Secretary McAdoo denied a "taxation program," but politicians said today he plainly meant that congress should take "the tip" and act accordingly. He suggested that lowering the exemption on income taxes—for single persons from \$3,000 to \$2,000; for married persons \$4,500 to \$3,000—would be one excellent means of getting more money. At the same time, he would have income taxes above a certain point increased. Retention of the emergency "war tax" and the sugar duty, along with taxation of gasoline and other semi-luxury commodities is favored. McAdoo estimated that the country will need \$112,806,394 additional revenue in 1917, including the \$93,800,000 required by the preparedness program.

MISS DE GRAFF INVITED TO JOIN FORD PEACE PARTY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Nov. 26.—An invitation from Henry Ford to become a member of the peace party which will sail for Europe early in December on a steamer chartered by him, was being considered today by Miss Grace De Graff. Miss De Graff was a delegate to The Hague women's conference last summer.