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NEW NOTE IS SENT U.S. BY CARRANZA

Instead of Signing Protocol For Removal of Troops, Provisional President Submits Another Proposal

Washington, Dec. 28.—Luis Carranza this afternoon presented to Secretary Lane, who is chairman of the American group of Mexican-American peace commissioners, General Carranza's answer to the last United States note regarding the troop withdrawal protocol.

Presentation of the note under these circumstances was generally interpreted as meaning Carranza, instead of signing the protocol, has decided once more to sub-counter-proposals. The communication was a long one and written in Spanish, and before it is made public by Secretary Lane will be translated and submitted to the other members of the American commission.

WILSON MAY VETO PORK BARREL BILLS

Washington, Dec. 28.—The so-called "pork barrel" triplets—the public buildings, flood control and rivers and harbors bills—approximating about \$120,000,000, are due for a cold reception if they are left on the White House doorstep, it was learned today.

Owing to the tremendous needs for revenue during the next fiscal year, the president and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo are determined, it is declared, to prune the "pork barrel" measures to the limit. If they are passed in their present form and sent to the White House for approval, it is declared the president will veto them.

DYNAMITER CAPLAN GETS MAXIMUM SENTENCE

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Denying the motion for a new trial for David Caplan, convicted of manslaughter in connection with the Los Angeles dynamiting in 1910, Judge Willis sentenced Caplan to ten years' imprisonment today. This is the maximum penalty.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Galveston, Dec. 28.—The British steamer Istar of the Bates line, was submerged in the Mediterranean near the African coast, according to a letter from one of the vessel's officers to a relative in Galveston. All of the crew was saved. The sinking of the Istar has not been officially reported.

ROUMANIAN OIL FIELDS DESTROYED

London, Dec. 28.—A British military mission in Roumania destroyed Roumanian oil fields valued at \$150,000,000 before that territory fell into German hands, W. W. Rutherford, a member of parliament announced at a general meeting of the Roumanian Consolidated Oil Fields company today. He said the property and stock obtained by the Germans was of no value.

SINKING OF THE DELTA JUSTIFIED IN GERMAN REPLY

Berlin, via Bayville, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to American inquiries as to the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Delta (or Delta) as transmitted to Ambassador Gerard today, justifies sinking of that vessel, on the ground that she was violating neutrality and dismisses the contention that her passengers were jeopardized as unjustified.

The German reply follows: "After investigations made by German naval authorities, the ship Delta, chartered by the Italian government for transportation of coal, was stopped October 13 of this year about 40 sea miles southeast of Cape Polos and sunk by artillery fire for assisting the enemy in a way contrary to neutrality"—and here the German government cites article forty-six, first paragraph, line A three of the London war law declaration.

"After the German commander had taken the ship's papers and caused the crew to go into the boats, he left an hour was given the crew to leave the ship. The weather was good and very bright with extremely low sea. The boats had to travel a short way to the Spanish coast, so that the usual security was given for the crew's safety. The conjecture expressed by the American government that the life of American citizens that might have been aboard the Delta was endangered, therefore is not justified."

DOUBLE ERUPTION OF MT. LASSEN IN PROGRESS

Redding, Cal., Dec. 28.—A "double eruption" of Mount Lassen, California's volcano, has been in progress since sunrise today, presenting a beautiful spectacle. Two columns of smoke rose from the mountain. One came from the main crater, ascending 1,000 feet before mushrooming out. The second came from the northeastern crater.

PRESIDENT IS 60 YEARS OLD TODAY

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is sixty years old today. From a "close-up" view he looks at least ten years younger. A side view of the executive as he stepped almost jauntily through the corridor leading to his office indicated he looked not more than half his three score years. The president is in excellent health. Plenty of outdoor exercise of a mild nature is what is keeping him so fit, Dr. Grayson declares.

Three years ago, the president was reported from time to time as being in a bad physical condition. He continually suffered from colds, which held on tenaciously. Walking and golfing have driven away his weakness for colds and his added weight gives him the appearance of perfect health.

FIVE MEN KILLED IN COLLISION IN CANADA

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Five men were killed and six injured early today in a rear end collision, when the Canadian Pacific Toronto train for Montreal ran into the local train from Cornwall to St. Polycarpe. Owing to a heavy fog, it is supposed the engineer of the train from Toronto had failed to see the signals or misread them.

MILLIONS MADE THROUGH PEACE NOTE INFORMATION

Washington, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall street by those having advance information of President Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram from Tom Lawson to Congressman Wood, of Indiana, today.

CONFERENCE ON ADAMSON BILL FAILS

Meeting of Railroad Brotherhood Heads and R.R. Men to Attempt Agreement on 8-Hour Law Closes Abruptly

New York, Dec. 28.—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 held in an attempt to reach some agreement regarding the Adamson eight-hour law.

Both sides refused to discuss what transpired, the railroads giving the impression that the brotherhoods had asked something which they could not agree to. Before entering the meeting W. G. Lee issued a statement, attacking the compulsory investigation in strikes feature of the Adamson bill.

Previous to that reports had been current that the brotherhoods would agree to a plan advocating repeal of the eight-hour law for the sake of repealing with it the compulsory investigation clause. The railway managers said they might issue a statement regarding the situation later.

W. S. Stone and William Carter went from the meeting room to the Pullman window, planning to leave the city at once.

Although neither the brotherhoods or railroads' chiefs would say when the conference would be continued, it is believed the conference has been closed until the supreme court decision on the Adamson law is handed down.

GERMAN SUBMARINES COMMANDER DECORATED

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Submarine Commander Valentier of the German navy has been decorated with the or-

INVASION OF SLAV SOIL IS PLAN

German Attempt to Carry the War into Russian Territory North of Dobrudja Is Move of Marshal Mackensen

London, Dec. 28.—Attempt to invade Russian soil north of Dobrudja or east of Moldavia, is the next development in Field Marshal von Mackensen's eastern offensive, is expected here.

Advance of the Teutonic columns is being opposed in fierce fighting by the Russo-Roumanian troops. The German forces have lost heavily in their northward advance, and from now on they will have even heavier fighting cut out for them, as the Russo-Roumanian lines are now attaining their greatest strength through consolidation.

Very little doubt existed here today in the minds of military experts that Mackensen's objective was Odessa, the great Russian city on the Black sea. They recalled recent despatches from Mackensen hinting that this was the point beyond Bucharest at which the Teutons were aiming.

Almost seven-eighths of the entire territory of Roumania is now in German hands. Moldavia alone remains free from the invader. But here the Slav and Roumanian forces are believed safe from the sort of military tactics by which Mackensen and Hindenburg achieved most of their success in the Roumanian campaign—flanking operations. On the west, the allied front is protected by the great Carpathian range and on the east the river Pruth is a safeguard. London hopes for a stiffening of the opposition along this Moldavian front, and a halt put to the Teutons.

der Pour le Merite for his exploits in sinking 138 ships with a total of 282,000 tons, according to Berlin despatches received here today.

MEXICAN SNIPERS FIRE ON NATIONAL GUARD AT BORDER

El Paso, Dec. 28.—After an investigation of the outpost skirmish early today between Mexican snipers and a patrol detachment of the Third Kentucky national guard, during which hundreds of shots were fired across the Rio Grande, General Bell announced he is satisfied the American outpost was fired upon from the Mexican side first. One man of Company L was lighting his cigarette when three shots were directed at him from the other bank of the river.

El Paso, Dec. 28.—Because of conflicting reports of the affair, an investigation is under way today into the skirmish early today between Mexican snipers and a patrol of the Third Kentucky national guard during which more than 300 shots were fired across the Rio Grande by the guardsmen, after a fusillade of shots from the Mexican side. The entire city and the militia camps were aroused by the sound of heavy firing shortly before 1 o'clock today. Regular army officers in the vicinity at the time declare they heard no shots from the Mexican side while others and officers of the guard on patrol state that scattered firing continued several minutes from the other bank.

Captain Clark, in command of Company L, Third Kentucky on patrol duty above the union station stated that the first shots were fired at the patrol under Lieutenant Hale. The guardsmen dropped to the ground opened fire at the spot where they saw flashes. Another detachment ran up and joined in the volleys, shooting at the flashes of Mexican rifles. So far as known there have been no casualties.

United States authorities have made a demand upon the de facto commander at Juarez to ascertain whether any of his men were stationed at the point where the shooting occurred or took part in the sniping.

25TH VICTIM FOR FRENCH AVIATOR

Paris, Dec. 28.—Sub-Lieutenant Guynemer, France's premier aviator, has brought down his twenty-fifth enemy aeroplane, today's official statement asserted. The report detailed considerable aerial activity on the western front, with aerial bombing expeditions on Rompach, Dillingen, Driey and Hagondange. Two French dirigibles, it was said, bombed factories at Neukirchen.

South of the Avre, a German raiding party was dispersed, the statement asserted, and in the region of Beauvraignes, French forces successfully exploded mines against German positions. The crater of one of these measured 160 yards in length and forty yards in width. German attacks on the eastern slopes of Hill 304 were checked.

CHRISTENED WITH WATER SHIP REFUSES TO LAUNCH

Portland, Dec. 28.—That there is only one liquid with which to properly launch and christen a ship is the double cinched conviction today of a large majority of persons who went to Ridgefield, Wash., to witness the launching of the steamer City of Ridgefield.

A bottle of water was broken over the prow of the newly constructed vessel, but despite large quantities of grease which had been smeared on the ways and all known means of starting ships down the skids, the boat refused to budge.

REPLY TO THE PEACE NOTE RECEIVED

Germany's Answer to the Wilson Proposal Reaches the State Department and Text Is Given the Public

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's peace note reached the state department today. The official who announced the receipt of the reply said nothing confidential was attached to the answer. There had been suggestions that Germany might give her terms secretly in a message to Ambassador Gerard for transmission here.

The state department cable office notified Secretary Lansing of receipt of the message about 10 o'clock and immediately provided him and President Wilson with copies. Secretary Lansing had purposely avoided study of the note as contained in press reports so his mind would be clear on the exact points made by Germany and not confused by any possible mis-statements in press texts. The official copy was understood, however, to conform in all essentials with the press versions.

Secretary Lansing gave out the text, which was practically identical with that sent to the press by wireless.

London, Dec. 28.—Despatch of the allies' reply to Germany's peace offers 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—already is en route to Paris, where it will be handed the American ambassador with France's note, for transmission to Berlin some time within the next few days.

From authoritative sources, the United Press learns the allied note will contain:

A rejection of a peace based on German-made plans. A vigorous worded summary of the principles for which the allies allege they are fighting for—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 recital of the "crimes" for which they purpose to hold Germany responsible.

The note, however, will not state specifically the terms on which the allies will consent to talk peace, such terms must be inferentially drawn from the statement of the aims and guarantees for which the allies contend they are fighting.

It will not admit the timeliness of the German plea, nor of President Wilson's suggestion.

At the same time these allied notes go forward to the central powers, through the diplomatic agents of Spain, Switzerland and the United States, the allies probably will forward an identical note answering President Wilson's peace suggestions. This American note is likely to point to the German reply and elaborate somewhat in meeting the American president's plea for a statement of principles. Probably also it will emphasize the importance to America of the establishment, eventually, of a peace of such permanence as to prevent all recurrence in the future of another such world disturbance, according to authoritative information today.

Such a peace, the note will point (Continued on Page 2)

PRIZE POSTER FOR PREPAREDNESS



Selected as the best descriptive poster of the preparedness bazaar to be held in New York city Dec. 14-21. Leading patriotic and relief societies are holding the bazaar