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CZERNIN HAS CONFIDENCE IN PRESIDENT

PAINTS GEN. LUDENDORFF AS MAN WHO STOOD BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND PEACE

ENGLAND'S POSE CRITICISED

London Claims to Have Clearer Understanding of President's Fourteen Peace Principles

Vienna, Dec. 11.—Count Czernin, in discussing the problems to be settled before peace is made secure, expressed faith in President Wilson. He painted General Ludendorff as the man who stood between the central powers and peace on numerous occasions, and said the German people, and even the emperor, wanted to see the end of the war, but England's attitude prevented steps being taken.

London, Dec. 11.—As a result of informal conversations regarding President Wilson's freedom of the seas proposals, the British government is now in possession of concrete suggestions which are more understandable than the "free seas" clause in the "fourteen points," according to the London Express.

It is understood that the president will not demand the abandonment of England's right of search, contraband law and right to enforce a blockade. His proposals are not antagonistic to British interests, as has been supposed.

HEARST'S ORDERS TO EMPLOYEES RESOLUTE

Washington, Dec. 11.—Government copies of telegrams signed by William Randolph Hearst giving instructions regarding the policy of his newspapers and their correspondents during the war were read into the record at today's hearing of the senate committee investigating German propaganda.

A message dated March 3, 1917, signed "Hearst" and sent to Carvalho said:

"If situation quieted down please remove color flags from first page and little flags on inside pages, reserving these for special occasions of a warlike or patriotic kind. I think they have been good for this week, giving us a very American character and probably helping sell papers, but to continue effective they should be reserved for occasions."

PORTLAND COAL DEALERS DO "CHARITY" WORK

Portland, Dec. 11.—Local coal dealers were today ordered to refund \$1,392.61 to consumers and the Red Cross.

George T. Dalton, special agent of the federal trade commission, who has been conferring with the state fuel administrator here, ordered the refund because the coal men overcharged customers.

It is impossible to locate some of the customers, so Dalton ordered \$745.43 of the total turned over to the Portland chapter of the Red Cross.

KRUPP WORKS WILL QUIT MAKING GUNS

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Directors of the Krupp munitions works have announced their intention to transform their plant into a factory devoted to arts and peace, according to the Cologne Gazette.

LATEST TERROR 24-INCH RIFLE

Has Range of 40 Miles—"Big Bertha" Will Soon Be Relegated to the Rear

Washington, Dec. 11.—Ordnance development during the war has brought cannon makers to the point where the 24-inch rifle is easily practicable, Major General F. W. Coe, chief of coast artillery, said today in his annual report. The nominal range of a gun of this size would be 40 miles, the report says, but "longer ranges for special types are possible if desired."

The limit has not yet been approached in the size of tractor-drawn artillery, declares General Coe, intimating that a successor of the German "big Bertha" is to be expected. "In the case of harbor defenses," the report declares, "the existing armament lacks in power when judged by latest standards. In order to provide for the unhampered movements of our own fleets in leaving important harbors, it will undoubtedly be necessary in many cases to supplement the existing defenses with the highest power, largest caliber guns, placed as far to the front as possible."

FARM BUREAU HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The Farm Bureau of Josephine county met in annual session at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon. The Farm Bureau is what was formerly the Agricultural Council, this name having been generally adopted by all organizations in the United States fostering agricultural activities in connection with the agricultural colleges and U. S. department of agriculture.

The present organization is made up of men and women from all portions of the county.

Tuesday's meeting was given to reviewing the work of the county agent and home demonstration agent for the past year, and outlining and adopting a program of work for the coming year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year. President, A. Wylberg; vice president, Mrs. W. G. White; secretary, U. D. Mihills. County Agent Leader P. V. Maris and Home Demonstration Agent leader Miss Anna M. Turley were present and took active part in the meeting.

The members of the bureau were guests at a luncheon served by County Agent C. D. Thompson and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Ruth Corbett.

WILSON SAYS NO YANK SHOULD VISIT GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 11.—According to a wireless dispatch from the United States steamship George Washington, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris. President Wilson has been informed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Secretary Haase of the Berlin government, and Premier Eisner of Bavaria, were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The president is quoted as having made this reply:

"Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations.

"That is to say, I decline in advance, to consider any suggestion of the kind."

HOGLAND CONTINUES TRIP

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 11.—Aviator Hogland landed here yesterday and remained over night. He resumed his flight southward at 9:45 this morning.

CONSCRIPTION MUST GO, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

ALLIES IN EUROPE MUST TAKE SUCH STAND IF HORRORS OF WAR ARE AVERTED

NAVY IS A DEFENSIVE WEAPON

Berlin Says Workmen's and Soldiers' Council Must Dissolve Before Allies Send Food

London, Dec. 11.—Lloyd George declares that the allies must put an end to conscript armies in Europe, if the horrors of war are to be prevented.

Lloyd George declared that the navy is a defensive weapon, not offensive, and that is the reason why England does not mean to give it up.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—A Berlin report says the allies will refuse to send food to Germany until the soldiers' and workmen's councils are dissolved. The report says the allies will reserve the right to march into Berlin.

HOLLANDERS AIDED KISER IN FAMOUS "GET AWAY"

Paris, Dec. 11.—The city council of Spa has documentary evidence that a Dutch general came to Spa to meet the former German emperor before his flight into Holland, according to the Matin. It would appear, therefore, that his reception and that of the crown prince and suite at the Dutch frontier was "a mere comedy," the newspaper continues.

JUMPS FROM THE TRAIN AND ESCAPES OFFICERS

Salem, Ore., Dec. 11.—Clarence Gentry, one of the military convicts being transferred from Alcatraz Island to McNeil's Island, jumped from a moving Southern Pacific train near Jefferson early today and made his escape. Federal Officer Todd, one of the three who had the prisoners in charge, is now searching for the escaped man.

MARSHAL FOCH MAY VISIT THE U. S. AT EARLY DATE

New York, Dec. 11.—That Marshal Foch may visit the United States when his duties permit was indicated by a cablegram received here by Mayor Hylan from the marshal in response to a recent message in which the mayor invited him to visit New York and offered him "the freedom of the city."

Marshal Foch's reply follows: "I am profoundly touched by the sentiment which has inspired your message and I thank you for your invitation. I appreciate highly the honor of the 'freedom of the city' which the people of the city of New York offer me. Please transmit to them, with my acceptance, expression of my warmest gratitude."

VALUE OF WHEAT AND CORN HIGHER THIS YEAR

Washington, Dec. 11.—The department of agriculture, in their final estimates, places the corn crop at 2,582,814,000 bushels, and the wheat crop at 917,000,000 bushels. The total value of the nation's principal crops is estimated at \$614,000,000 more than last year.

DESPAIR AND GLOOM HAVE GRIP ON HUNS

WRANGLE OVER FORM OF GOVERNMENT CREATES FACTIONS THAT CANNOT AGREE

SOME WOULD DIVIDE EMPIRE

Berlin, Cologne and Rhine Cities Seethe With Unrest—Allies Hold the People in Check

Cologne, Dec. 7.—Cologne is seething with political ideas born of the revolution. Various factions are at grips over the future government of the Rhineland, which, with Westphalia, was declared a separate republic at a meeting of radical social democrats the other day.

The conservatives are holding out for a united Germany. The Rhineland, as a whole, was against the old regime, but the people have split on the rock of possible separation from Germany.

The soldiers' and workmen's council of Cologne is cooperating quietly with the old city government. The first flare of the revolution in Cologne came on November 7, when 60 marines arrived here fresh from the mutiny in Kiel and started trouble. The way already had been well paved by Russian Bolsheviks. The marines quickly secured followers and raided the jails, liberating between 4,000 and 5,000 criminals.

German troops holding the city were disarmed by the revolutionists and the officers were stripped of their epaulets without much resistance.

That night was one of terror. The liberated criminals made the most of their freedom and a considerable number of persons were killed. How many died will never be known because the bodies were thrown into the Rhine.

As the governor of the district showed no inclination to take a hand in the matter, the burgomaster decided to straighten out affairs himself and invited the soldiers' and workmen's council to the city hall. The revolutionary council proved reasonable and the burgomaster succeeded finally in getting the upper hand over the mobs. At present the council is composed half of moderates and half of independents who are a close approach to anarchists.

RUSSIANS WILL NOT HAVE A SEAT AT THE PEACE TABLE

Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, of Berlin, a copy of which has been received here, says it learns from a reliable source that the entente powers will refuse to include a preliminary peace treaty with Germany before the meeting of a German national assembly.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Russia, in the opinion of officials here, will not be formally represented at the peace conference. It was said today that there is no government in Russia which the associated nations recognize as having the power to confer upon the delegates the right to represent that country at the Paris assembly.

17,000 U. S. SOLDIERS INFLUENZA VICTIMS

Washington, Dec. 11.—An official summary of the results of the influenza epidemic in army camps and military centers in the United States, made public by the war department today, shows that there were 338,257 cases of the disease up to December 1, with approximately 17,000 deaths.

GREAT PLANS MADE FOR PEACE PARLEY

Many Nations Preparing to Have Delegates Present—Many Private Wires Are Installed

Paris, Sunday, Dec. 8.—Every train arriving at Paris these days brings large numbers of officials attached to the various delegations to the peace conference. By the time the delegates gather the number of officials of all nationalities will number between 3,000 and 5,000. Each one will have some special work to do. Many of them already are busy.

The United States, because of its remoteness, will be obliged to have probably the largest and most complete staff, and for this reason the American authorities have been compelled to take over larger accommodations than any other delegation. Italy will also have a considerable working force here, but the delegates as in the case of Great Britain, will be able to depend on much of their work being done in their own country. Each European nation's delegates will have at their disposal their own private telegraph and telephone wires, with which they may communicate with their respective governments.

A large number of the officials of the leading powers are receiving many representatives of small nationalities or groups of nationalities who have interest, which they intend to bring before the conference. Some of these represent governments which have not even been recognized, and in a few cases there are two groups of representatives of the same nationality, each claiming to represent the majority party.

TURKS CONTINUE TO KILL GREEKS IN SMYRNA

Athens, Greece, Monday, Dec. 11.—The Turks in Smyrna still continue to oppress the Greek portion of the population there, according to information reaching the semi-official Athens news agency.

The attitude of the Turks has not been improved since the armistice, it is declared, but rather has become more arrogant. A number of Greeks have been arrested and several have been killed.

OBJECT TO ITALIANS GAINING A FOOHOLD

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Jugo-Slav national council at Seagreb, acting as the provisional government for all the Jugo-Slav territory formerly incorporated in the Austro-Hungarian empire, has submitted a protest to the allies, against the Italian administration in the occupied territories of Dalmatia, Istria, and Gorizia, according to a dispatch received here.

ITALY STIRRING UP TROUBLE WITH SERBS

London, Dec. 11.—The Manchester Guardian says it has received from a well informed allied source the statement that "another very serious incident has been provoked by the forward action of Italy on the Adriatic coast." The newspaper's informant continues:

"Ten days ago, though perfect quiet reigned in that district and Serbian contingents from General Franchet d'Esperey's army already were in occupation of Cetinje, the Italians insisted on landing 2,000 troops at Cattaro, in Dalmatia. Happily, to counter-balance this, the allies secured the presence of an equal number of troops, including French and American soldiers.

"The Italians, however, showed signs of behaving as masters and proceeded to demand the lowering of the National flag. An armed conflict was avoided owing to the active intervention of the American commander. The national flags and emblems remain in position."

WILL CANCEL CONTRACTS ON WOODEN SHIPS

ALL BUILDERS WHO HAVE NOT SPENT OVER \$200,000 ON SHIPS ARE AFFECTED

HARD BLOW TO NORTHWEST

War Industries Board to Remove Restrictions on Steel Beginning January 1

Washington, Dec. 11.—The shipping board has determined upon cancellation of all outstanding contracts for the construction of wooden ships, where the builders have not spent over \$200,000 on a ship. This applies to shipyards in the Atlantic, Gulf and the Pacific states.

The contract cost of wooden vessels averages about \$700,000. The board believes it to be economy to cancel the contracts, with the provision against loss to shipbuilders.

Washington, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the steel committee of the American Iron and Steel Institute, with the war industries board, the attitude of the government representatives was that regulation of prices and supervision of the steel industry should cease January 1, the government retaining only the right of embargo on exports.

BIG TANK GUN TOO LATE TO HELP SMASH HUNS

Washington, Dec. 11.—An eight-inch gun, self propelling on its caterpillar track, and prototype of a fleet of similar monsters that was being constructed for the American army when hostilities ceased, was demonstrated here today before Assistant Secretary of War Crowell, Major General Snow, chief of artillery, and a large group of American officers and engineers.

Gun and machine alike had successfully passed the firing tests at the ordnance proving ground before today's test, which was under direction of Pliny E. Holt and Colonel J. B. Dillard, the designers.

The tractor-gun drove its 55,000 pounds of bulk up a 45 degree ravine wall, developed a speed of four miles an hour on a level surface and demolished large trees with the same ruthlessness that its war brother, the tank, showed in action in France.

FAVOR JOINT CONFERENCE

New York, Dec. 11.—The National baseball league today went on record as favoring a joint conference with the American league to discuss problems confronting the game.

PRESIDENT TO ARRIVE AT BREST NEXT FRIDAY

Brest, France, Dec. 11.—The transport George Washington, with President Wilson aboard, changed its course after leaving Azores and will arrive at Brest in advance of the time announced. It is now expected to arrive at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The president will leave for Paris at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

SOLDIERS FROM WEST LANDED AT BOSTON

Boston, Dec. 11.—The White Star liner Canopic, discharged 1,500 soldiers, mostly from western states. They include aviation units which have been training in England.