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AUSTRIAN NOTE
CURTLY REFUSES
U. S. DEMANDS

Cabinet Considers Reply to American
Protest—Another Note to Go For-
ward at Once, More Insistent Still
in Demands, But Not Precluding
Further Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The of-
ficial text of Austria's reply to the
American note on the Ancona, pro-
posing further communications on the
subject and specific allegations upon
which the American charges are based,
is virtually identical with the un-
official text cabled to the United
States yesterday from London.

Slight changes caused by differ-
ences in translation exist, but the
meaning, in its general sense, is the
same.

After President Wilson and the
cabinet had considered the reply to-
day it was authoritatively learned
that no decision had been reached as
to the nature of the second note
which the United States will send to
Austria-Hungary. It is certain, how-
ever, that this note will go forward
almost immediately.

Next Note Insistent

The next note is believed will
be more insistent in its demands than
the first, it will not, however, pre-
clude further diplomatic correspon-
dence between the two governments
should Austro-Hungary persist in the
course she apparently has deter-
mined to pursue. The United States
was represented as desiring to afford
Austria-Hungary every opportunity
to continue diplomatic relations with
this country.

The meaning of the Austrian reply,
Mr. Lansing said, which appeared to
be somewhat vague in the unofficial
version, was clear in the translation
of the original text. The vagueness,
the secretary thought, had been due
to the translation of the unofficial
version. This version, he thought it
equally plain had been written by
someone who had perused the note.
It was perfectly clear in the note, the
secretary added, that none of the
American demands were acceded to.

Further than this Mr. Lansing
would not discuss the reply.

Another Exchange of Notes
Diplomatic relations, although in
danger of being broken off, are not
likely to be discontinued, at least be-
fore there has been another exchange
of notes with Vienna and so the crisis
may be said not to be in its
final stages. Another note setting
out why the United States cannot ac-
cept Austria's reply will go forward
before the situation takes on a more
settled aspect.

SIDETRACK PROBE
OF SHIP SEIZURES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Action
on resolution proposing investigation
of British interferences with neu-
tral shipping and attacks on ships
carrying American citizens, was in-
definitely deferred today by the sen-
ate foreign resolutions committee.

Consideration of the pending Nica-
raguan, Columbian and Haitian trea-
ties was postponed until after the
holidays.

The senate public lands committee
today decided to begin work on the
water power bill on January 5.

GERMAN PATROL BOAT
WRECKED IN BALTIC

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The German
patrol boat Banz has been wrecked on
the island of Langeland, in the
Baltic sea, according to a dispatch to
the Exchange Telegraph company
from Copenhagen. The bodies of
several German officers were found
on the shore, the dispatch adds.

ITALIAN FORCES
LAND IN ALBANIA
TO AID SERBIANS

Thirty Thousand Troops at Avlona,
Key to Adriatic—Starting Point
for Operations Upon a Large Scale
—Abyssinians to Aid Allies in De-
fending Egypt From Attack.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The Milan cor-
respondent of the Journal says that
it is estimated there are 30,000 Ital-
ian troops at Avlona, Albania. While
the Avlona position is hardly favor-
able for an offensive movement, he
says, the expedition may be regarded
as the starting point of operations on
a large scale.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—With affairs
in Greece assuming a quieter charac-
ter, there has been a partial deflec-
tion of interest in European capitals
to the Italian plans regarding Al-
bania.

The general belief seems to be that
the operations in this new theater of
war would be on a grand scale. The
Italians, in strength, are already
safely ashore at Avlona as well as
at certain new points of strategic im-
portance.

Reorganizing Serb Army

For years Avlona has been regard-
ed by Italy and Austria alike as the
key to the Adriatic, and it is a max-
im in central Europe that whoever
commands Avlona commands the Ad-
riatic. Avlona has for several months
been occupied by a light force of Ital-
ians for police purposes.

Italy is expected to contribute
greatly to the reorganization of the
Serbian army, which is now concen-
trating in Albania, where its ranks
are being reformed and supplies land-
ed by the allies during the past fort-
night distributed.

Stubborn fighting continues be-
tween the Serbians and the Bulgarians
along the Drin river in Albania.

Greece Free of Forces

In Greece the assurances which the
Greek government receives that its
territory will remain for the present
free of military forces has produced
relief and optimism, and it is be-
lieved by many that the central powers
and their allies propose to leave the
entente powers in status quo at Sal-
onika.

The English press, however, ques-
tions the sincerity of the Bulgarian
assurances to Greece.

A telegram from the southern front
reports heavy snow storms. Similar
troubles are being met with on the
Russian front.

Full details of an attempted Turco-
German coup in Persia show that the
plot failed by the narrowest margin.
The Russians have now occupied the
town of Hamadan and the campaign
is proceeding actively in this district.

Abyssinians to Aid

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Lidj Jeassu, the
young emperor of Abyssinia, is so
favorably disposed toward the en-
tente allies that he not only resisted
efforts of German agents to induce
him to abrogate treaties with Great
Britain, Italy and France last year,
but offered 200,000 soldiers to be
used by the allies as their military
necessities demanded, according to
Pierre Alpye, a member of the colo-
nial committee of the chamber of
deputies.

M. Alpye made this assertion in
connection with the resolution now
before the colonial committee that the
French government, in accord with the
allies of France, seek immediately
means of securing the co-operation
of Abyssinian troops under a
guarantee of the independence of that
country.

With regard to this proposition, it
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DOUBLE EXECUTION
IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

OSBURNING, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Worth
Tooley of Athens, N. Y., and Ludwig
Marquardt of Kingston, N. Y., mur-
derers, were put to death by electric-
ity at Sing Sing prison today. Tooley
murdered John Hallenbeck at
Athens last year. Marquardt killed
Mrs. Nellie Pauls of Kingston.

DANIELS IN THE LIONS' DEN



They're after Daniels, the Secretary of the Navy, with threats of what will happen if the plan for government manufacture of government munitions goes through.

WINTER GRAIN
CROPS DECREASED
OVER YEAR AGO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Next
year's winter wheat crop was es-
timated today by department of agri-
culture at about 540,000,000 bushels.
That would be 115,000,000 bushels
less than the winter wheat harvest
of this season, but approximately 100,-
000,000 bushels more than the aver-
age of the five years, 1909-1913.

Winter wheat conditions on De-
cember 1 were 87.7 per cent of nor-
mal, compared with 88.3 on Decem-
ber 1 last year, 97.2 in 1913 and 90.8
the ten-year average.

Rye was sown this fall on 3,058,-
000 acres, a decrease of 3.6 per cent
from the revised estimated area sown
in the fall of 1914.

Rye condition on December 1 was
91.5 per cent of normal, compared
with 93.6 on December 1 last year,
95.3 in 1913 and 93.3 the ten-year
average.

In announcing its first report on
winter wheat and rye the department
made this statement:

"The acreage sown to winter wheat
this autumn is estimated at 37,256,-
000 acres, which compares with 42,-
021,000 acres sown a year ago, 37,-
128,000 two years ago and an aver-
age yearly acreage of 32,088,000
acres in the preceding years.

"The reduction from the unusually
large acreage of last year is due
partly to unfavorable weather for
seedling, tangled condition of corn on
land which otherwise would have been
sown to wheat, some fear of the Hes-
sian fly and to large supplies of
wheat on hand.

"Generally the southern states and
the Rocky mountain states further in-
creased their acreage, but the princi-
pal winter wheat states decreased
largely their acreage."

FORD'S PEACE SHIP
EN ROUTE TO SWEDEN

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Announce-
ment was made by the foreign office
tonight that the steamship Oscar II
having on board the Ford peace party,
has been permitted to proceed on her
voyage to Christiania.

The foreign office understands the
steamship sailed from Kirkwall into
which port it was taken by the Brit-
ish authorities. Guarantees were re-
ceived that certain parts of the steam-
ship's cargo must be returned to En-
gland.

The captain of the Oscar II has
given a bond to return to England
the part of the cargo in question
which has been declared contraband.

Henry Ford made an urgent re-
quest that the steamship be allowed
to proceed. He told the British au-
thorities he believed he could arrange
peace if permitted to visit neutral
countries.

CHICAGO OFFICIALS
GUILTY OF WASTE

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Three city
officials today were found guilty by
the special trial board investigating
alleged inefficiency and wastefulness
of city employees. They are:

Walter G. Leininger, superintendent
of streets; Thomas J. Dooley, general
foreman of asphalt repairs; James H.
Lavelle, general foreman of street
restorations.

After formal charges had been
filed against them and they had been
suspended pending a hearing, Leininger,
Dooley and Lavelle tendered their
resignations which the municipal
authorities refused to accept.

LIMITED ENGAGEMENTS
ON BATTLE FRONT

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Today's official
statement follows:

"Western theater of the war:
Southeast of Armentieres a small
British division yesterday penetrated
one of our trenches by a surprise at-
tack, but retreated under our fire.
Further south a similar attempt was
frustrated. The hazy weather has
limited engagements.

"Eastern theater: Army group of
Field Marshal Von Hindenburg; Rus-
sian attacks between Lakes Narocz
and Mladnoel broke down during the
night.

"Balkan theater: Bijelopolje has
been captured by a storm attack.
More than 700 prisoners were
taken."

DAY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senate:
Met at noon.
Took up the house resolution ex-
tending the emergency revenue act
one year.

Philippines committee continued
hearings on the self-government bill.
Senator Shafer introduced a bill
for universal disarmament through
international tribunal.

The Works bill for development of
water holes in the California desert
and the Sterling bill for 640-acre
stock-raising homesteads were re-
ported favorably.

Senator Weeks introduced a bill for
regulation of insurance companies.

House:
Met at noon.

Representative Buchanan failed to
appear before judiciary committee to
substantiate his impeachment
charges against United States At-
torney Marshall.

Passed senate bill authorizing con-
struction of a railroad bridge across
the Allegheny river at Oil City, Pa.
Public lands committee began con-
sideration of conservation bills which
failed of enactment at last congress.

EXPORTS BREAK
PREVIOUS RECORDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Exports
valued at \$188,036,485, by far the
largest volume ever shipped from an
American port during a single month,
left New York harbor during Novem-
ber.

The November figures exceed those
for October, which were themselves a
record by more than \$12,000,000.

Customs officials were surprised
to learn that during November the
imports at this port were \$97,666,-
815, about \$22,000,000 greater than
the October imports. However, a
portion of the imports were in the
"free goods" class, and notwith-
standing the volume duties for Novem-
ber were less than for October,
with imports of \$75,000,000.

An overwhelming proportion of the
total exports went to Great Britain,
France or Russia, although the statis-
tics show that South American
trade made a material increase dur-
ing the month.

Munitions, iron and steel products
and foodstuffs were the chief items
exported. Import figures for the last
three months show increases of
about 100 per cent over the figures
for the same months in 1914.

TWO MILLION ASKED
FOR ALASKA RAILROAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A defici-
ency appropriation of \$2,000,000,
which Secretary Lane says is needed
at the earliest possible moment to
enable the continuance of construc-
tion of the Alaskan railroad, was
asked of congress today by Secretary
Lane.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP
HITS MINE AND IS BEACHED

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Belgian
relief committee's steamer Levenpool,
from New York for Rotterdam, has
been beached on the English coast in
a sinking condition as a result of
striking a mine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The relief
steamer Levenpool which struck a
mine in the English channel, carried
a mixed cargo of foodstuffs for the
Belgians valued at \$1,100,000. It
was fully insured.

BUCHANAN FAILS TO
APPEAR FOR IMPEACHMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Repre-
sentative Buchanan did not appear
before the house judiciary committee
today to substantiate his impeach-
ment charges against United States
Attorney Marshall of New York, and
the committee will give him another
opportunity after the holidays.

DELUGE OF RAIN
BRING FLOOD TIDE
IN OHIO VALLEY

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Heavy
rains last night and today succeeded
the sleet storm which fell yesterday
throughout this section of the Ohio
valley, with the result that almost ev-
ery small stream within a radius of
fifty miles from here is at flood tide.

Reports from central Kentucky
likewise indicated flood danger.

A thirty-foot rise in the Kentucky
river at Jackson, Ky., was reported.
All mountain streams in Kentucky
are said to be rising rapidly and fur-
ther rains will endanger many small
villages.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 17.—One
of the heaviest rains in years has
fallen over Kentucky within the last
36 hours, swelling small streams and
flooding lowlands, but, reports in-
dicate, resulting as yet in comparative-
ly little damage.

At Louisville the weather bureau
reports a rainfall of 4.14 inches dur-
ing the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. to-
day.

TORNADO SWEEPS
SOUTHERN STATES

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 17.—A tor-
nado swept through Giles, about 25
miles north of here today, killing
two negro women and seriously in-
juring several other persons, accord-
ing to reports received here.

Several buildings were blown down
in Giles and the vicinity. Wire com-
munication with the storm section
was cut off.

A report from Lauderdale, 12 miles
north, stated that many houses in
Cullum, Kemper county, were demol-
ished and several persons injured.

The storm also swept through cen-
tral Alabama.

The damage in Montgomery is es-
timated at \$50,000 but no lives were
lost.

M'KENNA NOT GOING
AS VICEORY TO INDIA

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The chancel-
lor of the exchequer, Reginald Mc-
Kenna, authorizes the statement that
there is no truth in the report that
he is likely to be appointed viceroy
of India.

"The statement in the morning pa-
pers is the first I have heard of it,"
he said.

BASEBALL WAR
ENDS; FEDERALS
TO BE ABSORBED

Final Meeting Being Held to Complete
Details—Federalists Buy New York
Nationals, Chicago Cubs and St.
Louis Browns—Ward of Brooklyn
to Retire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Barney
Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburg Na-
tionals, returned today from his con-
ference with the American league
magnates at Chicago and declared
there will not only be peace between
organized and independent baseball
interests, but that "it will be the best
kind of peace."

Dreyfuss was in a jovial mood
when he reached the hotel where the
National league magnates are hold-
ing their meeting.

"I went, I saw, I conquered. In
other words, I accomplished every-
thing I attempted toward peace. The
best kind of peace is coming."

The American league men arrived
shortly after 10 o'clock.

Reported Compromise

At the National league meeting
during the forenoon the magnates
heard Dreyfuss' report of his trip to
Chicago and agreed to meet American
league representatives and all par-
ties interested in the peace proposals
at 2 p. m.

Rumors which seemed well defined
give the following tentative outline of
developments should the baseball war
be ended.

Sinclair of the Federals will buy a
big block in the New York Nationals
and will be elected to the board of di-
rectors; Weeghan of the Chicago
Federalists will buy a controlling in-
terest in the Chicago Cubs; Ball and
Stifel will buy the St. Louis Browns
outright.

Ward to Retire

Further, it was said, George F.
Ward of Brooklyn will retire from
baseball and his Brooklyn park may
be taken over by the International
league. President Gilmore of the
Federalists, it was said, will be elected
president of the Chicago Cubs and
will be groomed with a view to his
ultimately succeeding Tener as head of
the National league.

On behalf of the National league,
the following peace committee was
appointed: Messrs. Tener, Hempstead,
Herrmann, Dreyfuss and Gaffney.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the organ-
ized faction, including representatives
of the American, National and vari-
ous other minor leagues, went into
session for a preliminary discussion
of peace terms.

At 4:25 the Federals' committee,
composed of Messrs. Gilmore, Weeg-
han, Sinclair, Carroll and Rasin, ar-
rived at the hotel where the organized
officials were in session, and it was
announced that as soon as the pre-
liminary conference was concluded
the real peace conference would be
on.

HILL SHIP BREAK
NOT CRIMINAL ACT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A resolu-
tion providing for investigation of
the Philippine government and con-
ditions in the archipelago was intro-
duced in the house today by Repre-
sentative Miller who recently visited
the islands.

The resolution says the Philippine
government is demoralized and in-
competent. Representative Sabath of
Illinois introduced a joint resolution
for neutralization of the Philippines
in which it is proposed that all inter-
ested maritime powers give guaran-
tees of the islands "perpetual neu-
tralization under their protection."

ITALIANS EASILY SMASH
KRUPP 42-CENTIMETER

ROME, via Paris, Dec. 17.—A cor-
respondent of the Idea Nazionale tel-
egraphs from the front that one of
the famous Krupp 42-centimeter guns
was brought from Germany recently
and placed in position before Ro-
verto. The gun was fired fifteen
times without doing any damage, he
says, and then the Italians located it
and demolished it with a few well-
placed shots.